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# Central grad goes from selling books out of his car trunk to national literary success

By JAN WILLMS

When Stanley Gordon West was 35 years old, he went to see the movie "East of Eden." James Dean played Cal, the young man vying for his father's affection.

"After seeing that movie, I said that sometime I would write a novel and the main character would be named Cal," West recalled during a recent interview. "I didn't remember saying that until about 40 years later."

The novel West eventually wrote with the main character of Cal was "Until They Bring The Streetcars Back," a book about St. Paul in the 1950s, and focusing on West's senior class at Central High School. That book, which he initially sold from the trunk of his car, has gone on to sell 70,000 copies. It was the second novel he wrote.

West said he began writing his first novel not long after seeing that movie, in the late 1960s. He was living on a ranch in Livingston, MT, at the time in a community that resembled a minor Hollywood. Actors, directors and writers were scattered all over the Paradise Valley near Livingston.

"You would bump into them in line in a grocery store," West said. He bought a couple of books and read them, and he was not overly impressed.

"It was an out-of-the-blue kind of thing," he said, "and kind of a ridiculous thought. But I started writing and finished the book in about a couple of years."

He started sending the manuscript to publishers cold turkey, and nothing happened.

West was friends at the time with Becky Fonda, wife of Peter Fonda, who has made Livingston his home for many years.

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ing. I told her I kept sending it out, and it kept coming back like a stray dog." Fonda asked to see West's manuscript, and she found an agent who tried to market the book. There were no takers, and the agent asked West to work a little more on it and he would send it out again. West worked another six months, and the book was sold to CBS and Kirk Douglas and made into a television movie. The book, called "To Ride a Dead Horse" had its title changed to "Amos" for the film, and the movie received four Golden Globe nominations.

"I thought 'Wow!'" West said. But even with that kind of re-

sponse to a first-ever attempt at writing, the path was not easy.

West said he got another idea for a book. "I wanted to write about something from the 1950s in St. Paul, and I thought what could be better than to write about my senior class," he said. "I did a lot of research, talked to lots of classmates and wrote the book over a period of years. I sent it to publishers without an agent, and I got it back many times. I put the book on a shelf."

West was operating a youth camp in the mountains of Montana at the time and running a ranch. But then he got a call from a former classmate, wondering what had become of the novel about their senior class.

"I said my novel was in a closet somewhere, but I would drag it out and send it to him," West said. He heard nothing for a few years, but then he started hearing back from classmates who had read it. They encouraged him to self-publish, and he did, in 1997.

"I printed 3,000 copies and I started going to every bookstore,"

he remembered. "I was living in Livingston, but I went to St. Paul to start selling the books, since the novel was about St. Paul."

"The main reviewers ignored the book because it was self-published," West said, "and I literally sold books out of the trunk of my car."

He came across Bookman, a distributor in Minneapolis. The distributor liked "Until They Bring the Streetcars Back," and told West he would stock it for six months.

"This really helped," West said. "I told the bookstores they could get the book from Bookman. I got to a buyer from Barnes and Noble and got the book into their stores. People would buy it, come back to the bookstore and buy four more."

"I kept on doing what I was doing," he recalled. "I wrote this novel, and it was like a personal journey going back to my years in high school in St. Paul. The book just took off along the road, and I couldn't catch up to it."

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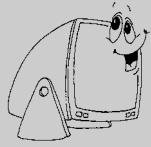
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## Monitor in a Minute

### Property owners may get an LRT break

Some industrial property owners targeted for rezoning along the Central Corridor light rail line may get a break when the St. Paul Planning Commission votes on a sweeping set of zoning changes in the weeks ahead. Over the past several weeks the Planning Commission's Comprehensive Planning Committee has reviewed the maps, as well as oral and written testimony from more than 100 property and business owners and community groups.

The committee met through January to discuss the proposed zoning changes and objections raised, and plans to continue to discuss them this month. The committee has suggested a number of changes to the zoning map, at the behest of property owners as well as the Midway and St. Paul Chambers of Commerce and the St. Paul Port Authority. The Chambers and Port had pushed hard to limit the conversion of industrial districts that are more than one block away from University. That is one change the Planning Commission is considering.

The Planning Commission was also looking at a mix of TN3 and TN4 zoning in the area west of Highway 280 and south of University Avenue. But properties owned by Rock-Tenn, a large paper recycling firm, were removed from consideration for rezoning. Changes were also made to retain the industrial status of Rihm Kenworth and the Metropolitan Mosquito Control Agency, which are located at University and Cleveland.

As discussion of possible changes continues it's likely the proposal that will be sent on to

the St. Paul City Council will be quite different from what was presented by city staff last fall. City staff proposed numerous zoning changes all along University Avenue and into the neighborhoods north and south, to promote transit-oriented, denser development. But that drew strong objections from business and industrial interests, who said the city should not change zoning and possible damage its jobs base.

The changes drew more than 30 people to one December Planning Commission public hearing and more than 100 to a November hearing. At the hearings several people spoke for retaining industrial land and not rezoning it for traditional neighborhoods or restricted light industrial use, as is proposed. Many protests are coming out of the West Midway, where industrial land north and south of University Avenue is proposed for rezoning to TN status. Several people spoke December 3 about concerns tied to 620 Pelham Boulevard. Long the site of Overnight Express, the trucking firm's recent closure opened 5.2 acres for redevelopment. The St. Paul Port Authority is trying to redevelop the site.

### St. Paul adopts new regs on sidewalk cafes

St. Paul's much-debated new regulations on sidewalk cafes and other retail uses of sidewalks were unanimously adopted by the City Council January 19. The council adopted the regulations after months of debate and three public hearings.

Ward Two Council Member Dave Thune, who authored the ordinance, said although the process was difficult, the city is now in compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The ordinance re-

quires a 48-inch clear zone for sidewalks, as well as passing zones, and regulations on placement of sidewalk tables, planters and other fixtures. It also includes a requirement that sidewalk seating plans be displayed in a business.

The ordinance as adopted dropped a requirement that would have forced sidewalk cafes at close at 10 p.m. Instead closing times will be set on a case-by-case basis. It also dropped a requirement that restaurants seek permits from city licensing and Public Works. Instead there will be just one permit.

The mayor's office had raised concerns about the ordinance a few weeks ago, so Thune set up a meeting with mayoral cultural advisor Joe Spencer and members of the disability community to discuss concerns raised by business and people with disabilities.

The ordinance was supported by the Mayor's Advisory Council on People with Disabilities but raised concerns among restaurant owners. Some restaurant owners have tables and fixtures designed for the 36-inch distance requirement, not 48 inches. Others are in areas where sidewalks are narrow.

Thune said city officials will do what they can to work with restaurant owners who have space issues, but also added that the city cannot continue to ignore federal law.

Businesses will be informed of the new regulations starting this spring when they apply for permits to have tables and chairs on the sidewalks. Permits will be issued through the city's Department of Safety and Inspections,

in cooperation with Public Works staff. Both city departments regulate sidewalk use.

The city's review process may not be over. Pending federal regulations on sidewalk access could also add additional requirements during 2011, including the erection of fences to separate diners and sidewalk users. Those federal ROWAG or right-of-way access guidelines are still being developed.

### Met Council provides funds for projects

The Metropolitan Council is providing funds for four projects, including redevelopment planning at Prior and University. The St. Paul City Council voted to accept the grants February 2.

The grants are from the Metropolitan Council's Livable Communities Development Account. The city received a total of \$704,550.

The Prior-University planning funds are for that intersection, which is along the Central Corridor light rail line. That project was allocated \$47,000 for the initial phase of redevelopment planning.

Other projects funded include commercial development at Phalen Village, at \$63,000 and development funding for Fifth Street Lofts in the amount of \$233,500. The PPL supportive housing project, which is being built on West Seventh in Highland neighborhood, will receive \$300,000.

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# Station area plans go to Planning Commission for OK

By JANE MCCLURE

Central Corridor's three pending station area plans, which will guide future redevelopment decisions, go before the St. Paul Planning Commission for a public hearing at 8:30 a.m. Friday, February 18 at City Hall. The plans for Hamline, Victoria and Western were developed over the past several months by a community task force.

When they are eventually adopted by the Planning Commission and St. Paul City Council, the plans will become part of a larger framework for development along the planned light rail line.

The city already has seven other station area plans, for areas around stations along University Avenue.

The three additional stations are sometimes referred to as infill stations, added to the light rail project after months of campaigning by community groups. The stations will serve areas where many residents are transit-dependent.

The plans were reviewed at a series of community workshops, said City Planner Jessica Rosenfeld. Translators were present to assist those who speak Somali, Hmong, Vietnamese and other languages.

Rosenfeld said that city staff worked hard to engage community members in the planning process. "We tried to emphasize

that these stations are for you, this project is for you," she said. But she and other planners conceded that on a project that has been discussed for so many years, they may be running up against "Central Corridor fatigue."

All of the plans call for improving freeway crossings to the south, and following the city's "Complete Streets" plans to make adjacent streets more user-friendly for all modes of traffic. All of the plans also call for improving bus service in the neighborhoods. Parking management, so that light rail and future development don't cause neighborhood parking problems, are additional focuses.

In the Hamline area, plans focus on connections to better connect the retail areas south of University and the residential areas and institutions north and south of University. The Hamline station is near Midway SuperTarget and Midway Marketplace, and is the closet station for institutions including Concordia University and Galtier School.

Plans call for creating a more pedestrian-friendly, walkable area, said City Planner Christina Morrison. Some of the current areas currently used for parking or used in the past for auto-related businesses could be redeveloped with structures on them. The plan also calls for more park and open space, es-

tablishing a network of streets south of University Avenue on what are now very large blocks and integrating public art into Interstate 94 pedestrian bridges. There is also a recommendation to have a community mural program in this area. Yet another recommendation is to find ways to better connect the Sky-



line Village high-rise to the rest of the area.

In both Victoria and Western station areas, there is talk of the need to focus on the two neighborhood's ethnic diversity. Both areas have a wide variety of ethnic businesses and various ways to market those as a local and regional attraction have been discussed over the years.

The Victoria area plan also has a focus on adding open space and better pedestrian connections to neighborhoods north and south of the station. Enhancing the walk to Maxfield School is a focus, as is preserving and improving the green space that is already in the neighborhood. Adding another neighborhood park is also suggested.

One theme in the Victoria station area is for University Avenue to be redeveloped as a multi-cultural main street district, maintaining a small-neighborhood feel and reflecting the area's diversity, said Morrison.

At the Western station, there is also a focus on redeveloping the area as a mixed use main street. One site that provides a challenge as well as an opportunity is the former Old Home dairy site, which is vacant and for sale. The main building at the property is considered historical due to its design but it could be challenging to reuse.

Linking the station to Central Village neighborhood and its nearby park space, improving north-south pedestrian connections, and adding a new community gathering space at University and Victoria area other ideas for this station areas. One of the issues planners and community members discussed for this area is ways to

make the area safer.

When the Planning Commission reviewed the plans in December, most commissioners were in support of the ideas presented. But Commissioner Patrick Connolly questioned the proposals to build on areas currently used for parking, especially in the Hamline area.

The plans should be viewed as long-term documents, said Morrison. Any redevelopment ideas suggested could be years away. What city officials and planning task force members would like to see in the Hamline area and all along University is better use of existing parking. In the Hamline area, where much of the parking is owed by Target, there's a very long-term desire to see a parking deck built there.

Another question raised focused on the housing in the Victoria area. That is one of the few places along University where there are single-family homes. Although some of the homes are now occupied by small businesses, other homes are still occupied by families.

Rosenfeld said the Victoria plan does recognize that the uses of the homes could change but the homes could stay, just as homes of Grand Avenue have been converted for business uses. Or, the properties could be redeveloped in the future.

## Author

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With another successful book under his belt, West went back to Livingston and started work on "Blind Your Ponies," a book about the small community of Willow Creek, MT, and the people who find themselves living there while they struggle with tragedies in their personal lives and a ragtag basketball team struggles to try and win a game after years of defeat.

"I had gone to a Western dancing class at Montana State University, because someone had told me that was a good place to meet women," West said. "I saw a woman there, but she always had this tall cowboy with her."

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He overheard a conversation and found out this was her brother, and he soon asked her out. She said she lived out in Willow Creek.

"Her son played for this basketball team that hadn't won a game in years," West said. "The romance didn't last, but I became involved with Willow Creek."

Although he was working on this book with a Montana set-

ting, people kept clamoring for more stories about 1950s-era St. Paul. So he wrote "Finding Laura Buggs" and "Growing an Inch."

He said the title and the whole idea for "Finding Laura Buggs" came to him as he was driving back to Montana from one of his trips to St. Paul. "I scribbled as I was driving," he said. "The whole novel came to me, and I stopped everything and

wrote that book."

Finally, in 2001, he finished "Blind Your Ponies." He self-published it and went on to write another book about Montana, "Sweet Shattered Dreams" in 2005. West left the mountains of Montana and moved to Shakopee, MN, where he lives now, to be near his children.

"One morning I snapped on my computer and went to Amazon.com," West said. "I often go months without looking at that website. Across the top was a message 'Amazon Loves Blind Your Ponies.' I thought one of my friends had done this."

But then Amazon contacted him to buy his book. He started talks with the company, but a friend told him he should be with someone who sells whole-

sale. "There was a little bit of a bidding war, and Algonquin won out," West said. The book was published by that company in January. Since then, West has been on a whirlwind schedule, making appearances at book readings and book signings.

He said he is waiting for things to slow down a little, so that he can get back to his writing. He is working on a book about three generations of a family who first lived in Montana before it became a territory.

West said he still can't quite come up with the answer as to why "Blind Your Ponies," is so popular. He has had men contact him who have never read a novel, but love this book.

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# Parks and Rec Commission adopts new parks plan to mixed reaction

By JANE MCCLURE

St. Paul parks, trails, fields and other recreational facilities will see changes in months and years ahead following January 13 adoption of the new parks system plan by the St. Paul Parks and Recreation Commission. How those changes play out will be felt for some time – and not everyone is happy about them.

The changes area residents may be most affect by include possible new uses for the Como Park golf course, a new or relocated Merriam Park Community Center, changes at Northwest Como Recreation Center, parks tied to Central Corridor light rail. The area east of Lexington Parkway and north of I-94 is identified as a new parks search area. Connections to the Grand Round system of trails will be studied in the northwest corner of the city, including parts of St. Anthony Park and Desnoyer Park neighborhoods.

New off-leash dog parks will be considered. But Newell Park, which was suggested for off-leash dog park use, is no longer on the table for that purpose. That idea drew sharply divided opinions. Instead, search areas for dog parks were identified including the Mississippi River gorge area, St. Anthony Park neighborhood, Lilydale Park, East Midway and an area near Pig's Eye Lake.

Some plan proposals are already in the 2012-2013 Long-Range Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) submissions, including a study of the Como golf course. (See related story.)

Dispute over parts of the plan is likely to continue. More than 100 people attended a January 10 public hearing on the plan, many in opposition to proposals to close East Side recreation centers Hayden Heights and Duluth-Case. Several Northwest Como boosters also attended to object to plans for their center. Northwest Como is one of three centers in schools where booster clubs and facilities users

are concerned about what they see as diminished services in the future.

"One question I have to ask is, who is parks and recreation serving?" said Northwest Como Booster Club President Kevin Huepenbecker. He said the city needs to keep its focus on serving its residents and not visitors. Huepenbecker said he wanted to remind the commission that Como neighborhood needs recreation services. "We're more than just the parking lot for Como Regional Park."

He and other Northwest Como boosters said if the city continues to promote larger, mega-recreation centers at the expense of small centers children can walk to, people will leave the city.

"If we put recreation centers out of the reach of kids, we're doing a real disservice to kids," said Northwest Como supporter Chris Cowan.

The plan is an administrative document and won't be voted on as a package by the City Council. Instead, said Parks and Recreation Director Mike Hahm, the plan will inform future decisions. But individual recommendations for financing of new or renovated facilities, and budgetary decisions that affect parks operations, do wind up before the City Council for approval.

The plan was developed over the past year, in a process that included almost a dozen public meetings as well as meetings with community groups, city officials and other stakeholders. The draft was developed by consultants from Hoisington Koepler Group, city staff and community members.

Robert Smith, a parks planner, said the final plan includes clarification on timing and public process for site-specific actions, as well as a commitment to community input when major changes are brought forward. It also includes more background information and explanation of recommendations.

The plan addresses a number of challenges in the city's Parks and Recreation system, including aging infrastructure, out-of-date facilities and the need to make changes in response to residents' needs. A key focus of the plan is to create a parks and recreation system that better meets the needs of community

two, dating from 1958. Plans call for study of the buildings. Scheffer would most likely be replaced at or near its Frogtown site.

Merriam Park would have a community planning process to determine if the building should be renovated, replaced with a new building within Merriam

Hancock School and the Hamline-Midway Branch Library could be studied together for joint programs and a community center. Langford, Rice/Lawson and West Minnehaha are area centers suggested for various physical improvements. For many centers, including Hancock, Langford and Rice/Lawson, existing gym floors would be replaced with wood floors. Tile or poured floors have the potential for injuries.

At Rice/Lawson, one suggestion is to replace the fields along Rice Street with artificial turf fields. The plan's many other field recommendations include removing some overlapping fields including a softball field at the Como Park west picnic grounds, improving fencing and lighting at Dunning Field, and reducing the number of fields at Sylvan and West Minnehaha. Exploring shared field use at Washington Middle School (formerly Arlington High School) is another suggestion.

At McMurray, the plan suggests reducing the number of softball fields to three, and reconfiguring and renovating the remaining fields with fencing and synthetic turf to yield additional seasonal space. Lights would be considered for the existing soccer and baseball field. Parks and Recreation would consider relocating the overlapping broom-ball winter use to Rice & Arlington Sports Complex.

Sports courts are another focus, with several underused tennis courts recommended for removal including at Griggs and Desnoyer.

At North Dale and the city's two other refrigerated ice rinks (Palace and Phalen), the plan suggests installing temporary skate park equipment during the spring, summer and fall months. A new skate park site would also be sought in the East Midway area roughly bounded by Interstate 94, Lexington Parkway, Minnehaha Avenue and Snelling Avenue.



New off-leash dog parks will be considered in the new parks plan. But Newell Park, which was suggested for off-leash dog park use, is no longer on the table for that purpose. That idea drew sharply divided opinions.

members. The city's shifting demographics, declining resources and aging facilities are one of the biggest challenges the plan must address.

One recurring theme in the plan is the need for financial sustainability and finding ways to cut costs. St. Paul has already closed several recreation centers, going from 42 to 23 in recent years. But with tight budgets ahead, Hahm and City Council members have already discussed the notion of having just one recreation center in each of the city's 17 planning districts. The plan calls for 19 community centers, with conversion of existing recreation centers.

Other area recreation centers facing change are Merriam Park and Scheffer. Both have older, smaller buildings. The Merriam Park building is the older of the

Park, or whether the Longfellow Elementary School should be expanded or reused. One challenge is that the St. Paul Public Schools closed Longfellow at the end of the 2009-2010 academic year.

The building is currently vacant but could become home to the French Immersion program. Until a decision can be made, the plan does recommend creating a single entrance to the recreation facilities in the community center building.

The plan states that replacing each facility could cost \$6.98 million.

Changes are suggested at other recreation centers. Hancock, where space is limited for expansion, would be one of the sites suggested for change over a long term, with a study of whether Hamline University,

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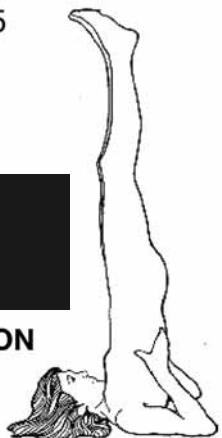
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# City considers whether Como Golf Course should be closed in years ahead

By JANE MCCLURE

St. Paul has three publicly owned golf course sites. Should there only be two? And if Como Park's golf course is eliminated, what should happen to that land? Those are questions St. Paul Parks and Recreation, course users and community members must tee off on in the years ahead as part of the newly adopted Parks and Recreation systems plan is implemented.

The plan, which was adopted in January by the Parks and Recreation Commission, includes the recommendation that the need and benefit for three city-owned golf courses (Como, Highland and Phalen) be studied. Funds for a study are among the requests pending in the 2012-2013 Long-Range Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) process. The plan calls for the city to continue to monitor golf course use and financial performance, and recommends that there should be a minimum of two public golf courses in St. Paul.

Parks and Recreation would conduct a community process before making any decisions, according to the CIB submissions. If a study is funded it wouldn't start until 2012 at the earliest. When and if a decision is made to convert the golf course for



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other uses, which in turn would require additional funding. The site could be converted for a number of different open space uses, and would likely have room for more than one new

use. St. Paul is dealing with a national trend of a declining number of golf rounds. Many private and public golf courses have closed, after the drop in play and

growth in the number of courses created a dilemma here and elsewhere.

One wild card in the St. Paul golf course debate is the future of the private Hillcrest golf

Course in the northeast corner of the city. It is currently for sale. If Hillcrest became a public course, that would push the need for studies of alternate uses for the Como and/or Phalen courses. Potentially, either or both sites could be converted for open space, trails and private uses, according to the plan.

But Como neighborhood residents Peter Bolstad said that private uses shouldn't be considered. "The land should only be for public use," he told the Parks and Recreation Commission at a January 10 public hearing.

The plan states that "Conversion of golf course land to other uses could create revenue source for other park improvements and could increase the property tax base. However, depending upon the acquisition history of golf course lands, the conversion of land in a regional park to other uses would require Metropolitan Council approval and the conversion may need to meet the City's no net loss of parkland requirement." That means any private sale of land would be much easier said than done.

Another factor in changing Como would be the course's heavy use during the winter by sledders and skiers, who would most likely object to any use that would end their access.

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From time to time it is not just our kids in Minnesota who need to be reminded of how important human geography is to understanding our world, we adults also need a gentle reminder.

Take the 2-3 mile stretch of University Avenue in St. Paul. A person could essentially eat their way around the world. Why? Because when entrepreneurs from around the world migrate here,

they bring with them a piece of their culture to share with use, their food! We study migration, culture and something called relocation diffusion, which explains this restaurant phenomenon.

Let's remember human geography, it's key to understanding our world! Ask your 10th graders, they'll tell you all about it.

*Stephanie McCleerey  
Social Studies –  
Human Geography  
Como Park Senior High School*

## Photo ID would discriminate

Supporters of a new requirement for photo ID at the polls may not realize that seniors, disabled and low-income individuals – many members of our Hamline-Midway community – are less likely to have current ID and would lose access to their ballots if the legislation was passed.

The truth is that voter fraud (intentional attempts to falsely vote or impersonate a voter) is extremely rare, and there is no evidence that any recent Min-

nesota elections have been affected by voter fraud.

In fact, passage of the proposed legislation would make Minnesota's voter laws among the most restrictive in the country, and cost \$20 million for new ID card machines across the state. Why are new majorities at the Capitol focusing on suppressing the vote, instead of solutions to the budget shortfall?

*Margaret Levin  
Hamline-Midway*

# Central Corridor CIB proposals under consideration

By JANE MCCLURE

With Central Corridor preparation work already underway on University Avenue, it's not surprising that several groups and city departments are submitting 2012-2013 Long-Range Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) projects tied to the light rail project.

Central Corridor light rail is to start operations in 2014, so city departments and community groups aren't wasting any time trying to make needed improvements. Project dollars that come through Metropolitan Council don't cover amenities such as new street lights or related commercial revitalization projects, so any related project funding has to come from elsewhere.

One of the biggest debates during the project has gone over streetscape improvements. For years University Avenue businesses and institutions were told to not seek money for new street lights, benches or other amenities, as that would be done as part of the light rail project. But when it was learned that the project wouldn't cover those expenses, city officials began scrambling to pull together any available money for the promised improvements. They already have cobbled together Neighborhood Sales Tax revitalization

(STAR), past CIB funds and tax increment financing (TIF) money. They have also tried to get the state to chip in.

Public Works, Planning and Economic Development and Parks and Recreation, are seeking additional funds for streetscape improvements along University. The light rail project's budget of state, federal and local funds doesn't cover the streetscape costs, so St. Paul city officials have scrambled to find other funding sources for the past few years. One key focus is to improve street lighting. Another is to add pedestrian safety improvements.

The city already has pulled together almost \$8 million toward the project. The 2012-2013 grant requests doesn't have an amount listed.

One project, submitted by the community development corporation Sparc, is the Stay in St. Paul Program. It would provide grants of up to \$10,000 to encourage University Avenue businesses to make improvements, including off-street parking improvements, and stay in the neighborhood. Grants of up to \$10,000 would be awarded to as many as 20 businesses. Buildouts, building improvements, moving costs, energy-efficiency improvements, and innova-

tive rent incentives are some of the costs that could be covered.

Sparc notes in its CIB application that while light rail will bring development opportunities to University, some business owners may need to relocate. This funding would assist those businesses and keep them in St. Paul.

Another Central Corridor-related project is the Central Corridor Friendly Streets Initiative. Hamline-Midway Coalition and Frogtown Neighborhood Association (formerly Thomas-Dale Community Council) want planning funds to address the design and use of Edmund Charles and Sherburne avenues from Aldine Street to Rice Street, in anticipation of changes in traffic patterns during construction and operations of the light rail line. The project would tie into a bike/walk plan for Central Corridor, which the City Council adopted last year.

The centerpiece of this project would be the Charles Avenue bicycle boulevard.

Yet another project, which has been discussed in one form or another for years, is improvements to Dickerman Park. The park is along University's north side from Fairview Avenue to Aldine Street. Parks and Recreation is seeking funds to restore the 2.4 acre park

at the northeast corner of University and Fairview avenues. Part of the park site is used as parking by the adjacent Griggs Midway Building. Additional space to the east is

green space used by other buildings. The intent is to restore the site to green space and park uses, in conjunction with Central Corridor development.

## Registration for Spring Sports is underway

Volleyball Warm-up - Northwest Como 651-298-581, Instructor: Jessica Wittgenstein. Sharpen your volleyball skill in preparation for the upcoming season. Day: Sat., Date: Feb 19 & 26, Time: 10 am-noon, Fee: \$20, Ages: 9-14, Sessions: 2

Family Open Gym, NW Como 651-298-5813 - Join your neighbors in the gym to burn off that winter energy. Parents must accompany their children. Day: Sun., Date: Jan 9 - Feb 27, Time: 3-5 pm., Fee: Free, Ages: Family, Sessions: 11

NASA Academy of Future Space Explorers - Instructor: Mad Science. Explore the Earth, Moon, Mars...and beyond. Mad Science brings you the excitement and wonder of space in this program featuring student activities from the NASA Academy of Future Space Explorers Program. The Academy of Future Space Explorers takes children on a voyage of discovery. With unique hands-on activities, amazing demonstrations and fun educational take-homes, this is an experience

that is truly out of the world! Four one-hour themed classes include: Planets and Moons, Rocket Science, Space Technology, Sun and Stars. Day: Tue, Date: March 1 (No Class March 15 & 22), Time: 3-4 pm, Fee: \$55, Grades: 1-6, Sessions: 4.

Fast Pitch Softball Clinic - Let's review and build on those fast pitch softball skills. Participants will work on hitting, fielding and throwing. Bring your softball mitt, water-bottle and tennis shoes. Day: Sun, Date: March 6, Time: 1-4:30 pm, Fee: \$20, Ages: 8-14, Sessions: 1

Register on line at <http://activenet.active.com/saintpaul> at all recreation centers in person, or through the mail for all classes and activities. No registration is complete until fee is paid. All refunds are subject to a \$10 administrative charge, unless program is cancelled. All refunds must be initiated through the Recreation Director.

For more information about Saint Paul Parks & Recreation visit [www.stpaul.gov/parks](http://www.stpaul.gov/parks).

## Taking the 'Plunge' for the Special Olympics



The Park Midway Banksicles team raised over \$1325 for Special Olympics when they participated in the Polar Plunge at White Bear Lake on January 29. The group included Kristin Fults, Terri Banaszewski, Liz Lambrecht, Terri Fleming, Thea Schmidt and Melanie Rake. Jesse Mollner from the St Paul Police department also joined the team.

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Midway, Como and North End selected to participate...

# National Children's Study underway in Ramsey County

By JAN WILLMS

What causes Johnny to be autistic? Why has Mary developed asthma? Why is Joey suffering from attention deficit disorder?

The answers to these questions may come from the National Children's Study (NCS), the largest and longest study of children's health ever conducted in the United States.

Ramsey County is one of just 105 counties in the United States taking part in the study, which will be led by researchers from the University of Minnesota. The Midway, Como and North End neighborhoods are among those that have been scientifically selected to participate in the study.

"There have been studies of children's health in the past, but

this is the largest in scope and exposure," said Wendy Hellerstedt, co-investigator for the NCS.

Pregnant women, women who are thinking of becoming pregnant, and eventually fathers will be invited to participate in the study, which will follow hundreds of children and their families from before birth until age 21.

"Not only will the physical environment, but the social environment and family dynamics as well be explored," Hellerstedt said. Researchers will look at the air children breathe, the food they eat and the water they drink. They will study parenting skills.

"Right now, there is a big discussion about the Tiger Mom book," Hellerstedt said, referring to the tough discipline practiced



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by many Chinese mothers. "Is that a good parenting style? We don't know. We'll look at elements of parental disciplinary structuring. What are the varying parent styles?"

Hellerstedt said parenting trends may change in a family. And the composition of a family may change over time. There may be divorce or the death of a parent. Children may end up living with parental figures or half siblings. "How do things change with the arrival of another sibling?" Hellerstedt asked.

She said there is a limited time for recruitment of participants. She said the University is sending out letters that will eventually reach 32,000 households,

in search of families to be a part of the study.

"We're also using self-referral," Hellerstedt said. She said any woman living in Ramsey County who is pregnant or planning to become pregnant and is between the ages of 18 and 49 is eligible. Anyone interested can call 1-866-315-7126 or e-mail info@ncs.umn.edu

"There's an incredible understanding of the importance of fathers in this study," Hellerstedt said. "Often times the mother is the sole focus, but we know fathers are critical parents. There will be one interview with the dad during pregnancy, and we expect the father's role will continue to be there."

She said that since the study is interested in the biological mother, technically adoptive parents would be excluded. Two dads would also be difficult. But there would be no reason to exclude two moms, if one of them is the biological mother.

"This will be a long commitment, and we need participants that we can follow," Hellerstedt said. "They may move from the area, but we will follow them."

She said the study has presented some recruitment problems. Phase one of the study, which took place in other counties, showed there were not as many pregnant women as expected.

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# Last Central Corridor lawsuit has been sidetracked

By JANE MCCLURE

The last remaining lawsuit to stop the Central Corridor light rail project has been sidetracked. But in ruling against a coalition of community groups, United States District Court Judge Donovan W. Frank criticized the planning project process. In his January 27 ruling, Frank called the planning "deficient."

Frank ordered light rail planners at Metropolitan Council to amend the project's plus-2,000 page final environmental impact statement or EIS. In his ruling Frank stated that the EIS didn't adequately consider the impact that construction would have on businesses when their streets and access are torn up due to construction. Construction is already underway downtown and near the Stage Capitol, with utility relocation work already underway on University Avenue west of

Hamline Avenue. The 11 mile light rail line is to start operations in 2014. A final decision on federal funding is expected soon.

Most of the line will be on University Avenue, where businesses have been pleading for more help during and after rail construction.

Frank said that the analysis of business impacts is inadequate "insofar as it fails to address the loss of business revenues as an adverse impact of the construction." He said Metropolitan Council must re-examine the issues and work with community members to do so.

But his concerns about the EIS aren't enough to delay or halt the project, the judge added. "At this stage, the Court concludes that the interest of the general public to keep this important project moving forward outweighs the harm to Plaintiffs,"

Frank stated.

The coalition of groups sued the Metropolitan Council, U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) more than a year ago. The plaintiffs included the NAACP, Just Equity, Aurora-St. Anthony Neighborhood Development Corporation and about a dozen area residents and business owners. Most of the plaintiffs are African-American.

The ruling did cite the history of the neighborhoods around the light rail project. The Rondo community, St. Paul's historic Black neighborhood, was devastated years ago by the construction of Interstate 94 and further disrupted by urban renewal projects. The specter of Rondo is often raised in arguments against light rail.

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## Children's study

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"We are anticipating the challenge of recruitment," Hellerstedt said. She said Ramsey County is testing sending letters to homes. Other areas are trying door knocking, and others are using provider-based recruitment.

"Community engagement is just as important," Hellerstedt said. "We are looking at community education and finding people who support the study. We want people to understand and endorse the study."

Working on that community education aspect of the study is Catherine Graeve, a Como resident who is a graduate student at the University of Minnesota.

"I found out about the study in grad school," Graeve said. "I

used to work in oncology. Now I am getting my master's in environmental health nursing." The mother of three children, Graeve said she is interested in children's health.

"I'm working on this because I really believe in the study," Graeve continued. "I am involved in a lot of early childhood groups. I'm going to community events, like the Winter Carnival and health fairs, trying to get the word out about the study."

Graeve said she has researched different ways on getting the community involved in such a massive study. "There has to be a community partnership," she said. "We want our kids to be healthy, and this is the way to do that. We may not see the effects right away, but the study will improve the vibrancy of the community."

She said the study results could affect her children and

their children. "It's important for people to create an identification being an NCS kid," Graeve said. "The women who are doing this are doing an important thing for their neighborhoods."

Hellerstedt agreed. She said the program began receiving federal funds in December 2007.

"It's an extremely complex study, and we have been working on protocol development since then," she said.

"It's like prepping to paint a room. The preparation takes such a long time, and we have been prepping to paint for three years. Now we're out in the field, and the color code is so obvious."

Hellerstedt said she knows that with a study of this complexity, people will demand something happen with the data. She said the School of Public Health at the University will translate the data into action.

"How do we make the study

matter?" she questioned. She said the results can change the way we do things.

"We want to keep the study simple," she said. "Ultimately, it will be the child and not the parent who is the focus of the study.

There is great potential to ask questions about children's and young adults' health that have not been asked before. We want to help participants understand the importance of what they are doing."

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# In Our Community

## Hamline Midway Library plans activities

February is a busy month at the library. The wide variety of activities and programs will be sure to appeal to everyone.

Free yoga classes resume at the library on February 1st and will be held every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Join Collen Dooley, CMT-RYI, for the sessions. Beginners are welcome.

A new series of technology classes will be offered Wednesdays in February at the library. Library staff will give instruction on how to use some of the library's valuable online databases: JobView (on February 2), Reference USA (February 9), NetLibrary and Downloadable Audio Books (February 16), Learning Express Library (February 23). All classes begin at 4 p.m. Call the library at 651-642-0293 to register or for more information.

Need extra help using the computer? The Computer Help Lab is the place to ask your questions and get one-on-one assistance. This drop-in lab is offered Wednesdays 5:30-7 p.m.

Join our Kids and Teens book club as they read nominations and determine the next winner of the Maud Hard Lovelace Award the first Saturday of every month. Treats are always served! Grades 3-5 meet from 1-2 p.m.; grades 6-8 meet from 2-3 p.m. New members are welcome.

Our beloved Fireside Reading Series continues through the month of February. Will Weaver, the author of Sweet Land, and the Minnesota Book Award-winning young adult novel Defect, reads on February 16. Swati Avasthi closes the Fireside Series with a reading from her acclaimed young adult novel, Split on February 23. Readings start at 7pm and are presented by the Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library.

Join the fabulous Mighty Midway Storytellers for a storytelling event on the first Saturday of every month at 11:15 a.m! All children and families welcome.

## Does your child love dogs?

Sign up for Paw Pals and give them the opportunity to read with a dog and human team in a fun, relaxed environment. Paw Pals will be in the library Saturday February 19 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call the library at 651-642-0293 to register for this fun, literacy skill-building event.

Saturday Club is hosting science experiments in the library on Saturday, February 19 from 1-3 p.m. All school-aged children are welcome to participate.

Storytime continues to be offered at 10:30 on Friday mornings. Bring your child to share in the joys of reading.

Call 651-642-0293 or stop by the library at 1558 W Minnehaha Avenue, near the intersection of

Snelling and Minnehaha, to sign up for events that require registration. All events are free.

## Be a worthwhile part of your community

Be a worthwhile part of your community and a student's life! Rock Star Supply Co is a nonprofit service that recruits community members as volunteer tutors and mentors for Como Park Senior High. Being a mentor to a student can help you develop applicable skills and create meaningful and professional connections! Start now and go to [www.rockstarsupplyco.org](http://www.rockstarsupplyco.org) or contact volunteer coordinator Maria Cocchiarella at 651-235-2313 or [maria.cocchiarella@gmail.com](mailto:maria.cocchiarella@gmail.com)

## Zion Lutheran Church holds craft sale

Zion Lutheran Church, 1697 Lafond Avenue, will hold their Spring Craft and Bake Sale on March 19 and 20, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come get your holiday shopping done. Our goal is to help fix up the church through booth rental, concessions.

Attention Artist and crafters: This craft & bake sale is open to the public. If you would like to reserve a booth to sell your handmade products, please see the attached info and application. We are limited table so first come first serve and if you have your own table it would help a lot.

Attention Bakers: During the show we will be holding a bake sale. If you like to donate some of your homemade goodies, get a hold of Barb and we will let you know when and where to drop them off.

If you would like more info please call Barbara Mork at 612-327-0207 or e-mail at [carrot022699@yahoo.com](mailto:carrot022699@yahoo.com)

## St. Stephanus holds Spaghetti Dinner April 2

The Men's Club of St. Stephanus will be having their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 2, 2011, from 5 to 7 p.m., at St. Stephanus Lutheran Church, 739 Lafond Avenue. Adults: \$7; Children 5 to 12: \$4.; Family Household: \$17.; and FREE for children under age 5. Take out available. For tickets, the church at 651-228-1486.

## Hamline Church hosts Barn Dance

Get out and greet your neighbors at Community Barn Dances hosted by Hamline Church. The multi-generational events, which have been going on since 2002,

## Cretin-Derham Hall holds Food Fight January 15

On Saturday, January 15, Cretin-Derham Hall Hockey teams held their annual service project. This year, the team chose to have a Food Fight. In pure competitive fun, it was JV vs. Varsity to see which team could collect more food. An invitation was also extended to their opponent on the night, the Forest Lake Rangers, who graciously joined the Food Fight. More than 480 pounds of non-perishable food was donated to the Neighborhood House on Saint Paul's West Side in addition to cash donations. Three boys from the Como Area play on the CDH Varsity team and worked on this project: Colin O'Brien, Chauncey O'Brien, and Kendal Bolen-Porter. Thank you to friends, neighbors, fans and players from Forest Lake and Cretin-Derham Hall who made the Food Fight a success. Everyone won.



welcome singles, couples and families, and feature a three-piece Appalachian string band. A dance caller teaches all of the steps.

Two winter dances will be held from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 and Saturday, March 19 (NOTE new time and day of the week). Suggested donation is \$5/person or \$15/family. The church is located at 1514 Englewood Avenue, with parking in the Minnehaha & Simpson lot. Enter through the south entrance off the parking lot. More details are available at [www.hamlinechurch.org](http://www.hamlinechurch.org).

## Save the Date - Hamline Midway Spring Festival

Mark your calendars for the Annual Hamline Midway Spring Festival, which will be held this year on Saturday, June 4 at Newell Park (900 N. Fairview Ave). The Hamline Midway Spring Festival brings together hundreds of neighborhood residents to share in outdoor fun, learning, and entertainment. This all-day event showcases local bands on two stages, theater performances, visual arts activity tables, food vendors, and a variety of resources for residents. If you have input or ideas about the festival, or you are interested in participating as a musical or theater act, please contact Arie Kroeger, HMC President and Chair of the Spring Festival Planning Group, at [akroeger01@gmail.com](mailto:akroeger01@gmail.com).

## Conservatory Winter Flower Show Opens Feb. 5

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## Senior Chore Service looking for clients

The St. Paul Senior Chore Service is looking for new senior clients (age 60+) as well as volunteers/workers to help. We provide chore help such as: shoveling snow, cutting grass, raking leaves, gardening, small painting or handyman projects, cleaning garages/basements and help with minor housecleaning. We serve the following neighborhoods: Como, Downtown, Summit-University, Hamline-Midway, North End/South Como, St. Anthony Park, Thomas-Dale/Frogtown, Union Park (Lex-Ham, Snell-Ham, Merriam Park, Desnoyer), West 7th and the Westside. For more information, please call 651-649-5984 today!

## Art of Breastfeeding discussed March 8

The Art of Breastfeeding and Overcoming Difficulties is the topic of the meeting of the Como-Midway La Leche Group on

Tuesday, March 8. All expectant and nursing mothers are invited to attend with their babies and toddlers. Call Heidi at 651-659-9527 for more information.

## New Worship Study Series begins Feb. 13

"The Way We Worship" study series begins Sunday, Feb. 13 at Jehovah Lutheran Church at 9:30 a.m. in the lounge. Dr. Victor Gebauer, a seasoned professor of worship and church music, leads the four-Sunday series exploring the Biblical basis of worship, worship as a rehearsal for daily living, what the actions mean, how God comes among us and more. The study offers renewal in worship life and good fellowship in the class. Please enter the church at the 1566 Thomas Avenue entrance; parking in the lot east of the church. All are welcome.

## New Beth Moore Series begins February 16

The Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study begins a new Beth Moore study called "David: Seeking a Heart Like His" on Feb 16 in the lounge of Jehovah Lutheran Church, 1566 Thomas Avenue at Snelling. The group meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. alternate Wednesdays. Leader Bridget Kruchowski says, "During this 10 - week study we'll also worship together, discuss the video teaching and homework, and spend time in prayer." To register call the church office at 651-644-1421 or e-mail [bridgetkruchowski@comcast.net](mailto:bridgetkruchowski@comcast.net)

## Free Tax Assistance Monday & Friday

Once again volunteers will provide Income Tax Assistance every Monday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. starting Feb. 4 and running through April 15 at Jehovah Lutheran Church. This free service is provided for senior citizens, low income and handicapped taxpayers. Volunteers are trained by the IRS and the MN Dept of Revenue. Please bring a copy of last year's tax return and your Social Security card(s) with you. No appointments are taken; walk-in service only. Enter at the 1566 Thomas Avenue door and follow the signs to the fellowship hall for tax help.

## MOMS in TOUCH

The Moms in Touch prayer group is now meeting Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. at Jehovah Lutheran Church, 1566 Thomas Avenue at Snelling. All women who wish to pray for children are welcome.

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# City Council approves sound wall for Desnoyer Park

By JANE McCLURE

Like it or not, some Desnoyer Park resident will be looking at a sound wall as a result of Interstate 94 reconstruction this year. The St. Paul City Council unanimously approved the freeway plans, including the wall, February 2.

Council approval also included a request from Ward Four Council Member Russ Stark. He and neighbors want steps taken to improve the appearance of the wall with plantings. That can be done through different Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) programs.

The wall would face properties along St. Anthony Avenue from Cretin Avenue to Pelham Boulevard, and would be most visible to homes along St. Anthony and at the end of north-south cross streets.

When the project was discussed with community members, many people raised concerns about the appearance of the wall, said Scott Peterson, project manager for MnDOT. MnDOT does offer partnership programs with communities to improve the appearance of sound walls.

In one program, residents can get permits to plant vegetation along the wall. In the other program, the city and MnDOT can sign an agreement to have vegetation planted. In either case, residents don't have to pay for the plantings. But they would have to agree to help with maintenance.

"We would be more than willing to work with the city and neighbors on this," Peterson said.

Stark said the plantings



Debate over the wall has pitted neighbors against each other, similar to a lengthy dispute several years ago in the St. Anthony-Cleveland Avenue area. In that case, the sound wall (pictured above) was built in sections so that residents of Our Lady of Good Counsel, a home for cancer patients, could still have a view across the freeway.

should be pursued. "That would improve the aesthetic of the wall," he said.

About half a dozen Desnoyer Park residents attended the public hearing.

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One person spoke against the sound wall. Christopher Loth is opposed to the wall of aesthetic reasons and would see it from the front of his St. Anthony Avenue home. While wall supporters say it would block noise, Loth said that isn't an issue for him.

"After a while you get used to the noise," he said.

Other neighbors said they want relief from freeway noise, which has gotten louder over time. "We've been waiting for years," said Evron Ener. He and his family have homes in the St. Anthony Avenue-Glendale Street area. He described the freeway noise as "overbearing" and said that when his children were small, he couldn't hear them when they played in the yard.

"I'm very much in favor of reducing the noise," said St. Anthony Avenue resident Kevin Molloy. He'd like to see the city and MnDOT work with residents to plant trees, bushes and plants in front of the wall, facing the neighborhood. "I think that would be a win-win for the project."

The wall is just a small part of a larger plan for I-94 and its access points between Nicollet Avenue in Minneapolis and Cretin Avenue. The project gets underway this spring. Because the project is in both cities, Minneapolis and St. Paul have to hold consent hearings before the final plans go forward.

While most of the work will be in Minneapolis and at the west end of I-94 in St. Paul, it will also include some work downtown and along the freeway.

State law requires that there be a public hearing before the project can proceed. The 2011 project will resurface and repair the driving lanes, reconstruct the inside and outside shoulders, improve and upgrade the drainage and lighting systems and guardrails, and install pier protec-

tion for the bridges that span I-94. The concrete median will be removed and replaced, and noise walls installed between Highway 55/Hiawatha Avenue and Cretin. New signs will be installed and the freeway restriped. Traffic management devices will be installed from the Lowry Avenue Tunnel to John Ireland Boulevard.

During the project, the ramps that will be closed at various times include the ramp from eastbound I-94 to 25th St; the ramp from eastbound I-94 to northbound Highway 280 and the ramp from southbound Highway 280 to westbound I-94. Overnight closures will be required at ramps when they are resurfaced. Resurfacing of these ramps along the interstate between Highway 280 and Highway 55 will also require overnight closures, including Highway 55, Fifth Street, Sixth Street, Cedar Avenue, 25th Avenue/Riverside Avenue, Huron Boulevard and Highway 280.

This is the second year for the project. In 2010 MnDOT resurfaced I-94 from Western Avenue to Highway 280. That prompted freeway closures on weekends. One complaint then was the massive detours through area neighborhoods along Marshall and University avenues and other streets. That caused some unusual weekend traffic jams, especially on weekends when large events were held in either downtown.

MN/DOT and consultants have worked with city staff and a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to address safety and aesthetics concerns.

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# More than 130 projects vie for CIB dollars

By JANE MCCLURE

More than 130 projects are vying for St. Paul's 2012-2013 Long-Range Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) dollars competition. Central Corridor light rail, with initial preparation work already underway on University Avenue, is the focus of several proposals. So are park improvements, bike trails, streetscape improvements and new playgrounds.

Three large area projects making a return to the CIB competition are the Pierce Butler Route extension, Trillium Park development and the replacement of the Central Team Police station.

Area projects were submitted by city departments, district councils, community development corporations and individuals. Anyone can submit a CIB proposal but it must meet several criteria, the most important being that it be for a public facility.

District councils throughout the city had to appoint CIB task force representatives by January 28. The three task forces on community facilities, streets and utilities and residential and economic development will review the projects. Task force reviews start in February. The CIB Committee will make its recommendations this summer. The recommendations then go to the mayor and City Council for final review and approval. Fewer than half of the projects are likely to be funded.

The number of submissions is comparable to the 2010-2011 totals. City staff had expected fewer projects based in part on what they were hearing prior to the January 10 deadline, said John McCarthy of the Office of Financial Services. City staff will continue

reviewing the projects to winnow out duplicates and projects that aren't eligible for funding.

At this point no dollar figures are attached to most of the projects. That is done after more detailed city staff review. That is also when potential funding sources for each type of project will be identified, including CIB bonds, federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) dollars, Municipal State Aid (MSA) and County State Aid highway (CSAH) funds. That is also when the groups will know roughly how much money is available as a whole. The amount varies year to year, but is usually around \$20 million.

There are projects in every neighborhood the Monitor covers. The CIB Committee and task forces will also be looking at a number of requests for citywide programs, ranging from improvements to tennis courts to the city's many public stairways. One unusual project is the St. Paul Police Department request for a new Central team headquarters and is also seeking funds to buy a 100-acre suburban facility for a bomb range, for training of its bomb squad.

**\*Animal Control.** The Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) wants funding so it can study the future feasibility of the current animal control center near McMurray Fields. The current facility was built in the 1970s and lacks space and proper facilities for animals. The study would determine whether the city should build a new building, work with other cities or work with a non-profit to house impounded animals.

**\*Arlington Avenue reconstruction.** Public Works wants to reconstruct Arlington from Dale to Jackson streets as part of the Arlington-Rice residential street paving project.

**\*Cayuga Bridge.** Public Works is seeking funding to pay for the city's share of Cayuga Bridge replacement at Interstate 35E.

**\*Cayuga Playground.** Parks and Recreation wants to replace the 22-year-old equipment at this North End playground.

**\*Central District Police headquarters.** Police want to replace the old Central District police headquarters, which was closed several years ago and moved to police headquarters. A 15,000 square foot building with 100 space parking lot is sought. It would be in the Rice Street area between Pennsylvania and Maryland.

**\*Central Exchange Building.** Model Cities, Inc. wants to transform a strip of blighted properties and vacant lots at University and Grotto into a three-story mixed-use development.

**\*Como Park Golf Course study.** Parks and Recreation wants to study future uses for the Como Park Golf Course. (See related story.)

**\*Desnoyer Park Safety Initiative.** The KidsPark Hourly Child Care Program, which is housed at Desnoyer Park Recreation Center, is asking for a fence on the Pelham Street side of the park.

**\*Frogtown Farm.** Proponents of converting the former Wilder Foundation Frogtown campus into a park, nature sanctuary and working urban farming demonstration project are seeking funds

to redevelop the 13-acre site along Minnehaha Avenue.

**\*Frogtown Facelift and Frogtown Facelift Too.** Greater Frogtown Community Development Corporation seeks funds to provide help residential property owners with two programs, for Frogtown, Summit-University and Aurora-St. Anthony neighborhoods. The two programs could help up to 50 single-family and duplex owners.

**\*Frogtown Flexible Fund.** Greater Frogtown Community Development Corporation wants funding to help redevelop vacant properties.

**\*Grand Round.** Implementation of the Grand Round plan for a citywide system of scenic parkways is proposed by Parks and Recreation. The plan is more than 100 years old but has never been fully implemented.

**\*Griggs play area.** Parks and Recreation wants to remove existing play equipment and a tennis court to install a new, larger play area. The current play equipment is 24 years old.

**\*Hamline Avenue Bridge reconstruction.** This project was awarded \$900,000 in CIB funds two years ago. More funding is needed to remove and replace the bridge, which crosses Ayd Mill Road and railroad tracks. The bridge is considered structurally deficient and has weight limits.

**\*Hamline-Hoyt playground and block beautification.** Chelsea Heights Parent-Teacher Organization is seeking funds to replace playground equipment, remove overgrown landscaping and plan new landscaping for the entire block, add signage, add rain gardens and add small-scale solar

and wind power as educational tools. The PTO has already raised some of the money needed to complete the project.

**\*Marshall Avenue Green Streets.** Union Park District Council (UPDC) wants to complete the Marshall median project between Snelling Avenue and the Mississippi River with additional medians.

**\*Merriam Park master plan implementation.** UPDC and Parks and Recreation are seeking funds to continue a parks planning process that began a few years ago. Much of the focus is on the park's outdoor features, including improving trails and addressing water run-off problems.

**\*McMurray Fields improvement.** Public Works wishes to reconstruct streets and parking areas, as well as softball fields.

**\*Pascal Street Bicycle connection to Midtown Greenway.** Mister Michael Recycles Bicycles, a Prior Avenue business, wants to have share-the-road signage and an off-road bike trail to connect the Pascal and Albert streets bike routes to the planned Midtown Greenway trail.

**\*Pierce Butler East extension.** Public Works wants to complete design for the extension from Grotto to Arundel, and purchase right-of-way needed from Grotto-Arundel and Arundel-Pennsylvania).

**\*Pierce Butler/Lexington Parkway bicycle connection.** District 11 Neighbors want to provide a direct connection between the two streets' trail system, via new bicycle ramps.

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# CIB dollars

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\*Raymond Avenue improvements. Public Works wants to rebuild Raymond Avenue from University to Hampden.

\*Raymond Avenue stormwater management improvements/Hampden Park master plan phase one. St. Anthony Park Community Council, Parks and Recreation and Public Works would implement a number of stormwater drainage improvements in the area as part of a 2012 street reconstruction project. The park would also see many improvements, including new lights, fixtures and public art.

\*Restore St. Paul Commercial Facade Improvement Program. Historic St. Paul wants to provide forgivable loans and technical assistance to owners of historic buildings. The Frogtown neighborhood would be among the eligible areas.

\*Rice Street lighting. Public Works wishes to replace the street lights along Rice, from Carpenter Avenue to Rose Street, then Acker to University, with lantern-style lighting. This is part of a larger plan to revitalize the commercial corridor.

\*Sparc deferred loan program. Sparc wants funding to improve homes in the Hamline-Midway and North End neighborhoods, with loans for health and safety improvements, lead abatement and other needs. A smaller loan amount will be for emergency needs.

\*St. Anthony Avenue Safety Initiative. UPDC wants a sidewalk on the north side of St. Anthony from Syndicate to Griggs streets, repaint and reconfigure the Griggs crosswalk, install lighting along the new sidewalk and add safety signage and artwork. The improvements would tie into the new Griggs-Interstate 94 pedestrian bridge.

\*Scheffer Recreation center.

Parks and Recreation wants to design and build a new recreation center. Scheffer is heavily used yet is a small, older building.

\*Snelling Green Streets Initiative. Hamline-Midway Coalition wants to make North Snelling between Pierce Butler Route and Minnehaha Avenue safer and more pedestrian-friendly by lengthening medians, adding crosswalks, replacing street lights with lantern-style lighting and adding trees and rain gardens. This project has been in the planning stage since 2008.

\*Stinson Park play area. Parks and Recreation wants to remove and replace the 27-year-old play equipment in this North End park.

\*Sycamore Street reconstruction. Public Works wants to rebuild the street in the Jackson Street area. The street would be rebuilt as part of the 2013 Hatch Agate residential street reconstruction project.

\*Trillium site development. Parks and Recreation seeks funds continue work to acquire and

## FTA, Met Council hold town meetings on Central Corridor

By JANE MCCLURE

The FTA and Metropolitan Council will hold town hall meetings to complete the supplemental environmental assessment for the Central Corridor project. The purpose is to address the potential loss of revenue by local businesses during construction. This environmental review is being conducted in response to Judge Donovan Frank's Jan. 26 ruling.

Two town hall meetings are scheduled for 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Feb. 17 at Model Cities Brownstone conference room, 849 University Ave. W., in St. Paul to consider the views of the general public and local merchants and to gather data.

Staff from the FTA and Central Corridor project will be available to discuss the proposed project and the supplemental environmental review process. Further information will be available at the meetings and also may be obtained from [www.centralcorridor.org](http://www.centralcorridor.org)

clean up land for the North End park.

\*Western Avenue streetscape. Public Works wants to install new curb and gutter, improve the pavement, and add corner bumpouts, new lighting and public art along Western from Selby to University avenues. The

project has \$1.014 million in federal funds already.

\*Wheelock Parkway Bridge. Public Works wants to rebuild the Wheelock Parkway bridge between Park and Abel streets. The bridge received design funds two years ago. The current bridge is considered structurally deficient.

## In Our Community

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### Bjerke promoted to senior Vice President

Park Midway Bank has promoted Kathy Bjerke to Senior Vice President. Bjerke joined the Bank in 1997, starting as a retail banker. Ten years ago, she took the lead in opening the University/Vandalia branch and is a commercial lender. Bjerke has also been involved with the St. Paul Winter Carnival in many capacities, serving as board chair in 2008 and 2009.

### New ministry at Zion Lutheran Church

Bethel students are willing to help the children from the community with their homework, reading, math etc. Children are invited to come on Tuesday nights between 6-30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran church starting February 1st. It's free. Snacks will be provided. Call the church at 651-645-0851 for more information. Otherwise show up on Tuesdays with your books. We will have registration forms ready for you to fill up.

### Women's Drum Center event February 22

Women's Drum Center, 2242 University Ave. W., invites women to explore drum and percussion at an Open Drum Circle on Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 7:45 p.m. We have drums and percussion instruments to share. Beginners welcome. Fee: \$12.00 at the door. Info: 651-206-7617 or [www.womensdrumcenter.org](http://www.womensdrumcenter.org).

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This \$75 membership value will be in effect until the season starts April 15th. For more information contact Larry Jagoe at 651-271-1131 or access our website at [www.mensclubcomo.org](http://www.mensclubcomo.org) for a listing of all events or to print an application.

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## Lyngblomsten announces winners from Soup-Off 2011



Friends and neighbors gathered at the 5-5-1 Club & Café on January 8, for Soup-Off 2011. The winners are: Left: Scott Rhein, 3rd Place, Ed's Vegetable Beef Soup; Center: William Wilson, 1st Place, Minnesota Wild Rice Soup; Right: Nicky Napierala, 2nd Place, Lasagna Soup. Each winner's soup will be periodically featured at the café this winter, so come in and warm up and try them all! The 5-5-1 Club & Café is a community center proudly supported by Lyngblomsten. Everyone from the Midway-Como community is welcome. 1415 Almond Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108. Café Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 11 AM - 2 PM. Club Hours: Monday-Friday 9 AM - 4 PM. 651-632-5320. Learn more at [www.551club.com](http://www.551club.com)

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## Author

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"It's not a sports book," he noted. "It's a marvelous love story that takes place in this little village in the mountains, with the plight of a basketball team that affects the lives of all these characters."

West is beginning to realize the impact his books have had on his readership. He recalled a recent story in the Star Tribune about St. Paul receiving federal funds to study the feasibility of bringing streetcars back. A letter writer had responded "Oh, good! Now Cal won't have to walk everywhere he goes." West chuckled, as he noted that the person wrote about the character Cal as if he were a real person.

West's journey to becoming a writer has been all the

more re-markable, since he has had no formal training in the field and grew up in a bookless home. "I never saw my parents read a book," he noted. "When I finished college, I was happy because I thought I would never have to read another book."

He said the most important thing in writing is getting the hard core of the story down on paper.

"Forget about grammar, or spelling or syntax," he said. "Get the core down. Don't stop the flow, and don't edit anything. When a glimmer comes through, stop whatever you are doing and write it down."

He said that people used to tell him that he must have been inspired for his writing by the scenery that surrounded him in Montana.

"As much as I love the mountains," West said, "I don't need them to write. I could write in an alley."

# Lawsuit

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Frank said the planners took a "hard look" at those concerns but that they met the intent of the EIS. The plaintiffs had asked the court to consider the cumulative impact of I-94 and business and residential gentrification/displacement effects over time.

"This does not diminish the valid concerns of those in the affected neighborhoods, and in particular the Rondo neighborhood that was devastated by the construction of I-94, regarding the future of their communities," Frank said. He asked that the planners continue to work to address the community's concerns.

In a footnote in the court order, Frank also raised concerns about sensitivity to the past neighborhood history. The plaintiffs contended that the planners were insensitive when stating that "there are no disproportionately 'high and adverse' effects on minority and/or low-income populations." Frank replied that the court understands how "such phrasing might seem insensitive considering the history of I-94 and the fact that the Central Corridor light rail will run directly through neighborhoods with predominantly low-income and/or minority populations."

In a statement, Metropolitan Council Chairperson Susan Haigh said the council will address the analysis of short-term business impacts caused by rail construction. Haigh said the council is encouraged by the judge's decision.

"We are also pleased that the court acknowledged the 'significant public benefit' of the Central

Corridor project," Haigh said. "We will continue to work closely with our project partners and community groups as we move forward toward the successful completion of this project."

Others involved in the case had mixed reactions. Attorney Thomas Devinck said the plaintiffs haven't decided whether or not to appeal.

"While the Court failed to enjoin the Central Corridor light rail project, it did recognize the validity of the Rondo community's concerns regarding displacement of residents and businesses," said Veronica Burt, an organizer with Just Equity.

Burt called Frank's ruling "an incomplete victory" and added, "Although another battle has been

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- Metropolitan Council Chair Susan Haigh

won, the war is not yet over as the Rondo Community will press on to insure its rendition of justice and equity is served along the Central Corridor."

Burt added, "While the court's decision helps to give our businesses on University Avenue a shot at a greater degree of protection, such a safety net was not extended to residents within the Historic African American Rondo neighborhood whom at the hands of previous government initiatives

have experienced a compounded sense of loss with little chance to fully recover and get ahead.

Asian American community organizations and businesses said they welcomed Frank's ruling calling for additional measures for businesses. "This is a victory for all communities," said Va-Megn Thoj, director of the nonprofit Asian - Economic Development Association (AEDA). "It vindicates what small businesses have been saying for years: that the Met Council has

ignored the costs this project will impose on our neighborhoods."

In 2009 AEDA and a group of small businesses calling themselves Concerned Asian Business Owners filed a separate civil rights complaint with the FTA objecting to Central Corridor. That complaint had been on hold pending the federal court case.

In the meantime, Thoj plan to press forward with their civil rights complaint. "The judge's order strengthens our pending complaint with FTA," said Gen Fujio-ka, attorney for AEDA and CABO. "The court is giving Met Council a second chance to adopt a plan to protect small businesses. If it fails to do so then FTA must reconsider what is presently a fatally flawed project."

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**Monday, February 7**

**Black History Month Open House**

4 p.m. in Sorin Hall, rooms A & B

**Thursday, February 10**

**This is My Story: Women of the African Diaspora**

11:20 a.m. in Giddens Alumni Learning Center, room 100E

**Tuesday, February 15**

**A Discussion on Opposing Viewpoint among Key Historical and Contemporary Leaders**

7 p.m. in Bush Student Center Lobby

**Thursday, February 24**

**Keynote speech**

Dr. Duchess Harris, associate professor of American studies at Macalester College, will offer the keynote speech for Black History Month. The lecture will address the often marginalized voices, experiences, and contributions of Black women to the political, social, and cultural agenda of the African American community.

11:30 a.m. in Sorin Hall, rooms A & B.

**Friday, February 18**

**We Keep Coming: A Tribute to Black Cultural Icons**

7 p.m. in Sundin Music Hall

**Tuesday, February 22**

**Black Is, Black Ain't: An Examination of the Imagined Boundaries of Blackness**

5:30 p.m. in the Bush Student Center, lower level

**Wednesday, February 23**

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