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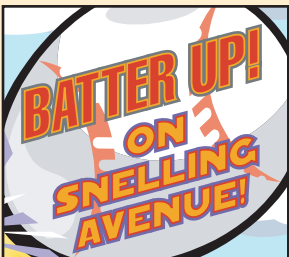
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# Next stop for the MTC bus barn site?

By JAN WILLMS

*"This land is your land, this land is my land."*

The familiar refrain of the lyrics by Woody Guthrie could well apply to the nine and a half acres of land along Snelling and I-94, formerly site of a bus barn. And the words could well be sung by Metro Transit, the city of St. Paul, the developers and the community.

The site has been Transit property since 1907, and both street cars and buses have operated out of that location. According to Bob Gibbons, spokesman for Metro Transit, the property was vacated in 2001, and a new bus garage was erected on the east side of St. Paul.

"We now have five service garages to store over 800 buses," Gibbons said, "and we need to find a place to build a sixth garage."

He said that the Metropolitan Council, the parent organization of Metro Transit, has plans to increase public transportation by 50 per cent by 2010 and double it by 2030.

"The number one problem is traffic congestion," Gibbons affirmed. "We need bus and rail, and in order for it to expand, we require additional facilities."

Gibbons said the Snelling site is considered very attractive



Metro Transit is looking for a location to build a sixth service garage to help store their over 800 buses. The Metropolitan Council, parent of Metro Transit, has plans to increase public transportation by 50 per cent by 2010 and double it by 2030. (Photo by Terry Faust)

property for people who want to develop it, and to help advance this Metro Transit would consider trading this acreage to the city for another piece of property that would be more suitable for a bus garage.

As well as numerous other

parties, both Best Buy and Home Depot have reportedly shown an interest in the property. Metro Transit has done soil remediation work on the site, and that process has nearly reached its conclusion.

"It would be preferable not to sell to the city, since the sale of property triggers federal payment to the federal government," Gibbons noted. He said the predecessor to the Federal Transit Authority paid private money for the land, and the federal government is entitled to receive compensation should the land ever be sold. "But we might be open to trade," he noted.

Currently, the focus for the site of a new bus barn lies on a property at 807 Hampden that is a little bigger than 10 acres. This location is attractive to Metro Transit for a number of reasons. The company prefers a site that is a couple blocks on either side of University Avenue, in the Midway, zoned industrial and with convenient freeway access. The Hampden site meets all those requirements.

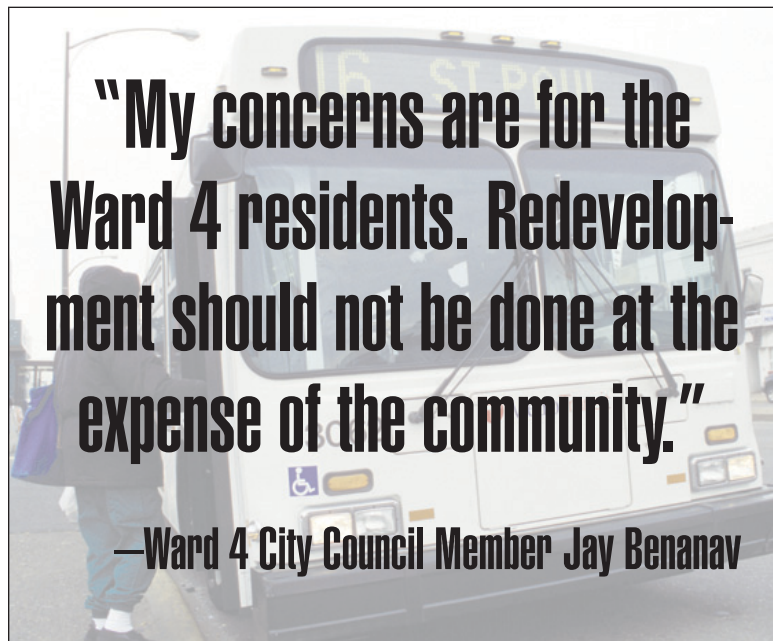
"It is also important not to

have many deadhead, or non-revenue, miles," Gibbons said. This includes the period the bus operates without riders to get to the start of a route. He added that if a garage is on or close to a bus route, operator relief can be done easily. "One driver can stand at a bus stop, then get on and take over his route. The bus doesn't have to leave service to get a driver."

The Hampden site also meets with approval from the city as the area for a new bus barn. Tony Schertler, deputy director of Planning and Economic Development for the City of St. Paul, said the city wants to move the bus barn site from its current Snelling and I-94 location. He said that although the current property is zoned industrial, it is surrounded by commercial retail and multi-family dwellings.

"Also, access is limited. You can't turn left on Snelling," he said. "The city thinks transit is important, but prefers not to have a bus barn along the Midway."

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—Ward 4 City Council Member Jay Benanav



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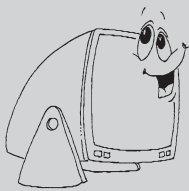
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# Midway Como in a Minute

## Terlizzo's shuts down following violations

A troubled South St. Anthony Park restaurant and jazz club has been shut down by city officials, months after its owner didn't pay an agreed-upon fine for past violations. The St. Paul City Council voted unanimously April 6 to revoke the licenses of Terlizzo's, 821 Raymond Av. That revocation will stay in place until fines and current license fees are paid.

"There's nothing more we can do," said Ward Four City Council Member Jay Benanav. He believes the city did all it could to help Terlizzo's stay in business, including postponing a ten-day shutdown so that the restaurant could financially weather a shutdown.

Terlizzo's owner Tom Terlizzo never paid the \$6,200 cost the City Council imposed in November. Of that amount \$2,000 was a fine and the rest is city enforcement costs. The restaurant's troubles worsened in January when a \$450 check Terlizzo sent in to renew his restaurant permit bounced.

The business, which is located in the former Baker School, had already been shut down since March due to the owner's health problems. The small bar-restaurant had a loyal following of customers, who enjoyed its food and the jazz music offered.

Terlizzo's was able to muster several loyal supporters to testify at a City Council public hearing last fall. Patrons enjoyed the food and jazz music that was offered, and asked the City Council to give the business another chance. The Midway Chamber of Commerce also supported the business.

Last fall the City Council ordered Terlizzo's to shut down for 10 days.

But Terlizzo's ran afoul of city officials last fall when it was learned the restaurant was selling liquor without a required city license. The owner told city officials

he believed a state catering permit allowed him to sell liquor. But that was not the case. It was also learned last fall that Terlizzo's lacked a required state sales tax permit and hadn't been collecting sales taxes.

Nor did the business have the city license required to offer entertainment.

The city issues licenses for beer, wine and liquor sales. The number of liquor licenses in the city is restricted by ward. Not having licenses to sell beer, wine and/or liquor is considered most serious because of the insurance required of license holders. Terlizzo's had been selling alcohol for a year with no license and no insurance.

## City Council approves sound level variance

Neighbors of Midway Stadium will hear at least two concerts this summer as the St. Paul City Council unanimously approved a sound level variance of the St. Paul Saints baseball Club April 6 for two events. The variance is for the hours of 6-10 p.m. July 11 and July 29.

No one appeared at a council public hearing to speak against the sound variance. A mailing to 510 area households from city licensing staff produced just three responses, two against and one for. That kind of response is a far cry from past protests over concert noise, which have prompted dozens of protests.

The July 11 concert is Bob Dylan and Willie Nelson. The July 29 concert is Def Leopard and Bryan Adams.

The Saints open their baseball season at home May 20.

## Fasika penalized for insurance lapse

Fasika Ethiopian Restaurant, 510 N. Snelling Av., must be vigilant about maintaining its liquor liability insurance to avoid future violations. The restaurant was penalized for a lapse in insurance coverage by losing its on-sale liquor license for five days, as a result of a penalty imposed April 6 by the St. Paul City Council.

This was Fasika's second insurance violation. The first occurred

in August-September 2002. In December 2002 the City Council approved a penalty of a 10-day closing, suspending that time period for two years. The suspension went into place as long as there were no further violations during the two-year period.

But on July 1, 2004 the insurance was canceled due to a mix-up with the insurance agent. Replacement coverage didn't become effective until July 30, 2004, leaving a 29-day lapse in coverage.

City licensing staff recommended that a ten-day closing be approved, as a penalty for the current violation. But a 10-day closing would put the restaurant, which is a gathering place for the Twin Cities Ethiopian community, out of business, said Ward Four City Council Member Jay Benanav.

The vote was 5-2 for the amended penalty, with council members Benanav, Pat Harris, Lee Helgen, Debbie Montgomery and Dave Thune in support. Council members Dan Bostrom and Kathy Lantry voted against the penalty. Both council members said they believe a lapse in liquor liability insurance is serious and merits a stiffer penalty than the one suggested by Benanav.

Restaurant co-owner Atnafu Yeshidagne and Hamline Midway Coalition Executive Director Dave Gagne appeared before the City Council to speak on behalf of the restaurant. Gagne said the restaurant staff has tried hard to improve its management and attention to insurance issues, going through a business training program offered by the district council.

He also said the restaurant is a gathering place for the dozens of Ethiopian families who live in the Midway area and should be able to stay open.

## Hearing set to discuss adult entertainment

Efforts to restrict the location of new adult entertainment businesses are the topic of a public hearing before the St. Paul City Council at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18 at City Hall. When this ordinance is adopted, it will affect the location of new adult bookstores, strip clubs, video and novelty gift shops in St. Paul.

But the ordinance the City

Council is considering is slightly different than the proposed regulations the St. Paul Planning Commission adopted last month. On May 4 Ward Four City Council Member Jay Benanav amended the proposed regulations to increase distances between adult business. He also wants to change the definition for adult businesses. In recent days Benanav and his staff have met with district council representatives, who believe the Planning Commission proposal needs to be tightened up.

The Planning Commission would use the amount of floor space devoted to "explicit" materials as a way to define what is and is not an adult business. Any store with more than 15 percent and/or 300 square feet of space of usable floor area would be an adult-oriented business. Benanav has changed that to 15 percent or 225 square feet.

The separation between adult businesses would be 1,000 to 500 feet, depending on the type of business or industrial zoning for the area. There would be a 500-foot distance between residences and protected uses such as churches, day care centers and schools. The current ordinance has varying distances set out, depending on the type of zoning.

Benanav wants to increase that distance to 1,000 feet in neighborhoods and 500 feet downtown.

The City Council needs to have new regulations adopted and published in a legal newspaper before mid-July, when a one-year moratorium on new adult businesses expires. The push for new regulations came after The Love Doctor, an adult novelty gift store, opened near Snelling and University avenues.

After new regulations are adopted, existing businesses would become nonconforming uses and could remain in operations. But city review and approval would be required if a business wanted to expand or relocate.

New regulations on adult business locations are meant to prevent the concentration of businesses in certain areas, to avoid a repeat of the problems of the 1970s and 1980s. That's when adult businesses were congregated around University and Dale, and on North Wabasha Street downtown.

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Como home to talent...

# Composer in Residence heightens students' musical interests

By JAN WILLMS

The culmination of a three-year relationship between Como Park High students and composer Cary John Franklin will be celebrated Sunday, May 15, with a concert, Tomorrow's Voices, at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis.

The concert will also include the world premiere of a choral/orchestral work, "Gloria," written specifically for the event. It will take place at 4 p.m.

Under partnership with VocalEssence Meet the Composer, St. Paul Como Park High School has been the site for Franklin to work with the students, write original compositions for them to perform, and share some of his musical talent. VocalEssence explores music for voices and instruments under the direction of Philip Brunelle.

Franklin said he had found the experience to be incredibly rewarding. "On a musical level, I have been able to write some interesting music and get positive feedback from the students," he said.

"It's inspiring to see how much the students care about music, and it's a hopeful sign," he added. Franklin also participated as a composer in residence at Minnetonka and Red Wing high schools.

He said his first year at Como, the students learned and sang mu-



The culmination of a three-year relationship between Como Park High students and composer Cary John Franklin will be celebrated Sunday, May 15, with a concert, Tomorrow's Voices, at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis. (Photo by Terry Faust)

sic that he had already composed. "That way, we got to know each other" he commented. That first year he also wrote a new piece for the women's choir, entitled "Red Boots On," based on a poem by Kit Wright.

In Franklin's second year as composer in residence, he wrote a piece of music for each group at

Como Park High School to sing at a Martin Luther King Jr. commemoration. This final year, he has written several movements of "Gloria," which brings all the schools' choirs together, 250 singers with orchestra at the May 15th concert.

Franklin said schools were selected to participate in the VocalEssence project based on recommendations from people in the educational field.

"We looked for a good teacher with support from the administration, and at Como we found that," he said. He said he has really enjoyed working with Carole Whitney, music director at Como Park. "It's been a great joy for me," he noted.

It has also been a great joy for the students, based on their comments.

"It's been really interesting to see Corey John Franklin develop as a composer," said Julia Schumacher, a senior and concert choir member who has spent the past three years working with him. "Singing several of his pieces has been really fun." Schumacher plans to attend Luther College, and although she is not sure whether she will major in music, definitely plans to be a part of the college's music program. She

"I can actually feel the music, not just hear it," he said. He wants to go into music education and hopes to study at the University of Northern Iowa.

"I've always been interested in music, but to hear how strongly Corey John Franklin feels about his songs makes me understand music better," he added.

Whitney, music department chair, said this has been a banner year for Como Park High School. Members of two select ensembles sang at Carnegie Hall in a performance of spirituals celebrating Black History Month. And, after a couple days of rehearsal, the performance with Franklin will take place at Orchestra Hall.

Whitney said she has really enjoyed the composer in residence program, but there is no more funding. "It has been a special experience," she said. "I just felt really lucky, like we had gotten the goose that laid the golden egg."

She said she hopes Como Park gets to participate in similar events. As for Franklin, he will become an assistant professor at Macalester, teaching music theory and conducting. And, of course, composing. He is working next on a composition for the Schubert Club in St. Paul.

For tickets to the May 15th concert, call 612-371-5656.



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In Cary John Franklin's first year at Como, the students learned and sang music that he had already composed. Above, Como students Kinsey Diment, Phoebe Dowuona and Julia Schumacher rehearse one of the pieces for their May 15 concert. (Photo by Terry Faust)

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## Snelling Pedestrian Safety meeting on May 25

Concerned about crossing Snelling Avenue near Hancock Elementary and Hamline University? At the first meeting, groups began to define the problems. Come to the second community meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 6:30-8 p.m. at Hancock/Hamline Elementary, 1599 Englewood Avenue to prioritize the concerns and brainstorm possible solutions. Organized by Midway Transportation Management Organization, Hancock Elementary, Hamline University and HMC. For more information, call Midway TMO at 651-644-5108.

## Hamline Midway Coalition

BY THE STAFF OF HAMLINEMIDWAY COALITION

### Informational session on Leadership in Support of Neighborhood

## Register for the third annual Hamline Midway Community Yard Sale

Are you thinking of having a yard sale this summer? Have it during the 3rd annual Hamline Midway Community Yard Sale on June 24th, 9am-5pm and June 25th from 9am-3pm. We had more than 65 sales last year, including a few block club and group sales. We continue to improve coordination, and this year we will have bigger and better advertising and more informative maps. Stop by HMC to fill out a registration form and submit the \$4 fee (cash or check to Krista Finstad Hanson) by Friday June 17th. Questions or offers of help, contact Krista at 646-0632 or [finstad.hanson@worldnet.att.net](mailto:finstad.hanson@worldnet.att.net)

## Start planning National Night Out!

Start thinking ahead for National Night Out, this August 2nd – the evening when over 32 million neighbors

throughout the US and Canada get together to socialize, support safe neighborhoods, prevent crime and celebrate community connections. The deadline to submit the permit application to block off your street or alley is July 1st – you'll need to collect signatures and get the application notarized. Permits, signs, and doorhangers are available at the HMC office. First-time parties may be eligible for a drawing for a "party pack" from the Police Community Services Department. For more information, contact Jun-Li Wang at 651-646-1986.

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Spring is nature's time of fertility and growth. If you are considering becoming pregnant, or are newly pregnant, this season and this column are for you.

Preparing to be a parent starts even before you become pregnant. Pregnancy is an amazing and miraculous process. It is also physically and emotionally challenging. Therefore, if you are planning a pregnancy, a visit with your health care provider should be part of your plans.

Before becoming pregnant, a general "well woman" exam is a good idea. Tell your examiner about your pregnancy plans so your visit can be focused on those issues. Your weight, blood pressure, and certain lab tests will give you information to help you be as healthy as possible before starting the adventure of pregnancy.

Blood tests will determine your blood type, your hemoglobin (a measure of iron in your blood), and whether or not you are immune to rubella. A pelvic and breast exam will help ensure that your body is ready for pregnancy.

Your blood type is important to know because if you have Rh negative blood you will need a medication (RhoGam) during your pregnancy and after delivery. The medication is given to prevent problems with any future pregnancies.

Hemoglobin is a measure of

## Cares and Cures

By JANE KILIAN, M.D.

### Great expectations for spring

how much iron is in your blood. Women in general, and especially pregnant women, can become low in iron. This is called anemia. During pregnancy, your body produces much more blood than usual, in part to nourish your fetus, but also to prepare for the inevitable blood loss at the time of childbirth. If you begin a pregnancy low in iron, you will be fighting an uphill battle to keep your iron level good during pregnancy. For most women, a daily multi-vitamin with iron is sufficient to maintain a good hemoglobin level before and during pregnancy. Pregnant (or about to become pregnant) women should also take folic acid. One milligram daily (1 mg) will help prevent spinal cord defects.

Rubella is an infection that can cause severe birth defects. If you are not immune to rubella (German Measles) you can be vaccinated against the infection. If you are vaccinated, it is essential that you not become pregnant for at least 3 months fol-

lowing vaccination. For pregnant women who are not immune to rubella it is recommended that you avoid being around children or adults who might be sick with this infection.

Prenatal screenings also include testing for sexually transmitted infections such as gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis and HIV. You can be treated for these infections while pregnant, but it is best to be infection free when you become pregnant. Women who are HIV positive need extra care, and medications, during their pregnancy to reduce the risk of transmitting the virus to their fetus.

Tetanus vaccinations are given to babies and should be updated with boosters every ten years thereafter. If you are not current with your tetanus booster, you can receive that shot at the time of your well woman exam. This can be given whether or not you are pregnant. If you are pregnant during the flu season (fall, winter or early spring), you should also receive a flu vaccina-

tion. While pregnancy is a very natural state, there are a few other simple things that you can do to have a healthy pregnancy. Everything you eat and drink goes to your fetus. This includes drugs - legal or illegal. Do not drink alcohol or use any street drugs while pregnant. Talk with your health care provider about any medications (even over the counter ones) before taking anything. If you need help quitting drugs, ask your health care provider.

Smoking causes low birth weight babies and other pregnancy complications. Every cigarette deprives your fetus of oxygen and exposes your fetus to chemicals. Imagine blowing smoke into a baby's face. Not a pretty image, right? That is what happens each time you take a puff. So if you smoke, please quit. If you cannot quit, at least cut down how many cigarettes you smoke each day. Try to have a positive attitude about yourself while quitting. Each cigarette

you DON'T smoke is a victory for both you and your fetus. Smoking is a very tough addiction to fight. Talk with your health care provider about methods to help you quit smoking.

If you have a cat, don't change the cat litter (now I don't have to try very hard to talk you out of that, do I?). Cat poop can contain organisms harmful to fetuses.

During your pregnancy you should receive regular prenatal care. This means fairly frequent appointments to monitor your blood pressure, weight, fetal heart tones, etc. Next month's column will help you choose the prenatal care provider who is best for you.

Enjoy the lovely month of May (listen to the soundtrack to Camelot for a great song about the month of May). Have fun. Stay happy and healthy.

*(Dr. Kilian is a family practice physician who lives and works in the Midway Como community. She believes that good medicine means caring for people as well as curing diseases. We want to address your health concerns so please let us know what topics you would like to see in future columns. If you have suggestions or questions, write to the Monitor c/o 1885 University Avenue West, #110, St. Paul, MN 55104. Or e-mail [denisw@aplacetoremember.com](mailto:denisw@aplacetoremember.com).*



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## The Food Snob writes:

Restaurants have personalities as surely as people do. Jay's Café, perhaps reflecting its chef/owner's persona, is friendly, warm, welcoming, and relaxed. Open for breakfast and lunch, it's an upscale alternative to Key's on Raymond, just a block down the street. In fact, Jay's has already become my neighborhood favorite. After all, who wouldn't love a place that offers banana bread as an appetizer? And great banana bread at that—moist, flavorful slabs with unsalted butter on the side.

Jay's menu is eclectic, encompassing soba noodles, chorizo sausage, crepes, pasties, Caesar salad and crème caramel. Some of the breakfast dishes are straight from New Orleans, including the Benedict variations



# Without Reservations

**Jay's Café: "Warm, welcoming, relaxed"**

als. Instead, my role is to give you, gentle reader, a glimpse into the world of The Crucial Three.

First, I was surprised to find that they are indeed three people. Perhaps you, like I, suspected there was but one clever writer giving voice to three distinct personalities and perspectives in a disturbing Rashomon-meets-Sybil kind of way. My suspicion was fueled by the similar writing styles (which I learned was due to the editing pen of one, the identity of whom I shall let you de-

bread, though. Give me a warm loaf of this stuff and some soft butter (don't get me started on my tirade against hard butter) and you'll see a good ole-fashioned gorgin'.

With the banana bread decimated, I started in on my California Surfer Breakfast, which was a wee bit pricey at \$8.50. Basically, this thing was a big fat burrito with eggs, avocados, cheese, tomato and no doubt some other stuff. But I left off the thick-cut bacon (I've got my youthful figure to think about). Whereas too many burritos are just plain-old slop fests with annoying hot and cold pockets in every bite (Chipotle!), the Jay's burrito was quite good. I particularly liked the inclusion of the eggs, which gave this burrito a pleasant, soft texture. I suppose my breakfast could have packed a bit more of a punch (no discernible spices or flavors to my dead tongue) but it proved to be a nice, easygoing start to my day.

And if any of you impossibly attractive women out there have families whose whereabouts fall within my optimal geographic locations for inlaws, e-mail me (with unretouched photos) post haste. Of course, the Snob and Cheapy will have to chaperone our first 17 dates.

## The Cheapskate writes:

For my money, breakfast is the meal of choice at Jay's Café.

duce).

Second, the camaraderie and interaction of The Three was of a most pleasant and diverting nature. The Bachelor's role seems to be that of a mascot, and his comments provide much fodder for the sisterly teasing of the Cheapskate and Food Snob. He asks for it, with everything from his cuisine-challenged cluelessness ("What did you say was on the croutons? Coumadin?") to his confusion between two kinds of pasties (the wholesome lunchtime variety versus the burlesque show variety), to his theories about the optimal geographic location for inlaws (either close enough that you never have to stay overnight, or far enough that you never have to visit).

A note to single women: A date with The Bachelor will be worthwhile for the entertainment value alone. As for the other two, The Food Snob definitely knows her stuff, but sadly, the lunch hour wasn't long enough to pick the brain of The Cheapskate for some hints on frugal dining. I only got a glimpse of the wisdom and insight possessed by all three.

Oh yeah, the food was pretty good, too.

## The Bachelor writes:

Mascot!!! Truth told, I've always considered myself more of a sidekick. I fancy myself a modern-day Enos, the deputy on the TV classic "The Dukes of Hazzard," so I guess the Food Snob would be Sheriff Rosco P. Coltrane. But if she ever slaps me over the head with her hat—well—there will be grits a flyin'.

And as far as my confusion about which pastie is which; let's just say I can't lose if either one is delivered to my table.

Yes, I must say our guest reviewer has some keen powers of observation. But how she could have missed the carnage inflicted by the gum-shredding crusty ciabatta bread is beyond me. I do have to agree about the banana

It has to be full of the things that define "hearty"—proteins and fats, in short.

These are the kinds of breakfasts on the menu at Jay's Café. All of the breakfast menu items are wrapped around scrambled eggs, all of them come with American fries, and all of them are more interesting and flavorful than typical breakfast fare.

However, they are not cheap. (Is it me, or is food getting noticeably more expensive lately?) The breakfast plates range from \$7.25 to \$9.50. The portions are ample, but I found it regrettably easy to down the whole plate without setting aside leftovers for lunch.

Here's my bottom line: On your first trip to Jay's, try the Morning Pastie (or, at lunchtime, the Pastie of the Day). These are some of the best entrees at Jay's, and they're baked fresh to order with a flaky crust that's somewhere between piecrust and biscuit.

With the weather warming up, I saw the Jay's staff setting up tables on the sidewalk. That's a real plus for a breakfast spot. See you there.

## Pizza Poll still open

Thanks to those of you who have already put in a plug for your favorite pie place. We're still taking nominations by email: [withoutres@yahoo.com](mailto:withoutres@yahoo.com)

I have an all-or-nothing relationship with breakfast. Starting out the day with food makes me sluggish. Coffee, lots of strong coffee, with a few squares of dark chocolate on the side, is what I call the breakfast of champions.

But when I do eat breakfast, it can't be a croissant or a bowl of cereal. Nothing remotely dainty.

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Eggs Sardou (with artichokes) and Eggs Nola (with slices of shrimp mousse and tomato). The poached eggs are served on slices of ciabatta bread, which also encases most of the sandwiches.

Read on, and you'll likely hear the Bachelor complaining about what he calls "gum-shredding bread." I ignored him, but did take his new motto to heart: "I don't like food that cuts me."

Perhaps his philosophizing was inspired by our guest that day, a young woman who actually admits to reading our column. As an ayurvedic vegetarian, she chooses foods that are nourishing to her particular body type. "Cabbage, cabbage, cabbage," was a summary of her winter menu. No cabbage was to be found at Jay's, so she chose the roasted eggplant melt. We shared a Caesar salad, billed as having "really good croutons" on the menu. Good they were, and crunchy too, so thanks to the Bachelor's tender gums, there were more for the rest of us.

An Iron Range miner might not recognize Jay's balsamic chicken pastie (no ground beef, no rutabaga), but after a bite or two I think the miner would love it. Even better is the breakfast version, with eggs, chorizo and tangy cheese wrapped in a light, flaky pastry. I'd take it down into a mine any day.

My one quibble with Jay's, which I've already shared with him, is the repetitious spicing. While I expect to taste cumin in the Creole hollandaise, why also put it on the accompanying potatoes and the Caesar croutons? A little cumin goes a long way with me. But then a little Food Snob probably goes a long way with the chef. Touche.

## Our mystery guest writes:

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I have been having a lot of conversations with my neighbor about schools. We are both in the information gathering stages of choosing a preschool and kindergarten for our children; she for her four-year-old, and me for my two-year-old dynamo. I have come to find that this decision is a whole lot more complicated than when I was a child. There weren't nearly the options then that there are now. I grew up in a small town where everyone went to the same public preschool and kindergarten, and then I had the same 25 classmates for the next 12 years or so.

Not so in the city and not so today. I went to the Saint Paul Public Schools web site to look at elementary schools. There were some 55 schools listed. When I did a web search of Saint Paul private elementary schools, I got a list of over forty; ranging in variety from Catholic to Baptist, Lutheran, Montessori, Friends



## New to the Neighborhood

By NATE HAMILTON

### The most important choice

School, Hmong speaking, Spanish speaking, French speaking, and the list goes on. So, for the discerning parent, that is over 90 schools to consider when making the school choice.

Now, we all want to provide the best opportunities for our children to succeed. But when faced with all the options, the choice can be overwhelming (making me glad I am just in the information gathering stage!) There are so many factors to consider when choosing a school. How can we possibly weigh all of them: teacher-to-student ratios,

safety, arts and extra-curricular opportunities, graduation success rates, ethnic diversity, condition of the facility, down to the minutiae.

Of course, the other huge consideration is cost. I was recently told that a friend of ours is sending her child to a private kindergarten that costs over \$17,000 per year. I do not begrudge anyone spends this much money on education. I am sure the school is wonderful. I understand that financial aide may curb some of the tuition, but a private school that costs this

much is just not a realistic choice for most of us.

I worked as a public educator for seven years. Most of the teachers and administrators I worked with were dedicated, concerned people; great people who loved kids. Their biggest anxiety always seemed to me to be not their salary, or tenure, or school budgets, but being able to do enough to help those students whose families were not as involved.

So I feel I owe my neighborhood school at least a chance to do its job. Local public schools

help foster communities that are not based on salary or particular point-of-view. It seems to me there is also an enormous value in going to school with people who might be different from you in a variety of ways. Neighborhood schools do not sort kids and their families by narrow focus, but rather ask people to come together and create a motley community based on the best interest of all of the children, regardless of their interests or background. All schools, public and private, should aspire to as much.

I do not mean to imply a bias here. These are only one parent's preliminary and random thoughts on the matter. But I do think that in their education choices, some parents can become too quickly focused on their son or daughter being an uber-student, and stray away from what may be more important—educating a child who is a well-rounded citizen.

Recently I wrote about my friend, Robert. He's raising his 16-year-old grandson. He was kind enough to share some of the experiences, both fulfilling and trying.

This month we'll talk about where to go for help. While doing the research for this column, I was happily surprised to find good people working for agencies that offer valuable support for custodial grandparents. I hope I do justice to them and their work.

Many grandparents are living on fixed incomes and are not able to provide for their grandchildren, but still want to care for them. The following financial programs can provide assistance:

#### Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

SSI is a federal program established to provide supplemental income to the aged, disabled, or blind. It includes disabled children and children of the overseas military. SSI provides cash assistance for basic needs: food, clothes, and shelter. For more information on SSI, go to Google, type in SSI and you'll be connect-



## The Best Years

By SHERRI MOORE

### Help for grandparents and kids

ed to the SSI website. I was impressed with how much information is available, including information about the application process. The locations are listed on the website.

#### Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)

This program provides assistance to any relative raising a child. The relative's income and assets is not considered. The grandparent or relative will need to provide proof of relationship. A grant for one child is \$379 which includes a cash grant of \$250 and food stamps of \$129. This program is administered by Ramsey County Human Services 651-266-4444. They are located

at 160 E Kellogg, St Paul.

There's other support available too. I mean the emotional kind. Looking back to raising my two kids makes me wonder how I managed to do it, and I was in my late 30's and early 40's when we hit those devilish teenage years. How grandparents can handle keeping up with teenagers is just short of amazing. I found the following agencies providing support:

#### Northwest Youth and Family Service

I spoke to a wonderful woman named Fran Smith. She sounded so warm and friendly on the phone, and she was easy to talk to. Fran told me that people are referred to them by schools, in-

surance providers or they find them by word-of-mouth. Some of the services they offer are: a youth diversion program for kids who've gotten in trouble with the law, outpatient mental health services, and day treatment (an all day mental health program). They have a youth employment program where kids help seniors with yard work or house maintenance and earn money doing it. They also have the Penny Pincher Thrift Store. Kids get retail experience and earn money too. They have monthly support groups for grandparents located all over the cities. Northwest Youth and Family Service is located at 3490 Lexington Ave, Shoreview, 651-486-3858.

#### Lutheran Social Services

Originally I called the Volunteers of America and spoke to Dorothea who informed me that their grandparents program had been cut due to lack of funding. We can thank our short-sighted elected officials! She referred me to Lutheran Social Services and said they were providing services to grandparents. I spoke to Connie Booth, another warm and friendly person. She recommended grandparents call Linda Hammerstein, who oversees the grandparents program in St. Paul. Connie said they help seniors with paperwork (medical and otherwise), suggest resources, and even act as advocates. They also have fun events such as picnics for the families to get to meet each other.

Linda Hammerstein can be reached at 612-879-5307, or you can e mail her at [Hammers@lss.mn.org](mailto:Hammers@lss.mn.org).

Connie gave me the following statistics:

According to the 1990 census, 23,000 grandchildren were being raised by grandparents. By

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# Districts councils, UNITED ask for community process for bus barn site

By JANE MCCLURE

After the dirt piles disappear, what should be built at the former bus barn site at Snelling and St. Anthony avenues? How will development affect the surrounding neighborhoods? Area district councils and University UNITED want St. Paul city officials to set up a community process to discuss how that site is redeveloped.

In April district councils from Snelling-Hamline, Lexington-Hamline, Merriam Park and Hamline-Midway joined UNITED in asking for community input on how the bus barn site develops and how that development affects other neighborhoods. The UNITED board unanimously adopted a resolution calling for the redevelopment March 28.

The St. Paul City Council unanimously approved a resolution May 4 that calls for St. Paul Planning and Economic Development (PED) staff to initiate a planning process, under the guidance of the Planning Commission. The intent is for the transit-oriented development framework for Snelling and University, and Lexington and University, to become part of the city's comprehensive plan.

Even though a Planning Commission task force studied transit-oriented development for the area in 2002 and 2003, those recommendations never became part of the city's comprehensive plan. That has frustrated neighborhood activists in the recent debates over CVS Pharmacy at Snelling and University, and Lexington Park at Lexington and University.

Benanav is also asking that the study include consideration of "appropriate zoning" at the Snelling bus barn site, in the event Metro Transit puts a new bus garage elsewhere.

Because Snelling Avenue is a boundary between City Council wards One and Four, the groups are asking council members Debbie Montgomery and Jay Benanav to establish the community process.

"What happens at the bus barn site has the potential to affect several neighborhoods," said UNITED Executive Director Brian McMahon. Not only will redevelopment bring changes to the immediate site, Metro Transit's need for a new garage for about 150 to 200 buses has the potential to impact other parts of the Midway area.

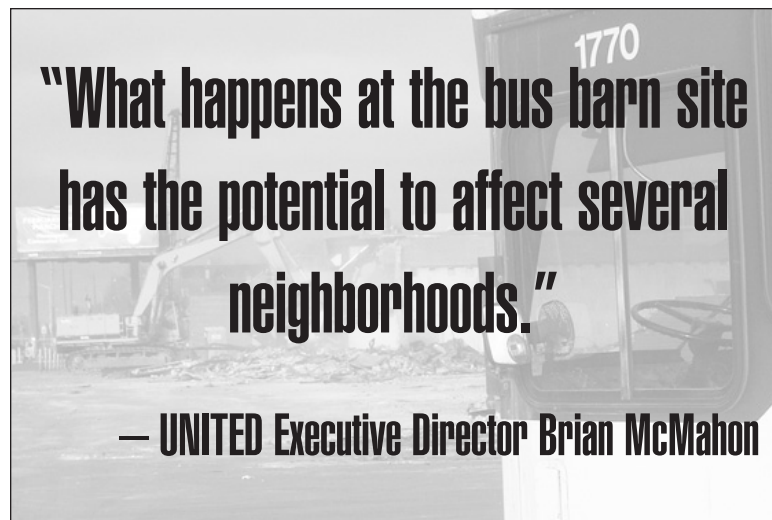
UNITED, which is a coalition of district councils, community development corporations and business groups along University Avenue, has repeatedly argued for University Avenue redevelopment to be transit-oriented development. The group has waged high-profile campaigns to try to change development at University and Snelling, and University and Lexington Parkway. Although the coalition has found support from Benanav for its concerns, members have clashed with Montgomery.

Benanav said he'd be interested in such a process. Montgomery said she'd be willing to discuss the

proposal. Both council members have been involved in Snelling site redevelopment discussions. Until two years ago, it was in Benanav's ward.

City Planning and Economic Development (PED) staff are working with Metro Transit and the Metropolitan Council and Midway Shopping Center owner

Merriam Park Community Council has questions about how development east of Snelling would affect the part of Merriam Park neighborhood north of Interstate 94 and west of Snelling. That small neighborhood has battled cut-through traffic and spillover parking from University Avenue businesses for years.



**"What happens at the bus barn site has the potential to affect several neighborhoods."**

**— UNITED Executive Director Brian McMahon**

RK Midway on a possible land swap between the Metropolitan Council and the shopping center. Metro Transit spokesperson Bob Gibbons and PED Director Susan Kimberly said there is no set timeline for a swap. Both said the key is to finding a site that will work for Metro Transit, with about nine to acre acres of land and easy access to area streets and freeways. Another meeting on the land swap proposal was held last week. RK Midway couldn't be reached for comment.

Metro Transit is still cleaning up pollution at the Snelling site, Gibbons said.

One replacement bus garage site being discussed is on Hampden Avenue in South St. Anthony Park, just north of the former Johnson Brothers Liquor warehouses. Gibbons said Metro Transit likes that site. But with the old warehouses being converted into apartments, Benanav and community groups are concerned about the potential impacts a bus garage would have on redevelopment.

Benanav said he's also worried that the Hampden site or other potential sites could be too close to the city's fledgling bioscience corridor. McMahon agrees with those concerns. "This (land swap and redevelopment) has the potential to impact several neighborhoods," he said.

Expected traffic from a new development and how the development would fit in with other plans are the areas the community groups want to see addressed. Snelling-Hamline Community Council is concerned that bus barn site redevelopment would affect residents and businesses there, especially the small neighborhood of Snelling Park, said SHCC Executive Director Renee Obrecht-Como. "We really need to look closely at what could happen to that area." Snelling Park is the neighborhood bounded by Pascal, Marshall, Snelling and Concordia avenues. It's an area that already gets spillover traffic from Midway Center and Midway Marketplace.

development at the southwest corner of Lexington and University. "We have learned from recent negotiations with TCF over development on the southwest corner of University and Lexington that community input can have an impact on development plans. However, our influence would have been far greater in this instance and a much more desirable overall project would have resulted, had our community been able to deliver its input earlier in the process ideally before a developer was secured."

The old bus barn was demolished in early 2002 and replaced in part by a new garage north of downtown St. Paul. Discussions of how the 9.5-acre Midway site and land to the east could be redeveloped has gone on for many years.

Office and retail space, a parking ramp, a hotel, restaurants and a movie theater complex have been suggested as separate projects or as part of an overall redevelopment including adjacent Midway Center. One of the most ambitious plans would have brought \$65 to \$70 million in investment, it also could create as many as 1,000 jobs and bring property tax base benefits of \$3 to \$4 million in annual property taxes.

There was even a call from the St. Paul Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) to save the oldest parts of the bus barn. Parts

of the old bus garage date from 1907. It was originally built for the Twin City Street Railway Company. Streetcars were manufactured and repaired there. For many years the area bounded by Snelling, St. Anthony, Pascal and University was occupied by streetcars.

The Planning Commission studied the bus garage property a few years ago and cited its great potential to add jobs and value to the city's property tax base. At one point city officials and community leaders hoped Metropolitan Council would sell its site for private development.

However, future increases to Metro Transit's bus fleet meant that space is still needed in the Midway for buses. Those buses could not occupy the old Midway bus barn because of its deteriorated condition, so saving even part of the building wasn't an option. That led to new plans for shared redevelopment, with buses underground and retail, offices and hotel space above.

In recent years there was a proposal to locate a new National Guard Armory on the bus barn site. Another suggestion was to put new Metropolitan Council offices there, providing more space and parking than is available in their downtown St. Paul location. Those ideas were opposed by Midway Chamber and other groups that wanted commercial or mixed-use redevelopment.

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THE LEADER IN IMPROVING OUR URBAN COMMUNITY



By DEBORAH BROTZ

Midway resident Thomas Saylor, who is an associate professor of history at Concordia University, never dreamed a class project would grow into a book. "Remembering the Good War: Minnesota's Greatest Generation" features over 100 moving stories recounted by people from all corners of Minnesota about their diverse experiences during World War II.

The book project grew out of a class he taught at Concordia on World War II in spring 2001. His wife, Kimberly Johnson, who works in linguistics at U of M and is completing her Ph.D. in second language acquisition, suggested that his students should talk to people from that generation.

"Students conducted interviews in pairs with women from

the 1940s," said Saylor. "It was a very specific target group."

Saylor constructed a website and posted the interviews, where people could compare and contrast them.

"Somebody at the Minnesota Historical Society found the website," he said. "They gave good encouragement to think larger. It gradually moved from women civilians to becoming a much more inclusive project men civilians to men and women in uniform. We tried to bridge a number of different categories."

Over the next year and a half, Saylor crisscrossed Minnesota from Moorhead to Duluth, Rochester to International Falls to record the stories of men and women who served at home and abroad during World War II. The book tells the stories of ordinary people who rose to duty at an ex-

traordinary moment in our past. Soldiers and sailors, housewives and farmers, "Rosies" and "Joes" recount what it was like to be swept up in history. They talk of their expectations as the war began, their encounters in basic training, challenges on the Home Front, and the ways in which these experiences changed their lives and outlooks.

In Saylor's book, published by the Minnesota Historical Society Press, he calls World War II "the Good War." The phrase comes from historian Studs Terkel, who wrote a book 20 years ago called "The Good War."

World War II has been memorialized in the United States as "the Good War," the noble cause. European society was delivered from the horror of Nationalist

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# City examines State Fair regulations for vendors

By JANE MCCLURE

Rite of summer or neighborhood blight? The topic of front-yard vendors during Minnesota State Fair time brings out strong opinions. A proposed set of regulations governing vendors will be considered in the weeks ahead by the St. Paul City Council. The goal is to have new regulations in place before the start of the 2005 fair this August.

Bottled water vendor Mark Erickson, who uses his aunt's Midway Parkway yard as a vendor space, said fair-goers like the opportunity to buy beverages and other items outside of the fair and avoid higher costs. Neighborhood residents who lease out their yards or sell products themselves like the ability to generate extra income.

But neighborhood resident Cate Smith-Edlund said that allowing vendors into the neighborhood has a "corrosive effect" on a community already strained by its location between the fairgrounds and Como Park.

"As the fair increases its marketing and year-round events there is more stress on the neighbor-

hood," said Smith-Edlund. "As Como Park increases its marketing and events there is more stress on the neighborhood."

The St. Paul Planning Commission adopted the vendor regulations May 6, and sent them on to the City Council. The council must act in late May or early June to make sure the regulations can go into effect by August. The council will also hold a final public hearing before voting. No hearing date has been set.

Almost two dozen people turned out for an April 22 Planning Commission public hearing. They debated regulations that were negotiated over several months by neighborhood residents, city staff and the Como (District 10) Community Council.

District 10 Board President Mark Rindfleish said the proposed regulations represent a compromise between those who want vendors and those who don't. "We have two very distinct groups and trying to come to some sort of compromise was our goal all along."

The regulations are meant to address a growing number of

complaints about front-yard vending. The proposed regulations would be added to existing regulations that govern use of residential yards for parking during the fair, an issue that generated considerable controversy during the 1980s.

The proposed changes identify an area along the east side of Snelling Avenue, between Canfield and Hoyt avenues. The district is one-half block wide except at Midway Parkway, where it extends to Arona.

Size and hours of some yard businesses, the sometimes aggressive behavior of vendors and the types of merchandise sold have generated complaints. Some neighbors felt that city staff did little to address the problems, shifting the responsibilities for enforcement and monitoring back to the community.

Some highlights of the State Fair Overlay Vending Subdistrict include:

\*Neighbors on both sides of a yard will have to give permission before vendors can go there. That same requirement is in place for the parking district.

\*Vendors must pay a \$100

fee, and can set up only one day before the fair begins. Booths must be taken down the day after the fair ends.

\*A three-foot setback between vendors and the sidewalk. Erickson and other neighbors opposed this rule, saying it takes up space they need for tables and merchandise. Julie Tuttle, a Snelling Avenue resident, said the setback puts vendors that much closer to homes.

But city staff said the setback is needed so that sidewalks don't get blocked.

\*A limit of two vendors per yard, unless a property is on a corner. Then up to four vendors can be in place.

Snelling Avenue resident James Hammar said that most residents who have vendors in their yards are on busy Snelling Avenue, where traffic prevents the use of yard space for parking vehicles. Noting that some yards are 60 feet wide, he questioned why home owners could have more vendors in their yards. He's had as many as five vendors in his yard.

\*Vendors open when the fairgrounds open and close when the

fair closes. Some Planning Commission members questioned whether vendors would want to stay open later and sell to crowds leaving the fair. But Rindfleish said the hours represent a compromise.

\*Signs used by vendors would be restricted. Sign plans would have to be shared with the city before the booth and signs go up.

\*Restrictions on what can be sold and which services can or cannot be provided. Items prohibited from sales include lottery tickets, pull tabs or other forms of gambling or gambling devices; tobacco products; intoxicating or malt liquor; fireworks; firearms or any weapons prohibited under the city's legislative code; obscene materials or performances; currency exchanges; adult uses; materials or performances, permanent tattooing; body piercing; pawn shops or live animals.

Some Planning Commission members questioned the offering of services in residential yards, such as massages. But at this point the ability for vendors to provide such services remains in the regulations.

## Bus barn

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Schertler said that in order for the city to be a conduit for a bus site, there has to be a market rate deal. "All the money required to find another site has to be generated off the current site," he added.

He said the city has a certain criteria for the next bus barn location.

"If the land is worth enough money to pay for relocation, the city will help," he said. "The transit company also has to work with a willing seller. The land has to be zoned appropriately. A current employer or tenant cannot be dislocated, and the process cannot conflict with a redevelopment vision," he added.

Although Schertler said that Metro Transit has no plans to actually construct a new facility for the next five years, he realizes that businesses are very motivated now and redevelopment of the Snelling site is an important issue, although it has been under discussion for some time.

"We had originally looked at about 12 sites for a new bus barn location," Schertler commented. Some were too far away, some had employers on them, and some were sold to other buyers. The Hampden property is available, industrially zoned, and the owner is willing to sell."

However, not everyone thinks the Hampden site is ideal. Jay Benanav, Ward 4 council member, said he is concerned about putting 200 buses running in and out of the Midway in an area that has recently been developed. He was referring to restoration of warehouses into housing developments and a

120-bed facility planned by Catholic Charities.

"How does this impact the neighborhood?" Benanav asked. "Absolutely not enough notice has been given to the community about these plans." He admitted there has been some discussion, but not enough.

He suggested the site could be placed somewhere along the Midway on land that is less likely to be developed. "It could be more in the middle of an industrial area, like the location on the east side," he said. Benanav also commented that the site could remain at I-94 and Snelling.

"My concerns are for the Ward 4 residents," he stated. "Redevelopment should not be done at the expense of the community."

Kathy Lantry, a council member from Ward 7, is not sure where the location of a new bus barn should be, but she said she does worry about a plan that might take too long. She noted that the western part of University Avenue has a whole different set of issues than the eastern edge, based on the different types of businesses. "There are more industrial companies on the western side," she said.

"There is a lot of investment, growth and energy going into University, and I'm not sure a bus barn fits in."

A good part of that investment, growth and energy is being encouraged by University UNITED, a coalition of 12 community organizations and several businesspeople.

Brian McMahon, executive director of University UNITED, said he has been concerned that Metro Transit is on a course that was quickly going to swap the old bus barn site to the city, and put the land out to a developer.

Although McMahon said he is pushing hard for a plan to develop the current bus barn site, he is also concerned about the location of a new site and how it will affect University Avenue businesses and residents.

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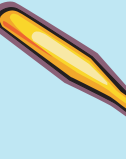
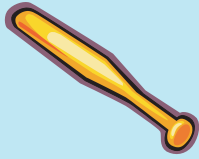
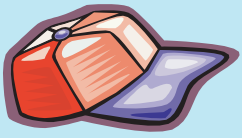
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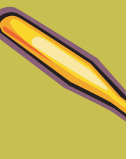


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# In Our Community

## Hamline Midway Elders hold program May 19

The first annual Dining Out for Independent Living is set for Thursday, May 19. The event will benefit seven St. Paul Living at Home Block Nurse Programs including Hamline Midway Elders. A number of local restaurants will pledge part of their profits from the entire day to support the cause. A list of participating restaurants can be found at [dofil.org](http://dofil.org) or by calling 651-209-6542.

On Tuesday, June 14, Kathleen Miller from the MN Stroke Association will speak at a luncheon for seniors at the Hamline Methodist Church, 1514 Englewood.

The topic will be "You Can Wipe Out Stroke (If You Know the Signs)." The event begins at 11:30 a.m. and is sponsored by Hamline Midway Elders Program. A free will donation is taken for the meal and free transportation is available by calling 661-209-6542.

## 'Wiggle with Wendy' at Hamline Midway Library

Song, storytelling and dance with Wendy's Wiggle, Jiggle and Jam (June 16), magic with Magical Mia (June 23), and bugs with Bruce the Bug Guy (June 28) are the first of the summer entertainments for children and their families at Hamline Midway Branch Library. The performances are part of the St. Paul Public Library's Summer Reading Program, which aims to encourage children and teens to continue to read during the summer. This year's theme is "What's buzzin' at your library?"

Tuesday performances are June 28 through July 26, at 7 p.m. Thursday performances are June 16 through July 14, at 10:30 a.m. The presentations will be given in the lower level auditorium at the library, which is located at 1558 W. Minnehaha Avenue.

For more information, please contact the Hamline Midway Branch Library at 651-642-0293.

## Como resident in local watercolor exhibition

Como Park resident Lynn Middleton-Koller of 1368 Avon Street North will be participating in a group art exhibition called "Uncharted Water" in June. The show will be held at the Robbin Gallery, 4915 42nd Ave. North, in Robbinsdale from June 2-25. There is an opening reception on June 2 from 6-9 p.m. at the gallery.

Middleton-Koller is an active member of the Minnesota Watercolor Society and the Northstar Watercolor Society and has participated in numerous local water-

## Midway artist participates in 'Arts Off Raymond'



Midway artist Bart Galle will participate in the Annual Arts Off Raymond event to take place Friday, May 13 (5-9 p.m.) and Saturday, May 14 (10 a.m.-5 p.m.) featuring over 60 artists. The Event Maps/Artist Directories are available at these businesses: Roasting Stones Cafe, 2388 University Ave. W., St. Paul; Cupcake, 3338 University Ave. S.E., Minneapolis; Chocolat Celeste, 2500 University Ave. W., St. Paul and at all of the participating buildings. Artists and businesses in the Raymond and University area will be opening their doors to the public. Many of Galle's paintings (above) feature subjects in the Midway area.

color shows. The current exhibit will feature her most recent works in watermedia.

The show will include the work of five artists who collectively call themselves "Uncharted Water." The name is in reference to the member's common interest in exploring the use of watermedia and pushing the artistic boundaries beyond transparent watercolor paintings.

One of the other five members of the group is Calvin deRuyter, co-owner of deRuyter-Nelson Publications, and co-publisher of the *Midway Como Monitor*.

## Hamline UMC to recognize civic contributions

As part of its 125th Anniversary celebration, the Hamline United Methodist Church (HUMC) will celebrate civic contributions of its members, past and present, on May 29th. Military service will be recognized in commemoration of Memorial Day weekend. But since the founding of the congregation in 1880, members have taken strong leadership in roles in government, community organizations, and humanitarian efforts as well.

For example, HUMC members were active in bringing the Hamline Branch of the St. Paul Library to the neighborhood, in working for streetcar and bus lines in the neighborhood, in serving as legislators and aldermen, etc. The tradition continues as members of today's congregation continue in elected and appointed government positions, volunteer for humanitarian service and share their faith in many other community activities.

Each Sunday, a prayer service is held at 8 a.m., with liturgical worship at 9:30 a.m. An Adult Forum will follow worship on May 29 at 10:45 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

## South Como Block Club covers gardens May 24

The South Como Block Club will meet on May 24 at 6:30 p.m. to hear Master Gardener, Susan von Mosch, speak about spring lawn and garden care at the Orchard Recreation Center, 875 Orchard Avenue. Prior to each meeting, there is an optional potluck beginning at 6 p.m.—bring a beverage and a potluck item to share. All are welcome, especially our neighbors from the area within Lexington Parkway and Dale Street (east-west) and Front Avenue (south) to the railroad tracks (north), and surrounding area. For more information, check the online list for South Como neighbors, at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/southcomo/>.

## St. Anthony Park Arts Festival planned June 4

The 36th annual St. Anthony Park Arts Festival presents more than 100 artists who will display pottery, fiber arts, paintings and jewelry as well as an eclectic array of nontraditional work such as metal sculptures, handmade paper, funky clothing, wooden garden furniture and more. Artists will be located on the grounds of St. Anthony Park's beautiful Carnegie library, at the corner of Como and Carter, St. Paul, and

also on the Luther Seminary lawn at Como and Luther Place. All proceeds from the Festival benefit the St. Anthony Park Branch Library.

Neighborhood restaurants including the Muffuletta and Ginkgo Coffee will offer special outdoor menus the day of the festival. Activities include entertainment at the St. Paul Showmobile plus food booths, a plant sale sponsored by the Garden Club, a used book sale at the library and sidewalk sales in the business district.

Saturday, June 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park neighborhood in St. Paul on Como Avenue between Carter and Luther Place, phone 651-649-0481 for more information.

## Spring is alive at MMSA School with programs

Middle School Night—All present 5th, 6th and 7th graders are invited to MMSA's Middle School night on Monday, May 16, from 6:30-8 p.m. Students and parents will have a chance to meet the teachers, choose their electives, and look over the middle school curriculum. New students interested in joining MMSA are invited to attend.

Talent Show—MMSA students will hold their annual talent show on Tuesday, May 24, at 1 p.m.

Stages Theatre Co. to Visit—Grades K-3 will see the play "Wilma's Wacky Wallet" on Wednesday, May 25, at 2 p.m. TCF Bank in association with Stages Theatre Company is offering the traveling play which promotes teaching children healthy

savings habits and is an educational tool that allows students to understand the importance of saving money through a fun and interactive theatrical performance.

Band Concert—MMSA band students, under the direction of Warren Starr, will present their spring concert on Wednesday, May 25, at 7 p.m. in Carroll Hall at The Church of St. Andrew, 1051 Como Ave.

Volunteer Appreciation Mass—All the wonderful MMSA volunteers are invited to a special liturgy in their honor at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 20, at Maternity of Mary Church. Volunteers have read to the students, helped in the lunchroom, worked on our marathon, Gold Plate Dinner, wreath sale, Chinese New Year 2005, painted our school, helped in the library, supervised our field trips, and much, much more. There were more than 200 volunteers this year!

## Church of the Redeemer Plant Sale May 14

In conjunction with the 115th anniversary celebration of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer at 285 N. Dale St., there will be a plant and used book sale on Saturday, May 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, May 15, from 2 to 4 p.m.

## TMO launches Midway in Motion program

The Midway Transportation Management Organization (TMO), a program of University UNITED, has just launched the Midway in Motion program to encourage residents of the greater Midway area to bike, walk, or take transit for local trips as much as possible.

The program is simple. Participants pledge to replace at least one car trip each week with a bike, walk, or bus trip, and in exchange they are entered into a drawing to win: 1) A new Trek 7100 series bicycle courtesy of Boehm's; or 2) A package at the Midway YMCA worth \$300, including 20 free passes.

To participate, visit the TMO website at [www.universityunited.com/midwaytmo](http://www.universityunited.com/midwaytmo). The Midway in Motion map is an illustrated map highlighting bike routes, bus routes, parks, schools, and other landmarks, extending from the U of M on the west to downtown St. Paul on the east, and from Como Avenue on the north to Grand Avenue on the south. The map can be viewed on our website in a small format and will be available (free!) in the coming weeks at Midway area stores, restaurants, libraries, rec centers, and district council offices.

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# Como High students learn about justice firsthand

By DEBORAH BROTZ

While some teen-agers today are growing up learning about criminal law from TV shows, others are getting their knowledge through hands-on experience. Last month, 25 Como Park High School students visited the Federal Courthouse on a field trip and got firsthand experience of how justice is dispensed.

The field trip was made possible through "Open Doors to Federal Court," a national program that is put on annually, which was originally sponsored by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Court.

"They developed the program and put it out there for all the district courts around the country for the local courts to implement within the community," said Brenda Schaffer, training specialist with the U.S. District Court. "Each year they develop a specific theme for the program."

The program's goal is to get a better understanding of our federal judicial system.

"The main thrust of this program is to have students become more aware of the role students play in balancing individual liberties and community safety," said Schaffer. "They always try to develop a theme students can identify with. While they're here, we try to build in other opportunities for them to learn about the Federal Court."

Besides a tour of the U.S. Marshals Service, Como students were also given a brief overview of the U.S. Probation Office as well as the U.S. Pretrial Services Office, U.S. Attorneys Office, and Federal Public Defenders Office.

On the field trip, the students spent the day with U.S. District Judge Donovan Frank, Assistant Federal Defender Manny Atwal, and First Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Small.

"It teaches about the structure, operation, and role of the Federal Court," said Schaffer. "The students get to see who people are. Judge Frank, Manny Atwal, and Robert Small interact with the students as much as possible."

In an advanced placement (AP) course in government for seniors, Como students studied the Federal Court.

"They were presented with the opportunity to visit the Courthouse and participate in a case," said Eric Erickson, a social studies teacher at Como Park High School. "It was an excellent real life experience of what they study in class. They participated in a mock trial on the civil liberties case 'Michigan vs. Sitz,' which revolved around the Fourth Amendment. The specifics were played in a simulation. Students were able to see how it's applicable to people's daily lives."

The mock trial involved unreasonable search and seizure.

"It dealt with State Trooper Sobriety checkpoints," said Erickson. "Were they legal constitutional searches or were they a violation of a citizen's protected rights?"

Being involved in the mock trial benefitted the students because they actively participated in the legal process.

"They developed a greater appreciation for why the law



Last month, 25 Como Park High School students visited the Federal Courthouse on a field trip and got firsthand experience of how justice is dispensed. Above, teacher Eric Erickson shows students Como High School's freedom shrine in the entry way of the school. Top left to right: Ishraf Ahmad, Kevin Williams, Eric Erickson, with Grace Alexander in front. (Photo by Terry Faust)

mattered and how it affects them as individuals," said Erickson. "They had student attorneys for the defendant, justices in the active role of being supreme court judges who conducted the trial, and reporters who saw the trial

acted out before their eyes. Presenting arguments as attorneys in front of a federal judge is of much more direct benefit to them than reading about it. We were lucky to get that opportunity."

The case arose in 1990 and was upheld as unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. But, other state laws allow searches.

"Minnesota conducts some but Michigan pulls everybody over," said Erickson. "The Sitz

party sued the Michigan courts. They said their rights were being infringed. State laws can conflict with federal laws. We saw an example of this in this case. We study the differences between federal and state law."

When students toured the U.S. Marshals facilities, they saw how defendants are held for trial, what security is in place, and how fugitives are transferred, which are part of the marshal's duties.

"They just wanted to expose students to other aspects of the court system beyond the courtroom," said Erickson. "This gave students another look at types of jobs in government. Two students wanted to be marshals. They have new career goals. They learned about different jobs within the federal government that they were not aware of."

A Minnesota State Trooper also talked to the group about sobriety tests and procedures.

"It was interesting," said Erickson. "They show the procedures of the state troopers and the responsibility of driving on the road with the dangers and problems of drunk driving. They saw the testing done by the troopers in evaluating drunk drivers."

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### Episcopal Homes show-cases 'Continuing Care'

Episcopal Homes is hosting a campus-wide Open House to familiarize area residents with what a "continuing care community" is, and how living in one can benefit seniors and their families. The Open House is Saturday, May 21 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A continuing care community offers seniors a continuum of living options on a single campus: independent living, assisted living and nursing home. Episcopal Homes also offers a continuum of pricing options to accommodate residents of all income levels. In addition, the campus includes a transitional care center that provides any rehabilitative therapies that people might need before returning home after hospitalization for joint replacement surgery, stroke or other debilitating illnesses.

The epicenter of Episcopal Homes' Open House will be newly-opened Cornelia House, a 47-unit independent living residence for age 62 or better. There will be live music and refreshments. From Cornelia House, visitors will be able to tour the other three residences on the campus via the enclosed walkways that link all the buildings: Episcopal Church Home (long-term and transitional care), Iris Park Commons (assisted living) and Seabury (HUD-subsidized independent living).

Episcopal Homes, a non-profit now in its 111th year, operates one of the few continuing care communities within the city of Saint Paul. It welcomes residents regardless of race, gender,

religion or national origin.

The Episcopal Homes campus is located on the Southwest corner of University and Fairview Avenues in the Midway. For more information, visit [www.ehomesmn.org](http://www.ehomesmn.org).

### 'Big Sister' honored for dedication to kids

Growing up can be difficult. Big Sister Catrina Engelby understands the pressures facing kids and teens because she sees it everyday. Catrina is one of the many high school students currently sharing their first-hand experience and wisdom with young children in Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities' (BBBS) high school mentoring program. Catrina can relate to her Little Sister Shereena because just six years ago, she was a wide-eyed fourth grader. Now she is being honored for her commitment as the BBBS 2005 High School Big of the Year.

For the past two years, Catrina has made weekly trips to Como Elementary School to visit Shereena. During their first few visits, Shereena was shy, but has since opened up, becoming more outgoing and social. The pair has found that they have a lot in common. Both enjoy basketball, like to sing and dance and neither like math very much.

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### Mulvey performs at GINKGO coffee May 19

Peter Mulvey will be performing at GINKGO coffeehouse, 721 North Snelling, on May 19, at 7:30 p.m. Mulvey is a gifted performer, with a very busy schedule. Mulvey began as a self-described "city kid" from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He played, wrote, and sang in bands while studying theatre there, and then traveled to Dublin, Ireland, where he learned the trade of the street singer.

Returning to the States, he spent a few years in Boston, building an audience through street and subway performing, while also immersing himself in the thriving musical community. He recorded two projects for the now-defunct Boston imprint Eastern Front, and since his 2000 release *The Trouble with Poets*, has made records with the venerable singer/songwriter label Signature Sounds.

### Hamline installs founding dean of grad school

Mary Francois Rockcastle will be installed as founding dean of the Graduate School of Liberal Studies during ceremonies on April 8.

Rockcastle began her 14-year career at Hamline in 1991 as an adjunct professor. In 1997, she founded the national literary magazine, *WaterStone Review*. She became director of the then-Graduate Liberal Studies Program in 1999, seeing the program through its transition to the Graduate School of Liberal Studies in 2004. The school's change in status prefaced Rockcastle's appointment as founding dean.

"Mary Rockcastle has led the Graduate Liberal Studies Program with vision and passion, and we are delighted to have her as

founding dean of the Graduate School of Liberal Studies," Hamline University President Larry G. Osnes said.

"My vision as dean is to do what I can to create and sustain the best programs of their kind in the region," Rockcastle said. "I feel passionate about the opportunities Hamline provides for our students: the opportunity to practice the art and habit of reflection, to investigate nuance, to think and reason critically, to expand the imagination, to become a skilled and sensitive writer, to speak out about issues that concern them."

A talented writer and teacher, Rockcastle's novel, *Rainy Lake* (Graywolf Press), was nominated for a Minnesota Book Award in 1996. She also wrote an essay that was published in *Toward a Livable City* (Milkweed Editions), edited by Emilie Buchwald, nominated for a Minnesota Book Award in 2004. A recipient of the Graduate Liberal Studies, distinguished teaching and service award in 1999, Rockcastle has also taught at The Loft Literary Center, University of Minnesota's creative writing program and in COMPAS, Writers-in-the-Schools program.

### Calvary celebrates 150th Anniversary May 27-30

St. Paul's Historic Calvary Cemetery to Celebrate 150th Anniversary on Memorial Day Weekend, May 27-30.

Everyone is invited to a celebration of the 150th anniversary of Calvary Cemetery, located at 753 Front Street in St. Paul, during Memorial Day weekend, May 27-30.

Walking tours, memorial rubbings, exhibits, and other activities will take place throughout the weekend. On Monday, May 30, at 10 a.m., Father Kevin McDonough of St. Peter Claver Church will celebrate Mass, joined by the St. Peter Claver choir.

One of the oldest cemeteries in the Twin Cities area, Calvary at its current site was dedicated in 1856 by Bishop Cretin and other early church leaders to serve the largely Catholic community in the growing settlement of St. Paul.

Since then, more than 100,000 burials have taken place at Calvary. Monuments of some of St. Paul's most prominent early families can be found there, including Louis Robert, a fur trader who built the city's first home, and Eugene Larpenteur, whose large farm was located on the site of the state fairgrounds.

U.S. Supreme Court justice Pierce Butler, French-born architect E. L. Masqueray, and Frederick McGhee, St. Paul's first black criminal lawyer, are among the many well-known citizens buried at Calvary.

The early bishops and archbishops of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis — Cretin, Dowling, Grace and Ireland — all are buried at Calvary, their graves marked by large stone ledger tablets. Archbishop John Ireland's sister, Mother Seraphina, who founded the College of St. Catherine, is among the hundreds of nuns and priests buried in special sections for religious orders.

For more information, call the Calvary Cemetery office at 651-488-8866.

### Central Baptist announces summer opportunities

Central Baptist Church is excited to announce several exciting opportunities for children in the Midway area!

First there are two opportunities to play soccer this summer. On June 4, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. We will hold a Soccer Skills Clinic taught by the coaches from the Minnesota Thunder for students ages 6-14. Also, we hope to develop several soccer teams that will play from June 20-Aug 5. We will register soccer teams with Minnesota Youth Soccer Association and play in the MN Thunder PLUS league.

Secondly, we will be having some fun activities through the church that are meant to give students eye opening experiences. We will begin June 21-24, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., with Urban Adventure Day Camp: Hip Hop Week. The week features Internationally known bilingual rapper, AGAPE. AGAPE will lead students in worship through the unique form of Hip Hop, and instruct them in activities such as rapping and dancing.

Then we will have a series of field trips beginning June 29, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., with Twins Day, a field trip to a Minnesota Twins Game. Next, on July 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., there will be a field trip to Como Zoo.

Finally, on July 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., we will take a field trip to Hyland Park Reserve's Chutes and Ladders playground area, and Richardson Nature Center.

All camps are open to students that have completed grades K-5. There are opportunities for ages 3-5 to go on the zoo field trip and the playground field trip. Costs are minimal, and scholarships are available. If you have any interest please contact Scott Harman, Pastor of Children and Families, 651-646-2751, [scottharman@bethel.edu](mailto:scottharman@bethel.edu). Or you can stop by the church at 420 Roy St. N, St. Paul, MN 55104. (One block North of 194, One block West of Snelling).

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### Mt. Olive hosts Vacation Bible School June 27

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church will be hosting its annual Vacation Bible School the week of June 27 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for children ages 4-12. The theme this year is "From Raindrops to Rainbows."

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# Professor

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Socialist Germany, and Asia was spared Japan's economic and military control. Many stories have been recounted and in the collective national memory, 1941-45 has advanced to icon status.

"Terkel used the phrase for the first time to look at the conflict," said Saylor. "War is never good. I wanted to pick up on that phrase. I liked the way he talked to a broad variety of people with both good and bad. In my book, there's positive and negative."

Saylor interviewed more than 130 people across the state producing more than 5,000 pages of transcribed interviews.

"The question of what gets included and what gets left out was very difficult," he said. "In general, the interviews were between an hour and a quarter or an hour and a half in length. Some went three hours."

Finding people to interview was also a challenge.

"We planned the project to be broadly representative including pilots and paratroopers, school-teachers, homemakers, and farmers," said Saylor. "I had to find a way to locate these people and travel to find them. I put a lot of miles on the car and met lots of great people."

People would send Saylor names.

"The response was so good

that as the network began to grow I ended up with more names than I could actually interview," he said. "What got in was determined by how well it fit within the goal of getting a broad range of people. If I already had a number of people with that experience, I would look for something else."

The people and their stories were the easiest part of writing the book.

"The reality was that there were lots of really good people that I met with good, appropriate stories to put in the book," said Saylor. "There was no shortage of people telling interesting stories about their lives."

Saylor's book is different than other books about World War II experiences.

"It allows participants to speak about their experiences in their own words," he said. "There are a lot of really fine books about World War II where someone is writing about what somebody else did. It's about how they interpret something. My book allows people to talk about their experiences themselves."

What makes Saylor's book unique is that among all the oral history books about World War II, his book brings civilians and veterans together on the same pages.

"World War II was an event shared by everybody whose lives it touched," he said. "It brings home front and service veterans together in one book. This book helps the reader see it as one conflict with



Midway resident Thomas Saylor, who is an associate professor of history at Concordia University, never dreamed a class project would grow into a book, "Remembering the Good War: Minnesota's Greatest Generation." (Photo by Terry Faust)

lots of different experiences."

Saylor encourages people to read the book because there are a lot of inspirational stories, some positive and some not so positive.

"They can learn more about that generation of Americans," he said. "It's much more than the guy

who landed on D-Day and Rosie the Riveter. If you ask people to visualize a World War II story for America, those are two stories they come up with, but they're only one small part of it."

It's important for people to read Saylor's book so they can gain a better understanding of the

complex experiences that were World War II.

"As that goes further and further into the past, we have icon images of Pearl Harbor and D-Day," he said. "Do they know how it impacted people on D-Day? There's a lot of complexity of the war that's important to keep in mind when they think about what World War II meant."

The collection of stories aims to increase awareness of and make more accessible the experiences and contributions of people of color in Minnesota during the 1940s. There are memories of African Americans, Japanese Americans, and Mexican Americans from different walks of life.

"There is a level of diversity often overlooked in our state," said Saylor.

Saylor hopes people will read the book, which is quite readable. With this generation of World War II Americans rapidly dying off, we don't have the luxury of waiting another decade to ask them what they did during World War II.

"They can use it as a reason to go to a neighbor or friend and ask them what they did in World War II," he said. "It's a way of gaining a better understanding of the society in which we live. There are many things we can learn from the generation before us. If we don't ask them about their experiences, they're not likely to sit down and talk about them. We're asking questions while we still have time, that's what we wanted to do."

# Como students

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Erickson feels it's important for students to have the opportunity to take a field trip to the Courthouse.

"It allows them to be exposed to the legal system, which affects them on a daily basis," he said. "It allows for an appreciation of jobs within the federal government that exist and that they may want to pursue."

Ishraf Ahmad, 18, who was a mock trial attorney, was thrilled to see the Courthouse up close.

"You read about the process of the Supreme Court, but to actually see it in front of your own eyes is an experience on a different level," he said. "For someone interested in being a lawyer, it was very attractive to me."

Ahmad learned many things from participating in the mock trial.

"I got insight about the Supreme Court and how it works and the District Court in Minnesota that most people don't have access to," he said. "It was really cool. We learned how a trial is performed in the Supreme Court. That was the most important thing."

Ahmad feels that many television shows don't accurately portray criminal law in the real world.

"Law & Order' is the most accurate when it comes to being real," he said. "But, you can never get real experience from a TV show."

Ahmad feels the field trip experience was the best part of his AP government class.

"It opens up your mind to know something that most people don't know," he said. "It was

the most fun thing we did in the whole government class. You read about it in a book but when it appears before your eyes, it's a totally new experience."

Ahmad feels the field trip was the greatest opportunity he could have.

"I got exactly what I wanted," he said. "I got to meet a federal judge. That was pretty important to me."

Lucie Stein-Cartford, 17, who was a mock trial associate justice, wanted to go on the field trip just to see a trial for real.

"After reading about court cases, I wanted to see how they actually worked," she said.

The mock trial taught Stein-Cartford what it's like to be a Supreme Court Justice.

"I learned how difficult it is to stick to the law and to put personal feelings aside," she said. "When you're doing a case that deals with the Constitution, it's never a black and white case."

Stein-Cartford feels it's important for students to have a field trip opportunity.

"I think it helps to understand more how our society works so we can become better members," she said. "We can have a better understanding of how government works so we can participate in it."

Kelly Parker, 18, who was a mock trial associate justice, wanted to go on the field trip for the hands-on, up close experience.

"It's an amazing opportunity to go to the Courthouse," she said. "It was a really rare opportunity I wanted to take advantage of. I like real-life experiences."

The most important thing Parker took away from the mock trial is how important it is to be impartial.

"I kind of thought I knew where I stood," she said. "But, the arguments changed me. Judges really need to be impartial to give

justice a fair chance."

In touring the Marshals facilities, Parker says she found out what an honor it is to be a marshal.

"You really get a sense of how elite it is," she said. "That was kind of cool to see."

Parker doesn't feel TV shows accurately portray criminal law in the real world.

"I think they really glamorize it," she said. "They don't touch on

how true justice is carried out."

Meeting Atwal helped steer her career choice.

"In all the TV shows I've seen, the defense attorney is seedy and manipulative," she said. "Manny Atwal made it seem a humanitarian position. That makes it something I would want to do."

The field trip is important because our legal system affects everyone.

"A lot of students don't real-

ize how much our justice system affects them," said Parker. "On the field trip, I got a lot more faith in the justice system."

Erickson feels the students got everything they should have from the field trip.

"I hope they got a more profound sense of how our court system works," he said. "I hope they got a memorable experience that they will remember for long after the class."

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# St. Paul adopts new regulations on animal noises

By JANE MCCLURE

Barking dogs, loud cockatiels and noisy cats, beware. St. Paul's new regulations on nuisance animal noises take effect this summer, after the St. Paul City Council adopted the rules April 27.

The ordinance changes are meant to more clearly define when animal noises can become a public nuisance, setting a time limit to use as a guide when complaints are made. The changes also remove references to dogs and refer to an animal or animals, expanding the potential for a nuisance citation to all kinds of pets.

Only three people showed up to testify on the changes April 20. Although barking dog complaints frequently come into the council offices and the city's citizens service office, most council members said they have heard from only a handful of constituents on the changes. Spring is typically when more complaints start to be heard, as people open windows and use their yards more.

Council members said they don't really have a choice but to change the ordinance. Last year a Como neighborhood dog owner successfully challenged a citation issued under the existing nuisance animal noise ordinance, claiming it was overly vague, too difficult to enforce and unconstitutional. The Ramsey County District Court agreed, sending city officials back to the drawing board.

"We have an ordinance on the books now that is worthless,"

said Ward Four City Council Member Jay Benav. The council member, who authored the changes, said the city is trying to find a balance between the rights of pet owners and their neighbors.

determine which animal had made noise for what period of time.

The new ordinance covers animals in general and doesn't single out dogs, as the old ordinance did. It deletes references to

enforced in a way that's fair. Como resident Debbie Morgan lives next to the household whose dogs prompted the challenge to the existing ordinance. That family has three dogs, said Morgan, and their barking is disruptive. Morgan showed the council a lengthy, hand-written list of when the dogs have barked over the past two months.

"There's not much room between our houses," Morgan said. "Dogs don't have to be outside for us to hear them."

Morgan said she cannot open windows on one side of her house and sometimes cannot enjoy sitting in her yard without hearing barking. Another neighbor works nights and has sleep disrupted by barking. "It's a big problem in our area."

Macalester-Groveland resident Deanna Belden suggested the council look at putting some kind of curfew in its animal noise regulations. She said the time of day when noise occurs should be a factor.

The proposed ordinance indicates that the noise must be heard outside the building or premises where the animal is located, and must occur repeatedly over a five-minute period, with no more than a one-minute lapse between each animal noise during the five-minute period. The time limits are meant to inform pet owners how much noise is too much. Some council members joked about the possibility of a "really smart dog" that would stop barking after four minutes, then start barking

again.

Having the time limit in place does give the community expectations about what is and isn't allowed, said Marcia Moermond of the City Council Research staff.

Animal Control Supervisor Bill Stephenson and Assistant City Attorney Rachel Gunderson said the time limits in the ordinance are to be used as a guide. The ordinance does have flexibility so that animal control staff can make decisions on a case-by-case basis.

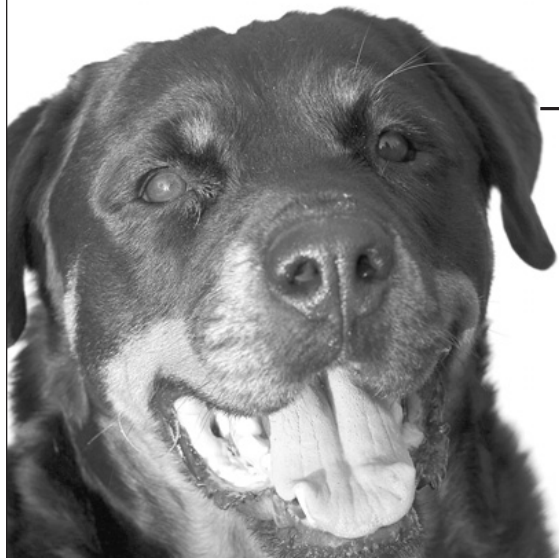
The current regulations had no time limits.

Using discretion in determining when noise is and isn't an issue is a concern for council members. Ward three City Council Member Pat Harris said he doesn't want the ordinance to deter dogs from protecting their owners' properties. He outlined a hypothetical situation, in which a dog would continuously bark to scare off a burglar. "I'd say that dog's doing a pretty good job," Harris said.

Council members couldn't resist some joking about the proposed changes. Ward Six City Council Member Dan Bostrom asked what would happen if residents on St. Paul's border with neighboring suburbs had complaints about noisy animals in neighboring communities. "Do we have to get reciprocity to go and get that hound?" Bostrom said.

"We send out animal control officers undercover at that point," Benav replied.

**"There's not much room between our houses. Dogs don't have to be outside for us to hear them."**



— Midway resident  
Debbie Morgan

After the hearing the council unanimously gave preliminary approval to a change in the ordinance that refers to an "animal or animals." The ordinance had referred to only one animal, raising questions about situations when more than one dog in a household may be barking. Council members questioned how a person outside of a property would

"any dog which howls, yelps or barks to the reasonable annoyance of any other person or persons" and instead refers to "any animal or animals which make any noise to the reasonable annoyance of another person or persons."

Those who testified April 20 asked that the City Council to adopt an ordinance that can be

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## In Our Community

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### Schola Cantorum plays celebration May 15

The Schola Cantorum of the Church of the Holy Childhood, 1435 Midway Parkway and Pascal Street, accompanied by chamber orchestra, will sing "Mass in A" by Cesar Franck on Pentecost Sunday, May 15, at 10 a.m. Mass. Among other choral and orchestral works by Franck, Jubois and Caplet, is the tenor and baritone duet "Veni Creator Spiritus" by Franck. Stephen Schmall will conduct, with Robert Vickery at the organ.

The service is a celebration of appreciation to the benefactors of the Buchanan-Larsen Endowment, initiated almost 18 years ago to help support the unique music-in-worship program and to honor the late Reverend John Buchanan, founding pastor of the church, who, with the late Bruce Larsen as music director, over fifty-eight years ago established a choir school in the European style and music tradition that has preserved and presented the works of a great body of sacred music art from past ages to the present.

The Reverend James Wolnik, pastor and Associate member of the endowment, will present the Music Honors Scholarships awarded by the Buchanan-Larsen Endowment to the Schola honors students for the '05-'06 school year.



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# City financing package for Rock-Tenn designed to preserve jobs

By JANE MCCLURE

Paper has been recycled and manufactured in the Midway for almost 100 years, providing benefits to the environment as well as good-paying jobs. But with the loss of its energy source looming, Rock-Tenn is busy planning for the future.

Preserving 475 jobs is the intent of a financing package approved April 27 by the St. Paul City Council.

The council, acting as the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Board, unanimously approved assistance to Rock-Tenn (formerly Waldorf Corporation) April 27. The city is providing a \$100,000 loan to purchase equipment for its power plant, as part of a \$1.6 million funding package. About \$1.1 million will be raised through equity of the property, with the rest of the loan package coming from the state (\$250,000) and St. Paul Port Authority (\$100,000).

The city's loan is forgivable, said St. Paul Planning and Economic Development (PED) Director Susan Kimberly. "We think this is a good investment in a great company."

HRA Board Chairperson Jay Benanav, whose ward includes the plant at 2550 Wabash Avenue, agreed. He said it's critical to keep

Rock-Tenn operating, as it has since 1908, and to preserve the company's jobs.

Rock-Tenn has short-term and long-term energy issues to address, said Jack Greenshields, senior vice president and general manager of the St. Paul Rock-Tenn plant.

"Our short-term need is to rebuild and re-power the equipment we have on our St. Paul campus, Greenshields said. Rock-Tenn is currently powered with steam generated at Xcel Energy's High Bridge Plant. A five-mile long steam line extends from the riverfront plant to the Midway. Much of the steam line is visible along Ayd Mill Road and at its crossings with streets including Shepard Road, Snelling Avenue and Fairview Avenue. The line began operating in 1983. But the steam will be shut off in 2007 when Xcel opens a new High Bridge plant. Xcel is replacing its old coal-fired plant with a natural gas-powered plant under the Metropolitan Emissions Reduction Plan.

Because steam will no longer be available for sale to Rock-Tenn, a different power source must be found. Rock-Tenn needs to reactivate its old power plant, which has been idle for 22 years. This month Rock-Tenn will apply to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to get an air quality per-

mit for the power plant. The plant's two boilers will be powered by natural gas, with fuel oil as a backup. Estimates place the cost of restarting the old plant at \$8 to \$10 million.

Greenshields said the long-term plan for Rock-Tenn is to work with other Midway area industries to rely on biomass energy, possibly at a plant shared by several industries. Waste would be burned in the Midway to power boilers and generate thermal energy or steam.

Construction of a biomass plant has a potentially high cost, estimated at as much as \$40 million. But it could provide long-term savings for Rock-Tenn and other Midway industries, as well as the light industries in the proposed bioscience corridor. One idea on the table is for several industries and institutions to share a large thermal energy plant, similar to District Energy's plant that serves downtown St. Paul.

Another option is for Rock-Tenn to use refuse-derived fuel, which is produced at the NRG plant in Newport. There garbage is shredded into fluff that is used to power several Xcel Energy plants. Greenshields noted that because the fluff is so lightweight, it isn't cost-effective to pay to transport the material for long distances.

Bringing the fluff to the Midway would shorten the travel distance.

Typically wood chips and wood waste are used to create biomass energy. Wood chips and wood waste are used downtown at District Energy. Other types of agricultural, municipal and industrial wastes can also be used as biomass. At some power plants the fumes from landfills are used as a biomass energy source.

Proponents of biomass energy believe it is an effective way to generate energy while protecting the environment. Biomass energy generate generates about the same amount of carbon dioxide as fossil fuels, according to several federal government and industry web sites. But because fast-growing plants and trees, called biomass feedstocks, remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, it is considered a cleaner energy source.

A working group with members from Midway industries, Minneapolis-based Green Institute, the St. Paul, Port Authority and state officials has been studying the possibilities of biomass energy. The group is seeking a grant for a study of biomass energy. Efforts to get funding from the 2005 Minnesota Legislature haven't been successful thus far.

One concern with any

change to the power source at Rock-Tenn centers on emissions. Merriam Park Community Council and Desnoyer Park Improvement Association are monitoring the changes and want to be able to inform area residents about any potential impacts caused by Rock-Tenn's power source changes. The neighborhoods do get a bleach-like chemical smell from Rock-Tenn, when winds blow to the south and west. However, city and company officials believe those concerns can be addressed.

Rock-Tenn has operated in the Midway since 1908. It was founded as Waldorf Paper and has undergone several ownership changes. Rock-Tenn, which is based in Norcross, Georgia, acquired the St. Paul plant in 1997. It is one of 84 plants owned and operated by Rock-Tenn in the United States, Canada, Chile and Mexico.

The company is one of the largest paper recyclers in the region. It includes recycling collection operation and four paper machines, which produce about 1,000 tons per day of recycled paperboard and corrugated cardboard.

The company has 475 skilled workers with an average annual salary of \$60,000.

## LETTERS

### Troubled by light rail comments

I am writing in response to your April 2005 front page story on light rail funding. Specifically, I wish to respond to comments made by Tom Krebsbach, Jr., of Midway Chevrolet.

Krebsbach was quoted as saying about light rail through the Central Corridor, "The only ones who want it are the bureaucrats and real estate developers."

I am neither a bureaucrat or developer, but simply a resident of Saint Paul's Hamline Midway neighborhood. And yes, I strongly support this project. I want to live in a dynamic community with lots of great ways for people to get around. In fact, our family recently moved from the burbs back into the city with the hope of this renaissance.

To Krebsbach's concern about business disruption during future light rail construction, I think he should be more concerned by the state of University Avenue today. Many parts of this vital "main street" are outdated, unappealing, and just plain old tired. A vibrant transportation system running along it could very well be the catalyst needed to give it new life and purpose. This, I feel, can only help business.

Krebsbach's solution to avoiding the "inconvenience" of light rail construction is to place it closer to I-94 or along

frontage roads. By doing this, I believe, his business would miss a potentially strong marketing opportunity—catching the eyes of light rail riders who used to drive along I-94, avoiding the Midway area altogether.

The plan for the Central Corridor light rail is not a six-month project, but a long-term vision for a great metro area. That's a vision that can be shared by both business and residents alike.

Phil Reinhardt  
Hamline-Midway

### Distressed by light rail stance

I was particularly distressed by the comments of Tom Krebsbach Jr., in the April 2005 cover story, "Light Rail Funding delights supporters, bedevils others." I can certainly see how an impending construction process could cause a car dealership to worry. However, saying "there will be hell to pay" and threatening politicians who support the program with "lynching" is offensive and completely inappropriate. Light rail may initially inconvenience Mr. Kresbach's business, but comments such as these will keep customers away as well.

Anne Roth-Reinhardt  
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Aren't we lucky to have enjoyed two springs in one year! After hitting the 80-degree mark on April 18th, it was a rude awakening to find the birdbath frozen solid less than a week later, but that is Minnesota.

The tulips, those reliable harbingers of spring, were blooming by mid-April. However, last year the resident northern cardinal apparently thought that the bright red tulips were mocking him so he snipped off the blooms half way down the stems and left them lying on the ground. Now I only have yellow tulips, but I can't hold it against the cardinal because his beautiful red plumage and jubilate songs have been brightening my mornings since February. Along with the cardinals' music I've heard some unfamiliar songs in the air.

Mid-May is considered to be the peak season for warbler migration. Yellow-rumped warblers, chestnut-sided warblers, American redstarts, and more than a dozen other species of wood-warblers (Parulidae family) are those colorful little birds that dash through the newly leafed out trees and sing energetically while foraging.

Twitchity, twitchity, twitchity, twitch. Well, I do know that is the song of a common yellowthroat, but the majority of the warblers never get identified by this novice birdwatcher. That's why I was a bit reluctant to volunteer my amateur birding skills for the Como Park Bird



# Neighborhood Naturalist

By DEB ROBINSON

## Cardinals rule

Census that started this spring.

The seasoned birders from the

future bird habitat management. A flash of a wing or just a snippet of a song is usu-



Illustration by Deb Robinson

St. Paul Audubon Society all seem to have eyes like hawks and ears like owls. They make incredibly focused volunteers and their awesome talents will be put to good use counting the birds in Como Park through the coming year. This preliminary survey will serve as baseline information for

enough information for an experienced birder to make a solid identification.

Roger Tory Peterson, the late grandmaster of birding, said that 90 percent of field identification is by ear. But a novice like me first has to match the song with at least a glimpse of the songster, and those warblers seem mad-

deningly good at avoiding my less than eagle-eyes. Thankfully, I'm just as happy watching common backyard birds like the northern cardinals.

Is it wrong to fall for ordinary, conspicuous beauty? Northern cardinals (*Cardinalis cardinalis*) are indeed common resident birds, but they have some truly uncommon qualities. One of their extraordinary traits is that the female cardinal sings every bit as well as the male.

Countersinging between a mated pair is indeed extra special. The male cardinal will sing a phrase and the female will repeat each phrase until they have sung the entire song together. Besides being beautiful to listen to, these duets function as important bonding behavior between the couple as well as advertising to other cardinals that this territory is taken. The female may even countersing from the nest.

The male cardinal helps feed his mate while she is sitting on the nest for 12 to 13 days when she's incubating their eggs. Conversely, unnecessary visits from the brightly colored male could reveal the location of their nest site to predators. The cardinal couple coordinates his visits to the nest with song. If she sings first, the male will bring her food. If he sings first and the female matches his song-phrase, she is telling him that she is not

hungry so he should stay away.

You might think that bursting out in full song from the nest site would draw the attention of predators, but apparently predators are not tuned into their songs. Predators are much more likely to find the cardinals' nest by watching the parent's movements.

Each cardinal may sing up to a dozen different songs and eight song-types, which each individual combines in a different order. Because cardinals learn their songs by copying adults, regional dialects emerge.

In summers past, I have often heard young cardinals quietly babbling away to themselves from the cover of our hedge. The youngsters were practicing and improvising the songs and song-phrases that they would someday use in their own adult musical repertoire. And now they sing from the treetops and do battle with red tulips, but, unlike the warblers, the northern cardinals will stay on to brighten up the dark winter months.

Endnotes: \*Tree Trek on May 21, 10 a.m. to noon, meet at the Como Lakeside Pavilion for a free tour of Como Park trees with plant pathologist Chet Mirocha, more info: 651-646-4226. \*Como Lake Waterfest will be held June 18, just south of Como Lakeside Pavilion, volunteers needed for shoreline cleanup at 11am and fun from noon to 4pm. More info at: 651-647-6816. \*Mayfest Plant Sale on May 13, 14, & 15 at 982 Raymond Ave. Hampden Park Co-op will have a selection of reasonably priced native plants again this year. \*Volunteers needed to care for animal orphans at the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Minnesota, application at: www.wrcmn.org \*Many thanks to the 37 volunteers who came to pick up trash in the Como woodlands and soccer fields on April 16. \*To contact writer: dmrobinson@bitstream.net

## Griggs Recreation Center begins renovations

Griggs Building Renovation began May 9. Tentative completion is set for late October. During the renovation Recreation staff will be working out of a trailer located next to the basketball court. Trailer hours for the summer will be Mon.-Thur. 4-8 p.m. In the fall Griggs will have their tennis court repainted.

Booster Club Meeting: The next meeting is Mon., May 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Central Lutheran School.

National Night Out: The Griggs National Night Out Celebration

will be Tues., Aug. 2 from 6-8 p.m. at Central Lutheran School.

Egg Hunt: The Area 4 Egg Hunt held on April 2 was a huge success. There were over 500 people who attended and enjoyed face painting, origami, gardening, carnival games, jelly bean guess, coloring, cookies, pinatas and searching for eggs. Special thanks are extended to Ginkgo Coffee House, Midway YMCA, Hamline Library, and St. Paul Parks and Recreation for such a successful event.

## Best Years

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2000 the number had jumped to 53,000. If you consider other relatives, the number jumps to 71,000. LSS had a single grandparent support group 16 years ago, now they have 10 support groups in five cities. It's sad that so many grandparents have to jump in and help their grandchildren. It's wonderful that so many do!

Somehow, knowing that you're not the only one raising children in your senior years is helpful and supportive. I wish

there had been a blended families support group when I was raising my son and stepdaughter. Those were crazy years!

As we know, the State and Federal governments have had to cut programs due to lack of funding. It's so short-sighted to cut programs for kids who need help. As a society we will eventually pay a much higher price of increased crime and incarceration costs. When will we ever learn?

(Sherri Moore is a free lance writer and former resident of the Como neighborhood. She welcomes your comments and can be reached at sherrimoore92@msn.com.)

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With gas prices expected to climb to about \$2.50 per gallon this summer, and traffic congestion getting worse each year (particularly at Snelling and University), it's time to reflect on how we in the greater Midway area get around town. The Midway is in the middle of everything—stores, jobs, parks, daycare, healthcare, and entertainment are all pretty close at hand. Yet we use our cars for most trips, even shorter trips around town. Nationwide, nearly half of all trips that people take are less than three miles, yet the overwhelming majority of these trips are taken in a car. We do this because it's convenient and saves time, because we need to haul

# Guest Column

By RUSS STARK

## Get in motion, Midway!

ing, or bus trip. Those who take the pledge will be entered into a drawing to win two great prizes: a Trek 7100 series hybrid bike, courtesy of Boehm's and 20 free-passes plus other goodies from the Midway YMCA (University and Wheeler). More than 100 people took the pledge at the recent Living Green

Locally, this has led to a return of air pollution alert days where we are warned that it is unhealthy to exercise outdoors.

Some recent studies have also found a correlation between obesity and the amount of time spent in a car each day. It makes sense that the more time we spend in our cars, the less time we spend playing with the kids or doing yardwork. The Centers for Disease Control has estimated that the annual cost of obesity-related health problems is on the order of \$75 billion.

Biking, walking, and taking the bus for more local trips around town not only improves air quality, but is a great way to get regular exercise. A recent issue of Consumer Reports dedicated to health and wellness stated that the top rated method for maintaining weight loss was building walking and biking into your daily routine.

Driving less also presents opportunities to save money, not only by buying less gas, but by getting rid of that 2nd (or third) car. The average car costs more than \$5,000 each year to own (or lease), maintain, insure, and fuel. Who couldn't use an extra five grand a year? The hOurCar car-sharing program, which allows members to use a hybrid electric car by the hour, is about to be launched in the Lower-

town area and will hopefully soon spread to the Midway, making it more feasible for households to own one less car.

The ability to get around town without a car is a big part of why I live in the city, and why I chose to live in the Midway in particular. Suburbanites don't typically have these options, and yet too often we city folk don't take real advantage of city living. Studies have also concluded that as far as biking and walking are concerned, there is safety in numbers. The more pedestrians and cyclists there are out on the road, the more motorists start looking out for them.

As a community, we need to start demanding better facilities for biking and walking, and better and more frequent transit service. It's going to take some work to undo 50+ years of designing cities around the automobile. City, county, and state elected officials are not hearing from enough of us that these issues are a high priority. The proposed Metro Transit fare increase and service cuts are a fine example of this problem.

If often occurs to me when I'm in my car, stuck in traffic at Snelling and University, that at that moment I am contributing to the problem. I much prefer walking home from my office at Prior and University around 5:15 and beating the Route 16 bus to Snelling. Whether for work, pleasure, or just getting around town, all of us can find new ways to get In Motion!

*(Editor's note: Russ Stark is a Hamline-Midway Resident and executive director of the Midway Transportation Management Organization.)*



something heavy (like a kid or some lumber), or simply out of habit. We also do it because for the last half-century, cities have done a much better job of accommodating automobile traffic than creating livable communities.

I say this as background for a new program called Midway in Motion, which asks Midway area residents to take a "pledge" that they will replace at least one car trip each week with a biking, walk-

ing, or bus trip. Those who take the pledge will be entered into a drawing to win two great prizes: a Trek 7100 series hybrid bike, courtesy of Boehm's and 20 free-passes plus other goodies from the Midway YMCA (University and Wheeler). More than 100 people took the pledge at the recent Living Green

Expo. To sign-up, go to [www.universityunited.com/midwaymo](http://www.universityunited.com/midwaymo), or pick-up a Midway in Motion map (with inserted registration postcard) at area stores, libraries, and rec centers. Research over the past several years has suggested that over-reliance on automobiles is making us sick. Even though car engines continue to get more efficient and emit less pollution per mile, Americans continue to drive more miles.

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