

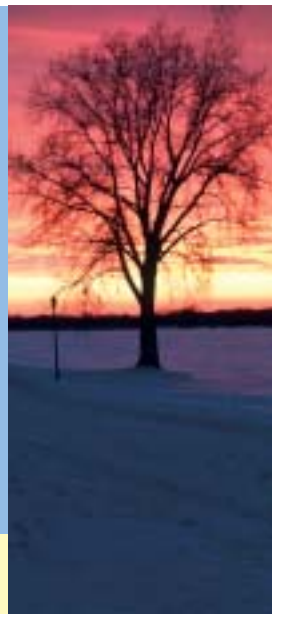
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Ford plant workers await word on plant's fate

By JAN WILLMS

The impact of a possible closure of the Ford Plant in St. Paul would be tremendous, according to Bob Killeen, who works as a millwright in plant engineering. The solidly-built Killeen also serves as secretary-treasurer for Local 879 of the United Auto Workers Union.

"Every job in the Ford plant directly creates another seven jobs in parts manufacturing and shipping," said Killeen.

"Indirectly, every job affects others in trucking and railroad shipping and the manufacture of shipping materials," he said. "The Ford plant has a huge impact."

Although Killeen, who has been with Ford since 1977, does not know what the future plans of the plant will be, he is optimistic that the Ford Motor Company at 966 Mississippi River Blvd. S. will not be closing.

"We don't know our status," he said. "A major restructuring announcement is scheduled in the latter part of January, and we'll find out if we'll be closing or building a new product. We really need a new product."

Killeen said the company started building LTD sedans and F series pickup trucks but later went to Ranger production. The Ranger is a compact pickup.

"The Ranger was always a good product to build, and it sold like crazy for many, many years," Killeen said. "If the economy was going strong, the Ranger was selling well."

However, Killeen said the Ranger has not had a facelift for quite some time. "I'm sure that's contributing to the declining sales right now," he stated. He said vehicle sales have dropped off in general for Ford and GM products, while Toyota and Honda report making record profits.

"The perception is that their quality is better, and at one point that was true, but the American manufacturers have caught up," he said.

Killeen said the plant builds 45 Rangers every hour. The workers also build Mazda B series; Ford partners with Mazda on some of its production.

Killeen said that at its peak,



Bob Killeen, who has worked at the St. Paul Ford Plant since 1977, is optimistic that the plant will not be closing. (Photo by Terry Faust)

there were 1900 people working at the Ford plant. He said there has been some periodic idling of production over the years, but the worst was in the early 1980s and now.

"Right now our membership hourly is 1,775," Killeen said. "There are also about 150 salaried people working at the plant."

He said the local he belongs to was started in June 1941. Besides the Ford plant, the local represents 35 people at Ford's distribution center in Menomonie, WI, and 75 people at Johnson's in Hudson, WI, a company that manufactures the seats for the Ford products. Killeen said some subcontractors, truckers and railroad personnel are represented by other unions.

Killeen said the production staff works four ten-hour days in two shifts. "We aren't bashful about our benefit packages, and the production people work pretty hard and earn some pretty good money," he said.

"Our work force is probably the number one force in North America," Killeen added, "and because of that, I think we're going to get a new product to work on. Ford recognizes that they've got a really good work force here, and a union leadership team that's will-

reassure the membership that the St. Paul plant is not on any closing list, at least not until 2009.

But regardless of the reassurance, Killeen said that there is a great deal of anxiety at the Ford plant. "You can't walk through there without hearing it," he said. "We are just told we are not supposed to go by the media reports."

Killeen said the workers are bombarded with articles in the newspaper on an almost daily basis citing possible scenarios of the future with Ford.

"We try and quell as much as we can, but we don't know a heck of a lot, either," Killeen said. He said that for himself, he does not think much about the personal impact a plant closure could have. "I'm just not even thinking along those lines," he said.

For Killeen, working at the Ford plant has been a way of life, even as a child, when he watched his father go off to work each day.

He said his father, Leroy Robert, worked with the company from 1949 until 1989.

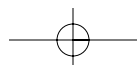
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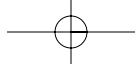
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A season of lights



Holiday light displays abound in Longfellow and Nokomis. Most residents wisely set up lights before weather turned colder in the past week. (Photo by Terry Faust)





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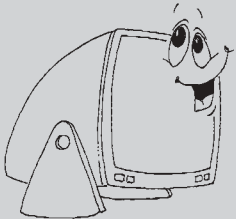
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Opening of the Ford Plant - 1925

Twin Cities look back to the opening of the Ford Plant

By IRIC NATHANSON

On May 5, 1925, the Twin Cities' two mayors rode in the first car that rolled off the assembly line at the newly-opened St. Paul Ford plant. Today, more than 80 years later, the cities' two current mayors hope they won't have to witness the last vehicle to leave the sprawling Highland Park plant.

In January, Ford officials in Detroit are expected to decide the fate of Minnesota's only auto assembly plant. Political, business and labor leaders throughout the Twin Cities are bracing for bad news as rumors continue to circulate that the plant and its 2,000 jobs are on the chopping block.

On opening day in 1925, the two mayors could hardly contain their enthusiasm. "The opening of the new Ford plant is the beginning of a new industrial development in the Twin Cities. It is an epochal day," declared Minneapolis Mayor Leach. "Now, our two cities are going to grow enormously," added St. Paul Mayor Nelson.

As soon as it rolled off the assembly line, a local auto dealer, W. S. Williams, purchased the first St. Paul-made Ford. A photo in *St. Paul Daily News* showed Williams handing over a check for the car to the plant's cashier, Fred Lindstrum, but the *Daily News* did not report on the amount of the check.

During its first few weeks, the St. Paul plant produced about 50 cars a day, but production soon ballooned by ten times that amount as the plant reached its peak production later in the year.

While "large numbers of men" showed up at the plant gate, seeking work, according to the *Daily News*, many of them may have been disappointed. Initially, the workforce for the new St. Paul, plant was drawn from the 900 employees at Ford's existing assembly facility in a ten story building at 5th Avenue and 5th



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Street in Minneapolis. The Minneapolis plant, only ten years old in 1925, had already become obsolete. It closed for good soon after the St. Paul plant opened. Eighty one years later, the Minneapolis building at the western edge of the city's warehouse district still includes "Ford" in its name.

Perched on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River, the new St. Paul plant had a special relationship to the river. At 8 a.m. on opening day, a plant superintendent flicked a switch which diverted power from the adjacent river dam into the plant. Newly named the Ford Dam, the controversial Mississippi River dam had been completed eight years earlier and would now power one of the region's largest industrial operations. Next to the dam, an upgraded Lock Number 1 would facilitate shipment of auto parts and completed cars up and down the Mississippi. On opening day in 1925, two barges

were docked near St. Paul's Robert Street bridge, waiting to move upstream and through Lock Number 1 to receive their first load of Ford cars to be shipped downstream to distribution points along the river.

While local and state politicians were effusive in their praise for the new assembly plant on opening day, the project had not always enjoyed full political support while it was still on the drawing boards. On a day when everyone else in St. Paul was celebrating, the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* complained that individual initiative by Henry Ford had overcome years of governmental "indecision, delay and mistakes."

"It is nearly sixty years since the Legislature of Minnesota petitioned Congress to improve the river between Twin Cities with a lock and dam... and eight years since the high dam was finally completed," the paper reported. "That was 1917. Yet for five years nothing was done to utilize the

power made available by the \$2 million structure.

"Then along came Henry Ford. It is less than three years since the Ford Motor Company filed its application for a power permit, less than three years since Minneapolis went on record against the project; less than three years since Mayor Nelson and Mayor Leach were debating the project; two years and six months since Ford purchased its factory site and 18 months since excavation for the plant begun."

"Now, the wheels of Ford's plant, the greatest of all his factories outside of Detroit, are humming. The power that has been going to waste all these years is being utilized... What new degrees of growth and prosperity does the operation of the Ford plant mean?"

We do not know. But the growth will be great and the prosperity commensurate. That we are confident," the *Pioneer Press* concluded.

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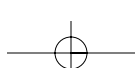
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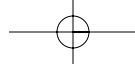
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We're wishing you all Happy Holidays!
Pete & Dotty Kadlec and Family





This is month #2 of the new low heating program at our house. As I write this, the thermostat registers 60 degrees. I can no longer sit in my bathrobe without wearing a shawl or my fleece vest over it. At night, my socks stay on my feet, even into bed! That's a new one for me.

Thanks for all the e-mails I've received. Last month's article about no heat struck a chord with lots of people. Yes, we're all in this together. Our heat bill was \$150 last month. That's the first time it was so high so early. We're going to start putting plastic on a couple of our windows that have leaks.

One of the drafty places in our house is in our bedroom, coming from the doorless closet. Two months ago, I found a beautiful door at the Re-Use Center for our fixer-upper. It was from a 100-year-old house, and has a stunning glass window at the top. The glass is etched. I loved it immediately. In fact, I loved it so much that I decided to put it on my own closet, and take over our closet door and use it at the fixer-upper. This seemed simple enough, but has turned into a big deal.

You know Mr. M., he always has to do things perfectly. He explained to me that the door I bought was a full four inches short. I told him it was easy to add on a little at the top, and a



The Old White House

By SHERRI MOORE

Mr. M. and the closet door

little at the bottom. My plan was to have him nail on the pieces, and hang it in the closet opening. I planned to prime and paint. Oh yeah, he also had to add the glass door knob. I couldn't part with my glass door knob, so Mr. M. switched it out with the door knob that came on the old door.

It's the second week of Mr. M.'s closet door project. He got delayed when my son, Sean, took over the garage to work on his truck. All this time, the fall was slipping away. Sean's truck is fixed, and he's gone, but my closet door is still not finished.

Mr. M. had to re-position the hinges on the door to fit into the existing hinges on the doorway molding. There was a lot of measuring involved, and another weekend slipped away. Then he had to leave it for a while to put up the outside Christmas lights.

All this time, I'm at work. I work retail. At this time of year, I work almost full time hours, and come home exhausted from standing all day. Then, I clean,

decorate, shop and wrap for Christmas.

Yesterday, Sunday, I worked until four in the afternoon, then came home and took a nap on the couch before I started my own projects. As I tried to sleep, I heard Mr. M. climb the stairs at least 50 times, taking up the door and tools. Then coming down again for a pencil, or screwdriver, or a beer. When I woke from my nap, Mr. M. had the door attached to the doorway. I ran up the stairs, stood in the doorway and praised my husband excessively, hoping to make him feel good. It didn't work.

"Yeah, sure—never buy a door for this house again. I haven't even started on the door knob yet, and I've already put three weekends into it."

Not wanting to argue, I agreed with him, asked him what he wanted for dinner, kissed his cheek and got out of his way. That night, we had venison steaks, two kinds of vegetables and rice made the way he likes it. I would've baked

him a pie, were it not for the fact that he doesn't eat American sweets. Next week, I'll go to the Finnish bakery on Como Avenue in St. Paul and buy him some special Finnish desserts. They have pulla, a roll made with cardamon that he loves.

My plan when I bought the door was to have the carpenter I know install the door for me. However, money is tight, so I had to ask Mr. M. to do it. He agreed, but wasn't happy. So, here we are; the middle of December, with a drafty bedroom.

I've been thinking about the projects we can do here this winter, that are fairly cheap. I'd like to knock down the cottage cheese ceiling in the alcove and put up some sort of fancy ceiling. I'm considering a tin type ceiling, a fake tin type ceiling, or perhaps a clean, flat ceiling with decorative moldings.

Speaking of moldings, we still have to put up ceiling moldings in the living room to match the beautiful styrofoam ones we put up in the dining room two years ago. We might

as well paint the living room ceiling, since I'm sure it's dirty from using the fireplace. You can't tell by looking, but I don't want to start and discover we should've painted the ceiling.

There's some plaster repair in our bathroom, above the tub. Then I'd like to paint the bead board and trim a nice ivory. My son, Sean, can do some plaster repair in our master bedroom, and then I'd like to paint it a pretty gold. I haven't thought much about that job yet. When that's done, I think I'll clean out my office again and have Sean paint the walls a neutral color of some sort. The dark rose seems dated now. I painted it in 1997, when I was in college. I never use the office now as I have a laptop, but Mr. M. does use it. He's made a few remarks about the color being too feminine for him.

None of these projects have been discussed with Mr. M. or Sean. I prefer to let them have a peaceful Christmas and New Year. Or, maybe I that want to have a peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Have a wonderful Holiday season. Let's all pray for peace.

(Sherri Moore is a free lance writer. She and Mr. M. are in their twelfth year of working on their old white house. Sherri welcomes your comments and can be reached at sherrimoore92@msn.com.)

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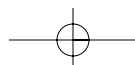
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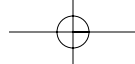


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Viewpoints

Each December when I put up the Christmas tree, I am flooded with nostalgia. The memories of previous years swirl around as the tree goes up and the decorations go on.

This year's first memory was recalling the switch to an artificial tree. I think it was 15 years ago. It was a bitterly cold day when we went to look at the Christmas trees that year. Standing at the Farmer's Market, we reached the conclusion that this whole tree search was crazy. We headed to Target and bought our tree there instead.

While this seemed a sensible decision to us at the time, I recall that daughter Molly was horrified. Her response was something like this: A plastic tree? Dad, how could you? My childhood is ruined.

I didn't anticipate this response, though thinking back I probably should have. After all, Molly was the daughter who at a younger age had not been the least bit surprised when someone left a tree at our door one Christmas. It seemed to her just a part of the magic of Christmas.

That "plastic" tree is long gone, as is its successor. I bought a new artificial tree last year, the first one with built-in lights. This is a great innovation, I thought.

Remembering last year, I thought putting up the tree this year would be a snap. But that isn't what happened. When I set up the tree and plugged it in, only half of the lights went on. The tree looked so sad. My first thought: Not even Charlie Brown would take this one. My second thought: Molly just may have been right.



Hiawatha Notebook

By TOM GILSEAN

Touched by Christmas spirit

But I forged ahead, getting out the box of ornaments. I looked through them, recalling the acquisition of this one and that one. Here was one made by daughter Shannon; there was one from friends Mike and Melissa.

Then I came across two bought at the downtown Dayton's department store. One was the day after Thanksgiving the last year the store was called Dayton's. The other was from an after-Christmas sale some years ago. I looked at the ornaments and sighed. Not only is Dayton's gone, I thought, but its successor Marshall Fields will be gone shortly, too. Now that store will be just one more Macy's, a cog in a chain spread across the country. Why don't they just call it McMacy's.

As I put the ornaments on the tree, I thought of all the other local names which have disappeared from our downtown. Donaldson's, Powers, Young Quinlan—the list goes on and on. We have lost so much.

But it's not only retail stores we have lost. Take local brand names like Cream of Wheat. Now it's just one of hundreds of names owned by the food giant Kraft. How about Creamettes macaroni? The pasta brand is now owned by some East Coast company and the manufactur-

ing plant turned into condos.

By this point, I had worked myself into quite a snit. And I'd just about finished with the ornaments. There were just two more. One was Oscar the Grouch—a fitting one at that moment considering my state of mind. I put it on.

The final ornament was a small tractor, one I have thought

of as the littlest Minneapolis Moline. I remembered buying it and thinking: It's not quite the right "prairie gold" color, but it's close enough. I found a spot near the top of the tree for the tractor. I hung it on the short branch I had picked.

Then something remarkable happened. The lights on the top half of the tree came on. I was genuinely surprised, startled enough to let out a "wow."

Now, my practical friends would say that I had merely loosened some kink in the branches of this artificial tree. But I'm not listening to them.

At that moment, it seemed to me that the spirit of Christmas had come into the room and lit the rest of the tree. The same spirit touched me, brushing away my glum mood. It was delightful.

I hope the same spirit touches you this holiday season and brightens your new year, too. Let's get together again in January.

(Tom Gilsean has been writing the Hiawatha Notebook column since 1997. You can reach him by writing to the Messenger or via e-mail at tomgilsean@sacbeemail.com)

Station Area Planning Begins

Finally, the process of developing a plan for the future of our neighborhood along the Hiawatha corridor is underway. On December 8, Nokomis East, in partnership with the City of Minneapolis held the first community planning workshop. The kickoff workshop was the first in a series, culminating with an open house to roll out a vision and plan for future development. Approximately 50 people attended the workshop, including a strong contingent of affordable housing advocates.

We would like to thank Mary deLaitre for leading a discussion on the history, context, and identity of the area. Mike Larson, a senior planner with the City, gave a short presentation about how the process will work and announced that Hay Dobbs P.A. has been chosen as the consulting team for our planning process. Hay Dobbs, along with partners Quam Sumnicht & Associates and Meyer Mohaddes Associates, was previously involved with developing the Franklin Avenue Station Area Plan. Hay Dobbs has a strong background in urban transportation-oriented planning and development.

Display boards showed "character" photos of the area between 50th and 54th Streets along with a few historical photos. (A favorite was the 1907 photo of a very muddy Hiawatha Avenue taken from 42nd Ave, long before roads were tamed with bituminous. Clearly visible in the photo are a row of telegraph poles, complete with advertising "bills," just as you see to this day.) Aerial photos and several historical plat maps gave attendees a different perspective of the area. The purpose of these visuals and the presentation was to help participants in the upcoming workshops develop a feel for the area, its residents, and a context for future development. The face of the neighborhood will be important in planning for this unique community. Nokomis East stations are surrounded by residential neighborhoods and parkland—more than any other station area along the line.

We are developing a frequently asked questions (faq) page for the website. If you have any questions regarding the planning process or the area, please email or phone them in. Maps, census data, selected photos and a timeline for the process are available online at www.nokomiseast.org.

NENA (Nokomis East Neighborhood Association)

By RITA ULRICH and DOUG WALTER, NENA Staff

A Nokomis New Year

Also online are links to information on the proposed 250-unit Hiawatha Flats development at 43rd Street and Snelling Ave and early discussions on redeveloping the Purina Mills property and surrounding blocks with a potential 1,000 new housing units.

The next community workshop is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 7 PM, at Keewaydin Community Center (3030 East 53rd Street). Please check www.nokomiseast.org or call 612-724-5652 for last minute schedule changes and workshop content. If you cannot attend a session, but would like to be personally notified of future workshops and development news, please contact the NENA office at the above number, or email us at nenan@nokomiseast.org.

Liquor License Hearing for Dominguez

After months of remodeling and renovation, the owners of the Dominguez Family Restaurant, 3313 East 50th St, are nearly ready to open for business. They have applied to the city for either a full liquor or a strong wine and beer license.

On Thursday, January 12, at 6:30 PM, the City will hold a public hearing on Dominguez Family Restaurant's application. The meeting is in the basement of the Minnehaha United Methodist Church, 3701 50th Street. We urge all interested residents to attend.

Don't Forget The Night Before New Year's Eve

Just a reminder: NENA's sixth annual Night Before New Year's Eve Party is Friday, December 30. Join us for family-friendly evening of games, music and entertainment at the Nokomis Community Center, 2401 East Minnehaha Parkway, from 5-8 p.m.

The DJ's of KidsDance are back to spin musical favorites in the gym. The rest of the center will be filled with storytelling, crafts, facepainting, jazz, games and

much more. Laura's Famous Chilidog Chili returns along with the bonfire and old-fashioned hayrides.

Be sure to stick around for the noisemakers and raucous fun during the New Year's countdown at 8 p.m. Best of all, everything is free.

We still need volunteers for the event, so if you can help for an hour or two during the event, please give us a call.

NENA wishes all of our neighbors and friends a wonderful New Year!

Upcoming NENA Meetings and Events

Night Before New Year's Eve Party: Friday, Dec 30, 5-8 PM at Nokomis Community Center, 2401 East Minnehaha Pkwy. Call 612-724-5652 for info or to volunteer.

People Services and Safety: 7 PM, Thursday, Jan 5, at the NENA office, 3000 East 50th St.

Public Hearing: Thurs, Jan 12, 6:30 PM, Liquor License for Dominguez Restaurant, at Minnehaha United Methodist Church, 3701 East 50th Street.

Blue Water Association: 4:30 PM, Tuesday, Jan 17, at NENA.

Housing: 7 PM, Tuesday, Jan 17, at NENA.

Planning and Development: 7 PM, Wednesday, Jan 18 at NENA.

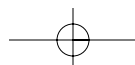
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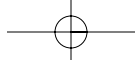
Station Area Planning Workshop: 7 PM, Thursday, January 26, at Keewaydin Community Center, 3030 East 53rd Street.

Environmental: 7 PM, Monday, Dec 23, at NENA.

Last-minute schedule changes are posted on our Calendar page at www.nokomiseast.org or you may call 612-724-5652.

If you would like to join us as a volunteer, contact the NENA Office at 612-724-5652 or email nenan@nokomiseast.org.





After a weekend of cross-country skiing with family and friends I am excited about winter. Hopefully you are too. It is by far my favorite season of the year when we actually have snow. On good snow years the chances to be outside and active are limited only by your willingness to get out and dangerous wind chills.

My favorite on-snow activity is cross-country skiing, just in case I haven't made that clear in past columns. In poor snow years we have made countless trips to Michigan's Upper Peninsula and Hayward, Wisconsin to find skiable snow. In the past couple of years we have made trek after trek to Elm Creek Park Reserve to ski on the 2.5 kilometer loop of man-made snow. But this year could be different.

The early snow could mean that the base is set and future accumulation will only improve conditions. There should be many opportunities to take your family out skiing, but don't put it off. The snow gods are fickle and can take it all away in a matter of days. There are many places to rent ski equipment, and most are relatively inex-



Out The Door

By JERRITT JOHNSTON

Excited about winter's arrival

pensive. The closest is Hiawatha Golf Course (<http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/documents/activities/winter/Hiawatha.pdf>) which has gentle terrain excellent for kids and beginners.

If you ski, or want to ski, there is one website you must check out: <http://www.skinnyski.com> Skinnyski has information on area trails, recently posted ski conditions, skiing related stories, links to area ski shops and an exhaustive calendar of ski races and events.

Skiing is not the only option for getting outside. Winter hikes can be a great way to enjoy the outdoors and many parks have designated hiking trails. The benefits of a winter hike are numerous.

Moving slower means being able to see the tracks of animals in

the snow on and along the trail. Also, winter hiking requires much less equipment than skiing. Translation: It's cheaper. And, even trails that you know by heart in the summer change character drastically when the leaves are down and they are covered with a layer of snow.

Another possibility for getting out in the winter is snowshoeing. Although the Metro area rarely receives enough snow for the use of old-fashioned wooden snowshoes, there are packed trails available at nearby parks. And if you don't have your own snowshoes Theodore Wirth Park in Minneapolis, rents them when conditions allow. (<http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/default.asp?PageID=679>)

If you must have the deep

snow and wilderness experience of backwoods snowshoeing, make plans for a weekend trip north. Last year, as Minneapolis suffered some of the worst snow conditions I can remember, cities as close as Duluth had record snowfall totals.

There are also many special winter events hosted in the area. The most varied and full list of activities is offered by Three Rivers Parks. You can find their calendar at http://www.threeriversparkdistrict.org/programs/Discoveries_winter_2005-06.pdf. Some of the highlights include guided animal tracking at nature centers, shelter building and nighttime hikes and snowshoeing.

On Saturday, January 14th, from 12-4 p.m. Minneapolis

Parks and Recreation is hosting the Fifth Annual Lake Harriet Winter Kite Festival. (<http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/default.asp?PageID=760>) Along with kite flying there will be horse and wagon rides, ice skating, ice fishing, snowshoeing a kids' medallion hunt and marshmallow roasting.

Finally, a couple tips to remember to make winter trips successful: quality clothes for your children, something warm to drink, realistic expectations, and snacks, snacks, snacks. Children burn as many or more calories than adults when they are outside in the cold, so keep them fueled properly and the chances for a fun outing without that meltdown are improved dramatically.

Hopefully, the early snow will stick around. Hopefully, you are as excited about that as I am. And, hopefully you will find healthy ways to enjoy the winter weather and landscapes with friends and family.

(If you have an idea for a column, questions, or suggestions feel free to contact me at Jerrittj@yahoo.com)

Public invited to comment...

Community and county may disagree regarding grain elevator site

A public meeting will be held on January 12, 2006 to view preliminary design concepts for a new entrance ramp into the Midtown Greenway between 10th and 11th Avenues. This is immediately east of Midtown Exchange, the old Sears buildings currently being rehabbed at the intersection of Chicago Avenue and Lake Street.

Readers of past Green Way issues (available on-line at: <http://www.midtowngreenway.org/news>) know that the grain elevators that stood on the north edge of the Greenway between 10th and 11th Avenues were demolished in Spring 2004 and Hennepin County, as landowner, is making plans for this land.

The County has agreed to construct a wheelchair accessible access ramp (no steeper than 5% grade) into the Greenway at this location but has indicated that they would sell the rest of the land to a developer to construct buildings on. The Midtown Greenway Coalition supports improved Greenway access, commends the County for this new ramp, but is on record supporting use of this site as public open space rather than filling it in with buildings. See the Coalition resolution at: http://www.midtowngreenway.org/programs/landuse/policy/050922_Cepro_resolution.htm.

With the development of a significant number of new housing units in the Midtown Exchange, there is a pressing need for public open space in this dense urban neighborhood.

Midtown Greenway Coalition board member George Puzak stated, The city of Minneapolis has a long history of providing public parks that serve the neighborhoods, the city and the region at large. By establishing a new Midtown Square public park at the Cepro site we can build on the tradition of Minneapolis park development.

This park has the potential to be the lynchpin that connects the Midtown Greenway with Anderson public school and Powderhorn Park.

The Midtown Greenway Coalition, residents of Midtown Phillips, and others participated in a series of public meetings in late 2004 on this topic and expressed a strong interest in seeing most or the entire cleared grain elevator site becoming public open space along with public art referencing the historic grain elevators in conjunction with the access ramp.

Attend the County-sponsored public meeting below to find out more about the County's plans and give your input on this golden opportunity to increase much needed public open space:

Thursday, January 12, 2006, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Abbott Northwestern Education Building, (on East 26th Street between Chicago and 10th Avenues)

The Midtown Greenway will be a linear park space more than five miles long, including a barrier-free bikeway and a separate walking path. This greenway will cross Minneapolis along the 29th Street railroad corridor parallel to, and just north of, Lake Street. It will connect the Chain of Lakes with the Mississippi River. On August 12, 2000, the cycling and walking paths opened up for public use in the western segment (from Chowen Avenue to 5th Avenue) and the middle segment opened November 2004 (from 5th Avenue to Hiawatha Avenue).

The Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority owns the corridor west of Hiawatha Avenue, and the City of Minneapolis is responsible for construction and maintenance of the cycling and walking paths. The Midtown Greenway

Coalition is the grassroots group serving as the voice for

residents and businesses in realizing our community's dreams for recreation, transportation,

greenspace, public art, and community revitalization through the Midtown Greenway.

Real Estate Advice

What Do Buyers Really Want?

Dear Readers,

Although much has changed in the real estate market in the past year, sellers still ask one question more than any other, namely: "What should I do to get my house ready to sell?" Here are some old words that still answer as succinctly as I could hope to say it again.

When I first meet with buyers to determine what they want in a house, they often specify features such as hardwood floors, natural woodwork, and a fireplace—sometimes before listing more practical considerations such as the number of bedrooms, baths or garage spaces. And I've often seen buyers willing to sacrifice a third bedroom, or that extra bath, when they fall in love with a house full of character and charm.

What our neighborhood buyers want, then, is most easily described as Old World charm. Sellers should keep this in mind when making decorating and remodeling decisions before going on the market. Here are four examples:

- Always opt to have floors sanded rather than carpeted (this is probably the most important advice I can give).
- Don't be afraid to use rich,

old-fashioned colors for your walls.

- If you replace windows, buy wood instead of vinyl. Wood can be stained or painted to match the trim in the home.
- Don't replace the old lighting fixtures, or try to find antiques if existing fixtures have been "modernized."

Local buyers love to find a "Grandma's" house—untouched over the years, with the original look and condition uncorrupted by renovations. For many buyers nowadays, an old hanging porcelain sink, linoleum countertops, composite tile floor, and white metal cabinets comprise an ideal kitchen. Lucky sellers who own such properties need only clean them (and, please, call me right away!).

Buyers also respond to a really "tight" house—there's a special feel to a home whose owner has gone the extra distance to caulk all the gaps between wood and wall, where no cracks show in the plaster, no wall paint mars the natural woodwork, and refinished window sills show no signs of water or wear. Where kitchen and bath, though not original, are impeccable. A small home

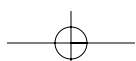


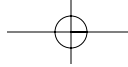
Pat Rosaves

with this appearance may sell more quickly than a larger, average-condition house at the same price.

Most sellers will, of course, rely on a Realtor for advice about improvements to be made before going on the market—but it's important to check with a real estate professional before making any major change, even if you plan to stay in your home for years.

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Longfellow History Moments

By ERIC HART

Life on Snelling Avenue 100 years ago

Henry and Sarah Pursell and their family braved temperatures in the lower teens on New Year's Day 1906 to pose for this family photo. Mr. Pursell had the house built in 1903 and by 1906 the area was still sparsely settled with only 5 other houses on their block.

The area around 27th and Lake was the most densely populated area in the neighborhood but even there the density was not all that great. Only a few shops were around the Lake and Minnehaha intersection and the old Longfellow School was on the northeast corner. One of the few factories in the area was the Minneapolis Steel and Manufacturing plant which had just opened near Minnehaha and 29th Street in 1903.

About a 1/2 a block north of their house at 3432 Snelling and across the railroad tracks at 34th Street was the Monarch Grain Elevator, the first grain elevator in the neighborhood (built in 1900). The railroad tracks behind their house had been active since the 1860s (note the rail cars on the right hand side of the picture) but had recently seen a sharp increase in traffic due to the boom in grain elevator construction. Between 1900 and 1905 no fewer than 7 grain elevators were built along those tracks from the Monarch at 34th Street to the Hiawatha at 43rd Street.

Water and sewer service hadn't yet reached their block, so the pump (visible to the left of their house towards the back) pulled water from their well which they hauled into the house. And one can imagine that the outhouse wasn't too far away! Electricity, gas, and phone service were only available in the more settled parts of town and then only the most

wealthy could afford them.

Except for the size of their lot and the closeness of the neighbors, life for the Pursell family wasn't a whole lot different than it would have been for a farm family of the time! In 1906 Mr. Pursell was a foreman at Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company, a firm that made billiard tables and bar fixtures. He might have had a horse in the back shed which he rode to work in downtown Minneapolis but most likely he took the streetcar which ran down Minnehaha Avenue, only a block away.

The substantial fence around their property might indicate that they had larger animals such as a cow or a horse but the fence could have been to keep other people's animals from grazing on

their property. It was still pretty rural in Longfellow 100 years ago! The Pursell family didn't stay in their house very long, by 1908 the family had relocated to Mora, Minnesota, only leaving this photo to remember them by.

(The Longfellow History Project, an initiative of the Longfellow Community Council, has started to document and compile our neighborhood's rich history. The Project will make neighborhood history more visible and widely known by sponsoring walking tours of historic areas, producing a neighborhood history book and collecting oral history interviews from residents. To get involved with the Longfellow History Project or for more information contact the Longfellow Community Council of fice at 612-722-4529.)



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Next step is request for proposals...

Reuse plan for Cooper and Howe moves ahead in January

By DEBORAH BROTZ

After the holidays, the reuse plan for Cooper and Howe schools will start up again in early January. The next step is the RFP or Request for Proposals by agencies and organizations interested in occupying space in the schools.

"We're now looking to see what the school puts together in terms of the RFP or invitation to request for proposals," said Angela Bushman, a member of the Cooper Outreach Team. "We're finally getting to that point."

Bushman looks forward to seeing who is interested in occupying Cooper School.

"My hopes are that there will be a lot of great organizations who are interested in utilizing space in a way that benefits community members and continues to keep the schools as community assets," she said.

"I'm quite pleased with how things are going right now. Expectations were really low when they first closed the schools. I feel Kevin Halbach is doing a pretty good job of representing the community even though the School Board is his client."

The Facilities Reuse Planning Team Executive Committee met Dec. 8, and the Minneapolis School Board met Dec. 13.

"The Executive Committee accepted the recommendation to establish a pre-proposal process to simplify identification of potential users and uses," said Kevin Halbach, senior planner at KKE Architects, Inc. "This is something that came out of the Howe and Cooper meetings. So, with that they directed the Planning Team to create a short form for interested people to complete and submit."

The Planning Team took

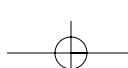
that recommendation to the School Board on Dec. 13 and proposed a schedule that included a bunch of dates. People interested in leasing will be asked to return a pre-proposal form by Jan. 20, 2006. They may receive technical assistance and can call the Planning Team to meet with them from Jan. 6-13. They can go on tours of the buildings the week of Jan. 9-13. Request forms are available now from:

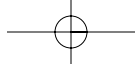
Minneapolis Public Schools, Facilities Reuse Planning Team, 807 N.E. Broadway, Minneapolis, MN 55413. People can call: (612) 336-9601 or Fax: (612) 342-9267 or E-mail: MPSReusePlan@mpls.k12.mn.us.

In the future, there will be two more rounds of community meetings.

In the second round, which

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A couple of weeks ago, as we were sipping hot apple cider from the corner coffee shop while pulling our Christmas tree home in my son's wagon, my husband and I got to talking about how lucky we are to live so close to so many wonderful little businesses. We realized, in fact, that some of these businesses—and the people who work at them—have become intricately woven into our daily life.

Our neighborhood market is an example that easily comes to mind, where we stop almost every day, and every day the employees are friendly and patient with my two-year-old as he picks out his own treat. He always wants to help pay for it, and then invariably decides he wants to exchange it for something else. He is never rushed, always thanked for coming, and invited to come again. He feels very special and important and, as a result, he wakes up most mornings asking if we can help him get dressed so he can go to the market first thing.

At our local pet supply store, the manager always remembers to give my son two dog biscuits—one for each dog—every time we stop in, and I get help carrying my twenty pound bag of dog food out to my car. We wave



Keeping the Business Beat

By ERICA MARSTON

Local business superheroes

hello to the "dog food store" each time we pass and I am required to report how much longer it will be before we run out of dog food or bones and need to stop in for another visit.

But perhaps the best illustration of this phenomenon is our somewhat unusual relationship with the corner auto repair shop.

The proprietor is a legend in our house. Since he made some repairs on my husband's '67 Ford pickup last summer, the man has been my son's hero. Each time we pass the blue and white building, my son literally sings, "There's the repair shop!" This has become something I can count on like the sun coming up each morning.

I don't know what sort of magical spell was cast on my little boy all those months ago (I do not pretend to be a part of the exclusive club of the auto-crazed), but now whenever any-

thing breaks in our house—a toy, a picture frame, a window—I am certain to hear, "The car repair shop man can fix it!" In my son's mind, there is nothing that man can't fix, including, he assures me, the Edmund Fitzgerald.

Unlike the neighborhood market and the pet supply store, where I go all the time, I had never been to a local auto repair shop, so I didn't know what all the fuss was about. Until recently when my car started making an uncharacteristic squeaking noise and my husband said, "Just take it down the street," and now I understand.

Although when I met him, the illustrious "car repair shop man" was not wearing a red cape and did not appear to have super powers as I might have expected, he did stand out in the pouring rain to listen to my car and he easily diagnosed the problem on

the spot. And, fortunately for me, the shop had a lighter workload than expected that day, so I was able to leave my car there and walk the few short blocks home. I was surprised when I received a phone call within a short amount of time with a report of what had been found. I was given options, recommendations, and suggestions regarding a certain caliber of new parts. My car was done exactly when promised.

When I returned to pick it up, the proprietor showed me the old parts, explained what had caused the trouble, and described how he made the repairs. (I had virtually no idea what he was talking about, but he spoke to me respectfully and treated me like I was intelligent so I went with it.) All the while we chatted about kids, cars, and fire hats, and he put air in my sister's low tire before we left. This

neighborhood business owner was genuine, honest, and friendly—even if he can't really leap tall buildings in a single bound. And, an added bonus: I believe my sister's exact quote was, "I just paid TEN TIMES that amount to have that kind of work done to my car!"

Such encounters are, to me, what neighborhood business is all about. This month I decided not include specific business names as a reminder that, in our neighborhood, we are all fortunate enough to live within walking distance of wonderful little corner markets and specialty shops, all of which offer unique opportunities to develop these kinds of relationships.

As we're heading into the new year, I'd like to encourage you to make a resolution to try at least one new-to-you local business each month. Do some exploring, meet some interesting people, have some great experiences, and find your own local superheroes.

(Let's support our neighborhood businesses. Do you know about anything interesting going on in the neighborhood business community—openings, closings, expansions? Contact me at epmarston@yahoo.com. I look forward to hearing from you.)

Reuse plan

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will probably be held in February, neighbors can respond to the kinds of uses being offered for the school building, but they will not have the right to say they object to the user.

In the third round, which will probably be held in April, neighbors will find out who is going to use the school building. It's a very detailed plan for use of the building including who will use it, what they're doing, and how much they're spending. Neighbors can respond to the plan that has been assembled before it goes to the School Board.

The School Board can modify the plan, approve the plan, or reject the plan. The hope is to have the plan approved by June 2006.

Cheryl Smith, a Howe Outreach Team member, feels things went well at the Dec. 7 Howe community meeting.

"It's great that people in the neighborhood were given the chance to voice their concerns about the school and future of the school," she said. "My biggest gripe as neighbors is that we had to make flyers, pay for them, and go door to door. I think the School Board can do a better job of letting neighbors know."

In order to participate in the reuse process, neighbors need to be informed.

"Not a lot of people know what's going on," said Smith. "Not a lot of people know how to find the website. If they want community input, then they have an obligation to make sure people know when meetings are held. The School Board has not been willing to do that."

Many concerns were voiced by neighbors at the Dec. 7 meeting.

"Neighbors want to maintain the green space and to make sure whoever goes into the school

takes care of the school," said Smith. "Agencies that benefit chil-

building." There was a lot of conversa-

"The School Board did a good job of reiterating this is not a business development, and there are no plans to turn it into housing."

— Cheryl Smith, Howe Outreach Team Member

dren will get a priority. Whoever comes in the building should be good for the neighborhood and

tion about parking and traffic. "The School Board did a good job of reiterating this is not

a business development, and there are no plans to turn it into housing," said Smith. "We're still all waiting to hear about the results from the meeting of the Executive Committee."

Smith looks forward to the next step in the reuse process.

"As organizations express an interest in the building, neighbors will have the opportunity to be involved in deciding what entities or parties go into the building so they can be involved in the future and shape of what happens at our school," she said.

Smith's hope is that any and all methods to let people know about meetings will be used.

"I hope that information gets communicated in a timely and clear fashion so neighbors can be involved," she said.

To keep up with the reuse process, people can go to the new Yahoo Groups at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cooperhowe/>

This is a public website open to anyone interested in joining the conversation on reuse planning for Cooper and Howe schools.

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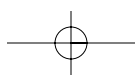
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Unique features make 42nd Street Lofts an 'eye opener'

By IRIC NATHANSON

The garage door at the front of Tony's Videen's loft condo moves up and down on rollers but it doesn't open into the garage. Instead, the door opens directly into the first level of Videen's four-story town house, creating a unique indoor-outdoor patio space.

The front garage door is only one of the unique features at the 42nd Street Lofts, the first of what will be three loft buildings at the western edge of Longfellow.

The dark brick building at the corner of 42nd and Dight was designed to blend in with the architecture of the adjacent industrial district along Hiawatha Avenue.

Videen's unit, along with six others in building, has concrete floors, brick walls and exposed duct work—all features that identify it as a "hard" loft.

"Some lofts may have high ceilings and open floor plans, but use more conventional finishes like dry wall and wood floors," Videen explains. "Those are 'soft' lofts. Ours are the true 'hard' lofts, with a more industrial look."

The austere, somewhat bleak façade of the 42nd Street building gives way to a series of light, airy interior spaces in each of the seven units. Videen's garage door provides a large front window for the first level, which serves as utility space with a furnace and a washer and dryer.

A staircase with open runners leads up to the second level which includes the living room, dining room, kitchen and half-bath. Another set of stairs goes up to the third level which contains a second bathroom and two bedrooms separated by a bridge or catwalk that overlooks the two

story living room. A spiral staircase leads up to small fourth floor sun room which opens on to a large rooftop deck.

Dight Avenue may seem like an unusual location for an upscale loft project, but the site was considerably more affordable than other undeveloped properties closer to the center of town, according to Videen, who serves as the real estate agent for the project.

"On a per-square foot basis, we provide a much better value than the downtown lofts, Videen said. "Here, we provide 2200 square feet for about \$400,000. Downtown, you would need to pay nearly twice that much for the same amount of space. An added plus for us is that the Light Rail is only a short walk away."

Videen is convinced that lofts are more than a passing fad in the Twin Cities. "They may be new here, but they go back to the 1960s on the East Coast. There, they are still as popular as they were when they first developed," he said.

The seven loft units in the 42nd Street building have all been sold, and Videen is currently marketing the new units that will be built in two six unit buildings on an adjacent site.

Videen helped guide the project's second phase through the city's regulatory review process. "The neighborhood was generally supportive of what we were trying to do," Videen said. "Some of the residents were a little skeptical at first, before the first phase was built. But once they saw the completed units, they came around. Now, they think the project is a real plus for the neighborhood."



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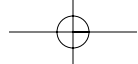
Artist Forum meets January 17 at Nokomis

Twin Cities Artist Forum will meet Tuesday, January 17, 2006, 7 p.m., at the Nokomis Community Center. Katie Nyberg, a member of the Minneapolis Arts Board member and Nokomis resident will speak on the current Minneapolis Plan for Arts and Culture.

There will also be time for artists to share and receive feedback on their work. Artists of all disciplines and anyone interested in the arts are welcome to attend at no cost. Call Richard at 612-727-3562 with questions.

Next deadline: Jan. 13

Next issue: Jan. 26



Longfellow Business Association announces annual winners of Diane Radtke Award

The Longfellow Business Association is pleased to announce two winners of the 2005 Diane Radtke Award: The Rail Station Bar & Grill and Leviticus Tattoo. Voting took place at the LCC's General Membership meeting and at the December LBA meeting and resulted in a tie.

LBA decided to award the \$250 prize to both businesses and will schedule future meetings at each location. (The January LBA meeting will be at the Rail Station - see details below!).

The Diane Radtke Community Improvement Award recognizes a Longfellow business that has greatly improved its site or the exterior of its building.

The Rail Station Bar & Grill moved into the old Jimmy's Steakhouse, a windowless bar, in July 2003. Former patrons of Jimmy's wouldn't recognize it now. The Rail Station put in many large windows, completely redid the exterior, installed a new patio and awnings, and just opened a red caboose "smoking

car" beside the building.

This creative addition has put owner Steve Benowitz and Manager Dave Koch in the media spotlight recently, along with the Rail Station's growing reputation as an LRT pub crawl destination.

Leviticus Tattoo has been in Longfellow for 10 years, but purchased its building just two years ago. Since then owner Kurt Melancon installed large new windows and lighting and refinished the front of the Lake Street property, using a unique method

of coloring and carving concrete to make it look like natural stone. Kurt and his staff did all the work themselves. The building renovation includes the recently opened salon, The Beauty Room, and together they maintain the eye-catching pair of large planters. Many people have commented on how attractive these businesses look now, especially at night.

Congratulations to these community businesses and please thank them for doing their part

to improve our community! To learn more visit: <http://www.railstationbarandgrill.com>, <http://www.leviticustattoo.com>

The next meeting of the LBA will be at the Rail Station on Thursday, January 12th, 1:30-2:30 p.m., at 3675 Minnehaha Ave S.

Join us at the Rail Station for complimentary coffee, tea, and soda. For those wanting a late lunch, the Rail Station will give you a \$1 off any lunch entrée or special. Contact Hillary for more information.



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Latino youth mentoring program unites community

La Oportunidad, Inc., a local non-profit organization connects Latino adults with Latino youth through its Líderes del Mañana program. The one-on-one mentorship program is seeking caring adults to be mentors. If you are interested in guiding and supporting a local

Latino youth please contact Maureen Springer at 612-872-6165 or maureens@oportunidad.org.




Here (from left to right), mentor Carmenza Preus and mentee Yuridiana López meet for the first time to fill out paperwork and begin their new relationship.

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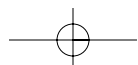
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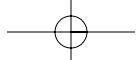
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St. Helena's hosts Open House, Round-Up

St. Helena Grade School, 3200 East 44th Street, will host an Open House on Sunday, February 5, 2006, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Parents of prospective students in all grades (Kindergarten through eighth grade) are invited to visit classrooms, teachers, and families of students who attend this 80-year-old educational institution. Registration for the Fall of 2006 will also take place on that morning.

St. Helena Grade School will also host their annual Kindergarten Round-Up for parents and prospective kindergarten students on Tuesday, January 17, 2006, in the school at one of two times: 10 a.m. or 7 p.m.

Parents and their children who are unable to attend the Open House or the Kindergarten Round-Up may call the school's principal, Mrs. Jane Hileman, at 612-729-9301 to arrange for a tour of the school at a mutually convenient time.

CoAM launches the Life Enrichment series

Cooperative Adult Ministry (CoAM) launches the winter Life Enrichment series on Monday, February 6 with Legislative Preview 2006 by Wes Skoglund, long-time State Senator from District 62 in south Minneapolis.

The series continues for four consecutive Mondays in February with classes on music of social change, travel, proposed housing along the Hiawatha corridor, health care economics, and the Iraqi war. Class times are 9:30 to 10:30 and 10:45-11:45 a.m. Register by February 2 for a discounted fee of \$20 for 4 days, 8 classes. At the door, it's \$22 for the series or \$6 for a single day. Call 612-721-5786 for a full schedule.

St. Helena's to present seminar with Bushman

The Church of St. Helena, 3204 E. 43rd St., will present Douglas Bushman, S.T.L., who will give an all-day seminar on "Knowing and Loving the Catholic Church with Pope Benedict XVI" on Saturday, February 18, 2006.

This seminar which includes three talks and lunch will be held in Rowan Hall (downstairs of the church) at 3204 East 43rd Street from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Douglas Bushman, an associate professor of Pastoral Theology at Ave Maria University in Naples, Florida, is a popular adult education speaker who has studied and taught the theology of Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, who recently was elected Pope Benedict XVI.

The charge (which covers lunch) is \$30 per person, and

scholarships are available by calling 612-729-7321. Pre-registration before Wednesday, February 15 at 9 p.m. is necessary.



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LBA meets at Rail Station Bar & Grill Jan. 12

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The Rail Station was one of two businesses to win the 2005 Diane Radtke Award for most improved business exterior. Come see for yourself what they've done and network with your business colleagues. The Rail Station is located at 3675 Minnehaha Ave. Contact Hillary at 612-722-4529 for more information on joining LBA.

Parenting Teens Class held at Faith Jan. 15

A Parenting Teens Class will be held at Faith Lutheran Church, 3430 East 51st Street on Sunday, January 15, 2006 from 10:30 - 11:45 a.m. The class will consist of 6 video-based sessions and will feature Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott, Christian family and life counselors. The class is free and open to everyone. Call the church office to register at 729-5463.

LUYF announces 1st annual fundraiser January 27

Longfellow United for Youth and Families announces the First Annual Community Dinner Fundraiser on Friday, January 27, at 6 p.m. in the Social Hall at St. Albert's Church located at 2836 33rd Ave South. A \$5 donation is appreciated.

Longfellow United for Youth and Families (LUYF) mission is to unite multiple generations and community resources to develop caring, capable and contributing youth. Our areas of focus are family empowerment, mentoring/tu-

toring and restorative justice.

We encourage all community members to come and learn more about the work we are doing with youth and families in the Longfellow Community. For Longfellow parents with youth seeking tutoring, please come and learn more about how you and your children can get involved in our programs.

Longfellow United for Youth and Families (LUYF) has been a community-based educational effort for over ten years.

Tapestry Center schedules upcoming events

Special Event: Saturday evening, Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Party and Dance: Potluck dinner for all at 6:30 p.m., followed by dancing in 2 spaces from 8:15 p.m. on.

Regular Events: Monday evenings: Latin Dance classes beginning, 6:30-8 p.m., intermediate - 8-9:30 p.m., \$12/class.

Thursday evenings: Swing dance classes, 6:30-9:30 p.m. - \$9; Late Night DJ Dance—10 p.m. - \$6.

Friday evenings: International Folk Dance, including teaching, 7:30-11:30 p.m., \$7.

1st Saturday of month: Swing dance workshops, 1-5 pm, prices vary; evening Swing dance, 7:30 pm, \$10 2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturdays: New England Contra Dance, 7:30-11:30 p.m., \$9

Saturday evenings, 7:30-9:30 pm: Beginning International Folk Dance, \$5

Sunday evenings: English Country Dance, 6-9 p.m. on 1st Sun. of month, \$6; all other Sundays 7-9 p.m., \$5.

St. Helena's to present program Christmas Eve

The Church of St. Helena, Min-

neapolis, will present a half-hour musical program before the 4 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2005. This program of choral and organ music will begin at 3:30 p.m. in the church located at 3204 East 43rd Street.

Following the Mass, parishioners and guests are invited to a Christmas Eve Party downstairs in Rowan Hall. A buffet of appetizers, desserts, and beverages will be served.

Volunteers needed: Say yes to your neighbor!

Help your older neighbors remain independent in their own homes. The Home Block Nursing Program has volunteer opportunities for persons 55+ in the Nokomis, Longfellow and Seward neighborhoods. Opportunities include visitation, driving to appointments, chore worker, clerical, or grocery shopping. Choose one or several opportunities. Hours are flexible. Volunteers 55+ are eligible for benefits through the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. Call Gale: 612-617-7821.

Community nights at Trinity of M'haha Falls

Neighbors are invited to have a delicious supper and enjoy your neighbors on Wednesday evenings this winter at Trinity of Minnehaha Falls (5212 41st Avenue S). The meal is served continuously from 5:30-6:30 (suggested donation: \$3 adults/\$1 kids/\$8 family max).

After supper, there are activities for all ages, including Pioneer Clubs for kids, Jr. High JAM, Sr. High small group and adult classes and groups. Community Nights will resume after the

Christmas break on January 11.

The adult forum that evening will feature the movie "The Privileged Planet," discussing "Darwin vs. Designer" theories of the universe (beginning at 6:45 p.m.) For more information please call 612-724-3691.

Fireroast Cafe schedules January events

On January 6, Fireroast Mountain Cafe, 3800 37th Av. S., will be hosting "Stone Child." Acoustic guitar. Music will be at 7:30 p.m.

On January 11, join the First Ever Scrabble Night at the Fireroast Mountain Cafe! Open to all. Bring your boards!

On January 13, Fireroast Mountain Cafe will be hosting an Acoustic Open Mike Night hosted by Art Robusto! If you'd like to play, sign up by 7 p.m. If you want to just enjoy the show, music will start at 7:30 p.m.

On January 20, Fireroast Mountain Cafe brings you the Fireroast Mountain Boys! You've never quite sure what you're going to get, but it's always fun! Music starts at 7:30 p.m.

On January 26, join us at the Fireroast Mountain Cafe for an evening of "Stories of Peace and Justice" by Larry Johnson at the Fire Roast as a benefit for the new peace bridge and "Spirit of Peace Statue" at the Lake Harriet Peace Garden. Event begins at 7 p.m.

DFL hosts town hall meeting January 3 at South

The DFL Progressive Caucus is hosting a town hall meeting with Congressman Sabo to hear the citizens opinions on Iraq Tuesday, January 3, 7 p.m. at South High.

Students from Lighthouse Academy visit State Capitol

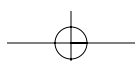
Students from the Lighthouse Academy of Nations in Minneapolis recently took a field trip to the State Capitol in St. Paul.

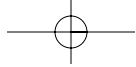
During a tour of the Capitol, students were able to see the historic House and Senate chambers, original furnishings in the restored Supreme Court and the historic Rathskeller Café.

Guided tours of the Capitol are available to the public and begin on the hour until one hour before closing, and special events, tours and educational programs are available for modest fees throughout the year. Contact the Historical Society at 651-296-2881 for more information, or visit its web site at www.mnhs.org.



During the students' visit, they met with State Senator Wes Skoglund (DFL-Minneapolis) (first row, left) and State Representative Jim Davnie (DFL-Minneapolis) (first row, right).





Project could span four city blocks...

Developer says he wants to work with stakeholders near Purina site

By JAN WILLMS

Developer Dale Joel has two visions. His first vision is to build a major mixed use, housing/commercial development on Longfellow's old Purina site on Hiawatha Avenue. His second vision is to make sure that all the stakeholders in South Minneapolis are involved in the project such that it becomes a model community in Longfellow's future.

Area residents had an opportunity to interact with Joel and architect Tod Elkins as they discussed the site from 3801 to 3901 Hiawatha Avenue at a recent meeting of the Longfellow Community Council at Hiawatha Park on Dec. 8.

Joel, of Capital Growth Inc., has a purchase agreement for 3801 to 3901 Hiawatha Avenue, but has thoughts of developing a four city block area. He hopes, regardless of the final size, his development will include both rental and condos, senior housing, affordable units, retail and possibly a medical clinic or other services.

The site includes property that was once the home of the Purina mill. Gary Schiff, Ward 9 council member, invited the audience to consider what the land might look like if the slate were wiped clean, and they were participants in a building project that would start from the beginning.

"What would it look like if we just dreamed?" asked Schiff. He suggested the development match the character of the neighborhood, and said he is hoping a task force can be created that will re-examine the area.

Joel, whose connections with the neighborhood included graduating from Roosevelt High School, said he is excited about engaging with the community in the process of this development.

"I feel privileged to work with all the stakeholders involved, and I have previously been successful at that with industrial, mixed-use and retail projects," he said. "We're going to bring creativity to the table."

Joel said this project will be based on transportation-oriented development (TOD).

He said many developers have tried to work with TOD and have been unsuccessful.

"When you do piecemeal development, you end up with good things here and there," he stated. "This is a complex site, and we're willing to take the time to try and make great things happen here."

He said they are looking at owner-occupied and rental units, senior co-ops, office and retail for the development.

He said the development could be done in four phases, and could end up being a five to eight-year project. Joel said the first two phases would be the core of something that could relate to the neighborhood and a transit center.

"We see this as some sort of



Developer Dale Joel emphasized his desire to work with all the stakeholders in the proposed development of the Purina site at 3801-3901 Hiawatha Avenue in Minneapolis. (Photo by Terry Faust)

community that is an extension of your community," Joel said.

"There are some tough traffic issues and difficult acquisition issues, but one by one, these issues will come together," he added.

"A seniors' place relates to a place for kids to play, which relates to a medical center and a grocery. They all relate," he said.

He said one plan has been submitted to the city for a grant, but that plan was not something that was going to be done. "We needed to put something on paper, but we've poked a lot of

holes in it already," he said. "We considered bridges, but then dismissed them. We had a whole bunch of plans that didn't work for pedestrians. We need to plan for the directions people walk."

Elkins, an architect for UrbanWorks Architecture, said that to have a successful TOD, a development must respect pedestrians and bicyclists as much as cars. He said a pedestrian-friendly environment would enliven and revitalize the area.

"We want what we're planning to be an enhancement to the community, future residents

and the rest of the city," he said. "It will be serving a diverse level of population—seniors, low-income families, a variety of population."

Elkins said another goal of the development is that it be an investment in urban place that will appeal to families and singles. "We need space between buildings, a place where people gather and things happen," he said.

He said the development must create connections and reknit some of the urban fabric, adding value back into the com-

munity.

He said a successful development needs great designs, showing how retail fits with parking and housing fits with retail. He suggested the developers, city and neighborhood all work together. "If we put the time in now, we can create the best situation for everyone," he said.

He added that the Purina site is a great location, with views of Nokomis, downtown and the river.

Elkins described two types of problems: simple, such as one and one adding up to two, and complicated, such as urban design. "But working together, we've got something spectacular here," he said.

Joel said his status with the property now is that he is scheduled to close on Purina during the month of December.

He said he is currently working with the railroad, and when ADM stops grinding flour he expects the rest of the tracks to be abandoned. "There are a number of strategies we are proceeding on, and we're working with ADM," he said.

An audience member said he had been in touch with the railroad, and what he heard conflicted with what Joel was saying. He said there were some nice things Joel wanted to do, but there could be some protracted fights with the railroad that should not be glossed over.

"You're right," Joel responded. He said he was paying a railroad designer to design rail car storage north of Lake as a possibility. He said, however, that nothing was tied up with the railroad company and nothing was in writing.

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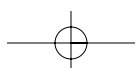
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Hennepin County relaxes smoking ban for bars

By JAN WILLMS

As of December 31, bars and private clubs in Hennepin County will see whether a relaxed smoking ban will make any changes in their business. On that date, those clubs and bars with liquor sales that are more than 50 per cent of their total net sales may apply for an exemption to the ordinance that established a total smoking ban.

This amendment was voted for by Commissioners Mike Opat, Mark Stenglein, Peter McLaughn and Penny Steele. Voting against the amendment were Commissioners Gail Dorfman, Randy Johnson and Linda Koblick.

However, businesses in Minneapolis will not be affected, and the citywide smoking ban will remain in place.

"There is no intent on the City Council to revisit the smoking ban," said Ward 9 Council Member Gary Schiff. "It's stronger today than ever before." He said city residents proved this by voting in candidates who strongly support clean indoor air policies.

"The ban is actually strengthening business," he said, "and there is no trend to amend it. It was the case of one commissioner changing his vote."

Schiff said that Lake Street is thriving with more restaurants open than ever, and the number of liquor licenses in the area has tripled. "These are high quality bars and restaurants," he added. "The taxable revenues have come up in the past year."

Some businesses, in fact, have attempted to use the smoking restrictions to their advantage. Dave Koch, who manages the Rail Station on Minnehaha, said his business has established a pri-

vate smoking car, although it's only been open for a couple of days.

"It's too early to tell how many people this will draw," he said. He said the Rail Station has offered a patio in the warmer months where patrons can eat, drink and smoke. The smoking car is for smoking only.

"The patio was packed since the ban went into effect," Koch said. He said that although he knows of some bars that were desperately hurt by the ban, it has



As of December 31, bars and private clubs in Hennepin County will see whether a relaxed smoking ban will make any changes in their business. (Photo by Terry Faust)

not affected the business in the Rail Station that much. He said it is hard to tell whether the relaxation of the ban in Hennepin County will have any effect on the bars in Minneapolis.

The amendment to the ban may make things even tougher for the Poodle Club, according to bartender Mike Ghent. The bar, located at 3001 E. Lake St., may now be competing with some additional metro area bars that lie outside the city of Minneapolis, but within Hennepin County.

"My understanding is that the amendment will only directly affect about eight bars," Ghent said.

"I don't smoke," he added, "and I am glad I don't go home smelling like a Marlboro every night. But on the other hand, I have a college education and no one is forcing me to work in this environment."

He said he does not see the amendment to the ban foreshadowing any changes in Minneapolis.

"The guy that started the ban in Minneapolis was Gary Schiff, who represents our ward, and he was voted back into office. I don't see any change until he is voted out. And now there is even stronger support for the ban, based on the new people who were voted in," he said.

Ghent said he hoped for a solution that would provide for a 50/50 split between the smokers and non-smokers. He said a state-wide ban would even the playing field, but he thought a metro-wide ban would be even better.

Sue Jeffers, owner of Stub & Herbs at 227 Oak St. in Minneapolis said the amendment does nothing for her.

"But it's the nicest Christmas present you could ever have given to a small number of bars," she added. "It breaks my heart every time another friend has to lock the doors."

Jeffers said she considers it ironic that the supporters of a smoking ban have to spend millions of dollars to get the bans passed.

"I was very happy for the bar owners who will benefit from the amendment," she said. "I just wish it were me."

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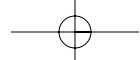


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Purina Site Update

On December 8 approximately 48 Longfellow residents gathered at Hiawatha Park to hear about redevelopment plans for the Purina site. Developer Dale Joel of Capital Growth Inc. has an option to buy the Purina site and plans to close on the site in January of 2006, but his vision is much bigger than one city block. Ultimately he hopes to redevelop four blocks, both sides of the railroad tracks from 3500 Hiawatha to 3900 Hiawatha. When asked how many housing units Joel was proposing, he said that it could be several hundred or it could be thousands. Joel envisions mixed-use for the site. He is hoping for some rental and condos, senior housing, affordable units, retail and possibly a medical clinic or other services. He has expressed interest in working closely with the neighborhood and to that end LCC will be convening a neighborhood task force. Ten task force volunteers were recruited at the Dec. 8th meeting and will begin meeting shortly. To learn more about this development call Carrie at 612-722-4529 or email carrie@longfellow.org.

General Membership Meeting



Longfellow residents enjoyed a potluck feast and looked for their names on LCC's "giving tree" dedicated to volunteers. Pictured here: *Monica Brady, Jerry Dastych, Scott Cramer, Greg Toltzman, Katie Hatt and Beverly Conerton. Photos by Hillary Oppmann*



project. This proposal was scheduled to go before Zoning and Planning on December 15th. For a Planning Commission update call Janelle Widmeier at 612-673-3156.

Here are a few of the more substantive changes that were made to this proposal.

- There is a reduction of the link between the 2 parts of the larger building from two stories down to one.
- Two-story townhouses style units were put in along 43rd and 44th streets, in place of the live/work offices, garage access and indoor pool uses in the original plan. These will be located along the setback line so that it's a more active face to the adjacent lower-density residential area.
- The fire lane on the west of the bldg. has been converted into a driveway to access all indoor parking for the larger building. Garage doors in the center of the west side will provide access to the ramp to the lower level garage and to the grade-level indoor parking areas of the larger building. The driveway and fire lane will extend south from 43rd St. for two-thirds the length of the building and a 10' wide turf paver lane

will cover the remaining one-third to provide fire truck access and walking path. (This was approved by fire dept.)

- The coloration and detailing of the 6-story building has been reworked in a more modern vernacular.
- Small reduction in the exterior parking by 4 stalls and interior parking by 9. (This is still more than is required)
- More trees on the boulevard.
- Delete site signs. Massive monument signs were too suburban looking. Buildings will be known by their addresses. There is a copy of the new plan at the LCC office. To take a look at the changes made, call Carrie at LCC at 612-722-4529.

Welcome new board member Melissa Dew

At the December General Membership Meeting and Potluck Melissa Dew was elected as an at-large representative for the Longfellow Community Council. She is filling out Scott Cramer's remaining term (1 year and 4 months) that he vacated to move in to the open Longfellow seat. Welcome Melissa and congratulations! And thanks Scott!

Rain Garden Grants Deadline Feb. 17

Have you heard your neighbors talking about rain gardens and wondered just what they are? Rain gardens are shallow (2"-18") depressions, typically planted with colorful native plants, strategically located to collect, infiltrate and filter rain water. The goal of rain gardens is to collect rain that hits hard surfaces like roofs, patios, alleys, and streets, to minimize negative impacts of excessive runoff from these surfaces on lakes and streams.

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Longfellow and Seward residents and businesses can once again apply for our popular \$50 matching grants and learn how to design and plant a rain garden during a 2-part workshop series in March and April. For more information and an application, visit www.longfellow.org or contact Hillary at 722-2529 or hillary@longfellow.org. The deadline to apply is Friday, February 17th.

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And the Winner is...

The Longfellow Business Association is pleased to announce two winners of the 2005 Diane Radtke Award: The Rail Station Bar & Grill and

Leviticus Tattoo. Voting took place at the LCC's General Membership meeting and at the December LBA meeting and resulted in a tie. The business association decided to award the \$250 prize to both businesses and will schedule future meetings at each location.

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Congratulations to these community businesses and please thank them for doing their part to improve our community!

Hiawatha Flats Update:

Developer Klodt appealed the recommendations of the Planning Commission and has made some changes on the initial

JANUARY 2006

COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND LCC EVENTS

Call the LCC office at 612.722.4529 to confirm dates and times. The LCC calendar can be accessed online at www.longfellow.org.

Mon. Jan. 2	NRP Steering 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. LCC office
Tues. Jan. 3	Community Connections 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Family & Children's Serv
Wed. Jan. 4	Executive/Finance 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. LCC Office
Mon. Jan. 9	NDC Development Caucus 6:30 - 8:20 p.m. Family & Children's Serv
	Fundraising 6:45 - 8:30 p.m. Call 722-4529 for location
	River Gorge 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Hiawatha Park
Thur. Jan. 12	Longfellow Business Assoc. 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Rail Station Bar and Grill
Tues. Jan. 17	Restorative Justice 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. MN Transitions School
Weds. Jan. 18	Housing/ Development Group 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Location TBD
Thur. Jan. 19	Board of Directors 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Hiawatha Park
Mon. Jan. 23	3rd Precinct Advisory 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. 3rd Precinct
Tues. Jan. 24	Environment & Trans. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Hiawatha Park

Meetings are free and open to the public.

NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT CAUCUS MEETING AND ELECTIONS

January 9, 2006

6:30-8:30pm

Family and Children Services
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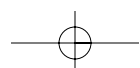
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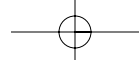
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Purina site

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He described the project site as environmentally positive. "Food processing sites are generally very clean," he noted. "It is safe enough for residential standards."

He said he has a grant application to facilitate the TOD. "We've been recommended by the city to the county as one of the potential recipients, but the county has to make the final call," Joel said.

Responding to a question, Joel said the plan presented by him and his partners does not take away any single-family homes. He said that although his group only controls the Purina site, he is trying to avoid a hodgepodge of building. "We want a good plan, and we are trying to do something really great," he said.

Elkins added that they want to create a holistic approach to all sites.

Asked about their credentials, Joel said he bought three square blocks of the North Loop in 1998, which is part of a 12-year plan.

"There was a vacant office and two or three ramshackle buildings," he said. "We planned to build mostly offices, but ended up with mixed use. A second mid-rise condo building has been built, with plans for a third."

Elkins said his firm has built lofts, senior housing in Blaine and is working on a condo project on Wabasha, and also is working on the old Abbott Hospital site.

Joel said he would be willing to meet with neighbors located right across the street from the Purina site and inform them on the demolition process that will be occurring.

He said he would guess that the tax base is 3 or 3.5 per cent of the value of the project, depending on what is built. He said it will cost \$10 to \$20 million just for demolition costs on the site.

He also said he is looking into what it takes to be designated green as a development. "I am an environmentalist," he said, "and I would like a low-impact environmental development."

Although not many specific determinations have yet been made about the site, Joel and others agreed that the community members have an opportunity to participate in this development from the start.

And they can envision what their dreams might look like.



Developer Dale Joel said that the development of the Purina site could be done in four phases, and could end up being a five to eight-year project. Joel said the first two phases would be the core of something that could relate to the neighborhood and a transit center. (Photo by Terry Faust)

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Seward-Longfellow youth honored as neighborhood champions

It was a memorable evening for more than 100 youth from the Seward-Longfellow neighborhoods who were honored as "Neighborhood Champions." The event was sponsored by Family & Children's Service, Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice, Longfellow Community Council, Seward Neighborhood Group, and Minneapolis Park & Recreation.

Neighborhood Champions are ordinary people who do extraordinary things to make their neighborhoods a better place to live. These are youth who are nominated by their neighbors and peers to be recognized for their contributions.

This is the first time that youth were specifically honored as Neighborhood Champions. More than 200 youth and their families attended the event at Matthews Park on Tuesday, December 6.

Among those being recognized were a group of youth who

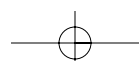
raised more than \$1200 this summer to help pay for a sculpture in Brackett Park that would replace an aging rocket.

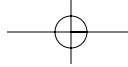
The kids, ages 8-14, put on a "Star Wars" play and held several performances for neighbors, family and friends. The money was given to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for the sculpture project. Ironically, Brackett Park is named for George Brackett, former mayor of Minneapolis and founder of Family & Children's Service, one of the sponsors of the Youth Neighborhood Champions event.

"All of the youth that were honored have made a significant difference in the safety and livability of the Seward-Longfellow neighborhoods," said Ilya Yacevich, Community Builder for Family & Children's Service. Last year, more than 400 people were recognized as Neighborhood Champions throughout the Twin Cities.



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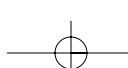
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Ford Plant

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shop and then for the international union," Killeen said. "My brother John is a bargaining committeeman for the local union, and my brother Dan is an air tool technician."

Killeen went on to say that Ford has provided a comfortable and stable living over the years.

"In 2002, we had a \$130 million payroll just at this plant," he said. He said the plant itself is probably the most technologically advanced in the state of Minnesota.

He added that the technology that has come in has provided the biggest change he has seen in his years of working at Ford. He admits that part of that technology has eliminated some jobs.

However, he said that manufacturing as a whole has suffered in the United States, starting with the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

"Expanding all these other trade agreements has decimated our industry," he said.

Killeen said that auto making is a highly skilled trade, but

that does not mean it can't be done overseas.

"I think the plan is to get rid of manufacturing in this country, but no one wants to admit it," he said.

Killeen said that right now, Thailand is the number one producer of light trucks for Ford.

"The only thing keeping them out of our market is the 25 per cent tariff on all Thai pickup trucks imported," he added. "President Bush wants to lift the tariff. We hope it won't be brought up in the 2006 session of Congress."

Killeen said he believes that if that tariff were ever lifted, it would probably end all small pickup production in the United States.

"Unless something is done to correct the trade agreements, I see manufacturing on a decline until it doesn't exist anymore," he said.

Despite his concerns for the future, however, Killeen sees a strong likelihood that the local Ford plant will continue.

"There just seems to be an inclination in the public to buy things that are not American-made," he said. "I just wish people would buy American."



The Ford Plant in St. Paul had been building LTD sedans and F series pickup trucks, but later went to Ranger production. The Ranger is a compact pickup. Like sales for Ford in general, however, the sales for the Ranger truck have fallen off as well. (Photo by Terry Faust)

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