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Correction For Kathy Lantry Ad

We would like to apologize to Ward 7 City Council Member Kathy Lantry for the computer mixed up her e-mail address in her advertisement. It should be ward7@ci.spaul.mn.us. Once again, her phone number is 651-266-8670 and those who use the mail, letters should be sent to Room 320-C City Hall, Saint Paul, MN 55102.

Winter Painter

A month ago, when it was still cold, the last thing a person would expect to see would be a bundled up figure standing in the snow, in front of an easel. But there he was, working on a small oil painting.

The artist was Richard Abraham, a Michigan native, now a St. Paul resident who lives in Lowertown. After studying painting and design in college, he made a living as a designer in broadcast television design an animation. In 1998 he decided to paint full time and moved to the Twin Cities to study classical oil painting techniques. But indoor painting was not for him.

“The first time I set up a easel outside and painted with the sun on my face, I was hooked,” he said. “I had spent too many years in front of a computer monitor on beautiful days.”

For the past few years he has been concentrating on what some call “air oil painting.” He said he has done a lot of work from the bluff and in the Bruce Vento Nature area below.

You can see some of his paintings and get other information about this hardy artist by going to his web site at richardabraham.com

Dayton’s Bluff Home Tour

The 2006 Dayton’s Bluff Home Tour will be held on Saturday, May 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 7th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. It is part of the Minneapolis – St. Paul Home Tour sponsored by the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) and Saint Paul Planning and Economic Development. The Home Tour is free of charge and open to the public.

There are a number of Dayton’s Bluff homes on the tour this year. Look in the Minneapolis/Saint Paul Home Tour brochure inserted in this issue of the Dayton’s Bluff District Forum for a complete list.

Dayton’s Bluff residents discussing issues with Bob Kessler, Director of NHPI and LIJE, and Harold Robinson, Supervisor of Code Enforcement on the East Side of Saint Paul at our April Community Meeting. Our next meeting is May 4th at 6:30 pm at East 7th Street.

Dayton’s Bluff Preservation Evening

Want to learn more about repairing and preserving your historic home? Curious about the extensive rehab project your neighbor has taken on?

Metropolitan State University’s Center for Community-Based Learning, Dayton’ Bluff District 4 Council Community, and the Dayton’s Bluff Branch of the St. Paul Public Library are co-sponsoring a special event for Preservation Month this May. On Wednesday, May 3, from 6 to 8 p.m., please come hear about historically sympathetic home preservation and repair.

Dayton’s Bluff has a historic district. Many neighbors living in the district or outside the district have had extensive experience preserving and repairing their historic homes. Some of these neighbors will be on hand to speak about their homes and show before and after images.

Have a historic home you want to preserve and research and don’t know where to start? Library staff will talk briefly about researching your home and its previous owners in the library. We will also hear from experts in the field who offer technical advice, assessment, and hard-to-find classes such as historic masonry. Refreshments will be served.

The event will take place in the Ecolog Community Room, third floor of Metropolitan State University’s Library and Learning Center, just east of the intersection of Seventh and Maria. For more information, contact Rebecca Ryan at 651-793-1296 or Rebecca.ryan@metrostate.edu.
May at the Mounds Theatre

Starting Gate Productions finishes up its first season at the Mounds Theatre in May with their production of The Boys in the Band written by Mark Crowley and directed by K. Jason Bryan.

Arguably the most significant gay play written, this groundbreaking, searing comedy-drama brought "homos" out of the closet and placed them center stage in the 1960s.

This play features the talents of Nickalas Early, Andrew Fafoutakis, William Grier, Michael Jarembek, Mark L. Mattison, Derek Miller, Scot Moore, Nickalaus Early, Andrew Fafoutakis and directed by K. Jason Bryan.

The Boys in the Band runs from May 19 - June 10, 2006 with evening performances Thursdays - Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are $18 general, $16 students and seniors. Call 651-645-3503 for tickets or visit www.startinggate.org.

Starting Gate will be returning to the Mounds in September for their fifth season, which they are dubbing "Director's Choice."

Five directors from Starting Gate's past were asked to direct a show of their own choosing.

Their choices include:

A View From the Bridge by Arthur Miller; directed by Jodi Kellogg, September 8 - October 1, 2006; *P.S. Your Cat Is Dead by James Kirkwood; directed by Richard Jackson, November 3 - 26, 2006; *Amadeus by Peter Shaffer; directed by Jon Kobil, January 23 - February 18, 2007; **True West by Sam Shepard; directed by Brian Goranson, March 23 - April 15, 2007; and **King Lear by William Shakespeare; directed by Matt Sciple, May 18 - June 10, 2006.

The Mounds Theatre is located at 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN 55106. Contact the Mounds at 651-772-2253 or visit www.moundstheatre.org.

Seasonal Events

Night Out Kick-Off Planning Picnic

This year neighborhood people and Block Clubs from all over city of Saint Paul are coming together to kick off their planning for National Night Out (NNO). The event is on May 15th at the Como Park Midway Picnic Pavilion from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Chris Coleman and Police Chief Harrington will be there along with the mounted patrol, the canine unit, food and much more. You will be able to learn how to have a NNO event, receive tips for making your event better, meet people from all over the city who have had NNO events, and pick up registration and permit applications for your NNO event in August.

Don’t miss this chance to meet residents from across the city. For more information call Karin at 651-772-2075.

Recognize Neighbors’ Good Deeds

Do you have a neighbor who is always doing nice things for you and/ or your neighbors? Maybe you showed your snow or cut the grass? Help paint the house? Maybe even shoo bats out of the house? You can call the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council at 651-772-2075 and request that your neighbor receives a certificate of appreciation.

There are so many good deeds that people do that should be recognized. In March, Greg Sroder received an award for all the things he and his family do to help their neighbors and make Dayton’s Bluff a better place to live.

Spring is Here so Walk, Walk, Walk

One of the best forms of exercise is walking. Let’s start walking about the neighborhood. Here are the benefits of daily physical activity.

• Keeps weight under control.
• Improves blood cholesterol levels.
• Reduces and reduces high blood pressure.
• Prevents bone loss.
• Boosts energy level.
• Helps manage stress.
• Improves self-image.
• Counters anxiety and depression and increases enthusiasm and optimism.
• Increases muscle strength, giving greater capacity for other physical activities.
• Provides a way to share an activity with family and friends.
• Establishes good heart-healthy habits in children and counters the conditions (obesity, high blood pressure, high cholesterol levels, poor lifestyle habits, etc.) that lead to heart attack and stroke later in life.
• In older people, it helps delay or prevent chronic illnesses and diseases associated with aging and maintains quality of life and independence longer.

Information from the American Heart Association.

A new program to encourage residents in Dayton’s Bluff to get out and walk has started. Free pedometers are available at the Dayton’s Bluff Library at 645 East 7th Street.
Neighborhood Sale

The Dayton’s Bluff Community Council will be holding a Neighborhood Sale on June 10th. The Neighborhood Sale is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hamm Park, located at East 7th Street and Greenbrier.

This is an open event. If you have something to sell, each family participating is asked for a $10 donation to help cover advertising and other expenses. For those who are selling items, set up in Hamm Park at East 7th and Greenbrier at 8:00 a.m. on the 10th.

Or if you have items you want to give away and do not want to spend the day selling, donate them to the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council and they will sell them as part of their fundraiser.

The Dayton’s Bluff Neighborhood Sale will feature many great items for the home and family. This is a great way to clear out clutter and find new treasures. Come meet your neighbors! Call the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council at 651-772-2075 for more information.

Neighborhood Newspaper Donations Starting

The Dayton’s Bluff District Forum’s first fundraising venture is off to a good start. Money has started arriving and they are much appreciated. We will still be accepting donations through May 15th so send something in, large or small.

We hope you will join in and be one of the people who value a monthly newspaper full of local news, specialty articles, announcements and other community events enough to give as few dollars. The cost of everything has gone up, and newspaper supplies and printing are no exception.

Any donation, large or small, will be welcome and are tax deductible. We’ll add your name to the list of supporters (unless you want to stay anonymous) and anyone who sends in at least twenty-five dollars will be given a free gift subscription that can be mailed to a friend or former resident who now lives outside of Dayton’s Bluff.

Checks should be sent to: District Forum c/o Karin DuPaul 798 East Seventh Street St. Paul, Mn. 55106

Need Recycling Bins?

You can pick up recycling bins at 798 East 7th Street at the corner of 7th and Margaret. Call 651-772-2075 to be sure someone is in the office.

Curbside recycling pick-up is Every Tuesday. Have your recycling on the curb by 7:00 a.m.

WaterFest 2006 — A Family Festival

Saturday, May 20, 2006 Phalen Park Pavilion, St. Paul Wheelock Parkway and Arcade St.

Families from around the Twin Cities are invited to a day of lakeside fun at WaterFest 2006. Sponsored by the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District, City of St. Paul and other partners, WaterFest is a celebration of our clean lakes and an opportunity for hands-on learning about the water quality, wildlife, and special ecological features of our beautiful watershed.

Everyone can play a role in protecting our water resources. At WaterFest 2006 we will help families make the connection between activities in our neighborhoods and the health of local lakes, streams and wetlands. This free event is also an opportunity to celebrate spring and enjoy one of the lakes that makes our area a great place to live!

Schedule:
5K Run-Walk Around Lake Phalen: 9 am – 10 am (Register at www.rwmwd.org)
Free Pavilion Exhibits and Activities: 10 am – 3 pm
Great Food at Pavilion: 10 am – 3 pm
Free Performances at Pavilion: 11 am – 2 pm
Raffle Drawing at Pavilion: Noon

Highlights of WaterFest activities include:
* On-the-water education in Wilderness Inquiry Voyageur canoe and by pontoon boat
* Rain garden tours
* Shore land restoration tours
* Fishing and stream monitoring
* Live animals from around the lake and beyond
* Juggling show, music by Mr. Jim, clowns and face painting
* Watershed Awareness Expo: student and professional exhibits including environmentally friendly lawn care
* The opportunity to exchange your lead tackle for non-toxic lead alternatives
* Demo snowplow, street sweeper and vactor truck
* Student dramas and games
* Great food

For more information, call Louise Watson at 651-729-7956 or visit the website at www.rwmwd.org.


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#15: Two Postwar Decades

During the four years of war, America was deprived of most of its needs for normal civilian life... factories will be running at top speed for many years to catch up with the times. Home building... to meet modern demands will take years to accomplish.

The Booster, December 29, 1945

The local Dayton's Bluff newspaper was fairly accurate with its predictions for the economic conditions that the rosy outlook failed to foresee the changes and some of the problems that would face the neighborhood in the two decades after the victories over Germany and Japan. Like so many other neighborhoods after the Second World War, Dayton's Bluff faced changing times. When people returned from the service, they were ready to start families and find a home of their own. Unlike many large cities, St. Paul still had undeveloped land inside its boundaries and construction quickly began on starter houses.

In the 1950's and 60's the areas east of Johnson Parkway were quickly filled in on either side of Third Street, all the way to White Bear Avenue. They were an attractive living option for new couples. The growing suburbs, especially Maplewood and Oakdale, started to draw many of the young of St. Paul away from the inner city areas.

The population remaining on Dayton's Bluff grew older and there was a drop in the total number of residents as children left home. The economic situation was also undergoing a shift. Especially in the western sections in the lower bluff and along East Seventh Street, the neighborhood was losing much of its former middle class base. The ethnicity remained mostly White during the 1950's and 60's.

As automobile ownership increased, the local business community was affected. Increasingly, people would jump into their cars to go to one of the outlet shopping areas rather than make purchases in the local community. People began shopping at the larger and cheaper "cash and carry" grocery stores.

However, at the end of the month, when money was tight, they often returned to the neighborhood stores that usually would sell food on credit.

A short History of Dayton's Bluff

by Steve Trimble

Explosive material to seep into the building. The blast that occurred swept through underground tunnels and damaged a neighboring tape packing plant as well as the main office building.

Windows throughout the neighborhood were shattered and a few people were reportedly killed. A woman at 869 Beech was knocked off her kitchen stool. A piece of heavy machinery landed in the middle of Arode Street. People living miles away reported feeling the powerful concussion.

Two sides of the minerals building were blown out and employees were pinned under falling floors, walls and ceilings. Fifteen people died and global presence and started operations in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Mexico and the United Kingdom.

St. John's Hospital was also involved in major expansion in the post war era. In 1946 St. John's burned their mortgage to begin to consider expansion a fundraising effort. They were successful and there was an addition in 1951. A women's room memorial fund committee that collected sizeable sums to help furnish patient areas.

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One of the change agents was the start of medical insurance that let people have easier access. Others changes involved procedures. St. John's was one of the first to develop “progressive patient care,” an approach that had specialties in different types of units, such as limited care, general and intensive care.

As a larger number of patients and new approaches to medicine brought changes in the post war era. Some of the old leadership at St. John’s passed away. Miss Rau left in 1953 after an amazing forty two years as the hospital administrator. Dr. Plonduk, who founded the institution, retired soon after, in 1952.

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A Short History of Dayton's Bluff refurbished the Thermo-Fax, a copying process that some historians consider the forerunner of all our modern demands will take years to accomplish.
far too expensive. Instead they led a successful campaign to have all shopkeepers put up a standard Christmas wreath and encouraged individuals to decorate their storefronts.

The business association was often asked to give financial aid to neighborhood groups. They were a consistent supporter of the Parkway Little League program and gave money to the Harding High School band for uniforms. They often sponsored the large July celebrations at Lake Phalen that were open to all community people.

Dayton’s Bluff shared the national post-war fear that children during were increasingly at risk. Movies like “Blackboard Jungle” suggested that juvenile delinquency was on the rise. Local resident Kenneth Bayliss shared the concern over obscene literature, pointing to drug use and boredom as the unsavory influence of television. But he decided to do something to try to prevent delinquency. He formed an organization called The National Council for Youth to promote his ideas. Locally, he started the Margaret M odel Community in the early 1960’s as a way to provide positive activities for children, hoping other cities would do launch similar groups. The area was located on a triangular piece of land between East Third and H ancock and its remnants, including badminton courts, are still there today.

With kids helping, Bayliss and others built tennis courts were built, along with a nine hole miniature golf course and a basketball court and a small headquarters building. A round two hundred youth took part in activities such as archery and bowling and were taught to put out small fires in the neighborhood.

A nother group that centered on area children at around the same time was Parkway Little League, and is still going strong in the Twenty-First century. It was started in 1955 by a group of people led by Harold Dahliquist. Money was raised by a door-to-door fundraising drive. On June 6, 1955 a young batter stepped up, the first ball was pitched and things a new neighborhood organization was launched. A bout 200 boys took part during the season, using temporary fields off the 1300 block of 3rd street.

It was obvious that it was necessary to find a permanent home if the program was to continue. The next year, the group soon bought three lots at auction. It was the remains of the old Rifle Lake, they were below the grade. Two fields were graded out with a lot of support from local businesses.

The Spring of 1956 was a beehive of activity. A tremendous amount of physical work was done to get the fields ready for play. The grounds had to be raked over, some black dirt hauled in for the infills, two fields were laid out, back stops constructed, players benches built.

There were few attempts in the 1960’s to form adult organizations that would represent Dayton’s Bluff. Most of them emerged to fight a specific battle and were short lived. The M innehaha Street Association that successfully fought to improve the condition of the thoroughfare. They were successful, and M innehaha Street was revamped. W hen it was over, enthusiasm waned and the group disbanded.

Other efforts were designed to fight against unpopular proposals. One such effort was led by the East Side Improvement A ssociation, established to protest the planned construction of high rise apartment buildings in the community. Meetings were attended by around 150 people who paid one dollar to belong. They were touch of the then idea that large sections of a community should be literally bulldozed.

The community found out that the new structures would include many types, but would mostly involve high rises for housing to be erected, rather than traditional single family homes. “Dayton’s Bluff residents were permitted to vote their preference,” Krahmer said, “and the result was a sound defeat for this particular type of urban renewal.”

Dayton’s Bluff Community Council, which came into existence after lengthy meetings and discussions in 1968-69. The Council was loosely organized at the time and many of the initial members were parishioners of Sacred Heart Church. A cording to Krahmer, “One of the early hassles had to do with a proposed urban renewal program which seemed to have a along the street became difficult. In 1962, the A ssociation sent a letter of protest to the chief of police, asking that they “return to the street.” But all across the city, the beats would now be patrolled from automobile.

The East Seventh business strip had begun to have an “area problem” and the Dayton’s Bluff group decided to do something about it. In a 1967 leaflet A ssociation president Gordon Lundquist made the following suggestions to shopkeepers:

1. Clean sidewalks every day. 2. Wash windows once a week. 3. Weeds and debris removed from parking lots and sidewalks. 4. Fresh paint would help brighten up many neglected buildings both inside and out.

Churches continued to be important neighborhood institutions, although in many cases their membership was starting to decline. Several of them followed the population shift and relocated to newer suburbs. Our Saviors Lutheran Church relocated, but stayed in the community.

The congregation had owned land on Johnson Parkway for many years, but hard times and the war brought a postponement of their plans. A round 1950 it was decided that the first priority was for a parochial school. As a result a new Christian Day School was built and dedicated September 15, 1957.

A round a decade later, the planning committee decided that the old church would need a great deal of repairs so it would be sold. Worship services were moved temporarily into the school gym. Within a few years, the church was gone.

Peace U nited also made a commitment to remain and work to make improvements. Even though the church membership peaked in the 1950's and began to slow, paper off, they added a new a Christian education wing in 1955. They also maintained their church softball team as well as volleyball and bowling teams and many other outreach activities.

The determination to stay in spite of concerns that was expressed in a Peace United publication may well have preserved the attitudes of many area residents:

We are surrounded by a declining neighborhood, industrial factories, taverns, a high degree of theft and a ‘no parking’ situation... One might ask why we don’t move to a ‘better’ location. Our answer included a number of reasons involving mission and commitment to the community we are in... and the interrelatedness of our people, with pride of heritage in this church extending through many generations.
By Vic Tedesco with Trudi Hahn
Syren Book Company, Minneapolis; January 2006; 6" x 9" Paperback; 236 pages

By Greg Cosimini
Just about everyone who lived in Saint Paul during the 1960s, ‘70s and ‘80s knows of Vic Tedesco and if they lived on the East Side there is a good chance they know him personally or have at least heard of him. He is most remembered for being one of Saint Paul’s most popular council members, a job he held for 22 years.

Other people might know Vic as an entertainer due to his small bands, big bands and, of course, his unforgettable singing. Or maybe they remember his early days in local radio or have seen his recent cable television programs. *I Always Sang for My Father* is the story of Vic’s life. On the cover are the words “a Saint Paul memoir”, because it is almost as much about the city as it is the man. Unlike many recently published memoirs, it is a gentle, entertaining, and above all, truthful account of his over 80 years in Saint Paul. It is not a scandalous tell-all. Vic acknowledges that some names are kept secret to protect the innocent as well as the guilty.

Vic was born to Italian immigrant parents in Sweede Hollow in 1922. He grew up just west of there in Little Italy and spent a somewhat mischievous childhood in and around the area. He left Saint Paul for a few years while in the Army during World War II but returned to try his luck at a number of strange jobs before getting into the rapidly growing field of AM radio.

One thing led to another and Vic was elected to the City Council in 1966. He served under many mayors, including our infamous “Supermayor” Charlie McCarty and with some of the city’s most colorful council members in modern times. As you can imagine, after spending 22 years in city government he has numerous stories to tell, and he tells a lot of them in his book.

Unlike many others in political office, Vic never saw politics as a career. It was a job and his task as an elected official was to help the people of the city and in the process make Saint Paul a better place to live. And if he could provide a little entertainment along the way, all the better.

Vic admits in his book that he never missed a photo opportunity and the photos alone are worth the price of the book. He is seen in pictures with his family and friends, Hollywood stars, local politicians and above all, his furry and sometimes slimy animal acquaintances at the Como Zoo. Many cartoons drawn by Jerry Fearing, the legendary editorial cartoonist of the Saint Paul Pioneer Press-Dispatch, are also included.

Several themes are evident throughout the book: Vic’s strong ties to his family, his deep religious beliefs, his love of Saint Paul’s East Side (where he still lives to this day) and, of course, his interest in music and entertaining. He started singing, dancing and playing the guitar when he was 10 and over 70 years later he is still at it, although he long ago traded the guitar for a saxophone.

I first met Vic back in the late 1960s. A bunch of us used to wait on the corner of Forest and Third by the Bee Hive Bar for the bus to take us to Hill High School. On many mornings we would see Vic walking down Third St. (According to his book, the hike from his home near White Bear Ave. and Third St. to City Hall was 4.5 miles.) He’d always wave and say hello. We were impressed. He was the closest thing to a celebrity we had around here and he would actually acknowledge our presence. We thought maybe it was because he knew we would be old enough to vote soon.

In the last few years I’ve gotten to know Vic better since he started attending St. John’s Catholic Church on Fifth and Forest and also put on a show at the Mounds Theatre last October. He is still the same friendly person who says “hello” to everyone and is always busy meeting new friends. Obviously it’s not because he’s looking for votes. He just likes people and people like him. That comes through clearly in his book, too.

*I Never Sang for My Father* is an “easy read”, with short chapters, large print and lots of pictures, but it is not a superficial book. Whether your interests lie with the inner workings of St. Paul city government, the history of Saint Paul in the 1930s and ‘40s, what it takes to become an entertainer, or how it feels to be nearly 80, you’ll find it in this book. There are also some surprises, such as the largely unheralded role Vic played in saving Landmark Center from destruction during downtown Saint Paul’s urban renewal demolition binge in the 1960s and ‘70s.

Copies of *I Always Sang for My Father*, which is already in its second printing, can be purchased online at www.amazon.com, www.borderstore.com, or directly from Vic Tedesco by calling 651-735-6282 (after 3 p.m. please).

Rainbows in the Summer

By Jason Hoelzel

When a neighborhood loses one of its long-time residents, a tremendous sense of sorrow permeates the community. The Dayton’s Bluff area lost one of those citizens on October 21, 2005. Ruth Schurhammer, a long-time Bluff resident, passed away. As an officer of the Dayton’s Bluff District Forum, I was blessed to have known Ruth, who was so much a part of our community.

Ruth Schurhammer loved Dayton’s Bluff. For 27 years, the East Side maverick - better known as “Super-Ruth” - was a part of the fabric that makes up the Bluff. Ruth was a Miami University graduate and her alma mater would hold a special place in her heart. She used to call Miami “her university.”

Ruth was a tireless volunteer, a beloved neighbor, and a gentle soul. Whether she was giving a guided tour of the Bluff, working on the community’s bike path or even serving as the president of the Dayton’s Bluff District Forum, Ruth was always busy shaking hands.

I first met Ruth during my college internship with the *Dayton’s Bluff District Forum* newspaper. My first assignment was to write about our community. I sat down with Ruth, who was so kind to share her story with me.

There is no question that Ruth will be sorely missed by those of us who were fortunate enough to have known her. Even though she is no longer with us, her legacy lives on in our community. Thank you, Ruth, for all you have done to make our community a better place. We will always remember you and carry your spirit with us.
Spring Mushroom Stroganoff
By Sarah Engeldinger

When spring is in the air, many people around the area gear up for their favorite time of year: mushroom hunting season. As soon as the lilacs start to bloom, they head to the woods to collect their game. It’s a fun way for a family to spend a Saturday afternoon. But what does one do once they’ve found spring’s fungal treasures? Here is a recipe that is sure to please. (Under no circumstances should you collect wild mushrooms without the guidance of an expert. The Minnesota Mycological Society is filled with experts, and leads many forays during the collecting season. Visit www.minnesotamushrooms.org for meeting times and a calendar of events.)

Mushroom Stroganoff
Serves 6-8

Use this recipe to indulge yourself and your family.

- 8 Tbsp butter, cut into pieces
- 4 large cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped
- 2 pounds of mixed mushrooms, sliced into ¼-inch pieces
- 2 Tbsp flour*
- 2 cups low-fat sour cream
- ¼ Tbsp dried dill weed
- 2 Tbsp dry sherry or Marsala (optional)
- 1 pound fettuccine
- Salt and pepper to taste

Sprinkle the flour* evenly over the top and stir well. Cook for 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Stir in the sour cream, dill weed, sherry or Marsala (optional), salt and pepper. Cook, stirring constantly, until heated through and thickened, about 10 minutes. Taste for seasoning.

Keep the sauce warm while you cook the fettuccine according to package directions. Drain and turn into the skillet of sauce. Toss well to coat.

* For a deeper mushroom flavor, replace the flour with porcini mushroom powder. Simply crush some dried porcini mushrooms with a mortar and pestle or in a food processor.

Taqueria Los Paisanos
Mexican Restaurante
By June Bennett

Ms. Alinda Suarez, a native of Mexico, started working as part owner of the little lunch wagon located on Arcade and Margaret several years ago. A year ago she opened Taqueria Los Paisanos and moved into the bright yellow building at 823 E 7th St. on the corner of 7th and Arcade.

Ms. Suarez came to Minnesota in 1994 when there were not many Hispanics in the area. She explains how hard it was at first as far as understanding the language and getting help. She could not even find Hispanic food in the stores. But now there are many Hispanics in the neighborhood and she is very happy that she can find Hispanic foods in local stores. It was difficult in many ways at first but she did not give up. She became a businesswoman and now owns a restaurant.

You can’t miss the building because of it unique color - yellow. Taqueria Los Paisanos has an authentic Mexican feeling thanks to its music, decorations and employees. The employees meet you with a big smile and hello in one of the most beautiful languages spoken. The menu is entirely Mexican at the moment but Ms. Suarez is looking forward to adding some American dishes in the future. She also hopes to someday expand the restaurant itself.

The restaurant’s hours are Monday – Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. to midnight and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. In other words they are open 7 days a week except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. Friday and Saturday are special days. There are meatless dishes for people who don’t eat meat. Taqueria Los Paisanos has both dine-in and take-out. Their phone number is (651) 778-8062.

We would also like to take this time to congratulate Ms. Suarez and her husband on their new granddaughter.

Dayton’s Bluff Beat Officer

Joan Rodriguez receives her certificate from Dayton’s Bluff Beat Officer Jamie Sipes. Rodriguez was added to the Saint Paul Neighborhood HonorRoll, which is downtown in City Hall.

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Letter to the editor:
The Plundering of Parkway

Just when I thought there was nothing more that could be done to attack Dayton’s Bluff, I read about the public school administration’s decision to close Parkway Elementary School. As it has happened in the past, this was done with no notice to the parents or other community groups and with almost no notice to the teachers and staff.

Granted, Parkway’s enrollment has dropped and there are empty classrooms. However, no one ever hinted that something like this would happen and they weren’t given any help recruiting new students.

The interim superintendent thinks he is clever by saying the are not closing Parkway—they are “merely” shifting all the students and teachers to Dayton’s Bluff Elementary. This way, he avoided the need to have a public hearing or to require a vote from the School Board.

What a fraud. Speaking of the school board—one of these elected officials have made any statement criticizing the process. When they go after your vote, they always talk about how they value parental and community involvement. Looks like talk is all it is.

The plan is to move the French immersion magnet into the facility and their students will have bussing, something that neighborhood schools don’t get to easily have. It seems they were not informed ahead of time either.

By the time this paper goes to press, it may be a done deal. At last account, the school administration was going to have a wake—I mean a meeting—that parents could finally attend. It will probably be one of those that explain what is going to be done and not one to let community people in on the decision making process.

Goodbye, Parkway. It’s been good to know you. G. B. LeRoy
Pat and Gregg Sorder received a Good Neighbor Award from the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council for helping their neighbors. If you have a neighbor who is wonderful about helping others you can nominate them to receive a Certificate of Appreciation GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD. Call Karin at 651-772-2075 for more information. (Front row l to r Jean Comstock, Pat and Gregg Sorder, Jen King. Top row l to r Roy Carlson, Dave Murphy, Community Council President Jacob Dorer, and Emily Shively.)

Amazing Grace Assembly of God
1237 Earl St.
651-776-1768
Sun 9:30 am - Sunday school
Sun 10:30 am - morning Worship
Sun 6:00 pm - evening Worship

Hmong Ashbury United Methodist
815 Frank St.
651-771-0077

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
655 Forest St.
651-776-4737
Sun 9:00 am - Morning Service
Sun 10:15-11:15 am - Sunday School & Bible Hour
Sun 11:15 - Hmong Service

Faith Temple - Templo De Fe
1510 Payne Ave
651-778-0096
Sun 10:30 am - Spanish Bilingual Service
Sun 6:00 pm – Spanish Bilingual Service
Wednesday family night

First Lutheran Church ELCA
463 Maria
651-776-7210
Sun 9:00 am – Worship service
Sun 10:15 am - Education all ages Fellowship following worship.

Mounds Park United Methodist
1049 Euclid St.
651-774-8736
9:15am Sunday School, 4-year-old through Adult. 10:30 am worship

Our Savior's Lutheran ‘LCMS’
674 Johnson Pkwy
651-774-2396
Sun only - 8am Worship, 9:20 education hour
Sun 10:45am - Worship

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
840 E. 6th St.
651-776-2741
Sat 4:00 pm – Mass
Sun 9:00 am – Mass
Mon, Wed, Fri 8:00 am – Weekday Service

St. John’s Catholic Church
977 E. 5th St.
651-771-3690
Mon-Fri 8:00 am – Mass
Sat 8:00 am & 4:15 pm - Mass
Sun 9:00 am, 11:00 am – Mass

St. John’s Church of God in Christ
1154 E. 7th St.
651-771-7639
Sun 9:30 am - Sunday School;
Sun 11:00 am - Worship
Wed 7:00 pm - Bible Study

St. John Ev. Lutheran
765 Margaret St.
651-771-6406
Sun 9:30 am - Worship
Thurs 6:30 pm - Worship

Worship times subject to change. Please call ahead to confirm.