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Local kids would drive by fields where the migrants worked. They might hear a voice rising above the others. "Hey, work harder, you doobies."

Not farmer. Not citizen. Not worker. Donkey. Her kids would hear that and look behind.

One day Gloria stood in a field in North Dakota and said, "It has to end. My children deserve a chance to live and to see another world."

I remember the same chance, Gloria said.

A different kind of migrant worker and mother. It wasn't a compact with God she made, and it wasn't an announcement. She made her own privately, and she didn't do it in perfect English. She made her own Spanish as a child. And when she went to the schools in Canada, Texas, north of the Rio Grande, she had trouble writing in a language she had rarely spoken. Early each spring her family took her out of class after four months of it. They needed her hands, and the trucks would come.

Not long ago, Gloria Quirga stood before a class at Northland Community College in Thief River Falls, Minn., and read a paper she had written for her history assignment. It began with a question. She asked and answered it as proudly but as passionately as she could.

"Have you ever asked yourself if you would give a modern-day migrant?"

She paused.

"I am that migrant."

She intended no self-glorification. She meant to affirm her release from a personal and cultural prison

in which she soon felt doomed. The cycle that bound her family to the life of migrant, farm-to-camp, was random, humiliating, was ending.

Maybe not ended yet. She wants to go to Hamline University. There she may need more money than she has to supplement whatever scholarships are available. "My husband and I talked to the children about it," she said Friday. "I thought one more time we might have to go into the fields to make money. We're not ashamed of working in the fields. It's honest work. There are good people there. But it is not going to be our life."

What is going to be her life?

A ceremony sometime during Gloria Quirga's life in the near to present future?

It is in a wild vision. She is smart enough. She has huge stores of energy that go way past personal ambition and a mother's longing to give her children a chance for fulfillment. Because many migrant workers don't know the law, they don't get some of its protections. Because they don't know the rules available to them, they often take a beating, sometimes fatally.

She wants to conduct those times, and to be a counselor to her people. She may do it. Right now she wants to be a legal assistant. When she went to the coordinator's office of the migrant worker center in North Dakota three years ago she knew nothing about options. She had no money, but a lot of energy. There were a hundred barriers, but timidly she was not one of them. The two-year community college at Northland had a course in legal assistance. The coordinator said. There were some

public funds available to her.

The family moved to Thief River Falls and left the migrant trail. They rented an apartment. The kids enrolled in the Thief River schools. Ramos got a job with the arena snowmobile company.

She got past her high school requirements, took developmental courses and began. "The day she walked in here with her visions and her drive, she broke apart the preconception a lot of people have of migrant workers," said Gert Salomon, the adult student services counselor at Northland and a woman Gloria Quirga now calls "my Minnesota sister."

The image? Dirty people. Dump people who can't do anything else. Suckers. One guy goes to jail and stays there.

Much of that has changed, although not enough. A huge part of it has been changed forever by Gloria Quirga. There are a few more Hispanics in the student body today at Northland and elsewhere.

Nobody is quite as proud by it all as the four Quirga kids, one of them 18 and finishing high school. "The kids teased me a little when I started," Gloria said. "They said, 'Mom, we need you at home. You're in school all day now.' And I'd say, 'All right, we'll go back, everybody picks their order,' and they'd say, 'Hey, stay in school, ma, we're proud of you.' And Ramos would look at me some day when I'd come home late from school and say, 'What is this, am I losing a wife?'"

"But he never meant that. They do everything I need to do when I had the time. They cook. They take care of things when they come home so I can do homework. It's such a great

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Senate panels' wetland bill differs from House version

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Associated Press

A \$1 million wetlands preservation measure considerably different from the House bill was approved by the Senate Finance Committee Saturday.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Charles Davis, D-Ft. Snelling, was sent to the Senate floor on a one-sided voice vote.

The House bill, also awaiting floor action, carries \$50 million in bonding authorization, including \$21 million for the wetlands program and about \$19 million for related conservation programs.

There's also \$5 million for regional parks in the Twin Cities metropolitan area in the House bill.

But the bills have substantial differences in addition to the funding issue.

Davis, chairman of the Senate Agriculture and Rural Development Committee, said his bill has stronger local controls than in the House bill's approach.

Sen. Gary Lunde, R-St. Paul, said the House bill is widely known as the version favored by environmental groups such as the Sierra Club while the Senate plan is favored more by farm organizations such as the Minnesota Farm Bureau.

While the Senate bill carries relatively small price tags for the next two-year budget cycle, its estimated cost for the 1992-95 biennium is nearly \$19.8 million.

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The companies will initially arrive out of overnight work in Fargo, N.D., Chattanooga, Tenn., and Flagstaff, Ariz., aimed at getting message across. In these test markets, were mandated, "that might not be economically feasible out in this part of the country," said.

The National Academy of Sciences report recommended a shift away from coal toward natural gas and nuclear power, along with increasing the efficiency of energy, to reduce greenhouse gases. "If you're selling a lot of efficiency, it's going to mean a reduced market for you," the Climate Institute's Topping said.

Although the coal and utility industries routinely operate in lockstep on public policy issues, KCE's position is considerably more extreme than the industry as a whole. Neither the National Coal Association nor the Edison Electric Institute has gotten involved in the KCE campaign, and both embrace conventional views on a considerably softer line on the greenhouse issue.

Northern States Power serves the Fargo area, one of KCE's test markets, but has opted not to get involved with the effort. "We're currently trying to be proactive," KCE spokesman Barbara Brown Halverson said. "We believe in more research and believe we should be doing cost-effective things to reduce greenhouse gases."

Redistricting

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Long said. "The idea is to have a personal position. It creates the impression that we're trying to be political about redistricting. That is not our intent."

Long said he really doesn't care who handles redistricting. But yet, he said, he has told several legislators that he wouldn't oppose having the council do it. "I don't think I've been very outspoken, telling legislators that they should clarify what he believes to be the council's right to do the job."

"Remond probably would not be hurt by boundary revisions, unless voters

decided this bill to reduce the number of seats. The Charter Commission is considering putting a referendum on the ballot. Long will not back that, he said. "I don't see how that can be done without being studied into another election."

However, Long said he and other council members were concerned by most comments from former Charter Commission Chairman Ray Farney saying it was possible to shift Long into the same ward as Council Member Paula Macomber by creating an entirely new ward that included Wilson, Kettinen, Macomber and

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