Fark Bug







Dog sled rides for children was one of many events of the festival on Native Americans sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church in February. The three-dog sled team, which came from Black River Falls, Wisconsin, pulled excited children riders in the alley behind the church. Photos by Don Breneman.

Primaries Set

by Terri Ezekiel

Ward 4 is one of four wards needing a primary runoff on March 16 to approve City Council candidates for the April 27 general election. Voters also will have to choose among six mayoral candidates and seven contestants for three spots on the St. Paul School Board.

The candidates for the City Council seat are: DFL incumbent George McMahon; St. Paul police sergeant Bob Fletcher, who has been endorsed by Republicans; and independent Bob Dill, a former professional athlete who has been active in youth and community activities.

City councilmen serve two-year terms and the current salary is \$28,530 per year.

Running for three vacant school board seats are: unendorsed incumbent Eleanor Weber, a St. Anthony Park resident; DFLendorsed incumbents Dan Bostrom and Jim Griffin; George Hyrnewych, a systems analyst for Burlington Northern Railroad; Wayne Hanson, a past unsuccessful candidate for City Council and the State Legislature; Carl Nelson, coordinator of student activities at the University of Minnesota; and DFLendorsed Elaine Saline, a public health nurse.

School board members serve three-year terms and for their services receive a nominal fee for travel and other expenses.

Opposing incombent mayor George Latimer in the primary are: Patrick Carlone, a Northern States Power employee; community activist Edward K. Delaney, who led the opposition to the demolition of Midway Stadium; I-R endorsed Mike Fritz, a former state legislator; and cab driver Glen John Mansfield.

The mayor of St. Paul serves a two-year term and the current salary is \$43,742.

Courts To Re-map Districts

by Terri Ezekiel

On March 12 a federal court panel of three judges will issue a legislative reapportionment plan for Minnesota based on the Supreme Court's "one man, one vote" ruling that requires election districts to be nearly equal in population.

The State Legislature was unable to agree on a final plan by the Jan. 29 deadline imposed on it by the panel. The Senate did succeed, however, in passing a DFL-sponsored proposal before the deadline, and the I-R also submitted a proposal for consideration. The panel will consider all plans submitted before the deadline.

The Senate plan, authored by Sen. Peter Stumpf, creates three matchups of incumbent senators and nine matchups of incumbent House members. One of these would be between Park representative Ann Wynia and Rep. Kathleen Vallenga of Dist. 63A.

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St. Paul Libraries Reorganizing

by Sherree Riley

"The words 'donation' and 'fee' may be the same to you, but they're not to us," said Jerry Steenberg, director of the library system, at a meeting about the future of St. Paul libraries held Feb. 9 at the United Church of Christ.

He was responding to criticism of one of the library administration's fund raising ideas, which was to request a donation from people registering at the library, whether at their initial registration or biennial library card re-

Fund raising is just one of the means the library administration is using to recover from the budget cuts that affected every administration in the city. "We had to reduce everything on our budget, line for line, except for energy expenses," which they had to increase in light of rising fuel costs, said Steenberg.

Steenbergs statements evoked reaction from his audience at the St Anthony Park Association's February meeting.

Linda Montgomery was concerned that the idea of a free library system was in danger. "You're never going to stop asking people for money once you start," Montgomery said. She felt that requesting a donation would be a deterrent to people thinking of using the library for the first time.

Bob Prouty agreed with her. He port," Prouty said. said, "I can't believe that I'm the only person that has ever walked into the library because it was the only warm place I could afford to go into. If you want a donation, why don't you put a box at the door?"

Steenberg agreed that this was a possibility, but said there was no harm in asking for a donation at registration. He emphasized that it would be just a donation and not a fee, and he thought there would be no pressure on people to donate if they didn't want to.

"But isn't this a political issue as well as a monetary issue?" Prouty asked. "Doesn't it leave you weaker, instead of stronger, when you ask for fees instead of going back to the government and complaining? I'm more concerned that we maintain a principle to have government sup-

Steenberg responded that "It's the whole Reaganomics thingself help, self-reliance."

Montgomery disagreed. The economy should not be used as an excuse, she said. "It's when times are hard that people keep reading." Both she and Prouty had referred to the depression as an example of how free library service was widely used and appreciated during hard times.

In a later interview, Steenberg said he couldn't diasgree with what Prouty said about government responsibility, but that "I think we would be remiss not to try to recoup some of our losses. I agree that the city is basically responsible for the services offered, but I am sympathetic to them, too. This situation literally descended upon them," said Steenberg.

"We are in hard times, and there may be people who would be willing to donate. There probably are a large enough number of people who would like to see us move ahead with our collection, develop our programs and provide the services they have requested," Steenberg said.

He added, "I'm very impressed with the support the St. Anthony Park library receives from the community, both in the use of the library and in memorial contributions. No other branch library in the system receives as much memorial support," Steenberg said. "This shows an ongoing support of the library."

The library system has had \$84,000 cut from the materials budget and has had to lay off 10.5 full-time equivalent workers and reduce service hours to make up for other losses. "Service hours and staff are synonymous," Steenberg said. "The staff really is our greatest resource."

The library system may have been hit harder than other organizations because of its strict compliance with the city's budget-cutting requests, according to Park resident, Bob Hahnen, who was recently appointed to the library board.

"I worked on the (St. Paul) budget advisory committee for six months," Hahnen said at the Turn to page 6

Library Charges Doubled

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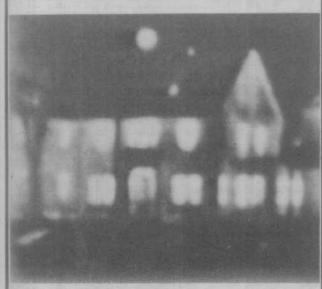
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About 30 percent of that enormous heat bill you paid last month literally went out the windows of your house. The light areas in the thermograph above show the heat loss in a house in District 12.

To help avoid that loss, the Weatherization Program is sponsoring a workshop on energy-saving window treatments, Monday, March 8, 7-9 p.m. at St. Anthony Park Elementary School. There will be no charge but reservations are requested. Call 646-8884 or 646-0439.

The workshop will include how to make insulated shutters and Roman shades, how to cover windows with plastic without damaging woodwork, and how to make existing window treatments more energy efficient. Materials will be available for purchase at reduced prices.

Nursing Home Guides

Anyone faced with choosing a nursing home can consult a copy of Consumer's Guide to Long-Term care at the District 12 Office.

The Guide is published by the Metropolitan Council to help people know where nursing homes are located, criteria to use in selecting one, cost of care, services provided and complaints that may have been filed against the home. Homes are listed by county. Call before coming to the office to be sure someone is there.

Garden Plots Afoot for May

this spring to District 12 residents for a \$10 fee.

Applications will be accepted immediately, BY MAII ONLY, on the form printed on this page. Applications 5. All monies will be handled by District 12 through its will be numbered and plots assigned in the order received. Checks will be returned to those not receiving all financial business. plot assignments.

receives one plot, they will be assigned to households requesting two plots. An additional \$10 must be paid before the second plot is assigned.

Before the gardens are opened for planting in early May the soil at the site at Robbins Street and Raymond a. Plots will be planted (at least partially) by June 1 (or Avenue will be tested for pollutants and for soil composi- alternative date set by task force). tion, the ground will be plowed and disked, and the plots b. Children will be restrained to orderly and respectful will be marked. Applicants will be notified of their plot | conduct at all times. number and the opening date for the gardens. Residents | c. Gardeners shall respect others' plots. must provide tools, seeds and water for their plot.

mate responsibility resting with the District 12 Council. to shade other gardeners' crops. A community gardens task force will set policies and mediate disputes. All gardeners are expected to work on approved pesticides will be allowed. Prior to the gardenone of five task force committees; composting, educa- ing season, the task force will distribute a list of approprition, finance and future planning, physical arrange- ate products with instructions and limitations for their ments, policy and rules.

Policies printed below were approved at a community meeting on Feb. 8 in the St. Anthony Park Library.

- 12 first. If all plots are not reserved by April 16, residents an individual's garden plot. may be allocated an additional plot. Any remaining plots
- arrive BY MAIL in the District 12 office. Check or money order must be included with registration form Cash will not be accepted.
- 3. Plots will be assigned from the site plan in the order by Oct. 15. registration forms are received. An area will be reserved for handicapped persons.

- One hundred garden plots, 15 by 20 feet, will be available 4. All gardeners, particularly beginners, are encouraged to attend a seminar on gardening before they receive their plot assignment.
 - 501(c)(3) account. The finance committee will supervise
- 6. Complaints, policies and mediations will be the If any plots remain after each household applying responsibility of the task force, with District 12 Council having the final authority. District 12 will act as liaison with Burlington Northern Railroad.
 - 7. The following plot site rules shall be adhered to:

 - d. No pets will be allowed at plot sites.
 - e. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed at plot sites.
- The gardens will be a community project with the ulti- f. Tall (shade-producing) crops will be planted so as not
 - g. No herbicides will be used by anyone. Ony task forceuse. Instructions must be followed.
 - h. Gardeners wanting to grow sweet corn and/or sunflowers on their plot should negotiate plot location with

1. Garden plots will be available to residents of District | Failure to abide by these rules will result in forfeiture of

- will be allocated to residents of surrounding communi- 8. It will be the responsibility of each plot renter to follow the task force rules and to actively serve on one of the following committees: finance, physical arrangements, 2, All plots will be allocated on a first-come, first-served education, policy and rules, composting. The area of basis according to the order in which registration forms interest should be indicated by gardener on registration
 - 9. Gardens must be cleared, all stakes pulled and piled in a designated location, and ground ready for fall plowing

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Your Signature

Local Vet Specializes in House Calls for Pets

by Gillian Bolling

If you live in St. Anthony Park, it just might be eaiser for you to get a house call from its veterinarian than for you to get one from your family physician.

Since he graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Veterinary Medicine three years ago, Dr. Richard Routhe has been making house calls in his spare time for the pets of family and friends. News of Routhe's service soon spread by word of mouth and he recently got an answering service and decided to make a business out of house visits for family pets.

Routhe, who has lived in St. Anthony Park for eight years, has been working at the Minnesota Veterinary Hospital for the past three years. He plans, however, to leave that position to devote himself full time to his home visit business. By this summer, Routhe plans to start the Minnesota Mobile Veterinary Service, making house calls out of a specially equipped van.

"A clinic is often an atmosphere of anxiety for pets and for persons," said Routhe. "It's a different type of interaction when you deal with the pet at home."

On a house visit a pet is often treated in the home's kitchen or "anywhere you can think of," according to Routhe. Recently he treated a dog whose ear had been bitten by another dog. "We spread a plastic sheet over the living room couch and sewed it up right there," he said.

Although dogs and cats are Routhe's most common customers, he also has treated birds, hamsters and guinea pigs. In the atmosphere of the family home, he finds it interesting to get a firsthand look at the owner/pet relationship.

"With hamsters or guinea pigs, you see some traumatic cases due to their short life spans. Kids get so attached to them. Often a pet's death is the child's first association with death and this becomes an important aspect of their lives," said Routhe. He added that veterinarians are now devoting more time to studying and dealing with the grieving

Generally on his house visits Routhe does what he calls "routine veterinary maintenance care." This includes checkups, vaccinations, treating infections



Veterinarian Rich Routhe and Bouncer, one of his "patients." Photo by

of the ears, skin or eyes and also helping relieve cold or flu-like symptoms such as vomiting or diarrhea. If he discovers a serious problem he will refer the owner to a veterinarian in a specialized area or to the University veterinary service for diagnostic tests.

Most calls for home veterinary visits receive same-day service from Routhe, if possible. "If it's for a checkup or a vaccination or something that's not urgent, it's often scheduled for two or three days later. But if it's urgent, I get to it as quickly as I can," said

If emergency calls come through when his service is closed, pet owners are referred to either the Animal Emergency Clinic in St. Paul, which is open when most veterinarians' offices are closedfrom 6 p.m. to 9 a.m.—or to the University's 24-hour veterinary college emergency service.

Humans form a strong companionship bond with their animals and, according to Dr. Routhe, this bond is especially strong with elderly or handicapped people. With his mobile veterinary service and his house visits, Routhe is especially interested in reaching this specialized "target group" of the elderly and handi-

His newspaper ad for house visits have gotten a good response from these groups and he plans to go to senior citizen programs in the area and let them know the service is available.

Forty percent of the pet owners don't seek care for their animals, according to Routhe, and a large segment of this group is elderly.

"There are several reasons they are unable to get to a vet's office, they're shut-in or they can't afford the service," said Routhe, adding that his home visits are designed especially to reach those who don't normally go to veterinarians.

Due to low overhead costs, Routhe can offer reduced fees to pet owners. While he drives to many calls in nearby neighborhoods, Routhe said, "A lot of my calls are done on foot right here in the Park. In the summer I carry my bag and walk to them. My overhead costs are for shoe leather and medications."

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CONSUMER NEWS FROM ST. ANTHONY PARK BANK

three new members on board

Join us in welcoming three new members to the St. Anthony Park Bank Board of Directors: Ann Copeland, community organizer, District lw Community Council; Gordon Donhowe, vice president and treasurer, the Pillsbury Company; and William Teeter, vice president and assistant manager, Syndicate Dept., Piper, Jaffray & Hopwood. All three are residents of St. Anthony Park.

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An Exercise in **Self-Definition**

Political developments over the next several months will present an interesting challenge to the community of St. Anthony Park. Budget cutbacks, legislature reapportionment and the newly instituted ward system in the city of St. Paul all will have an important, if as yet undetermined, impact on the neighborhood. As political power is redefined in the larger scheme, local communities like our own will need to respond pragmatically in order to maintain a vital measure of self-control.

Some of the developments are close at hand. On March 12 a federal court panel will hand down a plan for reapportioning the Minnesota State Legislature. (See page 1.) Depending on how the boundaries are drawn, the political district to which Park residents belong may change significantly. It is conceivable that we will be divided from ourselves, and attached to separate constituencies, north and south.

On March 16 candidates for St. Paul school board, city council and mayor will face each other in the opening round of city elections. (Again, see story, page 1.) This year the races themselves will probably not be as significant as the new arrangements of power they will reflect.

The exact relationship that will obtain between St. Anthony Park and city hall remains to be seen, but without question it will be different. Under the ward system we will have direct leverage on only one council member, the one elected in ward 4. Perhaps this will work to our advantage, resulting in a greater degree of control over those who represent us, and consequently a greater degree of entrol over our political and social destiny.

But the sword cuts both ways. If we play a larger role in the success of our councilperson, so does that official, once elected, play a larger role in the affairs of our community. It is essential that we reach an understanding with our representative as early as possible, and not allow ourselves to become serfs in a fiefdom.

A corollary issue involves the role within the ward system of the district community councils, in our case, District 12. The relationship that evolves between these two administrative structures will tell us a lot about the nature of the changes which have occurred.

The 17 community districts were intended to provide an informal civic framework roughly corresponding to existing neighborhoods. The seven wards, on the other hand, based primarily on the principle of equivalent population, have no necessary connection with or responsibility to the best interests of particular neighborhoods like our own. It will be interesting to see how responsive our elected councilperson proves to such community-centered organizations as the St. Anthony Park associations, the Arts Forum, the co-op and the Bugle, several of which maintain their offices at 2380 Hampden Ave. in conjunction with District 12.

Blizzard Blows; Branston Bustles

by Ruth Crawford

Remember the Big Snow of '82. Who doesn't? We all remember the aching muscles following hours shoveling to burrow a path to the mound of snow that turned out to be our car. We remember our dismay as the prospect of shoveling out a garage solidly socked in by the Albrecht plow that had "cleared" the alley. But several on Branston Street will remember a far more plaasant part of that day.

Faced with the prospect of being plowed in by the city plows, Branston was a bevy of activity, with neighbor helping neighbor push, shovel and dig to get the cars moved out. After some hours of such activity, Denis Dailey remarked, "None of us can go anywhere tonight. We really ought to have a pot luck supper!" There was an enthusiastic response, especially when Denis remarked that he had cooked a turkey! Not only that, we could gather at his house!

It was a wonderful night we'll never forget. Denis even ran out and invited the snow-plow drivers to join us when they went by the house at about 7:30, to the sound of cheers. They couldn't take the time, unfortunately. A few days later the following verse from Denis was tucked into each participant's mailbox:

Branston Blizzard Banquet (a tasteful verse)

Wine, crackers and cheese, they surely did please The palate of every guest, And made them all hop to the milk and the pop Not to Mention the C H OH quest.

From salad and toppings with garlic or none

Appealing to everyone's taste. Then squash so divine most seconds did take,

Adding inches to everyone's

Scalloped corn by the ladle, until

To eat a cranberry t'would seem. Plus turkey and dressing; a midwinter's blessing.

Not to mention an over-baked

All capped off with chocolate and angel food cake,

Guaranteed to leave nobody miffed.

A beautiful night; weather being a fright.

Thanks for leaving snowbody

Denis Dailey

opinion: Falcon Hts. City Hall

by Sandy Larson

There seems to be a great deal of concern generated by the purchase of property for the new Falcon Heights City Hall/Fire Station/Public Works. Questions have recently arisen that indicate some people are of the mind we should have purchased Falcon Heights Elementary School for a site and used that building. We do not know definitely, nor did we at the time of our decision, if Falcon Heights Elementary School would (will) be closed. In part, I personally feel this is generated by people who do not wish their neighborhood appreciably changed from building will be.

what it currently is, and has been. I can readily understand that feeling; however, let me state a couple of facts in this regard:

1. It is going to cost somewhere in the neighborhod of \$260,000 for the site now chosen,

2. The figure we were given was somewhere in the the neighborhood of \$1 million to purchase the elementary school property. not to say anything about the costs of extensive renovation (that would need to be done immediately) and that the building would not be nearly as energy as efficient as what the new I trust from this you can see that it would be inefficient and, in my estimation, irresponsible, for the city even to have considered the school site, had we had prior knowledge of its closing.

Another point to remember is that the school is zoned R-1. residential only. The only things that could go in that site, should the District be interested in selling, would be school, church, library or homes - residential homes as are now part of that area of town.

Sandy Larson is a member of the Falcon Heights City Council.

Remembering "Eddie of Blombergs"

by Ann Bulger

A familiar figure on Como Avenue died late in December.

Eddie Westrom was known as "Eddie of Blombergs" to a generation of St. Anthony Park shoppers. Westrom was employed at Blombergs Grocery, the forerunner of the present Speedy

Market. His twinkling grin and cheerful willingness as he helped Park housewives locate good buys or hard-to-find items, packed grocery bags and carried them out to the car were symbols of the personal service of a bygone day.

After his retirement, Eddie spent his days walking around the

neighborhood. He was often seen at Miller Pharmacy, sharing a story over a cup of coffee at Bridgemans and greeting neighbors along Como.

Westrom grew up in North Dakota, one of eleven chlidren. His mother, now in her 90s, still lives

Eddie was one of the ordinary people who make St. Anthony Park the friendly place that it is, even to those who never knew his last name.

Storyhours Set for March

Storyhours for children ages 3-5 will continue during March on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library.

Bugle Dates

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by James Wesley Brogan

My comments last time about the unreality of real estate remind me that I frequently have difficulty seeing the world as other, more practical people do. What they take seriously, I often take with a grain of salt. Real estate is only one example. Another is the distinction drawn between work and play.

Kids play. Adults work. That is the way we tend to see it. Adults play, too, but only after they've earned some free time by working very hard. If Dagwood has spent a furious five days drawing up the Fridley contract for Mr. Dithers, then he can go bowling with the boys or play a few hands of poker.

Work, in others words, is what you have to do. Play is what you like to do. Adults have jobs and responsiblilites. Kids play games and have fun.

For my own part, I have to say that these distinctions seem rather arbitrary. As I watch Jacob putting his little blue, red and yellow plastic bricks together to make a "house," it occurs to me that the guy upstairs in #5 does pretty much the same thing and calls himself an architect. The only real difference its that the guy in #5 gets paid for doing it. Whether the money he brings home is real or not is a question we can leave to the economists. They like to play with numbers.

The point is, we needn't go into the obvious twilight zones of professional sports, politics or show business to find adults making money at occupations not really distinct from the games of children. Even a supposedly he-man job like driving a truck has more than a little in common with riding a big-wheel downhill and highballing it through the neighbor's petunias.

Furthermore, it is possible for an adult to enjoy his work. It probably won't pay much, if he does, but you can't have everything, Given a choice between gainful employment and having fun, some of us are still children,

I guess. I have chosen to pursue a career as a writer, for example, not because there is money in it, but because it's what I like to do. My work, in other words, is a sort of play. I play with words hoping someday somehow it will earn me a living.

Any businessman worth his wingtips would, of course, consider this attitude irresponsible. Even my own father, a man who always took pride in thinking of his farm as a business operation, wonders to this day why I don't spend more time taking commercial markets into account, writing expedient letters to potential publishers, shaping my work (if you will excuse the expression) to a particular readership and, in general, making an effort to be practical.

My answer is, or has been until now: that part is no fun, and I'd rather not do it. There are plenty of practical, businesslike people in the world, after all. Maybe one of them could act as a middleman in a commercial transaction between me and the real world.

Nah. That's a silly idea. I can do better than that. When I grow up, I'm going to be a policeman.

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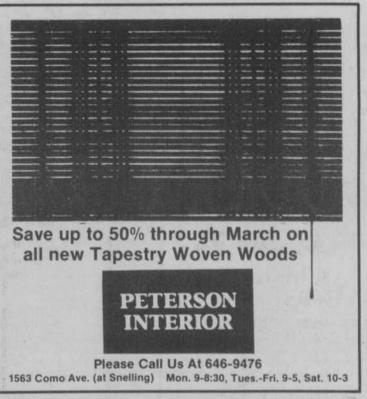
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The Sounds and Silence

by Susan Barker

I apoligized to our mail carrier again the other day for the armporch. It weighed in at an awesome nine pounds on the baththough other mail drops have come in close behind.

There was a communique from Women in Communications. The Sierra Club wanted money. Northrup Dance Series wanted subscribers., The New Yorker and Atlantic Monthly were ready to keep us current. The Saturday Review had the latest cultural scoops on the right movies to see, books to read. The New England Journal of Medicine (and five other related periodicals) arrived to keep our resident professional on top of his field. Mpls.-St. Paul magazine was eager to advise us on how to live the good life in the Twin Cities.

Add to this pile our two daily papers, our two Sunday papers, other magazines and newsletters. Include the news shows and talk shows seen, the radio shows heard, the books skimmed, and the sheer volume of words that bombard us daily is staggering. (The idea of bringing 100 stations and computerized information systems into our home via cable TV is too mind-boggling to consider.)

Lately, I've felt something like Sisyphus in the losing battle with the information explosion. Just when I've worked my way to the breaking load he dropped on our summit of one day's mass of communications, I'm swamped with another deluge of informaroom scale-a new record, tion/opinion/review/advice/ analysis/solicitation. Halfdigested material jams my circuits. And before I know it, somewhere in this wash of packaged words. I've lost track of my own voice. What was it, anyway, that this informed and well-read citizen really thought and felt?

> Perhaps it's the awareness of this danger that explains the prodigious outpouring from local fiction writers and poets. Last fall as I helped ready 140 manuscripts for outstate judges who would pick eight local writers for \$6,000 fellowships, I felt woozy with the 3,000 pages of original work spread out on the floor around us. Each manuscript and project proposal cried out to be heard, to make further contribution to the glut of works flowing from publishers' presses.

> It's comforting to know that in this Age of Communication, small bands of Trappist monks continue to take their vows of silence. More than anyone, they remind me of the value in keeping the silence necessary for reflection and deep contemplation.

And yet, silence can terrify me. Trained as a journalist, an incurable word junkie, I've learned to revere words. When faced with our son's moderate hearing loss (he hears about 75 percent of speech with aids) and the chance of further disintegration, I feel panicky at the thought of losing touch with him, of his being somehow cut off from the world.

But this winter I've learned about another kind of silence. In a weekly sign language class taught by Evie, a young woman deaf since birth, we hearing students have chafed at the prohibition against using speech. We've struggled to read her gestures with our eyes and to discriminate the subtle differences in the positioning of fingers and hands. And though we feel-ourselves at times playing an impossible game of charades and laugh with embarrassment at our clumsiness, we are making headway.

Through her swift and beautiful gestures, Evie has shown me that ther is another way. A fine way. Watching her working so hard to convey a simple message to us or witnessing a young deaf child struggling to communicate, I think of that other torrent of written and spoken words-excessive, so easily spent and somehow a little obscene.

Susan Barker, 1982.

LIBRARY

Continued from page 1

meeting Feb 6, "and I can tell you that the library is the only organization that made an effort to cut their budget. I think (they) should be commended for (their) efforts."

Even before the budget cuts, the library administration was studying how to make the library system more cost-efficient and how to better serve community needs through the branch libraries.

"We wanted each one of our branch libraries to be studied individually, said Carole Williams, the public services administrator for the St. Paul library system, "so we could tailor services and collections to each one of our neighborhoods."

In a recent study of the St. Anthony Park Branch Library, it was discovered that only 65 percent of the library's users check out materials, Williams reported to the meeting. Some people use the materials within the library, while others (19 percent) use the library for a place to read and study. This was unusual compared to the other branch

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2238 CARTER (COMO A CARTER) ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55108 646-5506 libraries, where only 12 percent used the library to read and study.

Library administrators plan to keep updating the survey of user needs and interests. "So, whenever you sign up for a library card," Williams said, "you'll fill out a questionnaire indicating what materials you'd like to use, (and the information) will be periodically fed into a computer program."

Steenberg and Williams are especially excited about their improvement plans because Sept. 5 the St. Paul library system will be 100 years old. "In light of economic conditions, we will have a 100th anniversary celebration and fund drive" at the same time, said Steenberg. He said that Garrison Keillor has agreed to chair the event, and other "names" have agreed to serve on a committee.

The library will be assisted with fundraising and the organization of the celebration by the Friends of the Library group and the St. Anthony Park Branch Library Association.

The St. Anthony Park Branch Library Association, which will be celebrating its 50th anniversary, will be holding its 13th annual arts and crafts fair on June 5 this year. The money they raise goes toward improving the library. They have worked on improving the entrance to the community interests section, and recently bought and installed a new paperback rack, according to Janet Quale, president of the association.

Commenting on the assocation's beginning 50 years ago, Quale said, "The library association started in the depression, and it started because of the depression. We went door-to-door, asking for one dollar donations" to save the library.

At that, Steenberg laughed and said, "And that didn't stop them from going to the library, did it?"



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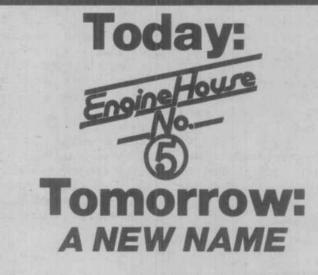
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Park People in the Press

Dr. Ida Martinson, University of Minnesota School of Nursing faculty member, was awarded the "Good Person" award by the Chinese National Science Council (ROC) for her recent study of cancer in children

Martinson did a six month research project which examined the effects on the family when a

Arts Forum Plans Show

The St. Anthony Park Arts Forum is sponsoring a visual arts show this coming spring in association with the grand opening of Baker Court, Raymond Avenue at Territorial Road.

Park area residents interested in submitting sculpture, ceramics, painting, textiles, photography or other media for inclusion in the show should call one of the following people before March 10 for further information: Kathy Diedrich, 646-2493 (evenings) or Jim Brogan, 644-1059.





child is diagnosed as having cancer. Martinson is internationally known for her work in this field. She did the study during her appiontment at National Taiwan University in Taipei.

Martinson lives at 2303 Doswell Ave.

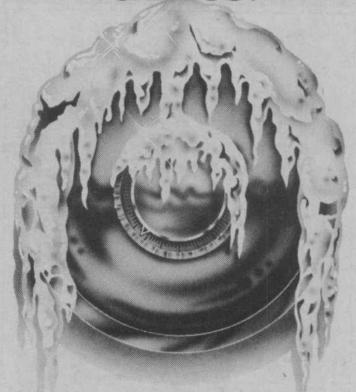
University of Minnesota Faculty member, Linda Rasmussen, who lives in St. Anthony Park, performed Johannes Brahmes' Alto Rhapsody with the St. Paul Civic Symphony in a February concert. Joining Rasmussen was the University's Men Chorus.

Dr. Shirley C. Tucker has been awarded the Boyd Professorship, Louisiana State University's highest academic position, for her botanical research. She is the first woman to have received the award. Tucker is the daughter of long-time Park resident, Myra Cotter.

The Baptist Hospital Fund has a new public relations specialist, **Robert A. Hausman**. Hausman, 1447 Chelmsford St., who most recently was administrative aide to the Chief Clerk of the state House of Representatives, is an ordained Lutheran clergyman.



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Monday/29

Rink, 6-8 p.m.

St. Anthony Park School family

roller skating party, Saints Roller

Langford Booster Club meeting,

Langford Recreation Center, 7:30

February

Friday/26

Family Folk Dance, St. Anthony Park School, \$1.50 per person, \$4 per family, 7-9 p.m.

MARCH

Monday/1

St. Anthony Park Foods board meeting, 7 p.m. General Membership meeting, 8 p.m., 2380 2380 Hampden Ave., 7 p.m.

Tuesday/2

St. Anthony Park Association board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday/3

Leisure Center activities, United Methodist Church, 10-2 p.m.

Thursday/4

D-12 Physical Committee meeting. 2380 Hampden Ave., 5 p.m.

Monday/8

Workshop on energy-saving window treatments, St. Anthony Park School, 7-9 p.m.

Tuesday/9

St. Anthony Park Assocation meeting, United Church of Christ, dinner and program, 5:45 p.m.

Wednesday/10

Leisure Center activities, United Methodist Church, 10-2 p.m.

District 12 Council meeting, 2380 Hampden Ave., 7 p.m.

Thursday/11

Parent conferences, Murray Junior High School

St. Anthony Park School Association board meeting, St. Anthony Park School, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday/14

Turkey dinner, St. Cecelia's Catholic Church, 2357 Bayless Pl., 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Monday/15

League of Women Voters Unit 8, Rita Stenson, 1091 W. Montana (488-8403) 7:30 p.m.

In-service day, secondary schools

Tuesday/16

St. Paul primary elections

Wednesday/17

Leisure Center activities, United Methodist Church, 10-2 p.m.

Sunday/21

Lenten Organ recital and hymn singing, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave., 3 p.m.

Wednesday/24

Leisure Center activities, United Methodist Church, 10-2 p.m.

Thursday/25

D-12 Human Services meeting. 2380 Hampden Ave., 7 p.m.

Friday/26

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Time Stops at New Shop

by Nadine Malo

"Memories are sold here," said the ad. Indeed, to cross the threshold of Sugarplums and Visions at the corner of Como and Raymond avenues is to take a trip across time to a Dickensian Christmas.

Customers are greeted yearround by a Christmas wreath, softly playing Christmas music and a Christmas tree surrounded by lace curtains and old-fashioned chandeliers.

The shop glitters with an array of old-fashioned gifts ranging from bone China creamers shaped like cows to lifelike baby dolls and furry Teddy bears. Each turn of the head reveals a new treasure nestled along the brick-red shelves. At the far end near the cash register is a tantalizing array of confections—button candy, sparkling rock crystals and oodles of chocolate from Goggins, Abdallah's and other sources.

The owner is Sharon Soderberg, a woman dedicated to offering quality gifts and toys to those wishing to give loved ones something to cherish beyond this year's Christmas or birthday celebration.

The Christmas tree, updated for current holidays with appropriate hangings, symbolizes a year-round spirit of giving for Soderberg. Her shop is more than a store; it's a mission in life.

Soderberg is concerned about what's happening in the world today. She believes that caring about people is the heart of religion and is best captured by Christmas.

"For so many, Christmas season is rush, rush," she said. "Yet at the same time, people are friendly when everybody's shopping." It's this spirit of Christmas that she wants to preserve yearround.

One of the objectives of her

Rantapaa Bests Older Pianists

Aaron Rantapaa, competing against some 400 other student pianists from central Minnesota in the 1982 Minnesota Music Teachers Association district preliminaries last month, placed first in the Senior B division.

Although Rantapaa is only 12 years old, the category he won was for 19- and 20-year olds. He will now go on to the state finals, to be held at Normandale Community College in Bloomington on March 13.

shop, Soderburg said, is to have "toys that would give children a little bit of their childhood to remember instead of going into all the modern plastic toys of today." Toys found in the shop are the old fashioned, lasting kind—dolls and stuffed animals, wooden stacking boxes, paint kits, and coloring books.

Describing her merchandise, Soderberg said, "It's basically old-fashioned, because that's what I am." She added, "I just look for nice things, not the gimmicky things."

Soderberg's business is based on faith. "I am not your typical businessperson," she often says, adding that until she got her own store, she even had trouble making change. She's getting better at it, but remembers having to call some early customers to refund a few cents she inadvertently overcharged them.

Details such as inventory control and budgeting are handled informally by Soderberg, although she does keep a daily log of items old.

Soderberg came to St. Anthony Park after an lengthy search for a location with a "homey atmosphere." She chose her present location because of its pane glass windows and its feeling of belonging in the neighborhood. After a year's preparation, she opened her doors for business last November.

Soderberg found the name and the logo for her business through faith.

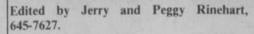
"I found a spot, and I knew what business I was going into," she said, "but I needed a name. I decided to leave it up to God. All of a sudden Sugarplums and Visions popped into my head."

Following the same pattern to find her logo, one day she "sat down and drew a picture of the bear and kite. The bear was the symbol of childhood—memories of nice things," she said, "And the kite represented visions. On the tail of the kite string are bonbons."



Sharon Soderberg, owner of "Sugarplums and Visions," takes a break with some "tenants." Photo by Nadene Malo.

St. Anthony Park Association



Buses, Trucks, Trains and You

A meeting to discuss the proposed University of Minnesota Transit-Way through St. Anthony Park has been organized by Lindy Westgard.

Although the transit-way proposal has been a part of District 12's development plan for quite some time, the reality of having buses, trucks and trains passing through the park within 60 feet of each other has reawakened neighborhood concern. The meeting will be held March 4. Call Lindy, 644-6886, for details.

Youngsters with cabin fever?

Jerry Esboldt, Director of Langford Park Recreation Center, says there may still be a few slots available on floor hockey and indoor soccer teams for kids grades 2 through 10. Team assignments will be made soon, so if you are interested, stop in soon at the recreation center to sign up.

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Association Board of Directors Meets

The monthly Board meeting will be on March 2, 7:30 p.m. at Barb and Rick Rowe's house, 2145 Knapp.

New Council Members

At the February meeting Association members elected the following representatives to serve on the 1982-83 District 12 Community Council: Greg Haley, Jack Kemp, Stewart McIntosh, JoAnne Rohricht and Barb Rowe. Lindy Westgard and Carlton Qualey will serve as alternates.

Watch the *Bugle* next month for a special feature on our representatives.

Affordable Housing in the Park?

An early April Fool's day joke? No, it's the topic to be addressed at the Association meeting on Tuesday, March 9. A panel of experts on housing, including Park residents and a financing representative from the St. Anthony Park Bank, will dig into the problems and potential of buying, selling and developing property in the neighborhood.

Attempting to address the concerns of a wide range of residents, the panel will discuss issues such as: what can the elderly do who want to sell their large home, but would like to remain living in the Park? How can young people finance a first home in the neighborhood? What about those conversions—should the folks next door be entitled to change their home into a multi-family residence?



Some of these topics are controversial—adequate time will be given for questions and responses from the audience. One particular issue you might want to think about on your way to the meeting is: Should the Association take a stand on housing conversions on devleopment in the neighborhood?

Linda Foster will be calling members for reservations. If you aren't called and would like to attend, you can make your reservation by contacting Jim or Ellen Snoxell, 644-4650. (And don't forget to call if you must cancel a reservation.)

Date: March 9, 1982

Place: United Church of Christ Commonwealth Ave.

Time: 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 Program

Past Presidents To Meet

The May meeting will honor the charter members of the Association. To plan this special celebration, all past presidents of the Association are asked to attend a meeting at Gale and Elaine Frost's home, 1511 Branston St. on March 23, 8 p.m.

S'No(w) Time Like



Paul Ruud gives a ride to Beth Grina, Kris Grina and Laura Ballman at Winter Sports Day. Photo by Jon Madsen.



Park kids enjoy sledding in Langford Park. Photo by Jeff Christensen.



Two-and four-mile runners begin the Winter Joggers Fun Run. Photo by Jon Made



Mark Paist streaks to first place in a speedskating race at Winter Sports Day. Photo by Jon Madsen.



Gary and Coral Hannon take time out from the Como during St. Paul's Winter Carnival, Christensen.

Winter "Sports" Crowd Langford Park

by Mollie Hoben

After a string of bad-weather weekends, the weather for Winter Sports Days couldn't have been better. It was, in fact, "dandy," said Stu Peterson, who helped conduct activities. "We really hit it right."

On Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 6 and 7, hundreds of kids and adults participated in winter sports events at and around Langford Park.

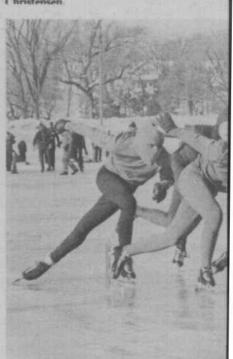
There were speed skating races for children; about 75 competed, and all received ribbons for their efforts. There were intermural hockey games. There was crosscountry skiing around the park.

An unexpected hit of the weekend was the snowmobile sleigh rides. "We did a land office business," Peterson said. "We burned out two snowmobiles."

The Langford Running Club sponsored a two-mile and a four-mile race on what club president John Magnuson described as a very hilly course that began and ended at Langford Park. Thirty-five runners traversed the course either once (two miles) or twice (four miles).

Dan Raether was first finisher in the two-mile run. In the more popular four-mile race, Joyce Raether (Dan's sister) was the first woman finisher, Dan Sparkman was first man to finish, and John Carter took first place in the master's division.

On the same weekend as Winter Sports Days, St. Paul Winter Carnival speed skating championships were held at Como Park. Winter Carnival royalty made it to Langford Park on Sunday afternoon to designate local knights and royalty.



The National Speedskating Championships Carnival celebration. Photo by Jon Madsen

Winter in the Park





Nick Mayers is knighted by King Boris of the Winter Carnival Royalty. The Royalty made an appearance at Winter Sports Day. Photo by Jon Madsen.





Broomballers fight for control of the ball in an informal game at Langford Park. Photo by Jeff Christensen.

Carol Mayer's first try at cross-country skiing isn't completely successful—she takes a spill in Langford Park. Photo by Jon Madsen.



onal Speedskating Championships, held at Lake h the lake's ducks and geese. Photo by Jeff





Coral Hannon "races" some ducks on Lake Como. Photo by Jeff Christensen.

Como High Gym Team—Young but Spirited

One nightmare any high school coach faces is when a large portion of his team is composed of graduating seniors, who will leave him with a young inexperienced group.

Marvin Rouse, coach of the

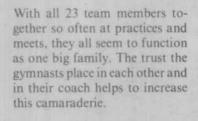
Como Park High School girl's gymnastics team, has nothing to worry about.

"The team I have right now is the youngest team I've ever had," said Rouse. "There are no seniors on the team and only two junEven though the team is young, they are scoring very well. Everyone on the team is learning quickly and, he says, they are showing a tremendous amount of poise.

One reason for their progress may be that everyone on the taem works so well together. There is a lot of spirit among the girls that is obvious during their meets.

"Everyone on the team is friends and we all pull for each other, ' said Kelly Finn, captain and one of the only two juniors on the team. "If anyone on the team has a problem we all work the problem out together."

The team's closeness can be summed up in the words coach Rouse offered his team: "Your heart and hard work has paid off to make you one of the top. I am



very proud of you all."





Colleen McPherson practices a vault. Photo by Joel Ernst.

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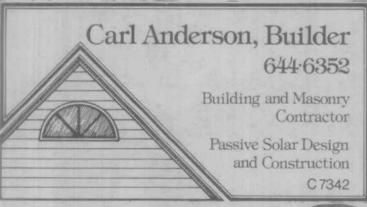


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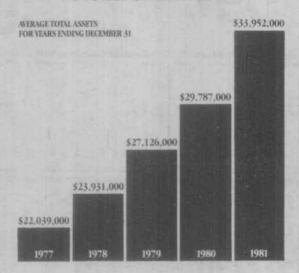
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We've also continued our



Community Involvement Council, which reviews requests for financial assistance from civic groups.

The Council, composed of three bank employees, one of our customers and a member of the board of directors, meets quarterly to allocate funds from an annual charitable contributions budget.

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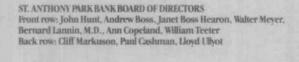
Anthony Park community has resulted in a record of solid growth for the bank — growth with the community.

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Anthony Park a friendly, healthy environment in which to live and work.

Sincerely, Andy Boss

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Folk Dance Planned for **School Night**

by Gail McClure

To usher out the winter blahs and make ready for the spring festivals, the St. Anthony Park School Association has planned two family nights.

On Feb. 26, a Family Folk Dance will take place from 7-9 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park Elementary School. David Leussler, the caller, assures parents that no experience is necessary, and the dances will be easy enough for the whole family to participate. Admission will be \$1.50 per person or \$4 per family. The school association will sell refreshments.

Linda Foster and Betty Swanson, organizers of the folk dance event, stress that it will be an opportunity to raise funds to help the school as well as provide an opportunity for parents to become better acquainted.

A similar event, a roller skating party for families, is planned for March 29. It will be held at the Saints Roller Skating Rink in Roseville from 6-8 p.m. Admission of \$2.50 per person will pay for skate rental and two hours of skating. Additional information on the skating party will be sent to parents by the school association in March.

Site Survey Cites Park

by Karen Andersen

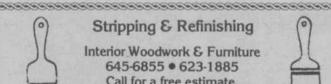
The Ramsey County Historic Sites Survey has shown that St. Anthony Park is one of St. Paul's historically significant areas.

The two-year survey, which has just passed the first-year mark, is being conducted jointly by the Ramsey County Historical Society and the St. Paul Heritage Preservation Commission.

St. Anthony Park was one of the areas surveyed in the first year, and the project identified quite a few historic sites in the neighborhood. Basically, the project involves describing the history and architecture of several hundred buildings in each planning district of the city.

"The idea is not only to collect information, but also to identify sites that merit preservation in the future and could possibly be listed on the National Register of Historic Places," said Patricia Murphy, director of the survey.,

A detailed look a some of the history of St. Anthony Park uncovered by the project will appear in next month's Bugle.

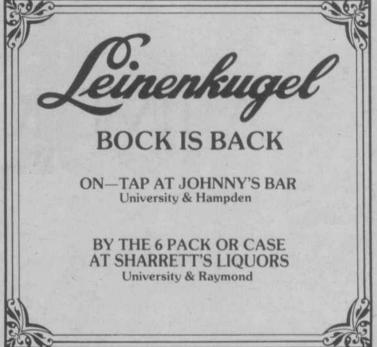


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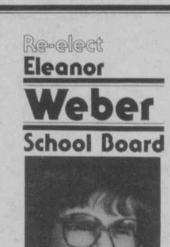
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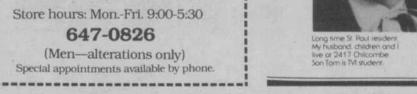


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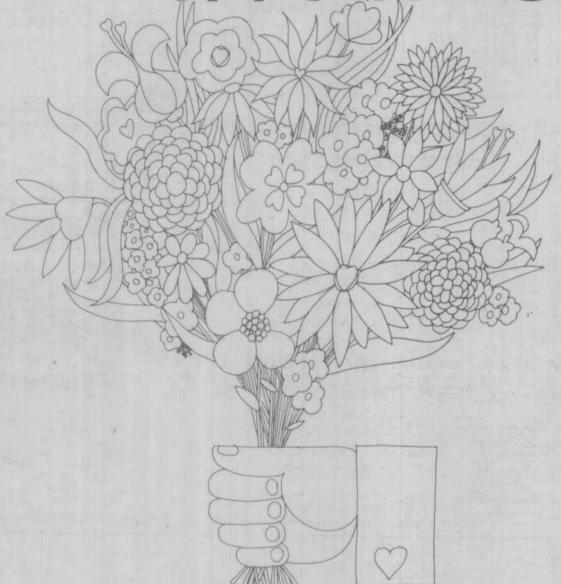
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Falcon Heights Hearing

A public hearing on the proposed development by American Shelter in the Tatum Street/Falcon Woods area has been scheduled by Falcon Heights Planning Commission for March 1, 7 p.m., at City Hall.

This will be the third hearing on the project.

Naomi Frost in Concert

A program of songs and arias will be performed Sunday, March 28th, at 4 p.m. in St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, Como and Luther Place, by soprano Naomi Frost, of New York City. She will be accompanied

by her mother, Ivern Frost, longtime resident of St. Anthony Park. The program will include works by Wagner, Verdi, and Richard Strauss.

There will be no admission charge. Donations will be accepted.

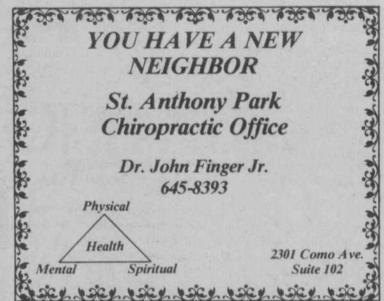
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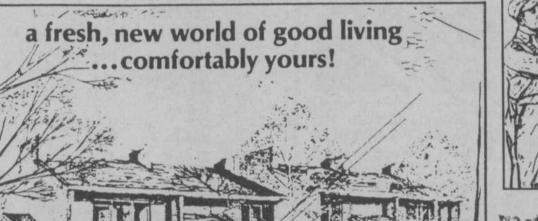
Gibbs Farm Museum is looking for volunteers to serve as museum interpreters and tour guides during the museum's 1982 season.

For those interested, training sessions will be held at the musuem at Cleveland and Larpenteur avenues on five consecutive Monday evenings, beginning March I, from 7 to 9 p.m.

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer, an international celebration sponosred in the United States by Church Women United, will be held March 5 from 10-11 a.m. at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church in south St. Anthony Park. This annual service unites millions of people in prayer services occuring on six continents during a 24-hour period. There will also be a 7 p.m. evening service to celebrate the World Day of Prayer at the Seal Street Hi-Rise. The public is invited.





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Originally from Roseville, Routhe spent time with the Air Force in Vietnam and was also stationed for three years in Hawaii. He left that warm climate to return to Minnesota and attend the University of Minnesota's veterinary school, which he considers to be "one of the best in the country for small animal care."

Routhe and his wife Pamela, a recent Hamline University law school graduate, think St. Anthony Park is a "great community to live in." Routhe is active in the community as an advisor to a local Explorer Group made up of 16-to 19 year olds. Every other Wednesday night he puts on a program for them at the veterinary clinic where he now works. He helps them decide if they are interested in choosing a career as a veterinarian-one which Routhe himself appears to enjoy very much.

REAPPORTIONMENT Continued from page 1

Sen. Neil Dieterich's incumbent status would be unaffected under the Stumpf proposal.

Legislators could still create their own reapportionment plan even after the court panel issues its maps, assuming that DFL and I-R members could agree and Gov. Al Quie would sign the bill. The Legislature has informally agreed to wait until the panel acts before it makes any further attempt to hammer out its own proposal.





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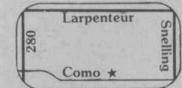
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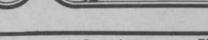
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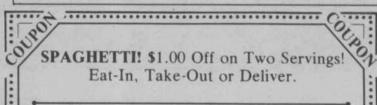
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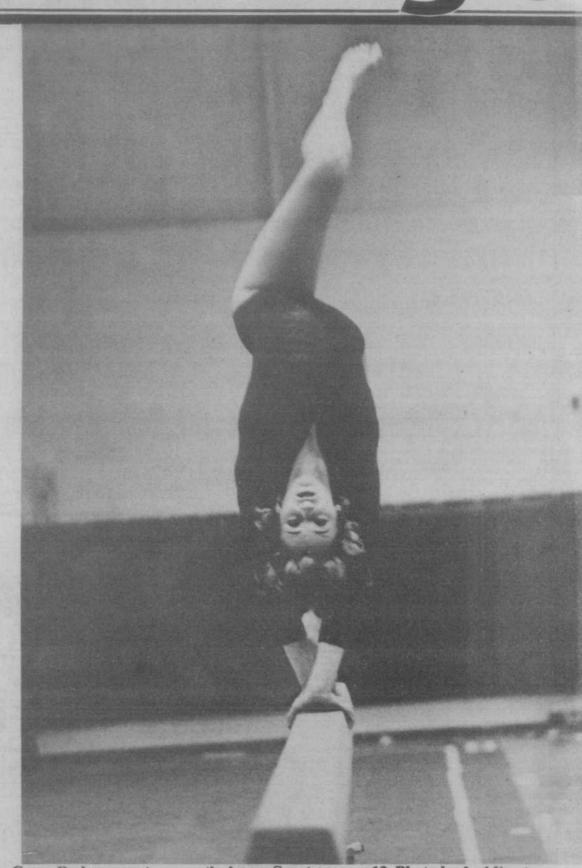
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