



South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center, at the corner of Cromwell Avenue and Territorial Road.

Rec Center on Hit List if City Cuts Funds 10%

by Jim Brogan

Budget cutbacks in state and federal aid for 1983 could place South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center in jeopardy.

According to a St. Paul Parks and Recreation contingency plan, if cutbacks to the department reach a level of 10 per cent or higher, and if alternate sources of revenue cannot be found, the center in south St. Anthony Park, along with 13 others throughout the city, will have to be closed. The Langford facility

appears secure.

At this point the extent of the cutbacks remains a matter of speculation, as the City Council has yet to determine its exact budget for 1983. The Parks and Recreation plan is in response to a directive by Mayor Latimer to show how it would proceed given projected cuts of 5, 10, or 15 percent, respectively, from the department's total budget.

At the 5 percent level, according to the plan, seven recreation center city-wide would have to be

closed, but South St. Anthony Park would survive. At the 10 percent, however, with seven additional centers closing, South St. Anthony Park would be a casualty.

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The contingency plan does contain an escape clause; a proposal by which South St. Anthony Park and some of the other centers would remain open even if cutbacks reached 10 percent. The idea is to install coin-oper-

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Library Planning Groups Find No Easy Solutions

by Mary Winget

Like many city services, the library system is facing a fiscal dilemma. Two committees are currently deciding the system's fate, and effects on the St. Anthony Park Branch could be severe.

First, there is the Mayor's Responsive Services Task Force, whose final report is due the first part of August. At its June 23 meeting the seven-member steering committee made the following recommendations:

- The overall library budget should not be cut more than 7 percent so that the city can maintain MELSA (Metropolitan Library Services Agency) membership.

- The materials budget should not be reduced by more than about \$20,000, which will be made up by anticipated revenue from service charges.

- If the budget is reduced by 5 percent, two branch libraries (Riverview and Arlington Hills) should be closed.

- If the budget is reduced by 7 percent, four branch libraries (the above plus Hamline and Rice) should be closed.

The major concern about this plan, according to St. Anthony Park head librarian Kathy Tre-

gilgas, is loss of membership in MELSA, which would be "catastrophic."

Any budget cut by the City Council greater than 7 percent would eliminate reciprocal borrowing privileges among metropolitan area libraries, denying St. Paul residents access to the collections and services of other libraries.

For example, Falcon Heights or Lauderdale residents would no longer have borrowing privileges at what they now consider their local library, the St. Anthony Park branch. Major budget allocations would also be eliminated with loss of MELSA membership, affecting current programs sponsored by the library. All the St. Anthony Park Branch Library summer programs, for example, were funded through MELSA.

The second set of recommendations, possibly more damaging to St. Anthony Park, is being drafted by the St. Paul Planning Commission.

The Commission recommends "that if annual circulation of a given library falls below 90,000, the library and the community should spend up to a year determining the most appropriate level of library service for that community."

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Group Home Will Add to Neighborhood, Town Meeting Told

by Mollie Hoben

The tone was positive when six presenters spoke about group homes for retarded persons at the July 14 town meeting sponsored by District 12 Council.

The informational meeting was scheduled because plans are underway for a group home in St. Anthony Park. Chez Nous, Inc., a Minneapolis-based for-profit organization, will establish and operate the home for six retarded adults who presently are living in state institutions.

Dan Kastrul, executive director of Chez Nous, told the town meeting audience that he is looking for a home to buy in north St. Anthony Park but has not yet purchased one. The earliest possible date a home could begin operation, he said, would be October.

Kastrul was one of six people who made presentations at the meeting about group homes and the Chez Nous proposal. The

speakers stressed the benefits of group homes for people who live in them and for the neighborhood.

"We are trying to give retarded people an opportunity to live in a community," said Ed VanAllen of the Ramsey County Human Services Planning Office. "Our success rate has been very good."

Mimi Renfro, a St. Anthony Park resident who is on the Chez Nous advisory committee, said a group home will add "pluralism in my neighborhood."

Mary Hinz, St. Paul Association for Retarded Citizens, told the audience that "living in the mainstream generally results in better socialization" for retarded persons.

Toni Baker, former community organizer for St. Paul's District 1 (Battle Creek area) and neighbor of a group home for retarded children, reported that "my children and the children of the neighbor-

hood have learned a lot" because of the presence of the group home. (See related story, page 12.)

There are more than 200 group homes for retarded people in Minnesota and 160 of them are in the seven-county metro area, Hinz said.

In the past 10 years the trend has been away from caring for retarded persons in institutions and toward caring for them in communities. A court order currently in effect mandates that 800 of the 2,500 residents of state institutions be moved into community settings by 1985; Ramsey County has responsibility for 80 of those people.

St. Paul zoning policy defines group homes with six or fewer residents as single family residences, explained Pat James, who works in the zoning section of the St. Paul department of planning and economic development. A special-use permit is required, with the only condition being

that no group home be closer than 1/4 mile to another. If this condition is met, a request for a special-use permit cannot be denied.

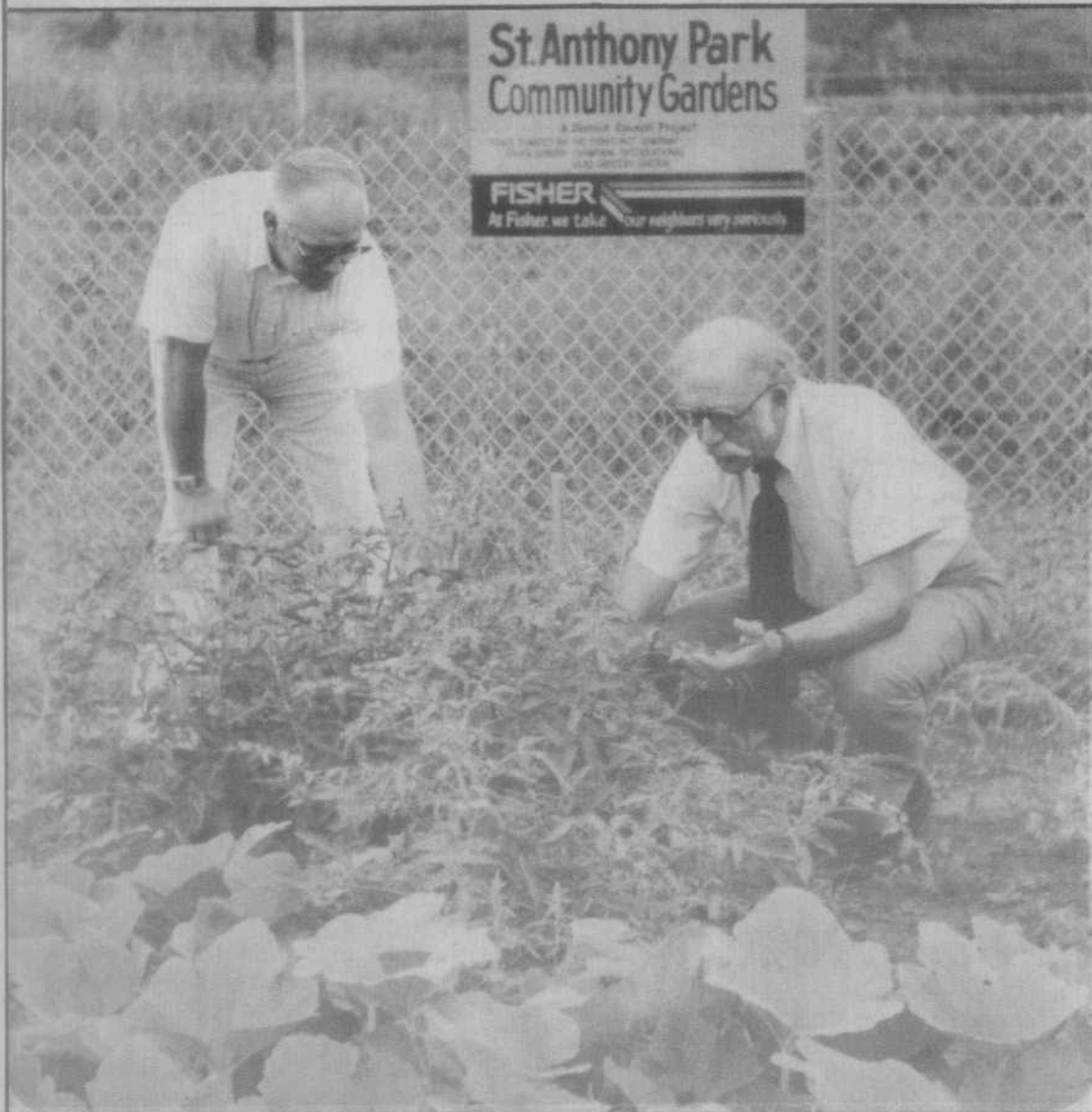
Although zoning requirements are simple, the processes and requirements for establishing a group home are formidable, VanAllen said.

"There are a number of review procedures a new provider goes through to assure the proposed facility will be a good one," he said. These procedures are at the county, state and federal level. In addition, once a home is established, it is monitored regularly.

Kastrul began the application process in May, 1981, and is still moving through it.

An audience of about 35 people attended the town meeting.

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FISHER TAKES ITS NEIGHBORS SERIOUSLY—Harold Feder, (right) president of Fisher Nut Company, examines the tomato plants in one of the St. Anthony Park Community Gardens at Bayless and Robbins. Bob Bacon (left) District Council member who works with the garden and composting task forces, explains future plans for improving the garden site. Fisher Nut donated money for the fence that will completely enclose the garden area. Twenty-two residents have gardens this year, in spite of rocks and poor soil. By next spring, over 100 plots should be available.

District 12 to Unveil Conservatory Plan Aug. 5

Residents interested in the new master plan for the Como Park Conservatory should attend the District 12 physical committee on Thursday, Aug. 5, at 5 p.m. The meeting will be at the District 12 office, 2380 Hampden Ave.

The plan will provide guidelines for the renovation and rehabilitation of the 65-year-old building. The plan has been prepared by an advisory committee composed of district council representatives, professional horticulturists, concerned citizens and city staff.

Joy Albrecht is the District 12 representative on the planning committee. After the master plan is reviewed by district councils, it will go to the city Planning Commission, City Council and the Metropolitan Council.

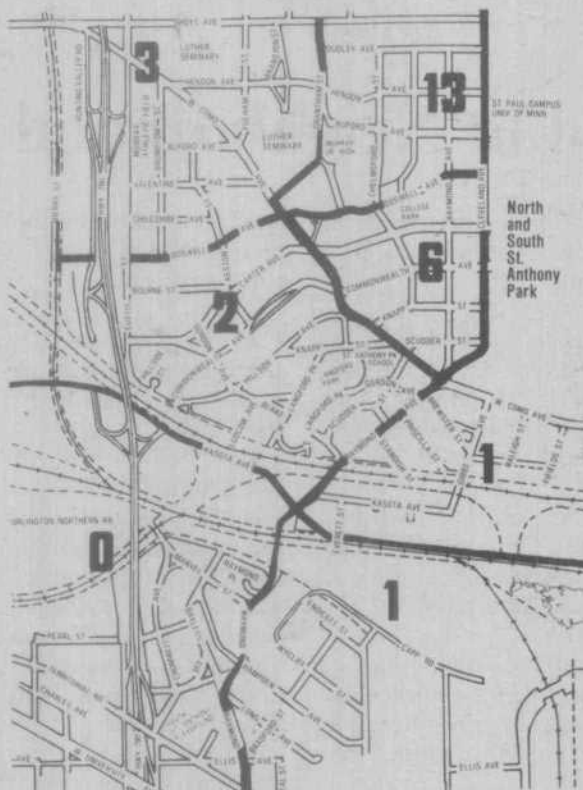
Metropolitan Council will be asked to allocate \$600,000 for phase I of the plan, which will include renovating the covering of the conservatory dome, updating the electrical system and repairing the foundation.

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The number of reported burglaries from April 30, 1982, through June 14, 1982, are shown in this police-grid map.

Sign Up for Energy Audit

District 12 Council is negotiating a contract with Northern States Power to provide energy auditors for north and south St. Anthony Park. The auditors will be certified by the state and will have additional training required by NSP for the audit they must provide each customer.

The NSP audit costs \$10 and qualifies the resident for low-interest loan money (1 1/4 percent) from the St. Paul Energy Resource Center.

District 12 will provide auditors who live in the neighborhood and are insured and bonded. Auditors will be available after Sept. 1.

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Meeting to Discuss Ballfield

A neighborhood meeting to discuss problems regarding use of the ballfields at the South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center is planned for Tuesday, Aug. 3, at 7 p.m. in the weight room at the center.

District 12 human services committee is arranging the meeting to provide opportunity for all interested parties to express opinions.

Nearby neighbors have been unhappy with weekend uses of the fields that have sometimes led to problems with foul language, urinating on private property, beer drinking, trash and parking problems.

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Old-Timers Enjoy Camraderie at Picnic

by Karen Andersen

Few of us spend our whole lives in the same neighborhood, in one town or city any more. If we did, would we still know all our childhood friends, or be able to see them regularly?

A few "old timers" from south St. Anthony Park asked themselves this question about four years ago when they met for the funeral service of a childhood friend.

They decided they should start getting together occasionally while they were still around, instead of waiting until it came time to go to another funeral.

They thought maybe it would be a good idea to pitch in and help old friends who had needs of one kind or another, or were sick or disabled. They would be a social group of people 60 years old and over, without religious, political or economic bias. It would be a "people-oriented" group.

Out of this plan to get together from time to time came a network of people who grew up in south St. Anthony Park (or have lived there for at least 35 years) which includes about 200 listed people, and the possibility of as many as 600 more.

Creating that network of neighborhood people necessitated a search that is still going on today. Members range in age from 60 to as old as 94, and have been located in over 20 states. Many still live in St. Anthony Park. They call themselves the South St. Anthony Old-Timers.

A picnic get-together was held on July 13 at Como Park for all active Old-Timers and others who had heard about the event through publicity or the grapevine.

Harold Nymon, an Old-Timer of three years and planner of the event, was on hand from early morning until sunset. He brought his travel trailer along and parked it next to the picnic pavilion.

Nymon's first meeting involved about 15 men having lunch at a local restaurant. He thought it odd that the original planners only got together once a year, or that there wasn't more interaction when they did.

Nymon began to get some women involved to help him track down various individuals who might participate.

"The roughest part was finding people that were younger," Nymon said, as well as women who



Harold C. Nymon, organizer of the South St. Anthony Old-Timers, who went to Baker School. Photo by Karen Andersen.



Bud Brewer and his sister, Rose Brewer Kelcher, attended St. Cecilia's and lived in Langford Park and later Desnoyer Park. Photo by Karen Andersen.

had married and changed their names.

After about two years Nymon came up with some 400 names of men and women who had grown up in south St. Anthony Park. Now they have at least two big get-togethers a year. Spouses are encouraged to come, regardless of where they grew up.

Camraderie is at the heart of what the Old-Timers want to achieve.

"As we get older, a lot of us find out we don't live forever. We'd better get together and make life better for all of us," said Nymon.

Nymon himself grew up in a house on Raymond Avenue, across the street from the Baker School. His parents were from Norway, and Nymon is still active in the Sons of Norway here in the Twin Cities.

Nymon, who took over and built up an area business, Tri City Transfer, still leads an active life, despite some physical problems and limitations on things like travel.

But his personal philosophy sums up well the idea behind the Old-Timers: "I enjoy life as it is. I have my problems, as do others, but I live for today."

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A St. Anthony Park Bank welcome to our newest board member, Paul F. Jessup, professor of banking and finance at the U. of M. School of Management, and a resident of the Park.

one big event is over

A big thanks to the hard-working July 4th Committee: chairman Peter Mann; co-chairman Brad Rinsem, who was in charge of food; treasurer Stu Peterson; director of afternoon events Jack Pearson; and evening events director Bill Paist, who teamed up with Stu Peterson to coordinate the parade. And a special thanks to all those who worked with the committee to make the Park's celebration a success.

and another one is coming up

Don't miss the Annual St. Anthony Park Steak Fry at 6 p.m., August 17th at Langford Park. The menu is steak, corn on the cob, dinner roll, watermelon and beverage, and guests should bring their own plates, cups and silverware. Chefs Stu Peterson, Stew McIntosh, Jack Pearson, Nick Mayers, and Tom Rohricht will be at the grill to cook your steak just the way you like it. Brad Rinsem is coordinating the event, and tickets will be available at the park on the night of the Steak Fry.

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Video Games in Rec Centers: Quick Fix Is No Real Fix

The proposal to use video games to save the city's threatened recreation centers smacks of quick-fix mentality. It is a shortsighted and superficial approach to a complex problem—a problem that will exist when the current game fad has worn off.

It's true that the idea has a certain appeal. City funds are limited and there's the possibility of more cuts. At the same time, people are spending lots of money these days playing video games. Why shouldn't the city help itself to some of that money?

One reason for the city not to get into the game business is that the expectations of big profit might well be illusory. Fads that people spend money on come and go. Video games happen to be the latest fad, but odds are its popularity will wane; some people believe the peak has already been reached.

There are philosophical reasons, too, for not pursuing video games as a park activity. A number of these reasons were expressed at the District 12 Council meeting in July. (See stories, page 1 and 10). Some of the arguments may be based more on fear than evidence, but the depth of feeling the proposal has engendered suggests that

The greatest weakness of the video game proposal, however, is its linkage to the futures of recreation centers. The implication has been, either we install video games, or rec centers will have to be closed if future budget cuts go deep enough. This is an artificially limited alternative that is not helpful. It tends to polarize forces, and it distracts people from looking at the real issue, which is not how to get money for the short term, but how to think creatively for the long term.

The recreation center in south St. Anthony Park is on the city's list of threatened centers. Its future should not depend on video games. If we wish to maintain the center as a viable operation in the community, we need to be coming up with new ideas. Creating a community corporation to operate the center is one interesting idea that has been suggested; many other approaches are possible. A brainstorming session of interested community members, perhaps sponsored by District 12, could identify such ideas and at the same time be an empowering process for the community.

The *Bugle's* purpose is to provide a medium for exchange of information, ideas and opinions in the community.

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Almost a year after the tornado of 1981 leveled the trees in front of Murray Magnet Junior High School, a new landscaping project was begun.

With money earned from sales of supplies and candy to students, the Murray Student Council contributed \$700 to have several Colorado spruce, yew, and euonymus trees planted near the Buford Avenue entrance to the school. The Murray PTSA added \$300, and an additional \$300 came from "Project Together," a program directed by Joe Nathan, former assistant principal at Murray.

Student Council members (from left) Dana Ampey, Yokum Taku, Mike Schaefer, Andy Eklund, Damon Howatt, Sonia Krinke, Liz Kusant and Odetta Manuel are shown in the photo with new foundation plantings which were ready to be put in place.

In addition to the \$1,300 planting by Albrecht Landscaping, a plan for future landscaping on the school grounds has been designed. This master plan will be filled in over the years.

The project was coordinated by Student Council advisor Phyllis Baltes.

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- Robert Brooks, New South Wales, Australia
I wish Park Press, and the Park Bugle in particular, continued success; I look forward to each issue.

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Park Press Board of Directors, Aug. 2, 6:30 p.m., Glaeser residence.
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Library Happenings

Book Return

An after-hours book return is installed and already in use at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library.

When the library is closed, library users can return books and magazines to the outside receptacle located on the Carter Avenue boulevard. The book return, a gift of the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library, has been wanted by the community to help cope with the reduction of library hours.

Children's Drama

The St. Anthony Park Children's Theater group will present two plays at the library. The local group, directed by Roxanne Christian, will feature fairy tales: *Snow White*, July 29 at 7 p.m. and *Beauty and the Beast*, Aug. 5, 7 p.m. Parents and children are invited to attend.



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HEADWINDS

Castles in the Sand

by James Wesley Brogan

Pat is a competent architect, so there is no reason why he couldn't put together a sandbox for the kids. All the same, I was skeptical. Two-by-eights had to be butted together in four different places; large nails had to be driven and clenched while munchkins did their best to get in the way; and when the building was finished, great quantities of sand had to be transported and dumped inside it.

You can hardly imagine how much sand it takes to fill even a modest sandbox. If I had known I would never have offered to help Pat go get the sand and carry it back to St. Anthony Park.

As I remember, the sand came in 100-pound bags. We filled the trunk of Pat's Toyota two separate times, driving them back to Raymond Avenue and lugging them across the front yard to the box. It took hundreds of pounds

of sand just to get the grass covered, and hundreds more to bring the level up about midway to the top. The box wasn't full by the time we dumped the last of the second load of bags, but we were empty. Our wallets were flat and our muscles likewise.

I can't speak for Pat, who did most of the work, but certainly I compared myself to Hercules for the superhuman labor I had accomplished. There was enough sand in that box to last well into the 21st century.

Unfortunately, I hadn't figured on the kids, who seemed to regard the sand inside the two-by-eights as a problem that needed solving. And it didn't take them long. Using only their bare hands, their little spoons and shovels and toy trucks, and their shoes and pockets and the cuffs of their pants, they managed somehow to pitch several metric tons of sand out of the box by the end of the first summer.

I fought them every inch of the way, spending a good share of those months shouting at them to take that sand back and put it in the box. "Don't throw sand out of the box, Jacob!" I commanded. "Leave the sand in the box."

But he didn't. And neither did Jeffrey, or Peter, or Jenny, or

any of the other kids who played there. Spoonful by spoonful they brought the level down to where we could see the grass at the bottom. The sandbox became a gigantic hourglass quietly counting the days of youth as they passed.

Last year, Pat and I gamely tried again. Again we carried a mountain of sand, bag by bag, from Randolph Street to Raymond Avenue. This time we knew what we were up against. With the strength and perseverance of Hercules doubled, we poured tons of sand into that huge wooden frame.

And again we were defeated by the little people with their spoons and plastic shovels and miniature trucks. Bit by bit they drained that enormous hourglass once more so that by the spring of this year, as Martha and I prepared to move to our house on Grand Avenue, the box was down to the dirt again, empty.

This year we did not trouble to refill it. Knowing that we would be moving away, knowing also that Pat and his family would be moving away, we let the kids clean out the box to the last pinchworth. We had built our little empire in the Park to last forever, but somehow, I guess, our time had run out.



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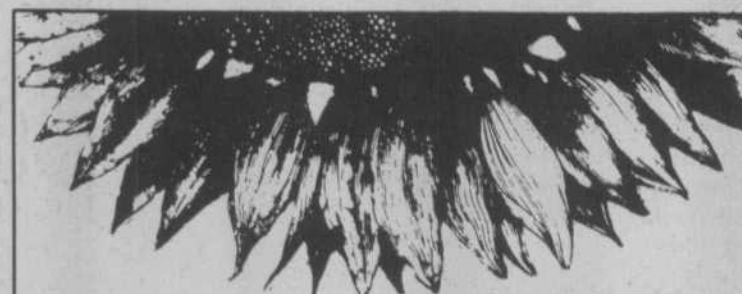
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Fun in Sun for Kids & Parents At Lauderdale Family Picnic

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No Jobs—So Teens Start Own Firm

by Jon Madsen

Como High students Nate Stewart and Aaron Rantapaa shared a problem students face every year—finding a summer job. With the current recession making job opportunities for students even more scarce than usual, Stewart and Rantapaa decided to start their own business, Park Services.

Park Services' 10 workers, all friends of Rantapaa and Stewart, have seeded lawns, washed cars and windows, gardened, stripped wallpaper, mowed lawns and collected mail for people on vacation.

In order to match potential employers with capable high school students, Rantapaa has set up a data management program on a home computer.

Employees do the job and collect the money. Twenty percent of the gross is saved by Park Services to buy equipment. Stewart said he hopes the service will be able to buy a snowblower for cleaning driveways and sidewalks. He said he thought commercial firms have an advantage because of the equipment they have available, so by getting kids to pool their funds, they will be better able to compete.

"By our prices you can tell that money is not the main thing," said Andy Eklund, who has been with the service about a month. "We enjoy working for other people, helping out, and caring," he said.

Park Services has never had to turn anyone down. If you have a job that needs to be done, call Aaron Rantapaa at 646-3044 or Andy Eklund at 645-4283 or Nate Stewart at 645-6557.



Nate Stewart, of Park Services, at work. Photo by Jon Madsen.

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Vacation Busy for Nagasaki Student

by Nadene Malo

In less than four months, Yasuko Tagawa has seen more of America than many of us see in four years.

The 16-year-old Japanese Rotary exchange student arrived from Nagasaki for a year-long visit on March 30, just in time to finish the school year at Como Park Senior High School.

Since then her stay with the Dick and Carol Schoen family has been a whirlwind of activity. Tagawa's summer vacation has already included a Boundary Waters canoe trip and an extensive East Coast tour. She also was a "tour guide" when her father and his friends visited St. Paul recently.

Many aspects of American life are old-hat to Tagawa, whose family has hosted several American exchange students in Japan. Perhaps because of their American guests, her mother has always cooked a lot of Western food. Tagawa is used to such American favorites as hamburgers and spaghetti, and, like many American teenagers, said, "I love chocolate and M&Ms."

Although there are many similarities between life in Nagasaki, St. Paul's sister city, and St. Paul, Tagawa has found some striking differences as well.

Tagawa arrived just before the last two snowfalls of the season, and she was not prepared for them. Her reaction to the fluffy white stuff was "What happened?" Schoen said. Winter's last gasp exposed Tagawa to more snow than she usually sees all year in the moderate Nagasaki climate, and she's not looking forward to next winter.

Weekends filled with leisure activities are another more pleasant surprise for Tagawa.

"In Japan we get a one-day week-

end, and then everyone sleeps in their houses," she said. "It's unusual to see people out playing."

A long summer vacation is also an unusual treat for Tagawa.

The Japanese school year ends in March, but starts again in April with summer vacation from the end of July through the end of August. "College preparatory kids go to school" even then, she said.

American students not only have more time off from studies, their schools are more relaxed in general. Tagawa contrasted her experience at Como, where students change classrooms every hour, to the more formal routine at home.

"We don't move; we don't talk," she said of her school. "I was really surprised" when a classmate got up and sharpened a pencil here, she said wide-eyed. Another vice American students get away with is chewing gum, an offense likely to bring a trip to the "teacher's office" in Japan.

Tagawa's summer began with her first canoe camping trip in the Boundary Waters near

Camp Menogyn. Although she said camping was generally "better than I thought it would be," she added, "I don't want to go again."

The famous Minnesota dive-bombing mosquito may have contributed to her reaction. "I hate them (mosquitos)," she said on her return from the wilderness. "My legs are all mosquito bites."

Camp food was good, though, with campfire-baked cakes and spaghetti. She also was treated to rice with sugar for breakfast for the first time. Rice is never served that way in Japan.

Tagawa's most recent excursion was a two-week East Coast tour. Highlights included visits to New York, Washington, Philadelphia and the two major Florida amusement parks: Sea World and Disney World.

Although the tour included July 4th fireworks in Washington, Tagawa was only politely impressed. "We have many fireworks at home," she said.

The rest of Tagawa's summer will be less hectic, although she



Yasuko Tagawa. Photo by Nadene Malo.

will tour Chicago with her second host family, the Wayne Browns of the Como Park neighborhood. She'll return to St. Anthony Park as a guest of the Art Coury family on Dec. 1.

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St. Anthony Park Association



Visiting Editor, Tom Rohricht, 645-6043.

1982 Fourth in the Park Revisited

For those who participated in this year's Fourth of July festivities, it is an understatement to say that the day was fun and hot.

Participation is usually a good measure of the fun, and Stu Peterson, Bill Paist and Tom Frost (the men wearing the baseball caps, carrying walkie-talkies and directing parade people where to go and when to start) estimate that about 450 youthful walkers and riders participated in the Grand Parade this year, and even an untrained



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eye could see that an extra large enthusiastic crowd enjoyed the music of The Rockin' Holly-woods to cap off the day.

As for the heat, aside from the record temperature, Brad Rinsem reports that hot, thirsty patrons consumed 100 gallons of soda pop (35 gallons in the first hour of sales), 50 gallons of iced tea, 1,080 ice cream novelties and 10 watermelons (plus 65 dozen hot dogs and assorted fruits).

Special thanks are due to the following merchants who helped make the day a success: The Muffuletta, for use of umbrellas; Mannings Cafe, for donation of popcorn; B-Line Dry Ice (on Thomas Avenue), for donation of about 60 bushels of regular and dry ice and use of equipment and for assistance in the procurement of food at cost; and to other Park merchants who donated cash and prizes.

Steak Fry August 17th

The annual Family Steak Fry is scheduled for Langford Park on Tuesday, Aug. 17 at 6 p.m. The Steak Fry substitutes for the regular meeting of the Association during the month of August.

Chef Brad Rinsem reports that the menu includes steaks (grilled to your taste), corn on the cob, dinner rolls, watermelon and beverage (milk or coffee). As in the past, each picnicker is expected to bring his or her own plate and eating utensils, as well as any other additional appetizers, desserts or beverages.

Steve Wellington reports that musical entertainment will be provided by the Twin City Harmonica Society.

The price for the meal, again this year, will be more than reasonable. Rinsem estimates that if the turnout is similar to last year, the cost will be about \$4 per person.

Each member of the Association will be called for reservations in advance of the Steak Fry. If you will be out of town during the first half of August, please make your own advance reservations by calling Barry or Melissa Bridges (645-6946), the co-chairpersons of the 1982-83 arrangements committee.

Recreation Center News for August

The following events are scheduled at the north and south St. Anthony Park recreation centers during the month of August:

- Entire month of August, softball and baseball playoffs for grades 5-12. Call recreation centers for details (Langford Park: 645-9985; South St. Anthony: 644-9188).

- August 2-6, Camp Wilder Day Camp (for ages 7-14). Depart by bus 8 a.m. from recreation centers and return 5 p.m. Call recreation centers for details and registration forms.

- August 6, softball contest between South St. Anthony and Langford Park (grades 5-12) at South St. Anthony, 1:15-5 p.m. Water balloon fight following game.

- August 10, Valley Fair Trip (ages 8-adult). Depart by bus 9 a.m. from recreation centers and return 5 p.m. Cost: \$9.75 per person (includes transportation to and from as well as admission fee—does not include lunch). Call recreation center for details and registration forms.

- August 13, Frisbe Golf Tourney at Langford Park (grades 3-12). No registration required, just show up at Langford Park Recreation Center for Tourney from 1:15-4:30 p.m.

Peace Group Active

St. Anthony Park Neighbors for Peace will present two books on nuclear disarmament to the St. Anthony Park Branch Library, in commemoration of the people of St. Paul's sister city, Nagasaki, Japan.

The Neighbors for Peace will sponsor a study group on the prospect of a nuclear freeze at the Ramsey County Library in Roseville.

The group will meet on Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. from July 28 through Sept. 1.

What is District 12? Who Makes It Happen?

Residents Support District 12, Councils But Aren't Sure What They Do

by Terri Ezekiel

St. Anthony Park residents appear to be only vaguely aware of District 12's activities, but they seem to like the concept of district councils representing neighborhood interests.

About 30 persons were stopped randomly in the vicinity of Como and Carter avenues and asked if they knew what the District 12 council does and their views on the effectiveness of district councils in general.

Almost half of these interviewed were not from the neighborhood, and of the residents, there was a fairly even split between those who had "no idea" what district councils do and those who could name at least one or two district council activities.

But despite their limited knowledge of district council activities, residents in general said they supported the district council system and hoped it would continue.

"I'm only aware of District 12's activities to a small degree, but they serve a good function and they should continue," said resident Joseph Donahoe.

Bill Rossi said he thought of District 12 as "a clearinghouse for information on what the issues are in the neighborhood." He said, "From what I've seen, they (district councils) play an important role in representing neighborhood interests."

Melissa Bosset said she was new to St. Anthony Park and so was "not aware" of District 12's activities. When she was told that the community gardens, the composting project and recycling were among District 12's activities, Bosset said she thought those projects were "important."

"Those kinds of things were what attracted my husband and me to St. Anthony Park," Bosset said. "We liked the fact that people were aware of the environment and were interested in improving the quality of life."

Do these unscientific results say anything about the effectiveness of District 12 and district councils in general?

The responses do not say much about district councils specifically, but it is clear that residents approve of the activities District 12 has chosen to become involved in, even if they don't associate them with the council. But perhaps more importantly, they support the idea of a mechanism for representing neighborhood interests to the city.

A Brief List of District 12 Activities

Crimewatch
District 12 and St. Anthony Park Association cooperated in recruiting block captains and workers, training them, and supplying them with materials.

Composting
Through a grant from the Pollution Control Agency, District 12 has worked with residents in neighborhood and backyard composting.

Community Gardens
District 12 has leased land for 5 years from Burlington Northern for approximately 100 garden plots.

Kasota Pond
District 12 worked to get this placed on the protected waters list.

Job Bank
District 12 worked with director at South St. Anthony

Park Recreation Center
to establish a job bank for 6th to 9th graders.

Caregivers
District 12 worked with Wilder Foundation to establish this support group, which meets weekly at a local church.

Block Nurse Program
District 12 will receive and disburse funds for this project and will have representatives on the Advisory Committee.

Weatherization Program
Under a grant, four blocks have agreed to undertake extensive weatherization of their homes. Seminars on Energy topics have also been arranged for the community and 2-5 energy auditors will be trained and will then be available for audits in the area at reduced price.



Ask people what District 12 is, as the *Bugle* did recently (see article on this page), and you're likely to get a lot of blank looks.

Yet, the things District 12 does, through the 18-member district council, directly affect the quality of life within the district.

And, if Mayor Latimer's ideas become a reality, the district council will have an even greater impact on residents. Latimer wants to give more decision-making powers to the district councils than they

now have, allowing them to make decisions about which "responsive" services will exist in the district and in what form. (Responsive services are services the city provides that are not "essential"—libraries, recreation centers, tree planting, etc.)

The *Bugle* believes it is important for citizens to know about District 12 and be informed of its actions. That's why page 2 of the *Bugle* is devoted to District 12 news every month (the district council pays for the space), and why this month we devote these pages to backgrounding District 12.



Vicky Moerer
981 Bayless Ave.
Co-chair, South St. Anthony Park delegate
Involvement: Two years

Moerer said she got involved "out of community interest, when we moved here a few years ago." She had previously lived in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, where she had worked with a group to get streets widened. The success of that project sparked her interest in community involvement.

"Getting to know other people in the area has been positive. They're not people I'd be talking to across the backyard," she said. Moerer described the council as "the neighborhood connection with city government. I see that as a useful tool."

Robert Bacon, 948 Cromwell Ave.
South St. Anthony Park delegate,
working on the community garden
and composting
Involvement: Two years

Bacon first ran for the council at the suggestion of other community members. He works on the community garden project, he said, because it is "doing something for the neighborhood." Bacon also works on the composting project, set up to help alleviate the city's burden of picking up leaves.

The council "is quite a group of people," said Bacon. Being a part of it "gives you much more of a community feeling." "It makes you feel like you're doing something for the neighborhood and for the people."



Joanne Rohricht
2191 Commonwealth Ave.
North St. Anthony Park delegate,
human services committee chair
Involvement: 2½ years

Rohricht, who has been involved in social work and theological studies, said she became a member because of an interest in "people issues."

"I am particularly interested in aging, and St. Anthony Park has about 11 percent of its population 65 and older. I think that communities can do quite a bit to enhance the quality of life for its older residents," she said.

"Community life is important to everyone who lives in a neighborhood such as this," said Rohricht, "but it doesn't just happen. People have to work to sustain it."

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Council Forum Works to Preserve Funding

by Terri Ezekiel

When the District Councils' Forum was formed in late April, the future of the district councils appeared bleak. Budget cuts at the federal and city levels raised the possibility of council funding being reduced to the point that they might no longer be able to function.

Since then, the picture has brightened considerably. The St. Paul City Council has demonstrated a willingness to listen to the councils' budget concerns and Mayor Latimer has expressed his support of the district council system.

Eleven of the 17 district councils (including District 12) are funded by the federal government's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. One council is funded jointly with CDBG funds and money from St. Paul's general fund and the other five are supported entirely with general fund revenue.

The CDBG program was one targeted for substantial cuts by the Reagan administration. St. Paul's allocation for 1982 and 1983 was reduced even more than the city administration had anticipated.

In March, the councils staved off a \$50,000 reduction in their ap-

proximately \$300,000 total allocation for 1981-82 after former city councilman George McMahon persuaded Mayor Latimer to restore the cut and deduct the money from an unspecified contingency fund.

That was only round one, however. The city's budget crunch did not disappear and in May and June it appeared inevitable that the councils would have to bite the bullet and accept a reduction in their 1983 funding, since the city's CDBG allocation for 1982-83 was to be the same as in 1981-82.

The District Councils' Forum began meeting regularly in May and funding was the group's overriding concern. They wanted to present a united front as their proposed budgets for 1982 were evaluated by the city officials. They agreed that they would not try to undercut each other in order to get more money for their individual districts from the city. The group also organized a presentation for the newly-seated City Council to acquaint them with the district councils' activities.

Did it help? Sherman Eagles, chairman of the District Councils' Forum, thinks so. "I think we've been more effective in influencing the City Council," Eagles said. "It's certainly been more difficult for those who

might have opposed us because we presented a united front."

City staff reduced the councils' total 1982-83 request for funding of \$357,692 by about \$30,000 before submitting the request in late June to the City Council's Finance Committee for approval.

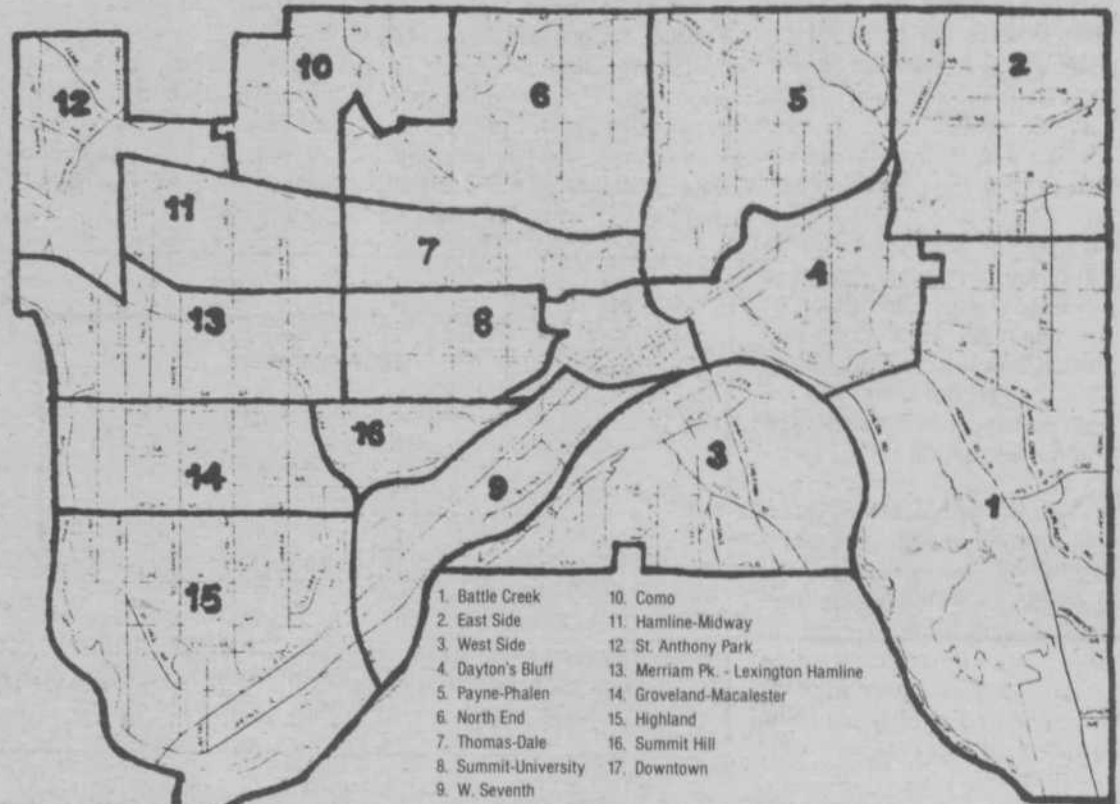
In response to that proposed budget, fourth ward councilman Bob Fletcher submitted a coun-

ter-proposal that would, Fletcher wrote, "in effect freeze the councils receiving more than \$22,000 and slightly increase those below."

According to Fletcher's proposal, the additional funding could be accomplished by "eliminating the funds (\$60,000) for the West Minnehaha Recreation Club and transfer \$10,200 of that money into the Citizen Participation Budget." Fletcher pointed

One strength of such a formula, Eagles said, is that it would include the city-funded councils, which do not qualify for CDBG money, and so tend to receive less money due to the city's more limited resources.

Eagles said he hopes to have a proposal ready to present to the City Council "in a couple of months," after the district councils have had a chance to discuss it.



CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLANNING DISTRICTS



Bill Huestis
Co-chairman; Midway Civic & Commerce Association delegate
Involvement: Three years

When Huestis joined the council in 1979, residents were concerned about the business district encroaching on residential property. "Now it's the other way around," he said.

Despite prior factionalism, the council is "really quite well blended now," said Huestis. "We don't take sides and I think that's a very good thing. We're all very supportive of one another."

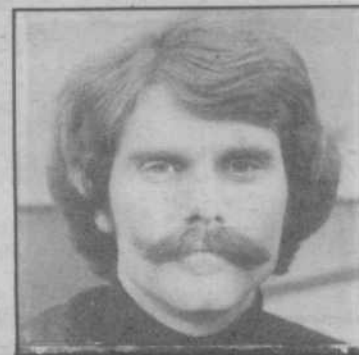
"The council provides a unique opportunity for influence that an individual would usually not have by himself," he said.

Huestis plans to continue his involvement with the council. "I enjoy that environment and my relationship with other people," he said. "I would miss them if I weren't there. I really would miss that involvement."

Greg Haley
2253 Commonwealth Ave.
Co-chairman, St. Anthony Park Delegation; chairman; planning committee
Involvement: Eight years

Haley first got involved with the District 12 Council in 1975 when the council was being formed, and has run in every election since. A member of an interim council, set up to design bylaws and procedures for the new council, Haley was elected as a member one year later when the first District 12 Council elections were held.

Haley says his initial interest in the council stemmed from previous involvement with the St. Anthony Park Association. He said that his council activities have been rewarding because, "you know what's going on in your community and you can help change things that are going on in the community, hopefully for the better."



Sherman Eagles
980 Hampden Ave.
Alternate
Involvement: Eight years

Eagles' involvement in citizens action groups dates back to 1973 when he was a member of the St. Anthony Park Project Area Committee, which eventually evolved into the current district council organization. He has served on the council on and off since its start, and is currently an alternate member and the District 12 representative to the District Council's Forum, a group of district council representatives from throughout the city.

Eagles said the district council is important because it is "trying to bring decisions as close as possible to the people they're affecting." The district councils "try to help give people more of an opportunity to say something about how they want their neighborhood to be."

out that "this recreation center is being considered by the Parks and Recreation Dept. for closing."

Fletcher's amendments, which were approved by the Finance Committee would mean that district council median funding would rise from about \$19,000 to about \$20,000. The proposal did not specify from where the additional general fund revenue would come. The full City Council will vote on the budget in the fall.

Fletcher wrote in his recommendation that "no formula" was used in apportioning increases; the amendments were based on the district councils' proposed budgets. But arriving at a formula by which council funds could be allocated is a concern of the District Councils' Forum, according to Eagles.

A committee of the forum is attempting to develop a formula, Eagles said, and in its preliminary form it consists of a base level of funding for all councils with additional funding being based on population, median income and housing conditions

in the districts.

With the budget crisis apparently eased, assuming the full City Council approves Fletcher's proposal, the main reason for the District Councils' Forum's existence would seem to have disappeared.

Eagles said that after the budget is settled, "The Forum will have to do some talking to see where we're going to go." While he doesn't see the forum being as active as it has been in recent months, Eagles said he does see a future role for the group.

Some possible activities for the group, Eagles said, are a forum-sponsored conference on neighborhoods, formation of a coalition to support legislation at the State Legislature and coordination of group purchasing of supplies for the councils.

"We wouldn't meet nearly as much, because we wouldn't want to overshadow the individual councils, but we would be there to deal with the issues that go beyond individual councils," Eagles said.

Council Troubled by Video Games in Rec Centers

by Kathy Berg

The idea of video games in city recreation centers does not sit well with members of the District 12 Council, but the City Council appears ready to give it a trial.

At a July meeting of the District 12 Council, members expressed firm opposition to the proposed installation of video games in rec centers and decided to send a letter stating their position to the City Council, Mayor George Latimer and Robert Piram, director of Parks and Recreation.

Meanwhile, the City Council's legislation committee approved a plan to put 10 video games at the Highland Park pool and Phalen beach for a trial ending Sept. 7. The full council is expected to approve the legislation committee's action.

As part of the trial effort, information about the games' use and effects will be recorded daily at the two sites. This information will be used by the council in September in deciding whether to allow the games to continue at Highland and Phalen and to be installed in other centers.

Fourth ward councilman Robert Fletcher, who chairs the legislation committee, has reservations about video games in recreation centers.

He voted for the trial period, however. "It's a compromise plan," he said, which will give the council more information for making its decision.

"I anticipate there will be some problems," Fletcher said. He is concerned about both the economic and social effects of video games in recreation facilities.

Piram has no revenue estimates, Fletcher claimed, although fundraising was supposed to be the main reason for the video game proposal. Two months ago, Piram claimed that the city could raise \$120,000 in a 2-3 month trial period, but "he will no

Murray, Como Principals Receive Assignments

by Ann Bulger

Principals at both Murray Magnet Junior and Como Park Senior high schools will be returning in September.

Keith Bergstrom, who came to Murray in March from the Career Study Center I, and Vern Kenyon, who went to Como from Murray a year ago, both have been reassigned to their present posts.

longer give an estimate anywhere near that," said Fletcher.

Fletcher also claimed that Piram has downplayed the social impact of videogames on children and that he has regarded this issue as the City Council's responsibility.

Larry Gallatin now at Career Study Center II, will replace Gene Auck as assistant principal at Murray. Auck will become principal of both Highland Senior and Highland Junior high schools.

Secondary principals will return to work Aug. 16, and school will open Sept. 7. In the mean time, maintenance work is in progress at both schools. Roof repairs and installation of a new phone system are underway at Como.



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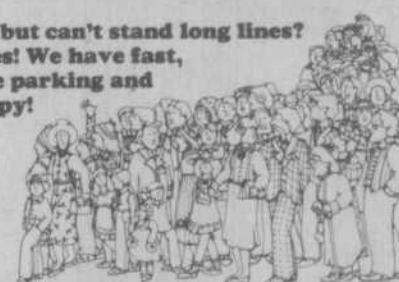
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LIBRARY

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Further, the commission advises that six branch libraries be replaced with reading centers located in multi-service centers, thus allowing libraries to forego the high cost of operating and maintaining large, older buildings. The centers would be open at least 20 hours per week and emphasize popular reading materials.

Although circulation at the St. Anthony branch is just over

87,000, its per capita circulation is the highest in the city.

Last year's budget cuts reduced the number of hours the library is open from 51 to 37 and the materials budget was reduced.

Janet Quale and Barbara Dyball, former and current presidents of the St. Anthony Park Library Association, wrote to the planning commission, pointing out that "to first cut the hours during which circulation of materials can take place and

later to establish a penalty for this reduction in circulation statistics cannot be what the planning commission had intended." They called for a "reconsideration of the heavily weighted circulation statistic requirement."

Quale and Dyball also contended that the library is in good condition and serves the community as a center for many activities. It would be a waste of city assets "to allow a well-used library building in good condition to deteriorate because of the lack of ongoing maintenance," they stated.

The Planning Commission will hold a formal public hearing Sept. 10 at 9 a.m. in the City Hall Annex. A copy of the proposed plan can be obtained by contacting Nancy Homans at 292-6235.

Recommendations from the Mayor's Task Force and from the Planning Commission will be presented to the City Council this fall.

Tennis Lessons

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Battle Creek Group Home Proves Good for Community

by Mollie Hoben

When word got out in St. Paul's Battle Creek neighborhood that a new house going up would be a group home for six retarded children, a woman whose house was on an adjoining lot was vocal and active in her opposition.

Today the same woman does volunteer work in the group home and has proclaimed, "I sure prefer these six kids to a houseful of teenagers."

Toni Baker, who was community organizer in the neighborhood at the time, spoke at the District 12 Town Meeting July 14 about her neighborhood's experiences with group homes for retarded persons. District 1, which includes the Battle Creek area, now has three group homes, one in the block Baker lives in.

Baker's message was that the establishment of a group home in a neighborhood may create fear and resentment among residents at first, but that it can ultimately result in benefits for the neighborhood.

One benefit for Battle Creek residents has been jobs, Baker reported. The group homes have hired local people to help staff the homes, giving some community residents opportunity that did not exist before for meaningful part-time employment in their neighborhood.

Another benefit has been the gaining of new perspectives by neighbors. "My children have learned a lot," Baker said. In addition, she noted the children in the home have had exper-

iences they would not have had in an institution.

When a group home is planned for a neighborhood, the most important first step, Baker said, is information. "Interest in the community in a residential facility will be widespread," she said, "and the community must have opportunity to be well-informed."

Arguments that may be raised against a home for retarded persons will be the same ones used to exclude minorities, she noted. "People are afraid of what they do not know."

But she cautioned against condemning detractors. "It's easier to be open-minded when you don't live right next door," she pointed out. "Have patience."

Baker said her support of group homes does not preclude concerns about them.

One concern is whether St. Paul will end up carrying a disproportionate burden in providing services to retarded persons coming out of institutions. "Retarded people are the responsibility of the whole state," she said.

Baker also said she was concerned about whether qualified staff are available and about the quality of administration of a group home.

Many concerns that neighbors typically raise don't worry Baker. The experiences in District 1 have shown that group homes will probably be better maintained than other homes, she said, and that if there is a problem the operators will "bend over backward" to resolve it.



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ated video games in centers throughout the city as a means of making up lost revenue.

The proposal to raise money with video games has proven to be highly controversial. At a recent meeting of the District 12 Community Council, for example, opposition was widespread among merchants and residents of St. Anthony Park, both north and south. Reasons varied from

the pragmatic to the philosophical.

According to Ann Copeland, District 12 coordinator, several people at the meeting worried aloud that children would spend all their money playing these electronic games and would then be forced either to ask their parents for more money or find some other means of getting it.

There was also concern expressed, she said, as to the age of the children likely to be involved and as to the ability of the recreation centers adequately to supervise gameroom activities.

Underlying the public discussion lies a fear, Copeland conjectures,

that video games might have a corrupting influence on the young.

Jo Anne Rohricht, chairperson of District 12's human services committee, believes that the council considers electronic games to be fundamentally incompatible with the idea of community recreation.

"My sense," she said, "is that the council feels that electronic games are inappropriate for a sports and recreation center whose purpose is to emphasize physical development and fitness. I think there is a distinction in the community's mind," she added, "between a sport/recreation area and an amusement park."

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Jean Baumgartner, an administrator in the Department of Parks and Recreation, admitted that throughout the city response to the idea of placing video games in recreation centers has been mixed, at best.

"The reception varies," she said. "Some of the centers initially have not been supportive but would try it if it meant saving the center."

Jerry Esboldt, recreation director at both Langford and South St. Anthony Park, tends to agree, since he wants to avoid having to close what is physically the better of his two facilities.

"It's not the best of choices, maybe," he said with regard to the installation of video games, "but it's just a matter of survival."

Asked why the South St. Anthony center was placed on the hit list while Langford was not, Esboldt answered, "The big thing, the bottom line is, they just don't have the population."

This judgment was confirmed by Baumgartner, who said that according to the 1980 census data, the number of people served by the Langford facility was 5,375 whereas South St. Anthony Park served a population of only 1,254.

"Secondly," Esboldt explained, "they don't have the type of program where a lot of parents are involved."

What about the possibility of combining the two centers in some way, or even closing Langford in order to take advantage of the larger, newer and more complete facilities in south St. Anthony Park?

Esboldt said it just wouldn't work. For one thing, it is too great a distance between them.

"It's a mile point three," he said, "so you're either sending most of these kids a mile in the dark (if they walk) or having to drive them back and forth all the time."

And as he also pointed out, south St. Anthony Park's closer proximity to highway 280, I-94, and University Avenue brings in what he calls "a few more high-

plains drifter types." The Langford location, he said, "is a little more isolated, a little more secure."

Concerted neighborhood opposition to the video games proposal, it should be pointed out, has not necessarily signed a death warrant for the south St. Anthony Park facility.

At least one Park resident, for example, has suggested the possibility of forming a community corporation of some kind to lease, buy or manage a recrea-

tion center which otherwise might have to be closed.

Rohricht thinks the idea has considerable promise, and she would like to encourage other neighborhood residents to come up with proposals of their own.

"I'd like to see us make an inventory," she said, "and see if there are uses for these centers other than those suggested by the department of Parks and Recreation. The question is," she added, "do you choose video games as your best alternative?"

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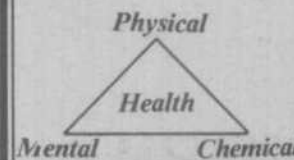
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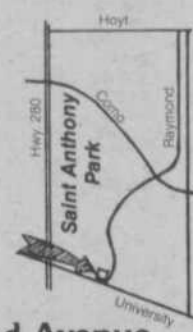
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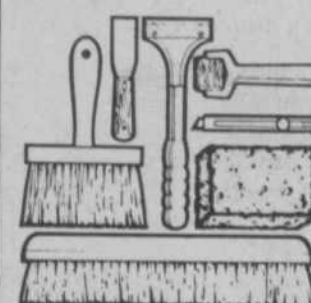
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