Crisis Nurseries offers challenge and hope

By John G. Shepard

Somewhere in St. Paul tonight there is a young woman near the end of her rope. She is 21 and anorexic. Her first pregnancy was 17 and she has been having babies almost as fast as is humanly possible. Hardly more than an adolescent herself, she now has five children, all under the age of five.

I know only this much about her, but it isn’t hard to imagine such a person’s life reaching a point of crisis where suddenly she doesn’t know how to cope with her children. Maybe she has just been evicted and has nowhere to stay, or she might have hit bottom in an abusive relationship, or perhaps she is simply overwhelmed from trying to meet so much need with so few resources. But whatever has happened, she’s in trouble and she has had the good sense to seek help. That’s why two of her kids are coming to stay at our house.

Tonight is my family’s first experience volunteering with the Children’s Home Society of Minnesota. Our group has been received by a staff from the 36-year-old St. Anthony Park Institution, and familiar with the organization is talking about an hour and learned that our “on-call” status was about to change. For the next 72 hours our home will serve as a refuge for a two-year-old girl and her one-year-old brother.

Our family of three will almost double in size and instead of one toddler in diapers we will have two. Leon and Clara-Lynn (not their real names) arrive with Deborah, a Crisis Nurseries social worker, and allow my wife Suzanne and I to lead them into our house without protest. Bundled in layers of mismatched clothing, without socks, hats or coats against the chilly October evening, they are quiet, perhaps a little daunted. Though he is younger than his sister by a year, Leon is every bit her size—Clara-Lynn, we are told, was severely premature and is exhibiting some delays in her language development.

We find socks and sweaters in the two bags of clothes that Deborah shares with us along with a pair of car seats and several packages of diapers (a check for $41 per child per day will arrive in the mail at the end of the month). Our two little visitors express down a glass of milk and a banana. Meanwhile, our daughter Anna, who is almost two, is excited to have company and chats amiably to and about our guests. Leon and Clara-Lynn look back over their laps without apparent emotion and say nothing.

For almost two years Children’s Home Society has been pairing children like Leon and Clara-Lynn with volunteer families across the St. Paul area. It is an arrangement that makes Crisis Nurseries unlike any other program of its kind in the country. While most crisis care centers for children, such as the Minneapolis Crisis Nursery program, provide care in an institutional setting, the Children’s Home Society program is unique in using volunteer families as service providers.

Response to the program indicates that the home-care solution has been well received and is meeting an important need. Over 1,000 parents—almost all of them single and women—sought help from Crisis Nurseries in its first 18 months of operation. From these families, 426 children were placed in volunteer families.

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Crisis Nurseries

By Karen Knepper Frisell

The No Wake Cafe, a floating restaurant moored on Harriet Island in St. Paul, sports a new piece of artwork this fall: a neon depiction of St. Paul’s skyline.

The artwork—signed for the restaurant was designed and built by Falcon Heights neontist Keith Holland. The piece, done in two colors of white, blue, red and green neon, is four feet by eight feet, and is the biggest piece Holland has done. He figures he spent between 600 and 700 hours on the piece, which was made of about 250 feet of half-inch tubing and was completed in mid-October.

Holland has been “bending glass,” as he calls his craft, for about two years. He’s become successful enough at it to make a living, splitting his time between designing, the actual bending, and in representing others’ work and his own through a local neon art store. Neon has seen a great resurgence in popularity in the past few years, according to Holland, “but the peak is a few years away,” he predicts. The Twin Cities, he notes, is probably the country’s largest center for neo art, with perhaps the best recognized school in the world.

Holland, who confesses he “always been fascinated with light,” was a photographer for years before he started designing neon pieces for others. Then, he says, he decided to “stop photographing existing light and start making my own,” so he went to school to learn to bend glass.

“A six-week course to get your feet wet, then the rest of your life figuring it out,” is how Holland describes his education. Still, he notes, the fundamentals of neon are fairly simple, if expensive. Holland rents space in another neon shop to ply his trade because of the expense in setting up his own shop. Holland has designed and built many pieces of neon art, including headboards, clocks and even devices to light up hand-carved pumpkins, which he says is a big draw in his neighborhood.

His latest work, however, has been in designing neon art to be mounted in the back of a car. The art, which can be one of many designs, lights up when the brakes are applied. Holland is hoping to be able to design and manufacture those pieces for national catalogue distribution.

He tested the concept recently by driving around the dome during the World Series with a “I sign that lit up. “It was very popular,” he said. “People went wild.”

Holland would like to do another large piece, however, and has his eyes on the new water tower in Falcon Heights. He’s thinking of designing a falcon, or something symbolic, and has contacted a few people with his ideas. “I just love it,” Holland says about his art. “Neon will always be around for me.”

Civic Council

Civic Council elections Nov. 3

Falcon Heights

Mayor Tom Baldwin is unopposed. City council members Stephen Ward and Gerald Wallin are challenged by Pat Bush, the city’s part-time recreation director. All are four-year terms.

Polls are open Nov. 3 from noon to 8 p.m. Voters in Precincts 1 and 4 vote at the City Hall. Voters in Precincts 2 and 3 vote at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ.

Lauderdale

Mayor David A. Nelson is unopposed for a two-year term. Council candidates Paul A. Villella, an incumbent, and Lee J. Peterson, are unopposed for four-year terms. Incumbent Paul Phillips did not file for re-election.

Lauderdale residents vote at the City Hall Nov. 3, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

St. Paul

In the 4th Ward, city council incumbent KiKi Sonnen is being challenged by Mary Jo Leier.

Four challenges face four incumbents for the St. Paul School Board. Bill Carlson, Margo Fox, George Janisch and Al Oertwig are being challenged by Rita McDonald, Mary Jane Raichter, Claudia Swanson and David Sweeney.

Voters in the St. Anthony Park and Energy Park areas vote at Lutheran Northwestern Seminary Campus Center, St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 56th at the Artium Building. Polls are open Nov. 3, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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District 12 recognizes its own

The District 12 Council has nominated community residents and organizations for awards to be presented by St. Paul Mayor Marcy Likin at the Better Neighborhoods Forum, "Making Democracy Work, Neighborhoods in the '90s," to be held Sat., Dec. 5, at the St. Paul Civic Center from 4-8 p.m. Selected by the Council for recognition are:

St. Paul Neighborhood Honor Roll—Robert Bacon, Horner Eagles; Elizabeth Clark (posthumously); Gertrude Gordanier and Greg Haley.


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Exercising your option

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The District 12 Community Council is a group of 21 citizens elected to serve the District 12 area of St. Paul, including residents of St. Anthony Park, and representatives of commerce and industry. It is one of 17 citizen participation councils in the city.

The council meets the second Wednesday of every month. All meetings are open to the public. Check for location.


Office hours 9 a.m.-3 p.m., M-F. Messages received on office answering machine at other times.

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1666 Coffman's chief woodsman shapes a forest

By Leon Reisman

Bemidji can have mighty Paul Bunyan, his ox and his axe. Residents of 1666 Coffman will take one of their own. Paul Kupchis and his delicately serrated stiletto.

Folk heroes have a way of arriving in an aura of prophecy. As another forested, H.D. Thoreau, almost put it in "The Inward Morning" way back in 1842.

How could the patient pine have known that Mr. Kupchis would come, or fallen log anticipate the chopper's noonday hum? Of course, there are other elves, creative and benign, in the forest behind 1666 Coffman. David Thompson designed the paths and kept them wide enough for couples to stroll hand in hand. Lion-hearted Joe White carted bushel upon bushel of newly-sprouted chips to the far reaches of the grove. In the dappled forest sunlight, Frank DiGangi delicately dribbled the chips from his hand, following the inspired Thompsonian plan.

Paul C'connor met his greatest challenge: he doggedly filled a cavern in the depths of the grove with barrows of earth. And Clarence Arlender, with surgical precision, raked and cleaned the area after the chipper.

But the master woodsman still is Paul Kupchis, a charmer saint sa chundelle. "Since June 3," said Kupchis, his eyes twinkling, quite aware that he was able to recall the exact date, "I've taken my daily exercise in the forest." He interrogates the trees (he's on a first-name basis with most of them), head canted to one side, he peers at them, diagnoses the illness, then selects the correct instrument—a wedge saw or an ax or that ubiquitous long-poled tree-trimmer—and proceeds firmly and confidently to a surgical solution.

"So many years ago," he said, "on our self-sufficient farm in Lavinia I learned that wood is vital. We used it for firewood and for buildings, for implements and transport."

Kupchis learned how to select it, cut it, haul it. Years later in Minnesota he controlled the woods around his cabins, first at Big Marine Lake, then at Leech Lake.

If we live long enough, each of us, whether we wish to or not, becomes a repository of history. Soon after the Molotov-von Ribbentrop pact late in 1939, Soviet troops marched into Latvia. Just a year later—and for the next three years—the Wehrmacht occupied the Baltic states. After four years of occupation Kupchis was able to leave Latvia in 1944 only to spend the next six years in displaced persons' camps in Germany. During this period he earned a degree in pharmacology at a university in Frankfurt.

Finally admitted into the United States in December, 1950, he married Silvia in California in 1953. Then, as a research scientist, he joined the Ancel Keys team at Minneapolis at the Laboratory of Physiological Hygiene investigating the properties and effects of cholesterol. A dozen years later, Kupchis worked on the St. Paul campus as an analytical biochemist researching amino acids, where he worked until retirement.

But we started at 1666 Coffman, and we need to return there. After the chipper had ingested the dead logs and branches, Kupchis, on a final inspection of the forest behind the residence, calculated that exactly 21 spruces could be saved by cutting down six box elders. With the concurrence of the residence's garden committee, Kupchis cut the elders into fireplace-size logs and reduced the branches to trash-cart size.

"Evergreen damage is irreversible," Kupchis explains, "whereas box elders are the weeds of the forest. After a couple of years our evergreens should spread out and we will begin to see how much we truly saved and how we shall need to shape the grove in the future."

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Keep your wheels turning

While driving around the neighborhood the other day, I was struck by the importance of wheels. It was then that I realized how fortunate we are that the first potential residents to come to the area so that we could see the land that investors like Langford and Blake were offering for sale. Those wheels would have meant that the people who eventually settled in the Mariner Park neighborhood could have driven to the suburban area to live near the farms of the Gibbs' and others on Larpenteur. The wheels of those early settlers would have made it easy to get to and from the center of town.

But back to my cruse around the neighborhood. It wasn't architecture or shady streets that gave me reason to travel there. It was the fact that someone who can't drive needs to eat. Delivering Meals on Wheels is a humbling and at the same time uplifting experience. To be the link between women who cook to keep Merriam Park Community Center and a lonely, frail elderly man or a depressed, middle-aged woman is an easy but important task. It's easy for someone like me, because I have the luxury of their importance. It's hard for every recipient because I bring not just nutritious food but a freighting intromotion to involuntary solitude.

This issue includes an article about children who need help—children whose families can't afford to buy them the wheels that children need to get to school and play. But, as with Meals on Wheels, the availability of wheels isn't enough. Those of us who have wheels make decisions about how and when to use them.

Mary Mergenthaler
November 1987

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**Home Words**

The Dry Leaves

By Warren Hanson

A quick grip of autumn wind tore a handful of dry leaves from a nearly bare oak limb silhouetted against a full moon in the cold October sky.

The dry leaves spiraled downward, landing on Peterson's roof, then scratching along the shingles until they were caught in the gutter, where they sewed against the aluminum in the wind.

Allen Peterson gasped at the sound and lost his page in the book he was reading. The rest of the family had gone to bed who knows how long ago, and Allen had sat alone in the living room, just as the same light on, completely absorbed in a novel by Stephen King. The thunder that jolted his head had lasted a half-second, but the racing of his heart refused to abate as he looked up at the ceiling, toward the sound that the leaves had made on his rooftop. But they were gone.

The dry leaves rode a chill breeze up and over the trees tops, dancing and cackling across the gray sky. They spun and ratted like a clutch of ancient devises, higher and faster on the swooping wind. Their macabre migration clattered to a climax against the pane of Rachel Iverson's bedroom window. The eight-year-old girl was startled upright in her bed; a single syllable of surprise and fear trumpeting loudly from her throat. She looked reluctantly at the window, but the cause of her awakening was gone. The moonlight glimmered from a tear on her cheek as she hugged her stuffed dog and maneuvered out of bed and down the hall to her parents' room. "Mom, I'm scared."

The dry leaves slid down the wind and across the street, where they were flattened for a moment against the pickets of the Needham's front gate. The weathered hinges shrieked as the gate slammed shut. Inside the house, Glen Needham's eyes shot open at the sound, and he reached instinctively toward his bed table, as he had rehearsed in his mind a thousand times in the past weeks.

The Needham house had been burglarized recently, and it had left Glen disturbingly changed. He couldn't sleep at night. He suspected every stranger who walked past the house. He worried when his teenage daughters weren't home on time. And he had taken alarming precautions to protect his family and his home. But as he lay sweating on his pillow, eyes wide, he heard nothing more. Yet he couldn't go back to sleep.

Anthony Park trees around Raleigh, Priscilla and Brewer we enjoy the great sight of a lovely white cockatoo or is it cockatil. He flies from tree to tree making a noise that only a parrot can make.

For 5 months or more he has been seen in this area. A month ago he ate fruit from my nearby apple tree.

The bird is appearing less and less as he adjusts to the cold. It has survived the big rain and the frost. We question, where does he go now? He eats bird seed at night! This is someone's valuable bird and needs to be caught before the bitter cold of winter. Who else has seen it? Where does he sleep?

Call 464-0144 if you too have enjoyed his appearance. Last time he was seen was during the week of Oct. 11.

There is nothing pleasant about this news item unless it is the honor to look up and see him eat fruit in your tree. A great sight to behold.

Lucille Engstrom

**Letters**

Thans from Lauderdale

Dear editor:

I wish to express my appreciation for the lovely articles the Bugle has chosen to publish about some of our residents in Lauderdale. I especially enjoyed the one written by Collete Snyder about myself and more than that, I so enjoyed reading about Donna Lawrence.

Lauderdale may be small, but we still hope to remain a very loving and warm community, and thanks to Collete, the paper shows the type of people who live in Lauderdale. Many thanks, we do appreciate receiving the Bugle in our community, and so enjoy reading it. Keep up the good work!

LaVanchie Peterson

Found-cockatoo

Dear editor,

We are all looking up in these days of autumn and have been since the middle of summer. High in the St.

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Insights

Teachers' Day impresses Park resident

By Bruce Dalgaard

Two weeks in China certainly was not enough time to allow our group to become totally acclimated but we were beginning to feel comfortable with the sights and sounds of this wonderful country. We were also well aware that we could learn much from the ways of the people who welcomed us so warmly into their schools and homes. Our group was made up of fourteen faculty members from the University of Minnesota. We were visiting China to observe the educational system and to meet with teachers and teacher trainers. Although our backgrounds in education and our perspectives as American college professors made us sensitive to the shortcomings of the Chinese educational system, this day early in September we realized that they have the right idea at least when it comes to instilling pride in their teachers.

Scheduled to attend a seminar at Beijing Normal University beginning early the morning of Sept. 10, the Minnesota delegation was invited to come to campus about an hour earlier to participate in Teachers' Day at a nearby elementary school. We had heard that the school year was launched with something called Teachers' Day but we had no idea what it entailed. We arrived at the elementary school by 7:45 a.m. and were escorted to the school's playing field. There, seated in neatly arranged rows of chairs and showing none of the effects of the early hour, the entire student body, about eight hundred students, waited quietly for the formal ceremony to begin. A small stage was decorated with flowers and banners praising the school's teachers.

Our group was seated just to the side of the stage: we had an excellent view of the assembled students. They were all dressed very neatly, many with red scarves around their necks symbolizing membership in the Young Pioneers, a national organization much like the Boy and Girl Scouts in this country. After the Chinese national anthem, during which the students saluted proudly as their flag was raised, a small group of older students, probably fifth graders, proceeded to the stage. They recited, from memory, a rather lengthy litany of the accomplishments of their teachers. The students applauded politely at the conclusion of this part of the ceremony.

The fun was just beginning! In groups of about a dozen the teachers were brought to the stage to receive flowers from the students. As each teacher was introduced his or her students roared their approval. The enthusiasm of their students brought broad smiles to the teachers' faces. They all seemed to stand a little taller as they left the stage, flowers in their lapels and little gifts in their hands.

Teachers' Day is a relatively recent phenomenon in China. During the Cultural Revolution of the 1970s, teachers were ridiculed and even persecuted. Classroom education was virtually eliminated as young people received their education through practical training. Now though, with a renewed appreciation for the value of education, the Chinese are not only expanding educational opportunities (a nine year compulsory education law was passed two years ago) but they are raising the social status and pay of teachers. Teachers' Day is one way to focus attention on the importance of education and the critical role of teachers. The Chinese recognize that they need more and better teachers to meet the challenges of a rapidly modernizing society and they realize that young people will be attracted to those professions which are respected by the country.

The rising pay and improving status of teachers help offset some noticeable educational barriers. Most schools, even the new ones, are not well equipped. Lab equipment is scarce, computers are present in very few buildings, and teaching aids, other than the blackboard, are completely absent. Classes are large with forty to fifty students in each room. The new nine year requirement has created a demand for teachers that far exceeds the available supply. As a result elementary teachers often have little more than a high school education and middle school teachers seldom have more than two years of college.

Chinese teachers, just as their American counterparts, are dedicated to their profession. Many spent the years of the Cultural Revolution being "re-educated" but returned to the classroom as soon as schools were reopened. There is a noticeable sense of commitment to the growth of students. Teachers take great pride in the accomplishments of students. The importance of classroom teachers in the new China is reinforced at local, provincial and national levels by programs such as Teachers' Day. With programs like this the Chinese raise the status of teachers and in the process, stimulate an even greater dedication to the education of their young people. Maybe Education Week in this country should include a Teachers' Day so we could do the same.
Library restoration begins

By Kathy Malchow

All the books are gone from the St. Anthony Park library and the librarians have been reassigned. That's it only temporary. On Jan. 11 the library will reopen with a new look that's designed to look old.

The work now under way, both inside and out, is intended to transform the appearance of the Carnegie-endowed library into what it looked like during the 1917 era— the year it was built— while incorporating energy efficient features available in 1987.

Transformations will be apparent mostly on the inside, since the outside hasn't changed much. Planners and contractors hired by the city say the entire three-level building will be renovated, with Library Kathy Heiderich checked off a shopping list of improvements that had been made, with items toward the bottom of the list still in the "possibly" category to be done "if there is enough money."

Definitely on the docket for repair and renovation is the outside and the outside front railings. The entire building will be rewired and interior air conditioning will be installed. Downstairs, a ceiling will be placed in the auditorium under the now visible pipes. (The gallery-like effect for photo displays will remain in that room.)

Heiderich was especially pleased to say that what she called the "glass beast" (front door) is to be replaced with one having a different type of hinge. "It won't be too heavy for anyone to open," she said. She recalled telephone calls from folks who came to the library, couldn't get in, and assumed the building was closed, when actually the door was just heavy and awkward to maneuver.

Heiderich said that all the windows, even those in the basement, will be replaced with energy efficient models. A dramatic change involves renovations to the round wood piece now covering the top of each window on the outside, then replacing each window with one equal to the original in height and shape. Inside, the false windows, installed in 1957, will be removed, which will reveal the original window shape on the inside as well. The plaster ceiling is to be restored to its original height.

Fluorescent lights are to be replaced with ten bulb-shaped lamps, each 56" in diameter. They each will hang from the ceiling by brass chains or cords. Even though these lamps are made to look like those shown on the original floor plan, Heiderich said, the amount of light emanating from each one will be much brighter than from those installed in 1917. "The quantity of light will be up to modern specifications. The original lamps would not have been bright enough for what our modern eyes are used to," she said. Additional floor light will be provided by four wall sconces, two on the south side and two on the north, which again were features of earlier days.

One addition to the building not on the original plans is an emergency exit door from the basement auditorium on the south side of the building. The last item on the "definitely-to-be-done list" is rearranging the entire interior. A neutral tone will greet patrons instead of the dark green currently on the walls and ceilings.

Now we come to the "maybe." If finances allow, the sheers will be replaced (if not, they'll be repainted), carpeting added and a new U-shaped main desk placed across from the front door (where the periodicals are situated now). Moreover, the building handicapped accessible was looked into, including the possibility of constructing an elevator, but the cost ruled that out, according to Heiderich. She noted that since other libraries are accessible, it wasn't a requirement for this one.

The library's acquisitions will not increase appreciably with the renovation, Heiderich said. The locations of the sections are to remain the same (except for periodicals if the new main desk becomes a reality). "We would like to expand the teen section, though. It's quite small and we'd like it to make a bit more exciting."

Heiderich wanted to stress that even though the renovation may give the inside a different atmosphere, "we won't allow it to be intimidating to anyone, especially kids. It will definitely be a more comfortable place for library users and staff."

Books checked out up to three weeks before the library closed on Oct. 19 have a Jan. 11 due date. "If you want to get the books out of the house before they return, then return them to any public library," Heiderich instructed.

All the library's holdings were boxed and shipped to the Highland Park branch where they are stored and inaccessible. Heiderich has been temporarily reassigned to that branch until Jan. 11. She would be delighted to see some familiar St. Anthony Park faces.

Library Bordeaux

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Park Bugle

Letters

Continued from 5 article without which the idea of the Block Nurse Program might have never germinated. In the Dec. 1981 issue, the Bugle interviewed Ida Martinson, a neighborhood resident and professor of nursing, who was soon to be a delegate to the 1981 White House Conference on Aging.

Ida talked about the idea of having "block nurses" easily available to older persons in their homes and how sensible and cost effective this would be.

When neighborhood nurses who read the article called to say they agreed and would like to work in such a program, the District 12 Community Council began to work to make the idea a reality. With the help of the Fuller Company and the Council of community minded people, the Block Nurse Program was born. Along the way it added homemaking, personal care and access to other supportive services. So take some credit, you hard-working Bugle people, for being a help to happen in this community!!

Last month's excellent article touched on many things. A few statements need clarification. The number of clients served over the past five years is approximately 130. The role of the 17 member St. Anthony Park Board of Directors is to manage the local program. To direct the replication of the program, a new structure has been formed, The Block Nurse Program, Inc. Its board of ten members includes persons of special expertise from throughout the metro area. Last fall Ford Foundation award of $80,000 has supported the preparatory groundwork for replication in other neighborhoods once funding for services is secured. Gratefully, Jo Anne Rohricht Chairperson, Board of Directors St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program

local author: "Why write a book?"

Marjorie DeBoer, St. Anthony Park resident, will be featured at the St. Anthony Park Association monthly dinner meeting Tues., Nov. 10 held in the United Church of Christ at Chelmsford and Commonwealth. She will tell of her experiences and also read a selection of her writing.

Mrs. DeBoer uses her research for historical backgrounds in her novels, the most recent of which, A Chair For My Lady, was just released. She will autograph your books, so bring some copies along.

Although fiction has been her interest—she started writing at 13 years of age—she has worked as a journalist doing feature articles and as a public school music teacher.

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The Baltimore Consort

Renaissance band

The Baltimore Consort, a renowned Renaissance band, performs music of 16th and 17th century England and Scotland in a special guest appearance sponsored by Lyra and Concentus Musicae. The event will take place on Sun., Nov. 15 at 2 p.m. in the Luther Northwestern Seminary chapel.

General admission tickets are $10 per person and $5 for seniors, students and MPR members.

Book Week

Children's National Book Week will be celebrated with a number of celebrity readers at The Children's Museum. They'll include Noah Adams, MPR announcer, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.; Dale Connolly and Jim Ed Poole, MPR, Nov. 17 at 11 a.m.; Hines & Bergland & Roger Too, WELO-FM radio, Nov. 18 at 11 a.m.; Dave Moore, WCCO-TV Channel 4, Nov. 18 at 1:15 p.m.; Neil Murray, KSTP-TV Channel 5, Nov. 19 at 11 a.m.; and Gary Gaetti, Twins third baseman, who will read with his family Nov. 22 at 1 p.m.

Dance!

Beginning ballroom dance classes are scheduled Nov. 11, 7-8:15 p.m., at the International Institute of Minnesota, 1694 Como Ave. Professional teachers will instruct students in beginning patterns of American foxtrot, modern Waltz, 50's lindy-swing, Latin and mambo. The rhythm of the rumba and cha cha, old-time polka, waltz and schottische and the newest rumba, west coast swing are taught. These classes are limited to 20. Early registration is advised.

Tenors, where are you?

St. Anthony Park Community Chorus needs more tenors. The group, which performed at Christmas and at the Park Festival, is doing nicely with 46 voices, but, as always, there are not as many tenors as basses. Therefore, the call is out for anyone who enjoys singing and is in the tenor range. Rehearsals are at Murray Junior High School Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m. Call Rommy Clarke, 645-7359, for further information.

Business News

Kinko's Copies is opening its first store serving the University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus. The store, which will be located at 1528 North Cleveland Ave. across the street from the campus, will officially open Nov. 2. It will be Kinko's second St. Paul store.

Manager of the new store will be Peter Scott. Scott previously was assistant manager of Kinko's Stadium Village store.

Investment Management & Research, an independent financial planning and investment firm serving individuals, small companies and non-profit organizations, is having an open house to celebrate its recent expansion into new facilities. It will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 11 at 1560 Energy Park Drive, Suite 110. For further information, call 641-0620.

S.T. Paul for Men, a specialty shop for men recently opened at Bandana Square. Says Abby Herstein, merchandise buyer, "Men shoppers, or the women who shop for men, are becoming very in tune with the fast-changing men's fashion world."

Lutefisk & lefse

The 31st annual Scandinavian dinner of the St. Anthony Park Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star is scheduled for Sat., Nov. 7, 6:30 p.m., at Fairview Community Center, 1910 W. Co. Rd. B. Lutefisk, lefse and Swedish meatballs will be featured. Tickets are available at the door—adults $7, children under 10, $2.50.

Bible study

"The Story of Peter" is the subject of three new Bible study series starting this month at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church. The Rev. Greg Renstrom will lead each.

One group meets for soup supper and study on Sundays, beginning Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. The others are Wed. at 7 a.m. at the church and 1:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Homes. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Neighborhood portrait nearly developed

By Mary Margenthaler

"St. Anthony Park has a strong sense of place. That's different than a sense of history. This book will try to help people see what it is that makes the place special." Those are the words of urban geographer David Lanegran who is currently putting the finishing touches on the book called St. Anthony Park—Portrait of a Neighborhood.

Lanegran who has written other historical neighborhood narratives and who teaches at Macalester College spent most of the summer writing about St. Anthony Park. That writing did not come without lots of preliminary effort, however. Lanegran emphasizes, "The idea originated with Judy Flinn. She's been the person who's brought this into reality." Then Lanegran worked with about 85 local residents who conducted oral history interviews on which much of the book is based.

In addition, Lanegran wrote a grant proposal which resulted in his being able to have his students study the history of the development of 19th century suburbs with a focus on St. Anthony Park.

The book, Lanegran clarifies, is notstrictly a history book. More accurately, it is a historical geography and it will take readers through the century from initial land speculation to the present. The last chapter is a detailed walking tour guide to St. Anthony Park.

"Few places have such a strong sense of place and identity," says Lanegran. "In one sense this book could not have been written by an outsider and yet in another sense it couldn't have been written solely by an insider either. I've tried to show what makes this place work. What is it in this place that has enabled it to thrive for so long?"

He comments enthusiastically on the amount of new information that was uncovered through the community network and is high in praise for all who helped with the effort.

The book will be available in about a month at various points in the community. Cost is $12.95. Eager readers and Christmas shoppers can order copies now by notifying District 12 Community Council, 890 Cromwell, St. Paul, MN 55114. Indicate the number of books you will purchase and you'll be notified when the book is available.

Photo by John Shepard
Alice Duggan and Judy Probst were two of the neighbors who helped with the centennial book about to be published. One of their jobs was to survey the route for the walking tour.
Volunteers enrich harvest at Gibbs Farm

Beth Emerson demonstrated the old-time art of making butter at Gibbs Farm Museum’s Fall Harvest Festival in October. She’s a Falcon Heights neighbor who has spent a couple of Sundays a month for two summers volunteering at the Farm. “I enjoy it and it’s worthwhile. All the volunteers contribute a lot toward the Farm’s operation,” she said.

Wayne Hanson lives in St. Anthony Park. He’s been volunteering at Gibbs Farm for six or seven years. Usually he works in the red barn, either showing old machinery on the upper level or talking about woodworking and the care of tools on the lower level of the barn. At the Fall Harvest Festival Hanson got out of the barn and into the hot dog area instead.

Estella Hanson, Wayne’s wife, was also on hand at the harvest festival. As she often does, she was demonstrating in the kitchen. She has also served as the school teacher for summer country school sessions. When asked how long she’s been involved at Gibbs, Estella replied, “Forever!” She continued, “We love the history of this area. It’s so real. There are letters on display, addressed to the Gibbs, St. Anthony Park, Minnesota.” She lauds the Gibbs volunteer opportunity as an excellent thing to do after retirement. Both Hansons speak positively, too, of the interesting people they meet.
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Here's a peek at what's ahead. We can view it with trepidation and moan and groan about cold temps and shoveling. Or we can view it with anticipation of the twinkling beauty of white holiday lights on Como Ave. The merchants are preparing to brighten December again this year and they're urging all St. Anthony Park residents to join by lighting trees and bushes around their homes with tiny white lights.
Call for actors for centennial play

The play was written ten years ago by Marisha Chamberlain during her tenure as artist in residence in St. Anthony Park. Since then, Chamberlain has received more acclaim as a playwright. She's rewritten the play for this centennial performance. Carolyn Levy who started the Women's Theatre Project will be directing. Auditions will be held Mon., Nov. 9 and Tues., Nov. 10, 6-9 p.m. at Luther Northwestern Seminary theatre, 1501 Fullham St. The play includes parts for men, women and teenage girls. Actors who are selected will need to be available during some days of Christmas vacation for rehearsals. In addition, volunteers are needed for promotion, tickets and production. Call 646-6439 to offer help.

Stop and go

By Michelle Christianson

Mary Ann Nelson, a St. Anthony Park resident for two years, had had enough. Her car had been struck by a car in front of her home on Hythe and Hendon, she had seen many near-accidents on the unmarked intersection (two on one Sunday afternoon this summer) and many of her neighbors had expressed concern about their children's safety. Nelson felt it was time to act, so she called the mayor's complaint office.

"I was really surprised and pleased by the quick response I got," she says. The mayor's office referred the problem to the Department of Public Works, which suggested a stop sign on Hendon as part of a "basket weave" stop sign pattern that it eventually hopes to institute throughout the city. The proposal was brought to the District 12 Community Council along with a 39-signature petition that had been circulated by Nelson and her neighbor Gordon Murdock. The proposal passed quickly and stop signs were posted less than two months after Nelson's first call.

The basket weave pattern is already in use on more than 50% of the non-thoroughfare, right-angle corners in St. Paul. Traffic Engineer Karl Johnson says that the Department of Public Works doesn't install isolated stop signs, but rather wants to have a recognizable pattern throughout the city. Studies have shown that the basket weave pattern (stop signs in opposite directions on consecutive corners) significantly reduces accidents.

"Of course, it takes a while for people to get used to the new pattern and there will be a period of adjustment, but eventually this will be a safer neighborhood with the new signs," says Johnson.

Some residents on Raymond have expressed concern over the Raymond stop at Hendon. They feel that there will be more accidents because the rest of Raymond is a through street. Johnson says that it is better not to have to stop on Hendon before the large grade going up to Cleveland—especially in the winter. His department has proposed more stops on Raymond, but the District 12 Council defeated that proposal.

There are no further plans for additional stop signs in St. Anthony Park. On the other hand, the Department of Public Works welcomes people like Mary Ann Nelson who have a concern and they say they are more than willing to try to solve a traffic problem that a resident is experiencing.
Violin/piano duo featured in Music in the Park concert

Romuald Tecco, violinist, and Dennis Russell Davies, pianist, will headline the 1987-88 free-concert Music in the Park series on Sun., Nov. 22, 7 p.m., with a recital at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. Taking time from his busy schedule as conductor of the Chicago Lyric Opera production of "Lulu," Davies will return to St. Paul especially for this concert with St. Paul Chamber Orchestra (SPCO) concertmaster Romuald Tecco. Longtime friends and colleagues, Davies and Tecco will inaugurate the ninth season of Music in the Park with an eclectic program of music by Estonian composer Arvo Part, William Bolcom and Robert Schumann.

Davies led the SPCO to international recognition during his tenure as conductor of that group from 1972-1980. His conducting career has catapulted him into international prominence. This time he'll return as a pianist. He is entering his first season as general music director of the City of Bonn, West Germany. He continues as principal conductor/classical music program director of the Saratoga Performing Arts Center (summer home of the Philadelphia Orchestra), principal conductor of the American Composers' Orchestra (of which he is co-founder) and music director of the Cabrillo Music Festival in California.

Makonovitsky at the Juilliard School.
Now in his 16th season as concertmaster of the SPCO, Tecco has also been concertmaster of the Juilliard Ensemble, has performed as a member of the New York String Quartet and has often performed with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center.

The remaining four concerts on the 1987-88 Music in the Park series will feature a roster of duo performers and guest artists. They include the Ware-Patterson flute and guitar duo with violinist/composer Richard Lawrence, Minnesota Orchestra principal violin Cynthia Phelps and pianist Karen Fogg, baroque violinists Carol Lieberman and harpsichordist Mark Kroll in an all-Bach program and the Clark Schullert cello and piano duo with SPCO principal clarinetist Timothy Paradise in a program of Russian and American music. For the first time, this year Music in the Park will offer a special children's "bag" concert on Jan. 16 at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. Scottish-born violinist/composer Richard Lawrence will compose a work especially for this concert by flutist Betrieve Ware and guitarist Richard Patterson.

Season and single tickets are available at the Jibbet Stop and Micawber's Bookstore in St. Anthony Park. Single tickets for the Nov. 22 concert will be available beginning Nov. 6 for $10. A benefit recital for the Music in the Park series will be held Sun., Nov. 1, 3:30 p.m. at 1666 Coffin in Falcon Heights. A $25 tax-deductible contribution gives donors two tickets to the recital which will feature prize-winning cello and piano duo, Anthony Rossi and Eyclene Brancart. Call 644-4234 to see if space is still available for that event.
Business incubator "graduates" second firm

St. Paul's small business incubator at 2325 Endicott in St. Anthony Park just "graduated" the second tenant in its three-year history. Total Music Systems, Inc., a musical instrument and equipment rental firm, now pays full-market rates for its 2,000 square-foot space, formerly subsidized by the incubator. Ted Greenbaum, who co-owns Total Music Systems with Michelle Dunkirk, said that the incubator allowed his firm to get a solid business footing as he built up an inventory of instruments for rent. "The rent and low overhead enabled me to do improvements here," he said. "We expanded the office, made a storage area and created a showroom studio area. They (the incubator staf) even paid for a small business class from the Technical Vocational Institute to come out and go over our business plans." Run by the St. Paul Enterprise Development Corporation and staffed by the city's Department of Planning and Economic Development (PED), the incubator reduces start-up costs to help fledgling businesses. Its low rent, special technical services and access to job-subsidy programs through the city are designed to give small firms a chance to "find their wings" in their first years of life: "This is one of the few business incubators in the country that is run and administered totally by city staff," said Warren Hanson, deputy director at PED. "Many cities view it as an innovation, which it is. However, we also tend to work with innovative businesses from Hmong artisans to a collection agency."

"We set the incubator up three years ago expecting it to create or retain about 40 jobs every two or three years," Hanson said. "We're running close to that estimate so far, but we haven't launched as many new businesses into the market as we had wanted."

Current clients in the incubator include: Shelley N.C. Holt who lives in St. Anthony Park (jewelry making), Restoration Guild (stained glass restoration), M.D. Johnson Manufacturing (making foam letters for logos and advertising), Workshop (secretarial services), Midway Collection Services, Windows Plus (energy efficient window treatments), J.J. Vanderson (sales of central vacuuming systems), Houseman Design Services (architectural drafting) and T.C. Graphics (printing).

Hanson noted that the incubator also has two 500-square-foot office spaces vacant for new firms. The rent will be $150 a month. For more information call 292-6155.

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us are blessed with two hours of quiet in the early afternoon. After nap, we decide to take the children with us on some errands and then visit the zoo at Como Park. At the last minute we realize that our compact car is too small for the additional two large car seats, so we borrow a sedan from Suzanne’s parents who live nearby. By the time we get the children bundled up and loaded into the car along with the necessary bags of diapers, toys and miscellaneous gear the afternoon is almost over. Leon, it appears, has never been in a car seat before (a great majority of parents who use Crisis Nurseries don’t own cars) and begins screaming as soon as he is strapped in. We finish our errands, we realize that the zoo is about to close and so we return directly home. Leon is clearly relieved to be out of the car and so are we.

During several such trying moments in the course of the weekend I return in wonder to the thought that if this experience is hard for me—half of a team of two capable, mature adults barely outnumbered by three quite well-behaved toddlers—what in heaven’s name is it like day in and out, year after year for a single mom of 21 with five kids?

A similar notion has been a source of inspiration for Mary and Stephen Shiffley of St. Anthony Park, who for most of the last two years have hosted children from Crisis Nurseries at a rate of two to three kids twice a month. “As difficult as things can occasionally get,” recalled Stephen, a former Project Leader with the U.S. Forest Service, “you appreciate how much more difficult it must be for the mom.”

The Shiffleys decided to involve their two children and their three children in Crisis Nurseries after learning about the program in church. Mary, a homemaker and former kitchen designer, recalled that the experience of providing care to her children single-handedly when Stephen was out of town on business gave her some insight into the needs of parents who might turn to Crisis Nurseries for help.

“I have an idea how hard being a single parent must be,” she said. “This program is one thing we can do as a family to give something back to the community. A lot of the kids have been fun and a joy to have with us. And when it has been challenging I always feel good that we’ve given someone a break who is trying to deal with a difficult situation 24-hours a day without support.”

The experience also gives you some perspective on what’s going on in the world outside this neighborhood,” added Stephen. Specifically, he has valued the opportunities his children have had to get to know others from different racial and socio-economic backgrounds. “There’s nothing like having a couple of Indian children live with you for several days to change the ideas you get from watching cowboys and Indians on TV,” he said.

By the time Leon and Clara-Lynn’s visit comes to a close all of us seem to have adapted fairly successfully to our new family environment. Our guests have become more at ease and accepting of our nursing. Anna has grown more accustomed to sharing her toys and her parents and Suzanne and I feel some satisfaction in having accommodated ourselves to the increased demands of a family of five. Suzanne sheds a tear as we leave Clara-Lynn and Leon, bewildered looking once again, in a play room at the Children’s Home Society where they will wait a short time with a social worker for their mother to arrive.

When we get home our house is strangely quiet.

(Editors’ note: There is need for up to 42 additional families to volunteer their homes for the Crisis Nurseries program. Those wishing to contact the program either to volunteer or to make use of its services can call 646-6393.)

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The Langford Park cross country team has been practicing diligently to compete in the state championship race Oct. 31. They're currently taking pledges from supporters who want to help them return money to the Langford Boosters who have helped make their running opportunities a reality. People interested in pledging financial support should contact Cristel Tack, 444-1811, or 340-6308 or Dan Berchem, 298-5763. Third through sixth grade runners pictured are (front) Todd Holmberg, Emil Tack, Jeremy Allen, Tor Butterfield and Jeff Ward, (back) Aaron Olson, Sarah Rohr, Jeff Holmberg and Will Slayton with coach Cristel Tack.

Principal Ellen Blank and Merrie Zakaras, PTA president, got into the act at Planting Day at Falcon Heights Elementary School Oct. 28 as did Joe Burkard and Annie Ho pictured on the right. Their goal was to improve the school’s landscaping and they were joined by lots of other students, parents and staff.

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St. Anthony Park Elementary

Fifth and sixth graders spent the first week of October at Isabella Environmental Learning Center in northern Minnesota. Michael Beattie wrote the following wood poem in writing class at Isabella. Christopher Brasel did the drawing in sketching class.

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Solem, Dimitri Andreski, Jill Renfro and Melissa McLean in soccer and Jeff Hahn and Josh Becerra in football.

Central High School was recently featured in the Sept. issue of More/Today.

Programs at Central were discussed and it was compared to two other secondary schools in the metro area.

The Central High School Advisory Council which consists of administrators, elected students and parent meets the third Monday of each month at Central. Interested Central parents are welcome to attend.

—Charlie Kersey

Como High School

Como Homecoming was a big success because we beat Johnson 34-14.

Our assistant principal Anna Erbes is leaving our school to become a principal at Frost Lake Elementary School.

School conferences will be Nov. 11.

—Karla Skovholt

Brinham Elementary

The U.S. Department of Education has selected John Nyberg, music teacher at Brinham, as a recipient of the Christa McAuliffe fellow grant award. The purpose of the grant is to allow Nyberg to develop units of study for elementary schools which integrate topics from Italian culture through the performing arts media. Nyberg will be studying in Italy for the remainder of the 1987-88 school year.

Murray Jr. High

This year at Murray there is a new assistant principal, Yasmin Lucas Rivera. Ms. Rivera is happy that she will be at Murray. She is originally from Panama. and has been in the U.S. since 1973. She has worked as a teacher, a counselor, and now an assistant principal. She says she thinks that Murray is great and the kids are neat.

Student council elections were held on Oct. 9. All of the students did a great job of advertising, and Ms. Rivera also says that she was pleased with the enthusiasm that the students showed. Student council president is Danisha Lockley, vice president is Rachel Alyn, secretary is Cindy Gonzalez, and treasurer is Moisy Colanty.

There is a correction for the Murray newsletter. Parent conferences are only one day—Thurs., Nov. 12, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. There is a Home School Association meeting on Thurs., Nov. 5, at 7 p.m.

—Laura Malchow

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Park Bank robbed

A man wearing a Halloween mask and carrying a sawed-off shotgun robbed St. Anthony Park State Bank Oct. 14 about 9:30 a.m. The suspect, described as a white man in his mid-20s, confronted four bank employees and two customers, waved the gun wildly and ordered everyone to the floor, said Lt. Rob Anderson, head of the St. Paul Police Department's robbery unit.

"Give me everything you have," the gunman reportedly shouted. He ordered two of the tellers to put money into a nylon bag he was carrying. He took $20,000 from one of the tellers and $10,000 from another.

Photo by Jeff Rohr
Tim Smith from Carter Avenue Frame Shop had more reason, or opportunity, than most to cheer the Twins. By making a fortuitous phone call to KQRS, he won World Series tickets for a game in St. Louis. Just before he left, we caught him with tickets in hand and his homer hunky-ready.

Midwest China Center names new staff

Dayton Gilbert has been appointed interim director of the Midwest China Center, the nation's only regional center for business and cultural exchanges with the Pacific Region. The center is housed at Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary. Gilbert has headed the Center's translation, consulting and informational briefing services for two years.

Gilbert earned his Master's degree in International Relations from Columbia University. He holds his Law degree from Hamline University, and an MBA candidate at the University of Minnesota.

Katie Hotchkiss has been named special assistant to the director. She has worked in Shanghai for two and a half years and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Asian Studies and Anthropology from Dartmouth College.

The Center's former director, Richard Boie of St. Paul, began new duties on Sept. 14 as director of international trade for the Minnesota Trade Office located in the World Trade Center. In his new position (not politically affiliated), he and other directors are concluding an evaluation of their office's services to determine the state's strengths in helping Minnesota businesses. Boie says the Midwest China Center "is in strong hands and has great support from its members."

Founded 12 years ago, the Midwest China Center serves the education, business, religious and arts communities throughout the Upper Midwest by encouraging broader and deeper contacts with the People's Republic of China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and other Asian countries. As commerce, trade, and cultural exchanges have grown dramatically in the last several years, the role of the Midwest China Center has become increasingly valuable through educational programs, information/consulting services and exchanges of high-level delegations.

Professor Roy Grow, chairman of the Center's board of directors, says, "The United States and Asian countries have become increasingly important to one another, and the Midwest China Center will continue playing a very strong role in bringing these cultures closer together."

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Community Calendar

OCTOBER 29 Thurs.
Halloween Bonfire and Sing Along, Langford Park, 7 p.m.

30 Fri.
Halloween Program for Pre-K through grade 6, Langford Park, 4 p.m.

31 Sat.
District 12 compost site open, Rayless & Robbins, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Also Nov. 1.

NOVEMBER 1 Sun.
We Care. St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., 8 p.m. Call 641-1664 or 780-8317. Every Sun.

2 Mon.
Kindergarten conference day, St. Paul Public Schools

Falcons Heights/Lauderdale Lions Club, Denys's restaurant near Roseville, 6-8 p.m.
Boy Scouts, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., 7 p.m. Call 644-4175, Every Mon.
AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2332 Como Ave., 8 p.m. Call 645-2259 or 770-2661. Every Mon.

3 Tues.
South St. Anthony Park Old Timers, The Professor's at Har Mar Mall, 9 a.m.
Lauderdale Friends and Neighbors, City Hall, 1891 Walnut, 1-4 p.m.
St. Anthony Park Community Chorus practice, Murray Junior High, 7:15 p.m. Call 644-2521. Every Tuesday.
AA, 1407 Cleveland, 7:30 p.m. Call 646-0127 or 645-2259. Every Tues.

St. Anthony Park Association board, 2203 Como Ave., 7:30 p.m.

4 Wed.
Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave., 10 a.m. Boyds, Hawaiian slides.
Meeting regarding programming at South St. Anthony Rec Center, 7:30 p.m.

5 Thurs.
Aging classes for older adults, Fairview Community Center, 10-30 a.m. Also Nov. 12 & 19. Call 653-3997.
District 12 Physical Planning Committee, So. St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell Ave., 5 p.m.

District 12 Human Services Committee, So. St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell Ave., 7 p.m.

Murray School Association, school library, 7:30 p.m.

6 Fri.
"Good Woman of Szechuan" by Punchinello Players, 8 p.m., North Hall, University of Minnesota St. Paul campus. 812 adults/49 seniors & students. Call 624-7458, Also Nov. 7, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21.

Fiber Fair, Minnesota Weavers' Guild, Bandana Square. Also Nov. 8 & 9. Call 644-5394 before noon M-F.

9 Mon.
Falconsheights Lions Club, Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 1 p.m.

Press Park, Inc. board of directors, Baggo office, 7:30 p.m.

10 Tues.
St. Anthony Park Association, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 5-5:50 p.m.

Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut, 7:30 p.m.

11 Wed.
District 12 Recycling Day.
No school grades K-6, St. Paul Public Schools. Parent conferences.

Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m. Mabel Barmum, State Buttons. Antique show & white elephant sale.

District 12 Community Council, So. St. Anthony Rec Center, 7 p.m.

Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 7 p.m.

12 Thurs.
Dec. Bagle advertising deadline.
Annual Country Christmas Bazaar, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, Lunchen 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Doors open at 10 a.m.

Parent/Teacher conferences, Murray Junior High, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

13 Fri.
No school grades K-6, Roseville Area Schools. Parent conferences.

15 Sun.
Concert by "The Baltimore Consort," Luther Northweeien Seminary chapel, 8 p.m.

16 Mon.
No school, Roseville Area Schools. Faculty workshop.


Northern Lights 4-H Club, St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 1065, 6-45 p.m.

Central High School Advisory Board, school library, 7 p.m.

Heights/Lauderdale Lions Club, Lauderdale City Hall, 7 p.m.

St. Anthony Park Writers' Group, 2350 Carter Ave., 7-30 p.m. Call 643-6970.

17 Tues.
St. Anthony Park School Association, St. Anthony Park Elementary School, Rem 102, 7 p.m.

18 Wed.
Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m. Thanksgiving dinner.
District 12 Housing Committee, So. St. Anthony Rec Center, 4:30 p.m.

K-6 parent conferences in the evening. St. Paul Public Schools. Also Nov. 19.

Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7-30 p.m.

19 Thurs.
Great Book Club of Falcon Heights, Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, 1795 Helton, 7 p.m. Call 644-2681.

20 Fri.
Falcon Heights/Lauderdale recycling day.
No school grades K-6, Roseville Area Schools. Parent conferences.

21 Sat.
Fare SHARE distribution and registration for Dec., St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 9-11 a.m.
Lauderdale Craft Fair, Lauderdale Village Hall, 1894 Walnut, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Contra dancing. Oddfellows Hall, 25880 Hampden, 8 p.m. Fun of the Mill City Dance Band. All dances taught. 8:30. Call 642-9118.

22 Sun.
Music in the Park, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 7 p.m. Rornald Tecco, violin, Dennis Russell Davies, piano.

23 Mon.
Falcorsons Senior Club, Falcon Heights City Hall, 1 p.m.
Cub Scout pack, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.

24 Tues.
No school grades 7-9, Roseville Area Schools. Parent conferences.

25 Wed.
No school grades K-6, Roseville Area Schools. Parent conferences.

Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 7 p.m.

26 Thurs. & 27 Fri.
No school, St. Paul & Roseville schools. Thanksgiving holiday.

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Obituaries

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Clement A. Lehnen, owner of Falcon Bowling Lanes since 1964, died Sept. 28 at home after a long illness. He was 68. Lehnen had operated another bowling alley in Cambridge for six years before he bought Falcon Lanes. He is survived by his wife Geneva; two sons, David and Douglas; five daughters, Mary, Kathryn, Kathy, Lu and Diana; three sisters; two brothers and nine grandchildren.

Elizabeth Reiling
Elizabeth Reiling, formerly a longtime resident of St. Anthony Park, died Sept. 26 at the age of 87. After living in her home on Dowwell Avenue for over 50 years, she had moved to the Maplewood Care Center a few years ago. Mrs. Reiling's husband, Ben Reiling, was the owner of Reiling's Garage, which was located on the alley where the parking lot for the drive-in branch of the St. Anthony Park Bank is now located. Reiling ran his car-repair business there for over 50 years. A charter member of Corpus Christi parish, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ben, her daughter, Bette, and her son, Jerry, and is survived by grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Carlos Franke
A lifelong resident of St. Anthony Park, Carlos Franke died at 74 on Sept. 27. He had been resident manager of the apartment building at 2900 4th St. S., where he was general manager at 1988 Brewhouse since it was built 20 years ago. Franke retired four years ago as a metallurgist for the Northwest Heat Treating Company in Minneapolis. Franke's father and uncle, John M. Franke and A.J. Franke, were owners of a grocery store on Como Avenue. A.J. Franke owned much real estate in St. Anthony Park, including the English Tudor buildings on Como Avenue, and Carter Avenue, known now as Milton Square.

Clare Wall
A resident of St. Anthony Park for 50 years, Clifford Wall died on Oct. 12 at the age of 88. Wall lived in his Como Avenue home next to the St. Anthony Park Library until moving to the Luther Place condominiums two years ago. After becoming ill, he lived in the Commonwealth Healthcare Center and later the Lyngblomsten Home. Nationally known as a professor of physics, Wall taught at the University of Minnesota for 30 years. He won national awards for his teaching, among them the American Association of Physicists' Oersted Medal. A native of Dayton, Ohio, Wall received his doctorate at the University of Illinois. He taught at North Central College in Naperville, Illinois, before coming to Minnesota. Later he served on the Board of Trustees for North Central. Survivors include his wife, Mildred; two sons, Gerald and Robert; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Olat Berg
Olat Berg, who had lived his entire life in St. Anthony Park, died Oct. 18 at the age of 89. He remembered the years when there were cows in his backyard in St. Anthony Park and could tell many tales of early days in the area. Berg was a commercial artist for Red Owl for 20 years and created some of the company's first color advertising. He had displayed his collection of intricate greeting cards at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church several years ago. That work was also on display at Augsburg College in 1985. Berg is survived by his wife Ruth and two daughters, Coral of St. Paul and Marcia of Decorah, Iowa.

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UPCOMING ARTS EVENT! Time to call Cathy Daly 646-1911 if you want to be included in the Quarterly Arts Calendar of the SAP Arts Forum. December 14 deadline. HAPPY UNISEXDAY to Christa & Macon from MAMA.

HOUSING
WANTED: HOUSE TO BUY. We are looking for a larger house in St. Anthony Park. If you plan to sell a home with 4 bedrooms or more, please contact us. We can wait for the right house. Karen or Jeff Brooks, 553-6253.

HOME BUYERS: We have two properties available with low interest contracts for deed financing. Both are well located in the Park, and have rental space available to help you make payments. Call for details, Steve, Kronben Realty 644-9557.

WANTED TO BUY: 3 bedroom house in the park. Steve or Deborah 699-0094 evenings.

NOTICES
AA: St. Anthony Park group meets every Monday 8 pm. SAP Lutheran church. Call 770-2646 or 647-9446.

MUSICIANS, WRITERS, ARTISTS, ACTORS, et al. The SAP Arts Forum is developing an arts resource directory and would like to hear from any person or group who would like to be included. Please call Robin Fox 642-9118 or Art Senge 646-2144.

DONORS NEEDED: Medical facility with healthy male to participate in an ongoing therapeutic insemination program. Interview, screening tests required. Cryogenic Laboratories, 636-5792, 8:30-5:30.

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PROFESSIONAL RESUMES first time or revised: Cover letters, manuscripts. June 644-6503.

WANTED
WANTED: OLD TOYS — cast iron, tin, etc. Call Robin Fox, 642-9118.

WANTED: Vintage Clothing 1900-1928. Antique Jewelry. 646-2999 (after 5 p.m.).

WANTED: GARAGE TO RENT for winter storage of collector car. 644-6090.

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INSTRUCTION
ST. ANTHONY PARK SCHOOL OF DANCE offers classes for all ages and dance levels, with opportunities to perform. Classes offered: Creative Movement (ages 4-6), Ballet (ages 7-18), Jazz (ages 7-adult). Fall Session I began Oct. 20, and there are still a few class places left for new students. Call for more information and/or to register for classes 645-8720.

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The second Bugle Pumpkin Hunt happens this weekend. A couple of years ago, Tom Noble of St. Anthony Park (who is shown here) and Harry Forsberg of Lauderdale, created a pumpkin figure for area Halloween treasure hunters to find. This year, Alf, made of two pumpkins and a squash, will appear somewhere on public property in the Bugle area about midnight on Halloween. The first person to call the Bugle, 646-5369, telling where Alf has been sighted will get a pumpkin pie baked by the editor.

Alf, Tom and Harry say, stands for Alien Life Form. Some may know Alf as an NBC star but the real story, again according to Tom and Harry, is that Alf crash-landed his space ship through a family’s garage and became a member of their family. Astronomers would like to question him; biologists would like to study him. We hope you can find him!