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Park area earns little from pulltab gambling

By Steve Briggs

Three of the four drinking establishments in the St. Anthony Park area offer pulltab gambling; two of the three games are run by groups from outside St. Anthony Park. Only two non-profit groups in the St. Anthony Park area receive contributions from the hundreds of thousands, perhaps even more than a million dollars that has been spent on pull-tab gambling in the three bars.

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The bars are Gatsby's, located at 2554 Como Avenue; the Ace Box Bar at 2162 University Ave.; and The Cromwell at 2511 University Ave. Johnny's Cocktail Lounge does not participate. Pulltab games are operated at the three bars respectively by East Side Twins Babe Ruth Baseball League, the Minnesota Folk Festival and The Epilepsy Foundation.

The St. Paul City Council approved the Ace Box/Folk Festival license in mid-1989. The Cromwell/Epilepsy Foundation game has operated for about a year. The Gatsby/East Side Twin's Class B gambling license was approved in December, just a month after the St. Anthony Park Community Council recommended against it. The community council and some residents objected to the activity level at Gatsby's and also expressed general dissatisfaction at the state laws governing the use of gambling

profits. State law says the groups operating pulltab and tipboard games must donate 10 percent of their net profits to "youth-serving organizations" that don't operate a game, or to the city youth fund. So far, 26 St. Paul youth groups have qualified, including the Langford Booster Club and St. Anthony Park Gymnastics. Each may receive up to \$4,000 per year and must follow strict guidelines on its use. The pulltab operating groups themselves determine which organizations will receive its 10 percent donations. Bars in District 12 have agreed to donate to qualified Park area youth groups.

However, district councils, schools and clubs are unable to get on the list, as are any groups that exclusively benefit a small segment of the community. Some groups have been ruled ineligible, for example, because they ran organizations for boys only, or catered mainly to white

Christine Rozek, compliance officer for the city License Division, says more youth groups in the Park could benefit from the games if they organized and applied.

Soon the laws may change. In mid-February, the Minnesota Legislature began reviewing eligibility rules. It may extend eligibility to district councils and other neighborhood groups, as well as those that serve youth exclusively.

#### One bar owner shuns pulltabs

Not every bar owner wants pulltabs and other forms of gambling, despite their growing popularity across the city and state. Johnny Eddleston, proprietor of Johnny's Cocktail Lounge at 2751 University Ave., says he made "a conscious decision' to keep pulltabs out.

"There are pros and cons, and I have to assume that other bar owners made a good business decision when they accepted pulltabs. But it's not for me or my bar," Eddleston said. He cited several reasons for deciding against them. "Pulltabs attract a rougher crowd. They go over big in the blue collar, working class bars. People who live on Summit Avenue and other folks who make good money aren't going to play pulltabs so they can win fifty bucks. What's \$50 to them?

"My feeling is that if you put up a big sign advertising pulltabs, you're saying, 'This is a low-class bar. Come in if you're a low-class person.' I'm not a prude about it, but I've been in this business for 35 years. I don't want to risk upsetting the demographics of my bar for some nebulous payoff down the road."

Eddleston cited the law that limits bar owners to earning \$100/week on pulltabs, through space rental payments, as another reason to stay away from the games. "It's not worth the hassle and the paperwork for \$100 a week. Bar owners don't have the best reputation anyway. Most people hold us in the same esteem as prostitutes and lawyers. Everyone thinks we're crooked already, so why make the situation any worse?\*\*

Eddleston lives in Minneapolis and has a young son who plays hockey. His son's league runs a pulltab game in one bar, but each licensee can operate three sites, so they approached Eddleston about putting pulltabs in his bar.

"I didn't like the idea. I feel a kinship with this neighborhood. I think the money from this area should stay in this area and not go to hockey players across town. Besides, they've already got a million and a half bucks in the bank.'



Photo by Larry Ward

The Langford Squirts hockey team won the city trophy in the annual competion held at Langford in January. The team is coached by Bill Paist and Jim Novak and includes the following members: Scott Novak, Emil Tack, Jeremy Allen, Nick Ward, Jimmy Erickson, Jacob Gerber, Joseph Hinrichs, Tony Avoles, Tim Rupert, Luke Tressel, Billy Kroona, Anders Larson, Matt Davini, and Toby Knapp. That's Bill Kroona in the middle of the team. See p. 13 for news of Winter Sports Days and p. 9 for news of the Langford Mites big win.

## Plan to widen **Cleveland Avenue** affects many

By Steve Briggs

Plans are being formed to extend the four-lane section of Cleveland Avenue another mile southward, to Larpenteur Ave. from Co. Rd. B. If approved, the one-mile project will cost about \$1.3 million.

The problem along that length of Cleveland Avenue is a worn-out roadway. The 24foot-wide road was last surfaced in 1948. Ramsey County engineers and some residents agree that fixing potholes, dips and bumps every year becomes costly and ineffective when the road's foundation is crumbling. Their solution is to rebuild the road.

Preliminary plans from the Ramsey County Public Works Department (PWD) call for a 52-foot-wide road with four traffic lanes, two in each direction. The centerline of the new road would be built along the same path as the existing road. A six to eightfoot-wide bikeway along the east side of the street has been proposed, but would consume some agricultural

test field land, and the University of Minnesota has voiced an objection. Widening the avenue and acquiring additional right-of-way will affect a variety of property owners ranging from city governments and private residents in Falcon Heights and Roseville, to the University, the Gibbs Farm Museum and Falcon Heights Community Park. All are involved in the planning.

Cleveland Avenue is a "County-State Aid Highway" (CSAH), governed by the Minnesota Department of Transportation. About 80 percent of the revenues to build the new road will come from Ramsey County via MN-DOT's CSAH fund. The remaining 20 percent will come from the municipalities and property owner assessments. Questions remain about the ability to assess some of the costs to the university.

Since Cleveland is governed by MN-DOT, the road rebuilding plan must meet MN-DOT's strict road construction

Cleveland Ave. to 8

Following are statements of revenue, profits and charitable donations, gathered from recent reports on pulltab gambling submitted to the city by two area bars:

LICENSEE: The Epilepsy Foundation BAR: The Cromwell, 2511 University Ave. DATES: August to November, 1989

Gross Pulltab Revenue: \$290,479 (\$231,143)Player Prize Payback: \$59,336 Gross income Employee salaries, rent, pulltab (\$23,803) game purchase, taxes \$35,533 Net income \$1,880 Langford Booster Donation for Oct.-Dec. '89 St. Anthony Park Gymnastics Donation \$1,673 for Oct.- Dec. '89

LICENSEE: The Minnesota Folk Festival BAR: The Ace Box, 2162 University Ave. DATES: August to December, 1989

Gross Pulltab Revenue: \$127,852 Player Prize Payback: (\$103,274) Gross income \$24,582 Employee salaries, rent, pulltab

(\$15,281)

\$9,301 Net income St. Anthony Park Gymnastics Donation for Oct.-Dec. '89 \$625

game purchase, taxes

## St. Anthony Park Community Council NEWS

This space brought to *Bugle* readers by the St. Anthony Park Community Council.

Edited by Bobbi Megard

#### March meetings

1 Physical Planning Committee, 5 p.m.

> Human Services Committee, 7 p.m.

7 St. Anthony Park Community Council, 7 p.m.

14 !!!RECYCLE!!!

22 Community Meeting on Crime Prevention,



7 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library Community Room.

28 Housing Committee, 5 p.m.

Environment Committee, 7 p.m.

!!!!RECYCLE!!!!

Note: All meetings held in the SAPCC meeting room unless otherwise noted.

### Council actions at a glance

- \* Voted not to object to the request for a variance to legalize use of a duplex with non-conforming lot area & front footage at 2116 Como.
- Decided the Council will not participate in the 1990 Home Tour.
- Noted that Robin Lindquist is retiring after 19 years as founder and organizer of the Bookstart Program and voted to continue the program under the sponsorship of the Council.
- Directed a letter to the City Council supporting the licensing of taxicabs in St. Paul, expanding the number of licenses held, and requesting that conditions of licensing include a smoke-free environment, cleanliness, courtesy, etc.
- Acted in favor of rezoning 1068 and 1074 Raymond Ave. from I-1 to RM-2 to allow for a 16-unit apartment complex at the intersection of Energy Park Drive & Raymond Ave.
- Heard a report of the Compost Site Task Force regarding the possible closing of the site in St. Anthony Park on Robbins St. because of management problems and changes in county policies that no longer allow grass clippings at Ramsey County Compost sites. The County will not have its sites open during the summer.
- Voted to continue council membership in the District Council
   Forum to meet on a quarterly basis for the purpose of sharing information and acting on issues of common concern to neighborhoods.

The St. Anthony Park (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 Wednesday after the first Thursday of every month. All meetings are open to the public. Check for location.

District 12

292-7884

Gary Anderson, William Baker, Joan Hurley-Clemens, Kurtis Dale, Steve Garfield, Leslie Jo Garrett, Daniel Goodman, John Grantham, Sandra Jacobs, Andrew Jenks, Duane Kell, Greg Kneisl, Alice Magnuson, Heidi Myers, Carol Osip, James Pfau, Paul Savage, Jack Sheldon, Bill Slettom, Robert Straughn, Richard Tennyson.

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

St. Anthony Park Community Council

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#### here's your chance to be heard

On Tues., March 6, at 7 p.m., Harry Boyte of the Hubert Humphrey Institute, University of Minnesota, will conduct a focus group for junior and senior high school age students from the St. Anthony Park area. Mr. Boyte is working on a joint project with Mayor Scheibel to address youth concerns in the city.

The St. Anthony Park Community Council invites any interested resident in grades 9-12 to participate. We will limit the group to 15 so that all

### NSP announces free energy audits

Northern States Power Company has announced that, effective immediately, the \$10 customer fee for a residential energy audit is being dropped. In addition to the free audit, homeowners and renters living in St. Anthony Park who request their audit through the St. Anthony Park Community Council will also receive a free weatherization kit valued at about \$12. The kit includes a caulking gun and enough caulk, weatherstripping and window pulley seals to start the process of tightening up unnecessary air leaks identified by the audit.

If you would like to request a free energy audit, or more information, please call the St. Anthony Park Community Council at 292-7884. have ample opportunity to participate. Discussion will involve what young people think about involvement in public life and what is of interest to them. Feedback and ideas from these focus groups being held in several city neighborhoods will be the basis of a national model for a program to revive the concept of involvement in public life.

Please call the Council office at 292-7884 to participate!

## Reviving CrimeWatch

The Community Council and Park Association are sponsoring a community meeting to begin reviving CrimeWatch in St. Anthony Park through the Block Club Program. All residents are invited to come Thurs., March 22 at 7 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park Library. Corrine Manthei of the St. Paul Police Community Services & Crime Prevention Department will attend. Following the meeting, neighbors living near each other will have the information they need to establish their own BlockWatch program.

The evening will also provide information on fire safety for St. Anthony Park. Paul Peterson of the St. Paul Fire Prevention office will talk about fire prevention in general and fire safety for children.

For more information, call Ann Siqueland, St. Anthony Park Block Club Coordinator, at 292-7884.

## Become a council candidate

March 13 is the filing deadline for St. Anthony Park residents who wish to run for a seat on the Community Council. Elections will be held on April 10 to elect three delegates for North St. Anthony and two delegates for South St. Anthony, each for two-year terms. Two alternates for each delegation will be elected for one-year terms.

St. Anthony Park Council members make decisions that affect residents and businesses and communicate neighborhood concerns and planning goals to the city of St. Paul regarding rezoning of property, variance requests, review of site plans, proposals paid for with city funds and planning for delivery of neighborhood services. Initiating new projects such as the recycling program, community gardens, Neighborhood Senior Chore Service, Block Worker network and Crime Watch is also part of the council's activity.

Anyone eligible to run should send the form on the right or contact Leslie Garrett, 645-5965 (south of Energy Park Drive) or Paul Savage, 646-2144 (north of Energy Park Drive). Those interested in service on the West Midway business delegation should contact Elin Skinner, Executive Director of the Midway Civic & Commerce Association, 646-2636.

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April 10, 1990 Election

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1. I desire to become a candidate for election to St. Anthony
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country of origin, sex, age, financial status or position.

5. I have read and understand the Bylaws of St. Anthony Park
Community Council.

6. I am aware that the proper discharge of duties of office if elected will require at least two meetings per month and that unexcused absences from meetings may result in automatic removal from office.

Date:	Signature:
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background, your family, interests in life and why you would like to serve as a representative of the St. Anthony Park Community Council. State what skills, talents and abilities you could bring to the council if elected.

Include a recent black & white photo of yourself to be published in the *Bugle* and/or pre-election flier.

Please turn your filing statement in to the St. Anthony Park Community Council office, 890 Cromwell Ave., St. Paul, MN 55114, **by March 13**.

## Women's words: A serious business

By Kathy Malchow

Minnesota Women's Press, Inc. celebrated its fifth anniversary in 1989. On Feb. 1, 1990, the business moved to a new location around the corner from its old offices in the Security Building at University & Raymond. Its sixth year is beginning successfully at 771 Raymond Ave., with more space for offices, production, discussion groups and books.

The paper was started by two women from the Bugle area. In fact, both were at one time employed by the Bugle. Mollie Hoben was the Bugle's editor and business manager back in 1984; Glenda Martin sold ads. Their current titles at Minnesota Women's Press? "Call us founders and publishers," directed Hoben.

Both of them, plus a group of

other women from St. Anthony Park and close by, had a vision of starting a paper "whose product is women's words, ideas and values," says Hoben. They set about planning a forprofit business corporation. Most all those connected with Minnesota Women's Press early on had worked with nonprofits; the group wanted this experience to be different. They felt women's words deserved to be the basis for a serious corporation that makes a profit and they wanted to make a philosophical statement of that fact. So they formed a corporation, Minnesota Women's Press, Inc., and sold stock. Hoben and Martin are the two largest shareholders among the current 29.

"When we started the paper," Martin recalls, "I was in charge of finding a place for us. We



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Mollie Hoben & Glenda Martin, founders and publishers of Minnesota Women's Press, direct a company concerned with books as well as papers. They have room for both at 771 Raymond.

decided we wanted to be as close to the Minneapolis/St. Paul city line as possible, so we would be identified with both cities equally." Thus the stint on the third floor of the Security Building for five years.

The paper, published every other week, is distributed on racks across the state as well as in the Twin Cities area, with outstate drop spots located mostly at colleges in Duluth, Moorhead, Mankato, Rochester, etc. The press run is 35,000the same number as five years

How does Minnesota Women's Press report women's news? Hoben & Martin say their approach is different from the dailies. "Our advisory board was not looking for newsworthiness only in its traditional sense; the measures of news value we hold are not related to volume, violence or vanity. They focus instead on the tasks individuals take on, the decisions they make, the silences they break, the integrity they keep, the values that guide them." (Taken from the publishers' statement

on p. 1 of their Jan. 3-6, 1990 issue, celebrating "newsmakers of 1989.") "All women have a story that we would put in the paper," Hoben adds.

It hasn't always been a smooth ride for the corporation over the first five years. In fact, about a year and a half ago, the road got pretty bumpy. The paper was in financial trouble-"We were having a hard time keeping it up to a 12-page issue," Hoben recalls. They decided to make their difficulties public, and received much support, both financial and philosophical. They also decided to hire some people more familiar with profitmaking businesses.

Another prominent factor in smoothing out the course has been the addition of a library (yearly memberships are sold), book discussion groups, the salon (issue discussion groups), and the bookstoreall inside the storefront at 771 Raymond. These efforts are Glenda Martin's bailiwick. Hoben says, "We always envisioned the company would do more than the paper, but

didn't know what it would be when we started. This added another financial dimension."

When the book groups began in Jan., 1987, there were about 25 participants. "Now we have about 100 participants in eight different groups," says Martin gleefully. For her, as a book group leader, this is the "pure form of education. People are here because they want to be and it feels terrific. We encourage women to write their own words down, but we let everyone go at their own pace. We're not going to say, 'Oh, you didn't write in your journal this week'. We're not therapy and we're not school."

The Press also sells a small selection of women's items (they're currently displaying a "book woman" t-shirt) and will begin to display women's art on the walls and tables in their freshly decorated new quarters. Later this year the company will attempt yet another new venture. It will be the publisher of a book about women's organizations.

Women's Press to 18

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## **Editorial**

## Bring on the arts

In an article in this issue about Minnesota Women's Press, Mollie Hoben says one reason her company decided to stay in St. Anthony Park is because there are so many exciting things going on, e.g., "the proposed arts district near University & Raymond."

The Dec., 1989 Bugle reported on the community's possibilities in charting its own course for that South St. Anthony Park area. At that time, the St. Anthony Park Community Council was preparing a grant proposal to the St. Paul Foundation, asking for funds to begin to explore the feasibility for using the "underutilized low-rent warehouse space" that's found near that corner for living and working quarters for artists. Since then, the Council has been awarded \$20,000 for just such a beginning study.

The money, a Leadership Initiatives in Neighborhoods grant, is being administered by the Community Council, but was actually awarded to Peter Leach as Executive Director of the Northern Clay Center. Leach is a potter who lives in St. Anthony Park. His Northern Clay Center is now housed in the city's "incubator" for new businesses at 2325 Endicott.

His assignment is to work with the Community Council to establish the groundwork for a feasibility study. The task is to discover, as Michelle Christianson's Dec. *Bugle* article says: "what spaces are now in use and what spaces will be available in the future, the impact of the arts currently in the area, what funding is available, what area residents want, what the need for performance space is, and what organizations now in St. Anthony Park are willing to work on making it more of an arts district."

These groundwork recommendations will then be passed on to an organization called Arts Space. This is a non-profit company specializing in securing living and working space for artists, Leach said.

Congratulations to all those involved in getting this project off the ground! We're looking foward to keeping an eye on the progressive refurbishing of more of those fine old warehouses.

Kathy Malchow

## Bügle

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## Letters

#### Christmas tree compost

Dear editor:

I was glad to read your editorial "Christmas in July" in the February Bugle. I concur with your suggestion that chipped Christmas trees be used as mulch around trees and shrubs. I would go one step further and suggest that some shrubs be planted into it.

When I was younger, I worked as a gardener at the Morton Arboretum near Chicago. They had an extensive collection of hardy azaleas and rhododendrons. The soil there was mostly a dense, sticky, alkaline clay. But azaleas and rhododendrons like a loose, organic, acidic soil.

Their secret? Christmas tree compost! Every year after Christmas we would grind up unsold trees, pile the chips into a huge pile, and let it decompose for a few years. In the spring and summer we would add it to our existing beds of shrubs and make new ones. Our beds were raised beds, one railroad tie deep, filled with this special compost.

I urge anyone who wants to grow good rhododendrons and azaleas to do likewise. It seems to me this is the best use for old Christmas trees.

John Vogt Masengarb

## Should Como be a one-issue district?

Dear editor.

I've been a board member on the Como Community Council for almost two years now, and, like many of the other members I know, I'm feeling frustrated. I ran for election with high hopes for instigating some action on the rather drab District 10 Council. For example, here are some things the Como Community Council would be doing-were it not constantly sidetracked: Organize an Earth Day celebration that brings the community together instead of dividing it. Develop a strong and effective block club system, evolving further into a block nurse program so that more of our elders could stay in their homes where they are comfortable and happy. (This is something that St. Anthony Park, right next door to us, is already doing with great success.) Take an active part in promoting the Park Watch system to show thieves, flashers and vandals that the Como community cares too much about the park and lake to let them take over. Expand our recycling program and increase the neighborhood participation.

Instead I find that an inordinate amount of our meetings are dominated by one issue—State Fair parking.

You've heard all about this issue for years-for one thing it's the only controversial news our neighborhood has to offer. We're lucky we don't have drugs and urban blight to make us newsworthy. But if you live east of Hamline, you're probably bored stiff with the topic of State Fair parking. "Is that all the community council does?" you wonder. As for the council members, I think our strongest emotion is not boredom, but rather frustration at the intransigence of those who are unwilling to come to a fair compromise on the problem. Time and again we are dragged back to square one after hours-yearsspent trying to hammer out a fair parking solution.

In the January board meeting I commented that there are other reasons besides your pocketbook to become involved in the democratic process. I was told in no uncertain terms that "When you try and take away people's right, they get involved." This was said by a neighbor whom I've always respected and whose company I've always enjoyed, in friendly chats in the alley. I mention this to show how divisive this State Fair Parking issue is. This is not a situation of an entire community banding against an outside bogeyman-a developer or polluter. No, it sets neighbor against neighbor, and that is why a compromise is the only just resolution. In fact, we do not have a God-given right to park fair-goers' cars on our lawns, any more than we have a right to shoot off guns or raise chickens on our property-it's a matter of statute, not "rights."

Is this issue to stay with us forever? I think it is time for the City Council to show some leadership to help get us off square one. For instance, where does Paula Maccabee stand on the question? Sure, election pressures make this an unpleasant issue to tackle, but the neighborhood itself seems unable or unwilling to resolve it alone.

Do you have ideas for Como Park? A glimmer of interest? Do you know how much you are needed? Como community must get beyond the issue of State Fair Parking—it's losing good people who are simply not interested in spending precious spare time on this topic. I urge those with new ideas to attend this meeting. Let's set Como on the road to becoming a stronger, warmer community to live in.

Megan Randall Como Community Council

#### **Busway concerns**

Dear editor,

The purpose of this letter is to present my deep concern about an aspect of the proposed U of M Busway. Over the years, I have been participating in neighborhood committees working with the University on this project. On balance, the University's need for an efficient bus system and the community's concerns about the system's impact have been properly considered, with one very unfortunate exception.

The exception involves the St. Paul Campus mall, that is, the open space east of Cleveland Ave. A bit of history is relevant here. In the early '70s, after the portion of the mall which had existed south of Carter Ave. was blacktopped to form a parking lot and the parking lot-transit fee system was changed, resulting in an influx of University-related parking in St. Anthony Park, the community made its concern known to the University administration. As a result, the University engaged some planners who worked with all concerned parties to produce a plan which has served all of us very well to this day. As part of the plan it was noted that the campus, because of the extent and quality of its open spaces, formed a very pleasant physical environment, that this enhanced its ability to serve its educational function and was an amenity that should be preserved. The planners recommended that new construction be

concentrated between existing buildings and that the vehicular circulation system be oriented to the east of the campus and away from Cleveland Ave.

The Busway planners were aware of these concepts and, up to this point, have respected them. They are creating a vehicular access from Como Ave. at the eastern boundary of the campus and have incorporated a large parking lot, the State Fair parking lot, on the east side of the campus, as an important component of their scheme.

Unfortunately, a recent development runs counter to this. According to the Busway planners it is essential that a bus turnaround and martialling area be created at the north (Buford) end of the mall. They have examined alternatives and this is the one which they state is strongly favored by representatives of University groups.

What has occurred is that two alternatives have been presented, the Buford one referred to above, which includes a bus stop at the Student Union, and another without the Union stop. No doubt a bus stop at the Union was favored. A solution which did not use the mall for busway functions but included a stop at the Union could be devised and it would be perceived as serving campus needs. Unfortunately, the effort required to arrive at this has not seemed worthwhile to those in charge of the project.

The esthetic disadvantages of a paved turnaround with a line-up of carbon monoxide-spewing buses compared to those of a nicely landscaped space which includes a number of fine old trees are fairly obvious. Further, the situation is exacerbated by the topography of the area. The land slopes fairly steeply upward to the north of Buford and slopes downward to the south. Creating a level area large enough to serve the needed purpose will require considerable expense. and effective screening of the raised area will be difficult and expensive, assuming it actually can be done.

In this case, where both the University and the adjacent community will be losers if existing plans are not changed, it is my hope that individuals from the University and the community will share my concern and attend future meetings to make their feelings known to the Busway planners. In the past when it has been made clear that elements of the Busway would create serious problems, solutions have been found that were advantageous for all. I am sure that is possible in this case.

Joseph Michels

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## Commentary

#### **HomeWords**

#### Who's In A Name?

By Warren Hanson

y name is Warren Hanson. It has been thus since I was born, and will more than likely remain thus until I die (although I have been sorely tempted to change it more than once in my life).

It was tough being a Warren when I was growing up. All the other kids in my neighborhood were Bobs or Bills or Toms. I wanted so badly to have a regular one-syllable American name like that. Warren was an oddball name with no good shortcut to the monosyllabic nickname I so longed for.

And because it was an oddball name, people seemed to take all the Warrens they had ever heard of and lump us all together. Oh, sure, I was flattered to be put into the same lump with Warren Spahn, the great baseball player. But I was not so thrilled to be likened to Warren Kester, the local newscaster who gave the livestock market reports on the evening news in my small hometown. I was asked the price of polled Herefords with considerable regularity on the playground, and I didn't appreciate the humor of it one bit. I likewise didn't appreciate my teachers mentally interchanging me with Warren Wetzel, the dull, oafish farm kid who was in school with me and was the only other Warren in the public school system at that time. And being called Warren Peace was only funny the first nine hundred thousand times.

But my attitude toward my name changed as I reached adulthood. I grew to appreciate the fact that, while the world was crammed full of Bobs and Bills and Toms, the Warrens of the world were precious and rare. Like gems. And so for a while I thought of myself as a person of rare value, a jewel among the worthless slag of Bobs and Bills and Toms all around me.

It didn't last long though. I soon realized that society has created a bunch of file folders, and that all of us Warrens are filed together in one folder, way in the back.

You see, there are so many Bobs and Bills and Toms in the world that people have had to learn to differentiate among them all. And thus Bob Beck is rarely confused with Bob Granovsky merely on the basis of their having the same first name.

Not so with Warrens. The same lack of discernment that blobbed me and Warren Spahn and Warren Kester and Warren Wetzel all together into one amorphous persona in my youth is still at work today. (My first boss when I got out of college called me Howard for six months. He apparently had consolidated his file folders to the point where he had only four...Bob, Bill, Tom, and Other.)

The problem was made more acute for me last November. It was around eleven o'clock one night

shortly after Election Day when I was aroused from my sleep by the telephone ringing. "Is this Warren Hanson?" came the energetic voice on the line. I mustered an affirmative mumble. "This is Paula Maccabee." Paula Maccabee, the brand-newly elected City Councilhuman from the 4th Ward, whose name had so recently been inescapably plastered all over the lawns and bumpers of the neighborhood. Why was Paula Maccabee calling me? At home? In the middle of the night? "We're having a meeting about the rehab project on the East Side tomorrow at 3. Can you be there?" After a puzzled pause, I muttered that, sure, I supposed I could be there, although I had no idea why. Or what or how or who or where for that matter. Paula quickly took care of the where part of the puzzle and hung up.

And so it happened that the next afternoon I found myself seated at a long conference table in one of the venerable chambers of city government in downtown St. Paul, a setting about as familiar to me as a Japanese tuna trawler. Yet there was no mistake. There was my name on an engraved plastic plaque before me on the huge mahogany table. A gavel sounded sharply, calling the meeting to order, and immediately a voice reverberated from across the room. "Mr. Hanson, how can you account for the immense cost overruns on the East Side housing rehabilitation project?"

The room fell silent. All around the table shadowy faces were turned toward me, awaiting my answer. And finally, like light from above, the answer came to me. "O-o-o-o-oh... THAT Warren Hanson!"

I have seen his name in the newspapers. THAT Warren Hanson is head of St. Paul's Planning and Economic Development office. Paula Maccabee, being brand new to her office, obviously didn't have THAT Warren Hanson's phone number in her Rolodex yet, so she had resorted to the phone book. It apparently didn't occur to her that there might be more than one Warren Hanson. Now had she been trying to call someone named Bob, I dare say she would have been more careful. But Warrens? They're all the same.

Further proof of that came in another phone call about three weeks ago. "Hello, Warren? This is Grace Bjorndahl. I talked to you a couple of months ago about serving the meal at the St. Anthony Park Methodist Mother-Daughter Banquet."

"You did?"

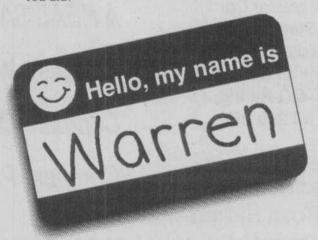


Illustration by Bob Hanson

"Yes, and you said that you would be able to do that for us."

"I did?

"Yes, and I'm just calling to let you know that there will be 218 people."

"There will?"

Those who know me well will attest to the fact that I never have a very firm grasp on where I am supposed to be and when I am supposed to be there. So the fact that I had made some kind of a commitment but could not recall it was no great surprise. And those same people who know me well will also attest to the fact that I have a hard time saying No. So if this woman had asked me to serve a meal at a banquet for over two hundred people, I could easily imagine myself saying Yes rather than disappointing her and hurting her feelings, even though I had absolutely no experience in such endeavors.

So I plunged into the task. I do cook at home once in a while. After all, I'm a veteran of the male sensitivity training of the '80's, so I do participate in the preparation of family meals. I figured that I would just take the dish that I considered my most successful, Cajun Tuna-Noodle Hotdish, and multiply all the ingredients by 50. I made lime Jello with carrot shavings floating in it, cut slices of white bread into the shapes of the suits in a deck of cards, and mixed gallons and gallons of cherry Kool-Aid. (I must have miscalculated on the hotdish recipe, because there was sure a lot left over. But those mothers and daughters drank every last drop of the Kool-Aid.) I served the whole thing on paper plates and put a big garbage can with a plastic liner in the middle of the room so the gals could just toss their dishes when they were done and save me some clean-up time. All in all I thought it went pretty well.

When the evening was over, Mrs. Bjorndahl came into the kitchen, expressed her rather un-heartfelt thanks, and gave me a check made out to Warren JENSEN!

Warren Jensen lives here in the neighborhood, and he has been in the food service business for years. I wish I would have realized a little sooner that there had been a mix-up. I have probably tarnished his otherwise excellent reputation. (By the way, Warren, if you are reading this, I'd be happy to share that Cajun Tuna-Noodle Hotdish recipe with you.)

With age comes wisdom. I have finally become wise enough to see a clear and simple solution to this name problem. Oh, don't get me wrong. It is certainly flattering to be put into the same category with the likes of Warren Beatty and Warren Gore. But the cons, in the long run, outweigh the pros. And so I present for you a simple way to avoid future confusion. My name is Warren Hanson. But you can call me Bob.

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## **Arts Calendar**

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#### **VISUAL ARTS**

Reflection and Inspiration: Charlene Burningham and Her Students through Mar. 4, Paul Whitney Larson Gallery, St. Paul Campus. A video of Jan Myers, a former student, quilting will be shown upon request during gallery hours at the Student Center. Mon-Fri. 10-4 p.m., Wed. 10-8 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m. Admission is

Fix It, Paul Whitney Larson Gallery, Mar 6 - 20, confirms the injustices and exclusion of women and people of color who struggle within the "working world." A related lecture/discussion will be held on Mar. 8 at noon titled, "Exclusion in Academia".

Departing From Nature, March 26 - April 14, Paul

Whitney Larson Gallery. Addresses natural images that serve as a point of departure in the paintings of Kirsten Wedes, the photographs of Lori Gilbertson and the mono prints of Susan

Here Comes the Bride, Then and Now, exhibition tracing the history of the wedding gown from 1880-1990. The exhibition will open at The Goldstein Gallery with a "wedding" reception from 2-4 p.m. on Sun., April 1, and will run through June 10. Admission is free. The gallery is located at 241 McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Ave., St. Paul Campus. Gallery hours: Mon-Fri. 8:30-4:30 p.m., Thurs. 8:30-8:30 p.m., Sat/Sun. 1:30-4:30 p.m.

On Sat. evening, April 7, 7:30-11 p.m., the Friends of the Goldstein Gallery will host a gala wedding party. The

evening of bridal lore and festivity will include a buffet supper, reception, and dancing. Black tie is optional; wedding attire is encouraged. The gala is open by invitaion to the public at \$45 a person. Information, 624-7434.

The Weavers Guild of Minnesota celebrates its 50th Anniversary during 1990. The Thurs., March 1, members' meeting at 7 p.m. program is given by Correne and Palmer Soldier, who will speak on "Winnebago Black Ash Baskets." Their Winnebago basketry is in the Smithsonian collection.

Since 1940, the Guild has had a continuous education and community service focus. For further information concerning the workshop and future class registration, call 644-3594 between 9 & 1 p.m. weekdays. The Guild is located at 2402 University Avenue. Other March Weavers' Guild classes begin on the following

Marbling on Paper Suzanne Stout March 2

Tricks of the Trade March 3 Linda Madden

**Beginning Spinning** March 3 Margaret Coe

**Traditional Structure in Contemporary Ways** 

Traudie Bestler March 6 Frame Loom II

Mary Temple March 6 **Wool Combing** Mary Skoy March 10

Interwoven Shawl Nann Miller March 14

Lecture: Bhutanese Travel & Textiles

Mary Pawlcyn March 15

Felting March 17 Peggy Meyer **Color Through Spinning** 

March 19 Cindy Graff Lecture: Interfacing/Interlacing: A Professional Odyssey Randy Darwall March 29 (McNeal Hall, U of Minn.)

**Master Class for Weavers** Darwall March 30-April 1

#### DRAMA/LITERARY

St. Anthony Park Writers Workshop is open to all aspiring writers. The Tues., March 6 meeting is at 7:30 p.m., 1261 Cleveland Ave. N. Call 646-4343.

The Matchmaker by Thornton Wilder, Punchinello Players, March 1, 2, 3 at 8 p.m. in the North Hall Theatre, St. Paul Campus. \$4 students/ seniors, \$5 others. Tickets can be reserved by calling 624-7458.

#### MUSIC

Gymanfa Ganu (Welsh Hymn Sing), Sun., Feb. 25, 3 p.m., St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church. Mary Mergenthal, director.

An Evening of Music, Sun., Feb. 25, 7 p.m. St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, Coffee house atmosphere with local instrumental and vocal acts.

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St. Anthony Park Community Chorus rehearsals begin 7:30 p.m. each Tuesday evening at the St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, Hillside and Como Ave. All voices are welcome.

#### PERFORMING ARTS

The Foreigner, The Patchwork Theater, Mar. 23, 24, 30, 31, Apr. 6 & 7 at 8 p.m. and Apr. 1 & 8 at 2 p.m. at Murray Junior High. Tickets; adults \$7, seniors & children \$6, senior matinee \$4. Tickets are available at the door.

Send information for next month's Arts Calendar to Cathy Daly, 2151 Hoyt, St. Paul, MN 55108 by Fri., March 16.



Cathy Daly has collected information for the Arts Calendar since its inception. She's an artist herself. She teaches at the Weaver's Guild and has been featured in a Bugle article for her work in constructing stuffed animals.

## School News

#### Murray Junior High

On Feb. 7 & 8, Murray held its sixth annual Science Fair. Over 200 students participated. Both research papers and experimental projects were judged by 61 different judges, many of whom are professional scientists. Each student was judged three times by three different judges. The two highest scores for each student were averaged to determine the overall and division winners.

The top research papers were: 1st place: Daniel Larson, 2nd place: Joelle Pojar, 3rd place: David Schwartz. The top 7th grade experimental projects were: 1st place: Joelle Pojar, 2nd place: Ben Westhoff, 3rd place: Nate O'Brien. The win-

ning eighth grade projects were: 1st place: Sarah Rohr, 2nd place: Matt Weiss, and 3rd place: Kristin Ulstad.

Divisional project winners not already mentioned were: Jenny Felton, Linda Veum, Nicole Dwyer, Michael Peltier, and Cory Dahlquist. All divisional and grade winners will advance to the regional science fair at Augsburg College. It will be held in March. Good luck to those aspiring scientists!

Recently, two other competitions have taken place at Murray, a school wide Spelling Bee and a Geography Bee. The winners of the Spelling Bee, first place Jennifer Abrizenski and runner up Carrie Sletto, will both represent Murray as they participate in the regional spelling bee to be held at Highland Sr. High. Matt Crosby, winner of the Geography Bee, has taken a written geography test which will be sent to National Geographic to

be graded. If Matt is one of the top 100 scorers in the state, he will be asked to enter a statewide geography bee. Good luck to Matt and the spellers Jennifer and Carrie!

Coming up on Murray's calendar is a Site Council meeting at 4:15 p.m. March 6. Students do not have school March 9. The 12th brings the Home and School Association meeting at 7 p.m. in the school library.

Daniel Larson

#### Murray math team wins big

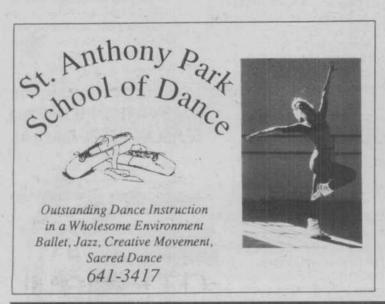
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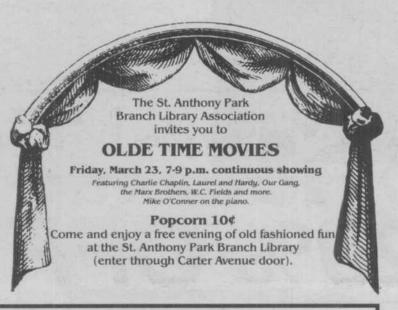
On Mon., Jan. 22, Murray's Math Team, in a record performance, scored 100 points in the last meet of the year to soundly beat all opposition and win the St. Paul MATH LEAGUE Championship. On Sat., Feb. 3, a smaller version of the Math Team placed fourth in a field of 22 at the regional MATHCOUNTS competition. Their fourth place finish was a school record.

Murray's Math Team meets once a week to share ideas, work problems, and prepare for the coming meets. On one Monday each month 10 students and their coach, Ms. Cathy Wick, set out in a school bus for the junior high school that will be the site of the competition. In the bus the students and coach alike joke around and talk some math, but by the time the competition starts everyone is serious and ready to work.

If every one of the six team members had perfect individual rounds and together had a perfect team round, the school would receive the maximum 134 points. It's obvious, then, that Murray did very well to score 100 points: usually the top scoring school has 60-80 points.

In the MATHCOUNTS regional competition, Murray did wonderfully, setting a school record with a fourth place finish. Daniel Larson of Murray finished second place in the individual competition, and will consequently be competing in the State MATH-COUNTS tournament on March 17.





### The changing face of Eastern Europe: The issues behind the headlines

Why or why not will the Communists win the first free elections in Eastern Europe in April? Who owns the property that was confiscated from wealthy families after World War II? How do people change from a collective yiew, where everyone owns everything, to a capitalist view, where productivity counts? How do people learn how to be managers, when in the past they weren't even supposed to say the word "management" because it was a capitalist term?

At our March 13 SAPA meeting, Dr. Jan Meyer will discuss these issues and others, showing slides taken during her recent and fourth trip to Eastern Europe. Dr. Meyer has worked with many firms there in the past 1 1/2 years, doing management development consulting, and has been able to observe-and participate—as these changes have unfolded.

"What you read in the headlines and newspapers is only a small part of the real story," says Dr. Meyer. "We as Americans experience optimism and change as an institutionalized part of our culture, so we sometimes over-estimate the ability of others

to change rapidly." The changes in Eastern Europe have affected literally everyone, in too many ways to be included in news stories, and certainly what for us would be in many unexpected arenas in our daily lives. While historians will document the major economic and political shifts, Dr. Meyer says the impact on the "little people" is by far the most fascinating, and that is what she will talk about and illustrate with slides.

A Park resident and an assistant professor at the College of St. Thomas, Dr. Meyer teaches international management, and has for

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many years engaged in international consulting in Asia, Europe and the domestic marketplace. Prior to her academic "second career" she was Manager of Human Resources for United Airlines, where she was an employee for 18

The program on March 13 starts at 7:30 p.m., and will end at 8:30. There will be a social hour from 5:45-6:30, with dinner from 6:30-7:15. Come for dinner: \$6 for non-members, \$5 for members, \$3 for children. Or, you are welcome to join us for the program.

Make reservations or cancel by calling 647-9104. Pay at the door. (Sorry but we must charge for non-cancelled dinner reservations!) LOCATION: St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, corner of Commonwealth & Chelmsford, just one long block north of Como Avenue on Commonwealth.

#### Upcoming meetings:

April 10, Gardening in the Park with Diane Emerson Nelson

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guidelines before it will release any money. "MN-DOT's goal is to make sure that taxpayer dollars spent on road improvements provide long-term as well as short-term solutions," says Paul Kirkwold, manager of the project and deputy director of the Ramsey County Public Works Department. "The new road will have to serve the area for 50 years."

Just rebuilding the two-lane road would not meet the guidelines. MN-DOT uses traffic counts and traffic projections to determine the correct number and width of traffic lanes and the width of right-of-way. Traffic is estimated at 8,000 vehicles per day now and may be 15,000 per day in 20 years.

At a recent public meeting, Falcon Heights residents questioned the accuracy of the traffic count. They believe fewer than 8,000 vehicles per day are using the road. If so, the new road could be built 48 feet wide instead of 52, and still meet CSAH requirements. Property owners would retain more of their property. The Public Works Department will perform actual traffic counts to satisfy that request.

Alternate types of transportation like bicycling must also be considered, as well as drainage, sewers, traffic control, curb and gutter, erosion, fencing, swamps, traffic and pedestrian safety, environmental impact and traffic flow during construction.

#### Feasibility study

Many planning steps remain before the project is approved and actual construction begins. "This is not a done deal," says project manager Kirkwold.

The first step toward a new road is the feasibility study. "We want to be sure everyone has a chance to see the plan and make suggestions before the engineering money is spent," Kirkwold said. The feasibility study costs about \$108,000 while the actual construction design plan adds another \$130,000.

DPW presented the feasibility study's first draft to the Roseville and Falcon Heights city councils in November. As Step 2, Falcon Heights residents were invited to attend public hearing in late January. They reviewed aerial photos that showed the existing roadway, houses, driveways and property lines, and drawings that showed the additional property needed for the wider road. Their suggestions will be reviewed and incorporated into the final feasibility study.

In Step 3, Roseville and Falcon Heights city councils will be asked to approve the study, but they may call for more public hearings or modifications first. When the feasibility study is approved, the Department of Public Works will proceed with the design engineering phase. During Step 4 the engineering plan goes back to the city councils for hearings and final approval. At the same time, a copy goes to MN-DOT for review and approval.

Step 5 is approval of the design plan by the Ramsey County Board and the authorization to advertise for construction bids. All four

bodies, including the two city councils, MN-DOT and the county board must approve it before construction begins. Once the go-ahead is given, construction is expected to take about one year to complete.

#### LRT's impact

Kirkwold said the Light Rail Transit plan under consideration would not eliminate the need to build and maintain roadways, especially in firstring suburbs like Falcon Heights and Roseville, where LRT routes are not planned. "Even if three to five percent of the travelers use LRT, as projected, that won't have a great impact on the highway system, and the roads will have to be maintained," he

#### 1-94 connection

Kirkwold downplayed the concern that some St. Anthony Park and Midway residents and district council members have voiced. They fear that the Cleveland Avenue improvement is the next step in an old plan, first proposed in the late-1960's, to connect Interstates 35W and 94 by following a Cleveland/ Raymond Avenue route. Kirkwold said if that plan was ever revived, it would be subject to the same planning and scrutiny as the Cleveland Avenue development.

The only time I hear about that anymore is when I visit the St. Anthony Park or Midway neighborhood. That plan would have to be approved by the St. Paul City Council, and they listen closely to their residents and district councils. The city has the final control."

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## Neighbors

Anne Nakanishi, St.
Anthony Park, was first place all-around city champion at the girls' city conference gymnastic meet. She is a sophomore at St. Paul Central High School. Varsity teams from Como Park, Highland, Harding, Central and Cretin Derham Hall competed in the Feb. 10 event. Nakanishi finished 1st in the parallel bars and vault events, 2nd in floor exercise, and 3rd in beam.

Two other gymnasts from St. Anthony Park also received high scores. Wendy Peterson, a freshman at Central, finished 6th in vault, 7th in floor exercise and 12th in bars. Art Payne, science teacher at Murray Junior High and Park resident, is Central's coach. Karsten Schroeder, a sophomore at Cretin Derham Hall, finished 2nd in bars, 6th in vault & floor exercise, 7th in beam, and won 4th place all-around honors.

Pastor Nancy Koester was installed as associate pastor at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church on Feb. 4. Koester has lived in the neighborhood for four years and is a graduate student at Luther Northwestern Seminary, working on a Doctor in Theology in Church History, with a speciality in American Church History.

Koester has been a writer and editor for the Lutheran church nationally for a number of years. She is married to Dr. Craig Koester and has two children, Matthew, 8, and Emily, 4.

The Langford Park Dyna-Mites upset North Dale Maroon 4-3 to claim third place in the annual North Dale Mite Hockey Tornament on Jan. 14.

The team includes boys and girls in kindergarten through 3rd grade. They are coached by Jim Erickson, Bill Barrick and Larry Ward and supported by an enthusiastic group of parents.



The Langford Park Dyna-Mites placed third in the North Dale Mite Hockey Tournament Jan. 14 and beat their parents at Winter Sports Day on Jan. 27.

Team members include:
Peter Allen, Johnny Barrick,
Scott Barrick, Elissa Burke,
Andy Crommett, Justin
Denet, Joey Erickson, Britta
Hansen, Trygve Hansen,
Charlie Kronschnabel,
Siri Larson, Carl Lorimer,
Julie Magnuson, A. J. Schumacher, Eric Sonmore, Eric
Steen, Megan Tracy and
Andy Ward.

Several area skaters competed in the National Longtrack Speedskating Championships in Milwaukee, Wis., in Jan. Leif Ahlgren took 4th place in Juvenile Boys division; Emil Tack placed 4th in Midget Boys. Both are from St. Anthony Park.

Others who qualified from our area were Mara Magnuson, St. Anthony Park, in the Juvenile Division and Floyd Bedbury, Falcon Heights, in Senior Men. He is a former Olympic skater.

They competed against hundreds of highly-trained skaters. The lack of ice time for training this year and the lack of a refrigerated track were handicaps faced by local skaters.

At the 10,000 Lakes Winter Carnival meet and state speedskating championships at White Bear Lake on Feb. 3, Leif Ahlgren placed 1st in Juvenile Boys, Emil Tack 1st in Midget Boys, Mara
Magnuson, 4th in Juvenile
Girls; and Julie Magnuson 3rd
in Pee Wee Girls Novice. John
Magnuson received an award
for the Most Improved Skater
of the Year from the Eastern
Minnesota Speedskating Association. All those winners live
in St. Anthony Park.

The Magnuson family continued to skate well at the 1990 Star of the North State Winter Games at Embarrass Lake, Biwabik, Minn., on Feb. 4. All but young Carl competed and all placed well. Mara Magnuson placed 4th in Juvenile Girls, Julie Magnuson 3rd in PeeWee Girls, John Magnuson, 1st in Master Men, and Kathy Magnuson 1st in Master Women. Other locals at the event were Leif Ahlgren who won 1st in Juvenile Boys and Emil Tack who placed 1st in Midget

In conjunction with this event, Floyd Bedbury conducted a skating clinic.

Carol Erickson, superintendent of the Chaska public schools for the past four years, has been named superintendent of the Roseville Area Schools, District 623. She will replace Roger Worner, superintendent for three years, who will resign in June.

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## Local professor revives American chestnut

By Roald Sateren

In the early 1900s, millions of American chestnut trees flourished in the Eastern forests of the United States. Ridges throughout the Appalachians were often completely covered with chestnut trees. But due to a blight, the American chestnut tree was nearly extinct by 1950. At its peak, this chestnut blight was far more destructive than today's Dutch Elm disease.

The blight was discovered in the Bronx, N.Y., in 1904. This is the same year Charles Burnham was born on a small farm in southern Wisconsin.

If the American chestnut tree continues to survive in the future, much of the credit should go to the 86-year-old Burnham. He is an emeritus professor in the Department of Agronomy & Plant Genetics at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul Campus, where he began teaching in 1938. Burnham and his wife built their house in St. Anthony Park in 1942, where Burnham continues to live.

Cryphonectria parasitica.
This is the Asian fungus that causes the blight that has nearly wiped out the American chestnut tree. It is believed to have arrived on nursery stock from Asia at the turn of the century.

Once the fungus comes into contact with a wound on a chestnut tree-a crack in the bark, a hole from a woodpecker, a broken branch-the chances that the tree will survive are slim. On the tree's surface, blisters begin to form-orange ones. Underneath the blisters, the fungus sends down fine, white octopus-like tendrils. Rapidly the tendrils grow and fan out, consuming precious nutrients and water. Small chestnut trees will die in a few months; large ones in a couple of years.

Up until 1980, much had been done in the attempt to save the American chestnut:

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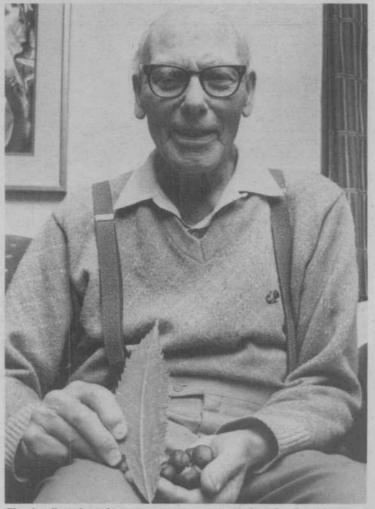
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spraying, clear-cutting, radiating nuts, grafting, and cross-breeding. But these attempts were largely unsuccessful. As researchers struggled to find a cure, the blight causing fungus "spread like wildfire," explained Burnham. "The fungus spores are spread by wind, rain and birds and in the East with the birds' north to south to north migration patterns, it spread very quickly."

In 1980, Burnham was astonished to read an article about the unsuccessful attempts of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) at developing a blight resistant American chestnut tree.

"I couldn't believe what I was reading," said Burnham. Apparently the USDA's methods and conclusions contained significant oversights and, in addition, the program was terminated abruptly in 1960. Burnham's curiosity had been sparked. Armed with the vast knowledge gained from years of research developing disease resistant corn, Burnham began efforts to develop a blight resistant American chestnut tree.



Charles Burnham has spent many years saving the American chestnut tree—and its leaves and nuts which he is holding.

Chestnut trees grow in other parts of the world, but they are different than the American chestnut. The chestnut trees of Asia are resistant to blight, with the Chinese being the most resistant. But the Asian chestnut is an orchard tree, much smaller than the American chestnut, and could not compete in an American hardwood forest. Chestnut trees also grow in Europe but they, too, are susceptible to the blight and do not thrive in American soil and climate.

Burnham developed a breeding program in the early 1980s with the goal of transferring the blight resistance of the Chinese chestnut to the American chestnut.

"The plant breeder's way of transferring resistance would be to make a hybrid by crossing the American with the Chinese chestnut," said Burnham. When this hybrid matures the pollen from it would then fertilize a blightfree American chestnut. "Some of the progeny would have moderate resistance and they would be selected again to backcross to the American chestnut. And if you keep doing that, while selecting for resistance, you will eventually get your American chestnut back," said Burnham.



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Burnham believes this could be achieved in three generations of cross-breeding. The third generation tree would be able to survive in a forest, unlike the Chinese chestnut. But it will take decades before the final results of Burnham's breeding program are known.

The American chestnut tree grows tall and straight, reaching 100 feet high and 4-6 feet in diameter. Its leaves have sawtoothed edges and are spear shaped. Mature trees can grow to be 500-600 years old.

The natural range of the American chestnut tree extended from Maine to Georgia, west to the prairies of Indiana and Illinois and up to the southern edge of Michigan. Early settlers also started isolated groves of chestnut trees in lowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. In the Twin Cities metropolitan area today, there are several chestnut trees located at the Arboretum in Chanhassen and near Fish Lake in South St. Paul.

In 1983, Burnham and his colleague, Paul Rutter, formed the American Chestnut Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the restoration of the American



Photos by Truman Olson

Charles Burnham is understandably proud of this special chair; made of American chestnut and given to him by the American Chestnut Foundation.

chestnut. The organization now has more than 1,000 members from around the country.

Burnham and Rutter's efforts to save the American chestnut tree were recognized in the February, 1990, issue of National Geographic.

A chair made out of chestnut sits elegantly on the wide, oak floorboards in Burnham's living room. On it an inscription reads: "Presented to Dr. Charles Burnham on the occasion of his retirement as Chair of Science for the American Chestnut Foundation with the greatest esteem and affection of his colleagues."

In an article that recently appeared in Fireside Companion, Rutter was quoted as saying, "[Burnham is] a terrific teacher with students spread all over the country and probably the world; I haven't run into one yet that hasn't worshipped him. He's certainly one of the best scientists I've ever known."

Burnham and Rutter are also interested in reviving the chestnut tree as a source of timber and food.

The tree was used extensively throughout Appalachia

for its lumber. The wood resisted rot for years, making it the perfect wood for telephone poles, fences, and railroad ties. Some cabins were built entirely of chestnut. The chestnut tree was also the country's major source of tannin, which was used in tanning leather.

During the winter, the roasted chestnuts sold by street vendors in cities particularly on the east coast probably come from Italy. But there was a time when railroad cars filled with American chestnuts were shipped to the large cities in the east. Many families used the chestnut as a traditional ingredient in the stuffing of roast goose and turkey.

Chestnuts are a staple in Europe as well as Asia. The chestnut is rich in protein. Experienced palettes claim the American chestnut is much sweeter and more flavorful than its European or Asian cousins.

It is believed that the 5,000-tree chestnut forest near West Salem, Wisconsin, is probably the largest remaining forest of mature chestnut trees in America. Up until a couple of years ago, these isolated trees had managed to stay blight-free. But now they too are under seige.

There is hope. Rutter recently journeyed to West Virginia to dedicate the American Chestnut Foundation's first research farm in Meadowview, Virginia. Here 30 seedlings grown by Burnham were planted. Researching, writing, planting—at the age of 86, Charles Burnham is still doing whatever he can to preserve this precious North American resource.

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The results of the program have been wonderful. The residents have benefitted by having the opportunity to express affection, by feeling needed, and by continuing to strive toward the fulfillment of the individual's highest potential.

The children, in turn, have benefitted in many ways. Helen Lockwood feels that her daughter, Clare, "was missing out on the pleasures of being around the older generation because Clare's grandparents are both in Australia. Clare enjoys the special attention she receives from the residents and often asks to go see all the little Grandmas and Grandpas." Kristi Walters "hopes that her son Isaac will grow up being comfortable with people of all ages and handicaps, and this program is helping him become comfortable with the elderly." Kristi also "feels everyone should have a ministry and Isaac's ministry is spreading smiles."

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## School News

#### Central High School

February was a month in which Central added up victories and showed a lot of promise for the future. The cross country ski team went to the state competition, where the women's team placed 3rd, and the men 4th. Rachel Allyn placed 10th in the state and Ben Nysse placed 25th. Kent Nelsestuen and Julie MacGregor also helped Central's team ski to victory.

During the annual Snow Days celebration, Park residents Kristin Lopez, Jennifer Serfass, Tom Laird, Brian Maddock, and Mindy Hockin were part of the royal court. Katharine Gaiser created and performed a dance for the school talent show.

Caitlin and Evan Murdock participate on the math team. They compete with schools from around the metropolitan area and are currently within points of first in the Twin City region.

Students can look forward to March 9, when there will be no school because the teachers have an inservice day to prepare midterm grades. The band has an upcoming concert in conjunction with Ramsey Jr. High School on March 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Coming up in March is the Multi-Cultural Carnival. This is a time when we can celebrate the many cultural differences we are exposed to. It is on March 16 and will run from 1-8 p.m. Tickets will be available and the public is invited to attend.

With the continued support of students, teachers, coaches, and parents, Central will continue to be a school to be proud of.

Mara Krinke

#### Como Park High School

A committee of Como staff, parents, and Unisys volunteers have been working on designing a new logo for Como that accurately represents all aspects of our school. Students and teachers agree that this logo sums us up well. It stands for mutual cooperation between the worlds of education, business, and community.

The inner circle is a globe. Inside it, the sigma stands for math, and the symbol for the atom represents science. The computer with a graph on its screen symbolizes business and technology; the compass, art and design. The clasped hands signify friendship. And the big, strong cougar? Athletics, of course.



Due to our winning the Outstanding School Improvement Plan award, government members have been taking an interest in Como. Legislators Sandy Pappas and Tom Osthoff have visited our school, as will Alice Hausman. Councilmembers Janice Rettman, Bill Wilson, and Paula Maccabee have also been invited to tour Como.

School board members evaluating our school have been keeping in mind its requests for improvement. Not only have they noticed what's wrong with Como; they have also been pleasantly suprised by its

friendly atmosphere. A reminder: a follow-up on Como's improvement requests will take place at the school board meeting at 360 Colburne on Tuesday, March 6 at 6 p.m.

A Como Alumni Club is being organized by staff members Bob Turner, John McManus, Ward Bunker and John Broderick. The first alumnus is Trina Smith, who graduated several years ago. The group's purpose is to recruit alumni who will contribute to Como their time, talent and resources.

Any community or staff member, student, or parent who is interested in joining Como's Advisory Council is welcome to its meetings. They are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month, from 7-9 p.m. in the library.

On Fri., March 9, a teacher inservice day, businesspeople from the area will be invited to a special breakfast and tour. It is hoped that, after seeing our school, their businesses will be inclined to lend us their support.

Twenty of Donna Gregory's art students attended an art workshop at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design on Feb. 14. They were also given lunch and a tour of the Impressionist exhibit at the Minneapolis Art Institute. Park residents Brian McLean, Heather Sheldon and Anna Balla were fortunate to go on this school-sponsored trip.

"Unisys night with the Rolling Gophers" will be held at Como on Sat., March 3 at 6:30 p.m. Unisys employees will play basketball in wheelchairs with the Rolling Gophers, a team that has already mastered the sport of wheelchair basketball. At halftime, there will be a separate competition between a group of Como students and the Rolling Gophers. The cost for admittance is \$2, and proceeds will go to a fund for the Courage Center's athletic programs.

Marianne Hanlon

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## Langford Winter Sports Days go on despite warm temps

By Jane Berg

A light dusting of snow enhanced the festivities at the 31st annual Winter Sports Days at Langford Park Recreation Center in St. Anthony Park. The event was Jan. 27-28 and had activities for the whole family. The events included a basketball tournament, a medallion hunt and the annual coronation of Prince Anthony and Princess

The winning teams in the boys basketball tournament were the Cub Boys II, PeeWee Boys I and the Midget Boys I. The only girls' game was the PeeWee teams and PeeWee I defeated PeeWee II.

On Saturday, the Mites hockey team played their

parents. The kids defeated the parents; the Mites hockey coach served as the official for the game. Lori Sundelius, director of the rec center, commented that the officiating might have had something to do with the outcome of the game, "It was all done in fun, but some of his calls were a little controversial."

The big event of Sunday was the crowning of Prince Anthony and Princess Antonia. The candidates must be 7th graders and active at Langford throughout the year. Kevin Gagnelius, 12, and Myia Yates, 12, were crowned by King Boreas of the St. Paul Winer Carnival. Both Gagnelius and Yates play hockey at Langford.

Gagnelius also plays football and baseball. Yates plays soccer and helps out with activities for younger kids, such as the Halloween party.

There was a medallion hunt on Sunday with the big prize being a \$50 savings bond. Marne Boyd found the savings bond in a White Castle wrapper under a bush.

Raffle tickets and refreshments were sold on both days. Joel Gerber, Langford Booster Club president, said that about \$850 was raised. The proceeds go to fund uniforms, equipment and ice time.



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By Carol Weber



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## Speaking Briefly

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A social time will follow the service, which will include participants from the churches of St. Anthony Park.

#### Hold your horses!

Hold on to your horses-Here comes the circus! The circus is coming to Bandana Square-in miniature that is. A celebration of circus life in miniature will be held at Bandana Square Feb. 24 and 25. Handcrafted models of circus wagons, a moving model circus train and a parade in miniature will be part of the show, "The Circus Moves by Train," from 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. on Sat. and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday.

This show, created by members of the Zellmar Brothers Ring 80 and Circus Model Builders International is devoted to preserving the nostalgia of the old-time circus in three-dimensional scale models. There will be cages of wild beasts, magnificent horses, acres of tents, ponderous elephants, street parades and a model circus train chugging along the tracks of the Twin City Model Railroad Club.

#### Lenten breakfast series

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The six-part series is scheduled for 6:30 a.m. on Wed. mornings, starting on Ash Wed., Feb. 28. Breakfast will be included in the program. For more information, call 646-2681.

#### Spaghetti dinner

The Lester Tiernlund Post 451, 2350 Territorial Rd., will be serving its annual spaghetti dinner on Sun., Feb. 25, noon to 5 p.m. Proceeds are used for the Legion programs. Tickets are \$4 donation for adults and \$2 for children

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10:45 am Education Hour: "Habitat for Humanity" and "Forgiveness" led by Marge Grahn-Bowman.

12 noon, Karpenter's Kids lunch and scavenger hunt at Como Zoo. Cost. \$1. Grades 4-6.

Mar. 11, 9:30 am Kathy Nelson preaches, "Murmur, Murmur." 10:45 am Education Hour: "Are We in a Time of History-

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making Transition" led by John Turner and "Forgiveness" led by Marge Grahn-Bowman.

12 noon, Junior High youth lunch and game of Squish Squash, Grades 7-8.

Mar. 18, 9:30 am Pat Green preaching, Multimedia Sermon with photographic slides, "Religious Vision of Vincent Van Gogh." 10:45 am Education Hour: "Changes in China" led by John Turner and "Modern Day Prophets" - a discussion about writings of Jim Wallace

12 noon, Senior High youth lunch and Making Care Packages for members who are college freshmen, followed by a

7 pm Faith and Fiction Book Club to discuss Cold Sassy Tree by Olive Burns.

Mar. 25, 9:30 am Pat Green preaching, "Penetrating Analysis." 10:45 am Education Hour: "Changes in China" led by John Turner and "Modern Day Prophets" -a discussion about writings of Jim Wallace.

All visitors welcomed. Call church for further schedule details. Rev. Dr. Patrick Green, minister.

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Sunday Mass: 10 a.m. at church (nursery provided) and 8:30 a.m. at Seal Hi-Rise, 825 Seal St. (handicapped accessibility). Daily Mass: 7 am at the Parish Center.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 28 Mass with Lituray and Distribution of Ashes: 7 am and 12:05 noon at church, 5:30 pm at the

Lenten Mass and Station Schedule:

Mon.- Thur. 7 am at the Parish Center. Fridays 7 pm at the Church. Stations of the Cross to follow Friday evening Liturgy.

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Feb. 27, 6 pm Shrove Tuesday Supper and Melodramas. \$5 adults, \$3.50 children 5-12, children under 5 free. Feb. 28 Ash Wednesday Services: Holy Eucharist 7 and 10 am

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is a fee of \$30, which includes the training materials and one year annual dues to the Docent Assoc. Registration is required. Call the zoo office at 488-4041 for registration information.

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#### Tax assistance

The Tax Counseling for the Elderly program is again providing trained tax volunteers to assist people over 60 with low/moderate income, with 1989 returns. Help is available Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at the Roseville Community Education office at 1910 W. County Rd. B.

AARP tax volunteers will provide help at Lyngblomsten Senior Center, 1298 N. Pascal, on Tuesday and Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. Call 646-2941, ext. 425 for an appointment.

Bring along your 1989 Federal and State Income Tax forms, last year's returns, statements of income from all sources (including Social Security and Railroad Retirement), and all expenses which might be deductible: medical, health insurance, interest paid, charitable contributions including mileage driven as a volunteer, rent credit and/or property tax refunds you received, and your Social Security card. If you have stock and bond information, bring that, along with Form 1099.

This free service is on a first come first served basis.

#### Craft sale

Lyngblomsten Community Senior Center will host a spring craft sale on Fri., March 16 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at 1298 N. Pascal (lower level under chapel). A small percentage of sales revenues will go to the senior center. Those wishing to sell crafts may call the Senior Center for details: 646-2941, ext. 424.

#### South St. Anthony Rec Center

Parents and their young children are encouraged to join the Wednesday morning play group at the rec center. The group meets alternate Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., and offers a chance to meet neighbors, and future schoolmates, to discuss and offer support on parenting issues, and to have fun. Bring a few toys to share. The next meetings are on March 7 and 21.

The potluck dinner committee met in February. Ken Holdeman, Ardith Duren, Sarah Murtz, Andrea Messinger, and recreation staff members Mary Brown and Steve Shapira were present.

The committee discussed the agenda and selected Wed, April 4, 6:30 p.m. as the date for the event. Committee members divided tasks and may be calling on individuals and businesses to help. The next meeting is April 2, 7 p.m.

Additional help is always welcome. Call the rec center if you wish to get involved.

Spring brochures listing recreation activities are available upon request at the rec center. Spring activities begin the week of March 26.

For further information on any of the items listed, call South St. Anthony at 298-5770, Mon.-Thurs., 4-9 p.m.

#### Corpus Christi history books

A 50-year history of Corpus Christi Catholic Church has recently been printed. The booklet contains 60 pages of memories of the parish, which had its beginning in January, 1939, at Fireside Hall, in what is now Milton Square. There are 50 illustrations.

The book may be purchased at the church office, Cleveland and Buford for \$6. Anyone wishing to have a copy mailed, may call the church, 644-0992, and add a \$1 mailing fee to the purchase price.

## Discuss Cold Sassy Tree

The Faith & Fiction Book Club will meet Sun., March 18, 7-8:30 p.m., for an informal discussion of Olive Ann Burns' book, Cold Sassy Tree. The Washington Post has described this novel in this way—"Rich with emotion, humor, and tenderness.. A novel about an old man growing young, a young man growing up, and the modern age coming to a small southern town." Copies of the book are available at Micawber's.

Read the book and join the discussion at the St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., St. Paul. Newcomers are welcome. For more information, call the church office at 646-7173.

#### **Hunter education**

Advanced Hunter Education, a DNR-sponsored course covering small game, waterfowl, big game, survival, hunting laws and ethics, will be offered six consecutive Tuesdays beginning March 6 at Fairview Community School Center, 1910 W. Co. Rd. B, Roseville. The class is for students age 16 or above, runs from 6:45-9:45 p.m, and costs \$15. Call 633-8150, ext. 308, for more information.

#### Greek history

The Falcon Heights Great Books group will discuss Thusydides' *History of the Peloponuesian War* on Thurs., March 15, at 7 p.m. This book, thought to be the first of its kind, was apparently based on eyewitness accounts of an important era in world history, the lengthy conflict between Athens and Sparta in ancient Greece. For more information, call 646-2681.

#### **Precinct caucuses**

1990 election year precinct caucuses will be held on Tues., Feb. 27.

In House District 63A, DFL caucuses will be held at Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., and Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave. All Republican caucuses for 63B will be held at Roseville Area Senior High, 1261 W. Hwy. 36.

In House District 63B, all Republican caucuses will be held at Hancock Elementary, 1599 Englewood. All DFL caucuses in the 63B will be held at St. Anthony Park Elementary, 2180 Knapp St.

To determine your precinct, call Ramsey Co. Elections Office, 298-4181.

For caucus information, call Secretary of State Joan Growe and ask to receive the pamphlet "1990 Precinct Caucuses in Minnesota."

#### Seeds of Our Past

The Como Conservatory
Horticultural Society invites all
to attend "Seeds of Our Past,"
an oral and visual presentation
by Donna Kline and Tom
Jerde, members of The Seed
Saver's Exchange. Their presentation will be held Thurs.,
March 15, 7-8:45 p.m., at the St.
Anthony Park Branch Library.
All are welcome. Suggested
donation is \$1 for members; \$2
for non-members.

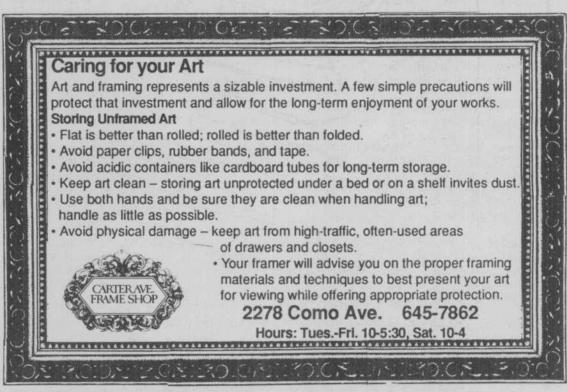


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## Business News

The Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota has recently moved to 777 Raymond Ave. The foundation provides employment assistance, support services, and advocacy services for persons with epilepsy. It also holds education programs for persons with epilepsy, their families and friends; health care, social service and education professionals, employers and the general pubic. The new location has more offices and meeting space.

Speedy Market is contributing to the city recycling effort with its new cardboard baler. Store manager Tom Spreigl says the baler has reduced trash pick-up from three times to one time per week. Previously, all boxes were broken down and put in the dumpster. Now, boxes are

crushed into bales weighing 100-150 pound each. The store is producing approximately three to four bales per week, which can then be recycled.

Miller Pharmacy helped provide visual background for a news report shown recently on national public television. Pharmacist Bob Bulger, his daughter Sue Chelstrom and clerk Carol Haff appeared in a special segment aired on the McNeil-Lehrer News Hour on Feb. 8. The segment was produced for public television by local station KTCA-TV.

In the news report featuring reporter Fred Sam Lazaro, Miller Pharmacy provided visual background as Lazaro reported information about a rare blood disorder linked to the use of L-tryptophan and the FDA recall of the over-thecounter dietary supplement. When KTCA-TV's studios were located across from the Fairgrounds, Miller Pharmacv was used on a number of occasions to provide a setting for health-related news reports, but this is the first time that Bulger is aware of his pharmacy reaching national television.

## Neighbors

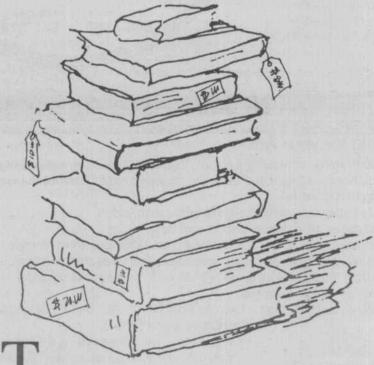
Jennifer Jiang, daughter of Franklin Jiang and JeFen Chen of Falcon Heights, was interviewed recently for one of the two Senate Page positions offered by U.S. Senator Rudy Boschwitz. She is a student at Breck School.

Matthew Hahm, Wayne
Johnson and Laura
Rasmussen from St. Anthony
Park and Como Park were
named to the fall Dean's honor
list at the College of St.
Thomas. Susan Kerr
McKinnell and Julie Ann
Astedt Smith, both of St.
Anthony Park, were named to
the fall quarter dean's list at
the University of Minnesota.

Heather Nielsen, a senior at Como Park High School and St. Anthony Park resident, participated in the 1990 Youth in Government program, representing the Midway YWCA.

Kristin Hershbell, University of Wisconsin-Madison senior, is an intern at the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters. A St. Anthony Park resident, Hershbell graduated from St. Paul Central High School in 1986.

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## **Community Calendar**

#### **FEBRUARY** 23 Fri.

No school, grades K-6, St. Paul Public Schools. Inservice day.

#### 24 Sat.

Fare SHARE distribution and registration for March, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8-10:30 a.m.; Seal Hi Rise, 10 a.m.; Holy Childhood Church, 10 a.m.-noon.

#### 25 Sun.

Spaghetti dinner, Lester Tjernlund Post 451, 2350 Territorial Rd., noon-5 p.m.

Community farewell reception for Robin Lindquist, St. Anthony Park Library Community Room, 2-4 p.m.

Welsh Hymn Sing, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 3 p.m.

An Evening of Music, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 7 p.m.

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

#### 26 Mon.

Como Park recycling day.

Falconeers Senior Club, Falcon Heights City Hall, 1-3:30 p.m.

Women for Sobriety, St. Anthony Park Library, 5:30 p.m. Call 224-0328. Every

Boy Scouts, St. Anthony Park UCC, 7 p.m. Call 644-4175. Every Mon.

Cub Scouts pack meeting, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.

AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. Call 645-2329 or 770-2646. Every Mon.

#### 27 Tues.

No school, grades K-6, St. Paul Public Schools. Conference day.

Shrove Tuesday supper & program, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 6 p.m.

Parent Advisory Council, Como High School, 7-9 p.m.

AA, 1407 Cleveland, 7:30 p.m. Call 646-0127 or 645-2329. Every Tues.

Precinct caucuses, 7:30 p.m See p. 15 for locations.

St. Anthony Park Community Chorus practice, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, Hillside & Como, 7:30 p.m. Every Tues.

#### 28 Wed.

District 12 recycling day.

Breakfast Lenten series, Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, 6:30 a.m. Each Wed. during Lent.

Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.. Video by Richard Wenkel: Rollag.

St. Anthony Park Community Council Housing Committee, 890 Cromwell, 5 p.m.

St. Anthony Park Community Council Environment Committee, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

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

#### MARCH 1 Thurs.

St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee, 890 Cromwell,

St. Anthony Park Community Council Human Services Committee, 890 Cromwell,

Punchinello Players' The Matchmaker by Thornton Wilder. North Hall Theatre, St. Paul Campus, 8 p.m. Also Mar. 2 & 3.

Falcon Heights recycling day.

World Day of Prayer service, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 10 a.m.

#### 6 Tues.

South St. Anthony Old Timers, Professor's at Har Mar, 1 p. m.

Lauderdale Friends & Neighbors, Lauderdale City Hall, 1-4 p.m.

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

St. Anthony Park Writers' Workshop, 1261 N. Cleveland Ave., 7:30p.m. Call 646-4343.

#### Wed.

Bookmobile at Seal Hi Rise, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Play Group for infants & toddlers & their parents, So. St. Anthony Rec. Center, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Every other Wed.

Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m. Estelle Czech, Site Manager, Seal Hi-Rise.

St. Anthony Park Community Council, 890 Cronwell, 7 p.m.

#### 8 Thurs.

Falcon Heights-Lauderdale Lions Club, Countryside Restaurant, 2851 N. Snelling, 6:30 p.m. Call 646-5717.

St. Anthony Park School Association, St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 7 p.m.

#### 9 Fri.

No school, St. Paul Public Schools. Inservice day.

#### 12 Mon.

Como Park recycling day.

Falconeers Senior Club, Falcon Heights City Hall, 1-3:30 p.m.

Northern Lights 4-H Club. St. Anthony Park Elementary School Media Center, 7-8 p.m.

Park Press Inc. board, ParkBank, 7:30 p.m.

#### 13 Tues.

St. Anthony Park Association, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, Dinner 6:30 p.m.; meeting 7:30 p.m..

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

#### 14 Wed.

District 12 recycling day.

Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m. St. Patrick's Day-Pat & Mike stories.

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

#### 15 Thurs.

Falcon Heights Great Books. Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, 7 p.m. Thusydides' History of the Peloponuesian War..

"Seeds of our Past," an oral & visual presentation by members of "The Seed Savers' Exchange," St. Anthony Park Library, 7-8:45 p.m.

#### 16 Fri.

Falcon Heights/Lauderdale recycling day.

Craft sale, Lyngblomsten Community Senior Center, 1298 N. Pascal, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

#### 17 Sat.

Contradancing, Oddfellows Hall, 2380 Hampden, 8 p.m. Call 642-3118.

#### 18 Sun.

Faith & Fiction Book Club. St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., 7-8:30 p.m. Olive Burns' Cold Sassy Tree.

#### 21 Wed.

Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m. Birthdays.

Block Nurse Program, Inc. board of directors, ParkBank, 2265 Como, 4-6 p.m. Call 339-7774.

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

#### 22 Thurs.

Falcon Heights-Lauderdale Lions Club, Countryside Restaurant, 2851 N. Snelling, 6:30 p.m. Call 646-5717.

#### 23 Fri.

Patchwork Theatre's The Foreigner, Murray Jr. High, 8 p.m. Also March 24, 30, 31; April 6 & 2; April 1 & 8 at 2 p.m.

#### 24 Sat.

Fare SHARE distribution and registration for April, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8-10:30 a..m.; Seal Hi Rise, 10 a.m.; Holy Childhood Church, 10 a.m.-noon.

#### 26 Mon.

Como Park recycling day.

Falconeers Senior Club, Falcon Heights City Hall, 1-3:30 p.m.

Cub Scouts pack meeting, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.

#### 27 Tues.

Kindergarten Roundup. St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 6:30 p.m. Call 644-5188.

Parent Advisory Council, Como High School, 7-9 p.m.

#### 28 Wed.

District 12 recycling day.

Bookmobile at Seal Hi Rise, 9:30-10:30 a.m..

Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m. Paula Arnold-Dance.

St. Anthony Park Community Council Housing Committee, 890 Cromwell, 5 p.m.

St. Anthony Park Community Council Environment Committee, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

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

St. Anthony Park Neighbors for Peace planning meeting, 2111 Knapp St., 7 p.m. Call 645-6294 or 644-4740.

Items for Community Calendar may be submitted to Kathy Malchow, 646-1288, or Bugle office by 6 p.m. Mon., March 19.



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### **Obituaries**

#### **Ann Barnes**

Ann Barnes, kindergarten teacher at Tilden School for 30 years, died on Jan. 17, 1990. She was 89 years of age. Mrs. Barnes taught elementary school in St. Paul for over 40 years and spent much of that time stressing the importance of kindergarten.

A native of Iowa, Mrs. Barnes graduated from St. Paul Central High School and the Miss Woods School of Elementary **Education at Macalester** College. She began teaching in 1923 at Longfellow School. She spent time at Drew, Harrison, Smith, and McClellen Schools before joining the staff at Tilden in the Como Park neighborhood. She taught there until her retirement in 1967.

Ann Barnes chose textbooks and wrote curriculum for the St. Paul schools, and through her association with the University of Minnesota and Como Zoo, taught her students to appreciate domestic and wild animals. During the 1960s, when budget cuts threatened the kindergartens, she lobbied

to save them. She was active in the St. Paul Federation of Teachers and served as president of the St. Paul Retired Teachers from 1970 to 1972.

Mrs. Barnes' survivors include two sons, Dr. Jerry Barnes, Lakeland; and Dr. James Barnes, Menasha, Wis.

#### Janet Wingblade Johnson

Janet Wingblade Johnson, age 63. died in Green Valley, Ariz., on Jan. 26, 1990. She grew up in St. Anthony Park on Branston St. and was a graduate of Murray High School in 1944. She continued living in the Park for a few years after her marriage to Eugene Johnson, then later moved to Arden Hills. She had lived in Arizona in recent years.

Janet Johnson was preceded in death by her parents, Rosalie and Alfred Wingblade. He was a Baptist minister. Her brother, Lt. USAF Robert Wingblade, was lost at sea during World War II.

Survivors include her husband, Eugene; a son, Bruce Johnson, Sioux Center, Iowa; and two daughters, Barbara Lidfors, Tuchenbach, West Germany; Conny Spann, Plymouth.

### Virginia Larkin, a former resi-

Virginia Larkin

**Agnes Kolshorn** 

Agnes Kolshorn, a longtime St.

Anthony Parkite, died at age 97

on Jan. 16, 1990. Before moving

to the Johanna Shores Presbyte-

rian Home, Miss Kolshorn lived

for many years on Grantham St.

She taught and did research in

home economics and extension

service for 44 years. Institutions

where she held positions

include the University of

Thailand.

sororities.

Minnesota St. Paul Campus,

Oregon State University, and

Kasetsart University in Bangkok,

Miss Kolshorn was a member

of St. Anthony Park Congrega-

tional Church, the PEO Sister-

hood, League of American Pen

Women, American Association of

University Women, and several

honorary home economics

She is survived by two

nephews and six nieces.

dent of University Grove, died at 78 years on Jan. 24, 1990. Before moving to the St. Croix Valley in the 1960s, Mrs. Larkin lived for some 30 years on Northrop in the Grove. Her first husband, Dr. William A. O'Brien, was wellknown as a professor in the medical school at the University of Minnesota. Her son, Dr. William O'Brien, has followed in his father's footsteps and appears on WCCO radio as a medical consultant. The O'Briens were charter members of Corpus Christi Church.

After Dr. O'Brien's death, she married Robert Larkin. The Larkins continued living in University Grove for many years, then left for Marine on St. Croix. Mrs. Larkin was a member of the Minnesota Literacy Council and active at the Lee and Rose Warner Nature Center near Marine.

Mrs. Larkin is preceded in death by her two husbands. She is survived by three sons, Dr. William O'Brien of Edina, Patrick

O'Brien of Stillwater, and Michael O'Brien of Minneapolis; three daughters, Peggy Lawrow of Minneapolis, Katie O'Brien of Stillwater, and Molly

Martin of North Carolina.

#### **Ida Nichols**

Ida Nichols, a Como Park area resident, died on Jan. 15, 1990 at the age of 83. Mrs. Nichols was an active member of Holy Childhood parish and a former president of the Holy Childhood Women's Club.

Ida Nichols is survived by her husband, Owen Nichols; sons, Dr. Thomas Nichols, John Nichols, and James Nichols; ten grandchildren; sisters, Eva Voracek and Florine Muska; and a brother, Herbert Voracek.

#### Mathias Uhl

Mathias Uhl, who immigrated to St. Paul in 1955 after escaping from a Russian prisoner of war camp in World War II, died on Feb. 12, 1990, of heart failure. He was 79.

A resident of South St. Anthony Park on Cromwell Ave., Mr. Uhl was a maintenance engineer for Holy Spirit Catholic Church and School from 1957 until his reitrement in 1977.

He was born in Heideschuetz, which was part of Yugoslavia when World War I ended. He was a master rope maker with his own business when the Nazis invaded Yugoslavia in 1941. The men had the choice of joining the German army or being shot. When the Soviets invaded Germany, he was taken prisoner, but later escaped from the POW camp and made it back to his family in Germany.

Mathias Uhl's survivors include his wife, Maria; and daughters Elisabeth Barstad of Athens, Ohio, and Edith Wolf of Massillon, Ohio.

#### Women's Press from 3

New quarters, ads expanded by 40% in the past year, a paper now averaging 20 pages an issue, in-house production on computers—does all this mean the company has started to show a profit? Not yet, says Hoben. "We've been up and down from the break-even point." And Martin adds, "The shareholders have stated they won't take a return on their investment until each staff member is paid well."

In addition to Martin and Hoben, many of those staff members and others involved currently or with the beginnings of Minnesota Women's Press still reside in the area. They include Faye Kommedahl (current copy editor), Bea Williams (book editor), Kathy Magnuson (former ad sales rep who currently does the bulk mailing), Judy Flinn, Diane Emerson Nelson, Karol Throntveit, Catherine Furry, and Jo Anne Rohricht.

Part of the reason the Press decided to stay in St. Anthony Park when Martin was looking this second time for new space, is because it's "a neighborhood we feel comfortable in," she says. Hoben adds, "This area has so many exciting things happening that we want to be near: the proposed arts district near University & Raymond, CHART/WEDCO is just down the street, WOW (Working Opportunities for Women) is just down the street the other direction, Stonehenge-there's just a sense of neat things happening."

Another reason they decided on 711 Raymond is because of the good visibility from the street. "We wanted to be a place where women's words are seen to be celebrated and spread around," Hoben says. That's literally true. Women and men are invited to stop in and see the layout.

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## **Robin Lindquist:** from Midwest to Southwest

By Tara Christopherson

What do you get when you mix an Aquarian/Quaker from Pennsylvania with a life-long love of books, Native American culture and risk-taking? For 30 years St. Anthony Park has had gentle Robin Lindquist, community activist extraordinaire. On Feb. 28 she'll bid us a fond farewell to make the "move of her dreams" to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Why Albuquerque? She explains, "It goes back to the fifth grade. We had to write a paragraph about an American city. I lived out East and my classmates were all choosing New York and the like. I chose Albuquerque and waited patiently for the teacher to read my paragraph so I'd know how to pronounce it." Thus began her fascination with the Southwest and its rich Native American culture.

But why Albuquerque now? She simply says, "Someone bought my house last week and I turned 65 on Feb. 4.

She admits she'll miss the house. "I waited 21 years for this house. I guess that makes it hard to leave behind." In nine and a half years she's made it uniquely hers. Native American art and artifacts are everywhere—a diminutive pipestone turtle, a delicate Acoma Pueblo earthenware vessel, the traditional Jemez Pueblo storyteller figure that looks uncannily like Lindquist

herself. Just off the kitchen, a new acquisition, an 8' x 6' Navajo rug with an unusual circle motif, accounts for the remodelled eastern wall of the house. "I had to move a window and remove a door. This was the only wall it could hang on," she says.

Over the years her community activism has changed the face of St. Anthony Park, too. "I've always felt a little guilty living here. We have so much. Giving back makes me feel a little less

Her resumé is a long one. For 15 years she's headed the June Park Festival. Lindquist is matter-of-fact: "St. Anthony Park needed to be recognized in this way." Her winter "Light Up the Park" campaign began as another way to get outsiders to support the business community. "This year we went to work on the residents as well." She has similar visions for the University Ave. corridor. "It's such an ugly street; I dream of driving down it and seeing all those white lights instead.' Take note: the partially constructed "University Crossing at Vandalia" business complex decorated the trees bordering its regulation cyclone fence with white lights this winter.

She's served on the advisory boards of Job Corps, Group Health, Inc., Park Press, Inc. and the St. Anthony Park Library Association. She was on the long-range planning team responsible for renovation of

our lovely Carnegie library.

Putting It All Together, a St. Paul agency that helps single mothers succeed in the job market and offers wardrobe assistance right along with resumé advice, welcomes the career clothes she's collected from her friends.

Thirteen years as director of the nursery school at St. Anthony Park's United Methodist Church provided Lindquist with unique opportunities for bridge-building. "I'd bring my Navajo rugs for the children to sit on while we read stories from Native American folklore," she says. "Exposure to another culture is the beginning of understanding."

But it is Bookstart, the 19-yearold reading readiness program for South St. Anthony Park's preschoolers, that she finds hardest to leave behind. "I'm apprehensive it might not go on," she says. Lindquist believes in books: "If you love a book you'll learn to read." She says, "I didn't grow up with books; we didn't have the money. In fifth or sixth grade I knew there was something missing." She discovered books for herself but recognizes that not every child has that kind of determination. South St. Anthony Park children aren't within easy walking distance of the St. Anthony Park Branch Library; the area is cut off by busy roads and railroad tracks. Bookstart is their neighborhood opportunity to get "tuned into

Lindquist patterned Bookstart after a program she started on



Robin Lindquist & some of her favorite Southwestern artifacts.

the Fond du Lac Indian reservation; she decided there was just as great a need here. ParkBank and Arts Forum funds buy the hardcover books the children receive when they begin and end the six-week summer session. Lindquist provides the soft covers in between from her own funds. "If they come they go home with a book," she says proudly. She hopes to continue her deep commitment to preschoolers with a Bookstart program in her yet-to-bedetermined Albuquerque neighborhood.

Fifteen years with ParkBank has been her professional commitment to this community, but it is her volunteer investment that gives Lindquist the greatest satisfaction. "I've never thought of myself as a career woman," she says. "It's little Annie running over to me at the bank to say 'I got my mom to read me a story today' that keeps me lying awake at night for the wonder of it.'

If you happen to see Lindquist around the neighborhood wearing her Georgia O'Keeffe-inspired black hat, she's just getting in the mood. Lucky Albuquerque.

A community farewell reception for Robin Lindquist will be held on Sun., Feb. 25, 24 p.m., in the Community Room of the St. Anthony Park

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