File for election in Lauderdale and Falcon Heights

On Tues., Nov. 5, Lauderdale voters will elect a mayor and two councillors. The mayor will be elected to a two-year term; each council position is a four-year term. The positions are currently held by William Anderson (mayor) and Lee Peterson and Paul Villella (councillors).

To be on the ballot as a candidate for office, a resident must file an affidavit of candidacy at Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St. Filing opens Tues., Aug. 27, and continues through Tues., Sept. 10. City Hall is open from 12:30-4:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri. The filing fee is $2.

Falcon Heights will also elect its mayor (four-year term) and two councillors (both for four years) on Nov. 5. Filing dates in Falcon Heights are also Tues., Aug. 27, through Tues., Sept. 10. Call Shirley Chenoweth at the Falcon Heights City Offices, 564-5000, with questions or go to the City Hall at 2677 Larpenteur to file.

Minnesota election law requires that each candidate for city office:
(a) be an eligible voter;
(b) have no other affidavit on file as a candidate for any office;
(c) have reached 21 years of age on assuming the office;
(d) have maintained residence in the city for 30 days before the election.

See article, “Linking North and South St. Anthony,” on p. 15.

University busway is under construction

By Kristin Copá

Fifteen years after the idea was proposed, ground is being cleared for a busway connecting the St. Paul and Minneapolis campuses of the University of Minnesota.

The busway will provide faster service between the two campuses and alternative parking for students and staff at the University.

Parking lots on the State Fair grounds, in the industrial park near Territorial Avenue, and in the northeast area of the Minneapolis campus will be joined by a roadway for use only by University busses and official vehicles.

The roadway will begin on the Minneapolis campus, then travel under Highway 280 and over the railroad tracks off Kasota Avenue, then bridge Raymond Avenue to the current bridge en route to the State Fair grounds and a turnaround in front of Bailey Hall.

Neighborhood concerns about landscaping and the bridge over Raymond Avenue were addressed at the University Physical Planning Department met with the St. Anthony Park Community Council at different stages along the way.

Phase One of the busway, the stretch coming from the Minneapolis campus across the railroad tracks between Highway 280 and Raymond Avenue is already under way.

This phase began this spring and is scheduled for completion this fall, according to the University contractor BWK’s Boyd Paulau. He said Phase Two will begin next spring and the entire project should be complete in fall 1992.

The project seems to have overcome local opposition, which was very vocal in the early stages.

“I think they have been quite open with us,” Community Organizer Bobbi Megard said. “A lot of the neighborhood opposition has either died away or accepted the busway.”

Harvey Turner, the assistant director of physical planning at the University, was also pleased with the cooperation taking place between the University and community council.

“People are all having a part of it as it goes along,” he said. Turner will go before the council’s Physical Planning Committee again on August 1.
Preservation of College Park-planning for future generations

By Michael Russelle
Council member

Next time you’re in College Park, pay attention to the gullies in the soil near the sidewalk along Carter Avenue. Notice the scar along Suicide Hill where slabs have removed the grass. See the tree roots exposed along the hill near Dowssel and Chelmsford.

After several attempts, the St. Anthony Park Community Council received an allocation this year from the Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) to solve the soil erosion problems.

During the last few months an ad hoc committee of Community Council members has been meeting to discuss the specific areas of soil erosion and to develop an approach based on our community’s vision of the park.

We want to see the area transformed into a lovely wooded area that shows little effect of human interference. Members of the St. Paul Parks Department agreed to help us develop a conceptual plan to achieve this goal while mitigating soil erosion.

How erosion happens

Soil erosion by water occurs when snowmelt or rainfall detaches soil from its site and move them downhill. It can be prevented by reducing slope steepness and soil cover, by providing cover with vegetation or mulch, and by improving the soil’s ability to absorb water, so less will run off. Foot, wheel, and sled traffic compact the soil and damage vegetation, which increases the gullies along Carter.

When the topmost layer of soil thaws in late winter or spring, it becomes susceptible to damage; frozen soil underneath doesn’t allow water to flow through, so the topsoil is saturated and is easily displaced or compacted. This is, and will continue to be, the major problem area.

Even in forests, a groundcover is needed to keep soil in place. Many sloping areas in the park do not have enough understory shrubs or low-growing plants to protect the soil—this is why the severe sheet erosion occurred on the hill near Dowssel Ave.

What do we plan to do about it?

Some suggestions include replacing lost topsoil and revegetating the sloping areas with native and adapted woodland plants and shrubs, planting areas for the future “overstory,” and replacing or repairing paths, grading them for more natural appearance.

It’s an historic place

College Park was originally part of the Palace Ground, but surrounding housing development and sewer systems caused the lake to dry up. Samuel Green, Gilbert Gutierrez and Leroy Curry were instrumental in saving the park from development and in planting many of the trees we now enjoy.

Take a look at page 126 of the book, St. Anthony Park, Portfolio of a Community, by David Lanegran, to see how the park has matured since 1925. To preserve College Park and develop it for future generations, we need to share the vision of these three men.

The original vegetation of much of St. Anthony Park was oak--oaks inter- spersed in prairie grassland. Oaks are well adapted to College Park, and we plan to plant several small burr oak seedlings in the present woodland to provide a consistent overstory in a few decades.

The wooded areas near Chelmsford and Carter are not growing well and should be replaced by a more shade tolerant species, like white pine.

What we plan to do

In most of the non-turf areas of the park, some erosion control is needed. We plan to plant both shrubs and groundcovers to provide protection for the soil.

Shrubs will be planted along some parts of the sidewalk near Carter to restrict traffic. Suicide Hill will be planted to a tough perennial grass to withstand the stress of foot and sledging, but will need occasional replanting. In areas of thin turf, the soil will

be aerated and resowed to improve the growth on top.

Paths present a particularly prickly problem. An early idea was to use natural materials like wood chips or bark mulch to replace the asphalt paths. However, these materials will not stay in place, especially on slopes. Also, they are more susceptible to snow in winter, as is done with the path between Carter and Dowssel. We suggest that paver stones be used to replace the asphalt and to provide a hard surface for a couple of places. These stones are made of concrete and come in a variety of colors, shapes and surface finishes. We choose earth-colored, rough, cobblestone-shaped stones. These will blend with the park more than the present black asphalt. But funds do not allow us to replace the two paths between Carter and Dowssel. The present paths will be repaired, resurfaced with earth-colored, crushed stone, and sealed.

You have the opportunity to help us. For further information, soil erosion plans will be at the Town Meeting to he held at 7 p.m. on Wed., Sept. 11. Watch for an announcement in next month’s Bagle about the location. If you want to discuss the plans outlined here with a member of the ad hoc committee, please contact me (646-3650). I look forward to your comments.

Rain, snow and sliders are eating away at College Park.

Annual cleanup is Sat., Sept. 14

The annual fall cleanup for St. Anthony Park is scheduled for Sat., Sept. 14. Residents will be able to dispose of trash and garbage by taking advantage of this Council-sponsored activity.

This year the city has reduced its allocation to the council so that fees will be increased. The council will charge $2 for the first trip for cars and $6 for other trips; vans/pickups must pay $5. For the first trip, $15 second; trucks: $25 first trip, $50 second trip. A $5 fee will be made for appliances, $1 for car tires, $2 for other items. Because of the amount of material being transported at the site last year, residents should be aware that the site may close early if the number of contracted dumpsters is filled before the scheduled closing time.

Dumpsters will be available from 9 a.m.—4 p.m. at the cleanup site on Energy Park Drive for tires, general refuse; and furniture suitable for chopping, batteries, appliances and scrap metal.

Each household in District 12 will receive a flyer that will serve as the voucher and proof of residency for entry to the site.

The community council will organize groups of seniors who want to make reservations for assistance. Individuals who wish to volunteer to work at the cleanup, help with senior, curb-side trash pickups or help organize work crews are asked to contact the council office as soon as possible.

St. Anthony Park Community Council
Community News
Keri Poepe is new District 10 Community Organizer

By Roald Satren

Down at the end of a quiet, dingy hall in the 90-year-old Lyngbomsten Senior Center near Midway Parkway is a small office teeming with activity.

This is the office of Keri Poepe (pronounced Red Peppy), the new community organizer for Como Park’s District 10 Community Council.

Amid the sounds of a frequently ringing telephone and a computer printer churning out district council information, Poepe seems fully at home discussing her responsibilities and plans for the neighborhood during her first week as community organizer.

Expressing obvious satisfaction with the selection of Poepe to her new post, District 10 Community Council chairman Bill Jones said: “I think she will be an exceptional selection. She seems to have a real ability to communicate directly with people, no matter where she is or if they have a gift for communication.”

The small farming community of Anita in southwestern Iowa, Poepe went on to graduate from the University of Notre Dame in 1981, majoring in government with an emphasis in public policy.

Poepe’s no stranger to St. Paul. During the summer of 1990, she was awarded a fellowship to serve in the St. Paul mayor’s office as an assistant policy analyst, where she helped research policy issues and assisted aides in preparing for committee meetings.

Prior to working in the mayor’s office, Poepe was a camp counselor in northern Minnesota for two summers and “fell in love with the area.” She enjoys fishing, hiking and camping.

As community organizer for District 10, Poepe works closely with the district council, arranging and organizing their meetings. “Following discussion at the meetings, I do the follow-up work,” explained Poepe.

Two issues Poepe already is involved with are State Fair parking and the Job Corps bus stop. “Neighbors would like the stop moved closer to the center.” Poepe is in contact with the parties in both issues, relating information and communicating concerns. “I guess a major part of my position is trying to resolve disputes and facilitate discussion and dialogue,” said Poepe.

In her short time on the job, Poepe is already having a major impact, according to council chairman Jones. “She takes an incredible amount of initiative,” he said. “She’s implemented more programs in the first four or five days and gotten involved in more things than we’ve had the district council involved in over the last three years,” said Jones.

“The writing grants that were never written before and has become very involved in a number of things that as a community council we never looked at before,” he added. Other projects Poepe is coordinating are the Neighborhood Recycling Program, the District Crime Prevention Program to be held at the Como Lake Pavilion on Aug. 3 and the Neighborhood Fall Cleanup to be held at the State Fairgrounds on Sept. 28.

As a staff of one, Poepe has her hands full, but still looks forward to the chance to meet with people in the neighborhood, “taking a couple blocks a day,” she said.

Poepe also plans to assess the needs of young and old in the district and is already talking about a senior house group, a Block Nurse Program, child care programs, a neighborhood fair and a Kid’s Day at the Park.

“I’m excited to meet and work with people in the district,” said Poepe. “It looks like she’ll be a real, real good match for the community,” said Jones.

For information concerning District 10 community issues or events, contact Keri Poepe at 644-3989.

4th of July essay winners

The 1991 Fourth of July Essay Contest had 58 entries from the St. Anthony Park Elementary School 6th grade classes taught by Mr. Beck, Mrs. Burroughs and Mr. Martinson. The judges were Jane Donaho, treasurer of the St. Anthony Park Branch Library Association, and Mari Lybeck, librarian.

The three winners who chose to write about America were Todd Holmberg, Jessica Segalla and Jacob Wilhin. United Nations winning essays were written by Nate Anderson, Geta Hurt and Jonathan Skovhoit. The winning U.N. essays were autographed by Harold Stassen, former governor and the only living member of the United Nations Charter Group.

For 14 years this essay contest has encouraged sixth graders to think about the hope and promise of America. Robert C. Halinen St. of St. Anthony Park started the essay contest for American Legion Post 34 and continues to guide the annual contest with Library Association sponsorship.

HALMEN expanded the contest this year with the topic “The United Nations.” During his opening remarks as part of the Park Association’s Fourth of July program, he said that “the change was done...because the fate of the world now rests on our ability to see ourselves as part of one world, celebrating the differences that make us unique while at the same time realizing that we are all related in one large family. It is through this family of nations that the hope of an entire planet lies.”

On April 2, Bob’s son, Richard Halmen of Chicago, a member of the United States U.N. Board of Directors, spoke to the three classes. He pointed out the purposes of the U.N., answered questions and handed out information.

On Oct. 3, the U.N. essay winners and Bob Halmen will be guests of the Library Association at the Minnesota State United Nations Celebration at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

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Editorial

Why charge for parking at the fair?

State Fair time is upon us again—this time when Mayor McFadden, the fair’s executive vice president, sends us all letters telling us what good neighbors the fair is trying to be.

We’re dismayed, then, by the fair’s decision to start charging for parking on the fairgrounds during the fair. In previous years fairgoers could park cars on the grounds for free, which meant fairgrounds parking spaces were gobbled up first before drivers began scouring the streets around St. Anthony Park, Como Park and Falcon Heights for places to leave their cars.

Beginning this year, those driving cars with fewer than four passengers will be charged $3 for parking. Those carrying more than four may park free.

The fair’s intentions are laudable. It wants to encourage fairgoers to carpool, take the bus ($2 discount on fair admission will be given to those who do), or use the Park & Ride lots (where both parking and the bus ride to the fair are free).

But will people take advantage of these options? We believe the more convenient (all right, lazy) option is for fairgoers to cruise neighborhood streets looking for a free place to park, which may mean cars will encroach further into St. Anthony Park, Como Park and Falcon Heights.

The other option for fairgoers to go ahead and pay the $3 charge, which may mean more hours of bumper-to-bumper idling cars emitting pollution along Larpenteur Avenue and Como Boulevard, it will surely take longer for the ticket-taker to collect money for parking as well as for admission to the fair, won’t it?

So far, we haven’t seen an all-out effort by the fair to inform the public about its new parking options. We hope that’s to come in August. We wish the fair had buzzed the media all summer long about these changes and options so that by fair time, visitors would have been aware of these changes on the fairgrounds and the advantages of taking the bus or using the Park & Ride lots.

Instead, what we are more concerned is parking on neighborhood streets and cars idling longer along neighborhood streets. Maybe it won’t be so. We hope fairgoers coming from other parts of the city and state will prove us wrong. We hope the fair’s plan for discouraging parking on the fairgrounds will indeed “ease fair-time traffic in our neighborhood,” as Mike Heffron says it will. We’ll wait and see.

By Kathly Malchow

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Letters

Jack’s an o.k. guy

Dear Bugle,

Oh, what a surprise to be reading and going through the current issue of the Bugle and coming upon the picture and the article: “Pearson had a unique vision.”

Our mother would have been so-o-o proud—considering the time he was an “o.k.” son.

Thank you Roy Magnuson and the Bugle for printing the article. I’ve always known (correct me if I’m probably prejudiced too) my brother is an “o.k.” guy.

Margaret Pearson
Landberg
Opa-Locka, Wash.

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Dear editors,

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Letters

Editor

By Jane McClure, Neighborhood News Service

Fliers for community meetings tucked into front doors, bicycling reminders to kick up the pace on the boulevards. Block nurses visit the elderly, and education advocates seek programs for the young. Festivals and house tours, zoning debates and historical brochures, crime watch groups and newspaper scoops—St. Paul’s district councils serve neighborhoods in many ways.

Now, the local Public Development Director Robert Sprague praises the councils, saying they have “really democratized the city.” The system of district councils has also been praised nationally for efforts to involve citizens in city government and community programs.

Some say increased taxes and increased restrictions threaten the way many of the district councils operate.

“As everyone is asked to do more with less, we see more responsibilities shifting to district councils,” said St. Anthony Park community organizer Bobbi Megard. She questions how more can be done with fewer dollars and less time.

“We’re dealing with a real discrepancy between what Community Development Block Grants allow us to do, and what the city council wants us to do,” said North End Community President Jack Boespuln.

Comprehending the problems district councils face requires an understanding of how councils and their programs are funded. All districts receive an average of $30,000 in funds from the city, based on physical size of the district, population and other demographic data. Virtually all councils supplement that funding by seeking grants from foundations, businesses and government agencies.

The city has 17 planning districts, and 19 district councils (District 13 has three councils). Of the 19 councils, nine receive all but $500 in city funding through the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. These funds, which are ultimately overseen by Housing and Urban Development (HUD), go to neighborhoods meeting demographic guidelines. St. Anthony Park, North End and Hamline-Midway are among those neighborhoods.

Three other councils receive half city general fund monies, and half CDBG monies. Como Park and the remaining council members get either any CDBG funds and receive city monies from the general fund budgets.

When Mayor Jim Scheelbe presents his 1992 budget Aug. 15, about $111 million in budget cuts will be announced. Those cuts will affect all city-supported services, including district councils, said Scheelbe.

Como Park Community Organizer Keri Poepe said her district council will most likely discuss the budget impacts after the mayor’s budget is unveiled.

“Right now, we don’t know what to expect.”

While those cuts are a worry, a more immediate problem facing CDBG-funded councils is a hard-line approach to monitoring of those dollars. Organizers face a list of activities and related staff time that cannot be covered with the federal funds.

In the past, district councils have used their CDBG funds broadly, said St. Paul Citizen Participation Coordinator Jerry Jenkins. “But it’s been made quite clear that’s no longer the case,” she added.

Councils receiving CDBG funds have been asked to use these funds for certain activities, such as work on low-income housing. Other work, such as recycling, community or team building among citizens, zoning variances, are ineligible.

“Some people think district councils up to their eyeballs,” said Jenkins.

A few councils have been told to make changes.

Last year, Hamline-Midway Coalition was flagged for improper procedures used in a Neighborhood Partnership Program effort. Conflict of interest questions were also raised regarding payment of a bookkeeper who also served on the coalition’s board. Hamline-Midway had to return about $2,800 to the city, and covers expenses with other funds.

Dayton’s Bluft Community Council was recently told it must repay almost $3,000 in spending deemed ineligible for CDBG dollars. Dayton’s Bluft Community Organizer Susan Omoto must now compile information on how she has spent her work time in 1991.

“We are really up against it,” she said.

Scheelbe and Sprague say they will lobby HUD for changes in the regulations. “The federal government should be extremely happy about the small amount of federal support needed for district council programs,” said Sprague.

District councils have already met the challenge of declining and restricted dollars by looking to resources beyond city funding, said Scheelbe.

But he and Sprague agree that those dollars may be harder to come by. During the past two decades, grants have shifted away from the federal government to administration to designation of monies for program matters only. In some cases, funds are awarded as program startup money—not to cover ongoing program expenses.

Although St. Anthony Park qualifies for CDBG funds, grants are harder to come by for that neighborhood than for inner-city areas, Megard said. “We’re viewed as a neighborhood that can take care of itself.”

“It takes more than $30,000 to staff and operate an office,” she added. Megard notes that a lack of dollars can lead to frequent turnover of staff and an inability to interest good board members and volunteers as well as organizers.

Rumors of elimination or consolidation of councils have swept the city in recent weeks. A city-hall produced list of suggested government budget cuts. Megard and other community organizers have questioned whether eliminating or consolidating funding is a way to make district councils ineffective.

But Sprague and Scheelbe emphatically deny that’s the case.

“District councils are one of the top priorities for this city,” Sprague said. “We don’t want to see anything done to weaken that.”

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Christenson heads MTC

By Amy Cusston

St. Anthony Park now has a friend in transit. He's Mike Christenson, North St. Anthony Park resident and newly-appointed chief administrator of the Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC). As chief administrator, he not only oversees the management of all Twin City bus routes, but also Minnesota Rideshare and Metro Mobility.

Christenson, at 32 the youngest chief administrator in the MTC’s history, speaks with enthusiasm about the task of moving the MTC into the 21st century. “As I see it, there are two main goals. Number one, we need to concentrate on the metro infrastructure and find better places for buses to run. Secondly, we need to better tailor our system to demographic data.” According to Christenson, only about 10% of the commuters riding the buses have traditional suburban-to-downtown commutes. More and more, riders’ commutes are from suburb to suburb, cross-town, or “reverse” commutes from downtown to the suburbs.

Christenson sees much of his work as a marketing challenge. “It’s a very competitive environment out there,” he says. “And the car is our biggest competitor.” One of the MTC’s goals is to create more bus routes that are as efficient as car travel, if not more so. A good example is the multiple rider lane on Highway 394, which allows busses and carpools to escape traffic. “We have three or four express routes on 394 that can meet or beat the time it takes to travel by car,” says Christenson. Eventually he would like to see more of these special lanes on the Twin Cities’ other main traffic corridors.

Although Christenson’s job entails a great deal of responsibility, he may have even more in the future. If the state were to go ahead with plans for Light Rail Transit (LRT), the MTC would administer that as well. In that case, says Christenson, “we would need to construct feeder bus plans”—bus routes that would link up with LRT routes. Christenson sees advantages to be gained from LRT, including a simplified transit system and a vast reduction in downtown traffic.

But for the time being, LRT is in the future, and he has plenty of concerns in the present.

Christenson has lived in St. Anthony Park since 1985. His wife, Lisa, grew up on Knapp St. and is a member of the St. Anthony Park Community Council. The Christensons have a ten-month-old son, Will.

Before his appointment as chief administrator, Christenson had been legal counsel to the MTC for six years and was a partner in the law firm of Popham, Halik, Schoebach & Kaufman, Ltd.

Asked if there is anything he would like to say to the community, Christenson replied, “I’d like to see a show of support in the form of filling up the Park and Ride [at Como and Eutis] every day. Most of the time when I get there it’s only about 2/3 full.” He stressed that several routes leave from the Park and Ride to both downtowns and that the ride takes only about 20-30 minutes.

Anyone wanting bus information can call the MTC’s information line: 627-7233. MTC’s operators will mail you a personalized “transit plan,” including the number of your route, any transfers you might need to make, and the cost of your fare. Those who know their route number and just want schedule times can call the MTC’s new automated information number, 341-4845.

Mike Christenson hopes more people will take advantage of the Park and Ride at Como and Eutis.

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Lauderdale soldier reports on Desert Storm

By Michelle Christianson

Thanksgiving Day, 1990, was difficult for Carol Brewster of Lauderdale because that was the day she found out that her son Robert's National Guard unit was being activated. That was the beginning of months of concern and worry that ended on Memorial Day with his return from Saudi Arabia.

Robert, a 1986 graduate of then Ramsey High School, had almost completed his six-year commitment to his unit, which is based in Cottage Grove. He was working for On-Guard Security Consulting, patrolling the Minneapolis housing projects and had been living with a friend in an apartment for only six weeks when he was called up.

"In August, when the conflict began in the Persian Gulf area, we couldn't wait to get over there. Everyone was really fired up," says Brewster. "But after we were there, it didn't seem so great. We couldn't wait to go home."

Brewster's first job as part of the Military Police in Saudi Arabia was to guard the air base in case of terrorist attacks. There he was guarding the pilots who later flew the air missions to Iraq. This job lasted only until his unit was called to its main job, which was to set up and guard the prisoner-of-war camp on the outskirts of Ararbah. There they set up the concertina (barbed) wire for security and put up the prison tents that had been donated by the Saudi Arabsians.

During this time, Carol could talk with her son on the telephone, but couldn't ask too many questions in case the lines were tapped. Although she couldn't ask him where he was, she could ask him if he changed clothes often. If he did, that meant he was in an area where they had to protect themselves in case of a poison gas attack.

"The phone calls were great for both of us. One night Robert called and I was the only one home. We talked for an hour. The phone bill that month was $140 and it was worth it." Writing was another valuable way to stay in touch. Carol tried to write every day and often Robert would sit outside his tent at night with a flashlight and write what he could about the events of the day.

When the prisoners of war began to arrive, Robert's job changed again. He then had to escort the prisoners to their interrogations and guard them during that time. His unit also escorted the prisoners on work detail while they did such things as laying sanitary pipelines, filling sandbags to protect the tents from the wind and laying electrical cable.

Since this camp was just the first stop for prisoners-of-war before going to Saudi camps, the prisoners were only there for two or three days. Nonetheless the troops were able to quickly assess the character of the prisoners they handled. There was a real progression as the U.S. troops invaded Kuwait. The first prisoners were professional, often college professors who had been educated in the United States. These spoke perfect English and were so friendly that the soldiers showed them pictures and told them about their families back home.

The subsequent groups were progressively more and more belligerent, shouting obscenities in Arabic and becoming less and less cooperative. There were special enclosures for these "nasty" people, some of whom committed atrocities in Kuwait. They included part of the Iraqi Republican Guard who had to be kept in areas with more security.

"Unfortunately, the first people we returned to the Iraqis were the first people we saw and they were shot within hours of their return. After that, we kept the P.O.W.'s in Saudi Arabia," Brewster said. Brewster's final duty was as part of a courtesy patrol in El Khobar enforcing military rules among soldiers about to return to the States. Obviously, spirits ran high there and Brewster helped the soldiers stay in line.

Although Brewster really liked the Saudi Arabian people, it was a culture shock for him when he arrived there.

"The people really stick with their customs. They're very religious; when it's prayer time (which happens five times a day), everything shuts down. If you're in a restaurant, you can be locked in for as long as 45 minutes until the prayer time is over. Of course there's polygamy and no women-watching. The women are clothed head-to-toe in black robes and some of them even have their eyes veiled so nothing shows."

Brewster is glad to be back at his job at On-Guard Security and hopes to take advantage of his two years of free schooling. He wants to become a police officer probably in Minneapolis (as he knows that jurisdiction) or in Colorado Springs.

"I've changed since being overseas. I'm more energetic; I hate to sit still. I think the experience really helped me to grow up."

Brewster doesn't want any parades for himself. He feels that everybody deserves a parade and lots of people did more than he did.

As for Carol Brewster, she's just happy to have her son home.

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The St. Anthony Park Community Council, in cooperation with the Neighborhood Energy Consortium and the Energy Resource Center, is sponsoring energy audits through Project Insulate. Sign up for an audit by calling the council office at 292-7884 or the consortium office at 644-5436. Experts come to your home to conduct a comprehensive evaluation and advise you of major and minor steps needed to make your home more energy efficient. Watch for a mailing from the council and sign up for a workshop on Thurs., Aug. 8, at the St. Anthony Park Library.
Young and old on the 4th

Hundreds enjoyed the 4th of July at Langford Park. Among those in the parade were the clowns above and Joseph and Mildred Grecco. Mildred now lives at St. Anthony Park Home. She and her husband have lived in St. Anthony Park for over 40 years.

Neighbors

Two teachers from Laufertdale, Mary Lotzer and Susan Glennon, participated in the Research Exploration for Teachers program at the U of M. Lotzer, a teacher at St. Mark's School, studied insect pollination in prairies. Glennon, a teacher at Longfellow Humanities Magnet School, participated in a project at the university's School of Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior.

Erica Ten Brock and Keats Nelsn, both Ph.D. candidates at the U of M from Como Park, received research awards from the Minnesota Medical Foundation. Kerry Kalal, Laufertdale, received the Armstrong award from the Medical Foundation, recognizing outstanding achievement in 1st-year biochemistry.

A message from the president...

I expect you agree with me that St. Anthony Park is a wonderful place to live. People here care about their neighborhood—and how lucky we are to have the ambience of a small town here in the heart of the city. How many people in other neighborhoods can walk to their library, hardware store, grocery store and drugstore? How many city neighborhoods are surrounded by farms and university campuses? How many folks can go to the fair without having to find a place to park?

Best of all, St. Anthony Park is a real neighborhood. People working together, having fun together in community activities such as the 4th of July celebration, garden tours, block clubs, community band and chorus and Langford Park sports, to name a few.

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LakeSide Worship

LakeSide worship is held Sunday morning at 10 a.m. at Como Park LakeShore Pavilion on Aug. 25. The worship will feature a folk liturgy led by a musical ensemble.

Reservations will be required following the service.

Vacancies on city committees

Mayor Scheible has announced he is seeking applicants for several city boards and commissions, including the Energy Park Development Board. This is a 10-member board, four of whose members need to be property owners and renters in Energy Park. Call 298-4323 for more information. Applications must be returned by Aug. 15.

Como Zoo on TV

Television Access North Suburbs is currently showing “Como Zoo News,” a 30-minute program produced monthly and hosted by zoo volunteer docents. The program normally can be seen on Public Access Channel 33 on Monday, Wed., & Fri. evenings at 7:30 p.m. The scenes look at zoo animals—some of which are endangered species—and information about zoo activities are featured. More information about “Como Zoo News” or Community Access Television, call CTV at 481-9554.

Book Club

The Faith and Fiction Book Club will meet on Wednesdays, Aug. 18, 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 1240 Upper 46th, upstairs fellowship hall. The novel Paradise Postponed by John Mortimer will be discussed. This is an English social comedy, mysterious and religious satire that has been presented as a dramatic series on public television’s “Masterpiece Theatre.” Newcomers are welcome.

Human Society fundraiser

On Aug. 10 and 11, St. Paul Mayor Jim Scheible and nine other runners will participate in a unique fundraising event for the Human Society of Ramsey County. Dubbed “The Great Relay,” the event will have five runners covering a little over eleven miles each on a route around Como Lake—for a
total distance of 113 miles. The relay begins at 7 a.m. on Sat., Aug. 10, continues until 9 p.m., and concludes about noon.

Why 113 miles? Ron Sadowski, a Humane Society board member who is well-known locally for his successful 150-mile run through Death Valley last summer, said that "113 may seem like an odd number, but it represents the number of years the Humane Society of Ramsey County has been in existence." Sadowski will be one of the "Great Relay" runners.

Other relay participants include distance runners, veterinarians, business supporters and friends of the Humane Society. Mayor Schell is the last runner. He will cap off the run by leading anyone who wishes to join him on a jog to the Humane Society Shelter (a distance of about one mile).

Funds raised from the event will be used to support the education and community outreach programs, especially education about the need to control animal overpopulation through spaying and neutering. People can contribute by pledging individual runners or sending donations to the Humane Society of Ramsey County at 1115美女 Lane, St. Paul, MN 55108. Call 651-7397 for more information.

Recycle phone books
Residents of St. Paul and Lauderdale may put old phone books out on the curb for recycling on regular pick-up days during July and August. Falcon Heights residents cannot put the books out on the curb but can drop them off for recycling at one of several collection spots, provided by US West Direct, until Aug. 18. Closest drop-off place is the

Country Club store at 1132 W. Larpenteur. SuperCycle and the Neighborhood Energy Consortium worked for several months to find a market for the old phone books. Globe Building Materials in Cornell, Wis., will take the books and turn them into roofing shingles and other materials. US West Direct, the company that prints the phone books, will handle any excess, shipping it to recycling mills on the West Coast, if necessary.

Punchinello Players
Aug. 2, 3, 9 and 10 are the dates for the presentation by the Punchinello Players of Tapping With... a modern play by Jane Martin. Showtime is 8 p.m. at North Hall Theatre, behind the Staged Center at the University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus. Tickets are $3.

Tapping With... is a collection of monologues about eleven different women. Each woman shares a bit about herself and her ways of dealing with today's society in this funny, yet touching, play. The Punchinello Players is a non-profit, student-run, community theatre. Susan McKinnell of Falcon Heights is president of the group this

year. For more information or to make a reservation, call 624-7458.

The band plays on
The St. Anthony Park Community Band will play a concert at Como Park Lakeside Pavilion on Tues., Aug. 13 at 7:30 p.m. as part of the St. Paul Parks summer entertainment program. There is no admission charge.

The band will also participate in the State Fair parade on Thurs., Aug. 22, 6 p.m. This is a daily feature of the fair and includes a number of marching band units as well as boats and other attractions. The parade, which lasts about half an hour, covers about eight blocks of the main streets on the fairgrounds. It begins near the Dairy Building at the south end of the fairgrounds.

South St. Anthony Boosters
The South St. Anthony Park Neighborhood Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m., Mon., Aug. 5 at the South St. Anthony Park Rec. Center. There will be a report on the rules concerning use of charitable gambling funds and discussion of projects to be funded. All South St. Anthony Park neighbors are encouraged to attend. For further information, call John Mulhern, 646-6986.

Time to play
The infant/toddler playgroup at South St. Anthony Park Rec. Center will now begin at 10 a.m. (new time) on Wednesdays. Parents and their young children are encouraged to come, rain or shine, for play and companionship. Call John Mulhern, 646-6986, for more information.

Summer learning
St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church offers a summer learning series on July 30, 31 and Aug. 1 from 7-8:30 p.m. 2200 Hillside Ave. at Como. "Survival Skills for the '90s: Strengthening the Body, Mind and Spirit" is the subject to be discussed by Dr. Sherr Oden, Laurie Erickson, Carla Dahl and Nancy Koester. For more information, call the church at 646-4859.

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to get approval for land-\nscaping plans and the second phase of the project. The plan must get full \napproval through the city and state agencies by the end of the year to keep the 85% of its $22 million budget which comes from state and federal sources.

Turner said the project was second on a list of projects to be funded by interstate substitute funds. These are funds that were originally allocated to build other roads which never materialized because they were not needed or would have a negative impact on neighborhoods.

Even with these funds, the project budget is tight. "I think we're in good shape," Turner said, "we're going to come very close."  

If the busway costs stay within expectations, buses will not travel on any city streets, cutting bus traffic in the neighborhoods by 90%. Turner added. A back-up plan, if the budget isn't big enough, is for the buses to travel a short stretch on Energy Park Drive east of Raymond.

He said no sound barriers are needed because the roadway will be traveled by only one bus every eight or ten minutes.

Not only will the busway cut the time between campuses by ten minutes, Turner said the University could cut its fleet by an estimated 20%.

More money could be saved in the future if University officials decide to lay private telecommunication cables linking the two campuses under the roadbed, rather than lease the lines as is currently the case.

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Neighbors

Aaron Larson and
Amy Monson, both of St. Anthony Park, received B.A. degrees from Hamline University. Larson, son of Daniel and Gaye Larson, received his degree in physics. Monson, daughter of Bjorn and Margot Monson, received her degree in English.

Nathan Dieterich, St. Anthony Park, was one of four students to receive a July Youth Volunteer-of-the-Month award from the St. Paul Parks & Rec. Dept. He was chosen for his contribution to Langford Rec. Center. Dieterich, 15, attends Como Park High School.

Michael Engler and Douglas Schmitz, both of the Como Park neighborhood, were named to the dean's list at the University of St. Thomas for the spring semester.

David Davis, son of David and Karen Davis of St. Anthony Park and Hans Neve, son of Leon and Alice Neve, also of St. Anthony Park, were named to the spring semester dean's list at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Min.

Senator John Marty (DFL), a state senator since 1986, recently served as a Mondale Fellow for the Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota. "The Forum provided an excellent opportunity to exchange thoughts and ideas on current international relations and global security issues. Marty said.

Pastor Larry Lystig began work as the interim pastor at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church recently. Pastor Lystig will perform pastoral duties until the congregation calls a full-time pastor. He has served in similar ministries in a number of Minnesota parishes and served for many years as an active-duty Naval chaplain.

Jennifer Mayer, St. Anthony Park, is a researcher for her internship this summer in the biology department at Hamline University. She will be working with a DNA inhibitor to see how it affects the planarian worm during its regeneration process. Her internship is sponsored by the Land Fund for Biology Research. Mayer is the daughter of Greg Renstrom.

Stefana Lefko, daughter of Todd Lefko and Margaret Lefko, graduated from Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., with a bachelor's degree in English and German.

Two area students have received B.A. degrees from Metropolitan State University. Ramon Hain and Hung Pham live in the Como Park neighborhood.

Josh Becerra of St. Anthony Park will be part of the 1991 Fighting Pipers football team at Hamline University this fall. He is the son of Marilyn Hoemeyer.

Ann Copeland, St. Paul's Dept. of Planning & Economic Development Neighborhood Initiatives Facilitator, received a certificate at the University of Colorado for completion of her sixth year at the Institute for Organization Management. The Institute is a one-week-per-year, six-year-long study/work program. Copeland, of St. Anthony Park, began the program when she was executive director of Midway Civic & Commerce Association.

A minor change: New tobacco ordinance in Falcon Heights

By Mara Krinke

On January 1 of next year, minors in Falcon Heights will have increased difficulty procuring tobacco products. Recently, the city of Falcon Heights unanimously passed an ordinance that will affect several stores that sell tobacco products, as well as two self-service vending machines in the area.

Under the new ordinance, "self-service merchandising" means an open display of tobacco products that the public has access to without the intervention of an employee. This includes any single serving packages of tobacco-related products sold by storeowners as well as vending machines run by an outside company, such as the machine in Catti's. Cartons of cigarettes and large pipe- tobacco cans are not affected by the ordinance, and may remain on countertops.

According to a city representative, this ordinance is already being complied with by the stores affected by the new law. Passing the law has merely formalized the current practices.

The ordinance was patterned after the long-argued Roseville ordinance which recently passed on a narrow 3-2 margin. City officials pushed for this law, hoping that with single service packages out of the easy reach of minors, less theft will occur.

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“Points of Departure,” a juried exhibition of works by current and former graduate students at the University of Minnesota Dept. of Design, Housing and Apparel, runs through Oct. 12 at the Goldstein Gallery.  
Highlighted is the diversity of design interests within the department, featuring fiber art wearables (apparel and hats), drawings, pastels, photographs and handwritten paper.  
Goldstein Gallery is located at 250 McNear Hall, 1985 Buford St., St. Paul Campus.  
Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., 1:30-5:00 p.m.  
Call 624-7454.

Performing Arts

Rye, Rye, Birdie will be presented at Como Lakeside Pavilion on Aug. 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, & 10 at 7:30 p.m. A donation is requested.

Punchinello Players present a modern play, Talking With... by Jane Martin, Aug. 2, 3, 9, and 10, 8 p.m. at North Hall, behind the U of M St. Paul Campus Student Center. The play is a collection of monologues about 11 women. Tickets are $3. Call 624-7458.

Final musical of the summer by Como Lakeside Community Theatre is Bye, Bye, Birdie, starring Frankie Brown. It will be performed Aug. 15-17, 22-24 and 29-31 at 7:30 p.m. A donation is requested. More information, call 292-7400.

Music

The St. Anthony Park Community Band performs these free concerts:

Tues., July 20, 7 p.m., Lake Home  
Tues., Aug. 13, 7:30 p.m., Como Park Pavilion  
Thurs., Aug. 22, 6 p.m., Minnesota State Fair parade

Como Lakeside Concerts, 7:30 p.m.:  
Sundays:  
July 28, Aug. 18 & 25: Hymn Sing  
Aug. 4: Jazz Quartet  
Aug. 11: Minneapolis Chamber Symphony

Mondays:  
July 29: Gilbertson (Dixieland)  
Aug. 5: Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra

Tuesdays:  
July 30: U of M Alumni Band  
Aug. 6: St. Paul Police Band  
Aug. 13: St. Anthony Park Band  
Aug. 20: North Star Barbershop  
Aug. 27: Twenties Sweet Adelines

Wednesdays:  
Aug. 7, 14 & 21: Minnesota State Band

Haldon and Anders Martinson will be the featured artists for the third straight year at a benefit concert called "Made with Love." Haldon Martinson, a violinist, is currently a student at the Colburn School of the Performing Arts. Anders Martinson, 17, a pianist, is a scholarship student at Crossroads School for Arts and Sciences.

Presenters for the concert are designated for the Harold H. Martinson International Student Scholarship Fund and established by Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary. The fund provides financial help for qualified students from Asia, Africa and Latin America who want theological training.

The performers are grandchildren of the scholar- ship’s namesake, who was professor in the Lutheran Theological Seminary in China for many years and served as the school's president when it relocated in Hong Kong.

The performance will be at 7:30 p.m. on Fri., Aug. 23, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Golden Valley. A free-will offering will be received. Call 641-3520 for more information.

Literary Arts

Faith and Fiction Book Club's next meeting is Wed., Aug. 18, 7 p.m. at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., upstairs fellowship hall.

The novel to be discussed is Pomfret Postponed by John Mortimer.

Send information for the next Arts Calendar to Park Bugle, Box 8125, St. Paul, MN 55108, by Fri., Aug. 16.
Looking ahead to our State Fair neighbor’s busy days


Employment opportunities are available for those who want to be cashiers, retail clerks, food service specialists and ticket takers and sellers.

Applications will be accepted at the north end of the 4-H building from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Positions are filled on the basis of the applicant’s qualifications and the needs of the State Fair, not on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants must be 16 and over, must apply in person and will be required to provide social security numbers.

On Fri., Aug. 9, 10 a.m., Jerry Hammer, Director of State Fair Media & Public Relations, will present “Minnesota’s Best...State Fair Past and Present” at the Roseville Area Senior Center, Fairview & County Rd. B. He will give a behind-the-scenes preview of what it takes to organize such a major event, some history of the State Fair and humorous experiences from over the years. 1991 programs and events for seniors will be highlighted.

Neighbors of the State Fair will be watching to see whether competition for parking spots on city streets near the fairgrounds will increase this year and spread further into the neighborhoods because of the new charge of $3 per car for parking in the fairgrounds. (Parking in previous years was free.) Cars carrying more than four people will not have to pay for parking.

Many of the fair’s visitor services will be consolidated at the new Visitors Plaza, now under construction on Commonwealth Ave. next to the Hamline Methodist Church dining hall. Included will be a full-service information station, State Fair gift shop, post office and banking facilities.

The volume of trash produced during the fair will be reduced through a program to recycle all beverage cups. An estimated 4 million cups will be collected and recycled into products such as construction materials and building insulation.

During the opening weekend of the fair, on Sun., Aug. 25, the seventh annual Milk Run will be the featured attraction at 8 a.m. The five-mile course starts at the Grandstand Speedway, moves off the fairgrounds through St. Anthony Park and the U of M St. Paul campus and finishes back at the Speedway. The field will be limited to 1,200.

Each race entrant will receive a Milk Run t-shirt. one admission ticket to the State Fair, a free malt from the ADA Dairy Bar and other premiums. A total of 34 prizes will be awarded to the top men and women finishers in five age groups. Entry fee is $8 and registration deadline is Aug. 17. Call 642-2395.

Admission to the State Fair is $4 for those 13-64, $2.50 for those 65 and over, $2.50 for children 12 and under and free for kids under 5.

Neighbors with questions or comments about the State Fair are encouraged to call. If you live in Como Park, call Jerry Hammer (642-2251) or Ken Wenzel (642-2206); St. Anthony Park residents may call Karen Leach (642-2223) or Jim Sinclair (642-2221); if you reside in Falcon Heights, call Rick Frenette (642-2216) or Steve Pfooch (642-2217).
The St. Paul Port Authority was recently honored by the Midway Civic and Commerce Association for our continuing support of the dynamic Midway community. In 1990 alone, the Port Authority was responsible for nearly $1 million in new construction throughout the Midway area, assisting business and industry with projects such as:

**MIDWAY INDUSTRIAL PARK**
- The Metropolitan Mosquito Control District has purchased 3.2 acres at Midway Industrial Park to build a 40,000 sq. ft. office and research center and increase its on-site staff to 80 employees.

**ENERGY PARK**
- Construction of a major new Dayton’s warehouse complex in West Energy Park totaling 250,000 sq. ft.
- Source, Inc., a Minneapolis-based printing firm moved to its new 70,000 sq. ft. plant in West Energy Park last year.

**WESTGATE OFFICE-INDUSTRIAL CENTER**
- Impressions, Inc. is another high-tech printing company which moved its 84,000 sq. ft. operation to St. Paul and the Midway area last year.
- Rivertown Trading Company, a St. Paul catalog mail-order firm, is completing its new 120,000 sq. ft. office/warehouse and distribution center.
- CSN Corporation, a Twin Cities developer, is finishing a new 77,000 sq. ft. office/warehouse facility for its corporate headquarters and several other firms.

**TWIN CITY TESTING CORPORATION**
- Recently expanded into their new 86,000 sq. ft. office complex in the Midway district, and expects to double their number of employees to 600 by 1993.

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*By Jane McClure*  
*Neighborhood News Service*

Parking a car may not seem like a viable neighborhood issue—until there are no places to park. When that happens, requests for added parking spaces or waivers from set standards can generate controversy.

A city ordinance dictates how many parking spaces are needed for each land use in St. Paul. Business leaders and city staff members have criticized the current ordinance, saying it puts constraints on business retention and development. In some cases, they contend that lack of available parking spaces has kept businesses from expanding or opening at all.

"The basic problem is that St. Paul is a streetcar city, and wasn't designed to accommodate the automobile," said Craig Blakely. He is an economic development specialist in the city's department of Planning and Economic Development (PED).

Proposed changes in St. Paul's parking ordinance were considered in June by the St. Paul City Council. When and if new standards are adopted, existing businesses and other land uses won't be forced into compliance, explained PED Principal Planner Larry Soderholm. A new ordinance will come into play when new buildings are built, or when a new land use with significant different parking requirements is proposed for a site.

As businesses have expanded and properties change use, "we run headlong into a lack of parking," Blakely said. "It's a real significant problem." 

"There's no doubt in my mind that it (current parking standard) has restricted commercial growth," he added. "If needed additional parking isn't available for a new or expanding business, variances from the standards must be obtained through community and city review processes.

The current city parking ordinance dates from the 1970s, and has its origins in suburban standards. "We've heard from a number of sources that these standards are inappropriate," said PED Board of Zoning Appeals staff member Mary Bunnell. "They're too strict and confusing."

One impetus for change is simplicity, according to Bunnell. Many of the current standards are based on usable floor space in a building, building use itself or a combination of both. That can become complicated.

Where parking is scarce, there are fears that the proposed ordinance will only make matters worse. Gius Nelson, who chairs the MacAlester-Groveland (District) Community Council, argues that reducing parking requirements in business areas may create tension between residential and commercial/institutional land uses.

At least one member of the St. Paul City Council supports that contention, insofar as certain neighborhoods are concerned.

"My concern is that by changing the standards now you could end up exacerbating the serious parking situation in some areas," said Ward 3 City Council Member Bob Long. He has called for studying the proposed ordinance's implications in areas where parking is already at a premium.

Nelson, who works as an architect, has calculated what changing parking standards will mean for several types of businesses. For example, the proposed parking requirement for supermarkets or convenience stores is only 62% of the current parking requirement. Eyed for multi-use retail/development is a parking requirement that is 70% of what is required now.

The proposed parking ordinance would require that general retail land uses would need 78% of the parking needed currently. For a general office use, the proposed ordinance has a requirement that is 70% of what is now in effect.

City staff members don't disagree with figures, said Soderholm. "He's actually done a more detailed job of calculating this than the city staff has," Soderholm said.

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Questions have delayed city council action on the proposed standards. By this spring, the proposed parking standards cleared the St. Paul Planning Commission. Pending changes meant that some proposed business expansions and new developments were put on hold until less restrictive standards went into place.

Those proposed projects are still waiting. In April, the city council sent the standards back to its housing and economic development committee. The committee then decided to seek further community comments, which were considered when the parking ordinance returned to the committee June 12. On that date, the committee sent the ordinance back to PED staff for further review.

Sought are provisions for overlay districts in areas with parking shortages, and curbs of the "grandfathering in" of parking standards when business buildings change hands or use. The Midway Civic and Commerce Association has expressed support of the new standards. In its letter of support, the St. Anthony Park Community Council cited ordinance provisions that provide city planners with more flexibility.

"We believe these revisions are long overdue," the letter stated. "We are frequently in the position of asking for parking variances to allow for business redevelopment in the West Midway because of the limitations of available land."

Although admitting that the parking standard changes benefit the areas of St. Paul, MacAlester-Groveland council members are calling for use of overlay parking districts. This could allow more or less strict parking requirements to be put in place.
Linking North and South St. Anthony

By Kathy Malchoff

About 100 neighbors, city officials and business people gathered on July 16 to celebrate the "linking" of North and South St. Anthony Park. Ground was broken for the Park Crossing development at Energy Park Drive and Raymond Avenue—a development that includes a retail complex on the northwest corner, apartments on the southeast corner and a triangular park on the southwest corner. The local "Run of the Mill City" band played on fiddles and accordion, balloons were in evidence, and bagels were served (Brugger's Bagel Bakery will be a tenant in the retail strip).

The projects, in the works for more than two years, are possible because of cooperation among several local and citywide agencies: Wellington Management, the developer for the apartments and retail strip; the St. Anthony Park Community Council; St. Anthony Park State Bank; St. Paul's Planning and Economic Development Department and its Neighborhood Partnership Program; St. Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority; Minnesota Housing Finance Agency; and Project for Pride in Living.

North and South St. Anthony have long been perceived as communities separated by a busy rail-road tracks and the Raymond Ave. bridge. These projects have been billed as a means of linking the two sides of the community. Community council member Mike Russelle, who attended the event, specially guests were Mayo Jim Scheibel and Councilmember Paula Macabee. Scheibel congratulated the crowd who showed up in the hot sun saying "over 90 days and this is why the city of St. Paul works—because people care about their neighborhoods. He was confident that this project is complete, neighbors will think of another one to undertake.

Maccabee got in the obligatory quote from philosopher Soren Kirkegaard—lines that included words about "heading toward a crossing." It's been a neighborhood joke that whenever a city official presides at a public event in St. Anthony Park, Kirkegaard is quoted. Several years ago a resident quoted Kirkegaard at the dedication of the Como/Dowswell traffic light. Former Mayor Latimer never let us forget it—his way of poking good-natured fun of the perception of St. Anthony Park as an "intellectual" community.

Park Crossing apartments will include 18 one-, two- and three-bedroom units with garages and air-conditioning. They will rent for $475-$575 per month and are scheduled for occupancy in November. These moderate-income apartments are intended to replace some of the housing torn down a couple of years ago near Highway 280 and Pelham Blvd. for the expansion of the Twin City Testing company.

Park Crossing retail center will have 10,000 square feet of space, which is 50% leased. In addition to Bruegger's, Food-N-Fuel is another sure tenant. The stores are also scheduled to open in November. Architect for this building is Kevin Busch, whose office is in St. Anthony Park.

Park Crossing, on the triangular space at the corner, will include plantings and landscaped green space with wrought-iron railings from the old Raymond Ave. bridge. Victorian-style lamps will be installed leading to the new bridge.

Total cost for all three developments is $3.45 million.
Bingo hall proposed in South St. Anthony

A proposal for a 300-seat bingo hall will be brought to the St. Anthony Park Community Council as soon as a site plan is submitted and licensing is applied for. The issue was first discussed by the council's Housing Committee on July 24.

The bingo hall would be located at 2424 Territorial Road across from the South St. Anthony Rec Center. Ray Massman and his associates are negotiating a long-term lease on the property, which is owned by Howard Gehr of Brown Builders. The lease is being negotiated by J. B. Realty. Massman has indicated the back lot would be paved for parking; other improvement plans are unclear.

Under the proposal, bingo would be played seven nights a week from 6:30-11 p.m. with on-site security guards and no alcohol served. According to data presented in preliminary proposals, the clientele for bingo is mainly women in the 50-80 age range. It is described as a "quiet, unobtrusive activity."

So far, three organizations wish to sponsor bingo at this location: the Humane Society of Ramsey County, North Ramsey 500th Lion's Club, and TSE, Inc. Other organizations are being sought, since each organization can only conduct bingo one night a week, according to a city ordinance.

Organizers say the operation would employ approximately 75 people from the local area. Annual payroll would be over $500,000—much of which is spent at local businesses, organizers say. 75% of the profits must be spent in the city of St. Paul.

This particular bingo operation was previously located in Little Canada, but is moving because it could not get a favorable lease contract.

Workers in the St. Anthony Park Community Council office sent notices before the July 24 meeting through the Block Worker network to nearby residents and to the 26 businesses along Territorial Rd. and Raymond Ave. Such a hall cannot be located within 600 ft. of a residential neighborhood, although it would be allowed under present zoning until the Small Area Plan Task Force recommendations are adopted.

If a site plan is submitted in time, the item may appear on the agenda of the Aug. 7 Community Council meeting.

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26 Fri.
Bookmobile at Seal Hi-Rise, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Also August 9 & 23.
Ian Varella, ventriloquist, St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave., 10:30 a.m.

27 Sat.
Fare SHARE distribution and registration for August, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 9-10:30 a.m.; Seal Hi Rise, 10 a.m.; Holy Childhood Church, 10 a.m.--noon.

28 Sun.
"Letters and Memoirs," Gibbs Farm Museum, Cleveland at Larpenteur, noon-4 p.m.
We Care, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., 8 p.m. Call 641-1664. Every Sun.

29 Mon.
Women for Sorority, St. Anthony Park Library, 5:30 p.m. Call 224-0238. Every Mon.
AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. Call 645-8229 or 770-2646. Every Mon.

30 Tues.
Toastmasters, Hewlett Packard, 2025 W. Larpenteur, 7:30 a.m. Call Monique, 641-9514. Every Tues.
Summer Learning Series: "Survival Skills for the '90s," St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside, 7-8:30 p.m. Also July 31 & Aug. 1. Call 646-4859.
AA, 1407 Cleveland, 7:30 p.m. Call 646-0172 or 645-2529. Every Tues.

31 Wed.
Infant/toddler play group, So. St. Anthony Recreation Center, 900 Cromwell, 10 a.m. Call 646-6980.
Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.

AUGUST
1 Thurs.
Tom Cofield, "Dogs at Work," St. Anthony Park Library, 2:30 p.m.
St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee, 2309 Wycliff, 7 p.m.
St. Anthony Park Community Council Human Services Committee, 2309 Wycliff, 7 p.m.

2 Fri.
 Falcon Heights/Lauderdale recycling day.
Carolyn Stanson presents Mother Goose, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m.

3 Sat.
District 10 Crime Prevention/Safety Fair, Como Park Lakeside Pavilion, 1-3 p.m.

5 Mon.
South St. Anthony Booster Club, South St. Anthony Rec. Center, 900 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

6 Tues.
South St. Anthony Old Timers, The Egg & I restaurant at International Court, 2250 University Ave., 10 a.m.

13 Tues.
District 10 Community Council, Lynnhomsten Senior Center, Midway Place, 7 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.
Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 7 p.m.

16 Fri.
Falcon Heights/Lauderdale recycling day.
Films for children, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m.

17 Sat.
Contradancing, Oddfellows Hall, 2300 Hamden, 8 p.m. Call 642-9118.

18 Sun.
"Wedding Day," Gibbs Farm Museum, Cleveland at Larpenteur, noon-4 p.m.

21 Wed.
Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.
Block Nurse Program, Inc. board of directors, Park Bank, 7-7:55 a.m.
Como Zoo Benefit Golf Classic, Como Golf Course, 8 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Falconeers Senior Club, Falcon Heights City Hall, 1-3 p.m.
St. Anthony Park Library Association, Library Community Room, 7 p.m.

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25 Sun.
State Fair Milk Run, 8 a.m. Register by Aug. 17.

26 Mon.
Como Park recycling day.
Como Park Senior Club, Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 1-3:30 p.m.

28 Wed.
District 12 recycling day.
Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.
St. Anthony Park Community Council Housing Committee, 2309 Wycliff, 5 p.m.
St. Anthony Park Community Council Environment Committee, 2309 Wycliff, 7 p.m.
Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 7 p.m.

Items for Community Calendar may be submitted to Kathy Malchow, 646-1288, or Bagle office by 6 p.m., Mon., Aug. 18.
Bibelo from 1

"There was a wonderful gift shop that inspired me. That gift shop carried, among other things, museum arts. This appealed strongly to Rooky, who has a degree in, not to mention a love of, fine arts. Upon returning to the Twin Cities as a single mom, Rooky needed to support her young family. She decided to follow up on the inspiration provided by the gift shop in Rockford. "The first Bibelo opened in the same spot as its present location. It was a small,ickey collective." Rooky found the climate in 1966 allowed for a special type of spontaneous creativity. "In 1966, it was a good time for that type of store—it was the right time. I've always had a strong belief in timing and intuition.”

It didn't hurt that she also had determination and confidence as well. For a woman starting a business in 1966, she had her share of obstacles to overcome. "The hardest thing in those early years was that many people didn't take me seriously. But, that just gave me more motivation to prove that I could succeed."

According to Rooky, the most critical element of the Bibelo’s success is the St. Anthony Park community ("This is the right community for that type of store") and her staff ("The input of my staff keeps the Bibelo lively, creative and good").

In terms of staff, she has found that the right people have always come to her. "They just show up," she laughs. While she has assistants to oversee the jewelry, gifts and clothing, Rooky travels regularly to places such as Washington, D.C. and Boston to stock the store. Her interest right now is in American art and she particularly enjoys working with craftsmen.

The Bibelo has exceeded even Rooky’s dreams. "What's so marvelous is that as the store's grown, it's been able to do so in its original space" (referring to the store's upstairs expansion a few years ago).

She has always said that if another space came along that seemed right, she would open another store. That happened four years ago when a second Bibelo opened on Grand Avenue. "I'm just getting to the point where I can now say, 'Bibelos.'” She smiles.

No doubt Rosy Roccus has given the community a gift in terms of a beautiful place to visit, to shop and to work. She claims there's no magic other than following her philosophy: "do what you love and love what you do.”

Plans for the Bibelo's 25th anniversary celebration are still in the works. One challenge is that the Bibelo "alumns," as she calls her former staff people, are scattered all over the world. What about the future for her and the Bibelo? "Retiring is out of the question she says. But in a more serious vein she says, "The Bibelo has been a 'constant' for me. It's been a source of joy, as well as an anchor that has seen me through the more difficult spots of life. I'm a very, very fortunate woman.”

Obituaries

Mabel Boss

Mabel E. Boss died at age 92 on July 7, 1991 at Johanna Shores in Arden Hills. She was the daughter of Andrew Boss, a pioneer in animal husbandry at the U of M. Her family lived on the NW corner of Raymond & Buford, across the street from Andrew’s brother William, an agricultural engineer who designed the U’s Ag Engineering Building. The Boss homes were built in 1902 and were among the first in the Park to get electricity.

Mabel Boss received her Bachelor of Science in 1921 and her Master of Science in 1925, both from the University of Minnesota. She was a life member of Pi Lambda Theta. From 1930 until her retirement in 1956, she worked for the Board of Education in St. Louis, Missouri, first in the Testing Department and later as a school principal. In 1980, she returned to St. Paul.

She is survived by her brother, Kenneth A. Boss of St. Paul, and several nieces and nephews, including Andy R. Boss, president of St. Anthony Park Bank.

Myron Nelson, Sr.

Myron Nelson, Sr., a resident of North St. Anthony Park, died on July 8, 1991, at the age of 65. Mr. Nelson was a member of the Spring Lake Park Lions, the American Legion Westphal Post 251, the Disabled American Veterans, and the St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church.

Myron Nelson is survived by his wife, Juanita Nelson; son, Myron Nelson, Jr., daughters, Laura Day, granddaughters, Rose and Angel Day and Yvonne Bollig; grandchildren, Robbie and Billy Bollig; sisters, Eileen Jacobson and Lois Johnson.

Manny Sagedal

Manny Sagedal, a graduate of Murray High School, died on June 22, 1991, at the age of 66. A member of the Murray class of 1943, he is remembered as an athlete at the school. In recent years he had lived in Faribault.

Manny Sagedal was survived by his wife, Elizabeth Sagedal of Faribault; two sons, Tod Sagedal of Rochester and Kip Sagedal of Apple Valley; two daughters, Sharranne Calabrese of Dover and Heidi Rivers of San Diego; four grandchildren; two brothers, Floyd Sagdel of Columbus Heights and Gene Sagdel of St. Paul; two sisters, Curline Hitchcock of Roseville and Iva Haegel of Shoreview.

Harold Vikingstad

Harold J. Vikingstad, a former mayor and President of North St. Anthony Park, died on July 12, 1991, at 84 years. Known to his friends as "Vike," Mr. Vikingstad was active in the early history of Corpus Christi Catholic Church. In recent years he had lived in the Highland Park area. He was a 30-year employee of the Seeger-Whirlpool Company and a 20-year member of Mendota Country Club. Mr. Vikingstad is survived by his wife, Mary; his son, Frank, his grandchildren Eric, Kristin and Brian; and his great-grandson, Trevor.
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Don Sobania. These options include making Raymond a one-way street (probably going north) and/or allowing parking on both sides of the street.
"Whenever traffic patterns on Raymond are changed, it impacts the surrounding community," Robb Megard says. She fully supports the neighborhood's efforts to install stop signs and has sent a letter extending options to those living on surrounding streets.
"This is the third time in approximately five years that our neighborhood has gone to the St. Anthony Park Community Council requesting stop signs on Raymond," the letter says.
In the letter, the council again states that the street is a local street and the council has agreed to stimulate a radar gun unit to Raymond Ave. to clock the speed of the bus.

Residents of Raymond Ave. are also concerned about the speed of school buses along the street.
A letter will be distributed to all the bus companies asking drivers to slow down.
This fall, the St. Paul Public Schools Transportation Department has agreed to send a radar gun unit to Raymond Ave. to clock the speed of the bus.

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