

Duluth trip prompts legislative debate about perks, access

By Winton Pitcoff

A trip to Duluth by 71 Minnesota Legislators has upgraded the issue of limiting political perks from an oft-repeated campaign promise to a full-fledged debate at the capitol. Not to be outdone, the media and the public have gotten involved as well, insisting that legislators follow through on their commitments to change. That change could mean fewer free meals for elected officials, tighter controls on ethics regulations and a search on the part of lobbying groups for new ways to get their point across to legislators.

The trip to Duluth was sponsored by the Duluth Chamber of Commerce. In exchange for attending a presentation made by the Chamber, legislators were treated to hotel accommodations, skiing, and entertainment. This was by no means the first year the trip has happened, nor is it the only offer of its kind legislators are offered. This year, however, when the Chamber made public the list of senators and representatives who went on the trip, as they do every year, it appeared on the front pages of the newspapers and on the evening news.

"This debate is so frustrating," said Representative Alice Hausman. "The public believes that you need money to have access to government, but the constituent I spent most of my time on last session had no money. We are absolutely available to anybody."

"Where do you draw the line?" asked Senator Ellen Anderson.

"Where do you draw the line? Can a constituent buy me a cup of coffee?...It's laughable to suggest that we're so easily influenced."

- Sen. Ellen Anderson

"Can a constituent buy me a cup of coffee? Everyone is a lobbyist, everyone has an issue that's important to them and it's important for me to talk to them," Anderson said communicating with constituents or organizations over meals is common, most of which are paid for by the organization. "The list of things I get invited

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Forum addresses most common forms of violence, encourages dialogue

By Kristin Cooper

Violence is actions and words that hurt people. It is any action that is an abuse of power and where the intent is to control by causing pain, fear, or hurt.

-from "Definition of Violence," by the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation

A neighborhood boy told the story of a classmate who brought a gun to school, pulled it out and cocked it in the boy's bathroom. He said he was scared to tell an adult because the classmate might have remembered he was in the bathroom and gotten angry.

"I'm amazed by the stuff these days that kids have to deal with that I didn't know how to deal with," one parent said.

The forum for the discussion was an evening at St. Anthony Park Elementary School, titled "Brain Storming to Stop the Bul-



Photo by Truman Olson

Participants in an anti-violence forum role play in an attempt to find peaceful solutions to disputes and disagreements.

lying." It was part of a pilot program set up in St. Anthony Park by the Ramsey County Family Violence Initiative.

After some energetic ice-breakers, student and parent members of the task force in the community put on skits demonstrating everyday incidents of intimidation and how

people respond.

One skit showed the progression of bullying when a girl, new to the neighborhood, was bullied by two brothers at the park. The girl went home crying to tell her father what happened.

Forum to 15

Recycling in Falcon Heights now more complete, less expensive

By Daren B. Hansen

Beginning March 1, the Falcon Heights recycling program will offer expanded services at a lower cost.

The Falcon Heights city council approved a one-year contract with E-Z Recycling of St. Paul on Jan. 13, ending a two-year agreement with Knutson Services. The new contract means residents will now be able to recycle office paper and phone books, and single family households will pay 17 cents less per month for the service.

"It was something we just couldn't pass up," said Laura Kuettel, member of the Falcon Heights Solid Waste Commission, which recommended the switch. The commission was satisfied with Knutson's performance, Kuettel said, but E-Z Recycling offered a better overall proposal at a lower cost.

Single family households in Falcon Heights will pay \$1.28 per month for two pickups, compared to the current \$1.45.

E-Z Recycling has added white office paper to the list of recyclables, and in July and August the company will pick up telephone books. Shirley Chenoweth, Falcon Heights City Clerk and commission staff member, said residents will no longer have to remove labels from cans or separate different colors of glass.

Residents are not the only ones benefiting from the new contract. The city of Falcon

Heights will receive more money from its revenue sharing agreement. E-Z Recycling has pledged to pay the city \$175 per month from sales of recyclables, and Falcon Heights will not have to share in any losses as it has in the past, Chenoweth said.

E-Z Recycling contracts with many other area cities, including New Brighton, Arden Hills and North St. Paul, said Chris Reinhardt, co-owner of the 5-year-old recycling company.

Falcon Heights and E-Z Recycling have the option to renew the contract after the first year if both parties choose to do so.

St. Anthony Park mayoral forum set for March 3

The *Park Bugle* and the St. Anthony Park Merchants and Professionals Association, with cooperation from the St. Anthony Park Association, will sponsor a forum for residents to meet with and question the candidates for Mayor of St. Paul.

The forum will be held on Wednesday morning, March 3, at 7:30 a.m. at the St. Anthony Park Library at Como and Carter.

List of candidates for fourth ward shrinks to two

The field of candidates in the race for the St. Paul City Council's Fourth Ward seat narrowed considerably in February, leaving just two declared contenders for the DFL nomination: St. Anthony Park Community Council Community Organizer Bobbi Megard and Macalester-Groveland resident Carol Faricy. Mitch Lancman, who ran in 1991, is also still considering a campaign. The list of candidates and prospective candidates had originally been much longer when Paula Maccabee

first announced she would not seek a third term.

Hamline neighborhood activist Triesta Brown ended her campaign in late January, and former Merriam Park Community Council President Mat Hollinshead announced that he would not formally enter the race.

Precinct caucuses were scheduled for February 23, the day after the *Bugle* went to press. The nominating convention will be held on April 24.



Photo by Truman Olson

Charlie Townsend (holding Susie) at 1350 Keston got in the spirit of the neighborhood's annual Light Up The Park campaign with this original design. Other more traditional but equally delightful houses and blocks chosen by members of the St. Anthony Park Association were Buford Ave. between Como and Brompton, the intersection of Hillside, Ludlow and Gordon, 2210 Doswell and the duplex at 2153 and 2155 Doswell.

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St. Paul renews commitment to neighborhoods with new program

By Jane McClure
Neighborhood News Service

Many St. Paul residents and business owners have dreams for their neighborhoods—new street lighting, rehabilitated homes, modern playground equipment, or benches and flower boxes to dress up a small commercial district.

But such improvements take money—more money than most community organizations could raise on their own. Without outside funding, dreams may not become reality.

Programs like the Neighborhood Revitalization Program and its components, and the Neighborhood Partnership Program, have made a myriad of public improvements possible in St. Paul. But just as those programs faced increasing neighborhood and community demands, they also have faced funding constraints.

Funds for the NRP and its components, the Urban Revitalization Action Program and Community Resource Program, were slashed by state and federal officials a couple of years ago. Many note that the beginning of the end of the NRP came in 1990, when a \$110,000 grant was earmarked to pay for parking lot improvements for the Payne Reliever bar. The bar, located on the city's East Side, features strippers. Although neighborhood residents argued that the parking lot was needed, Governor Arne Carlson used the funding as an example of wasteful state spending, in

his 1991 State of the State Address.

Cutting the NRP meant shifting more demand to the Neighborhood Partnership Program, or NPP. While NRP efforts targeted low-income neighborhoods, NPP dollars have been available on a citywide basis.

NPP has funded 72 projects during the past decade, for a total of \$11 million in grants and loans. That money, in turn, has leveraged an additional \$39 million in private contributions.

"We want to retain the core concept of neighborhood improvement, while responding to some of the major weaknesses and criticism of the NPP."

—Donna Drummond, PED

Housing, economic development, commercial area improvements, streetscape improvements and refurbished parks have resulted from the many NPP efforts citywide.

But since its inception in 1983, the NPP met its share of criticism and questions from citizens, neighborhood and community organizations, and the city's Capital Improvement Budget committee. The St. Paul Planning Commission, which reviews and recommends program applications for City Council approval, has had its NPP decisions questioned and challenged. Neighborhood and community organizations have contended that program dollars haven't been distributed equitably throughout St. Paul.

"There have been ongoing questions about NPP," said Donna Drummond of St. Paul Planning and Economic Development (PED). Those questions, and the loss of programs such as NRP and URAP, have provided the impetus for a new program.

In recent years, city officials have mulled dropping NPP altogether. If all goes as planned, the 18th NPP cycle will be the program's last. Applications are due in April. During 1993 city budget discussions, Mayor Jim Scheibel called for shifting unspent federal block grant funds and crime prevention dollars to the NPP effort, to boost the 1993 funding from \$250,000 to almost \$700,000.

The replacement for NPP,

which is to start in 1994, is called Building Neighborhoods Together, or BNT. Scheibel announced the new initiative Feb. 9, and was to explain it in more detail in his "State of the City" address Feb. 22.

The new grant-loan program will have two main components, Drummond told the City Council's Housing and Economic Development Committee. One will focus on larger, higher-impact neighborhood improvement projects than NPP did. Up

to seven projects per year would be funded on a competitive basis, receiving \$50,000 to \$250,000. The funds will be awarded annually, rather than twice a year.

NPP has funded more than a dozen projects each year, with amounts varying from \$350 to \$320,000.

A small grants component for BNT has also been announced, to provide funds of up to \$7,500 for small neighborhood improvement efforts. That part of the program may be folded into this year's last NPP round, and put into BNT in 1994.

While fewer large projects will be funded, Drummond noted that one major advantage is that projects funded will receive more dollars. Groups receiving BNT funds will be expected to match those monies on a 1:1 basis, with contributions including property improvement, sweat equity, volunteer labor, in-kind services and foundation grants.

The NPP program had been on a sliding 3:1 matching scale, which in turn caused confusion, said Drummond.

Projects that are part of a neighborhood's small area plan effort or other neighborhood planning process will be a focus for BNT. Unlike the NPP program, human and social services efforts won't be funded—only efforts that result in physical improvements. NPP

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Neighborhood coffeehouses provide more than just java

By Marietta Spencer

Two coffeehouses have opened in St. Anthony Park and others are springing up in other Twin Cities neighborhoods. In North St. Anthony Park, on the corner of Cleveland Ave. and Buford, Lori's Coffeehouse opened in January. In South St. Anthony Park, Susan's Coffeehouse and Deli has been open for almost a year already.

Having grown up in Vienna, Austria, the concept of the coffeehouse has always held special meaning for me. The *New York Times* recently reported on changes in some of Vienna's 480 coffeehouses. On a visit to them "one gets a sense of contemporary Viennese life and an occasional whiff of what that life must have been a century ago." A waiter there described that many who came "were people who wanted to be alone, but needed company to do so." Do our new coffeehouses serve a like purpose?

Susan's and Lori's serve their neighborhoods in their own ways. Both have informal atmospheres, functional furnishing, some artistic decorations, green plants and an open view of the outside world through their storefront windows. Refreshments served are imaginatively selected and carry affordable pricetags. Service staff is youthful and friendly.

Susan's Coffeehouse and Deli, with a seating capacity of 50, is open from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri., and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays. Susan, the owner, a design artist herself, envisioned her coffeehouse as a place for people to meet—a new gathering place in South St. Anthony Park.

Customers are drawn from St. Anthony Park and the surrounding neighborhoods. Coming together at Susan's are writers, artists, businesspeople, retired persons from the nearby hi-rise,



Photo by Truman Olson

Lori, outside her coffeehouse on Cleveland Ave., which overlooks the St. Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota.

as well as people associated with the University.

Mission accomplished: Susan's Coffeehouse has become a site where people gather to meet, eat and converse, enjoy low-key piped-in music, browse through newspapers and find a sense of community.

Susan's serves homemade soup, homemade salads, breads, sandwiches, ethnic specialties, sweet treats and a wide selection of hot and cold beverages. While there are always customers present, the breakfast and lunch crush are the busiest times. Service is prompt. I saw four service personnel waiting on customers or preparing food.

Susan's also makes box lunches to order and does catering on request. For the future, Susan's owner plans to stimulate local interest in literary pursuits by hosting readings presented by Minnesota writers, once each month. Frequency may increase depending on demand.

Lori's Coffeehouse draws its customers primarily from students and faculty associated with the University of Minnesota.

ta, Commonwealth Terrace residents, the North St. Anthony population and all those frequenting nearby shops. It is stimulating to see so many people at Lori's engrossed in discussion, reading or relaxing alone, or in small groups. Pleasant music provides a background.

Food items and beverages served are designed to offer choices for the younger customers, too. Children can select their favorite soda drink from a colorful set of Torani syrups—I counted 18 different flavors. For adults there are, in addition, five varieties of tea, hot chocolate, several coffee options and choices of cold canned or bottled drinks. Bread, cheeses, tempting pastries, as well as fresh fruit are available. The owner plans to add more deli items to the menu, such as soups, salads and sandwiches.

Lori, the owner/manager, serves customers with a warm and cheerful welcome. The coffeehouse is open from 7 a.m.-11 p.m. weekdays, and from 9 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday and Sundays.

Seating allows for 40 people, room enough to accommodate small groups for chess games, business meetings as well as large audiences to listen to live acoustic music presentations and to readings by local authors. Wall exhibits currently show paintings by Richard Stephens.

Both coffeehouses succeed in bringing together a diverse mix of members of our community. In our modern American society filled with pressures and deadlines the coffeehouse offers a welcome opportunity for a peaceful respite, a chance to meet and communicate with others, along with a refreshing bite to eat.



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Editorial

Transit for the masses

On February 1 St. Paul Mayor Jim Scheibel and Minneapolis Deputy Mayor Rip Rapson "tied the knot" between the two cities, in a ceremony inaugurating the new bus route connecting the two downtowns. More important than the fact that the 95E is the first new bus route in decades to be added to the MTC system, it is the first route ever to be implemented because of demand from residents.

The ceremony was moving. Rapson alighted from the bus he had taken from Minneapolis to Bandana Square, greeted the crowd of citizens and city officials, made a brief statement with Mayor Scheibel, and watched as Scheibel boarded the bus for downtown St. Paul. Then the crowd, including Rapson, got into their cars and went home.

That's right. Into their cars. In fact, Scheibel had arrived at Bandana Square in a car, as had most of the city officials there for the ceremony. "Scheduling difficulties" was one of the mayor's aides explaining why his honor hadn't paid his fare and ridden the bus to the ceremony in the first place. "I waited for a bus for a half hour to get here," added one strong supporter of mass transit at the ceremony, "but it didn't come so I drove."

This is not to criticize the mayor, nor any of the others who drove to the event that day. It does illustrate an important point, however. In spite of concerns about cost, the environment and traffic congestion, most people who need to get from point A to point B favor the most convenient mode of transportation. Add to that the fact that most of us have things to do at points C, D and E each day, and mass transit becomes even less appealing.

How does this bode for the city's grand plans for Light Rail Transit and increased bus service? Studies have suggested that though there is overwhelming support for mass transit, few plan to actually use it, but see it as a way of getting "the other people" off the streets, out of their cars, and out of the way.

And why not? Though the city claims a commitment to mass transit, at the same time it continues to build wider roads and more parking garages, making it even more convenient to drive a car. Urban sprawl continues to push our workplaces, our friends and our shopping areas farther from our homes and in more different directions, forcing us to use the only means of transportation that can take us directly to the doors of each of our destinations as quickly as possible and exactly when we want—our cars.

Were the money that is presently put towards designing and building mass transit systems spent on designing cars that ran on alternative power sources, or on better planning the design of the city so that sprawl could be limited and thus not require people to travel as far on a daily basis, the heart of the transit problem would be addressed in a way that admitted to people's desire for comfort and convenience, while at the same time tackling the problems of environmental impact and cost.

A design for a transit system needs to consider more than just what is right, it needs to consider what people want and will realistically use. Our city and our lives are not organized in a way that systems such as LRT or buses can adequately satisfy our transportation needs. Rather than designing a transit system that we need to alter our lives to use, it's time to look at the reality of our world and find a system that will best satisfy the most people's needs.

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Letters

Was parking lot task force democratic?

Dear editor,

I regard the SAP Community Council's so-called "SAP Elementary School Parking Issues [task force]" a sham, a disingenuous attempt to make the community think it was involved in a democratic process.

What it came down to was this: the leaders of the task force didn't want the parking lots; the community council members (except one) didn't want the parking lots; and the immediate neighbors didn't want their view changed, their lives inconvenienced, and didn't

want to lose "green space." The needs of the teachers were trivialized and discounted.

The concepts of negotiation, compromise and resolution were ignored. The task force recommendations (arrived at after voting on several motions) were spoken against by the task force members and voted against by the task force leaders.

In the future I suggest the council ask the opinion of a few well-placed, outspoken people on any issues and not waste the time of any future task force members.

Cindy Bevier
Semi-member of Task Force and school neighbor

Open letter to dog and cat owners

Dear editor,

While shoveling snow, mowing the lawn or working in the yard, I frequently have a slimy shovel or dog dung on my lawn mower because of irresponsible dog owners in our St. Anthony Park neighborhood. There are streets where one has to be very careful when walking or skiing, or shoes, boots or skis will be full of pet excrement.

Dogs are off their leashes in parks, in other people's yards, on the street. When a dog ran in front of our sled in

December, I asked the owner to put his dog on a leash. His reply: "Kids should be on leashes!"

As for cats, our songbirds have mostly died off as a result of neighborhood cats. Please keep your cats confined to your yard or house.

Pet owners, please keep your dogs leashed, pick up their feces, and don't allow your cats into your neighbors' yard. Let our neighborhood be a place where we can walk, ski, sled or work in our yards—and make it a welcome place for songbirds once again.

Thanks to the pet owners who are responsible—and there are many of you.

E. Hanson

Update from neighbors on 280 construction and proposed BN hub

The following was sent to all those who attended a community meeting in November sponsored by the newly-formed St. Anthony Park group, Citizens Concerned for Habitable Neighborhoods:

Dear Fellow Neighbors and Concerned Citizens:

Last November, you attended the community meeting this informal neighborhood group organized where representatives of Minnesota's Department of Transportation (MNDOT) and Burlington Northern talked about future plans for the proposed Burlington Northern intermodal hub and Highway 280. Since that community meeting, this group has taken several actions we would like you to know about.

- Alice Hausman, our State Representative, has introduced legislation we proposed that would stop further work on Highway 280 (other than essential safety improvements) until MNDOT has prepared an environmental impact statement, addressed excessive noise and safety problems, and taken steps to reduce the noise and safety problems resulting from the additional truck traffic on 280 that would serve the proposed Burlington Northern hub. Ellen Anderson, our State Senator, will introduce similar legislation in the Senate.

This legislation is being proposed in an attempt to make MNDOT address these noise and safety problems as part of this summer's work on the highway. (The Department has told us it will not address these problems until further reconstruction work on the highway is done in 1998, or perhaps later). We are unwilling to have our communities subjected to five more years of excessive noise and an unsafe highway, especially since those problems will worsen if the BN hub is constructed and since there is no guarantee these problems will be fully addressed in a future project that may or may not occur.

- An inter-government/community/Burlington Northern "task force" has been organized at our request to address short-term and long-term issues arising from Hwy. 280 and the proposed hub. The task force has a number of objectives, two of which are particularly important. First, the task force should provide some degree of inter-government coordination. Many government units and several communities are involved with the proposed BN hub. There is no formal way for these different entities to communicate with each other, and we hope that the task force provides some of the needed coordination. Second, the task force is another way for the communities' concerns to be heard by Burlington Northern and our government.

The task force first met on Feb. 9 and its next meeting will be on Feb. 25. The task force includes representatives from the Metropolitan Council, the Dept. of Transportation, the cities of Lauderdale, Minneapolis, St. Paul, the St. Anthony Park Community Council, this group and certain other community organizations.

- Other actions being considered include a campaign to encourage homeowners living near Hwy. 280 to object to property tax assessment based on the adverse effect of the highway on our communities. In addition, very preliminary work is being done on possible legal options, although a number of practical problems including lack of resources, appears to make legal action impractical.

We believe that only concerted community action will create enough political pressure to force Burlington Northern and the State to protect our neighborhoods from excessive noise, unsafe highway borders, increased truck traffic, and the other problems that the proposed hub and highway changes will likely create. We need your participation. Make sure your concern, frustration, and demand for solutions are heard by state, city, county and corporate representatives. Write letters, attend community meetings and make our elected officials, government workers and Burlington Northern representatives realize how deep our concerns are and how strongly their plans will be resisted.

Thank you again for your interest in these issues. If you have questions, or suggestions, are aware of resources that might help, or are willing to directly participate, please let us know. We hope to hear from you.

Sincerely,
Citizens Concerned for Habitable Neighborhoods
Jim Snoxell, 644-4650
Gaye and Dan Larson, 645-6281

P.S. At the Nov. 12 meeting, many of you wrote specific questions about the hub and highway projects. Those questions were forwarded to the appropriate government and corporate representatives. No response to any of the questions has been received despite our follow-up requests for answers. We are appalled at the failure of these parties to respond to citizen questions, particularly when the commitment was made to answer them. We will make further efforts to get answers and, if any answers are received, they will be forwarded to the persons who made the inquiries.

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The Return of the Regular

By Warren Hanson

All my life I've wanted to be a regular. This is no secret. I've talked about it before. In fact, I talk about it a lot. So much so that some of my friends think I already am a regular — a regular pain in the neck.

But I think it's completely natural to want to feel a special sense of belonging somewhere. The TV show "Cheers" became incredibly popular by presenting a place where "everybody knows your name." Doesn't that sound like fun? A place where everyone knows you? Where they're glad to see you, no matter what kind of a day you've had? For years I've longed to find a place where, when I walk in, a friendly person behind a counter stops wiping a glass with a towel, turns toward me, smiles, and shouts, "Hi, War!" (When your parents have given you a name like Warren, you'll take any nickname you can get.)

Oh, sure, there are places here in the neighborhood where they know my name. But, for one reason or another, they just aren't what I had in mind. They know me at the hardware store. But when I walk in the door, I don't get quite the response I'm looking for. In fact, when I walk in the door of the hardware store, more often than not the person behind the counter turns to me, grimaces, and moans, "Oh, no."

They know my name at the bank, too. But at the bank they don't call me War. They call me Mr. Hanson. As in, "Mr. Hanson, we're showing an overdraft on your checking account this morning." That kind of recognition just isn't what I had in mind.

The kind of place I've been looking for is a place where you can walk in and say, "I'll have the usual," and they know exactly what you mean.

Oh, sure, I have a "usual" at the hardware store. Whenever I go there, I ask for the same thing. "Do you have one of these thingies?"

And I have a "usual" at the bank, too. "Mr. Hanson, we're showing an overdraft on your checking account ... again!" That kind of "usual" isn't what I had in mind either.

It was probably the influence of programs like "Cheers" that made me think that, if I wanted to be a regular anywhere, it had to be in a bar. Those TV bars always look so friendly and clean and bright. But I actually made a conscious effort to become a regular at a bar once, and it just didn't work out very well. Because real-life bars are anything but friendly and



Illustration by Warren Hanson

clean and bright. In fact, the ones I tried were downright seedy. Dark and smoky, with sticky floors and sticky tables shoved too close together. But maybe the problem was really me. I'm just not a big fan of pinball, light beer and that achy-breaky music. So I gave up.

Until recently, that is. Because recently, as you may have noticed, a lot of small neighborhood coffee shops have been popping up around town. They aren't the coffee shops like I remember from my childhood. Not the bottomless-cup-of-coffee-that's-been-on-the-heater-all-day-served-with-a-dried-out-glazed-doughnut kind of coffee shops. These are serious coffee shops, like they've had in Europe for hundreds of years. They serve serious coffee, made one cup at a time with a machine that's been imported from Italy and that makes a sound like a steam engine coming to rest at the platform.

Such a coffee shop just opened right around the corner from my house. It's called Lori's, and I recognized it right away as perhaps my last hope for becoming a regular.

I was there on opening day. I tried to conceal my eagerness as I opened the door and walked in. It felt good. A bright, open room with plenty of small round tables and bent wood chairs. There were original works of art hanging on the walls — the abstract kind of art that looks like it was done by a bunch of ink-covered worms playing Twister.

There were a few customers scattered about, looking bookish and intellectual as they pored over weighty

tomes, read out-of-town newspapers, or discussed the progress of doctoral theses. Ah, my kind of people.

And as I stood there inside the door, a small voice from behind the counter at the back shouted a friendly, "Hi!" It was Lori herself, looking at me as if I were an old friend. And right away I knew that this was it. This was really it. By golly, I was going to become a regular at last!

I walked to the counter and looked up at the handwritten menu board on the wall. "Espresso. Cappuccino. Cafe Latte. Cafe au Lait. Cafe Mocha. Cafe Americain." Hmmm ... I didn't really know what any of those things were. How could I ask for something without appearing like a total idiot. In all the other places I had ever ordered coffee in my life, the only choices I ever had were regular or decaf. Here all the choices seemed to be in a foreign language. But I had to choose something. "I'll have a double espresso," I announced, trying to sound like an experienced world traveler, bon vivant and coffee connoisseur. A look of awe shone in Lori's eyes. I didn't know why until I had sat down and taken my first sip.

Espresso, you see, is to coffee what crude is to oil. It is the very essence of the stuff, just the way it comes up out of the ground. One taste, and I was certain that espresso would not become my "usual."

Well, since that first tentative visit, I have tried to stop in at Lori's every day. After all, I'm making a very serious try for regulardom. I've ordered every kind of coffee written on the menu board and can now inform you with confidence that, if you want a plain cup of coffee like you're used to, order Cafe Americain. Everything else is just a fancy way of saying coffee with milk in it. Except espresso, of course, which should only be ordered on cold winter days when you can't get your car started any other way.

I now recognize other regulars. Many of them are from the University, across the street from Lori's. I feel completely comfortable walking around the coffee shop as though it were my own home. Sometimes I even wear slippers. I know that several of my fellow regulars are graduate entomology students. I love to look over their shoulders as they study their text books and say witty things like, "Ick! Bugs!"

Every once in a while there is live music, usually a couple of geezers from the sixties, strumming their guitars and singing songs about peace and love. And I'm right there in the front row, dropping change in the tip jar.

And all my efforts have paid off. I have finally achieved full regular status. Because now, when I walk in, I hear Lori's voice from behind the counter, shouting "Hi, War! The usual?"

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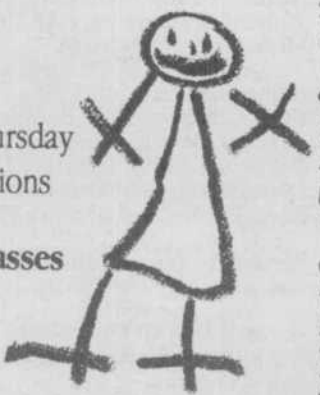
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District 10 goals for 1993 emphasize more involvement and environmental issues

By Lee Ann Owens

It's going to be a busy year for the Como area. The District 10 Como Community Council set over a dozen goals for 1993. The objectives range from maintaining current policies to devising new programs.

The foremost objective will be

to get more people involved in community programs, according to Tom Montgomery, District 10 Como Community Council chairman.

Often people wait until a problem occurs before becoming active in community work, Montgomery said. "We want to get more proactive. The community council can be a great

tool. It's a link to the city," Montgomery said.

Other goals include administering a small area plan for the Midway Parkway/Como-Snelling region. The small area plan will include the efforts of the Planning Commission, Department of Planning and Economic Development staff and neighborhood residents. The group will

address existing congestion concerns stemming from the Lyngblomsten construction, Booth Brown House renovation, Minnesota State Fair events, Sholom Home, and Como Park main entrance, according to Montgomery.

Studying expanded childcare programs is another slated district 10 goal. A neighborhood survey will evaluate possible childcare needs.

In conjunction with other councils, the district intends to enforce a plastic ban. Specific plastic products will be targeted.

Another recycling goal is continued promotion of the Neighborhood Energy Consortium project. The program includes curbside recycling of used household objects, some through Goodwill Industries, Montgomery said.

Sponsoring the annual neighborhood cleanup is another slated objective for District 10, as is continuing the area crime prevention network and block clubs.

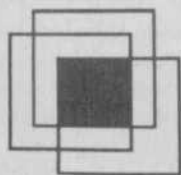
The district is working with a consultant to complete the Forest Action Plan this year. Initiated after trees were removed because of Dutch Elm disease, "the plan is to keep the urban forest vibrant," Montgomery said.

Again this year, District 10 intends to help the Como Park Garden Club with horticultural projects. Among other areas, the garden club plans to grow flowers on the east side of Lake Como.

With the assistance of the neighborhood Advisory Committee, the Community Council plans to continue to work toward improving relations between neighborhood residents and the Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Center.

The final goal is identifying housing strategies and issues. One such program is the paint-a-thon, which allows senior citizens who qualify financially to have their houses painted for free, Montgomery said.

With a combination of new and continued community programming, District 10 has a full slate for 1993. Residents are encouraged to participate. "There's a real variety of things for people to do this year," Montgomery said.



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Anderson and Hausman discuss agendas for 1993 legislative session

By Winton Pitcoff

Senator Ellen Anderson is settling into her first term in the State Legislature. Anderson is the Vice Chair of the crime prevention committee, sits on the environment and commerce committees, as well as the jobs, energy and commercial development committee. She chairs a subcommittee on economic development as well, and also sits on the energy subcommittee.

Anderson said her top priority for this session of the legislature is housing and economic development. Helping to create jobs in St. Paul by offering assistance to small businesses is one goal, she said, as is working to improve the city's housing stock.

Energy conservation for businesses and industry is another area Anderson is particularly interested in. Through promoting the use of renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar power, and encouraging companies to make investments in factories and systems that are more energy efficient, Anderson hopes to show that the payback in money saved, jobs created and environmental impact is well worth the original investment.

Anderson is also working on a loan forgiveness program for students who graduate from school with unpaid loans and want to do public service work for underrepresented groups.

This year's projected budget shortfall is of concern to Anderson as well, but she adds that "there are no easy answers. There's so much that we fund, and so much of it is necessary. There's really not a lot that's all that easy to cut." To help solve the problem Anderson supports raising taxes for Minnesota's highest earners, but opposes any increase in property taxes.

As a member of the crime prevention committee Anderson said her emphasis is on prevention rather than more money for jails. She wants to make sure prevention measures are fair, though, pointing out that a recent anti-gang plan proposed by the Attorney General was "too overbroad" in that it was biased against African-American

youth based upon characteristics such as clothing and friends.

Other bills Anderson is working on include an exception to the unemployment compensation laws which would allow battered women to get compensation if they are unable to work as a result of abuse, and a bill to ban smoking in day care centers.

Anderson said she is already enjoying her first term in public office, and is "learning to get by on four hours of sleep a night." Most of her time is spent talking to people in the district, Anderson said, adding that she's amazed at how much information there is to absorb.

Representative Alice Hausman is looking forward to this year's session as well. Hausman sits on the education committee, the regulated industries and energy committee, and the K-12 finance committee. She is also the Vice Chair of the environment and natural resources committee.

One of the most pressing matters Hausman is working on is the storage of nuclear waste near the Prairie Island nuclear facility. Hausman is working to appeal the decision of the Public Utilities Commission to go ahead with the plan, and said the proposal should have come before the legislature before any decision was made.

"This situation brings up the broader question of long term storage of nuclear waste," Hausman said. If the federal government doesn't follow through with its plan to build a permanent disposal facility the waste could remain in Minnesota indefinitely. Other states might see that as an invitation to ship their spent nuclear fuel to Minnesota as well.

Hausman said part of the solution is to look at other sources of energy, such as wind power, to reduce dependence on nuclear and coal power and the environmental problems which come with them.

Hausman is also taking a leadership role in the area of drug policy. "We're not discussing the drug problem as we ought to be," she said, largely because of the political volatility of the

issue. "Our drug policy hasn't accomplished what was needed." She said the key is to look at the drug problem as more than just a criminal justice issue.

The projected budget shortfall is another key issue Hausman said needs to be dealt with during this year's session. "The greatest thing in the world would be to find that we have enough waste to cut to balance the budget," she said, but added that such a discovery was hardly likely. Hausman opposes raising property taxes or cutting aid to local governments.

"We won't solve the budget problems until we look at the big programs like schools, the elderly and health care," she said. "I think it's healthy to shake things up every once in a while and ask 'is this the most effective way to deliver services?'"



Real Estate



By Carol Weber

REALTOR

Home Ownership: A High Priority in U.S.

The National Association of Realtors conducted a survey of Americans' attitudes towards home ownership. 8,000 people were interviewed and home ownership proved to be the dream of singles, renters and present-day home owners. Of the renters, 68% planned to buy a home some day, but over half said they couldn't afford a home for at least five years. With low mortgage interest rates, and prices of homes leveling off, more and more renters can venture into the home ownership arena. Condos and townhomes may be the most affordable home purchase for them. Of the homeowners interviewed, 67% said they would probably move again in the next ten years. The reasons given for owning a home are still the traditional benefits of the past:

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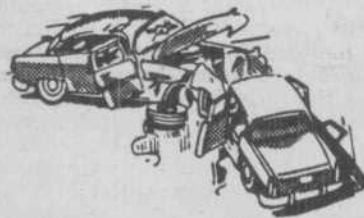
A typical first-time single home-buyer is 30 years old, purchases a home in the \$70,000 range, has an average income of \$40,000 and invests approximately \$9,500 in cash. Another survey showed that both renters and home owners would sacrifice to save money for a down payment. They would give up (1) vacations, (2) cars, (3) entertainment, (4) clothing and jewelry, and (5) home furnishings.

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Como Park High School

Congratulations to Como Park's Winterfest Royalty. Lord and Lady are Mario Baker and Sarah Meggit; Duke and Duchess are Ray Riales and Anne Foster; Prince and Princess are Nate Yates and Sarah Rueter; King and Queen are Brian Steglich and Naomi Davis. Many Como Park students enjoyed a wonderful Winterfest Dance put on by Como Park's student council. Highlights of the dance included an 8-foot heart-shaped balloon, and a balloon drop.

With the coming of March come the competency tests for ninth graders. Three out of the four will be held in March (March 3, 10 and 17). March 5 is an in-service half-day for students.

On March 12 a Spring Variety Show by the Multi-Cultural Club will be held at 2:30 p.m. and Como Park will also have a Talent Show on March 25. March 30 is the Optimist Contest from 3-10 p.m. in the library and cafeteria.

Congratulations to the Como Park Wrestling Team which, after defeating Johnson, has become Conference Champions for the second year in a row. The team then went on to capture the Twin Cities title after defeating Minneapolis North. Congratulations again to the Cougar Wrestling Team.

Naomi Davis

Holy Childhood

On Feb. 5 the 8th graders participated in World Language Days at the Minnesota Zoo. The theme was German Day. The purpose of the trip was to learn more about animals and also to learn German. As we entered we were each given a passport to be stamped after each presentation. High school students gave short talks in German on animals and then stamped our passports. After lunch at the Dairy Queen we visited exhibits. Tschus!

Jan. 24-29 was Catholic Schools Week. Our Sunday Liturgy was followed by a pancake breakfast in the church hall. Many parents and visitors came to school during our open house days. Tuesday was Teacher Day. This included a special luncheon for them. We went rollerskating at the Skadium rink on Wednesday. On Friday we had cooperative learning experiences with students from other grades. Our moms also provided a delicious hot meal for us on Friday.

The students at Holy Childhood are busy selling candy bars as a fundraiser for new desks and chairs. Our goal is \$5,500. We're doing great. There was an all-school pizza-Pepsi party on Feb. 23. The top seller in grades K-5 will receive a 40-50 minute ride home with snacks provided. The top seller in grades 6-8 will receive the choice of a limo ride or free movie passes and \$10 cash.

Matt Davini & Mark Dymond

St. Anthony Park Elementary

At St. Anthony Park School, Valentine's Day means hearts, love and the annual Valentine's Day coronation. Each classroom draws two names, a nominee and an alternate. Then on the day of the Valentine parties, teachers draw the names from a hat. Then their royal highnesses rule for the day. They get the "royal treatment." The royalty was Duke Andrew Brooks and Duchess Thea Guenther (4th grade), Prince Morgan Feigal-Stickles and Princess Berit Griffin (5th grade) and King Adriel Durrah and Queen Hlee Vang (6th grade).

The kindergartners celebrated their one hundredth day of kindergarten this month. Way to go kindergartners! For their unit on community helpers the kindergartners had a neighborhood dentist, Dr. Paul Kirkegaard, visit their classroom.

Dr. Joel Stoeckler, a parent, came to the first grade to show slides from his climb up the Grand Teton Mountains. He also brought some of the equipment used in his climb. Second graders are studying Africa this month. For the "I Love to Read" program the students are filling up lists of "at home" reading and bringing them in for awards.

The fourth graders are going to Belwin Outdoor Laboratory on Feb. 25 and 26.

The fifth grade has started D.A.R.E. That stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. Officer Haider is teaching it again this year.

All the sixth grade classes went to Afton Alps for a day of downhill skiing.

Remember! Conferences are Feb. 24 and 25 and March 4 (evenings only). Kindergarten Roundup is March 11 from 1:30-3 p.m. Please come! If you have any further questions call the school office at 293-8735.

Berit Griffin

Chelsea Heights Elementary

This month at Chelsea Heights a lot has been going on. Many of the 5th and 6th graders have been checking out junior highs and middle schools. The application forms have to be turned in by March 1.

In March, counselors will be coming to Chelsea Heights to register the 5th and 6th graders for classes at the junior highs and middle schools.

The 5th and 6th graders performed a vocal musical called "From Borders to Bridges" on Feb. 18. It was about global harmony and the borders that separate us and the bridges that bring us together. Another concert will be on March 18 by the 3rd and 4th graders, called "And Now For Something Completely Dinosaur." It's about dinosaurs, of course! You are invited to attend it. (It is free of charge.) Mrs. Lorelle McFadden is our vocal music teacher.

At the end of March, Ms. Batcheller's 6th grade class is going on a field trip to a YMCA camp. They'll have three days of outdoor education.

The four kindergarten classes celebrated 100 days of kindergarten on Feb. 26. They have been "counting on" this party.

Karolyn Stoerzinger

Falcon Heights Elementary

Sixth grade students are starting the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. The sixth graders are being taught by Officer Gary Erickson of the Roseville Police Force. All of the participants in the program are learning through lectures, activities and videos about resisting drugs.

Everyone in Falcon Heights School is looking forward to the P.T.S.A.'s Winter Carnival. The carnival will be on March 19 from 5-8 p.m. It will be a great evening full of games, prizes and snacks!

On Feb. 5, Falcon Heights had a "Winter Fun Day" in which students could participate in a variety of outdoor and indoor games. The Student Council organized this great day!

The Student Council sold an amazing amount of Val-o-grams this year. Val-o-grams are Valentines that the purchaser can write his or her message on. A sucker is attached to sweeten the deal. Over 400 Val-o-grams were sold at 25¢ apiece. Through the Val-o-grams kindness and friendship was shown toward many. It helped to make Valentine's Day a fun day for all.

Catherine Mackiewicz

Central High School

Central has been very busy with new classes and the end of the year. Seniors are finding colleges and jobs. Freshmen are learning their choices for the rest of their school year. The incoming students are deciding on high schools. There was a showcase for new incoming stu-



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dents on Tues., Feb. 18. This showcase was to meet the staff and learn about Central.

March 1-12 is registration for Central. Students changing schools have to let the district know which school they are going to. If the district doesn't know which school students are going to they will be assigned to their home school. If students are staying at the same school, they don't have to sign up. The purpose of this is to control school population.

Central celebrated its Winter Week from Feb. 8-12. During this week there were lots of activities going on in lunch. Flower-grams and message grams were sold. These grams would then be delivered to one's friends. There was also a sappy poem contest.

During Winter Week there was also a coronation. Nunia Mafi from St. Anthony Park won for the sophomore class girls.

Brenna Barrett

Neighborhoods from 2

guidelines had allowed for up to 10 percent of each funding cycle's dollars to go to human services programs.

Another unique feature proposed for BNT is an effort to target more city PED program dollars to areas receiving the grants and loans, such companion funding is seen as strengthening efforts in the targeted areas.

The goal of BNT is to achieve targeted, comprehensive neighborhood improvements that result in a high visual or economic impact in a relatively small area. When announcing the program, Scheibel expressed the hope that public investment through BNT would spark more private investment.

The program will be much like the old URAP effort, on a smaller scale, Drummond said. "We want to retain the core concept of neighborhood improvement, while responding to some of the major weaknesses and criticism of the NPP."

BNT funds will be requested as part of the capital improvement budget process for 1993-95. Although the program could see needs of as much to \$3-\$4 million per year, the initial request is for \$1 million, Drummond said. Capital improvement bonds and federal community development block grant dollars are expected to be the primary funding sources for BNT.

One possible source for increased BNT dollars may be the proposed half-cent sales tax under study in St. Paul. Increased federal dollars are also being sought.

In the meantime, Scheibel will ask the Planning Commission to set up a working group to develop BNT. Neighborhood residents, representatives of community groups and city staff will work together to develop program guidelines.

City Council members who heard about BNT last month expressed enthusiasm about the proposed program. "These kinds of programs are so important," said Sixth Ward City Council Member Marie Grimm. "They really help empower our neighborhood groups."

Wellington appointed to Metropolitan Council

By Vickie Gilmer

The Metropolitan Council has a new appointee, St. Anthony Park resident Steve Wellington. The Council is a little-known advisory board that has a lot of impact and works with local and state governments on issues such as transportation, airports, waste management and development. Wellington is the first Democrat appointed to the 16-member council by Governor Arne Carlson.

While the Metropolitan Council may be unknown to most metro-area residents, the Metropolitan Transit Committee, the Metro Airports Commission and the Metropolitan Waste Control Commission—three powerful agencies that affect Minnesota residents—all report to the council. Other committees that regulate parks, sports facilities and solid waste also work with the council. The council sets policies on such issues as encouraging suburbs to develop low-income housing, and airport relocation.

"The legislature looks to the council for setting priorities and organizing the work for particular systems," said Wellington. "The legislature is going to make the decision about the airport, but the work that the council will do in making recommendations will have a major impact on the decision the legislature makes." He added that "the Met Council is [also] a very logical agency to address the issues of growing poverty and the increased pressure on our school system and a shrinking tax base."

While it may seem odd for a Republican governor to nominate a Democrat to a council that actively lobbies for or restricts monies for projects such as development and renovation, Wellington's experience makes it clear why he was selected. Wellington worked for the city of St. Paul for eight years, was an aide to Mayor Latimer and the director of economic development. Wellington has been particularly active in St. Anthony Park on projects such as the Park Crossing commercial development, the Project for Pride in Living housing development and the new St. Anthony Park Bank. Wellington is also active in community issues, and serves on the board of directors of the *Park Bugle*.

"I remained quite interested in where the city was financially and economically and saw that it certainly needs some attention. The city's got plenty of good things happening to it, but a lot of difficulties are traced to this innate pessimism that a lot of folks in St. Paul seem to have about the city's future. I think it does share a number of problems that are facing core cities—both Minneapolis and St. Paul—and I guess I felt that the Met Council would be a spot where I could participate. I think a lot of the problems the city faces are regional, not local, and need to be addressed regionally and the Met Council is the appropriate vehicle in looking at those big regional pressures that are negatively



Steve Wellington

affecting the city."

The Metropolitan Council, founded in 1968, was one of the first of its kind in the nation. Its members receive nominal wages for their service, they are appointed rather than elected, each member serves a district similar to politicians, and each member acts as a liaison to a particular group. While the impact of the council has dwindled since its inception, Governor Carlson's interest in government efficiency, stabilization of the core city and the efforts of the council members may breathe new life into the organization.

Wellington has been appointed as a liaison to the Transportation Advisory Board, but a main goal of his is to work on the issue of housing, particularly for those in a low-income bracket. "The key issue facing me as a council member right now is the revision of the plan that governs future development, a framework that the Met Council has had in place for some time. And over the years the council has followed a policy basically responding to market forces. But there's an alternate policy that says, 'Wait a minute, we can't continue to sprawl.'"

Wellington's concern over rapid suburban growth has led him to devise a strategy to help the city. "I've suggested throughout the region that there be a new building permit fee levied by the council. So that for everybody, the city and the suburbs alike, if you build a house, or build a new building, one percent of the value would be an additional metro building permit fee. And take the revenues generated by that and have a fund to be used for renovating low-income homes and apartments."

Wellington said the plan could generate \$10-15 million a year. "It's not going to fix all these homes that are deteriorating, [but] it starts getting to the idea that you can't just keep throwing away buildings and build new ones, like we do [now]."

Wellington acknowledges he doesn't know if other council members will support such a move, but downplays partisanship as an issue that could stall his work on the council. "There's a certain backdrop of partisanship, everyone's aware of who's a Republican, who's a Democrat, but most of these issues are of broad concern. There's a lot of hardship that surrounds our downtown. There is a recognition that something needs to be done."

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City appointments

The Lauderdale City Council made its annual appointments for 1993: Legal Newspaper: Lauderdale newsletter; Official depository: North Star State Bank; Acting mayor: Norine Phillips; Lauderdale Park Committee: Kathleen Miller and Jack Barlow; Association of Metro Municipalities: Susan Bardill; Mayor's Council Against Drugs: Jill Poeschl and Steve Froehlich as alternate; North Suburban

Cable Commission: Jack Barlow and Steve Froehlich as alternate; Planning and Zoning Commission: Jeff Dains and David Hinrichs; Ramsey County League of Local Government: Norine Phillips and Jeff Dains; Rice Creek Watershed: Joel Dressel of OSM Engineering; Suburban Rate Authority: David Hinrichs; and the League of Minnesota Cities: Jack Barlow.

No appointments were made for North Suburban Senior Council or Northwest Family & Youth Service. Volunteers may contact city hall, 631-0300, if interested in serving.

—Elizabeth Norlin

New "No Parking" signs to be posted

Beginning April 1, Spring Street between Pleasant and Fulham, Summer Street between Eustis and Pleasant, and Ryan Street between Walnut and Carl will be

posted "No Parking" year round. The posting is necessary to comply with the State Fire Code, which requires "an unobstructed roadway of not less than 20 feet" so that emergency vehicles can get through.

Notary service provided

The City of Lauderdale now provides Notary Service free of charge Mon.-Fri., 12:30-4:30 p.m., at City Hall, 1891 Walnut St.

Band for a day

The Park Committee is looking for those interested in forming a Lauderdale Community Band for a one-time event at Day in the Park this summer. If interested, call City Hall, 631-0300.



Photo by Truman Olson

Some organizers of Lauderdale's winter party in the city's park on Feb. 13 kept warm in front of a bonfire.

FALCON HEIGHTS

Sabean honored

The Falcon Heights City Council unanimously passed a resolution on Feb. 10 recognizing the

efforts of Judy Sabean, the city's Neighborhood Watch volunteer coordinator, for making the Neighborhood Watch program a success.

The "resolution of appreciation" thanks Sabean and the city's volunteer block captains for helping Falcon Heights become the first city in the state to have 100 percent of all residential blocks participate in the Neighborhood Watch program.

"It was very flattering," Sabean said. "I've enjoyed everything I've done so far, and I didn't expect to get this kind of recognition at all."

Neighborhood Watch is designed to encourage open communication among residents and police in an effort to curb crime. Jerry Reuttimann, community relations coordinator for the Roseville police, announced last December that all of Falcon Heights was participating in the program.

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Sabean has been a volunteer coordinator for Neighborhood Watch for two years, she said, and she expects to continue the effort. Besides organizing block meetings, Sabean is already working on plans for this fall's National Night Out.

-Daren B. Hansen

Rain forest expert to speak

Dr. Peter Raven, a tropical rain forest and endangered species expert, will visit the University of Minnesota St. Paul campus in March for a special lecture in the Department of Horticultural Science. Raven, director of the Missouri Botanical Garden, is one of the best-known plant scientists in the world.

Raven's free lecture, "The Biodiversity Crisis: What It Means For Us," will be given Tues., March 9, at 4 p.m., in the Northstar Ballroom in the St. Paul Student Center, 2017 Buford St.



Photo by Truman Olson

Anna McLoon won the prize for finding the mayor's toupee (it's in the bag) at Falcon Heights' winter carnival on Feb. 7. The older gentleman behind McLoon is Morris Nicholson, who earlier had distributed clues to the treasure (?) hunters.

COMO PARK

Tom Thumb robbed again

The Tom Thumb Superette at 1546 Como Ave. was robbed three days in a row. Twice the perpetrators were armed; the third robber indicated he had a gun. No suspects have been arrested. Two of the robberies happened on weekend mornings, Jan. 30 & 31; the other was on Monday, Feb. 1, at about 9:30 p.m. During that robbery, a customer's wallet was also taken.

Rain forest exhibit at Conservatory

Rain forest animals from Como Zoo have joined tropical plants in Como Park's Conservatory to create a rain forest in Minnesota. Displays will feature rain forest animals, products and indigenous native information.

Visitors will be able to touch a live iguana and learn how iguana farming encourages rain forest planting, meet tropical birds and learn about endangered species and habitat destruction, participate in a "medicine show" and browse through a variety of rain forest foods. There will be a table available for writing to an elected official to help save the rain forests.

The exhibit is open from 1-3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through March 28. Admission to the Conservatory is 50¢ per person, 25¢ for students and seniors, children under 10 free. There is no additional charge for the Rain Forest exhibit.

Endangered species exhibit at Como Zoo

Como Zoo is hosting "Cargo To Extinction," the World Wildlife Fund's traveling exhibit on wildlife trade. Visitors will see animal products from endangered and threatened species, including an ocelot skin, a crocodile handbag, canned

whale meat, ivory jewelry and an ice bucket made from the foot of a baby elephant.

All of the wildlife items displayed in "Cargo To Extinction" were illegally imported into the U.S. and confiscated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The exhibit also include photos and text designed to educate the public about the destructive impact that purchasing products made from endangered plants and animals has on wildlife populations.

The display may be found at Como Zoo inside the main building's Zoo Room. The exhibit is open from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays and most weekdays through March 15, and is free.

AARP meeting

Midway-Highland Chapter 930 of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet at 1 p.m. on Thurs., March 18, at Lyngblomsten Senior Center, Midway Parkway at Pascal. A social hour will follow the program. For more information call 644-8937.

La Leche League meeting

Many assume that because breastfeeding is the natural way to feed a baby, the skill comes naturally. This misconception will be discussed at the next Como-Midway La Leche League meeting on Tues., March 23, at 7 p.m. The League offers information and support on problems in difficult nursing situations. For meeting location and information call Jeanne at 644-0302 or Kathy at 645-4953. Babies and toddlers are welcome.

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Music

The **University of Minnesota Jazz Ensemble II**, conducted by Joel Flunker, will present a concert at 8 p.m. on Wed., March 3 at the St. Paul Student Center Theatre, 2017 Buford St. Free admission.

Von Freeman, Chicago tenor saxophonist, and his South Side quartet, roll in their be-bop sound to the University of Minnesota St. Paul Student Center Theatre on Sat., March 13, at 7:30 p.m. Freeman and piano player John Young were 1992 recipients of Arts Midwest Jazz Midwest Jazz Masters Awards. Tickets: \$12; \$8 students and Twin City Jazz Society members. Call 624-3742.

Two folk concerts will be presented in March at the University of Minnesota St. Paul Student

Center Theatre at 8 p.m., co-sponsored by **New Folk Collective**.

Dave Moore and **Radislaw Lorkovic** will be featured on Fri., March 5. Moore, a regular on "A Prairie Home Companion," blows the mouth harp while Iowa piano man Lorkovic plays blues, ragtime and classical music.

Balladeer **James Kelleghan** sings on Fri., March 12. He has earned critical and popular acclaim for his work, especially his historical ballads like "Fires of Calais" and "Jenny Brice." Opening will be Maria Sangiello.

Tickets for both concerts, sold at Union Station in the Student Center, are priced from \$8-10; students \$1 off. Call 624-3742.

Music in the Park Series presents violinist **Janet Packer** and pianist **Howard Karp** on Sun., March 7, at 4 p.m., at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. The concert will feature the Minnesota premiere of *Five Aphorisms for Violin and Piano*,

written for Packer by American composer Gardner Read. Read, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday, will be in attendance and will give a pre-concert talk at 3 p.m. Packer is on the faculty and is director of preparatory studies at Longy School of Music, Cambridge, Mass. Karp is professor of piano at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

The performance is presented in cooperation with The Schubert Club, which is providing a 1908 Steinway piano from their instrument museum for this concert.

Tickets are \$10 at the door, \$9 in advance, \$5 student rush and may be purchased at The Bibelot Shop (646-5651) and Micawber's Bookstore (646-5506). For more information call 644-4234.

Just following the performance, concert-goers are invited to a Chinese dinner, including chicken cashew, lo-mein, steamed rice and fresh fruits served by Dinner in the Park (St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, located just behind the



Janet Packer

site of the performance). All proceeds from the dinner will go toward community services in support of Loaves & Fishes, Minnesota Food Share and Educational Fund for the Needy. Dinner in the Park tickets are \$10 each. For more information and reservations call 645-3058.

The **Evensong Series** at **St. Matthew's Episcopal Church**, 2136 Carter Ave., will present the choirs of St. Martin's By-the-

Lake and St. Matthew's on Sun., March 21, at 5 p.m. On the program are the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Farrant, and music by Amner, Ley and others. St. Martin's choir is directed by Monte Mason; St. Matthew's director is J Michael Compton. A freewill offering will taken, with proceeds designated to Minnesota Foodshare.

Film

Two films for the family will be shown in a double feature on Wed., and Thurs., March 3 & 4, at 7:30 p.m., at the **University of Minnesota St. Paul Student Center Theatre**. *The Bear* is the story of a giant kodiak and a lovable orphan cub struggling to survive in the wilderness. *The Lorax*, from 1972, is Dr. Seuss' fanciful tale with a serious ecological theme: clean up the environment before it's too late. Call 624-3742 for more information.

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Both films are in French with English subtitles. Admission is \$4 for members of The Alliance Française and Film in the Cities; \$5 for non-members. Call 644-5769 for more information.

Literature

Bill Addison, St. Anthony Park poet, spoke in February before the Minneapolis branch of the American Association of University Women. His talk, entitled "The I of the Poem," proposed that the first person voice of a poem may not refer to the poet. To make his point he interpreted one poem each by Dickinson, Plath, Crane and Keats, as well as three of his own from his book *Another Look at the Pie*.

The St. Anthony Park Writers' Workshop will meet on Tues., March 2, at 7:30 p.m., at 2116 Skillman Ave. W. in Roseville.

Drama

The British comedy, *Absent Friends*, by Alan Ayckbourn, will be presented through March 6 by Punchinello Players. All performances are at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings, with an additional Thursday performance the last week of the run, at North Hall, behind the St. Paul Campus Student Center at the University of Minnesota. Tickets at the door are \$5 for adults; \$4 for students and seniors.

North Suburban Patchwork Theatre Company will present the comedy *The Nerd* by Larry Shue on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. on March 5 & 6, 12 & 13, and 19 & 20, at Murray Junior High, 2200 Buford Ave. Matinee performances will be given on Sundays March 14 & 21.

All seats are general admission, but reservations are

appreciated for groups. Call 482-8861, after 4:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$9 for adults; \$8 for seniors and students. Special prices for seniors at Sunday matinees.

Larry Ripp of South St. Anthony Park is the author of a play to be presented by Elk River Community Theatre in the 11th Biennial Play Festival sponsored by the Minnesota Association of community Theatres. *Skywatch! or The Unofficial Official Investigation of Possible Alien Landings on a Small Midwestern Wheat Field* will open the Festival on Thurs., March 11, at 7:30 p.m. at Minneapolis Community College.

Punchinello Players' production of *The Actor's Nightmare*

will close the festival on Sat. evening March 13.

For a free festival brochure call 521-5692.

A presentation of Ionesco's *Le Roi Se Meurt* (Exit the King) will be given by Park resident Georgette Lobbe-Pfannkuch's play group on Tues., March 16, at 7 p.m., at the Loring Playhouse, Hennepin at Harmon, in downtown Minneapolis. There is no admission charge. A synopsis of the play will be given in English before the presentation. Patrons are invited to enjoy a French dinner at either 5:30 or 8 p.m. that evening at the Loring Restaurant. For more information and reservations (before March 6), call Georgette at 645-3784.

Visual Art

The exhibit "Visions of Afro-American Life" runs through March 12 at the Larson Gallery at the University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Wed., 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun., 1-5 p.m. Call 625-0214 for more information.

Interior Design: The Evolution of a Profession continues through April 4 at the Goldstein Gallery in MacNeil Hall on the St. Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota. Visitors will experience the design process from conceptual sketches to a furnished space and learn ways in which computer-aided technology is used by the profes-

sion. A specially-designed corporate interior is the focal point of the exhibition.

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Como Park Conservatory hosts artist Randall Peterson on Sat., March 6 and Sun., March 7 from 1-4 p.m., at the conservatory's gift shop. Peterson, from Forest Lake, has been supplying cards and prints to the conservatory since the gift shop opened in May, 1990. He uses a pen and ink technique called stippling. Peterson plans to demonstrate the technique, autograph cards and create bookmarks for distribution. Call 488-5197 for more information.



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Langford Park

Joe Jensen, 15, was one of eight January Youth Volunteers of the Month honored by the St. Paul Parks and Recreation Department. City Council members presented each winner with a certificate signed by Mayor Scheibel and a gift donated by a local business.

Langford Recreation Center would like to thank winter sports coaches who have donated time and talent to youth: Tim Smith, Dave Hansen, Brian Olson, Thom Lister, Mark Nolan, Malcolm MacGregor, Denny Olson, Bill Elsasser, Steve Wellington, Oscar Stewart, Chuck Tracy, Gregg Peterson, Elliott Mills, Theresa Ude, Paul Bloom, Dave Christianson, Mike Peterson, Brian Backberg, Jerry Behrens, Steve Bishop, John Molstad, David Harvey, Stu Peterson, Richard Rodger-son, Bill Paist, Joe Pearson, Doug Taylor, Bill Kroona, Bob Brown and John Shepard. (Apologies to those unintentionally omitted.) Thanks also to the many neighbors and parents who have volunteered time to support Langford's winter programs.

Late registration is still being accepted for spring sports: volleyball (ages 8-16) and gym hockey (ages 8-14). Spring and summer soccer registration for HGRA (grades K-2) is being taken until March 19. The fee is \$15.

Langford is co-sponsoring the Como Park Wrestling Club, which will be organizing in March. Youngsters in grades 1-8 with an interest in wrestling should contact Mike Searles at 298-5765 between 3-9 p.m.

A district-wide field trip to the Science Museum and Omni Theater, with a pick-up at Langford, is coming up on Fri., March 5, from noon-4:30 p.m. The first 10 children to register can attend free.

Langford's skating rink will be open as long as the weather allows. Ice conditions have been good. Call 298-5765 to inquire about the ice rink and hours for use.

Tot Time for children (ages toddler through preschool) and parents is offered every Tuesday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Meet other children and parents in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood. This play opportunity is free.

An "Adult Comedy Gallery" night out for March 26 is being organized. The \$11 cost includes ticket and transportation. Register by March 19.

The following used items (in good condition) are wanted for Langford's game room: couch or chairs, foosball table, pool table, air hockey table. The rec center will pay a reasonable price, or would be grateful for a donation. Someone from Langford will pick up any donated item.

For more information or for answers to questions about Langford's programs mentioned above, call the center between 3-9 p.m., 298-5765.

South St. Anthony Rec Center

Congratulations to John Mulhern, who was selected as the outstanding volunteer at South St. Anthony Recreation Center for 1992. Mulhern was responsible for developing the Booster Club bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. He continues to serve as vice-chairperson of the club. Mulhern was also instrumental in recruiting neighbors and their toddlers to participate in the parent-child play group that meets on Wednesday mornings. The play equipment enjoyed by the toddlers was acquired through grants applied for by Mulhern. He will be honored at the St. Paul Parks & Recreation Volunteer Appreciation Banquet on April 13 at the Landmark Center.

The next Booster Club meeting is scheduled for Mon., March 29, at 7 p.m., at the recreation center, 890 Cromwell. Agenda items may include an upcoming spring event, ideas for new grants and Bookstart. Neighbors are encouraged to attend.

For more information about South St. Anthony Recreation Center, call 298-5770, Monday through Thursday, 4-8 p.m.

Stop the Bullying

St. Anthony Park residents have scheduled a follow-up to February's "Neighborhood Brainstorms: Stop The Bullying" meeting for Thurs., March 11, from 7-8:30 p.m., at Murray Junior High, 2200 Buford. Up for discussion is the topic of violence: What can ordinary citi-

zens do in their families, neighborhoods, schools and businesses to address the problem? This forum is co-sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Community Council and the Neighborhood Anti-Violence Action Forum with the support of a variety of community organizations, including Children's Home Society, Speedy Market, Keys Restaurant and Hampden Park Foods, with additional funding from the Community and School Prevention and Intervention Initiatives of the State of Minnesota. Transportation and child care are available by calling 292-7884.

Kindergarten roundup

Kindergarten roundup at St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 2180 Knapp St., will be held on Thurs., March 11, 1993, 1:30-3 p.m. Children who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 1993, and their parents, are invited to meet the principal and teachers. Children will visit the kindergarten classrooms while parents meet with staff and receive registration materials. Child care will be provided and refreshments served. For further information call the school at 293-8735 or Cindy Bevier at 641-0745.

Library Association seeks members

The St. Anthony Park Branch Library Association is looking for individuals and/or representatives from community organizations who would like to join the group. The Association has four or five Monday evening meetings during the year.

No dues or financial contributions are expected of members, but they are voting members who have the opportunity to become actively involved in a variety of projects. Over the years, projects helped by the library-sponsored Arts and Crafts Fair (held on the first Saturday in June for 24 years) have included: sponsoring the annual Patriotic Essay Contest for elementary school students; assisting financially with the summer reading program and Bookstart; planting and maintaining the window boxes; purchasing and planting new trees on the library grounds; providing the spruce tree and decorations in the window boxes in the winter.

Contact association secretary Janet Quale, 645-1135, if you are interested in joining as an individual member or as a representative of a community organization.

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March 8 Lay School of Theology
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March 30 Jewish-Christian Seminar
"The Impulse to Do Good." SPEAKER: Carol Matas, Winnipeg, scholar and writer on subject of the rescue of Jews by Christians during the Holocaust. 9:00-3:30. \$20.00. Call 641-3416.

New bookstore hours: 10:30-5:00, Mon.-Fri.; 11:00-2:00, Sat.

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Jewish-Christian seminar scheduled

"The Impulse to Do Good" is the theme for the Jewish-Christian seminar to be held at Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary on Tues., March 30, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

The theme focuses on the rescue of Jews during the Holocaust when Christians and Jews were drawn together and risks were taken for the sake of others.

Featured speaker is Carol Matas, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, an acknowledged scholar and author on the subject.

Cost for the day, including lunch, is \$20 per person. For more information call the Office of Continuing Education, 641-3416.

World Day of Prayer

Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Fairview and County Road B in Roseville, will host the annual World Day of Prayer on Fri., March 5, at 10 a.m.

1993 marks the 106th year that the World Day of Prayer service has been held at every hour in countries around the world. This year's liturgy was written by the women of Guatemala on the theme, "People of God: Instruments of Healing." Speaker will be Dr. Carolyn McKay, Commissioner of Health for the City of Minneapolis. Soloist is Richard Slind, baritone.

Following the hour-long service, a reception will be held in the gathering space. Child care will be provided. The church is wheelchair-accessible, with handicapped parking spaces and a dropoff available in the north parking lot off County Road B. Entrance to this lot is just past Fairview Community Center.

Participating churches are St. Anthony Park United Methodist, St. Matthew's Episcopal, St. Anthony Park Lutheran, St. Cecilia's Catholic, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, and the Korean Catholic Church of St. Andrew Kim.

Daffodil days

From March 15-19, the American Cancer Society will hold its Daffodil Days fundraiser. Daffodils will be sold at a booth in the ParkBank lobby, 2265 Como Ave., on Fri., March 19. The donation is \$4 per bunch. For more information call Susan Schwarz at 646-7486.

Street improvements to continue in Falcon Heights

By Daren B. Hansen

Torn up streets and sidewalks, noise, mud and dust—that's what some residents of Falcon Heights will have to endure this summer.

Street improvement projects are scheduled to begin in June in parts of the Falcon Woods and University Grove neighborhoods as Falcon Heights enters its second year of the five year Capital Improvement Project.

Curbs, gutters, streets, sidewalks, sewers and water lines all will be worked on.

"It's just an opportunity to do a lot of things to keep the city in shape," said city administrator Susan Hoyt. "It's a good time to kind of get the infrastructure in place."

Residents will be assessed for a portion of the costs, based on the amount of road frontage, Hoyt said. Though the estimate for the entire project is \$989,000, the city council is still considering the amount to charge resi-

dents, she said.

Residents will have the opportunity to voice their concerns about the assessments at the city assessment hearing. A hearing date has not yet been set. The city council will decide whether or not to approve the project plans and specifications at a March 10 improvement hearing.

According to project plans, targeted streets include parts of Folwell, Vincent, Northrup and Prior Avenues, and Fulham, Burton, Coffman, Summer and Autumn Streets.

Other projects scheduled for summer include construction of a sidewalk on Coffman Street between Larpenteur and Hoyt Avenues, and continued work on Cleveland Avenue.

Though the neighborhoods may be quite noisy during the initial phases of construction, Hoyt said, the inconveniences overall should be minor.

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The father reacted by confronting the boys' mother. The mother became defensive, then—after he left—confronted the boys. The elder brother then bullied the younger brother into not telling.

Bullying and intimidation have become alarmingly common in schools, according to a social worker from the Wilder Foundation, Mike McGrane. He presented the following statistics:

- 49.8% of 6th graders, 48.7% of 9th graders and 32.3% of 12th graders say they hit or beat someone up during the past year (Minnesota Student Survey 1992 Ramsey County School Districts Data)
- 78% believe threats of violence against students are a problem in their schools (National Survey of Teenagers by Camp Fire Boys and Girls 1992)
- 28% say fights are an everyday occurrence at their school (St. Paul Pioneer Press-Talk To Us Teen Survey 1991).

After seeing the skits and hearing the statistics, the group of about 50 neighborhood residents; parents, children, community leaders and facilitators, broke into small groups to discuss the issues involved in bullying, to support each other and search for solutions.

Parents talked about the differences between what they faced growing up and what their kids experience today and the frustration of not knowing what to do.

Kids talked about the importance of being able to share their problems with other people and the need to find new solutions instead of different punishments. "Talk it over, don't yell it over," one student said.

Solutions were written on large sheets of paper and hung on the wall. When the group reassembled, one of the skits was presented in a different way, with positive behavior highlighted.

A representative of the Ramsey County Family Violence Initiative felt the evening went well. "We didn't know what to expect," Trudy Dunham said, "but we've brought a lot of ideas on board."

The success of the evening could be measured simply in the communication that was initiated, and was clearly visible as one mother stayed behind with her school-aged son, reading aloud from the solutions on the wall.

The next discussion will be held March 11 from 7-8:30 p.m. at Murray Junior High.

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to is incredible."

But is Anderson more likely to support an organization or a city that offers her a meal or a weekend getaway?

"It's laughable to suggest that we're so easily influenced," said Anderson. A letter from a constituent is more likely to sway her vote than would a Chamber of Commerce dinner, she said.

Hausman agrees, but added "it's one thing for me to say that, but it's another thing for the public to believe it. If they don't, then we need to take what they feel very seriously."

Hausman went on the trip to Duluth, but said she is now actually less likely to support legislation that would benefit the city. "I learned that they're in great shape, and now that I've seen it I can argue that St. Paul needs the money and Duluth doesn't."

"It's my job to make public policy for the whole state," said Anderson, who also went to Duluth. "I should be traveling all over and meeting with every group there is." Legislation forbidding outside groups to fund such trips or dinners would make them cost prohibitive, she said. Representatives and Sena-

tors currently make approximately \$28,000, plus a \$50 per diem while the legislature is in session.

Hausman agrees that legislators would not be able to afford to go to the dinners or other events if the costs came out of their pockets, but said that the organizations will "find some way to tell us their story." The debate over the issue in the media has already prompted Hausman to stop going to spon-

sored dinners, and some organizations have cancelled such events in light of the controversy.

Senator John Marty is leading the fight to ban such "perks." His bill would prevent any public employees, elected or appointed, from "accepting anything of value from a group with an interest in government." The move is not because of any sort of major corruption Marty thinks is linked to the practice, but because he feels the present system "isn't the fairest way to determine public policy."

"I'm not suggesting that anyone is corrupt or that I'm better than anyone else, but I think our system could be healthier if we eliminate these elements."

—Sen. John Marty

looked at." Marty emphasized that his efforts are not because he feels any legislator who accepts such offers is corrupt, and added that the list of people who went to Duluth "wasn't a good way to judge who's good and who's not. I'm not a better person for not going, and I've talked to people who went and I know they all worked up there. System wide, though, we would have a much better system if we didn't do these things."

Marty said the organizations that use dinners and special events to make presentations to legislators could do just as well to meet them in their offices and make their pitch there. The result would save money and time, said Marty, and would eliminate the suggestion of any sort of value being placed on a legislator's time or vote.

"Special interests do have an

"We need to make sure that we are accessible to everyone, not just the groups that can buy us dinner," said Marty.

"I got a call from a constituent who pointed out that a waitress in my district wouldn't be able to do this [take a similar trip to Duluth]," said Hausman. "It's true that there are certain privileges that come with this job, and I'm not sure how far we can go with that kind of equity."

"The ultimate question here is can money ever be totally controlled as an influence in the political process," said Hausman.

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Employees of the University-Midway Office of Norwest Bank collected over 60 winter

clothing items which were donated to Eastside Neighborhood Services and Glendale Residence and Womens' Advocates for distribution to the needy.

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28 Sun.

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

MARCH

1 Mon.

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

Boy Scout Troop 17, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., 7 p.m. Every Mon.

Brimhall Elementary School PTA, 7 p.m.

AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. Call 647-9446 or 770-2646. Every Mon.

2 Tues.

Toastmasters, Hewlett Packard, 2025 W. Larpenteur, 7:30 a.m. Call Jon Hunstock, 641-9708. Every Tues.

Tot time, Langford Rec Center, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Every Tues.

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

Family gym night, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 6:30-8 p.m. Every Tues.

St. Anthony Park Association Board, Langford Park Rec Center, 7 p.m.

3 Wed.

St. Paul mayoral candidates' forum, St. Anthony Park Library, 7:30 a.m.

Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m. Story-telling.

Parent-child play group, So. St. Anthony Recreation Center, 890 Cromwell, 10 a.m.-noon. Every Wed. Call 646-6986.

Vietnam Veterans of America, St. Paul Chapter 320, HHH Job Corps auditorium, Arlington & Snelling, 7:30 p.m.

4 Thurs.

No school for kindergartners in St. Paul Public Schools. Conference day.

Toastmasters, St. Paul Campus North Central Forestry Experimental Station, 11:30 a.m. Every Thurs. Call Mary Barwise, 642-1254. Guests welcome.

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

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

5 Fri.

Falcon Heights/Lauderdale recycling day.

No school for grades K-6; no afternoon classes, grades 7-12, St. Paul Public Schools.

World Day of Prayer ecumenical service, Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Fairview Ave. & County Rd., B, 10 a.m.

Youth Activity Night for 7-12th graders, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside, 7-10:45 p.m. Every Fri.

8 Mon.

Como Park recycling day.

Park Press Inc. board of directors, ParkBank, 7 a.m.

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

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

9 Tues.

St. Anthony Park Association, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., 5:45 p.m. social hour; 6:30 p.m. dinner; 7:30 p.m. program.

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

10 Wed.

St. Anthony Park recycling day.

Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m. Warren Gore: "The Ides of March."

Bookmobile at Hamline & Hoyt, 12:30-5:30 p.m. Also Wed., March 24.

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

St. Anthony Park Community Council, 890 Cromwell, 7:30 p.m.

11 Thurs.

Kindergarten roundup, St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 1:30-3 p.m. Call 293-8735.

"Neighborhood Brainstorms: Stop The Bullying," Murray Junior High School, 7-8:30 p.m.

12 Fri.

Bookmobile at Seal Hi-Rise, 9:30-10:30 p.m. Also Fri., March 26.

13 Sat.

Minnesota Mineral Club, Falcon Heights City Hall, 7:30 p.m. Call 757-2066.

16 Tues.

District 10 Community Council, 7 p.m. Call 644-3889 for location.

17 Wed.

Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m. Slides of Ireland by Gerry McKay.

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

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

18 Thurs.

Midway Highland Chapter 930, American Association of Retired Persons, Lyngblomsten Senior Center, Midway Parkway at Pascal, 1 p.m. Call 644-8937.

19 Fri.

Falcon Heights/Lauderdale recycling day.

20 Sat.

Contradancing, Oddfellows Hall, 2380 Hampden, 8 p.m. Call 642-9118.

22 Mon.

Como Park recycling day.

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

St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program Board of Directors, St. Anthony Park Library, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

23 Tues.

Como-Midway La Leche League, 7 p.m. Call 644-0302 or 645-4953.

24 Wed.

St. Anthony Park recycling day.

Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m. Antique show/birthdays.

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.

27 Sat.

Fare SHARE distribution and registration for April., St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8-10:30 a.m., call 644-6804; Seal Hi Rise, 10 a.m.; Holy Childhood Church, 10 a.m.-noon.

29 Mon.

Cub Scout Pack 22, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, Como at Hillside, 7 p.m.

South St. Anthony Booster Club, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 7 p.m.

31 Wed.

Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m. Wills and estate planning, Lutheran Brotherhood.

Items for the April Community Calendar must be submitted to the Bugle office by 6 p.m. Mon., March 15.

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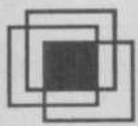


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Obituaries

Gertrude Battell

Gertrude Smith Battell (Helen) died on Jan. 20, 1993, at the age of 82. She had formerly worked in the library on the St. Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota and was a resident of St. Anthony Park for 40 years.

Battell had also worked as a children's librarian at the New York City Public Library and the Hagerstown, Md., Public Library. She served as Director of Interlibrary Loan on the Minneapolis Campus of the University of Minnesota from 1965 until her retirement in 1976. She was an active member of the American Library Association and the Special Libraries Association and served as financial secretary for University Baptist Church for many years.

She is survived by her husband, Frederic C. Battell; several nieces and nephews; and great-nieces and nephews.

survived by four sons, Jerome Gammel of St. Paul, Roger Gammel of Shoreview, Harold M. (Marty) Gammel of St. Paul and Raymond Gammel of Windlake, Wis.; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Evelyn Hirt

Evelyn B. Hirt, age 90, died on Jan. 23, 1993, after a brief illness. She had lived in Lauderdale on Pleasant St. for over 60 years.

After the death of her husband, Matthias, in 1953, Hirt worked at the Fanny Farmer Candy Store in Dinkytown for over 30 years. She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Lauderdale.

Also preceded in death by a daughter, Audrey Roetman, she is survived by her daughter, Beverly Blake of Denver, Col.; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and four sisters and two brothers in Long Prairie, Minn.

Duanna Ledin

Duanna J. Ledin died at the age of 67 years on Jan. 31, 1993, after a long fight with cancer. She was a resident of Falcon Heights.

Ledin is survived by her husband, Donald Ledin; her sons, Donald Ledin, Jr., and Darryl Ledin; her daughter, Debra Ledin Moser; her grandchildren Wendy, Michelle, Bryan, Sara, Nick, Katie, Alexis and Cale.

Roseleanna Mielke

Roseleanna P. Mielke (Lee), a resident of St. Anthony Park, died on Jan. 28, 1993. She was 85 years old.

Mielke, also known as Lena Rose, was the last of eight children born to August and Emily Paskewitz in Clarissa, Minn., on Feb. 20, 1907. She attended high school in Clarissa, Staples and at St. Paul Central, and graduated from John Marshall, Minneapolis.

She also attended Macalester College and the University of Minnesota, where she received bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing. She taught nursing in Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts and worked for the National League of Nursing in New York. In 1956 she went to Baghdad, Iraq, as director of the School of Nursing under the aid program to developing countries of the U.S. government.

In 1959 she returned to St. Paul and married Paul W. Mielke, who preceded her in death in 1968. She is survived by four stepchildren, 12 grand-

children, one great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

Rose Petersen

Rose S. Petersen, age 79, died on Dec. 24, 1992. She was a resident of the Como Park neighborhood on California Avenue.

Petersen attended McClellan Elementary School and Wilson High School. She worked for many years in the credit office at Field-Schlick in downtown St. Paul. She was a member of Wardale Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by a daughter, the Rev. Leilani R. DePauw of Como Park; a brother, Alex Bacs of St. Paul; three sisters, Elizabeth Bacs, Mildred Bacs and Dorothy Bacs Brunjes, all of St. Paul; and several nieces and nephews.

Theodore Rauen

Theodore H. Rauen died on Dec. 23, 1992, at the age of 92 years. He was a former longtime resident of the Como Park area and a longtime member of St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church. He had recently lived in Fort Washington, Maryland.

Rauen was born in St. Paul and raised in White Bear Lake. He attended the College of St. Thomas and graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1926. He was a licensed chemical engineer and past president of the St. Paul Engineers' Society. He retired as General Superintendent of the St. Paul plant of Koppers Coke in 1962. He was a member of the Masonic Order, Tusler Lodge, St. Paul.

During his lengthy retirement, Rauen traveled extensively in the United States and worldwide. His wife of 50 years, the former Florence Christensen, died in 1977. His wife of 12 years, the former Dorothy Isaacson, died in 1990.

He is survived by his son, Theodore Rauen of Fort Washington, Md.; his daughter, Mary Anne Rauen of Alameda, Calif.; and three grandchildren.

Walter Simonds

Walter L. Simonds died on Jan. 20, 1993, at the age of 81 years. He lived in Falcon Heights on Larpenteur Ave.

Preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Simonds, his son, James Simonds, and a sister, Mary Bill, he is survived by two daughters, Nancy Neudauer and Patricia Cambra; three granddaughters; six great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Birdie Haney and Louise Mayhew.

Mabel Warner

Mabel G. Warner died on Jan. 20, 1993, at 87 years of age. She was a member of Holy Childhood Catholic Church and had lived recently at the Presbyterian Home in Arden Hills. She was a former longtime resident of the Como Park area.

Preceded in death by her husband, William Warner, she is survived by three sons, Ray Warner, John Warner and James Warner; ten grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

-Compiled by Ann Bulger

Angela Burque

Angela J. Burque died on Feb. 1, 1993, at the age of 90. She was a former principal at Tilden, Chelsea Heights and Victoria Elementary Schools, all in the Como Park area.

Burque was a member of the St. Paul Retired Teachers' Association and Delta Kappa Gamma sorority. She had recently lived in Wilder Residence West.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis Burque. Survivors include five nieces and a nephew; and many great-nieces and nephews and their children.

Marie Carlgren

Marie A. Carlgren, age 95, died on Jan. 22, 1993. She was a longtime secretary at Murray Junior-Senior High School. She had lived in Roseville.

Carlgrén was a former Queen of the Daughters of the Nile, Matsha Temple.

Preceded in death by her husband, John Carlgrén, three sisters, and one brother, she is survived by her nephew, Stuart Isaacson of Fridley, and her niece, Cecil Larson of Minneapolis; and several great-nieces and nephews.

Olive Gammel

Olive I. Gammel, age 76, died on Jan. 30, 1993. She was a longtime resident of the Como Park neighborhood on Almond Avenue and a member of Como Park Lutheran Church.

Preceded in death by her husband, Harold Gammel, she is



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St. Anthony Park businesses to get marketing advice from city

By Kristin Cooper

Keep your eye out for a fresh look at St. Anthony Park businesses later this year. The businesses will receive professional consultation through the Neighborhood Mainstreets program of the St. Paul City Council.

"For a long time, cities have taken small business for granted and spent a lot of time on big corporations," Council Member Paula Maccabee said. With this program, though, "the city is saying, 'Our mom and pop businesses are of great value.'"

The city grant for the program totals \$10,350, to be split three ways between St. Anthony Park, eastern University Avenue and the St. Paul's West Side on Concord Street.

The program calls for a two-day consultation in each of the neighborhoods with former director of Planning and Eco-

nomic Development for St. Paul, Robert Sprague.

The first phase consists of a seminar focusing on the area as a whole in regard to competition from larger shopping malls, defining and marketing an identity for the area and the importance of a strong business association.

The second part of the program is to include one-on-one consultations between Sprague and "Top Shops" in the area.

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Sprague will provide relatively inexpensive and easy-to-implement ideas in areas in which the merchant needs help. This could include accounting, merchandising, promotion, customer relations, employee relations or security.

"The premise of the program is that the merchants collectively must be motivated to cooperate to improve the appearance, image and identity of a commercial area," PED Economic Development Specialist Craig Blakely said. "Individual merchants are usually the ones who drive revitalization."

Bridget Faricy, executive director of the St. Anthony Park

Merchants and Professionals Association agreed. "We see this as an opportunity for some of the local businesses to get reinvigorated about marketing and new strategies."

Faricy said the association is excited about the prospect of building on the diversity of large and small businesses in the area, as well as the unique locations present—like the shops in Milton Square. "It's a great group of people," she said. "They really see that they have an interest in making every business do well."

Blakely pointed out the effect similar cooperation and consultations have had in other neighborhoods. The Grand Avenue and Highland retail areas were able to come up with the funds to get consultation on their own, but the Payne-Arcade area was included in a past program by the city.

"The area-wide seminars have proven to be very energizing for associations," he said. "The individual consultations can be dramatically successful." He said one merchant Sprague worked with almost doubled his sales based on Sprague's marketing advice.

"It's good for the city when small businesses succeed," Council Member Maccabee said. "This is an attempt to look at diversity in the city and the strength of small business. We need to build on the strengths, not wait for disaster and put on a Band-Aid."



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Council Actions at a Glance

At the Feb. 10 meeting, the Council:

- heard the presentation of "Voices of Pain and Hope in St. Paul" by Hope Melton (PED). This report is subtitled "An Initial Report to Mayor Scheibel and the Community on Poverty, Social Isolation and Racial Tension in Our City." Copies of the full report and additional materials are available to read in the SAPCC office.
- approved its 1993 Goals and Objectives.
- approved the 1993 Capitol Improvement Budget (CIB) proposals to be submitted to the City of St. Paul.
- renewed its membership in Minnesota Green.
- approved Summit Brewing Co.'s expansion plans.

COMING NEXT MONTH: Discussion of the proposed city-wide Harmony project; more on traffic and parking issues, announcement of candidates for upcoming SAPCC elections, AND MORE!

In the aftermath of controversial issues

It isn't experience that counts. It is what we learn from that experience. That must certainly be the case with the recent community "hot topic," the school parking issue at SAP Elementary School (see last month's SAPCC news).

While many are satisfied with the outcome, virtually no one has expressed happiness with the process. While it is never pleasant when two opposing viewpoints become polarized, many have expressed great dissatisfaction with some apparent inability to fully consider alternative viewpoints and to work out a compromise. In the end, the decision was a compromise, but the process was painful. From the feedback Council members are getting, some are still hurting.

Perhaps this means it is time again to bring up the issue of representation. SAPCC is made up of elected members, chosen to represent the residents of SAP (North and South delegations) and the businesses in the area (Midway Civic & Commerce Association delegation). It has been my observation that these elected representatives take this responsibility seriously. Their dedication is manifested in many ways, not the least is the amount of time and mental energy spent in discharging their duties.

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In the long, drawn-out process of the task force on the SAP Elementary School parking issue, Council members applied this same diligence and responsibility. It appears from the outcome that the neighbors were served well. Some changes and improvements are being made, and no green space will be lost to tarred parking lots. It is an excellent compromise.

It was an experience, as all involved will readily admit. We can now identify many lessons from it, such as when and how to form a task force, the need for clarity at the outset, etc. Perhaps the most important lesson for us all to keep in mind is that this process of "grass roots government" in the neighborhoods that we enjoy in our city does indeed work! And, many thanks to all—SAPCC members, residents, and school faculty and staff—who cared enough to get involved.

Deja vu—haven't we been here before?

SAPCC Housing Committee members were surprised when they walked in to their January 27 meeting. The room was almost filled with residents wanting to be heard. The issue? Parking!

There were two separate parking issues this time, the first being a request from teachers (!) at Murray Junior High to remove the "permit parking only" signs from Grantham on the Murray side of the street.

The second issue was the question of parking permits for Greek (fraternity/sorority) houses around the St. Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota. Under current law, Greek houses are eligible for an unlimited number of parking permits for their occupants, and this could range from a few up to 40 or more per house. There has been some indication that in the future such permits might be limited. This would require an amendment to the ordinance by the City

council, and Councilmember Paula Maccabee's representative at the meeting reported that no request to do so had been made.

In the interests of representing our constituency—homeowners and Greek house residents—perhaps it is a question that should be raised. If the city were to issue 40 or 20 or even 10 permits for one house for parking on your street, where would all those cars park? Or is the act of issuing permits for non-existent parking places simply a revenue generator? Or, as in the case of SAP Elementary School parking, are there alternatives to the present system that might be explored? Anyone interested in another task force??

File for council election by March 9

St. Anthony Park needs YOU! The deadline for filing to run for a seat on the St. Anthony Park Community Council is March 9. Elections will be held on April 13 to elect three delegates and two alternates from North St. Anthony Park, and three delegates and two alternates from South St. Anthony Park. Midway Chamber elects its own representatives. Delegates serve for two years; alternates serve for one year.

Any resident living in St. Anthony Park who is at least 16 years of age is eligible to file for the election, and of course to vote! A filing application may be picked up from the Council office at 890 Cromwell, or from any of the four Nominating Committee chairpersons: Barbara Murdock (647-9341) or Alice Magnuson (645-4163) for North delegation, Beth Richardson (646-2100) for South delegation, or Warner Shippee (645-6992) for Midway Chamber delegation.

—Written by Jan Meyer

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