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Saints put the fun back in baseball

By Winton Pitcoff

Mike Veек doesn't sit still.

That's not meant as a metaphor, though it would be an appropriate one. But in this case, he literally won't sit still. He's fidgeting, shifting his feet, glancing off in different directions. Maybe it's the ever-present cup of coffee in his hand—he has lost count of how many cups he has had today—or maybe it's just the way he always is. Maybe it's because he just signed a player from Australia who hit 400 last year.

Veek is like a kid with a new toy. His toy is the St. Paul Saints, one of six teams in the revived Northern League, soon to start its first season at Municipal Stadium on Energy Park Drive in St. Anthony Park.

“What a nice office,” Veek explains, finally settling down, perched on the back of one of the metal benches that make up the stands at the stadium. “What a perfect office,” he repeats, gazing out at the field, already a rich green, the 150-car Burlington Northern freight train rushing past in the background, and the State Fairgrounds beyond the tracks.

Veek is pleased with the accommodations here in St. Paul. He's not sure what the “office” in Chicago's Comiskey Park is, but he had a record as part owner of the White Sox along with his father, Bill Veek. His past owner of minor league teams in Florida and Australia. He's been in just about every stadium ever built, but still couldn't have a bigger grin on his face as he surveys his newest home.

Veek played baseball in school, but it didn't last long. “I was a pitcher,” he recalls. “and it looked like I worked for NASA. Every pitch I threw would go sailing right out of the park.” His move to the administrative side of the game proved more successful.

Veek started out selling White Sox tickets door to door, and eventually ended up as Assistant Business Manager and Marketing Manager. Along the way he developed a reputation for, well, creativity, in a sport where the establishment doesn't usually take kindly to any deviation from the norm.

“I admit to being guilty of cheap theatrics,” he says. “I love little sight gags that make you laugh.” His Fort Meyers team features a talking parrot in a cage behind home plate, for instance.

“The world is very serious, we need our games,” Veek insists. “I sell myself as a purveyor of fun.”

“At 42 I'm still waiting to star in 'Rebel Without a Cause,'” says Veek.

But he admits that he may have gone too far once or twice. In 1979 he orchestrated the blowing up of 10,000 disco records in Comiskey Park before a White Sox game, resulting in the Sox having to forfeit the game. That event, and another incident in which Veek demonstrated his boxing skills, made him "instantly unemployable" he says.

“I got offers to work in soccer, radio, promotions, but nothing in baseball,” he says. After a while in the advertising business, problems with alcohol and a bad marriage, Veek realized that life without baseball simply wouldn't work for him.

In 1989 he got his chance to work with several single A teams in the Florida League, and just last year was offered the chance to work with the Saints.

The Saints will play 72 games this season, half of them at home. The season is split in half, with the winner of the first half playing the winner of the second half playing a best-of-five series the second week of September. The other five teams in the league are in Chicago, Rochester, Sioux City, Sioux Falls and Thunder Bay.

Each team will have a roster of 22 players. The league has set limits for the teams, mandating that each roster consist of no more than four veterans, described as players with more than four years of professional experience, and at least six rookies. The rest of the roster will be made up of players with less than four years’ professional experience.

The league also mandates a salary cap of $60,000. That’s not per player, but for each team. That comes out to about $1,000 per month per player, less than some major league players earn each time they step up to the plate.

Baseball teams should try to win for the communities and put the best possible product on the field for the fans, reads the promotional material for the league. According to Veek that means eliminating the "top-heavy management style" of major league ball and the "non-stop commodity" fans are used to being barraged with at games. It also means that these teams aren’t affiliated with major league teams, the first time in over 30 years a professional league can make such a claim.

The Northern League also takes great pride in enforcing rule 8.04 of professional baseball, the 20 second clock. On the books since 1960, no team in any league has ever adhered to the rule, which states that a pitch shall be thrown within 20 seconds of the pitcher receiving the ball from the catcher, or a ball is called. This will mean faster, more exciting games, says Veek.

“We’re not here to compete with the Twins,” Veek says. “We’re alternate baseball.”

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Como Park junk mail can be recycled

By Lee Ann Owens

Don't just throw away all that extra mail. Even junk mail has its uses. In a new program in District 10, any item arriving through a mailbox, excluding product samples, brown envelopes, thin catalogs and magazines may be recycled. Magazines and thin catalogs can still be bagged together with each other for recycling pickups.

For junk mail items, District 10 residents need only place appropriately marked bags into a separately marked bag and put them out at the curb on recycling day. Recyclable materials are picked up the second and fourth Mondays of each month and need to be out on the curb before 7 a.m.

Sponsored by District 10 Community Council, the City of St. Paul and the St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium, the new junk mail recycling program serves a rising demand in regional markets for recyclable paper products. Junk mail can be recycled into various materials including newsprint, paper towels and tissues.

According to Martha McDonnell, NEC consultant, the Como Park neighborhood was chosen because the Goodwill recyclable household goods program has been successful in District 10.

If junk mail recycling runs successfully in Como Park, other neighborhoods will become involved in expanded programs. "We need to see how well it goes to make adaptations for other neighborhoods. We are expecting this to continue," McDonnell said.

Prior to the Como Park area, the pilot project started during April, first in the Macalester-Groveland and Payne-Phalen communities.

McDonnell said residents unsure of which neighborhood their home belongs could call their Community Council or the NEC at 644-SORT (7678) for information.

Response to the junk mail recycling program has been encouraging, according to McDonnell. "People are real excited about it. We're getting tons of calls," McDonnell said.

Lauderdale's alleys to be improved

By Amy Swisher

The Lauderdale City Council voted unanimously during its April 27 meeting to approve approximately $5,500 to clean up and improve neighborhood alleys.

About 20 area residents attended the meeting and according to City Administrator Kathleen Miller, they expressed their overwhelming support for the project. The estimated cost of the cleanup and improvement is about $19,000. The rest of the funding will come from residents, who will be assessed costs on a case by case basis.

"We don't want to penalize good carkeepers," says Miller. In the past, the city council didn't have adequate funding to maintain Lauderdale alleys and left those duties to residents. Miller says this has left neighborhood alleysways in various states of repair. To remedy the problem, all alleys will be graded with crushed limestone gravel, while trash and all unsuitable materials will be removed from the area.

Residents who have kept their alleys over the years can expect to pay less for the service. Miller estimates that in a "worst case scenario," property owners would be assessed a maximum of $51.50. Miller adds that finding funds to fix and maintain Lauderdale alleys has been a goal of the council since June of last year.

Repairs are scheduled to begin June 15 and are expected to take no more than a week.

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In May a Congressional Committee reminded network executives that the airwaves are owned and regulated by the government, not the stations, and that they should not pull the plug if the networks didn't clean up their acts by broadcasting less violence in the coming season. That threat of increased violence on television is hard to dispute, and the FCC's power to shut down stations is codified in federal law, but such a threat strikes at the heart of the freedom of the press guaranteed by the First Amendment. This is a threat to the independent broadcasters who are a vital source of news from totalitarian governments, shutting down stations that broadcast material the regime decides is inconsistent with what it wants the public to see.

Our leaders have found an easy target in the media, and with it can avoid striking at the real problems of violence in the United States. To be sure, violence on television goes rise to violence in the streets, but television isn't a reason for the violence, it's a reflection. The networks have heard these threats before, and have ignored them. But the viewers can register a much stronger message of displeasure with the major television stations and can send that message in a way that major networks more than the Congress of the United States can.

We can turn them off. If we are truly outraged with what we see on the network, we can turn them off and access alternative media sources which are just as entertaining and just as informative, and which are responsive to what we want to see. The advent of community access cable television stations gives us access to the airwaves so that the programs that air on such stations can be stocked with our own content. Neighborhood newspapers, like the Bugle, give forum to issues, news and ideas ignored by the daily papers. Community access cable stations provide a focus for the broadcast of such threats, and can create broadcasting and thorough discussions of issues without concern about whether or not such broadcasts are commercially viable. Our support of these outlets will ensure that control over such media remains with the public, and will send a message to commercial networks that their message has lost its appeal.

Networks can broadcast violent shows because they see self-advertising among those shows. Advertisers place those ads because of the large number of people who know they will watch. The entire balance depends upon us viewing their programs and complying with the threat to never changing our viewing habits. The networks would bring about a change in network programming faster than any threats by the U.S. Congress.

Letters

Freedom of Speech debate continues
Dear editor,

I am writing in response to the letter to the editor from Susan Collett in last month's issue. Ms. Collett's letter was previous- ly a carbon copy of two letters referred to in the Middle Como Monitor in a previous issue, written by two pro-life activists. Collett's letter (like the first two), distorted the situation at the Ward 5, Precinct 11 DFL caucus by trying to camouflage a resolution made at that caucus aimed at legitim- izing harassment of women's clinics as an issue of freedom of speech and assembly.

The incident at the Ward 5, Precinct 11 caucus to which Collett referred, regarded the position of District 66 State Senator Ellen Anderson, had nothing to do with freedom of speech. It had everything to do with the Pro-Life campaign to harass and terrorize the clients and employees of women's health centers.

By the time the letter is printed, Operation Rescue will have brought its national campaign to shut down women's health clinics to the Twin Cities. Until advocates of Operation Rescue's tactics realize that their right to freedom of expression does not allow them to deny the rights of women, we should all be concerned that there will be violence in our community this summer like the recent cold-blooded slaying of Dr. David Gunn in Florida.

I respect the civil rights of abortion opponents to express their opinions non-violently, but the law. But the public must realize that allowing anti- abortion zealots to block women's physical access to clinics and terrorize clinic employees denies the women of our society their own overriding fundamental civil rights.

I applaud Senator Anderson's position advocating protection of the safety and privacy of the clients and employ- ees of women's health centers. I am proud to have a state senator who advocates upholding the law protecting women's constitutionally guaran- teed rights.

Thomas S. Montgomery

Dear editor,

We are fortunate to live in a country where the First Amendment protects everyone's right to express their ideas. I truly believe that in the "marketplace of ideas" the best ideas eventually win out and the public will learn the truth.

My support for freedom of speech even includes some recent letter writers' right to distort the truth, take things out of context, and use this freedom to further their own, anti-freedom of choice agenda.

First, to set the record straight about the resolution on our pro-choice caucus the debate started with a resolution impos- ing criminal penalties on anyone convicted of physically blocking access to medical facilities. The pro-lifers who opposed the resolution added an amendment purporting to protect the First Amendment rights of protesters. A majority of us agreed that this right was already protected by the United States and Minnesota constitutions, and so we voted it down.

Then, a pro-choice person offered a similar resolution, as a way to try to diffuse the issue. I voted against that reso- lution as well because I felt it would be hypo- critical and inconsistent for me to change my vote just because of who pro- posed it.

To conclude, I whole- heartedly support the letters writers' sugges- tion that voters scruti- nize your voting record. My agenda voting record include housing, education, economic development, crime pre- vention, health care, environmental policy, energy conservation, civil rights, the budget and taxes. If you can focus on these and other important issues instead of the win- ning combination the Bugle and the communi- ties of St. Anthony Park, Lauderdale, Falcon Heights and Northwest Como Park.

Keep up the good work.

Nancy Agnew
Associate Director
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The editor reserves the right to edit all submissions for length and clarity.
HomeWords

Moms On Bikes

By Warren Hanson

The early Saturday sunlit shoppers brightly from the grocery store parking lot as a bike comes to a slow and silent stop in front of Manning's restaurant. Other bikes are already clustered there, a rainbow of painted frames glaring in the morning light.

Inside, gathered around the biggest round table in the place, are the riders. They too are a rainbow of colors, dressed as they are in their bright bike boxing attire. They drink coffee, laugh, chatter, and wait for the last of the group to arrive. Once they reach a quorum, they adjourn in unison to their waiting machines.

During the rest of the week they are regular people leading regular lives. They are teachers, accountants, medical professionals. But on Saturday mornings they bond together into a unique and wonderful community, the richness of their differences brought together by the strength of the extraordinary identity they all share. They are all moms. Moms on bikes.

It started casually about six or seven or eight years ago. A few women, interested in exercise and socialization, they would meet once a week or so and ride their bikes over to Como Park, around the lake a time or two, then home again. Nothing fancy. Nothing too strenuous. Just some fun with friends outdoors. They wore t-shirts and cutoffs. Their shoes were standard tennis and their bikes were Schwinn.

Over the next couple of years, other women were casually invited to join the fun. Word spread via incidental conversations after church or in the aisles of Speedy Market. And women who had not ridden a bike since way back before their kids were born were gathered at Saturday mornings for the laughter, for the chatter, for the camaraderie, and, oh yes, for ride to Como.

It was a long ride for some. Too long. They'd make it half way, then turn back. Muscles that hadn't been used in years, if ever, complained bitterly at the abuse.

Over time, their enjoyment and stamina grew. They came to know each other better. They became friends. They pushed themselves to ride farther. Soon Como Lake was not challenge enough. It turned out that Lake, a little farther and less familiar, became the next goal. It was a little more of a stretch. More of an adventure. After that, the Riding Club was born. The annual trip to Fort Snelling and back. With each objective attained, a new one was set. Their Holy Grail of distance kept moving farther and farther away.

But no matter how far they rode on those sunny — or not so sunny — Saturday mornings, they always came back together in the end. One by one, two by two, the gentle whirring and clicking of spokes and gears would slow to silence in front of Manning's. The colorfully clothed riders dismounted, quickly tended to the needs of their bikes, then gathered inside, around that big round table, to share the tales of the days travels.

The friendships forged by their common passions are of the kind that are hard to find anymore. They were passionate about their families, and talked about them in joyful and intimate detail. They were passionate about their careers, and talked openly with each other about the victories and setbacks they had suffered during the week.

As the friendships became stronger, they became passionate about each other. They became important to each other's lives. They cared deeply for one another and shared the deepest and most precious portions of themselves with the group.

And they were passionate about their bikes. They realized that, as they rode farther and farther afield, the success of each journey depended greatly upon their bikes performing well. Mangled fingers came home covered with chain grease. Over time, tools were acquired and shared around the group.

Expertise, too, was shared happily, as each rider eagerly taught the others newly learned techniques and technical skills. They talked about derailleur and free wheels. They became experts in proper bicycle fit, and counseled newcomers on how to choose a mount. They adjusted their own brakes, attached sophisticated monitoring devices to log their travels, and subscribed to magazines formerly foreign to their backyard tables.

As their passion and expertise grew, the Schwinn began disappearing from the bike rack in front of Manning's. In their places were bikes from Italy, France and Japan. Bikes with names that common folk have never heard of. Gone too were the t-shirts and cutoffs. Bodies which had once been adorned with child-bearing were becoming sleek and muscular as they never had before, and now clad in that tight, colorful, specialized clothing that their pedaling required.

After a while, it became clear that the Holy Grail of distance was not to be found in St. Paul. Or in the Twin Cities. They had tried to be bolder and back more than once, but had not found it. They needed to go farther. And so a plan was conceived to make a greater venture. Not one of a few hours, or even a whole day. They would leave their families and ride for three days, out into the countryside of Minnesota.

And so, on a misty summer Saturday morning, they gathered in the glistening sunrise in front of Manning's. The bikes were loaded with the provisions for the journey — packs and paillers filled with food and clothing and spare bike parts. The high technology of these machines was humanized by the intermittent attachments of good-luck charms from the riders' children — favors carried for the battle to ward off the evils of the unknown. The morning sun glowed golden on the women's aerodynamic helmets and glinted through their hair as they looked up and greeted each other with the enthusiasm that is born of sharing a quest. Their families came too — husbands and children — caught between the feelings of pride and fear, of happiness and skepticism over these women setting out on such an unprecedented adventure.

The moment of departure arrived. Slender hands slipped snuggly into leather towing straps. Gloves were tightened. Chains were checked. Seats were straddled. Specialized shoes eased into specialized pedals. And finally, wheels began to turn, spokes began to flutter, as the bikes lowered into the street, down the block, around the corner, and out of sight, to the cheers of their friends and families left behind.

They would be gone three days. They would travel over a hundred miles, in quest of that Holy Grail of distance. Would they find it? Probably not. And so in the weeks and years to come, they would bebeckoned ever farther, pushing their own limitations, increasing their expertise, following their passion.

But in setting off on that sunny Saturday morning, they had already reached a goal. They had found treasure which they never before dreamed of discovering. They have already won the day.

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Northwest Como Rec Center given top priority for District 10 CIB funding

By Lee Ann Owens

A fiery debate dusted off the gavel during the District 10 Community Council April meet-
ing: Supporters of Northwest Como Rec Center and North Dale Community Recreation Center debated which would receive the dis-trict's priority ranking.

The discussion was facilitated by time constraints on council members' time. Bill Montgomery, District 10 chairman, said he hadn't used a gavel during a council meeting for years—not since the State Fair lawn parking controversy. This time, concern mounted over who would receive priority ranking from the district for the city of St. Paul's United Capitol Improvement Program and Budget Process (CIB).

Northwest Como, with over three times the number of votes, topped North Dale. The 200 people attending the meeting voted their rankings on 14 different proposals competing for CIB dollars. The $4 million budget request was coupled with a high ranking from Parks and Recreation concerned some residents because Northwest Como had a $300,000 request with a critical ranking.

Opinions from the crowd supported both projects but also focused on the cost differences even though only a portion of North Dale's total requested budget was needed this year.

Northwest Como volunteer, Jane Kramer, testified that funding was needed to rebuild Northwest Como. "I was afraid for my kids' safety. The main issue is safety. The playground is unsafe. This year alone, there have been 40 head injuries. There are many parents who don't bring their kids to the park," Kramer said.

Northwest Como at nightfall becomes too dark for children because there are not enough lights, according to Kramer.

Originally constructed in 1972, Northwest Como could be reconstructed into a play area that is safe and accessible to all community residents, Kramer said.

The prioritized recommenda-
tions for parks and public works projects will next go before the city's budget committee, then to the city council for review and approval.

The District 10 meeting began with testimony from Judy Dean, neighborhood volunteer for the North Dale Booster Club, who said North Dale had become a very old, antiquated facility. "Swing sets were removed because they were declared unsafe," Dean said.

As debate between the two park supporters mounted, a resident said, "I think both parks are important. I don't think it should become a North Dale/Northwest Como issue."

When votes were tallied, with Northwest Como coming in a strong first and North Dale falling second, at much lower third priority came repaving Lexington Avenue at the Hoyt intersection along with redesigning the traffic light. The fourth and fifth priorities were remodeling the McMurtry Field restrooms and adding a traffic light to the Bandana Boulevard/Parkway Drive intersection.

The remaining 10 projects discussed during the meeting were classified as high, medium or low priorities. High priorities included the proposed Como to Mississippi Boulevard bike route, reconstructing the Como Pool, erecting and repaving Lexington Avenue from University to Orchard or West 24th.

Medium priorities were a Parks and Recreation Department office addition, a Parks and Recreation Department vehicle storage building, lighting improvements on Como and Phalen ski trails, a Snelling Avenue/Energy Park Drive traffic light, and grading and repaving Victoria north of Maryland.

Repaving Larpenteur from Hamline to Dale and repaving Lexington from University to Orchard were voted low priorities.

District 10 from 1

District 10 began looking for a new community organizer in April and received 70 resumes. "It was a thorough, time-consuming, painstaking process," Montgomery said.

During its monthly meeting on May 21, the District 10 Council formally ratified Speaker's contract, effective through June 1, 1994.

Poeppe left District 10 to accept a position in Minneapolis. She will still be involved in District 10 government on the Neighborhood Advisory Committee for the Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps.

The Como Park area is close to home for Speaker. A native of Northfield, Speaker currently resides in the Highland Park area.

Speaker has a B.A. in political science from the University of Minnesota.

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Community Access Cable provides forum for issues and outlet for talent

By Daren Hansen

Community access television, often overlooked in the congested Twin Cities mass media market, is providing an outlet for creative minds in the northern suburbs and throughout the metro area.

The possibilities for community access programming are "pretty much limited by your imagination," said Geralde Wilson, Executive Director of CTV North Suburbs in Roseville.

The non-profit CTV manages nine community television stations for 10 northern suburbs, including Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Roseville and Little Canada.

Community access television allows citizens and organizations to produce their own television programs and broadcast them on local cable channels set aside for that purpose.

Programs broadcast on CTV range from "Como Zoo Presents" to "Star 8" experiences, to "Wall The Personal Stories," an oral history of World War II. Other programs feature local news, sports, health, management of a high school concert and discussions of legislative action.

"The emphasis," Wilson said, "is on programming that will appeal to the community.

"Operating with a grant from the cable operator, Meredith Cable, CTV offers classes on topics ranging from basic field and studio production to advanced editing and audio equipment. Classes cost $15 for community residents and $30 for non-residents. There is no charge for production equipment.

Steve Danforth of Lauderdale had to shelve an early interest in video production because of high costs—until he discovered community access television.

Since taking classes at CTV, Danforth has been using community access TV to produce, edit and broadcast his own television shows, including "Whispering Thunder," a travelogue of North Shore waterfalls, and a program on radio-controlled airplane clubs.

"I highly recommend the experience," said Danforth, who conducts legal research and has a home cleaning service, besides volunteering at CTV to help other people create programs.

Created in April 1991 as a subsidiary of the 16-member North Suburban Cable Commission, CTV has studios in Roseville and at Irondale High School in New Brighton.

The average person can produce programs after a single CTV class, said Danforth, who used footage shot during his first class to produce "Whispering Thunder."

"The experience of learning the course and getting involved probably has been the single most rewarding experience in my life, the decade," he said.

Besides learning to produce television, Danforth said, he has learned to be a critical viewer of commercial television.

"Every time I watch TV it's not the same anymore," he said.

Developing critical viewing habits is a major goal of community access television, said Carl Brooks, later executive director of Cable Access St. Paul, which provides four access channels through Continental Cablevision in St. Paul.

"The more we know about these media the less mythology surrounds them and the better consumers people will be," said Brooks, a former St. Anthony Park resident.

The non-profit Cable Access St. Paul has been operating cable access channels in the capital city for the past eight years and, like CTV, provides training for those wishing to create their own programs, Brooks said. There is no charge for basic classes.

"We really believe in free speech, and we believe in people having the right to say things," he said.

Cable Access St. Paul tries to be actively involved with the educational aspects of community, Brooks said, by working with local universities and school districts. It also has an internship program with Metropolitan State University, Concordia College and the College of St. Thomas, he said.

To date, Cable Access St. Paul has broadcast more than 10,000 programs. By increasing awareness and use of community television, Brooks said he hopes to demonstrate the need for more community access channels in St. Paul.

"I don't think that enough people know about it," Brooks said, "and I don't think there has been enough of an effort to tell more people about it."

Jack Barlow, who represents his home town of Lauderdale on the board of directors of CTV, said community access television allows people to have an otherwise silent voice on a mass medium.

"To a great extent it allows programs to get on the air that would never ever see the light of day any other way," said Barlow, a Lauderdale city council member who produces his own cable television programs.

While metro media organizations tend to ignore the suburbs, Wilson said, community access channels can fill that gap by hosting a forum for free speech.

"I think it's a great outlet to help establish an identity for cities in suburban areas," he said.
School News

Falcon Heights Elementary

The school year may be coming to a close, but everyone at Falcon Heights is as busy as ever.

All of the 8th graders graduated from D.A.R.E. (Drug Resistance Education) on May 19. The masters of ceremonies for the event were Jordan Olson and Elizabeth Fairchild-Ehm, who were both participants in this year’s D.A.R.E. program. They introduced the skits that students put on and they handed out t-shirts and diplomas.

The officer in charge of Falcon Heights’ D.A.R.E. program was Officer Gary Erickson.

Many kids in Mrs. Renz’s third grade class have started an environmental club. They have been studying the earth’s environment in their class. Their activities include raising money for the reinforest, doing skits for classes, and, of course, clean up trash. The motto of the club is “Shut Up and Leave.”

Catherine Mackiewicz

Holy Childhood

April 26 was Zoo Day for Holy Childhood students in grades K-7. We boarded buses and headed south to the Minnesota Zoo in Apple Valley. There were many favorites, including the Japanese snow monkeys, the dolphins, Skytrax and the petting zoo.

The Holy Childhood spring musicale, directed by Cindy King, was given on May 11. The students in grades K-4 sang favorites from Peter Pan, Sound of Music, Mary Poppins, Beauty and the Beast and Aladdin. The select Schola Choir, directed by Stephen Schmahl, sang several German songs composed by Franz Schubert.

May 24 was volunteer appreciation day for those who help the students and staff. The teachers served breakfast and coffee after school.

We had fun at our annual picnic/day at Como Park on May 21. It’s the end of another school year and the beginning of summer vacation.

Matt Davini and Mark Dymond

Central High School

The St. Anthony Park area has received some bad news: not all of its eighth grade students can go to Central. Unfortunately Central is very crowded. Of the 700 students who wanted to enter Central as freshmen next year, only 569 were accepted. A lot of those students not accepted live around here. If students were out of the attendance district there is a good chance they weren’t accepted.

By popular public belief, students were chosen by pulling names out of a hat. Also contrary to public belief the 8th grade is the only one closed. Students wanting to get into any other grade may.

The school is suggesting you call your district about your options if you weren’t accepted at Central.

As Central draws to a close a lot is happening. If you are confused about dates in the schedule: Mon., June 7 the library chores and there is yearbook distribution. Tues., June 8 there are senior final exams for periods 2, 4, and 6. This is a full day. Wed., June 9 there are final exams for all grades during periods 1, 3 and 5. The other three periods will be normal class periods. This is a full day and the last day for seniors. Thurs., June 10 there are final exams for 9, 10 and 11th grades in periods 2, 4 and 6. This is a full day and last day. There is a graduation rehearsal at Roy Wilkins Auditorium at 9 a.m. The graduation ceremony is at 5 p.m. at Roy Wilkins Auditorium in the St. Paul Civic Center.

Recently Central has rewritten its Student Council bylaws. The outcome was a McTeam (Management Team of Student Council) made up of 30 percent student council and 70 percent general student body. Two local students, Cory Tenison and Todd Nakashita, won spots on the McTeam. Congratulations to Cory and Todd.

Brenna Barrett

St. Anthony Park Elementary

St. Anthony Park School is finishing the year. In between studying for the final tests, we’ve even fun to do some things.

On May 14, our sister school, Blue Earth Elementary, from Blue Earth, Minn. came for a visit. One of the big events during their visit was their tree planting. Last fall our large beautiful tree right next to the school was struck by lightning and was knocked down. The student council decided to replace this tree with some of its funds, and with the help of a parent that was a forester, decided to plant a hackberry tree. The tree we planted was dedicated to our sister school.

The kindergarteners have been busy with end of the year field trips. They visited the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis and are taking a walking tour to the animal farms at the University of Minnesota Farm Campus.

Mrs. Dech’s classes will also take a walk to visit Miss Brey’s gardens on Gordon Avenue.

All the first grade classes have been busy using their writing skills. Mrs. Thielander’s class is writing to pen pals in Mississippi as well as finishing their own books. Mrs. Schmit’s class wrote to President Clinton and received a letter in return. All the first grade classes went to the Children’s Theatre to see The Free Hundred Hats of Northern Lights.

To finish their study of Minnesota history, the fourth graders will be visiting Fort Snelling and the St. Isabel House. Also, ten fourth graders are participating in a service learning project called the Stream Team. They will study water quality using history and ecology along with some writing and a final report to all the fourth graders.

John Shepard, a parent volunteer, is teaching our Stream Team.

In gym class we are all finishing the President’s Fitness Challenge. We also had a visit from Tobe Broadrick, who came to talk to the whole school about disabled people. During our gym period we had a chance to try our hand at life in a wheelchair, and see what it was like to play tennis and get around in a wheelchair.

On May 11 we had our annual spring concert. Mr. Villevik directed the band and the orchestra. This year the third graders sang. They took us on a journey around the world. Mrs. Godde, our vocal music teacher, directed them.

Berit Griffin

Chelsea Heights Elementary

The school year is coming to an end and the students and staff at Chelsea Heights are working to finish up the year on a good note. There were a large number of events in May. May started out when the concert and varsity bands played in a concert on the 13th of the month. Both bands played exceptionally well. In the direction of Ms. Paige, the band director.

Hans Gränne, Chelsea Heights school reporter

On May 27, the Concert Band went to Town Square to perform. It was a good experience and it was very fun for band members. On May 26 the Chelsea Heights Patrols participated in a marching contest in downtown St. Paul. After that they had a picnic in Como Park. They got free rides and food for their hard work. On May 26 the patrols were again rewarded with a roller skating party which was really a blast.

On May 20, kindergarteners through third grade had their

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track and field days. They participate in events such as 50-yard dash, hurdles, softball throw and tug-of-war. Fourth through sixth grades have their track and field days on the 28th. We thank Ms. Hoisner for planning this event and the parents for acting as judges.

On June 2 the fifth graders were treated to a trip to Valley Fair for their hard work over the past year. The authors of this article wish they were fifth graders again so they could attend this event.

Ms. Tokarski's third grade class is going to Duluth on the 3rd and 4th of June to view the harbor and ships. They have done this in years before and had a lot of fun and learned about the history of Northern Minnesota.

The sixth graders are having a graduation party on June 10. The Concert Band will perform a number of their favorite pieces. There will be a program, cake, and punch and a softball game between the parents and students and staff. It will be from 9:30 to 11 a.m. All parents of sixth graders are invited to attend.

Hans Grininger & Michael Kretsch

Compo Park High School

As the end of another school year comes to a close, Como Park stays as busy as ever. Students will receive their yearbooks on June 6 and seniors will get their caps and gowns on that same day. Finals for seniors will be on June 7 (3, 3.5) and June 8 (2, 4, 6). Underclassmen finals are on June 9 and 10, all four days will be regular school days. The last day for seniors is June another school year. Graduation will be on Thurs., June 10 at 8 a.m. at the Civic Center. That same evening is the senior all-night party held at school.

Naomi Davis, Como Park school reporter

On May 4, Como Park held a Top Ten Honors Night for each class. Those from the Bugle area include: 9th grade, Matthew Rennerfeldt, Brooke Nelson, Carin McIntosh, Jason Hartzell and Nick Ly; 10th grade, Kim Bible, Ben Jongewaard, Josh Summer, Josh Jongewaard, David Lee and Alicia Thurer; 11th grade, Ben Tressell, Beth Schmitz, Andy McIntosh and Josh Herby; 12th grade, Melissa Belde, Jeffrey Stahl and Naomi Davis. Congratulations!

Naomi Davis

Murray Junior High

Students at Murray Junior High are anticipating the close of yet another school year. But with the end of each year, there's one small catch. Finals! These terrorizing tests are going to be held on June 9 & 10. Happy studying, all you students!

The whole end of the year is not over though. The 8th graders will enjoy Valley Fair all day on June 8, and the 7th graders will have a fun-filled activity day. May 28 is also a date to look forward to, because the last school dance will be held from 2:30–4:30 p.m.

The Murray Junior High Awards Night is on Thurs., June 3. Awards will be given out for the A honor roll, perfect attendance, peer mediation, along with other categories.

Emily Foster

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A man saying he was from the Organization for Liberation of the Animals called three TV stations on May 6, claiming responsibility for the action. The stations called the police, who discovered the damage to the fence, amounting to several hundred dollars. No suspects have been identified.

A week later, the Minnesota’s Animal Rights Coalition offered a $100 reward for information leading to the arrest of whoever tried to release the wolves.

According to the Star Tribune, Mary-Beth O’Conne, a member of the coalition, said the action may have been an attempt to discredit animal rights advocates. Although the coalition opposes releasing wild animals in captivity, she said, releasing zoo animals into the city probably would result in their death. The coalition’s Heidi Greger added: “No real animal-rights activists would ever do such a thing and endanger animals.”

“Gates Ajar”, gaining popularity as wedding site

Because Como Park has had so many couples wanting to use the “Gates Ajar” location for their door weddings, an $80 rental fee is now required to reserve the area for an hour on Saturdays between 2-4:30 p.m. The popular site, located in front of Como’s Lakeland Pavilion, holds an estimated 120 people. No reservation fees are required on other days or at other times on Saturdays. For more information, call 489-0378.

Retired persons hold monthly meeting

The Midway-Highland Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet at 1 p.m., on Thurs., June 17, at Lyngblomsten Senior Center, 1445 E. 42nd Ave. A social hour follows the program. Visitors are welcome. For information call 644-8537.

Breastfeeding baby

The Tues., June 22 meeting of the Como-Midway La Leche League will present a discussion called “Baby Arrives: The Family and the Breastfed Baby.”

Improve your driving

Those age 55 and over who complete the Minnesota Driver improvement course qualify for a ten percent reduction in their auto insurance premiums for three years. There is no test to take.

The AAA course will be given at Como Park High School, 740 W. Rose Ave., June 2 & 3 from 6-10 p.m. Pre-registration is required and the fee is $20. Call 257-2466.

Lyngblomsten Community Senior Center will host Defensive Driving for the Mature Driver on Mon., June 14 and Tues., June 15, 1993, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a one-hour break for lunch.

This course is taught by professional traffic safety instructors and costs $15. Please call the Minnesota Safety Council at 291-9100 and ask for the Lyngblomsten registration form. Defensive Driving is for participants who wish to lunch at Lyngblomsten’s Senior Dining must call the Senior Center at 647-4055 at least two days in advance.

Make Believe Illustrations opens

Artist Tippi Borges has opened a painting business called Make Believe Illustrations. She paints decorative illustrations on walls, furniture, accessories and clothing using non-toxic acrylic paints. Borges says a lot of her business is decorating walls of children’s rooms, but she also paints furniture, canvases, shades, floor covering, ceilings and tiles for kitchens and baths. She operates her business out of the Como Park area. For more information, call 646-6488.

FALCON HEIGHTS
Boy Scout attains Eagle rank

Andrew Wallin, 15, has earned the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America advancement program, the Eagle Scout Award. He received recognition for his achievement in ceremonies held May 1 at Falcon Heights City Hall.

To become an Eagle, a Scout must progress through the six ranks of the advancement program. This requires earning at least 21 merit badges as well as completing a Scout service project to benefit his church, school or community. Wallin chose to repair and stain the signs and equipment for the 18 exercise stations at the Fitness Trail at Falcon Heights Community Park.

Wallin is a member of Troop 254, sponsored by Peace Lutheran Church in Lauderdale. He is the son of Gerald and Janet Wallin.
Library gears up for kids' summer reading

"Starring Library Kids" is the theme of this year's Summer Reading Program at public libraries. The program is designed to encourage children to practice reading skills while having fun and using the library.

Beginning Mon., June 14, children can participate in the program by picking up reading record chart at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2245 Como Ave., or any other St. Paul Public Library. They will receive a bookmark and activity sheet. Children earn a "Starring Library Kids" button after reading (or having read to them) ten books. Kids who read 25 books receive a book bag and those who read 30 get an official Summer Reading Program Achievement Certificate. Children participating in the program are also eligible for prize drawings for free paperback books.

Storytellers, puppeteers, jugglers, magicians and musicians will entertain at the St. Anthony Park Library this summer as well. Mme. Michelle Hennessy will perform on Thurs., June 17, at 2:30 p.m. and Fri., June 18, at 10:30 a.m. Zoo Ark, a group from the Minnesota Zoological Gardens, will present at programs Thurs., June 24, at 2:30 p.m. and Fri., June 25, at 10:30 a.m.

St. Anthony Park Home establishes ethics committee

To help resolve such issues as nutrition, hydration, do-not-resuscitate orders, or everyday dilemmas posed by personal autonomy, St. Anthony Park Home at Como and Commonwealth Ave., has formed an Ethics Committee. The committee, which meets monthly, is made up of the nursing home’s medical director, Dr. Ken Engberg, facility staff and the following community members: Andy Boss, Monica Kline, Lynda Morlock, Jeff Rohe and Bernie Scroggins.

For more information, call St. Anthony Park Home Social Worker Dolores Oakes at 646-7486.

Catherine Holtzclaw

Holtzclaw elected

The Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants has elected Catherine Holtzclaw as its 1993-94 vice president. She is a shareholder in the public accounting firm of Bine, Holtzclaw & Co. of St. Anthony Park.

Langford Park Rec Center news

Youth T-ball, softball and baseball teams are now practicing at Langford. League games begin for most teams the week of June 7. Volunteer coaches are still needed, especially for T-ball and baseball. Call Langford if you can help.

Children playing T-ball should attend the parents’ meeting and first practice night on Mon., May 27, at 6 p.m. It is hoped parents will volunteer to drive their children to games played away from Langford.

Registration for summer classes ends June 11. Children should have received schedules through their schools.

Langford will be part of the Urban Tennis Program this year. Early registration is suggested for this popular lesson program.

Langford’s PeeWee girls’ volleyball team was city champion and the Midget girls’ team was city runnerup. Thanks go to Michelle Reuter, Carin McIntosh, Carey Ellis, Erica Schumacher and all the volleyball ball parents who volunteered their time and talent.

For more information or to volunteer to help with coaching or other tasks at Langford, call 286-2650.

More St. Anthony Park neighborhood news on p. 16
The Faith and Fiction Book Club will have its next meeting on Sun., June 27, from 7-8:30 p.m., at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., to discuss A River Runs Through It by Norman Maclean. This award-winning novel, recently made into a major motion picture, uses a family's love for fly fishing to discuss moral and family issues.

Newcomers are always welcome to the group, which meets in the upstairs fellowship hall.

**Visual Art**

The 24th annual St. Anthony Park Arts and Crafts Fair will be held on the grounds of the St. Anthony Park Library, Como at Carter Aves., on Sat., June 5, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. See article on p. 1.

"Diversions/Detours: Hot Dyed Garments and Masks by Marit Lee Kuceru," continues through June 15 at Raymond Avenue Gallery, 761 Raymond Avenue.

The gallery also has a continuing exhibition of crafts by leading midwestern artists Warren MacKenzie, Nancy MacKenzie, Linda Christianson, Joseph Brown, Wayne Potratz, Mary Anne Wise, Timothy Lloyd, Jared Krepps and Erica Rasmussen.

Regular gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information call Joseph Brown at 644-0206.

The Goldstein Gallery, a design and teaching museum located in McNeal Hall, 1885 Buford Ave., on the St. Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota, features the exhibit "Dressing for Sport: It's More Than Just the Game," until June 27. Presented are historic and contemporary dress and equipment of swimming, football, ice skating, tennis, baseball, horseback riding, skiing and biking.

Admission is free. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thurs., 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; and Sat., Sun., 12-4:30 p.m. Call 624-7434 for more information.

A site specific installation by Walter McConnell, a sculptor/ceramic artist from Hartford, Conn., will be on view at the Northern Clay Center from June 16-July 31.

Through his work, McConnell examines western culture's changing and uncertain relationship to nature, and the notion that nature is primarily experienced as a leisure time spectacle. The installation uses a translucent, plastic enclosure which forms a scaled environment for a terra cotta sculpture—a collection of moist unfired "picnic" objects replicated in molds and arranged in a terra cotta landscape. A grouping of Atwood Mackay Chairs offers viewers a place to sit and contemplate the enclosed terra cotta landscape.

The Northern Clay Center is located at 2375 University Ave. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Ongoing programs include classes and workshops for children and adults at all levels of proficiency, studio space and a retail shop. Call 624-1735.

**Dance**

On June 4 & 5, the St. Anthony Park School of Dance will present four recitals at the St. Paul Student Centre Theatre on the St. Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota. Friday and Saturday evening performances will begin at 7:30. Highlights include selections from American in Paris, A Chorus Line and Side Show.

There are two short recitals scheduled at 9 and 10:15 a.m. on Saturday morning featuring the studio's youngest dancers. For more information call 744-3602.

**Music**

The St. Anthony Park Community Band will play the following concerts in the area, all at 7 p.m.

Fri., June 4, Ice Cream Social, Park Bank drive-in

Tue., June 15, St. Anthony Park Hotel, Commonwealth at Como

Tue., June 29, Lyngbykosten Cantata, Midway Plwy, at Pascal

These groups will perform at Como Lake Park, 1360 N. Lexington Parkway, in June. All times are 7:30 p.m., unless noted otherwise.

June 1: Inver Hills Community Band

June 2: Jupiter Brass Quintet

June 9: Church Community Band

June 7: Grand Symphonic Winds

June 8: Sugar Beets

June 9; Wolves and Ravens

June 13: Hymn Sing

June 14: Kallidance

June 15: St. Louis Park Community Band

June 16: Good Time Gospel Quartet

June 21: North Park Pop Concert, 3 p.m.; Minnesota Freedom Band, 7:30 p.m.

June 21: North Park Winds Concert Band

June 22: Northstar Barbershop Quartet

June 23: Bar's Ryman, folk singers

June 27: Parks Pop Concert, 3 p.m.

June 29: Cal'hoon Isles Community Band

June 29: Medalist Concert Band

June 29: Robin Johnson Jazz Quartet

Creative Theatre Unlimited, a non-profit arts organization based in St. Anthony Park, has signed an educational and cultural exchange agreement with Wenshan Teachers College in Yunnan Province, Peoples Republic of China.

The goal of the agreement is to exchange teachers and students with both educational immersion programs in both countries. There will also be cultural exchange planned as part of the project's expanded objectives.

Charles Numrich, the theatre's director, was invited to attend the First International Sanqiu Festival and Trade Fair in Wanshan in April.

Numrich was the only representative of a U.S.-based company to attend the festival, which featured cultural programs from the 11 different minority groups that live in Yunnan Province. One of those groups was the Hmong. It was Creative Theatre Unlimited's 11-year history of work in the Hmong community in the Twin Cities that led to Numrich's invitation to visit China.

The Theatre has also received a grant from the St. Anthony Park Association to support video production of a dance-theatre piece about child abuse. The title of the cultural exchange planned for 1987 is Hmong: The Hmong community in the Twin Cities and it was formed by a team of St. Anthony Park high school youth working with the University of Minnesota's Public Achievement Project.

"The St. Anthony Park team has worked hard on this process," Numrich said. "They have approached this issue with concern, thoughtfullness and creativity. They wanted to raise awareness and encourage action. We think the drama does this." The play has five scenes and tries to look at child abuse from a number of different perspectives. The theatre's goal is to make video production of this piece and perform it live during the 1990 school year for as many schools as possible.

Creative Theatre Unlimited has been actively involved in "community-building through the arts" since 1981. Other projects the company is currently producing include "Hmong Oral Histories," funded by the Minnesota History Center, 3M. The St. Anthony Park Association and Park Bank.

For more information about programs, contact Charles Numrich at 644-8572.
Local authors’ novels “look life in the eye”

By Jalla Hansen

Houghton Mifflin Company has just released to St Anthony Park this year, publishing two outstanding works of fiction by local authors. They are Green Grass, Running Water, by Thomas King (hardback, 380 pages, $21.95) and Revelations of the Heart, by Marsha Qualey (hardback, 194 pages, $13.95).

Thomas King, current chair of American Indian Studies at the University of Minnesota and author of several works, including Medicine River, offers a compelling and intriguing story. Described less to entertain (though it does that with great underated humor and whimsy) than to rock a boat or two, Green Grass, Running Water tells the lives of five Blackfoot Indians from the Canadian town of Bloomon and the nearby reserve. On top of this, like an overlay of meaning, you have the storytellers, The Lone Ranger, Hawkeye, Robinson Crusoe, and Islam, who, while they reside in time, do so in a mental institution. But when they percolated them, as the five Blackfoot do, they come calling. Outside of time and space, and even the help of Coyote, to recreate, recreate the world with a new story, a better one than the one we seem to have ended up with. The result is not chaos as you might suspect, but something approaching healing true perspective with all its intricacies.

King manages to put on paper the humor of the Native oral tradition without losing the sense of voice that is so compelling. His language is rhythmic without being self-conscious. And just when you think you are going to be able to relax and drift into the poetry of it, Kinga-Coyote pulls a linguistic punch that makes you remember to pay attention or you could get lost and anything could happen. Like life.

The book takes its name from a phrase common to many treaty Native peoples were forced to sign during the last century. “As long as the grass is green and the waters run.” It was a nice phrase, all right. But it didn’t mean anything. It was a metaphor. He knew that. Every Indian on the reserve knew that. Treaties were hardly sacred documents. They were contracts, and no one signed a contract for eternity. No one. Even the E.Z. Pay contracts Barrows offered to his customers to help make a complete home entertainment system affordable never ran much past five or ten years. Even with “Just on pawnment.”

But now the grasses are drying and the waters scarcely run. And the word that was given in the treaties clearly means nothing to the forever. But forever hasn’t given up on us, and neither have the storytellers. And Coyote still wants to play.

The novel is a powerful commentary on Western Culture, Christianity and privilege, and is a determined effort to make sure there is more than one way when the town divides over the issue of Native spear-fishing rights, a young family threatens to fall apart.

She tries to live up to what her mother would have her be: wrestling her own demons to the ground and expecting those around her to do the same.

“Good for her.” She rolled onto her side and pulled the bedcover to her chin. “One heart at a time.”

“What do you mean?”

“Mike calls it my theory of revolution.”

“I don’t know you had one.”

“Change a heart, you change the world. But doing it one heart at a time is the best you can hope for...”

But Cory finds it more difficult than her Mom made it look. And she didn’t know that sometimes hearts have to be broken before they can change and be mended.

Revelations of the Heart is real a novel about first encounter, young adult girl going to her first pow-wow encountering the shock of seeing how narrow her own world has been, encountering the prejudices and limitations of people she had always trusted as friends and family and encountering her own strength and integrity and the loss it sometimes requires.

This book is not pat. It doesn’t set the reader off the book at the end of the story with happily-ever-after, but neither does it lecture. It is a bold and tender look at difficult issues: issues of relationship, of family, of certainty and of conflict. And Qualey has built believable characters, ones we might recognize on the street or in our homes or in the mirror.

Altogether, both Revelations of the Heart and Green Grass, Running Water are stories that gave me hope for our and our children. They are books that are not afraid to look life in the eye and ask a little more of us. It’s a beautiful day in the neighborhood.

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University closes par 3 golf course; site is now driving range

By Darren Hansen

Drive by the University of Minnesota's Lee Bobstadium golf course in Falcon Heights and you may find the parking lot full and the grass flying where the par 3 course used to be.

On May 1 the new 375-yard driving range at 2275 W. Larpenteur Ave. opened to the public, marking the end of both the par 3 course and the old, and dangerous, driving range.

Covering more than 18 acres, the new range can handle about 50 golfers simultaneously.

Tom Kernozek, who teaches classes at the new range for the University of Minnesota's kinesiology department, said he likes the larger size of the new range because he doesn't have to ask others to leave when the classes start. Kernozek's typical classes have about 19 students, he said, and the old course could only handle about 20.

Safety is another benefit of the new range, he said, because fairways for the 18-hole course no longer cross the driving range.

"Playing around the old driving range was 'kind of like being in a firing range,'" said Kernozek, a graduate student in the University's kinesiology department.

Chris Korbel, manager of the golf course, said safety was a primary reason for closing the old range. Demand had been increasing for a new driving range, he said, especially since the closing of the Fairway Golf driving range at 1700 Como Ave.

"We've already got a lot of their business," Korbel said.

Revenues and usage at the par 3 course had been declining for about 8 years, he said.

The new range accommodates day and evening golf classes, teams and other groups from the University, as well as the general public, Korbel said.

Dan Purcell, a law student at the University, said he has been using the new range "probably too much."

The new range allows golfers to more often play off real grass, Purcell said, because the driving area is larger than at the old range.

The "box" from which balls are hit is moved daily, allowing the grass to grow back, Korbel said.

Prices for playing at the new range vary from $2 to $7.50, depending on how many golf balls are desired, he said.

Neighborhoods feel effects of Hwy. 280 construction

By Kristin Cooper

While local traffic is disturbed during further construction on Highway 280, local companies report little change in business.

A neighborhood group's pressure did, however, force a change in plans for the highway.

Bruegger's Bagel Bakery staff said they had noticed no change in business since the detour was routed past their restaurant on the corner of Raymond Avenue and Energy Park Drive.

At J&L Amoco, on the corner of Larpenteur Avenue and East St., at the other end of the detour, business is down a little bit. The route of the detour last year caused a slight increase of gas sales, but this year the traffic pattern is different and gallons of gas sold are a little behind.

The east side of the highway is now under construction, completing a project that began last spring. Incorporated into the project this year are measures to take into account concerns expressed by a neighborhood task force.

The task force is made up of representatives from the community, St. Anthony Park Community Council, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT), Burlington Northern railway and some community organizations in Minneapolis. They have been meeting on an ongoing basis every five weeks to discuss issues of noise and safety as they pertain to the highway and the surrounding neighborhood.

This year's construction will include adding guard rails, fencing and a low concrete wall. A concrete wall about 3 feet high will run along the east side of the highway for the first few hundred feet north of the Kasota Avenue bridge, then standard guard rail and fencing will run between the highway and the residential area.

"We've tried to do some things in terms of safety and hopefully a little bit in terms of noise," MNDOT Metro Division Engineer Charles Sagerud said.

Task force member Jim Snowell felt MNDOT has not gone far enough.

"In response to our requests and pressure," he said, "they are doing some small things that are nice, a small step toward what we feel would be realistic."

What the task force would like to see as an interim step, he said, would be five feet high concrete walls along the east side of the highway. These walls would more effectively keep out noise, keep people off the highway and cars from leaving the highway and coming down the embankment into the residential area, Snowell said.

The task force is presently pushing hard for extending the noise and safety measures south to Robbins Street in South St. Anthony Park. Sagerud said the only thing to effectively shield that area would be a standard noise barrier.

The pressure put on by the task force has gained results in the addition of noise and safety features in the construction project planned for 1997-98. That construction will concentrate on the area from the current construction to north of Larpenteur Avenue and will include the addition of more of a noise barrier from Territorial Road north to the end of the residential area bordering the highway in Lauderdale.

"We need to continue to work through the task force and apply pressure to make sure noise abatement and safety things get done," Snowell said.

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Assessments set for street improvements in Falcon Heights

By Daren Hanson

After reviewing objections to individual assessments, the Falcon Heights City Council unanimously approved the assessments for the 1993 street improvement projects in the University Grove and Falcon Woods neighborhoods.

Approximately 15 people attended the May 12 public hearing, where homeowners had a chance to voice their concerns about the assessments. Most complaints involved properties that are irregular in shape or bordered by two or more streets, such as those on Burton and Coffman streets. Such properties are not specifically addressed in the city's assessments.

"It's a good thing we weren't too creative in planning this city," said Mayor Tom Baldwin.

The street improvement project represents year two of the city's five-year Capital Improvement Program. The majority of the $935,000 estimated for this year's project will be spent in the Grove area.

Assessment rates remained unchanged since the previous public hearing, with street reconstruction costing $24 per front foot, street overlay at $1,200 per foot, concrete curb and gutter at $6.40 per front foot, storm sewer at $0.863 per square foot and sidewalk at $8 per square foot.

Residents will have ten years to pay assessments at a 6.5 percent interest rate, though enrollment payment without interest is available for 30 days.

In the Falcon Woods area, Autumn Street will be completely reconstructed from Roselawn Avenue to Prior Avenue. Pave- ment overlay, curb and gutter will be added to Summer Street from Moore to Howell and on Prior Avenue from Roselawn Avenue to Summer Street.

In the Grove neighborhood, Folwell Avenue will be reconstructed from Fullham Street to Coffman. Vincent, Northrop, Burton and Coffman will be reconstructed from Hoyt to Fol- well, and Folwell will get new overlay east of Coffman to Hoyt. Sidewalks will be reconstructed throughout the Grove area.

Some sewer lines and storm sewer drainage will be added to both areas of the city, and Northern States Power Co. will be replacing gas lines. City engineer Terry Maurer said.

Other complaints raised at the public hearing involved homeowners who had replaced at least a portion of their sidewalk last year on a recommendation from the city. The council agreed to reduce assessments for those who had completely replaced their sidewalks.

"Maybe the most misunderstood thing throughout this project has been the issue of sidewalks," Maurer said.

Approximately 85 percent of all sidewalks in the city will be replaced this summer, he said.

Another misunderstood issue was how front footage was determined. To help insure fairness, Maurer said, front footage was measured at the "building setback line," which is 30 feet from the property line.

Bids were received in April for the street projects, though no contractor has yet been selected. Construction is scheduled to begin in June and end in September, Maurer said.

Anyone who wishes to object to an assessment may do so in writing to the city clerk within 30 days of the council's adoption of the assessment, Baldwin said.

Garden Tour and Detour featured on July 4 weekend

The history and beauty of St. Anthony Park will be the focus of several events this 4th of July weekend. On Sat., July 3, from noon-4 p.m., the St. Anthony Park Garden Tour will showcase summer gardens, new to the tour, with features such as prairie plantings, roses, garden sculptures and a waterfall. Discount reservations are available at Flowers by Jane, at Como and Carter, and from the Park Association's table at the June 5 Festival. On July 3, tick- ets for the "Detour II" will be sold from 1:30-5 p.m., $7.50 per person; children under 12 years free.

The popular "Detour II" first held in 1991, returns on Sun., July 4. "Detour II," a guided bus tour, will focus on the 100-year relationship between St. Anthony Park and the St. Paul Campus of the Universi- ty of Minnesota. While traveling through the Park and the cam- pus, you will learn about the dis- tinguished personalities who worked on the campus and lived in the Park, and how they influenced our neighborhood, state and nation. Campus buildings and streets named for Park resi- dents will be highlighted on the tour. All-condition buses will depart from St. Anthony Park Elementary School, Como at Knapp Streets, at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the Park Association table at the June 5 Festival, or by calling 645-8653. Adults: $4; children: $3. Reservations are required.

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Bridges wins French language award

Megan Bridges, daughter of Barry and Melissa Bridges, earned a second place state award in the National French Contest for students in grades 7-12. She is a sophomore at Mounds Park Academy.

Book chronicles Old Muskego

A new book, In Jesus’ Name Shall All Our Work Be Done, has been published in celebration of the 150th anniversary of Norway Lutheran Church, Wind Lake, Wis., the pioneer congregation that built Old Muskego Church, the log structure that now stands on the grounds at Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary. Research and written by Karen R. Hanson, the book tells how the building came to be located in St. Anthony Park. It may be purchased in the seminary bookstore.
Central High School enrollment capped; Como Park High is nearly full

By Jane McClure

Students throughout St. Paul are looking forward to the end of another school year. As pupils take final exams and clean out lockers and desks, the start of classes in the fall may seem far away.

For secondary pupils who haven't selected a school, fall classes could be farther away for a different reason. St. Paul Central has had its enrollment for 1993-94 capped and has a waiting list. Johnson High is nearing capacity at grades 10-12. Harding is also filling up.

Capped enrollment means that while students who live in an attendance area may still be able to get into their designated school, those from other parts of the city are more likely to be placed on a waiting list.

At Como Park Senior High, enrollment is nearing the capacity limit of 1,965 pupils. "We're just about there," said Como Park Principal Patricia McHugh.

The high school has been at or near capacity during the past school year, McHugh's first year as principal. She attributes the school's enrollment trends to good programs, especially Como Park's magnet business-science-math focus.

Even though enrollment is near capacity at Como, McHugh stresses that those who still want to attend the school shouldn't be discouraged. The school will continue to accept applications and accommodate as many pupils as it can. After all, McHugh notes, students move during the summer months or change their plans.

Of St. Paul's secondary schools, the Humboldt and Highland Park complexes have the most space available for pupils this fall. At one point this year, the schools had enough space at the secondary level for about 1,000 students. Officials at the schools are engaged in active marketing campaigns, to draw more students from around the city.

At Highland Park Junior High, for example, a shift to a middle school program and global studies, as well as Spanish immersion and new gifted and talented program, are seen as ways to possibly lure back neighborhood families who have transferred their children elsewhere.

As for Humboldt Senior High School, a two-year technical preparation pilot program is under study. The program would lead students into technical schools or two-year college programs. Such a program could mean collaborative efforts with the University of Minnesota technical colleges and the University of California at Berkeley.

Highland Park High School has about 1,000 pupils enrolled for fall. Kay Frye, a guidance counselor who has worked at the school as a teacher and counselor since the 1970s, notes that the school has always been a stronghold for academics. But as other public high schools have added magnet and specialty programs, Highland Park has had to compete for pupils.

Humboldt Senior High's enrollment is continuing to climb by leaps and bounds, according to Principal John Etlinger. Enrollment for fall will be up 200 pupils, and was up by about 200 last fall.

The Humboldt complex has about 1,050 students in grades 7-12. "We're a long way from being at capacity," said Etlinger. Humboldt could hold as many as 1,500 senior high and 500 junior high pupils.

Late last year, a booming secondary school space crunch was discussed at a series of community meetings. It is estimated that during the next decade, St. Paul will have about 4,000 more pupils at the senior high level than it has actual space for.

Projections indicate that St. Paul's six public high schools will be at capacity by 1995, according to Patrick Quinn, executive director of plant planning and maintenance.

St. Paul's six public high schools have a maximum capacity of 10,210 students; there are about 8,600 currently enrolled.

During the past several months, various ways to meet the space crunch have been proposed by citizens' committees and school board members. Such options as moving ninth graders back to the junior high schools, building two new high schools or redrawing attendance boundaries have taken a backseat to the idea of looking for vacant buildings that can be converted for school space.

Also in the forefront is a proposal to add classroom space for 100 pupils at Como and 400 students at Harding.

June McClure is the reporter for the Neighborhood and Community Press Association's St. Paul Neighborhood News Service.
St. Anthony Park merchants hear retailing advice

By Any Causton

Local merchants got some helpful advice when consultant Robert Sprague visited the St. Anthony Park retail area on Como Avenue. Sprague came to see what problems merchants were having and to offer suggestions on how to improve their businesses. He will summarize his recommendations in a memo to the St. Anthony Park Merchants & Professionals Association (SAPMPA) and in individual memos to specific retailers.

Sprague’s visit is part of the St. Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development’s Neighborhood Mainstreets Program, devised by PED to help neighborhoods develop and improve their retail centers. PED provided funding to SAPMPA, with which they hired Sprague and sponsored his visit.

Sprague, who was director of PED for St. Paul in 1991 and 1992, was at Como Lakeside Pavilion May 10 & 11. His visit, said Craig Blakely of PED, was “intended to have a one-two punch”: Sprague would both advise retailers as a group and give specific recommendations to individual merchants.

Sprague met with individual store owners to discuss their problems and offer specific advice. For the store owners, it was “a great opportunity to take advantage of [Sprague’s] expertise,” said Blakely.

On the evening of May 10, SAPMPA sponsored a dinner and meeting during which Sprague gave his first impressions of the retail area as a whole. The meeting was attended by about 20 businesspeople, as well as St. Paul City Councilmember Paula Maccabee.

Sprague started by saying that St. Anthony Park is “the most beautiful place in the Twin Cities,” noting that its tree-lined streets and old-fashioned charm indicate that “aesthetically, the neighborhood had gotten it right.” He also said that as an outsider he did not feel qualified to make decisions for St. Anthony Park, but was merely offering his observations and suggestions.

Sprague’s comments at the meeting centered around three main recommendations. First, he said there is a parking management problem. He suggested some parking spots should be characterized as customer parking and stores own work people should not park there. He also felt parking rules needed to be enforced regularly.

Secondly, he pointed out there is no consistency among the merchants; they have different hours of operation and different “levels of intensity.” As Sprague put it, the message that merchants are sending customers is “We’re a bunch of independent merchants that sell different stuff to different people at different times.” The result, he said, is that customers do not see a unified retail area and will come here once, here but not stay and shop around.

To combat this impression, he suggested SAPMPA establish “common hours of operation,” which he felt should be determined by customers’ needs.

This point was highly stressed by Sprague, who pointed out that many stores do not open at all on Sundays, when 60% of all retail sales are made. “We have competed the enemy and it is us,” he said.

Sprague’s third major recommendation is that merchants have more open return policies. He said many store owners had rather strict rules governing returns and they should instead adopt the policy that a sale is not complete until the customer is satisfied. Otherwise, he said, customers will go to another store, or to stores like Wal-Mart and Target, which have flexible return policies.

Underscoring all of Sprague’s comments were the idea that retailers need to work together as a unit and lay out the customer first. He said building outdoor cafes, write letters that are more requiring of tenants” in terms of parking management and maintenance. He also felt that SAPMPA should be more aggressive in marketing the retailing area with the goal of creating an interesting mix of quality stores which in turn would create “more and diverse traffic.”

Sprague felt that more retail space is needed, but that SAPMPA should meet with the Community Council to discuss how much more the neighborhood would allow and what the nature of additional retail space would be. He said there is a need to “create a gentle transition between commercial and residential space,” citing as an example the Grand Avenue area where some neighborhood houses have been turned into retail stores. “If the quality of life isn’t right for the residences, it’s no good,” he said.

One thing that Sprague repeated several times is that customers prefer to shop in neighborhood retail areas (such as St. Anthony Park and Grand Avenue and Highland) rather than downtown, and they will come if merchants sell to the county Reid. He stressed that great individual stores will always do well here because customers are looking for an excuse to shop here, but that if it is incumbent on merchants to create a unified retail community that welcomes customers and invites them to stay around and shop.

“This is the best place in the Twin Cities,” said Sprague, “but we’re not taking advantage of it.”

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June 17: Langford Recreation Center sponsors a trip to the Minnesota Science Museum and Omnisphere Theater. A $2 fee covers the bus, exhibits, and movie. 5:45 a.m.-10:30 p.m. 


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June 30: A family fire prevention seminar will be held at Falcon Heights Fire Station from 6:30-7:30 p.m. 

JULY

July 1: Citywide Twins game. A 4 p.m. leaves Langford at 11 a.m. for the Seattle Mariners game and returns at 4 p.m. The fee is $4 and children 8 and above may come unaccompanied with permission slip.

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Baseball from 2

fact, the Saints schedule was altered so as not to be playing at the same time as the All-Star Game. "It's a game we want to see and win," says general manager Bill Fanning. Northern League players who get offers from major league teams are free to accept the offers, says Veek.

At $4 dollars for box seats, Veek says the teams' only competition is home video. "This is independent baseball at its best," he promises. "We'll live and die by our performance. We'll try harder to make you like us." The team has already sold close to 1000 season tickets at $175.

The usual motivations for success seem non-existent when Veek talks about his team. With a budget of about $850,000 for the year (again, less than what some major league players pull down in a month), Veek and his co-owners actor Bill Murray and New York Yankees minority owner Marvin Goldklang certainly have to make the money. He rarely even talks about winning, but instead goes on and on about how much fun and how much fun he can pamper the fans.

The Saints season begins in Duluth on June 15, and they'll play their first home game on June 8 against the Thunder Bay Whiskey Jacks. They'll be under the leadership of former Chicago Cubs catcher Tim Blackwell. Blackwell played ten years in the major leagues and has managed minor league teams for the past six years. The team is in the process of filling out its roster at Northern League tryouts. Among the final 12 that will be held at Municipal Stadium on June 4 are:

"Baseball is the only game left for real people," Veek's father was fond of saying. To the younger Veek, that means eliminating the commercialism that major league teams have succumbed to in order to satisfy skyrocketing salary expectations, and making games as straightforward and exciting as possible, with a fair dose of entertainment thrown in. Of course, it means playing outside—where the game was meant to be played, he says—and it means a picnic area beyond the left field fence where families can let their kids run around while they watch the game.

Veek won't promise that the Saints' season won't contain some of his trademark theatrics, but he does assure other fans that the team won't use a dog to bring out a bucket of balls and water, and that he's having too much fun to be a tiresome as he has become a tradition of his Miami team. They won't need one. They've got a trained pig to do it.

Aug. 15: Citywide Valley Fair trip. A $17 fee includes bus, ticket and water park activities. Call Langford at 292-7400 for more information.

Aug. 18: Meet at Langford to go roller-skating in air-conditioned comfort. A $8 fee includes bus, skating, skates, a hot dog and a Pepsi. Children 8 and older may come unaccompanied with permission. 5-8:15 p.m.

Aug. 23: Parent/child fun day at Como Golf Course includes nine holes of golf followed by a picnic and campfire in the park. Participants will carpool from Langford at 5:30 p.m. for a 6:30 p.m. tee-off and return to Langford at 9:30 p.m.

Besides taking advantage of these exciting opportunities, families will want to attend the new St. Paul Saints minor league baseball games. The season opens June 15 and runs through September 5. Also, there will be concerts at the newly-remodeled Como Pavilion most evenings at 7:30 and Sunday afternoons at 3. Watch the Bugle for more details.

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Park Bugle
Falcon Heights School from 1

Safety concerns about the parking lots will lead to the addition of a new lot on the western side of the building, reducing interaction between cars and buses on the south side. The new lot will include a drop-off loop allowing parents to watch their children enter the building, Hamilton said. In addition to enlarging the classrooms, doors will be added to the walls separating them, allowing easier interaction among classes.

"I think that will make a significant difference in what can happen in those classrooms," Hamilton said.

Despite larger classrooms, the number of students in the school is not expected to increase, Schulz said.

Classrooms will be equipped with computers and monitors connected to the expanded media center, and the entire building will receive new phone and sprinkler systems.

Construction plans call for situating the kindergarten next to the room for Extended Day, the school's day-care center for school-aged kids, allowing for easier interaction.

A new music room and gymnasium, with a seating capacity of about 400, will mean the old gymnasium will be converted into a cafeteria and meeting room.

Schulz said the Facilities Committee had hoped to connect the two wings of the school, thereby creating a square building, but the addition would have brought the project over budget.

"All we can do is hope that we made the best decision possible for the next 30 years," she said. "We're hoping that we have." Changes to the construction designs are still possible. The school district will request bids on the project in June, and construction is scheduled for completion in August 1994, Schulz said. Classroom reconstruction will take place during summer months.

Efforts will be made to reduce noise and dust during construction so as not to disrupt classes, Hamilton said.

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what motivates the individuals and then start there," she said.

"You can't please all of the people all of the time," Struck said, but if people get involved as early as possible they get a sense of ownership and feel better knowing that their voice has been heard. A neighborhood as diverse as St. Anthony Park needs to be run through a very open democratic process to ensure that everyone has input in neighborhood decisions, she said.

Renters and homeowners have more issues in common than they have different, she said, and the same applies for residents of North and South St. Anthony Park. She said people's differences need to be balanced gently, but said the emphasis should be on what each group or individual has to contribute.

Struck said her experience with the District 14 Council has prepared her well for this job. The two neighborhoods share many of the same issues, she said, ranging from concerns about property values and adequate recreational facilities, to crime prevention and commercial development. Struck has been particularly active on the Council's Housing and Land Use and Environmental committees, and also works with the Sexual Assault Prevention Task Force. Her seven years on the Council included two years as Vice Chair and two as Chair.

Struck comes to the Community Council from Metropolitan Financial Management, a nonprofit agency specializing in debt restructuring and budget counseling where she was Vice President. A Bachelors' resident, Struck graduated from the University of Minnesota and has worked for VISTA as a paralegal and as a lobbyist in the state legislature.

Struck has a Master's degree in Organizational Leadership from St. Catherine's College.

While conducting research for her thesis, entitled "Needed Changes in Minnesota Laws Regarding Sexual Assault," Struck said she learned a great deal about crime prevention and the criminal justice system in Minnesota, knowledge she said will help her with her work for the Council.

Struck lives in the Macalester Groveland neighborhood with her husband and two daughters. Though she likes St. Anthony Park, she said she has no plans to relocate. "I don't do moves," she said adamantly. "I cried when I had to move out of my dorm room in college."

Struck plans on doing a walking tour of the neighborhood early this summer, and said she is anxious to meet people in the neighborhood and hear about the issues and concerns people have for the community.

"The hardest thing is going to be following in [former Community Organizer] Bobbi's footsteps," Struck said. "I can fix the ground running, but I can't have eight years of experience with the neighborhood right away."

Struck said she is impressed with how well the Community Council is organized and how committed the volunteers are, and said she is confident that those elements will help make her transition into the position a smooth one.
Community Calendar

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

31 Mon.
No classes, St. Paul Public & Roseville Area Schools Memorial Day.

JUNE
1 Tues.
Toastmasters.
Hewlett Packard, 2025 W. Larpenteur, 7:30 a.m. Call Don Arndt, 641-9525. Every Tues.
Tot time, Langford Rec Center, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Every Tues.
Family gym night, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 6:30-8 p.m. Every Tues.

St. Anthony Park Community Band rehearsal.
Como Park High School band room, 7:30-9 p.m. Every Tues.

2 Wed.
Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.
Parent-child play group.
So. St. Anthony Recreation Center, 890 Cromwell, 10 a.m.-noon. Every Wed. Call 646-6986.

Midway Mid-day Toastmasters, Minnesota Diversified Industries, 676 Pelham Blvd., noon-1 p.m.
Also Wed., June 16.

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

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

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.

4 Fri.
Falcon Heights/Lauderdale recycling day.
Bookmobile at Seal Hi-Rise, 9:30-10:30 p.m.

Ice Cream Social sponsored by Northern Lights 4-H Club, Parkbank drive in, 7-8:30 p.m.

5 Sat.
Pancake breakfast and bake sale, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 HiHilde, 7-11 a.m.
Sale of used and withdrawn Library books, St. Anthony Park Library, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. No One.

St. Anthony Park Arts and Crafts Fair and Festival, Como at Carter, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

6 Sun.
Dairy Day, Gibbs Farm Museum, Cleveland at Larpenteur Ave., noon-4 p.m.

7 Mon.
Red Cross Bloodmobile, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave., 3-8 p.m.

South St. Anthony Booster Club, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 7 p.m.
Brinham Elementary School PTA meeting, 7 p.m.

9 Wed.
St. Anthony Park recycling day.
Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.

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

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

10 Thurs.
Last day for students, St. Paul Public Schools.

13 Sun.
Car wash, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth (alley), 10:30 a.m.-
12:30 p.m. $5 per car.
Fundraiser for the church’s junior high youth group.

14 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. Call 644-8361 or 644-0655.

15 Tues.
Last day for students, Roseville Area High School.

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

Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1811 Walnut, 7:30 p.m.

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

Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 7:30 p.m.

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

17 Thurs.
Last day for students, Brinham and Falcon Heights Elementary Schools.

Midway Highland Chapter 936, American Association of Retired Persons, Lyndale Senior Center, Midway Parkway at Pascal, 1 p.m. Call 644-8937.

Mine Michael Hennessey, St. Anthony Park Library, 2:30 p.m. Also Fri., June 18, 10:30 a.m.

18 Fri.
Falcon Heights/Lauderdale recycling day.
Bookmobile at Seal Hi-Rise, 9:30-10:30 p.m.

19 Sat.
Contra dancing, Ochello Hall, 2080 Hamden, 8 p.m. Call 642-9118.

22 Tues.
Como-Midway Leache League, 7 p.m. Call 644-4953 or 644-0402.

23 Wed.
St. Anthony Park recycling day.

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

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Sparitz and Tucker elected to Roseville School Board

Jane Sparitz and Carolyn Tucker defeated Robert Pankonin and Steven True in the May 18 election for two seats on the Roseville School Board. Sparitz, a Roseville resident, received 76% of the votes, Tucker, who lives in Shoreview, got 20%. Pankonin, the only incumbent in the race, garnered 5% votes and True captured 3%.

See you at the Bugle's table at the St. Anthony Park Festival on June 5!

Obituaries

Harold Anderson
Harold C. Anderson, a former resident of Como Park, died on May 8, 1993, at age 86. Anderson had lived in recent years at the Presbyterian Home at Johanna Shores.

Andersen was survived by his daughter, Joyce Hansen of Roseville; his son, Gary Anderson of Oakdale; five grandchildren, Laurie Hansen, Linda Harder, Angie Hansen, Reid Anderson and Sonya Anderson.

Eva Ellefson
Eva Ellefson died at the age of 101 years on May 1, 1993. She had lived during her later years at Lymington Care Center.

Ellefson was preceded in death by her son, Harold Ellefson of Como Park; her grandchildren, James Ellefson and Cathy Hale; six great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Susan Copley, Hilda Lindquist and Ann Linder.

Blanche Gille
Blanche O. Gille died on May 4, 1993, at the age of 94. She was a longtime resident of Lauderale, and a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church.

Preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Gille, Gille is survived by her son Robert Gille; three grandchildren, Natalie, Andrea and Jonathan Gille; and three nieces, Shirley Unke, Lorraine Shane and Helen Hone.

Thomas Hawkes
Thomas E. Hawkes, a former resident of Falcon Heights, died on April 28, 1993. He was 90 years of age.

Hawkes was born in Duluth and had been a salesman.

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Youth prepare for Arctic challenge

Sophie Munholland of Falcon Heights is preparing to lead a small group of high school students, including Wendy Peterson of St. Anthony Park, on a lengthy expedition into the far north this summer, sponsored by St. Paul YMCA Camp Woldj wagon.

Munholland and five other young women will carry backpacks weighing 60-80 pounds as they hike for 38 days through the Yukon’s spectacular Klondike National Park. Munholland anticipates extensive navigation by map and compass as her group travels high above tree-line through mountains that boast nine of North America’s tallest peaks.

“Grizzly bears are common in parts of the park,” said the 24-year-old artist, “and we expect lots of glaciers and ice fields. But I think the biggest challenge will be the river crossings. There are no bridges and the glacial-fed rivers are big and freezing cold.” Munholland and her campers have prepared for their self-contained journey through years of progressively more challenging wilderness experiences at Woldj wagon, located on the edge of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area near Ely, Minn.

Business agenda put forward

Twenty-nine St. Paul business organizations, including the Midway Chamber of Commerce and the St. Anthony Park Merchants and Professionals Association, released a joint business agenda for St. Paul’s next mayor. The agenda, called Forward Saint Paul, is a collaboration that outlines recommendations for effective business leadership and community development in the areas of jobs, neighborhoods, and government.

“This is the first time in St. Paul history that this many business groups have pulled together, because we’re concerned about the future of our city,” said Elin Skinner, executive director of the Midway Chamber of Commerce. “Forward Saint Paul will help the business community become more familiar with each of the candidates and their proposed strategies to ensure the economic vitality of our city.” Complete copies of the agenda are available through the Midway Chamber of Commerce, 223-6000.

St. Anthony Park Community Council

Town Meeting on June 9

A Town Meeting will be held to discuss the issue of Permit Parking around the University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus. All area residents and businesses are invited to meet with city staff. U of M representatives and other neighbors to discuss current and future policies concerning permit parking areas. Issues include the number of permits allowed per household/address. The meeting will be held on Wed., June 9, at 7 p.m., in the St. Anthony Park Library meeting room, Carter and Como Ave, at 7 p.m.

Thank You!

To those retiring council members who have volunteered many hours of their time to make a difference in our neighborhood: Melissa Colley, Phillip Duff, Dirk Duncker, Scott Magnuson, Dave McElroy, Beth Richardson and Gary Woodford.

We would also like to thank the members of the Search Committee: Rick Ahner, Melissa Colley, Barbara Murdock, Howard Ostrem, Beth Richardson and Ellen Watters, for their long and diligent work in selecting our new Community Organizer, Abby Struck. Welcome Abby! Abby brings a wealth of experience in community issues and we look forward to a long and productive collaboration.

Reception for Megard

You are invited to a celebration to honor Bobbi Megard, our former Community Organizer of 8 years. Please join us in thank Bobbi for her outstanding service to the neighborhood on Wed., June 9, at 6 p.m., in the St. Anthony Park Library meeting room.

Gazebo planned for Alden Square

The Neighbors of Alden Square (otherwise known as Triangle Park) have been meeting for "neighborhood building" activities for some time. In the past these activities have included planting trees and perennial native flowers as well as improving the gazebo. The Neighbors wish to improve the gazebo, which has been a focal point for neighborhood activities for many years.

Council Meetings

Council Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the St. Anthony Park Library meeting room.

Home value trends presented

The Ramsey County Department of Public Works recently completed a study on trends in home values between 1988 and 1992 in St. Paul. The study included single family homes as well as duplexes and triplexes. Most of the city showed increases between one and ten percent, though many properties north of the downtown area actually decreased in value. Property values in the North- west corner of the Como Park neighborhood were among the biggest gainers in the city, with a medium increase of more than ten percent. North St. Anthony Park showed similar increases, though South St. Anthony Park properties registered declines.

Welcome, new and continuing board members

Five new council members have begun their terms as they join five continuing members and seven incumbents as neighborhood decision makers. There is still one delegate vacancy in South St. Anthony.

Newly-elected or appointed residential representation includes David Skilled and Jan Meyer to two-year terms as North St. Anthony delegates. Nowell Letzkie and Clarke Hruby were elected as alternates for a one-year term. John Grantham and Rob Armstoefer will serve as delegates from South St. Anthony for two years.

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Gazebo

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