

Budget cuts may save Lauderdale residents from tax hikes in 1994

By Holly Nelson

Planning and funding for infrastructure will be high priorities for the Lauderdale City Council in 1994. Council members and city staff say they will meet this goal without raising taxes because of money the city will be saving with lower costs for police service and through consolidation of the city's staff.

"Fortunately this is going to be one of our better budgets because our police service is going to cost considerably less," said Council Member Jack Barlow in reference to a new contract for police service from St. Anthony, which will cost Lauderdale about \$50,000 less than it paid for police service from Roseville this year.

Another \$30,000 has been cut from the city's costs by consolidating the duties of city staff members. At a council work session, Lauderdale City Administrator Kathleen Miller explained that the city has saved money by moving from several part-time employees to fewer full-time positions with more responsibilities.

"These [cost reduction] goals we met last year are helping us immensely with the 1993 budget," said Mayor Jeffrey Dains, who points to the team building efforts by council members and city staff as important factors in meeting goals which the group sets annually. "This doesn't mean we don't disagree. Disagreement is expected," Dains said. "However this doesn't keep us from working as a team."

In addition to infrastructure, Dains said the council has also identified other priorities for

Lauderdale in 1993. These include a review of ordinances that could be outdated, designation of budget money for funding priorities, monitoring of the new police contract and service, and further development and consolidation of staff.

Mayor Dains has a personal goal to continue to build a sense of community in Lauderdale through the organization of more neighborhood Crime Watch groups. "The glue of the community in Lauderdale has been community involvement, which seemed to dissolve during the 1980s," he said.

Dains has worked with three Block Captains to get Crime Watch groups started and hopes to one day have 100 percent participation by all blocks in Lauderdale. "They [Crime Watch groups] are really beneficial to get to know your neighbors," he said.

Another concern facing Lauderdale is a decrease in state funding for cities. "The legislature has taken money away from us," said Barlow. "Just this last year cities now have to pay sales tax." Dains said this has led to questions of whether Lauderdale can still exist as an independent city. "We felt it could. The direction of this council is that we're going to keep fighting."

This winter Lauderdale residents will already gain some of the benefits of the council's attention to infrastructure. The city has been able to purchase a truck and for the first time will plow the city's alleys. "It's nice to be able to use tax dollars to provide a direct service to our residents," said Dains.

Gateway Park, Raymond at Energy Park Drive, officially opens

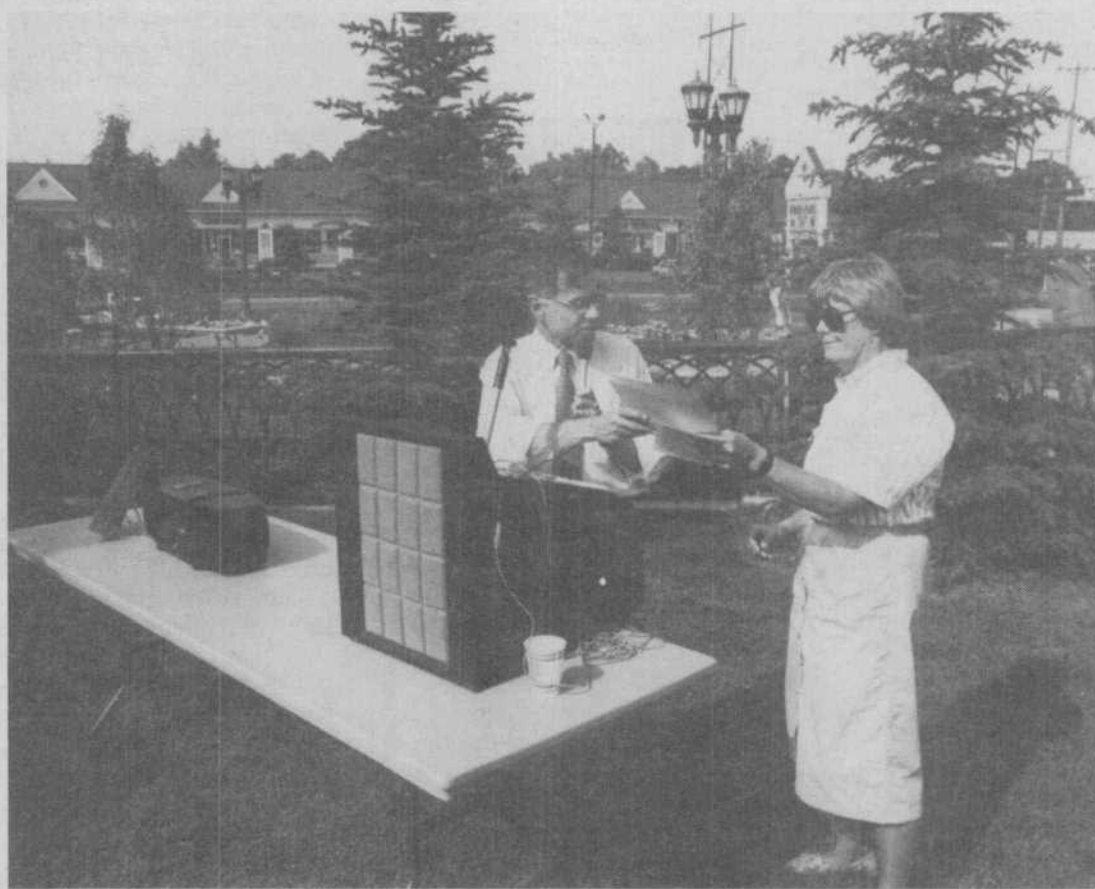


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Mayor Jim Scheibel presented a proclamation to St. Anthony Park Community Council co-chair Alice Magnuson at the dedication ceremony for Gateway Park on Aug. 17.

New development at Westgate approved

By Kristin Cooper

St. Paul's Planning Commission decided to go for a sure thing in the Westgate Industrial Park by approving a developer's plan for the area's remaining vacant lot.

The commission voted 9-6 to approve a smaller building housing fewer employees, rather than the larger building recommended by the staff.

A redevelopment plan adopted by the St. Paul City Council in 1987 called for a high-employee density office building on the site, which is between University Avenue and Territorial Road to the south and north and

Berry Street and Eustis Street to the west and east, across from Court International.

The plan presented by the development company, CSM Corporation, involves a warehouse/showroom on the site with less than half the square footage and one-sixth the number of employees called for in the original redevelopment plan. The company has two other buildings in the Westgate area and two of the companies at those sites will expand into the new building.

The CSM plan was backed by the St. Anthony Park Community Council, St. Paul City Council Member Paula Maccabee and

the St. Paul Port Authority. The supporters felt this plan represented a short-term solution to a vacant lot and a good opportunity for small business in St. Paul to expand.

The St. Anthony Park Community Council approved the plan two days before the planning commission hearing by a vote of ten to one with two abstentions.

"There was not unequivocal support for the plan," said Melissa Coffey, chair of the small area planning task force. "It was not the building the community council might have wished for and it was not sited as the community council might have wished for, but I think we needed to go for shorter-term viability."

Coffey said First Bank, the owner of the lot, had offered the land free of charge to Opus Corporation to build an office tower earlier in the spring, but

Falcon Heights to raze house next to city hall

By Amy Swisher

What's good for the Falcon Heights City Council isn't always good for Falcon Heights residents, or so the case seems to be for residents of 2061 W. Larpentur.

The council plans to demolish the house at this address as soon as money from a federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) comes into council coffers.

"I knew this was going to happen at some point," says one of the two residents living in the 80-year-old farmhouse. Both residents choose to keep their names confidential for the time being.

They moved into the house about five years ago after striking an agreement with the owners, Westlund Construction, to fix up the house if the owners

House to 16



Photo by Truman Olson

The City of Falcon Heights plans to take down this house and use the property to improve landscaping around city hall.

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State Fair parking headaches return

By Amy Swisher

It's a perennial problem. Every year the State Fair rolls into town bringing with it not only greasy food and entertainment but traffic headaches as well.

Some people deal with the increased traffic and parking problems better than others, says John Tremble, District 10 Como Park Community Council member. The western boundary of his district borders the state fairgrounds. He says the council gets some complaints from local residents about the noise and congestion associated with the fair but, "Everyone gets used to it over the years."

Tremble himself is no stranger to the problem. He commutes to Minneapolis during the week and expects that summer road construction on Highway 94 and Cleveland Avenue will only exacerbate the problem this year. He says taking side streets, better known by locals than visitors, is the best way to keep one's sanity while driving. While he admits that traffic is a seasonal inconvenience, Tremble adds that increased motorized traffic often leads to increased foot traffic through local stores.

In District 12, an area that also borders the fairgrounds, councilmember Rich Nelson says that around State Fair time, "there are a lot of people who get really uptight in the neighborhood. People around the fairgrounds area complain sometimes, but I'm not affected and I don't believe the greater proportion of people (in District 12) are affected."

Nelson agrees that living so close to the fair can have its advantages. "People spend a few bucks in the neighborhood and the number of garage sales go up," he says.

One of the areas affected most directly by the State Fair is the University of Minnesota's St. Paul Campus, which is nestled right next to the fairgrounds. The University leases a large part of its parking facilities directly from the fair and has to relinquish those spaces at fair-time and during other events

held at the fairgrounds during the year.

According to Bill Stahlman, Operations Manager at the University, faculty, staff and students have ample parking on campus as long as the fair commission isn't in need of the spots. However parking is at its worst during fair time.

Some faculty and staff fortunate enough to have won a space at the University's contract lots will be largely unaffected by the fair, but those people are the minority.

Most people who travel to the St. Paul Campus by car park in the \$1.25 public parking lots. Of these, the fairgrounds parking lot is the largest, comprised of about 1,700 spaces.

In the summer, Stahlman estimates that between 650-800 cars park in that lot. The fair also owns the lot located at the intersection of 29th Ave. and Como Ave. in Minneapolis and estimates about 100 cars a day park in that space and then ride on the University's bus system to either the St. Paul or Minneapolis campuses. In all, the University loses at least 750-900 spaces during the course of the fair.

That's a lot of lost parking spaces. And unfortunately the University has no definite plan on how to compensate for the loss. Unlucky drivers must go far to find street parking since the area within walking distance to the St. Paul Campus is zoned for one-hour parking only. The few remaining lots the University owns are small and usually fill up during the regular summer season without the extra fair pressure on parking. During the fair some lots that usually fill up by 9 or 10 a.m. are filled as early as 7:30 a.m.

To ease the parking problem, Stahlman suggests carpooling to work, using the bus, biking or taking a vacation while the State Fair is running.

The suggestion that parkers take a vacation angers some, like Tom Kuykendall, a University student working in the St. Paul Campus library.

"That's not right," says Kuyk-

endall. "It's not an option. I can't afford to take two weeks' vacation." Kuykendall adds that he doesn't live near any bus route that will take him to work in a reasonable amount of time.

Last year, while Kuykendall was attending class on the St. Paul Campus he eventually gave up on finding a legal parking space near campus and instead accepted two \$10 tickets. He says a coworker has similar problems—and similar fines—during fair time.

Sue Hallgren, head of circulation at the library, also feels the parking pinch during fair time. A resident of the Como Park neighborhood, she says a neighborhood practice of allowing fairgoers to park on neighbors' front lawns can also be inconvenient. She also bristles at the suggestion that she take time off during the fair to avoid parking hassles.

"Even if I got a paid vacation I don't want people to tell me when to take a vacation."

While many members of the St. Paul Campus community try to find an alternate means of getting to work, many of those without recourse resort to any means necessary to find parking on campus.

One woman, unable to secure a contract parking spot after 10 years as a University employee, secretly leases a spot from another woman who has a contract parking space on the St. Paul Campus but doesn't need it. She leases the spot year-round but says that during fair time it's her only option. "I could walk home faster than it takes me to get home on the bus."

Some parkers resort to sneaking into contract spaces after their true owners have left and risk getting a ticket. Others park in the one-hour street parking zones, or wherever they can find a spot, and take breaks to move their cars every few hours, hoping they won't be caught.

According to St. Paul Campus officials and the Como Park and St. Anthony Park Community Councils, no plans to deal with parking and traffic problems are in the works.

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Former Commissioner of Human Services **Ann Wynia**, a St. Anthony Park resident, has announced an exploratory effort for the U.S. Senate in 1994. The seat is currently held by Sen. Dave Durenberger. Wynia will finalize her decision after Labor Day.

A recent straw poll of members of the DFL State Central Committee showed Wynia with the strongest support of any potential DFL candidate in the field.

Wynia teaches American Government at North Hennepin Community College and serves as a volunteer board member on the Bush Foundation, St. Anthony Park State Bank and the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota.

The following local students have graduated recently from the College of St. Thomas: **Jonathan Cartford**, M.A., Counseling Psychology; **Beth Evert**, M.A. Music Education; **Paul Hogenson**, B.A., Business Administration; **Yixiang Lu**, M.S., **Richard Schmitz**, B.A., Political Science & Speech Communication; **Deborah Shipp**, M.S.W.; **Christopher Taylor**, B.A., Chemistry.

These students were on the dean's list for spring quarter at St. Thomas: **Richard Schmitz**, **Karsten Schroeder**, **Wendy Singer** and **Christopher Taylor**.



Connie Hillesheim has been named vice president for operations of St. Anthony Park State Bank. She has over 20 years' experience in banking, having been with St. Cloud National Bank since 1970. Hillesheim has been vice president of operations there since 1983. She is a 1990 graduate of the Prochnow Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Paula Aburto and **Andrew Gordhamer** have been named to the dean's list at Normandale Community College, Bloomington.

Niels Neve of St. Anthony Park, son of Leon and Alice Neve, will enter Augsburg College in Minneapolis this fall.

Denise Taack and **Andry Ranaivoson** were named to the spring quarter dean's list for the College of Agriculture at the University of Minnesota.



Photo by Don Breneman

Warren Gore (left) and **Wendell DeBoer** display a plaque that honors their years on the St. Paul Student Center Board. DeBoer served 33 years; Gore was a member for 17 years. In recognition, a DeBoer-Gore Scholarship will be awarded annually to a student who has been active with the St. Paul Student Center. **Kendra Kuappi** of Virginia, Minn., was the first recipient this year.

Candace Ward, daughter of Janet Ward of St. Anthony Park, received a B.S. degree in child psychology from the University of Minnesota.

Tim Ward of St. Anthony Park, son of Janet Ward, was on the spring quarter dean's list at the University of Minnesota.

Elizabeth Day, an eighth-grade student at Murray Junior High, was one of 26 participants in a summer program for gifted Native American students at Bemidji State University. She chose to study biology and film.

Heather McCleery, daughter of Martin and Judy McCleery of Falcon Heights, graduated cum laude from Gustavus Adolphus with majors in political science and psychology. McCleery was selected for three honor societies, Pi Sigma Alpha, Psi Chi and Pi Kappa and was initiated into the Guild of St. Ansgar, an honorary society recognizing the top seniors for their achievements in scholarship, leadership and participation in extracurricular activities. In

addition, McCleery was awarded special recognition by Gov. Carlson for her work in the development of the Study Buddies program, a Gustavus program affiliated with the St. Peter schools. After internships in the Washington, D.C. courts and the U.S. Attorney's Office, McCleery is beginning law school in Valparaiso, Indiana.

Mary Maguire Lerman, a resident of St. Anthony Park, was a member of the Minneapolis delegation that attended the 3rd Quadrennial World Conference of Mayors for Peace through Inter-City Solidarity. The conference was held in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, Aug. 4-9, during which delegates discussed municipal peace policies and commitments for peaceful co-existence through inter-city solidarity. The focus of this Third World Conference was The Role of Cities in Building Peace—Toward the Total Abolition of Nuclear Weapons. Representatives of 122 cities from 42 countries participated in the conference which opened with a speech from H.E. Stoyan Ganey of Bulgaria, who is the current president of the United Nations

General Assembly.

Following the conference, Lerman visited a number of gardens and parks in the Nagasaki area. She is employed as the Coordinator of Horticulture Programs for the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board.

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Precinct 1: Chelsea Heights School
Precinct 16: Atrium Office Building, Bandana Sq.
Polls are open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

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Letters

More debate about H.B. Fuller

Dear editor,

I must disagree with Mr. W. Andrew Boss's contention (letter to the editor, Aug., 1993) that the *Park Bugle's* decision to run an article critical of the H.B. Fuller Company (May, 1993) fell below the paper's usual standards. On the contrary: this decision tells me that the *Park Bugle* is truly committed to engaging in important dialogue about the practices of a local sacred cow, and to bringing some difficult issues to light.

H.B. Fuller's refusal to stop sales of its adhesive glue in Latin America or to simply add a caustic additive to discourage sniffing by young children and teenagers—such as the mustard seed oil added by Testor's company ever since U.S. glue-sniffing became a worry in the 1960s—is a concern that has been amply documented by NBC's Dateline, the *Los Angeles Times*, *Miami Herald*, *San Diego Union Tribune*, *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, *City Business* and *City Pages*, among others.

Although the company pledged in July, 1992, to stop producing and selling solvent-based adhesives in all areas where it has been known to be abused, it has pulled out of retail sales in only two

Latin American countries—Guatemala and Honduras—and continues to sell its glue there to industrial customers, who then repackage and sell it to street kids. Guatemalan and Honduran street workers I spoke with this summer say Fuller glue is readily available on city street corners, and is the major stumbling block to ending addiction among homeless street children—some as young as the age of 7—who are particularly vulnerable.

Our high esteem for H.B. Fuller's generous philanthropy in our community should not blind us to some of the company's stubborn and very troubling practices in Latin America. An award-winning newspaper such as the *Park Bugle* is indeed an appropriate place to debate the actions of this local enterprise.

Jane Austin,
St. Anthony Park

Director leaving Langford Park

Dear editor,

I regret to say that after September 6 I will be leaving Langford Park for another job assignment. I would, however, like to leave a few goodbyes.

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St. Anthony Park. I have been very impressed by your willingness to volunteer, get involved and share in the lives of your children. Those qualities are very important to the recreation center.

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Keith Draz
Director, Langford Park Recreation Center

A Megard supporter speaks

Dear editor,

Bobbi Megard will make an outstanding member of the St. Paul City Council. I have worked with her and for her for more than twenty years and

remain positively impressed with those qualities that we need in city government: she is bright, she is fair, she listens well, she does her homework, she is familiar with the process involved in getting a job done, she knows how to stick with a project until it is completed, she is effective in working with small groups as well as large groups, she is honest and loaded with integrity.

In our neighborhood, we have benefited from Bobbi's presence in our public schools, in her contributions to Gateway Park, the University Transitway, the Westgate development.

It's time for us to share her with the larger community and continue to benefit from her talents. I can think of no one who would better represent our interests and our concerns at this time than Bobbi. She merits our consideration and our vote.

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HomeWords

Don't Ask

By Warren Hanson

When I was growing up, there was one phrase that was repeated by every teacher I had: There is no such thing as a dumb question. They must have learned that in teacher school. It was no doubt meant to encourage unembarrassed dialog in the classroom, uninhibited by the fear that asking the wrong question might permanently label you as a dim bulb in the opinion of your peers. Well, I didn't buy it. Not for a minute. If the questions asked by guys like the oafish Rex Kunkle weren't dumb questions, then my fourth-grade logic was left to conclude that it was Rex himself that was dumb. And judging from the muffled snickering that emanated from my classmates whenever the unfortunate Rex opened his mouth, I was not alone in my conclusion. I don't think it was the lesson the teachers had in mind.

There is no such thing as a dumb question. I didn't believe it then, and I don't believe it now.

I decided to put this old bromide to the test right here in St. Anthony Park. So I went to a number of the business establishments along Como Avenue and asked, What is the most frequently asked question you hear here?

To their credit, the people with whom I spoke were reluctant to impugn the intelligence of their clientele. Yet when prodded, they confessed to having been asked some pretty questionable questions. Are they dumb questions? Judge for yourself.

The kind folks behind the counter at the Post Office told me that they often have to answer the question, Do you sell stamps here? This is the truth. I am not making it up. How do you account for such a question? I have no idea. And how do the postal clerks answer? By politely saying, Yes, we sell stamps here. I myself would be tempted to reply, No, you buy stamps over at Speedy Market. We only sell cabbages here.

At Park Hardware, people often come in, walk down the center aisle, stand in front of the light bulbs and ask, Where are your light bulbs? Honest! Oh, its not always light bulbs. Sometimes its batteries. Sometimes its extension cords. Or sometimes they'll come in and ask, Do you have bolts? Or, Do you sell paint? It's a hardware store, for Pete's sake. How could they NOT sell bolts and paint? Yet I guess some people just have to ask.

Oddly enough, the most frequently asked question at Miller Drug is the same as the one most often asked at the Bibelot Shop. Can you guess what it is? The question most often heard in the drug store and the gift store is, What time is it? Did you guess correctly? I didn't think so. I don't go to the drug store to find out what time it is. I go to the drug store to get aspirin and birthday cards. If I want a very special birthday card, I'll go to the Bibelot Shop. I wonder if some people go to the drug store to ask what regular time it is, but go to the Bibelot Shop if they want to know what very special time it is.

At Micawber's Book Store, a question asked way too frequently is, Where's the quilt shop? This is usually after the asker has been seen tugging at the wrong door to the book store. Yes, there used to be a quilt shop there, but it moved. Two years ago.

This one aroused my curiosity, so I went around the corner to the new (well, kind of new) location of the Country Peddler quilt shop. I told the owner that the most frequently asked question at the book store is, Where's the quilt shop? So what is the most frequently asked question at the quilt shop? Where's the toy store? Yes, there used to be a toy store nearby, but it has long since disappeared. It lives on now only in the queries of the quilt shop customers.

At the bank, the most frequently asked question is, What's my balance? I do not believe that this is a dumb question. It is, instead, a hopeful wish that good fortune has struck since the last bank statement arrived in the mail. The person asking the question is hoping that the teller will go check the computer and return to report that, "Your current balance is one hundred million dollars." Heck, I ask that question myself occasionally. After getting so much mail telling me that I may already be a winner, I have come to believe that it might be true!

But I draw the line at asking the kinds of questions that are asked over at the library. Imagine yourself as a librarian. Someone comes up to the counter and asks, What's a good book? What could you possibly say? I guess that, if I were the librarian, I would point purposefully across the room and say with certainty, That one.

While getting my hair cut the other day I inquired about frequently asked questions. High on the list was, Are you open Mondays? Now I have been getting haircuts for almost half a century (except for during the sixties, when I was making a statement), and I have never, during all that time, been able to get a haircut on a Monday. I figure by now the whole world should know that barber shops and the Walker Art Center are closed Mondays. (That raises some interesting questions too, doesn't it?)

Tim Smith at the Carter Avenue Frame Shop has a hard time answering when someone asks, as people

often do, How much does a frame cost? That's like asking how much a car costs. It depends on the size, on the choices of options you make, and so on. But I just have a regular picture and I want a regular frame. How much does it cost? Oh, well, that would cost the regular price!

Now I know that you yourself have never asked questions like these. You are much too intelligent. Too sophisticated. You would never make such a fool of yourself. Of course not. But perhaps you have been asked such questions by others. I have.

As a frequent contributor to this newspaper, I am very often asked, Where do you get your ideas? I don't mean to imply that this is a dumb question, but it is one that is difficult to answer. Most of the time, the ideas just come to me. And sometimes, like this time, they don't.

Neighborhood rallies behind Fourth of July celebration

The July Bugle article stating that the St. Anthony Park Fourth of July celebration was in jeopardy due to projected financial losses and lack of volunteers brought a prompt response from the neighborhood. Contributions to the July 4th fund increased by approximately \$1,000, over 50 percent above the contributions made the previous year. Roughly half of this increase came from area merchants, who were solicited for donations for the first time. Volunteers also sold more raffle tickets than usual. As a result, the celebration did not lose money as projected. Even with increased giving and sales, however, the annual neighborhood celebration ended up with less than a \$100 surplus due to inflation and greatly increased fixed costs imposed by the city.

While the neighborhood was generous with its money, it was not as willing to donate time. Pleas for extra volunteers went largely unheeded. The event was therefore managed by volunteers from past years and the board of the St. Anthony Park Association.

A meeting of volunteers called to discuss possible cost-saving measures and ways to divide the workload was similarly poorly attended. The volunteers who did attend agreed to take on a number of tasks, which have now been reduced to formal job descriptions. However, both major and minor tasks are currently without anyone to perform them.

Whether and how next year's celebration will occur is therefore still uncertain. Anyone willing to help with next year's celebration should contact Sandy McClure at 644-0631. Since preparations begin months in advance, it is not necessary to be present on the Fourth to assist. It is also unnecessary to devote the entire day to volunteer work—at least if enough neighbors come forward to donate their time.

—Mary Ann Bernard



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Voters' guide to the primary election in St. Paul

Candidates for 4th Ward City Council seat state their views

As a service to our readers, the *Park Bugle* sent the following questions to the candidates running for St. Paul City Council in the Sept. 14 primary election. Below are the responses from four of the five candidates.

Worthington Genck, also a candidate, did not respond.

Questions:

1. If you are elected, the city's budget will come under review several times during your term, and cuts will likely have to be made. What city programs would you cut funding from first, and what programs would

you be least likely to cut from?

2. What do you feel the role of District Councils should be?

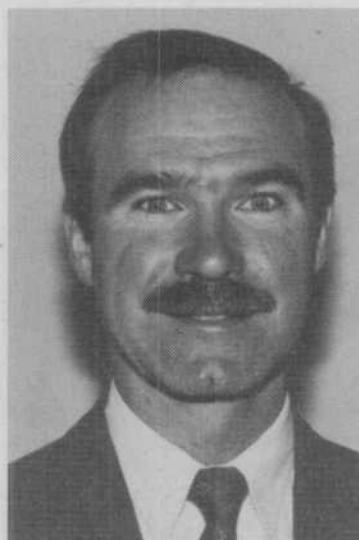
3. What efforts should be made to ensure that businesses and residents have balanced input in neighborhood development?

4. How can St. Paul tackle the problem of rising crime?

5. How would you advocate the neighborhoods spend the portion of the new half-cent sales tax earmarked for neighborhoods?

6. What is the most critical issue facing the city and how would you deal with it as a Council member?

Responses:



Jim Gilleland

1. I would not cut back on public safety—Fire and Police services. I support Dino Guerin and the other council members who called for a \$1 million dollar budget savings through staff reductions. That is only the beginning. I will call for the City Council and the Mayor's office to take the lead in reducing personnel (City Councilmembers do not need executive secretaries and an aide) and implementing a pay freeze. We will also look at a city-wide hiring freeze, and a city-wide pay freeze. I shall call for a Task Force to look into removing service duplication in city/county government and the St. Paul School Board. I will work to ensure that we taxpayers are getting value for our dollars.

2. District Councils should be encouraged to take on a greater role and have a bigger voice in city affairs. Local citizen and business participation should be encouraged to increase. I will explore ways to empower the District Councils, giving them more control in zoning, parks building code enforcement and public safety. These ideas would require greater citizen and business participation, but that is the point. St. Paul citizens deserve a greater voice in how their tax dollars are used, to see more clearly how taxes are spent and to have greater input in order to help save dollars when possible. I believe that stronger District Councils would benefit Ward 4 and all of St. Paul.

3. Local businesses and the neighborhood in which they reside should work together for their own common good. The stronger the support from local businesses for their neighborhoods, the stronger the neighborhood support for the local business. Increased business involvement on the District Councils and perhaps a greater sensitivity and respect for the needs and desires of each other would help relations between the two. Empowerment of both through a bigger role for the District Councils might also help both to see how they need each other to solve mutual concerns.

4. First, increase the number of police officers. A greater neighborhood presence by more police officers would be a step in the right direction. I would work hard with our federal, state and county officials to

ensure that the city of St. Paul and Ramsey County received their fair share, as per President Clinton's plan, of the 50,000 new police officers to be hired nationwide. Second, I would look into ways that District Councils could hire night security teams to drive through the neighborhoods. They would not be a substitute for the police but would rather be an extra set of eyes and ears for both the police and the neighborhood. Third, we must work to improve the job prospects and living conditions of all our citizens by working to bring into St. Paul a more diverse employment base. We must also retain those currently doing business in the city.

5. I am opposed to the half-cent sales tax. I believe it will hurt St. Paul businesses and its residents. I am in favor of a referendum that would give the people a chance to show what they think of this new tax. I believe the people should have more say over whether or not taxes are increased and if so, how they should be used. These moneys would be spent by the District Councils as suggested in question 2. However, if the half-cent sales tax became reality, then those funds should be proportionally distributed to the District Councils.

6. I believe that the most critical issue facing the city is that of its future quality of life. Our future quality of life will depend in part upon the quality of services the city provides. Many people have the sense that we are overcharged for city services. The problem in providing quality services for our tax dollars is not the training or ability of city employees. The problem is the lack of effective leadership and management at city hall—in short, politics as usual. We need less ego and more common sense within city hall. We need fewer career politicians and more citizen empowerment. I am not a political hack. I am a former Marine Corps fighter pilot used to goals and working as a team to meet those goals. That is what I would bring to city hall. That is why you should vote for me.



Mitchell Lancman

1. Perhaps the most controversial questions a candidate can answer are those about budget cuts. My answer, as a result, will be just as controversial. As a matter of fact, my answer is just one of the reasons I am declaring myself as an independent candidate.

More seriously, the general fund part of the city's budget makes up roughly 1/3 of the overall budget picture. And it is the general fund that our tax dollars contribute to. Roughly 50 percent* of general fund financing comes from property taxes. On the spending side of this equation are two areas I believe cuts must be made: salaries and fringe benefits. More than 78 percent* of general fund spending goes toward these two areas. Granted, some city employees are worthy of the salaries they draw—I have personally worked with a few. But more realistically, most people can relate to the ineffectiveness of the city workers that they see, or have to deal with when they are trying to take care of business at a place like City Hall. I think the civil service system is outdated, and in need of an overhaul. And sad to say, entitlements are hurting the city now, and will continue to in the future, if we don't reduce the sheer number of employees.

* Source: Proposed 1993 Budget Summary

2. As a former board member of the Snelling-Hamline District Council, I have a personal opinion about the role such councils must take. With a part-time City Council due to take over in 1993, constituent services are bound to suffer greatly—as council people become less available. I have made a campaign promise to work at least 40 hours a week as your councilman. Still, this will not be enough. It will be up to the District Councils, with their ability to reach into the community, to pick up the slack. Citizens will never have a better opportunity to become a voice in their own communities. But the most important reason that St. Paul needs its citizens to feel a sense of ownership for their own city is simple—money. If people do not volunteer their time to help out their city, schools or recreational centers, St. Paul will have to pay someone else to do it—with money it might not have.

3. As I co-chaired the Snelling-Selby Small Area Plan (recently adopted by the City Council), one thing stood out in my mind: the lack of participation by neighborhood businesses. This plan was an opportunity for residents and businesses to come together in an effort to build a better neighborhood for the future (5-10 years). Simply demanding that businesses get involved is not the answer; as a small businessman myself, I know how difficult it is to break away and attend monthly, sometimes bimonthly meetings.

A possible solution may be to send simple surveys or questionnaires to businesses as small area plans are being developed. Responses could be requested, with an explanation of how critical it is for these particular businesses to participate. I have always believed that those who show up decide. In this case, only a simple response by mail would be necessary. The voice of business must be heard in St. Paul if it is to survive.



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4. The crime issue is a delicate one from my perspective. I live in an area of St. Paul that is bounded by Snelling Avenue on the west, industrial Pascal Avenue on the east, Marshall Avenue on the south and Interstate 94 on the north. As bad as this might sound, the most "vicious" crime I have observed in 5 years was a smashed-in rear window of a car on my block. However, I do read the newspaper and on occasion the police reports furnished by my community organizer. Crime, in my opinion, stems from at least two key elements: money (mostly the lack of) and boredom. If people (mostly adults) are at work, they are less likely to commit crime. And if people (particularly youths), are active in their spare time, they will be less likely to commit crime.

In other words, a strong economy that develops enough jobs and a variety of youth work/volunteer programs could do much to curtail the crime rate in a homespun city like St. Paul.

5. I think that District Councils can play a key role in developing plans for the half-cent sales tax money. These councils are local enough to understand the needs of their own neighborhoods, but as non-profit organizations, they usually cannot finance the things they would like to do. With the extra money that would be available, neighborhoods could accomplish some of the smaller goals that the city never seems to find the time to deal with. Examples of this would be greening projects, beautification of buildings or dilapidated homes, or perhaps that much-needed stop sign on the corner (after appropriate public works procedures are followed—of course). The flow of ideas for such projects will be many, but the city needs an avenue to filter out these ideas. That filter should be the District Councils.

6. I think the biggest issue in St. Paul is that of rising property taxes. This is a problem of major proportion, because people will flee the city if this continues much further. I personally have friends who live in a nearby suburb, and they pay less property tax than I do, and they live in a home worth 2 1/2 times as much as mine. That happens due to a complex set of formulas that are calculated at the state level. The worst fact of all is that we receive about twice as much in services as we pay in property taxes. And most St. Paul residents have a gripe or two about the services they do receive.

So as property taxes rise to meet the amount of services delivered, the solution in my mind is simple: reduce the cost of the services. In other words, St. Paul will inevitably be forced to hire out the services (to the private sector) that are too costly for it to deliver on its own. Other cities do it, and so must we—before there is no one left here to deliver services to.



Teri Walker McLaughlin

1. We do know that in the last 10 years our city has added one new employee for every three and one half new citizens. This pattern certainly should be closely monitored.

If cuts are to be made they should first come from programs where duplication exists within city, county and state jurisdictions. We should also enlist volunteer help to maintain or expand some services in tough economic times. I feel I am paying enough taxes already and most of our citizens feel the same way. Any budget cut causes pain to someone. As a city council person I would try my best to minimize such pain, particularly to our children and senior citizens.

The last cuts I would make would be in police and fire services since these are absolutely essential to the physical well being of all.

2. City government has no alternative but to bring itself closer to the people. If district councils are to serve in that capacity they must broaden their representation so that they truly represent the district. It is important that unaffiliated groups, institutions and businesses have adequate representation.

At least the following should be represented in some fair manner in each district: homeowners, renters, low-middle-high income, people of color, local business persons, block clubs, seniors and local interest groups. District councils must also work to remove barriers to the process of city wide thinking and consensus building. The best way to do this is by empowering all citizens with relevant information and channels of influence.

3. The Zoning Commission has the potential to provide a forum for all parties affected by any type of neighborhood development. The City Council person's responsibility is to promote the highest level of discussion among all interested parties and raise issues of general city concern as they may impact on individual and neighborhood thinking.

4. The positive features of the community police effort should be maintained and strengthened. More police should be hired to facilitate decentralizing the police to the neighborhoods. The block clubs should be strengthened and the FORCE program supported. Police presence in recreation centers, the Night Moves sports program and senior safety program should be continued and amplified where useful. Police Officer residence in the city should be encouraged by incentives.

Regarding youth, truancy laws should be more strictly enforced; sentences for serious and violent crime committed by juveniles should be increased; punishment for juvenile crimes should include actions beneficial to the community such as work projects; youth crime and its prevention should be a top priority; improve job opportunities for city youth including mentor programs with the private and public sector.

We need to recognize the diverse needs of our minority youth, including the increasing high risk population of Southeast Asian children and develop special programs accordingly.

5. I understand that these funds are earmarked for capital improvement projects within each neighborhood. I would like to see these funds dedicated to projects that will result in a heightened level of community spirit.

One neighborhood may opt for urban forestry, while another may need greater lighting of common areas for enhanced aesthetics and/or citizen safety. This is another reason that our District Councils must represent all the people in our neighborhoods.

It is estimated that neighborhoods will receive approximately \$13.24 per person from this tax. I urge responsible people in our neighborhoods to make careful decisions with these funds and to minimize the administrative cost of handling this money.

6. Crime is the most crucial issue facing our city, but since I have addressed crime earlier, I would like to discuss the accountability and responsibility of elected and appointed officials.

As a result of my investigation into a drive-by shooting that occurred within 20 yards of my

daughter, I discovered that violent crime has risen dramatically in our city. If anyone had told me that the Northwest Police Team area receives an average of two reports of gun-related incidents every day, I would have said they were badly mistaken.

The figure is correct, but nobody informed me. I had to find out for myself. I expect to be informed by my representatives in city government. I will be accessible and I will be accountable. I will inform the citizens of St. Paul and Ward 4 of both the good and the bad in our city. I will hold myself and all elected and appointed officials accountable to our citizens in the same way that people in the private sector are responsible to their employers. We can't insist that all of our cities' problems be solved, but we do have a right to demand a quality effort toward that end.



Roberta "Bobbi" Megard

1. City programs in the general fund which should be looked at for reduction are the City Council administrative staff, Mayor's office, City Attorney's office and the Finance department. All of these departments have experienced growth in the past decade in excess of 20 percent. When taxes increase and

there is little improvement in services, the role of the City Council is to ask why not? As a City Council member, I will support department increases that provide improved service. I will look for opportunities to merge, consolidate and coordinate services and seek reductions where duplications occur such as the City and County election bureaus and communication centers.

Programs to revitalize our neighborhoods, including downtown will be priorities. Parks, recreation, libraries, public health, crime prevention and housing rehabilitation all are essential in maintaining and improving neighborhood livability. Use of public dollars to promote market-driven economic development (jobs and business growth) throughout our city will also be promoted.

2. District Councils play a critical role in our strategy to preserve and revitalize our neighborhoods and our city. They provide a public forum where issues and planning for housing, transportation, retail/commercial development, parks, recreation and use of schools for community activities can be discussed in a nonpartisan atmosphere. It is here we can listen to each other and reach consensus on important policy and development issues. "Politics" has a place in our citizen participation efforts when residents and business affect change, direct resources, and "make a difference" in the areas of most concern—the block, neighborhood and ultimately the city. A healthy, strong city requires concerned, involved, and responsible citizens whose opinions count at City Hall. Restoring trust and respect for our city process and assuring value for tax dollars are goals

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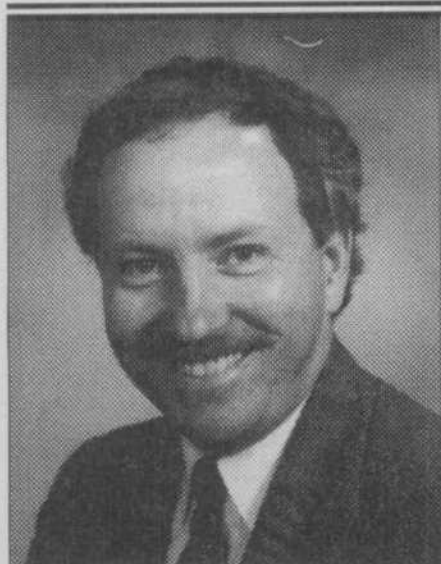
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that the District Councils can and must promote. Citizens deserve to have a say in how their neighborhoods work, services are delivered and resources allocated. Such neighborhood based organizations can assure responsive, accountable local government when facilitated by the city.

3. Business growth and retention is essential if St. Paul is to develop jobs and put people to work. This can be accomplished if we bring businesses and residents together through community development corporations, neighborhood based organizations and District Councils to create strategies for living-wage job opportunities. City development agencies like the Port Authority, Planning Department and Housing Rehabilita-

tion Authority must develop an aggressive, comprehensive strategy for economic revitalization. Attention to neighborhood plans and the city's comprehensive plan is the responsibility of neighborhood groups as well as businesses. Partnerships between business and resident groups in NPP projects and cooperative planning by groups like University UNITED will result in "win win" solutions. It should go without saying, that business and residents sit at the same table when neighborhood revitalization is being planned and implemented.

4. St. Paul citizens deserve safe neighborhoods. The most important step we can take, initially, is to direct our public safety resources toward crime prevention strategies. Focusing our police department on community-oriented policing and de-emphasizing 911 response calls will result in fewer police calls in the long run. Block club organizing, foot and bike patrols, and continued support for the FORCE teams are the best way to spend our public safety dollars. Crime reduction policies must be directed toward strengthening our social fabric, erasing the we vs. them mentality and reducing fear through community building. We must support and promote anti-violence efforts in our schools and neighborhoods.

Rising crime is directly related to poverty and hopelessness. It is vital that St. Paul, Ramsey County, School District, Met Council and State Legislature address the growing incidence of poverty in the inner city and adopt long-term strategies to strengthen the "core." Reversing the causes of crime in our city will take the commitment of everyone to reach our youth early to ensure that our neighborhoods and schools provide a healthy environment for our children and their families. Programs that invest in youth intervention, recreation, diver-

sion and mentoring program must be high priority.

5. I will support expenditures to implement neighborhood revitalization—small business growth and retention, housing rehabilitation, initiatives to leverage public dollars with private resources, and project/programs which are identified by the neighborhoods themselves. As a City Council member I will trust neighborhoods to direct and allocate these new revenues to projects they identify and work to remove barriers which impede their ability to make those decisions. Each neighborhood is unique and should be trusted to direct tax dollars where they will best benefit the neighborhood and the city. It is vital that every St. Paul neighborhood have access to these new dollars and that competition for them not be an impediment to getting the job done.

6. Retention of business and residents is the most crucial issue before us. To do this we must ensure safe, livable neighborhoods. Residents, businesses and those employed in our community must have a crime free environment. I will support initiatives to upgrade and preserve our housing stock and encourage neighborhood redevelopment through community development corporations to stimulate private investment in small business growth, economic development and residential properties. Close cooperation with the school district to enhance confidence in our schools and resources focused on neighborhood livability are the best ways to revitalize our city. Property tax relief for residents and businesses can be achieved by working with the school district, Ramsey County and the State Legislature. Throughout my term, I will positively promote our city as a center of commerce, culture, education, diversity, convenience and neighborhoods.

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Seniors

By Sheri Booms

Every once in a while it hits me: I'll never be Miss America. I'll never know what it's like to be an Olympic gymnast or world-class ice skater.

Forget the fact these have never been serious ambitions of mine. Still, it's sobering to know that I'm just too old now. My girlish dreams of walking down a runway wearing a crown and sash, or feeling the weight of a gold medal being hung around my neck, have pretty much vanished with the passing of time. They've been replaced by the goals of an older, wiser person. Now I dream of winning the Nobel Peace Prize, accepting an Academy Award, or being elected President of the United

States. True, the chances of my attaining such distinction are on par with winning the lottery, but as long as there remains that small flicker of hope, hey, anything is possible.

What a comfort to know that age is not a barrier to dreams! We can aspire to be the next Grandma Moses, enter politics like Texas Governor Anne Richards or even do stand-up comedy like Fridley's Marilyn Belugum. Their success at an older age confirms that we're never too old to dream. We're never too old to make dreams come true, either.

Thank goodness for our older heroes. They show us that the possibilities are endless and ageless. They are also closer than we think. Picture some of the older adults in your neighborhood. The one who started a new career after retirement. The couple, who, once so conserva-

tive, have thrown caution to the wind to become adventurers. The person who turned his or her hobby into a successful business. The individual who took up running or cycling or (fill in the blank) after the age of 65. They are all heroes, the ones we admire, the ones we hope to emulate one day.

They are also the people this new column plans to feature. Each month this column will offer a snapshot of interesting older lives in our neighborhoods. It will also highlight programs that help seniors remain a vital part of our communities. If you know someone or some program that fits the bill, call the *Park Bugle* at 646-5369 and let us know.

Falcon Heights residents fight crime together on National Night Out



Photos by Truman Olson

Youngsters raised the banner leading the parade in Falcon Heights on Aug. 3. Afterwards, Mark Olson made friends with Roseville Police Chief J.D. Zelinsky.

By Amy Swisher

"It was just fantastic," says Judy Sabean, speaking of the turnout at this year's National Night Out celebration.

Last year was the first year Falcon Heights officially participated in the national celebration aimed at getting neighbors in touch with each other and with their local police force. The 1992 celebration attracted about 90 people, says Sabean. This year she estimates attendance at the event swelled to about 800. In addition, 500 pounds of food were collected for donation to area food shelves.

Sabean attributes part of the celebration's success to a more extensive advertising of the event. She says people from Woodbury and Little Canada shunned competing National Night Out events to attend the two-day event which was kicked off by a teen dance the day before official National Night Out festivities began.

All that's left to do, says Sabean, is to submit a post-project report to the National Town-watch Association in Pennsylvania and hope for the best. The association gives special recognition to towns who held outstanding events in connection with National Night Out. Last year Falcon Heights won the Rookie of the Year award. This year Sabean is shooting for an award honoring the city for best presentation for a smaller-sized town.

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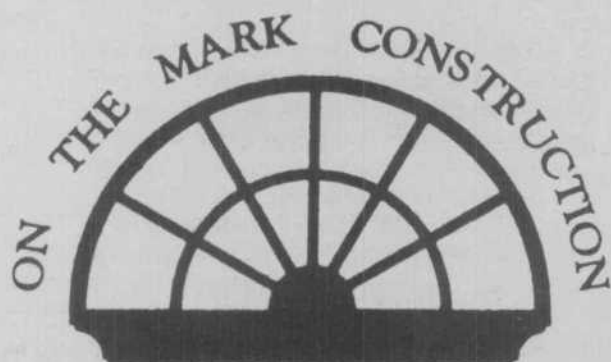
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File for election

Those interested in running for city council this fall may file their candidacy at City Hall through 4:30 p.m., Tues., Sept. 7. There is a \$5 filing fee. Three positions are open, mayor and two city council members. The mayor serves for two years and the council members for 4 years.

COMO PARK

Job Corps news

On July 16, 24 students and two staff members from the Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Center were among the 500 volunteers who traveled from St. Paul to Des Moines to assist with flood cleanup. Said Humphrey student Charlene New: "It was hard to see what the flood did to people's homes and lives, but it felt really good to help out."

Student Tim Holzer, 21, was selected to be a Job Corps "student ambassador" to Washington, D.C. in July. While there he spent time with both Minnesota senators, Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Sargent Shriver.

"Meeting all those important people is the chance of a lifetime," Holzer said. "I have worked so hard at Job Corps and these people are acknowledging that. I am really proud."

Holzer is training for a position in building and apartment maintenance at the Humphrey Job Corps. Next he will attend St. Paul Technical College for an 18-month program in civil technology.

AARP meeting

The Midway-Highland Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet on Thurs., Sept. 16, at 1 p.m., at Lyngblomsten Senior Center, 1415 Almond Ave. A social hour will follow the business meeting. Visitors are welcome. Call 644-8937 for more information.

La Leche League meeting

The Como-Midway La Leche League will begin its series of four monthly meetings with "The Advantages of Breastfeeding," on Tues., Sept. 28, at 7 p.m.

Benefits of breastfeeding include valuable immunities and essential nutrients for the baby, relaxation and special closeness with her infant for the mother. Come and hear other mothers' first-hand experiences.

Infants and toddlers are welcome. A lending library is available. For meeting location and information call Kathy at 645-4953, Jeanne at 644-0302 or Faye at 645-4953.



Humphrey Job Corps students Crystal Dimick and Tamika Barnes helped other volunteers load flood debris and damaged items into a truck. They were part of a crew from the Job Corps that went to Des Moines to help flood victims.

FALCON HEIGHTS

North Hall may be razed

North Hall, a 99-year-old building on the St. Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota, may be torn down because of its costly renovation price tag, according to an article in the *Minnesota Daily*.

The building behind the St. Paul Campus Student Center houses a photo lab and Punchinello Players, a 70-year-old theatre group that produces three plays a year. Since there are other photo labs on the Minneapolis campus, this one probably will not be relocated, which will mean ten lab employees may lose their jobs. Plans for relocating Punchinello Players have not been finalized.

Conference for separated and divorced

Catholic Charities will sponsor its 17th annual conference for separated and divorced persons on Sat., Sept. 11, at the Earle Brown Continuing Education Center on the St. Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota.

The day-long event will feature four speakers. Dr. Marilyn Mason will speak on getting on with life after divorce, Dr. Virginia Pharr on the spiritual journey, Father Ron Bowers on the annulment process and Dr. Charles Bates on "the many sides of ourselves." Denise Dillery and Dean Johnson, a comedian couple, will lighten things up with their performance.

The conference fee is \$25, which includes lunch and presentations. Scholarships are available. To register or for more information, call 222-3001.

55 Alive courses

Those age 55 or older may take the 55 Alive driver refresher courses at Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur on Sept. 14 & 15, 6-10 p.m. or Sept. 28 & 29, 6-10 p.m. These classes are sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons. The cost is \$8. Class size is limited and preregistration is required. Those who complete the course are entitled to an auto insurance discount. To register, or for more information, call Marge at 644-8204, on Tuesday mornings only between 9:30-11:30 a.m.

ST. ANTHONY PARK

Film in the Cities closes

After 23 years of operation, Film in the Cities (FITC), a regional media arts center located at 2388 University Ave., will close its doors due to funding cutbacks.

The decision by FITC's Board of Directors to dissolve the organization comes after a long battle to reduce costs and reorganize. Earlier this year, FITC was forced to curtail its Photography Exhibition Program and its Film Exhibition Program.

In the coming weeks, Executive Director Yvette Nieves-Cruz will be working with funders and nonprofit arts and education administrators to help identify organizations that are best suited to adopt existing FITC programs.

Founded in 1970 as an alternative arts and communication program for Twin Cities' secondary school students, by 1976 it was the largest media education program for youth ever offered in the country. In 1978, FITC was recognized by the National Endowment for the Arts as one of the major media arts centers in the nation. In the mid-1980s, FITC began a cycle of deficit years triggered by changes in the funding climate, the effects of the recession and lower than expected earned income.

On Wed., Sept. 1, FITC will host a Media Artists' Town Meeting to discuss issues related to the future of media arts in the Twin Cities. The meeting is open to the public and will take place at 6:30 p.m. at Film in the Cities' Gallery, 2388 University Ave. For more information call 646-6104.

Murray welcomes students

New students, incoming 7th graders and their parents/guardians will attend an orientation at Murray on Wed., Sept. 1, from 12:30-2:30 p.m., to become acquainted with the staff at Murray, to receive their program of classes and to become familiar with the building. All students, 7th & 8th graders, will start school on Tues., Sept. 7 at 7:50 a.m.

Construction this summer has included remodeling the cafeteria, building a new art classroom, adding a science classroom, and fixing the smokestack, which was hit by lightning during a summer storm.

Enrollment at the Murray Math/Science Specialty is up again this year. Principal Nancy Nielsen is expecting approximately 744 students, up 100 from last year.

An orchestra program and new band program are being started. Instruments are needed—donations will be appreciated.

The Murray School Association as well as the Site Council are two avenues of involvement at Murray. Call Nielsen at 293-8740 for more information.

Ellen Anderson at library

State Sen. Ellen Anderson (District 66) will be holding neighborhood office hours at the St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave., on Thurs., Sept. 9, from 6-8 p.m. and Tues., Oct. 12, from 10 a.m.-noon. No appointment is necessary—just stop by.

Learn a language

Registration for the fall session of World Language classes will be accepted at the International Institute of Minnesota, 1694 Como Ave., on Mon., Sept. 13 from 7-9 p.m. Those interested may also register by mail. Call the Institute to find out which courses are being offered and then send your name, address, phone number and class wanted to the above address.

Classes will run from Sept. 20-Jan. 12. They meet once a week for one a half hours for 15 weeks. The cost is \$100. Courses offered this fall are French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. For more information call 647-0191.

Swim on kids' day

Sat., Sept. 18, has been designated Kids' Day in St. Paul. As part of the activities that day, Community Education will sponsor free open swimming at the Murray Junior High pool, 2200 Buford St., from 10 a.m.-noon.

Beginning this fall Murray pool again will have a full schedule of Red Cross Swim Lessons for youth as well as lap swim and open swim times. Refer to the Community Education fall brochure, which be mailed to St. Paul residents in early September.

Tour Red Wing

The Community Education-sponsored "Tour of the Month" is a fall colors boat cruise and luncheon to Red Wing on Thurs., Sept. 30. Call the St. Anthony Park Community Education office at 293-8738 for registration information.

News from Luther Seminary

Elmer Andersen, former H.B. Fuller Co. CEO and former Governor of Minnesota, will receive Luther Seminary's sixth annual David W. Preus Leadership Award on Mon., Oct. 4. The award ceremony will be at 5 p.m. in the Chapel of the Incarnation, Campus Center, Hendon at Fulham Streets.

The Preus Award is given to recognize outstanding leader-



Elmer Andersen

ship expressed through service to others.

The second Andrew Burgess Lecture Series features a leader in the Church of Finland and in the Lutheran World Federation. Risto Lehtonen, director of Finnchurchaid, a relief and development agency, will speak at Luther Seminary in the Campus Center on Sept. 30 at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. His lectures are free and open to the public. Lehtonen's experience is most extensive in the former Soviet Union and Africa.

The Burgess Lectures honor the life and work of Andrew S. Burgess, former missionary, missionary executive and professor of missions. The seminary's Global Mission Institute sponsors the lectures.

The seminary's Lay School of Theology will offer four non-credit informal classes during fall quarter on Monday evenings from 7-9 p.m., beginning Sept. 27. The cost is \$30 for five sessions. Call 641-3517 for more information.

Stories for children

There will be storytimes for children ages 3, 4 & 5 at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2245 Como Ave., on Fri-

day mornings at 10:30 from Sept. 17 through Oct. 15. Register at the library or call 292-6635.

Dancing picnic

The St. Anthony Park School of Dance will host an all-school potluck picnic on Sept. 19 from 2-5 p.m. at Langford Park. Call the school at 646-0502 to find out what food item to bring. Bring your own table setting and beverage. The studio staff will provide the fun and frivolity for all ages.

Langford Rec Center

Soccer registration ends Sept. 3. A late fee is charged after Aug. 20. Fall class registration begins Sept. 7, with classes beginning the week of Sept. 20. If your child does not bring home a fall program, stop by Langford Park after Sept. 1 to pick one up.

On Sat., Sept. 18, from 1-4 p.m., Langford will participate in the citywide Kids' Day celebration. Call Langford at 298-5765 for more information.

Join the Northern Clay Center and Langford for "Kids Clay Creation" classes (ages 6-12) on Tuesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. beginning Sept. 21. The fee is \$25. Taught by Karen Stener, there will be a maximum of 12 students (class minimum is 8).

Incidents at Gatsby's

A Minneapolis woman, Cheryl Avery, 31, suffered a knife wound to her neck during a fight outside Gatsby's bar, 2554 Como Ave., on July 25. She has since been released from the hospital. Her assailant, a 22-year-old Minneapolis woman, was arrested.

In an apparently unrelated incident on the same night, two police officers working off-duty in Gatsby's parking lot reported being assaulted after a dispute with three customers. The altercation began when one of the customers started antagonizing a police dog.

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they will say - "Just make me an offer". In reality buyers are leery of working with a seller who wants them to "make an offer". How low can they go without offending the seller? By starting high sellers also may miss the opportunity of a fast sale because the market activity is greatest the first 2 weeks and then it levels out.

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Arts Calendar

Music

Enjoy an old-fashioned evening of square dancing and old-time string band music in the picturesque setting of **Gibbs Farm Museum**. On Saturdays, Sept. 4 & 11, from 7:30-11 p.m., well-known musician **Pop Wagner** will team with the Ramsey County Historical Society to present "**Hoedown Under the Stars**."

Beginners and experienced dancers are welcome. The cost is \$5 in advance; \$7 at the door. Refreshments will be available.

The Gibbs Farm Museum is located at the corner of Cleveland and Larpentur Avenues in Falcon Heights. For further information, call 646-8629.

To celebrate its tenth anniversary, the **Resource Center of The Americas** will sponsor a concert by nationally-renowned folk singer **John McCutcheon** on Sun., Sept. 26, at 7 p.m., at the St. Paul Student Center Northstar Ballroom, 2017 Buford Ave. Opening for McCutcheon will be the Twin Cities Latin American acoustic ensemble **Son del Sur**. Tickets are \$10, and are available at the Resource Center of The Americas, 317-17th Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, 627-9445.

McCutcheon will also do a children's concert at 3 p.m. that day in the same location. Tickets are \$6. For more information about this concert, call the New Folk Collective at 379-3951.

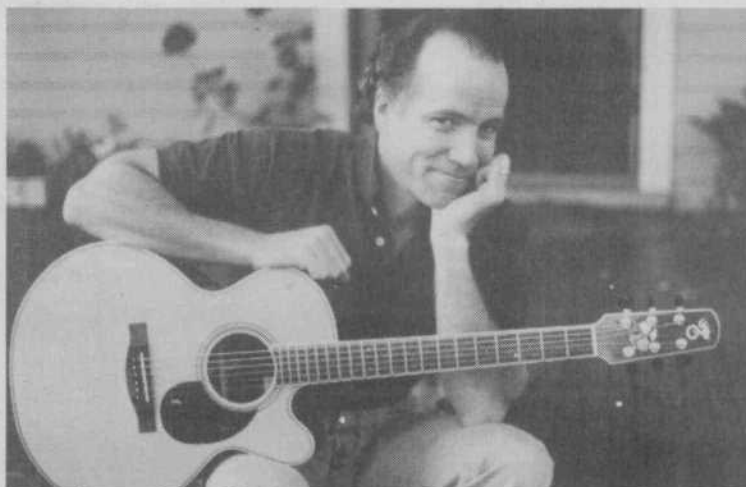
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church will present a series of Sunday afternoon musical services to benefit various charities. The opening service will be on Sun., Sept. 26 at 5 p.m., preceded by an organ recital at 4:30 p.m. An offering will be received for the Red Cross Disaster Assistance, to aid victims of flooding. The **Gregorian Singers** and the **Academy of St. Cecilia** will sing music of Henry Purcell and William Byrd.

Anyone who loves to sing is welcome to join the **St. Anthony Park Community Chorus**. Weekly rehearsals begin Sept. 21 and continue every Tuesday night from 7:30-9:30 at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, Como at Hillside.

Directed by Linda Hermann, the chorus prepares both popular and sacred Christmas music for a performance in December. In January, rehearsals begin for a performance of popular music in May.

Call Suzanne at 646-7030 for more information.

This year begins the 15th anniversary season of **Music in the Park Series**, founded and directed by Julie Himmelstrup. The 1993-94 season will present a varied program of concerts, including Norway's Grieg Festival Quartet in a performance to honor the 150th anniversary of Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg's birth; a Debut Artist



Folksinger John McCutcheon will perform to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Resource Center of the Americas.

concert featuring violinist and Minneapolis native Michael Sutton, and Philippine pianist Jovianney Cruz performing original works by Minnesota composer Randall Davidson; The Muir String Quartet, acknowledged as one of the world's most powerful and insightful ensembles; Minnesota Orchestra concertmaster Jorja Fleezanis with Canadian pianist Bernadene Blaha; America's flute virtuoso Carol Wincenc along with St. Paul Chamber Orchestra principal flutist Julia Bogorad; and the Series' annual Jazz Concert.

Music in the Park Series performances are held at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. The first concert, featuring the Grieg Festival Quartet, will be on Sun., Oct. 17, at 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Himmelstrup at 644-4234.

Literature

The **St. Anthony Park Writers' Workshop** will meet on Tues., Sept. 7, at 7:30 p.m., at 1261 Cleveland Ave. N., Apt. 4A. Call 646-4343 for more information.

The **Bookshop of Minnesota Women's Press** will offer 25 ongoing and new book groups beginning in September. Facilitated groups feature challenging discussion of books by women authors on a variety of topics. One month, 12-week and year-long formats are available with a choice of daytime, evening and weekend times.

For complete information on topics, scheduling and registration, contact The Bookshop of Minnesota Women's Press at 771 Raymond Ave., St. Paul, MN 55114. Call 646-3968.

Visual Art

Carter Ave. Frame Shop will host a show of paintings by **Amy Johnson Otteson** and **Jenny Bell** on Sun., Sept. 12, from 1-4 p.m. Otteson is known for her vibrant abstract florals in watercolor, pastel and acrylic. Bell's works include whimsical acrylic and pastel florals. Music will be provided by violinist Bobbi Smith and friends. Refreshments will be served.

"Amy's and Jenny's paintings have been popular with our customers for years because of their bright colors, great composition and enjoyable subject matter. The paintings can really brighten up a Minnesota home in January," said Tim Smith, owner of Carter Ave. Frame Shop. "We like to support local artists, and these two deserve our support," he added.

An opening reception for the exhibit **Come to the Table** will be held at the **Northern Clay Center** on Fri., Sept. 17, from 7-9 p.m. The Center has invited six artists—Martye Allen, Victoria Christen, Michael Huyck, Shirley Johnson, Gail Kendall and Connie Mayeron—to design tableware and a setting in which they envision their work to be used. Come to the Table will run through Nov. 5 at 2375 University Ave., Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information call Robin Murphy at 642-1735.

Local artist **Linda Nelson Bryan** has been selected to participate as a juried artist in FIBER/METAL '93. She creates hand-dyed textiles, clothing, throws and pillows.

Sponsored by the Minnesota Crafts council, the exhibit will be held Oct. 2 & 3 at the Fine Arts Center, Minnesota State Fairgrounds. There is a \$2 admission charge.

Vanishing Animals, a juried exhibition of graduate and undergraduate design work by students in the Department of Design, Housing and Apparel on the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota, runs through Oct. 3 at the **Goldstein Gallery**.

Goldstein Gallery is located in McNeal Hall. Hours are Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thurs., 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., 1:30-4:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Drama

Punchinello Players, the student/community theatre of the University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus, has announced its 79th season. Opening the season will be *Beyond Therapy*, Christopher Durang's wild comedy about therapy and relationships, running Nov. 5, 6, 12, 13, 18, 19 and 20. Next is William Saroyan's Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy, *The Time of Your Life*, which will run February 18, 19, 25, 26, March 3, 4 and 5, 1994. Rounding out the season is the American classic, *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder, running April 29, 30, May 6, 7, 12, 13 and 14, 1994.

Punchinello Players was established in 1914, making it the oldest existing theatre in the state. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and seniors. All performances begin at 8 p.m. For more information or for reservations, call 624-7458.

Westgate from 1

Opus was not interested.

She said the council's best analysis seemed to show that high density office space would not be viable for at least five years and, in the meantime, the twenty-year bonds issued by the city to clean up and develop the area were coming closer to being due without any rent being collected on the land.

The building planned by CSM is designed for high tech small business, she said, and it's important for the area to support these high-growth companies.

This sentiment was echoed by Lorrie Louder, a Project Manager at the Port Authority.

"It was our conclusion that this was a good project that allows two companies to expand and shows that St. Paul is job-friendly," she said. "It is not the total vision of the plan, but times change and markets are dynamic and not static."

Louder said the 100,000 square feet in the CSM plan is not that far off the redevelopment plan, which called for 242,500-485,000 square feet. "All the parties reviewed the issues and there was a good, strong mandate for the project."

"I think we should celebrate the fact that companies in St. Paul are expanding and are staying in St. Paul," she said.

Part of the support for the plan was won through concessions by CSM. The company agreed to move the building closer to the street by eliminating a row of parking in front of the building to create a building that looked more like one found in the city and less like a suburban strip building.

Additional revisions included planting more trees around the building, putting some brick-

work into the facade, designing the building and glasswork so that a mezzanine could be added at a later time and adding more glasswork so the building looks more like an office and less like a warehouse.

CSM cited other concessions in its presentation to the planning commission including increasing the space in the building from 90,000 to 100,000 square feet, using more landscaping to buffer the truck port from University Avenue and relocating part of the building to accommodate possible future Light Rail Transit (LRT) development.

These concessions still did not make the plan compatible with the original redevelopment plan and were not enough to sway two Planning Department staff members.

Dan Cornejo, Deputy Director for Planning and Jim O'Leary, Deputy Director of Economic Development, felt that approving the plan meant selling the site short for the long-term. While they agreed that the market is soft for multiple-tenant office space, they thought the site was better suited to a single-tenant building.

Cornejo said it was hard to turn down a developer wanting to build on a vacant lot, but the feeling was that the city "shouldn't take the first sunfish that comes along, but wait for the big one."

He said the redevelopment plan was meant to be long-term and that the northern part of Westgate had been developed to make this site more desirable.

The market will improve for office space in the next 3-5 years, he said. In that time a single-tenant corporate developer could be found for the site, Cornejo said, possibly a health-care company after changes and consolidation in the industry.

Bobbi Megard, community organizer at the time the redevelopment plan was adopted by the city council, said the CSM plan was very short-term and not in the interest of long-term development.

It was important in the redevelopment plan for the office space to be on University Avenue, because that was the key to moving the LRT right-of-way off Interstate 94 to serve Westgate, Megard said. She said without the high-density office space, LRT could bypass all of the businesses on University Avenue.

"It's not in the long-term best interest of the city to let this go forward," Megard said before the planning commission vote.

"In my view this is a very short-term solution," she said. "I know we need the jobs and I want the jobs, but we're settling here for 200 jobs, where we were looking at 1400 with the Class A (high density) office space."

The original redevelopment plan for the area involved the city buying out the existing buildings, many of which were considered blighted. The city also did a clean-up of the whole area, including improving the road and sewer system. The work was done using tax increment financing.

The planned redevelopment of the site was put together to provide a maximum number of jobs with the idea that LRT would be attracted to service the area. The plan called for light industry with the lowest worker density to the rear of the site furthest from University Avenue.

The next area was to be office and showroom space with a building for research and high-tech industry. These parts of the plan were developed as laid out in the 1987 plan.

The final section of the plan called for a high density office building on the lot on University

Avenue. This building was to create a gateway to Westgate and put the largest number of workers closest to the main thoroughfare and proposed LRT station.

CSM Corporation is now in the process of buying the land for

its low density office/warehouse with showroom space facing University Avenue, rather than Territorial Road, as outlined in the redevelopment plan. CSM plans to have the building finished and ready for occupancy January 1, 1994.

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Local bikers pedal to Winnipeg to aid Habitat for Humanity

By Patty Hanson

Over a year ago, I was sitting at a board meeting for our St. Paul chapter of Habitat for Humanity when the president of the Twin Cities affiliate announced that plans were being made for a fund-raising bicycle ride to Winnipeg for Habitat. That destination had been chosen because it was to be the site of the annual Jimmy Carter Work Project. For these projects a very large number of volunteers, including the Carters, converge on a site and leave behind them, just one week later, many newly constructed homes. Oh man! I about jumped out of my seat. That would be great! I said. For me, the combination of two of my favorite things, biking and Habitat, was too good to be true! The only trick would be talking my family into an entire momless week.

A committee was formed and endless hours were spent organizing this five-hundred mile trek. Places to camp, groups to prepare meals for hungry cyclists, and safe routes all had to be found. In addition, bikers who were willing to raise at



St. Anthony Park residents Victor Hanson, Patty Hanson, Ev Hanson, Helen Canfield and Andrea Sisel were among a group of 80 people who made a 500-mile bike trip to Winnipeg, Manitoba, from the Twin Cities.

least \$500 for the cause had to be enlisted. In the end, eighty people signed on the line, handed in their pledges, located their passports and got themselves to Bunker Hills State Park in Blaine early Monday morning, July 12. These riders came from eleven different states and five of us, Helen Canfield, Victor Hanson, Ev Hanson, Andrea Sisel and I came from St. Anthony Park. Andrea had served on the steering committee for the ride and had ridden across the country for Habitat last year.

After tents and gear were loaded into a big truck, we headed out for our first night's stop at Sartell, Minn. There were radio-equipped support vehicles and a mechanic's van to make sure things went smoothly. Two wonderful women provided us with great fruit and water stops, which included music and costumes from the country of the day, and even jokes. Our meals were provided by churches and civic groups in the towns along the way.

Our other stops were in Brainerd, Walker, Bagley, Thief River Falls, and Lancaster. Our longest day—104 miles—ended in Lancaster, where a group of Hut-

terite women sang for us. The townspeople not only provided a great meal but presented us with buttons with all our stops listed. That evening we were informed we had raised at least \$60,000 for Habitat, and we saw a beautiful slide show of our journey so far.

The following day found us at the Canadian border at 8 a.m. We took pictures and had passports stamped. The mayor of Tolstoi, a beautiful little town, stopped us and gave us each an enamel pin from his township. We re-grouped at a concrete factory twelve miles out of Winnipeg. The factory is co-owned by a Mennonite man who had not only provided half the concrete for the homes but also planned to work at the site all week. There we lined up for a police escort into the work site.

The riders were led by the youngest (14) and oldest (74) cyclists. As we arrived at the project site we were greeted by some of the 700 volunteers who had come to build eighteen homes in one week. We were greeted by the founder of Habitat for Humanity, Millard Fuller. Later, Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter came in, greeted us and shook our hands. We presented a check for \$6,000, ten percent of what we had raised. (The remainder of the funds will go back to the Habitat affiliates represented by the riders.)

It was wonderful to be a part of the ride and to witness the gathering of volunteers and homeowners. On Sunday when we arrived, there were eighteen basements in the ground. By Monday, when we visited the site, the walls were all up and people were shingling roofs. The families would move into their new homes, complete with appliances and landscaping, on Saturday. It was amazing to witness and well-worth a few sore muscles. I'd go again in a minute.

Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical, nonprofit housing organization that builds and sells homes to lower income buyers. It was founded in 1976 and operates in more than 750 cities and towns in the U.S. and nearly 40 countries. Habitat volunteers have built more than 18,000 homes.



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Link between St. Paul and Mpls. campuses completed

By Winton Pitcoff

Construction on the University of Minnesota intercampus busway was completed in August, and the State Fair is already using the route to shuttle fairgoers from their cars at park and ride lots to the fairgrounds. Limited University service will run on the route for two weeks following the fair, before the Fall quarter begins on September 23 and regular schedules begin.

The construction just completed was phase two of the busway, from Energy Park Drive to the St. Paul campus. The new roadway is just for buses, and will mean

the buses can avoid other traffic on their routes between the two campuses.

Intersections where the busway crosses other roads are equipped with traffic lights, but not ones operating on normal timed cycles, explained Roger Huss, Director of Transportation Services for the University. Instead, buses approaching the intersections will trip a switch, causing the lights to change. That way drivers on the city streets will encounter a red light only when a bus needs to get through, causing less delay for drivers, Huss said.

The busway will cut between two and five minutes off trips

between the two campuses, Huss said, which will result in savings for the University because fewer buses will be needed.

Another change in the works for University buses is a planned turnaround to be constructed west of the St. Paul student center. Use of the turnaround will mean buses will no longer have to continue east on Buford Avenue and then south on Cleveland Avenue to Carter Avenue, but can instead stay on campus through the entire route, Huss said.

The change means less noise, traffic and pollution for neigh-

borhood residents, and faster shuttle trips between the student center and the fairground parking lot where the busway comes into the campus. A few buses each hour will still take the route around the mall area of the campus, make a stop at the intersection of Como and Raymond, and then take the busway from where it crosses Como.

The turnaround will be constructed late this fall or early next spring, Huss said.

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Hwy. 280 construction done for the year; BN hub plans on hold

By Winton Pitcoff

Construction on TH 280 may be done for the year, but the heavy equipment will return in a few years to begin even more work on the highway.

All lanes and exits on 280 reopened on August 15 after three months of work involving repaving and repairs to bridges. The project included some work requested by residents, particularly a wall on the east side of the road just north of the Kasota exit, to help prevent cars from accidentally ending up in nearby residents' back yards. A chain link fence was also erected near the Como exit.

Those additions were hard won, said Jim Snoxell, a member of Citizens Concerned for Habitable Neighborhoods (CCHN), a residents' group focusing on concerns involving the 280 construction. The fence was requested 15 years ago, he said, and the wall was a long time coming as well. The larger issue the group has been dealing with, that of sound barriers, wasn't dealt with in this phase of the construction, he said, but will be resolved when the construction begins later this decade.

"They've promised noise barriers all along the residential areas," Snoxell said, a major concession for the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT), which had originally balked on erecting such barriers for what they claimed were feasibility and fiscal reasons.

The next phase of construction was originally scheduled to begin in November of 1997, but will be postponed because of financial reasons, said John Caroon, MNDOT's principal engineer in charge of construction on 280. That delay is a major disappointment for residents, Snoxell said, because it means a longer wait before sound mitigation barriers are erected.

The project will involve reconstruction of the highway from Kasota to about 1/4 mile North of Larpenteur, Caroon said, and will include safety improvements, new median barriers, double left turn lanes at the Broadway intersection, and the new noise barriers. The two-year project will cost about

\$12 million, he said.

Part of that construction will include a shift west for the stretch of 280 between Como and Larpenteur Avenues, in order to create a service road and safer interchanges, said Caroon. That change will only affect one building, the Goodwill headquarters on Como Avenue in Lauderdale.

Jim Norgard, a spokesman for Goodwill, said the company is already working on plans to relocate, mainly because the 49-year-old building is no longer adequate for their needs, but also because of the imminent road construction. Goodwill is planning a capital campaign to raise funds to purchase a new facility for the administrative offices and processing station currently located at the Lauderdale site, but Norgard said no specific date for the facility has been set.

CCHN is still meeting on a regular basis with state and local officials, Snoxell said, to ensure that residents have input into the construction plans. Neighborhood meetings will be held soon, he said, as part of the environmental assessment and noise study being done on 280.

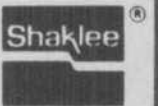
The group is still concerned about the possibility of Burlington Northern moving its intermodal hub to a site on the Minneapolis/St. Paul border just north of Kasota, largely because of the noise problems associated with such a facility, Snoxell said. Though earlier this year

construction of that facility seemed to be a sure thing, plans seem to have changed.

"Our plans [to construct the hub] are on hold," said Richard Russack, a spokesperson for Burlington Northern at the company's Fort Worth, Texas headquarters. A group of transportation companies are working on a comprehensive plan for a shared facility of some sort, he said, and the capacity of the proposed site might not accommodate those needs.

Burlington Northern still owns the site though, Russack added, and there's still a chance the hub could be constructed there.

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would pay for repair materials. The two men were informed of the house's eventual demise when it changed over into the hands of David and Karen Olson.

The Olsons planned to raze the house to build an office building. Their plans later changed and they informed the two that the Falcon Heights city council was interested in demolishing the building and putting in landscaping to compliment the city council offices.

Both men say that while they're sad to leave the place, they have no problems with the Olsons.

"They've always been straight with us," says one of the men. "Whenever we've needed repairs, or stuff like that they've been real quick to help."

But he does have a problem with the city council. This particular resident says that if the building has to be destroyed, he'd rather see something other than landscaping take its place.

He would also like the city to make a better effort to communicate with them, he added. As of yet he says he still has no general idea of when he is supposed to move or what kind of landscaping will take place on the lot.

He feels he has the right to know, he said, because of the amount of work he's invested in the house. Since he moved in he has helped recover the garage roof, fix the plumbing, install a modern shower in the bathroom and a host of other improvements. "It's a shame to see all this work go to waste," he says.

Despite the improvements, the house was condemned as unlivable by the city, something the resident doesn't quite believe, saying he has lived there comfortably for about five years.

But even with his objections, the resident says, "We're not going to fight it. We're renters, not owners."

City Administrator Hoyt says the \$110,000 grant will cover most of the costs to buy the house, demolish it and prepare

Juveniles arrested for smashing car windows in Como Park neighborhood

By Lee Ann Owens

In a series of unrelated car vandalism incidents through the northwest Como area in mid-August, an estimated \$10,000 in damage was done to at least 50 vehicles.

One group of vandals went through the 1500 block of Pascal Street, the 1400 block of McKinley and the 1000 block of Idaho, according to St. Paul Police Lieutenant Lisa Millar.

Four juveniles were arrested for allegedly throwing concrete rocks at parked cars while driv-

ing around the neighborhood. "They've been charged with a felony," said Michael Speiker, District 10 Como community organizer.

Another group of juveniles allegedly used baseball bats to vandalize cars. "People thought it was firecrackers," Speiker said.

Bob Patient, District 10 Como Community Council member at large, said cars parked on Albert Street between Arlington and Nebraska suffered vandalism damage, with one vehicle estimated to need \$1,000 worth of glass repair work.

Patient said his neighbor had a nine-pound rock thrown through the window of his car during the evening hours of August 14. "Sunday night there was more. From what I know, it sounds like there were two different groups," Patient said.

This pattern of car vandalism

transpired over a period of a few days and stretched through the Roseville area. "We had two incidents occurring [there]," Millar said.

She said vandals cite similar motives for their behavior. "They're bored or didn't have anything to do, so they decided to go break windows. They were 'partying,'" Millar said. "They broke windows indiscriminately."

The severity and location of these incidents of car vandalism was unique for District 10. "It wasn't right by the park like usual. It seems it was a great number of vehicles," said Tom Montgomery, chairman of the community council.

Speiker advised residents to lock their cars, even in garages, and asked them to watch for further neighborhood incidents. "Keep your eyes and ears open," he said.

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Como Ave. site no longer top choice for new high school

By Jane McClure
Neighborhood News Service

The search for more secondary school space in St. Paul apparently will exclude sites in the Como Park-St. Anthony Park area. The high cost of replacing Minnesota State Fair parking spaces eliminated one area site from further consideration.

But the quest for space will not stop when one new high school is sited. If enrollment projections bear out, St. Paul will have to find classroom space for an additional 4,000 high school students by the year 2002. That would mean opening two new high schools before then, with the first to open its doors in the fall of 1996.

This fall, four of St. Paul's six high schools—Central, Como Park, Harding and Johnson—will be full. Central is coping with a 125-student waiting list for its freshman class, while incoming students face the reality that many friends won't be joining them.

While Humboldt and Highland Park do have space for more pupils, that space will disappear in the years ahead as enrollment rises.

Over the past several months, school officials and citizen committee members have studied ways to meet increasing enrollment demands, considering everything from year-round schools to new construction. The first of the two new schools, which is to house 2,000 students, is to open in the fall of 1996. A second is to open in the fall of 1998.

Almost two dozen locations, many of them in the Midway, Como, Thomas-Dale and North End neighborhoods, have been considered and rejected. Of the two most likely spots, the top choice has been rejected due to costs and the need to replace hundreds of parking spaces. That site is located on Como Avenue, south of the Minnesota State Fairgrounds.

That leaves a 40-acre area near Arlington Avenue and Jackson Street, in the city's North End, as the leading candidate for the city's first new high school in almost 30 years. The site is currently occupied by a handful of auto salvage businesses, a construction company and a group home. Much of the area is currently used to store junked motor vehicles. Other boundaries for this site include Maryland Avenue and I-35E.

Unfortunately, that site has been the focus of small area plan efforts for almost two decades. The District 6 Planning Council, serving North End/South Como neighborhoods, and other community groups pushed that plan through for City Council approval in 1991. Community leaders envisioned job creation through economic redevelopment efforts, starting as early as 1994.

District 6 Planning Council members, many of whom found out about the high school site through media reports, aren't

pleased. They question the traffic impacts on and around the site, proximity to McDonough Homes housing project and purported gang activity there, and loss of property tax-paying land.

City and St. Paul Port Authority officials only learned of the school district's plans in mid-July, said Ward Five City Council Member Janice Rettman. She said the site has been included in city land use plans as a focal point for economic redevelopment, with those plans dating back to the 1970s. Efforts called for reducing the size of the current auto salvage yard there, and using the land for other purposes.

Rettman said it is "absolutely critical" for the city, school district and Port Authority to meet and discuss the land use issues. She expressed concern that the site not be taken entirely off the tax rolls.

Patrick Quinn, who directs plant planning and maintenance efforts for the schools, stressed that no final site decision has been made. The School Board

has authorized staff to do further investigation of possible high school sites, and further program development. A final site recommendation will be acted on by the School Board in mid-September.

Quinn indicated that the school district has already exhausted many options. Talks with the Roseville and North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale school districts about use of space are on hold.

"There is no cheap solution," he said. Even the least expensive option, that of sending students to schools in split shifts, would call for a tremendous expense for personnel.

Unlike other school districts, St. Paul has no high schools that have been "mothballed" or converted for other uses. A look at what has happened to public high schools that formerly served area students shows that all buildings are in use as schools. The former Murray High School is a junior high, as is Washington. The

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On Saturday, August 7, hundreds of Twin Cities area homes received a face lift through the efforts of 2,000 Norwest employees participating in the Metro Paint-A-Thon sponsored by the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. For nine years, Norwest employees have devoted their summer Saturdays to joining this important community painting effort.

Armed with hundreds of gallons of paint, plenty of brushes, ladders and an eagerness to help, these employees joined 12,000 others from around the Twin Cities to paint the homes of low-income senior citizens and disabled adults. Without the work of these willing volunteers, many of these people would be unable to continue living independently.

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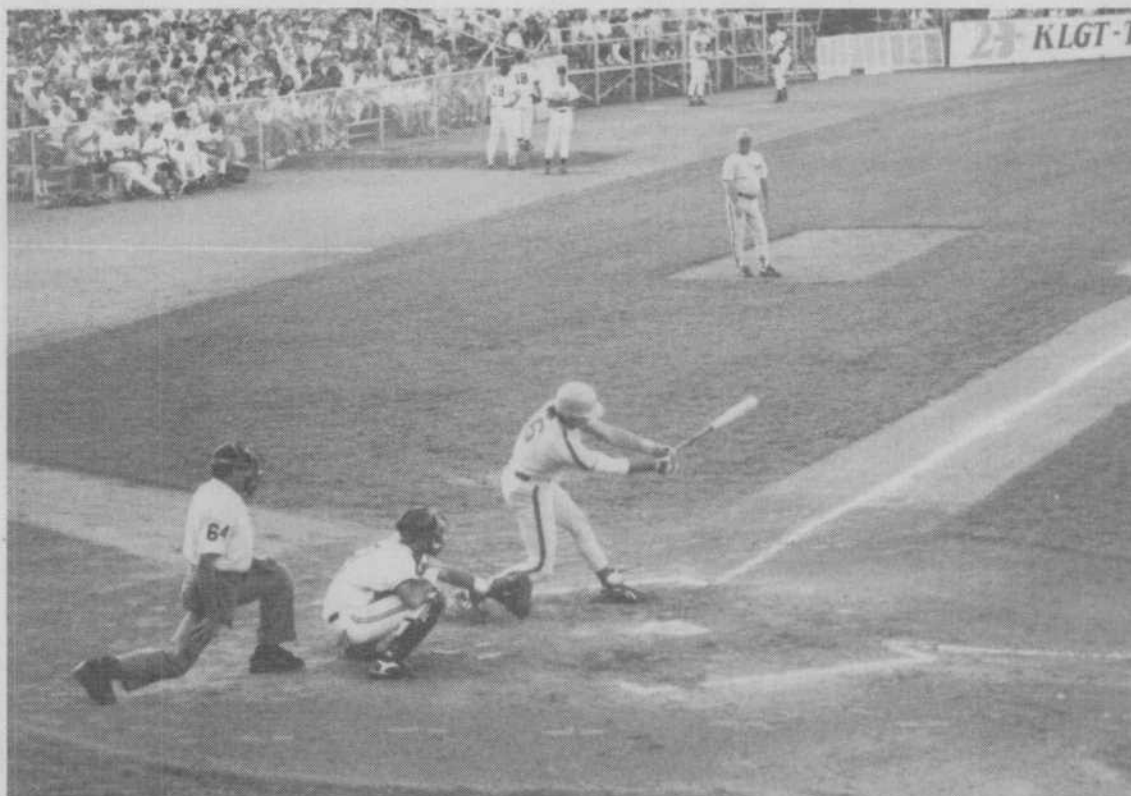
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Saints blessed with successful season

By Winton Pitcoff

What some were calling a novelty a few months ago has become the hottest ticket in St. Paul; minor league baseball. The St. Paul Saints have taken the city by storm.

With their final 16 home games sold out well in advance, a total of 160,000 tickets sold for the season (that's an average of 4,951 people in a stadium that holds 5,069) and inquiries about season tickets for next year already flooding the box office, it would be hard to call the Saints anything but a "smashing success," said Saints spokesman Dave Wright.

Never mind that the Saints didn't win the first half of the season (at press time they're clinging to first place for the second half, which would put them in a best of five series against first half winner, Rochester, to determine the championship), and never mind that they chose the rainiest season on record to bring outdoor baseball back to the Twin Cities. The Saints firmly established themselves as a St. Paul institution this year.

Fireworks shows, a Blues Brothers concert and Silent Night (when fans practiced nonverbal harassment of the umpires) all drew big crowds this season, and the tire race and bat race were popular inter-inning activities. The massages and haircuts available in the stands were as popular as the hot dogs and brats and, oh yes, the baseball was great too.

The one problem this season, Wright said, is parking. There

simply aren't enough parking lots on Energy Park Drive near Municipal Stadium to accommodate the number of cars that come to each game. The St. Paul Police Department has helped, as have nearby businesses, but many fans still find themselves walking quite a distance to get to games.

As much as baseball is a team

sport, the clear star emerging from the Saints is the Saint himself. Also known as the Prince of Pork, the Sultan of Swine and the Bwana of Bacon, the team mascot has been a crowd pleaser night after night, Wright said, and has been quite pleased himself, judging from his current weight of more than 100 pounds, after having started the season at 35. August 20 was even declared "Saint the Pig Day" by Mayor Jim Scheibel.

What can fans expect from the Saints next year? More parking, Wright hopes. As far as events and activities during and after games, though, he says plans haven't even been discussed yet. Some of this year's players will return to the

Saints next season, he said, but the goal for most of them is to make it into the big leagues by then.

And Saint? He may have outgrown his role by then, Wright said, and hasn't been offered a 1994 contract yet. He has, however, been promised that he won't be eaten, Wright said.

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Final round of NPP projects funded

By Jane McClure
Neighborhood News Service

The Neighborhood Partnership Program (NPP) has provided St. Paul residential and commercial neighborhoods with more than \$10 million in funds for community projects since 1983. Commercial streetscapes have been improved, parks refurbished and block nursing programs started.

In St. Anthony Park, NPP funds provided \$100,000 worth of pedestrian lighting, parking bays, bus shelters, new sidewalks, planters and street furniture at Como and Carter.

A \$1.2 million private match for storefront and commercial property improvements and 19 units of new housing complemented the plan, which was sponsored in 1984 by the St. Anthony Park Business and Housing Coalition.

As neighborhood needs grow, competition for the funds has grown, too. As the 18th and final round of NPP recommendations makes its way to the St. Paul City Council, more than half the applications will go unfunded.

The St. Paul City Council's Housing and Economic Development Committee was to review St. Paul Planning Commission NPP recommendations August 25, after this edition of the *Bugle* went to press. If all goes as planned, the City Council will take final action at the end of August or in early September.

The city has \$700,000 available for NPP this year, said Joan Trulson. She oversees the program for St. Paul Planning and Economic Development (PED). Had all funding requests been met, the city would be spending almost triple that amount.

The Planning Commission's Resource Allocation Committee spent considerable time determining which projects would be funded, said Trulson, and the decisions were difficult.

"There were a lot of applications and very little money," she said. No appeals or challenges to the recommendations have surfaced. Trulson attributes that to participants' understanding that the dollars just aren't there.

NPP is unique among city capital improvement programs because of its incentives for fund applicants to leverage more dollars for projects. Over the years, NPP funds have been supplemented by private funding, grants and "sweat equity" in the form of volunteer labor.

The program began with a \$2.3 million allocation in 1983. It has been offered at least once a year, and sometimes twice a year, since then. NPP was threatened with extinction in 1991 and 1992, after concerns were raised about some projects funded. At one point in 1991, the St. Paul

Planning Commission and Capital Improvement Budget Committee were at odds over the program's future. Some contended that funds allocated for NPP projects, such as decorative street lighting, should be funded by public works dollars instead.

One person who fought long and hard for NPP to continue was former St. Anthony Park resident and Planning Commission Member Jim Christensen. Christensen chaired the commission in 1991, when NPP's future was threatened.

The future of funding sources has also been a question mark, as the NPP relies on federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and city-issued capital improvement bonds. Increasing demand for those dollars is being felt throughout city operations.

Eight of this year's 27 regular program projects have been recommended to receive partial funding. But none of these

have been allocated the full dollar amount requested, Trulson said.

Of the six small projects recommended to be funded, all received requested allocations, for a total of \$44,900. But the regular projects category had \$3,212,243 in funds requested.

No projects from Planning Districts 10 and 12 (Como Park and St. Anthony Park) were submitted in this final round of the NPP program.

Although this is the final NPP cycle, Trulson pointed out that efforts to develop a replacement program continue. The program, called Building Neighborhoods Together, is expected to focus more on brick and mortar improvements, and less on human services efforts. BNT has been recommended for funding in the 1994-1995 Capital Improvement Budget, which is also being reviewed by the mayor and City Council.

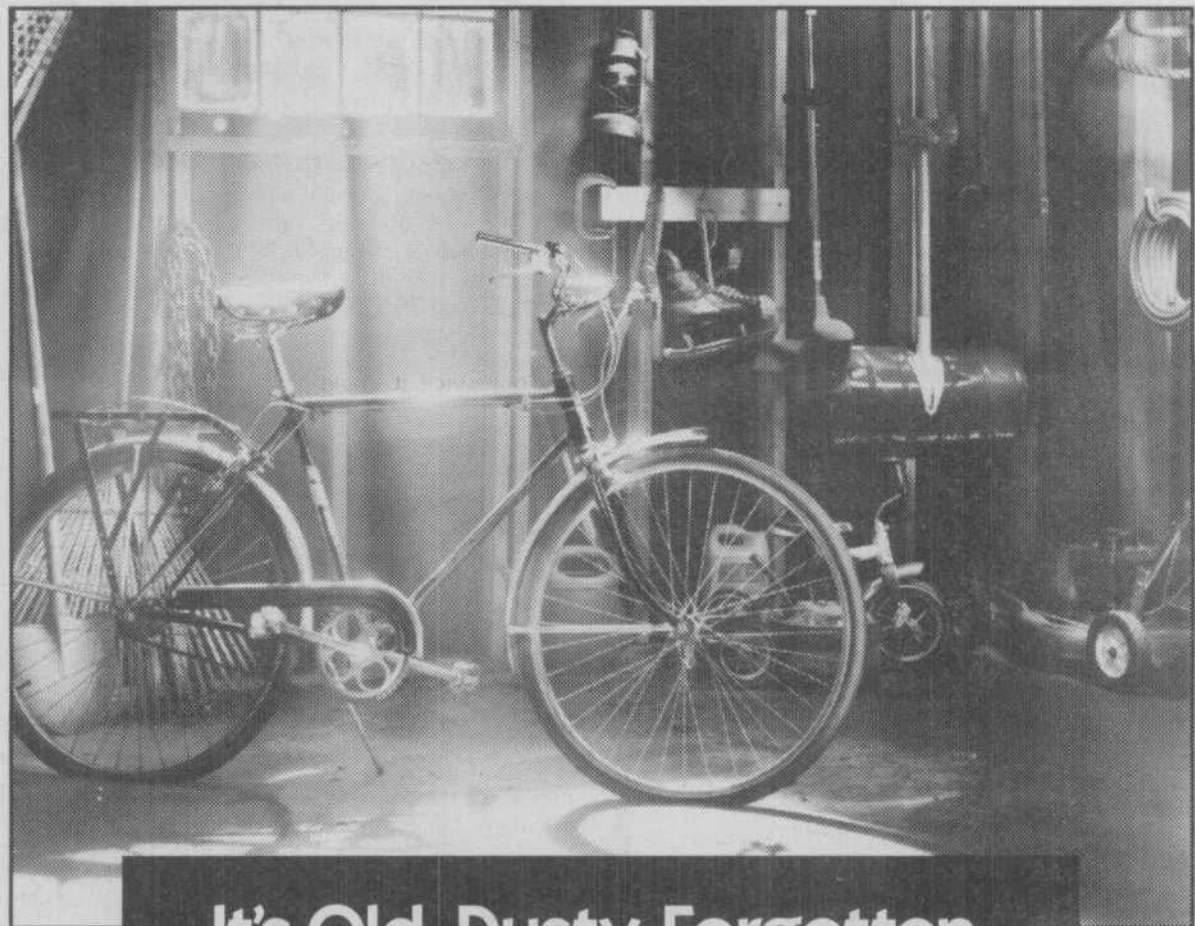
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Hampden Park Foods restructures and remodels

By Amy Causton

If you haven't been to Hampden Park Co-op in a while, many surprises await you. From the neon carrot sign outside to the remodeled bulk foods area inside, the store has undergone numerous changes in the past six months.

A few months ago, the co-op board drafted a values statement that defined its three main commitments: building community, stocking quality products and changing the world.

The biggest change is that the store converted from a taxable non-profit organization to a legal co-op. The board had been looking into the conversion for the past three years, and Hampden Park was officially deemed a co-op July 1. The change allows the store to pay less taxes on its profits by distributing them to stockholders.

The conversion also makes it easier for people in the community to be a part of the co-op. Formerly, members were required to pay annual dues and volunteer at the store. Now, members make a one-time purchase of a share of stock in the co-op for \$30. Currently, there are around 300 stockholders.

At the end of the year, if the store has shown a profit, a portion may be divided among stockholders according to how much they bought at the store that year. As Board Chair Jan O'Donnell noted in the co-op newsletter, "This change will provide the benefit of patronage rebates for those who shop at the store but are unable to work as volunteers."

However, members can still volunteer in the store for a shopping discount and a vote at co-op meetings. Helen DuFault, the store's manager, says that while some other Twin Cities co-ops no longer have working members, "member participation has been something that Hampden Park has felt is an important part of co-ops." Also, members felt it was important to link work in the store with voting rights so that decisions



Photo by Truman Olson

Hampden Park Foods workers Jorum Leikner, Pam Swanson, Helen DuFault and Connie Coleman display some of the store's wares under the new neon carrot sign.

would be made by people with first-hand knowledge of store operations.

To go along with the organizational change, there have been many changes in the look of the store. These changes are part of the co-op's effort to stock the best variety of products, and also a response to steadily improving business. Over the past five years, the co-op has seen a significant increase in sales, and the changes in the store help workers better accommodate them.

Perhaps the most significant change inside is the new computerized cash register and scanning system. Not only does the system speed up the check-out process, but it also allows

the co-op to track which products sell and which don't. In addition, the computers track member purchases for the year-end dividends.

There has also been a great deal of remodeling and rearranging, all in an effort to make shopping easier. Shelves near the front have been moved back to create more open space and improve the flow of traffic near the deli coolers, DuFault says. "Basically, we wanted to make things more accessible and make [the store] look better."

In addition, the bulk foods area has been redone. Bulk foods represent one of several "niches" in which the co-op specializes, says DuFault (others being organic foods and dietetic foods for those with special diets and/or allergies).

In order to make the bulk area more "user-friendly," a work island with a scale has been installed for customers to use when filling and weighing containers. Also, new bulk bins have been put in. "We're able to put more stuff in a smaller amount of space and be more space-efficient," DuFault says. "We're attempting to make it easier to shop here."

To help accomplish the board's third objective, changing the world, the co-op has recently installed a water machine. Water jugs can be bought in the store or brought from home, and filled and reused repeatedly. Also, there are plastic recycling containers in back of the store where milk, water and pop bottles can be brought. The store also recycles glass, cans and paper. These environmental measures are coupled with greater efforts to stock a variety of organic foods, for which, DuFault says, there is a greater demand. "Organic sales have increased a lot, and they've become more affordable."

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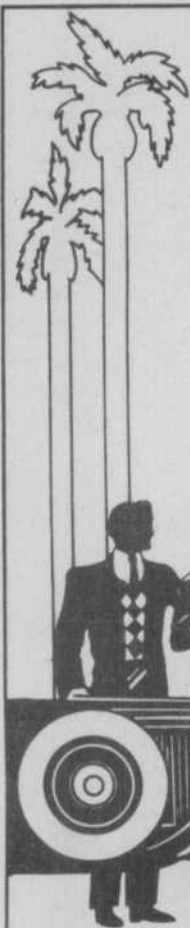
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28 Sat.

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

29 Sun.

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

30 Mon.

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

31 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.

SEPTEMBER

1 Wed.

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, 670 Pelham Blvd., noon-1 p.m. Also Wed., Sept. 15.

Film in the Cities public Town Meeting on the future of media arts, 2388 University Ave., 6:30 p.m.

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

2 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, So. St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 5 p.m.

3 Fri.

Falcon Heights/Lauderdale recycling day.

7 Tues.

School begins, St. Paul Public & Roseville Area Schools.

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

8 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, So. St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

13 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 488-3361 or 644-0055.

14 Tues.

Primary election in St. Paul, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

St. Anthony Park Association, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave.; dinner, 6:30 p.m.

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

15 Wed.

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

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

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

16 Thurs.

St. Anthony Park Merchants & Professionals Association board of directors, ParkBank, noon.

Midway Highland Chapter 930, American Association of Retired Persons, Lyngblomsten Senior Center, 1415 Almond Ave., 1 p.m. Call 644-8937.

17 Fri.

Falcon Heights/Lauderdale recycling day.

Storytimes for children, St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave., 10:30 a.m. Fridays through Oct. 15. Registration necessary.

18 Sat.

Kids Day in St. Paul. Free open swim at Murray Junior High pool, 2200 Buford St., 10 a.m.-noon. Activities at Langford Park.

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

19 Sun.

St. Anthony Park School of Dance all-school picnic, Langford Park, 2-5 p.m. Call 646-0502.

21 Tues.

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

22 Wed.

St. Anthony Park recycling day.

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

Bookmobile at Hamline & Hoyt, 12:30-5:30 p.m.

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

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

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28 Tues.

St. Anthony Park Community Council Human Services Committee, So. St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 5 p.m.

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

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

29 Wed.

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

30 Thurs.

Meeting to discuss starting a Block Nurse Program in Como Park, Como Park Lutheran Church, 1547 Sheldon St., 7 p.m.

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Elizabeth Gates

Elizabeth A. Gates died on July 24, 1993. She was 89 years of age and a resident of Falcon Heights.

Gates was a member of the Falcon Heights United Church of Christ. Survivors include two nieces, Marlene Christiansen and Bonnie Gustafson, two nephews, John Gates and Duane Gates, and their families.

E. Adamson Hoebel

E. Adamson Hoebel, former chairman of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Minnesota, died on July 23, 1993. He was 86 and had lived in Falcon Heights.

Hoebel's studies ranged from American Indian tribes to East-West relations and the evolution of law and culture in preliterate societies. He was one of the first scholars to insist that the Plains Indians had systems of legal controls worth documenting.

Two of his books, *The Cheyenne Way* and *The Law of Primitive Man*, are considered classics and are increasingly used by today's legal scholars.

He joined the University of Minnesota in 1954 as professor and chairman of the anthropology department. In 1966, Hoebel was in the first group at the University to receive the title of regents' professor. He retired in 1972.

Hoebel is survived by his wife, Irene, a son, Bartley, and five grandchildren.

High School from 17

former Wilson High School is now the site of the Expo for Excellence Middle School Magnet program. In fact, in the past 50 years, St. Paul has torn down only one closed secondary school—the old Mechanic Arts school near the state capitol.

Other issues that have been encountered in the site selection process include lack of open space in an urban school district, groundwater or soil pollution problems at many sites studied, and the need for adequate parking. Some sites had inherent transportation problems, while others would be too costly to purchase.

Area sites considered and rejected include the Energy Technology Center at Energy Park, which is now housing some school district and Metro State programs. Three sites downtown, including the St. Paul Athletic Club, Union Depot and former Carson's building, were also studied.

The site south of the state fairgrounds was the top choice because of its size until prior to the July 21 meeting. Conditions placed on the purchase, including price and the need to replace state fair parking area, raised questions about the site.

"This, in my opinion, is no longer a viable site to consider," said Quinn.

The North End site may have some support from that neighborhood, as well as from the adjacent Payne-Phalen area. Some neighbors to the east see positive aspects to having a citywide high school near their community.

Will a new high school appear on a ballot, so that citizens may vote on the property tax impacts? That won't be the case with the two new high schools. Quinn explained that the school district does have authority, granted by the Minnesota Legislature, to lease or purchase new school sites. That authority was used when a former Control Data warehouse was purchased as a site for elementary school magnets several years ago.

The \$60 million high school's proposed site isn't the only controversial aspect of the project. Its possible curriculum has also gotten a mixed response from members of the Citizens Long Range Space Planning Advisory Committee, or CLRSPAC, and parents throughout the district. Members of the committee reviewed an outline of the school's proposed curriculum in late July, after the community meeting July 21.

The curriculum outlined at recent meetings calls for different academic specialties, as well as flexible scheduling for juniors and seniors to accommodate unique student time demands created by work, college courses, internships or technical

training. For example, students who work might be able to go to class early in the day, go to work and then return in the evening for additional classes.

One idea considered for the new high school is to locate study space and computer use areas for students who cannot study at home, and who don't have access to a computer. The school district's multi-cultural resource center would also be moved from its Como Avenue site to the new school. The facilities would be open to students throughout the city.

Carole Snyder, who oversees curriculum development in the St. Paul Public Schools, pointed out that the school will also offer programs to meet changing state requirements for graduation, which go into effect in 1995.

Academic specialties considered for the new school include technical preparation or vocational training; health and safety; government and policy-making; youth apprenticeships; museum and cultural studies; and business entrepreneurship. While some of these programs reflect magnet programs already under way at some elementary and secondary schools, others would be unique. The technical preparation focus would allow students to make a smooth transition from high school into two years of technical training, Snyder said.

Some parents are questioning the curriculum proposals, and wonder why the school district doesn't instead use a new facility to expand successful efforts such as International Baccalaureate and Quest. Demand for these programs is already being felt at Central High School, where the incoming freshman class has more than 125 student applicants than spaces to fill. (International Baccalaureate, an advanced academic program that includes the opportunity to earn college credit, will go into place next year at Highland Park and Harding.) A few at the July 21 meeting called for a return to "basics" and a traditional high school setting.

But Snyder pointed out that the school district has an 11 percent dropout rate, a rate that is rising. The new high school, which will draw students from around the city, needs to meet needs for students not served by current school programs.

Yet another concern parents are raising is this: If finding a site for the first new high school is so difficult, shouldn't efforts to site the second needed school get under way now?

Greg Nelson, chairman of CLRSPAC, called for the school district to start looking for its second needed high school site. "We live two blocks from Johnson," Nelson said, "but my daughter probably won't be able to go there."

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The Bugle doesn't charge for your ad to give away an item.

FREE: Small kitchen table, formica top. 644-1640.

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FREE: New carpet and linoleum pieces. 646-7202.

GIVE AWAY: Maytag electric wringer washer. 645-2135.

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FOR SALE: One round trip ticket to Seattle, Washington. \$250. NW Airlines, Sept. 25-29, 1993. Call 649-0987 and leave message.

FOR SALE: Above ground swimming pool, 15 foot diameter, new liner, \$50. 659-0232.

FOR SALE: Daylilies, Hostas, Ferns. Transplant from my garden to yours. Big savings compared to nursery prices. 644-9274.

TICKET FROM BOSTON. One-way NW Airlines ticket from Boston to Minneapolis/St. Paul. Female. \$150. Must be used between Sept. 12 & Oct. 7, 1993. 646-1288.

Housing

FOR RENT: Housemate wanted. Grad students welcome. Nice townhouse in St.A.P. area. Share kitchen and laundry facilities. \$300/mo. No pets. 645-8469.

FOR RENT: One/two bedroom, 1355-65 Eustis. \$520/\$430/month. Call Donna 486-9653.

FOR SALE: Midland Grove 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Great location on Cleveland and Co. Rd. B. Ground level, walk out to lovely courtyard. Indoor pool, party room, underground parking, and more. \$57,900. Donna Anfinson, CRS, Century 21 Jay Blank Realty, 633-0061 or 645-5581.

FOR SALE: 1658 Van Buren, St. Paul. Three bedroom brick and aluminum two-story near Hamline University. Gorgeous natural woodwork, built-in buffet, and fireplace. Mid 70's. Donna Anfinson, CRS, Century 21 Jay Blank Realty, 633-0061 or 645-5581.

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FOR SALE BY OWNER: Outstanding North St. Anthony Park home with many updates. Remodeled kitchen, master suite including deck with hot tub. Updated electrical, new furnace, roof and double garage. Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, and much more!! \$219,000. 646-4608.

FOR RENT: St. Anthony Park, walk out one bedroom apartment. Patio & woods. New carpet. Private driveway. Utilities paid. 1 block from seminary. No smoking, no pets. Available Sept. 12. \$465/month. 645-5196.

Notices

AA: St. Anthony Park group meets every Monday 8 p.m. StAP Lutheran Church. Call 770-2646 or 647-9446.

REGISTER NOW for fall book groups at Minnesota Women's Press. 771 Raymond Ave. 646-3968.

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Speaking Briefly

MTC offers State Fair express service and admission discount

The Metropolitan Transit Commission is again offering three options for getting to the Minnesota State Fair, which runs through Sept. 6.

The first option is to catch an MTC State Fair Express bus, which will run hourly to and from the fair from six shopping

malls: Southdale, Northtown, Brookdale, Ridgedale, Maplewood Mall and Signal Hills. This service will not operate at 4 and 5 p.m. on weekdays.

Fairgoers may also choose to drive their cars to one of four Park & Ride lots where they can park for free and catch a free MTC shuttle bus to the fairgrounds. The Park & Ride lots are located at Har Mar Mall, Rosedale Square (County Rd. C and Lincoln), Rosedale Towers (County Rd. B and Hershel) and NCR Comten (County Rd. C and East Snelling Service Road). More lots are available on weekends. Call the State Fair, 628-6732, for more information.

In addition, regular bus routes 60, 5 and 4 that ordinarily serve the State Fair neighborhood will

have more buses running to increase the frequency of trips to the fairgrounds.

The MTC State Fair Express and the regular route service offer the paying passenger the additional bonus of a coupon redeemable for \$2 off State Fair admission. The discount coupon is not given to passengers using the free shuttle service and is not redeemable on Family Day, Aug. 26, or in combination with free admissions. Call the MTC at 827-7733 or 349-4BUS for more information about this service.

Community Education fall brochures coming

St. Paul Community Education fall brochures will be mailed to St. Paul residents during the week of Sept. 6. Registration dates for fall session are Sept. 13-24. Those who don't live in St. Paul may pick up a brochure at any St. Paul Public Library beginning Sept. 7.

Block Nurse Program considered for Como Park

By Lee Ann Owens

Como residents 65 years of age or older may have a new home health care program available in the future. A meeting to discuss the Block Nurse Program will be held at Como Park Lutheran church, 1547 Sheldon St., on Thurs., Sept. 30 at 7 p.m.

According to Michael Speiker, District 10 Como Community organizer, the council is exploring whether the community can support a Block Nurse Program.

"It can't just be one individual that makes it happen," Speiker said. Community volunteers are needed to help run the program for seniors, which seeks to provide home health care and chore support "to help people stay at home as long as they can," according to Speiker.

"It's really neighbors helping neighbors. The staff and volunteers come from the community itself," said Marjorie Jamieson, Living at Home/Block Nurse Pro-

gram (LAH/BNP) executive director.

During the July Como Community Council meeting, Malcolm Mitchell, LAH/BNP associate executive director, presented a video that illustrated how the program currently benefits surrounding St. Paul communities.

Residents of St. Anthony Park initiated the Block Nurse Program in that community. The Macalester-Groveland neighborhood has a Living at Home program. A staff of three serve as consultants and technical assistance providers for both of those programs, as well as nine other similar programs statewide.


LAH/BNP is implemented only in areas where 13-21 percent of residents are age 65 or older. The program helps both seniors and their communities, according to Jamieson. "Participants can continue to contribute to the community socially and economically," she said.

The alternative for 30 percent of the clients participating in the LAH/BNP would be living in a nursing home, said Mitchell.

Minnesota has 8 percent of its over-65 residents living in nursing homes. The national average is 5 percent.

Tom Montgomery, District 10 Como Community Council chairman, said the LAH/BNP is greatly needed in the Como area.

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Discounts on Cruises

St. Anthony Park Community Council

Annual St. Anthony Park Neighborhood Cleanup coming

Date: Saturday, September 18

Time: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

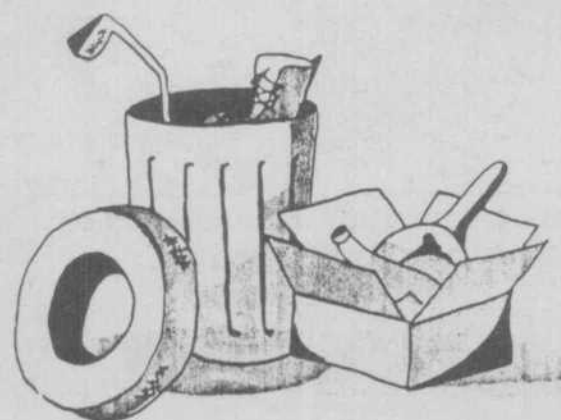
Fees:	First Trip	Other Trips
Cars	\$2	\$6
Vans/Pickups	\$5	\$15
Trucks	\$25	\$50

(larger items and loads may be charged extra)

Dumpsite Location: 1700 Como Ave.
across from the State Fair Coliseum

Items accepted at dumpsite:

- Appliances \$7 each, air conditioners \$15
- Scrap metal, car parts, any metal
- Car & boat batteries
- Tires (\$1 car tire, \$2 and up other tires)
- Concrete, asphalt, rock
- Brush
- General refuse, carpets, furniture, mattresses



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Items NOT accepted at dumpsite:

- Household hazardous waste including: paint, oil, thinners, strippers, solvents, pesticides, herbicides, freon, railroad ties, etc.
- Cans, bottles, newspaper. These can be recycled on regular curbside recycling days (2nd & 4th Wed.)

Seniors or handicapped persons: For help with curbside pickup, call 292-7884. Only items placed on the curb will be picked up by our volunteers. Heavy refuse or appliances must be brought to the site. Crews are available to assist in yard and alley cleanup. Deadline for calls for assistance is Wed., Sept. 15.

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

The cleanup gives you the chance to get rid of the large items that you might otherwise have to pay to have hauled off. These things will be recycled if at all possible. The council makes sure the materials collected are disposed of in the most ecological and economical manner possible. We recycle metals, concrete, appliances, furniture, and we will have brush chipped for reuse. So mark your calendars for Sept. 18 and see how good a clean basement or attic can look!

Council Actions At A Glance

This month the Council:

- Moved to support the proposed development of the third phase of Westgate by CSM Development. The concerns about the development discussed at the previous Council meeting were addressed by adjustments in the site plan to accommodate possible LRT alignment, and by design and landscaping enhancements.

- Moved to support a neighborhood Public Achievement Project. SAPCC will lend its name as sponsor, will help with publicizing the work of the project, and will provide staff support to help explore funding sources.

- Moved to propose a cosponsorship of a Family Safety Program with the St. Anthony Park Association. The program would include components of Emergency Preparedness and home maintenance/building code issues.

- Moved to change the regular meeting date and time of the Human Services committee to the fourth Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m.

Shop the neighborhood-wide garage sale!

Sat., Sept. 11 is the day of the sale. Neighbors all over St. Anthony Park will be parting with their treasures for bargain prices. They will be open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and donate 10 percent of their earnings (tax deductible) to the council, so your purchase will benefit the neighborhood as well as your pocketbook.

Participants will have a yellow yard sign, and shoppers can pick up a list of addresses and a map showing the location of the participating sales. This is a community-wide effort and an excellent way to get to know your neighbors!

September 1 is the last day to sign up to host a sale. For more information, call the Council at 292-7884.

Council-sponsored meetings are listed each month in the Bugle Community Calendar on page 21. Everyone is welcome!

Office: 890 Cromwell, St. Paul, MN 55114 **292-7884**

Community Organizer: Abby Struck

Members: Richard Almer, Bob Arndorfer, Connie Birk, Carolyn Davis, John Grantham, Clair Hruby, Sandra Jacobs, Mark Labine, Nowell Leitzke, Alice Magnuson, Scott Magnuson, Jan Meyer, Barbara Murdock, Rich Nelson, Howard Ostrem, B. Warner Shippee, David Skilbred, Dolores Sullivan and Ellen Watters.