Budget cuts may save
Lauderdale residents from tax hikes in 1994

By Holly Nelson

Planning and funding for infrastructure projects as 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.

"Fortunately this is going to be one of our better budget cuts 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 $75,000 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 Administra- tor 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 bud- get," said Mayor Jeffrey Dains, who praised 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. Dis- agreement 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 These include a review of ordinances that could be outdated, design- ing a new police station and cuts to paid time off for employees.

Mayor Dains has a personal goal to continue to build a sense of community in Lau- derdale through the organization of more neighborhood Crime Watch groups. "The glue of the community in Lauderdale has been really beneficial to get to know your neigh- bors," he said.

Another concern facing Lau- derdale is a decrease in state funding for cities. "The legisla- ture has taken money away from us," said Barlow. "Just 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. The direction of this council is that we're going to keep fighting."

This winter Lauderdale resi- dents 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.

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 2961 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 coun- cil coffers.

"I knew this was going to happen at some point," says one of the residents living in the 80-year-old farmhouse. Both resi- dents chose 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, Westland Construction, to fix up the house if the owners

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Gateway Park, Raymond at Energy Park Drive, officially opens

New development at Westgate approved

By Kristin Cooper

St. Paul's Planning Commis- sion 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 4-0 to approve a smaller building housing fewer employees, rather than the larger building recommended by the staff. A redevelopment plan adopt- ed by the St. Paul City Council in 1987 called for a high-employ- ee density office building on the site, which is between Universi- ty Avenue and Territorial Road to the south and north and Berry Street and Eastis Street to the west and east, across from Court International.

The plan presented by the development company, CSM Corporation, involves a ware- house/showroom on the site with less than half the square footage and one-third the num- ber 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 Communi- ty Council, St. Paul City Council Member Paula Maccabee and the St. Paul Port Authority. The supporters felt this plan repres- ented a short-term solution to a vacant lot and a good oppor- tunity for small business in St. Paul to expand.

The St. Anthony Park Commu- nity Council approved the plan two days before the planning commission hearing by a vote of ten to one with two abstention.

"There was no 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 Cor- poration to build an office tower earlier in the spring, but Westgate to 13
State Fair parking headaches return

By Aany 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 greatest 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, as the largest part of its parking facilities directly from the fair and has to reallocate 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 spaces. However parking is at its worst during fair time.

Some faculty and staff fortunate enough to have won a space at the University's continuing education 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 28th 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 the State Fair's parking lots. 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 the fair, 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 at the St. Paul Campus library.

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

Last year, while Kuykendall was attending classes, 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 lines—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 neighbor-hood practice of allowing fairgoers to park on neighbors' front lawns can also be inconvenient. She also bristles at the sugges tion 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 either the St. Paul or Minneapolis school to work, many of those with a car 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 a fellow woman who has a con tract 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 better than nothing and she can walk home faster than it takes her 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 broken moves 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 are expected with parking and traffic problems are in the works.

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People

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 Etvert, M.A. Music Education; Paul Hogenan, B.A. Business Administration; Xiang Lu, M.S.; Richard Schulitz, 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 Schultiz, Karsten Schroeder, Wendy Singer and Christopher Taylor.

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Polling places in Ward 4:
Precinct 2: Luther Seminary chapel
Precinct 3: St. Anthony Park School
Precinct 4: Hodgkins-Brinch
Precinct 5: Lyndebomstien Care Center
Precinct 6: Seal Hi-Rise

Polling places in Ward 5:
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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Any eligible voter who anticipates he or she will be unable to go to the precinct polling place on Sept. 14 may cast an absentee ballot now through Sept. 13 at the St. Paul Election Bureau. Call 266-8606 for more information about absentee voting or with any other election question.

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Mary Jane Achter
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Becky Montgomery
Nora Stewart
Mary Thornton Phillips

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Jane Austin
St. Anthony Park

Director leaving
Langford Park

Dear editor,
I regret to say that after September 8 I will be leaving Langford Park for another job assignment. I would, however, like to leave a few goodbyes.
Goodbye and thank you to the parents of
St. Anthony Park.
Bobbi Megard

Letters

More debate about H.B. Fuller

Dear editor,
I must disagree with Mr. Andrew Boss's contention (letter to the editor, Aug. 1993) that the Park Barge'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 Barge 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 sniffling by young children and teenagers—such as the mustard seed oil added by Tesoro's company ever since U.S. glues 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 have been 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 reship 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 Barge is indeed an appropriate place to debate the actions of this local enterprise.

Jane Austin.
St. Anthony Park

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, Sitwatai, 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.

KL K. Gere.
St. Anthony Park

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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. The teachers had 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 dunghill in the opinion of your peers. Well, I didn't buy it. Not for a minute. If the question was so dumb that the teacher had to laugh, then I didn't have to ask it. 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 businesses 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 Bibelet 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 went to Bibelet Shop to find out what time it is, I'd go to the Bibelet Shop. I wonder if some people go to the drug store to ask what regular time it is, but go to the Bibelet 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 phone? This is usually after the asker has been 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 aroused my curiosity, so I went around the corner to the new, (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 helpful 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 that 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 uncertain. An attempt to help with next year's celebration should contact Sandy McCullare at 644-6316. Since preparations begin months in advance, it is advisable 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
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?

Jim Gililand

I would not cut back on public safety—Fire and Police services. I support Dino Guertin 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 citywide hiring freeze, and a citywide 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, a most important reason for 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 neighborhood, 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 neighborhoods. 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 control over what it is that the Mayors taxes are increased and if so, how they should be used. These monies would not 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 our economic growth. 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 in city hall. We need fewer career politicians and more common management. 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.

More seriously, the general fund and the city’s budget makes up roughly 1/3 of the overall budget picture. And it is the general fund that pays the city employees and their contributions to Social Security and other benefits. On the spending side of this equation are two areas I believe should be funded: police and fire; and the streets and sidewalks. The city employees are worthy of the salaries (they draw—I have personally worked for the District Councils, and generally, 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 I do not say that employees are hurting the city now, and will continue to hurt it 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 knowledge of the question of how much money should be spent toward these areas. Granted, some city employees are worthy of the salaries they receive. But I do believe that we need to cut back in these areas. This will not only help the city in the future, but will also help the city in the future.

Mitchell Luncan

1. Perhaps the most controversial question a candidate can answer is whether 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.

2. As a resident of Ward 4 and a member of the Snelling-Hamline District Council, I can see how much money should be spent toward these areas. Granted, some city employees are worthy of the salaries they receive. But I do believe that we need to cut back in these areas. This will not only help the city in the future, but will also help the city in the future.

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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 bordered by affluent neighborhoods on the west, industrial Pascal Avenue on the east, Marshall Avenue on the south and Interstate 94 on the north. As bad as things seem around, I can’t say it’s the "vicious" crime I have observed in a 5-year smash-in and break-in car park near my block. However, I do read the newspapers 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, especially adults, are at work, they are less likely to commit crime. And if people, particularly younger people, feel they have no place to go, they may be more likely to commit crimes.

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

5. I think that District Councils can provide the backbone for developing plans for the half-cent sales tax aimed at crime control. Councils can tell local communities what the needs of their own neighborhoods are. But unless Councils can get other organizations involved, they usually cannot finance the things they would like to do. The extra money that would be available, neighborhood organizations could accomplish some things that the city simply would not. The time never seems to fit in the time to deal with. Examples of this would be green projects, beautification of buildings or dilapidated buildings. In other places, that much-needed stop sign on the corner (as appropriate public works procedures are followed—of course). The flow of ideas for such projects will be many. But we need an avenue to filter out these ideas. That filter should be the District Councils.

6. I think the biggest issue is St. Paul is that of raising property taxes. This is a problem of major proportion, because people are not in the city who you think it continues much further. I personally have friends who live in a near-city suburb and they pay less property tax than I do, and they live in a house 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 services as we pay in property taxes. And most St. Paul residents have a grip 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 St. Paul if there is no one left here to deliver services to.

Regarding youth, truancy laws should be more strictly enforced; sentences for serious and chronic truancy developed by juveniles should be increased; punishment for juvenile crime 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 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 South East Asian children and develop special programs accordingly.

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.

Our neighborhood may opt for urban farming, which may need greater lighting of common areas for enhanced security and public comfort and safety. This is another reason that our District Councils must represent the people in our neighborhood.

It is estimated that neighborhood will receive approximately $13.24 per person from this tax. I urge responsible people in our neighborhood to make careful decisions with these funds and to administer the 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 viole

real estate market is driven by supply and demand. With fewer homes available, prices tend to rise. However, if the number of homes increases, prices may decrease. The exact drivers of the real estate market can vary depending on the location and economic conditions.

There are also environmental factors to consider. Climate, natural resources, and natural hazards can affect property values. For example, areas prone to floods or earthquakes may have lower real estate values.

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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 neighbor- hood based organizations can assure responsive, account- able 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 accom- plished if we bring businesses and residents together through community development corpo- rations, neighborhood based organizations and District Coun- cil to create strategies for liv- ing-wage job opportunities. City development agencies like the Port Authority, Planning Depart- ment and Housing Rehabilita- tion Authority must develop an aggressive, comprehensive strategy for economic revitalization. Attention to neighbor- hood plans and the city's comprehen- sive plan is the responsibil- ity of neighborhood groups as well as businesses. Partner- ships between business and resident groups in NPP projects and cooperative planning by groups like University UNITED will result in "win win" solu- tions. It should go without say- ing, that business and residents sit at the same table when neighborhood revitalization is being planned and implement- ed.

4. St. Paul citizens deserve safe neighborhoods. The most important step we can take, ini- tially, is to direct our public safety resources toward crime prevention strategies. Focusing our police department on com- munity-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." Revers- ing the causes of crime in our city will take the commitment of everyone to reach our youth early to ensure that our neighbor- hoods and schools provide a healthy environment for our children and their families. Pro- grams that invest in youth intervention, recreation, diver- sion and mentoring program must be give high priority.

5. I will support expenditures to implement neighborhood revitalization—small business growth and retention, housing rehabilitation, initiatives to leverage public dollars with pri- vate resources, and project pro- grams which are identified by the neighborhoods themselves. As a City Council member I will trust neighborhoods to direct and allocate these new rev- enues 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 neighbor- hoods. Residents, business- es and those employed in our community must have a crime free environment. I will support initiatives to upgrade and pre- serve our housing stock and encourage neighborhood rede- velopment through community development corporations to stimulate private investment in small business growth, econom- ic 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 resi- dents and businesses can be achieved by working with the school district, Ramsey County and the State Legislature.

Throughout my term, I will posi- tively promote our city as a cen- ter of commerce, culture, educa- tion, diversity, convenience and neighborhoods.

Falcon Heights Ice Cream Social

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In addition to eating ice cream, Falcon Heights residents took part in sack relays at the annual ice cream social held in July.

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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 facts 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 Frizzle’s Marilyn Belm. 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.

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Falcon Heights residents fight crime
together on National Night Out

By Amy Swisher

"It was just fantastic," says Judy Sabeen, 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 Sabeen. 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.

Sabeen 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 Sabeen, is to submit a post-project report to the National Townwatch Association in Pennsylvania and hope for the best. The association gives special recognition to towns who held out-standing events in connection with National Night Out. Last year Falcon Heights won the Rookie of the Year award. This year Sabeen is shooting for an award honoring the city for best presentation for a smaller-sized town.

If you have any memories of the Bugle that you would like to share, we’d like to see them and even print some of them. Send your ideas to us at Box 8126, St. Paul, MN 55108, or drop them in our box behind 2201 Como Ave.

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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 four 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 Charliee New: "It was hard to see what the flood did to people's homes and lives, but it really good to help out." Student Tim Holzer, 21, was selected to be a Job Corps "student ambassador" to Washing- ton, 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 life-time," Holzer said. "I have worked so hard at Job Corps and these people are acknowl- edging that. I am really proud."

Holzer is training for a posi- tion 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 tech- nology.

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 meet- ing. 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 Breastfeed- ing" 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 wel- come. A lending library is avail- able. For meeting location and information call Kathy at 645- 4953, Joyce at 644-0390 or Faye at 645-4953.

55 Alive courses
Those age 55 or older may take the 55 Alive driver refresh- er 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 lim- ited and pre-registration is required. Those who complete the course are entitled to an auto insurance discount. To reg- ister, or for more information, call Marge at 644-5834, on Tues- day mornings only between 9:30-11:30 a.m.

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

The decision by FTC's Board of Directors to dissolve the organization comes after a long battle to reduce costs and reor- ganize. Earlier this year, FTC was allocated funds to produce their Tele- vision Program and Film Exhibition Program. In the coming weeks, FTC's Executive Director Yvette Nieves-Cruz will be working with fund- raising and nonprofit arts educa- tion administrators to help identify organizations that are best suited to adopt existing FTC programs.

Founded in 1979 as an alterna- tive arts and communication program for Twin Cities' sec- ondary school students, by 1976 it was the largest media education program for youth ever offered in the country. In 1978, FTC was recognized by the National Endowment for the Arts as one of the major media arts centers in the nation. In the mid-1980s, FTC 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, FTC 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 orien- tation at Murray on Wed., Sept. 1, from 12:30-2:30 p.m., to become acquainted with the school. At Murray, to receive their pro- gram 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 class- room, adding a science class- room, and fixing the smoke- stack, which was hit by light- ning 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 the 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. 7, 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, 1650 1st Ave. S., Mon., Sept. 13 from 7-7:30 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. 29—Jan. 12. They meet once a week for one hour for 15 weeks. Cost is $110. Course offered this fall are French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. For more information call 647-1011.

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 will be mailed to St. Paul residents in early September.

Tour Red Wing

The Community Education-sponsored "Tour of the Month" is Anthony's 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 Gov- ernor of Minnesota, will receive Luther Seminary's annual David W. Preus Leadership Award on Mon., Oct. 4. The award ceremony will be at 5 p.m. in the Chapel of the Incarn- nation, Campus Center, Hixon at Falstaff Streets.

The Preus Award is given to recognize outstanding leader-
Folk singer John McCutcheon will perform to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Resource Center of the Americas.

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 renowned ceramists Vicki Christensen, Michael Huyck, Shirley Johnson, Gall Kendall and others 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 Bell 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 Council on the Arts, 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 oil, acrylic and undergraduate design work by students in the Department of Design, Housing and底盘 at the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota, will begin on Sept. 10 and run through Oct. 3 at the Goldstein Gallery.

Goldstein Gallery is located in McNamara Alumni Center and Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thurs., 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., 10:30-4:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Drama
Punchinello Players, the student/community theatre of the University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus, has announced its 1994-95 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 14, 15, 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 and 13, 1994.

Punchinello Players was established in 1914, making it the oldest student theatre company in the state. Tickets are $4 for adults and $4 for students and seniors. All performances run at 8 p.m. For more information or for reservations, call 624-7458.
Westgate from 1

Oopus was not interested.

She said the council's best analysis showed 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 242,500-480,000 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 planning more trees around the building, putting some brickwork 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 business.

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 surfish 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 is 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 had also cleaned 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 build houses over just a few days, but this year we rode a week later, many newly constructed homes. Oh man! I almost 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 monthless weekend.

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 safety routes all had to be planned. I was among a group of 80 people who were willing to raise at least $500 for the cause. That was a lot of fun.

When we set 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 food 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, Bagley, Thief River Falls, and Lancaster. Our longest day—104 miles—ended in Lancaster, where a group of Habitat women sang for us. The town people themselves provided a great meal and presented us with buttons for 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 photo-stamps. The mayor of Tolstoi, a beautiful little town, stopped us and gave us each an enamelled pin with his name and the municipal crest. We re-grouped at a concrete factory to meet our 10-mile ride to Winnipeg. The factory was co-owned by a Mennonite man who had not only provided all the concrete for the homes but also planned to work at the site all week. We lined up for a police escort into the work site. The riders were led by the youngest (14) and the 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 leaders of Habitat for Humanity, Millard Fuller. Later, Jim and Marilyn Carter came in, greeted us and shook our hands. We presented a check for $60,000, ten percent of what we had raised. (The remainder of the hands will go back to the Habitat affiliates represented by the riders.) It was wonderful to be a part of the ride that helped in 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 nailing roof trusses. The families would move into their new homes furnished 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, non-profit organization dedicated to building decent, affordable homes for families with very low incomes. It was founded in 1976 and has built or helped build more than 750,000 homes for 3.2 million persons in 1,000 communities in the U.S. and 85 other countries.

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Link between St. Paul and Mpls. campuses completed

By Winston Pitocco

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 parking 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, bringing it to a complete 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 not wait for a red light only when a bus needs to get through, causing less delay for drivers.

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's store, but can instead stay on campus through the entire route, Huss said.

The change means less noise, traffic and pollution for neighborhood residents, and faster shuttle trips between the student center and the fairgrounds parking lot where the busway comes into the campus. A few buses each hour will still take the route around the main 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.

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

By Winston Pitocco

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 repairing 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 SnoSell, 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 the initial 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," SnoSell 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 September 1997, but will be postponed because of financial reasons, said John Caron, MNDOT's principal engineer in charge of construction on 280. That delay is a major disappointment for residents, SnoSell 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, Caron 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 safety interchanges, said Caron. 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 move or new location for the facility has been set.

CCNH is still meeting on a regular basis with state and local officials, SnoSell 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, SnoSell said. Though earlier this year Burlington Northern still owns the site, though Russak 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 Olsen.

The Olsens 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 demolish-
ing 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
Olsens. “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 par-
ticular resident says that if the
building has to be destroyed, he’d
rather see something other
than landscaping take its place.

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 30 vehicles.

One group of vandals went
through the 1500 block of Pas-
cial 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 vandal-
ism 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 dif-
ferent 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 inci-
dents 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 indiscriminate-
y.”

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.

Speaker advised residents to
lock their cars, even in garages,
and asked them to watch for fur-
ther 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 McClaire
Neighborhood News Service

The search for more sec-ondary school space in St. Paul apparently will exclude sites in the Como Park/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 need 15 additional school sites for an additional 4,000 high school students by the year 2002. That would mean opening two new high schools before then, with the hope of open its doors in the fall of 1996.

This fall, fourth of St. Paul’s six high schools—Central, Como Park, Harding and Johnson— will open. Central is opening with a 125-student waiting list for its freshman class, while incomming 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 65-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 half-dozen 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/Como neighborhood, and other community groups pushed that plan through for City Council approval in 1991. Community leaders envisioned job creation through economic redevelop-ment 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 Authori-ty officials only learned of the school district’s plans in mid-July, said Ward Five City Council Member Janice Bettman. She said the site has been included in city land use plans as a focal point for economic redevelop-ment, with those plans dating back to the 1970s. Efforts called for reducing the size of the cur-rent auto salvage yard there, and using the land for other purposes.

Bettman said it is “absolutely critical” for the city, school dis-trict 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 planning and maintenance efforts for the schools, stressed that no final site decision has been made. The School Board has authorized staff to do fur-ther 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 expen-sive option, that of sending stu-dents 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 for-merly 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 High school to 22

Making a difference through paint and persistence

Norwest employees take paint brush in hand to improve the look of one neighborhood. Nearly 100 employees from the University Midway Office and other Norwest departments painted three homes in southeast Minneapolis neighborhoods.

O n 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 Satur-days to joining this important community painting effort.

Armed with handfuls of gallons of paint, plenty of brushes, ladders and an eager-ness 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 help of these willing volunteers, many of these people would be unable to continue living independently.

As in the past, Norwest employees comprised the largest contingent of volunteers among the other participating companies. "This involvement exemplifies Norwest’s dedication to each community we serve," says Jil Campbell, president and CEO of Norwest Bank Minnesota.

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Saints blessed with successful season

By Winton Pitoff

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 beers 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 Beuna of Bacon, the team mascot has been a crowd pleaser all season, 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 Schelbel.

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.

Photos by Tomm Finney

Saint the pig (above) in full garb, takes a break from running balls to the umpire.

Sister Rosalind Gelfi (below) treats a Saints fan to one of her famous massages.
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 $810 million in funds for community projects since 1983. Commercial storefronts and community property improvements 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 of 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 "partners' 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 "sweet 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 $44,990. 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 1994-95 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 Caution

If you haven't been to Hampden Park Coop 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 at the store for a shopping discount and a vote at co-op meetings. Helen Daufault, 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 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 membership numbers 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. Daufault 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 Daufault (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 while 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," Daufault 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 brought 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, Daufault says, there is a greater demand. "Organic sales have increased a lot, and they've become more affordable."

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28 Sat.
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29 Sun.
We Care, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., 8 p.m. Call 644-1964. Every Sun.

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Family gym night, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 800 Cromwell, 6:30-8 p.m. Every Tues.

SEPTEMBER
1 Wed.
Parent-child play group, So. St. Anthony Recreation Center, 800 Cromwell, 10 a.m.-noon. Every Wed. Call 646-6886.
Midway Mid-day Toastmasters, Metropolitan Diversified Industries, 670 Pelham Blvd., noon-1 p.m. Also Wed., Sept. 15.

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Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.
Block Nurse Program, Inc. board of directors, Park Bank, 1283 Como Ave. 4-6 p.m. Call 396-9774.
Lauderdale Booster Club, Lauderdale Park, 7:30 p.m.

16 Thurs.
St. Anthony Park Merchants & Professionals Association board of directors, Park Bank, noon.
Midway Highland Chapter 900, American Association of Retired Persons, Larchmont Senior Center, 1415 Almond Ave., 1 p.m. Call 644-8837.

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Obituaries

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 Gilson; 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 prehistoric 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 on 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 building 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 recent transportation problems, while others would be too costly to purchase.

Areas 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 CLRS/PAC, and parents throughout the district.

Members of the committee rejected 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 school part-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 find a study space and computer use 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 a technical preparation or vocational training; health and safety; government and citizenship; teaching, youth apprenticeships; museum and cultural studies; and business enterprises.

While some of these programs reflect magnet programs already underway 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 andquotate andquot; at the school. 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 is a very advanced academic program that includes the opportunity to earn college credits, while the Montessori placement 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 would provide a more successful learning environment, which might 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 high school get under way now?

Greg Nelson, chairman of CLRS/PAC, called for a moratorium to start looking for its second needed high school site. "We live two blocks from John- son," Nelson said, "but my daughter probably couldn't be able to go there."
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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
the nearest Library or 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
to them in the future. A meeting
to discuss the Block Nurse Program
will be held at Como 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 explor-
ing 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 pro-
vide home health care and
care support "to help people stay
at home as long as they can,"
according to Speiker.

"It’s really neighbors helping
neighbors. The staff and volun-
teers come from the community
itself," said Marjorie Jamieson,
Living at Home/Block Nurse Pro-
gram (LH/BNP) executive
director.

During the July Como Commu-
nity Council meeting, Malcolm
Mitchell, LH/BNP associate
director, presented a video that
illustrated how the program currently
benefits surrounding St. Paul communities.

Residents of St. Anthony Park
initiated the Block Nurse Pro-
gram in that community. The
Macauley-Groveland neighbor-
hood has a Living at Home Pro-
gram. A staff of three serve as
counselants and technical assis-
tants to providers for both of
those programs, as well as nine
other similar programs statewide.

LH/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, accord-
ing to Jamieson. "Participation
can continue to contribute to the
community socially and economi-
cally," she said.

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

Minnesota has 8 percent of its
over-65 residents living in nurs-
ing homes. The national aver-
age is 5 percent.

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

St. Anthony Park Community Council

Annual St. Anthony Park
Neighborhood Cleanup coming

Date: Saturday, September 18
Time: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Items NOT accepted at dumpsite:
- Appliances $7 each, air conditioners $15
- Scrap metal, car parts, any metal
- Batteries
- Tires (1 tire car tire, 2 and up other tires)
- Concrete, asphalt, rock
- Brush
- General refuse, carpets, furniture, mattresses

Dumpsite Location: 1700 Como Ave.
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- Moved to support a neighborhood Public
Achievement Program. SPCPC 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 Associa-
tion. 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 treas-
sures for bargain prices. They will be open from
9 a.m.-5 p.m., and donate 10 percent of their earn-
ings (tax deductible) to the council, so your pur-
chase will benefit the neighborhood as well as your
pocketbook.

Participants will have a yellow yard sign, and shop-
ers can pick up a list of addresses and a map show-
ing the locations 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 829-5894.