Music in the Park Series begins its fifteenth season of concerts

By Michelle Christianson

Most parents look at their teenage children and marvel at how quickly the years have passed. Julie Himmelstrup, the "parent" of the Music in the Park series, is no exception. This year the series is 15 years old and is stronger and more secure than ever. "I can't believe that it's been fifteen years," says Himmelstrup, who founded, programmed and procured funding for the series for all of its life. Himmelstrup has always loved chamber music. Her mother was an accomplished violin player, so Julie grew up listening to her, and eventually accompanying others on the piano. As a music education student at the University of Minnesota, she was assigned to do a music practicum at the St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ and fell in love with its intimate atmosphere and great acoustics. Even then she thought it would be a wonderful place to have a chamber music series.

The true birth of the series was in 1979, when Himmelstrup was a COMPASS artist-in-residence (along with Marsha Chamberlain and Steve Budin) in the neighborhood. She was lucky enough to make the winning bid at a St. Paul Chamber Orchestra silent auction fundraiser for a recital by flutist Julia Bogorad. She knew then she had the beginnings of her chamber music series. With a first-year budget of only $5,000, Himmelstrup took a gamble and spent $3,500 of that amount to hire the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra for the debut season. Her husband Anders, who has always been supportive, offered to make up any financial loss that first season. But subscriptions for the entire season sold well on the draw of that one concert and the series has never run a deficit budget.

Although Himmelstrup describes herself as merely "the conduit that links the music, the performer and the audience" it is her vision and creative programming that makes the series "the area's most consistently satisfying presenter of the many varieties of chamber music," according to Michael Anthony of the Star Tribune.

She likes to showcase artists who communicate their art in many ways to the audience and sometimes Himmelstrup even includes composers along with the performers. In a total of 95 concerts there have been 38 world premieres and many commissions of new works by such composers as Libby Larsen, Stephen Paulus, Randall Davidson, Janika Vandervelde, Paul Schoenfield and Dominick Argento.

With such an eclectic lineup of contemporary composers, music to 18

Falcon Heights may avoid increase in property tax rate

By Amy Swisher

The 1994 Falcon Heights budget proposal is out and ready for public inspection. One of the most notable items in this year's version is that while the overall budget has increased, the city council estimates property tax rates will not increase—they may even decrease slightly.

The city can afford to do this, says City Administrator Susan Hoyt, because of an increase in property tax revenues from other sources, and because of increased market values of homes.

One of the main reasons for this revenue increase is due to

Mayoral candidates discuss district councils

By Jane McClure

Neighborhood News Service

In this year's race for St. Paul mayor, voters have had the chance to hear candidates speak on a myriad of issues. It seems almost every special interest group has hosted or plans to host a forum or candidates' debate, with topics ranging from environmental issues to small business concerns to the plight of the homeless.

For the first time, the city's district planning councils have made a joint effort to evaluate the 1993 mayoral field. Last summer, the District Council Presidents' Forum decided to prepare and send out a questionnaire to screen the candidates for St. Paul mayor. Questions were asked about support for creation of district planning councils, and the role district councils play in issues including crime prevention.

Council candidates who are active in the forum stressed that their efforts should not be considered as any sort of endorsement process. District councils, which are organized as non-profit entities, cannot endorse political candidates without jeopardizing their 501(c)(3) status. Most of the councils in the city have clearly defined policies on political activities of volunteers and paid staff. More than half a dozen councils require members and staff who run for public office to resign; seven others ask candidates take a leave of absence and then resign if elected.

Most councils also ask that members who are active in politics not participate in such activities as members of a district planning council. Tax regulations specifically prohibit district council and other non-profits from allowing political candidates to use office equipment, supplies and information such as mailing lists.

But many who volunteer with district councils admit that such efforts are often a springboard to higher office. Of the candidates on the November ballot for city offices and school board, more than a dozen are former district council members or community organizers.

Despite all of the media attention the mayor's race has generated, little has been said about the candidates' support of district planning councils and ongoing debate over the future of them. The major concern for district planning councils is how their efforts will be affected by the move to a part-time City Council in January of 1994. Throughout the city, community organizers and volunteers have expressed fears that more cutback in service will go to district council offices, as City Council time and staff are reduced. This issue becomes more critical in neighborhoods where council office hours, services and programs have been cut back or dropped, due to lack of funding. It is also an issue in neighborhood councils where council stability and turnover of community organizers and volunteers are an issue.

Not surprisingly, Coleman and Dawkins have expressed support for continuing the district planning council system. Coleman stated that the councils "play a very important role in encouraging and facilitating citizen participation in government."

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by Winston Pittoff

St. Paul, known for its tradi-
tions of law, is in a gloves-off, no-
holds-barred mayor's race in Oc-
tober, as Andy Dawkins and Norm Coleman advance to the November 2 general election after emerging on top of the field of 16 candidates

Coleman, an assistant state attorney general, is known as a law-and-order conservative and a populist. Dawkins, his out-
sider, a state legislator, is far more liberal and has the DFL endorsement. The two have widely different views on issues ranging from abortion to law enforcement to the city budget. Neither candidate has been quiet about his distaste for the other's politics, and ne-
ther is likely to go softly into the closing month of the cam-
paign.

Dawkins, has been under fire
for smoking marijuana in the past few years and for giving clandes-
tine briefings to a state law office advising on how to protect themselves against the police. Coleman has been
attacked for his antiabor-
tion position, and has boasted political donations in St. Paul as "ABC—Anyone But Coleman" and "St. Paul DFL—We're not the Norm" buttons have been widely distributed.

Coleman was the clear winner of the September 12 primary, garnering over 10,000 votes. Dawkins ran second, with 7,800, followed closely by Ray Faricy who received 7,310 votes. About 10,000 more ballots were divided among the remaining 13 candidates.

Bobbi Megard, former St. Anthony Park community orga-
nizer, received 2,770 votes in her bid for the Fourth Ward City

by Jane McClure

Neighborhood News Service

St. Paul's primary election is history, and so are the cam-
paigns of more than a dozen candidates. The largest of the mayoral hopefuls, four City Council ward slate and the School Board hopefuls, were winnowed down by voters on September 14.

Campaign finance reports, turned in to the St. Paul Clerk's Office indicate wide disparities in funds raised by the city's flock of candidates. Fund-

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Jim Gilliland, the 4th-endorsed candidate for the fourth ward seat, recorded almost $5,000 in contributions of funds and in-kind items. He's spent about $2,300 thus far, and has about the same amount left over. Gilliland drew his largest dona-
tion from Uniformed Firefighters Local 21, at $1,000.

Gilliland and Megard will advance to the November 2 gen-
eral election.

Tori Walter McLaughlin's cam-
paign took in more than $5,000 and spent almost $3,500. She received $500 from the Min-
nesota Commerce Campaign Fund. Candidate Mitchell Lanc-
man has raised and spent almost $5,000 thus far in his cam-
paign. Washington Genck has received no funds as of yet.

Carole Murphy Faricy, who challenged Megard for the DFL endorsement but chose not to file for the primary, recorded more than $8,000 in funds raised and spent. One key con-

sentor was Roger Froustaud, at $1,000.

Of the seven St. Paul School Board candidates, Beth Elie and incumbent Mary Thornton Phillips had not submitted reports as of the Park Bugle deadline. Another candidate, St. Anthony Park resident, Oliver Steinberg, had spent just $25.

Marc Manderscheid has raised more than $7,000 for his school board campaign, includ-
ing $1,000 in his own funds and $1,000 from the St. Paul Federa-
tion of Teachers. He's spent about $6,200 and has almost $1,400 left.

Manderscheid, Thornton Phillips and incumbent Becky Montgomery are sharing expenses, sharing some same linen signs All three are AFC and Teachers' Federation-endorsed. Montgomery, who raised more than $4,300, and spent about $2,100, also received $1,000 from the federation. Like Man-
derscheid, she loaned her campaign $1,000.

Her only DFL candidate, Nora Stewart, raised about $4,700 and spent almost $3,700, leav-
ing a balance of $1,000. The IHS of Minnesota gave the Stewart campaign $1,200. She was one of the first School Board candi-
dates to appeal to animal rights inter-

ations, hitting the campaign trail last winter.

DFL-endorsed candidate Roberta "Bobbi" Megard has raised $20,500 so far in her bid for the Fourth Ward City Council seat. Jim Gilliland, the IR candidate for the post, has raised $5,000.

Tanential candidate Mary Jane Rachner, running for School Board under the banner of "Committee for Superior Education Schools," recorded almost $525 in contributions and almost $500 in spending.

Of the city's 16 mayoral candi-
dates, Sharon Anderson, Matthew Casillas, Thomas Eddy, Glen John Mansfield, Oscar Quast, Karl Sachs, and Michael Scabre, Sc had not filed reports yet. Thomas Halber, Bob Mayer and Bordon Seltzerquin each reported raising and spending less than $400 apiece.

DFL-endorsed Andy Dawkins and Norm Coleman have raised and spent the most money. Coleman has raised more than $145,000 and spent almost $125,000, while Dawkins has raised and spent about $125,000. Marlene Johnson has raised about $70,000 and spent $63,000, while Ray Faricy has raised and spent less than $20,000.

John Mannillo reported rais-
ing $50,600 and spending $82,000, leaving a deficit of $32,400 in campaign expenses and half-cent sale tax fees for Gerald Isaacs also reported a funding deficit of $50,000, and standing more than $10,000 and spend-
ing $16,600.
People

Brad Manor is the new principal at Como Park High School. He replaces Patricia McHugh, who left after one year as Como's principal to become principal at St. Paul Open School.

Mary Mackbee is the new principal at Central High School. She had been director of secondary education for the St. Paul Schools.

Chuck Wollenberg is the new principal at Chelsea Heights Elementary School. Last year he was the assistant principal at North End Elementary. John Ashmead, the previous principal, has been assigned to Homeroom and Riverview Elementary Schools.

Rick Beeson, vice president for lending at St. Anthony Park State Bank, was awarded a diploma at the 49th annual commencement exercises of the Graduate School of Banking, Madison, Wis. Beeson has been employed at ParkBank for five years.

Megan Straughn, daughter of Robert and Mavis Straughn of St. Anthony Park, was one of three St. Paul-area students selected at Central High School in Lawrence University's Conservatory of Music intensive week-long workshop in September. She is a senior at St. Paul Academy. Lawrence University is located in Appleton, Wis.

State Sen. Ellen Anderson is one of 24 Minnesota senators to be given a perfect score of 100% by the Children's Defense Fund of Minnesota (CDF-MN) for her voting record regarding issues crucial to the well-being of children.

Audrene Houston has been named to the Environment Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Au drene Houston has been nominated by the Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps for the 1993 Job Corps Hall of Fame. Houston graduated from the Job Corps in 1992, after completing the advanced training program in the Transportation Communications Unit. She is now employed at State Farm Insurance in Roseville.

St. Anthony Park resident Ann Wynia received the most support as a would-be candidate for U.S. Senator in a straw poll of DFL party leaders taken by the St. Paul Tribune. She was favored by 37 percent of 290 DFLers who returned ballots. Wynia is a college teacher and former House majority leader.

Les Day has retired as manager of the Como Park Conservatory, a position he had held for 16 years. The job has been taken over by Roberta Sladky, a former horticulturist at the Minnesota Zoo. The beautifying project Sladky will oversee is the planning of a $4.5 million education center, which will be built between the conservatory and the Como Zoo. It will provide classes and education resources for both the conservatory and the zoo.

Former St. Anthony Park resident Kelly MacGregor received her B.A. degree, Magna Cum Laude, from Williams College, Williamstown, Mass. She also was inducted into Sigma Xi, a scientific research society. Election to Sigma Xi was based on her senior research thesis submitted for the Geology honors program and by nomination of the science department of the college.

MacGregor lives in New York City and is employed as a staff geologist for Exxon Services Company, a Lyndhurst, New Jersey, environmental services firm.

Mark Bauch, a Chelsea Heights Elementary School 6th grader, was selected as the August Youth Volunteer of the Month by the St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation, for outstanding volunteerism at the North Dale Rec Center.

Kent Ecklund of St. Anthony Park has been elected to a one-year term on the Citizen's League, a public affairs research and education group. The league studies educational issues in Minnesota and publishes its findings in its own Minnesota Journal.

The People section is compiled from information sent to the Bugle office each month and is by no means an exhaustive list. If you or someone you know in St. Anthony Park, Loring-erdal, Falcon Heights or the Northwest area of Como Park has done something noteworthy, write it down and send it to us at Box 6218, St. Paul, MN 55108, or leave it in our drop box behind 2301 Como Ave.

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• Consider serving on the Bugle board. It is made up of your neighbors who work to keep the paper in touch with the community we serve. Board membership can also provide the opportunity to learn valuable skills in computers and all of the business facets of the newspaper.

• Consider coming to our annual meeting, this year to be held on Sun., Oct. 10, from 3-5 p.m., in the Community Interagency Room at St. Paul Park Library, 2245 Como Ave. Past editors and past board members will be invited to share their memories of 20 years of Bugle history.

With your continued support, we can all keep the Bugle playing into our next 20 years! Thanks again!

Dale Tenison Volunteer Board President

Letters

Salute to St. Paul Saints fans

Dear editor,

As the nearest neighborhood to Municipal Stadium, where the Saints drew well over 150,000 fans, at least 50,000 people walked past our building during the summer. A smaller number used our side grassy knoll to picnic and barbeque. Except for some very minor inconsiderate incidents, this fanbase conducted themselves in a very orderly, respectful manner. This is a credit to the Saints management, the Municipal Stadium management but especially the many supporters of the Saints, their fans!

It was easy to detect that fun did not need to be at the expense of others.

I want to personally thank the thousands of fans who used our property as a core and a yard, while inviting them to do the same next year.

Fred Wagner
Chairman/CEO, Minnesota Wire & Cable Co.

Memories of fireworks at Langford Park

Dear editor,

I read with interest your account of the July 4th celebration in 1974 in St. Paul Park. The article expressed some sadness about the end of the fireworks displays to end the festivities, I, for one, was relieved and unburdened.

The Steinhauer family shouldered the responsibility for the firing of the fireworks for the last ten years of the display. About 8800 worth of fireworks had to be ordered and stored, permits had to be obtained and liability insurance purchased.

On July 3rd the fireworks were picked up and stored in the Steinhauer home, a very dangerous situation.

On the 4th, the steel tubes were dug into the ground near the railroad tracks. They were 3- 4 and 5-inch diameter tubes, 2 and 3 feet long. The fireworks had to be organized into orders to be fired and then covered with metal to protect them from flying burning debris, rain and troublemakers.

Most people are not aware of the amount of explosives involved. It takes a huge blast to propel a large aerial bomb 300- plus feet in the air. The fuses were hand lit. The person lighting the fuses showered with burning paper and a blast that was ear deafening. Fireworks are unpredictable. They can explode prematurely (injured a young man assisting) or delayed and land among the spectators (injured a young girl in the front row) or a rooftop (started one on fire).

The fireworks displays at Langford Park left fond memories for thousands of people, I will always remember them vividly but their time had come. Thankfully there were no serious injuries.

Fred Steinhauer, St. Anthony Park

State Fair dominates area

Dear editor,

After reading the article in the Bugle on State Fair parking headaches, I wanted to further comment on this topic. As a U of M employee for more than 20 years, I have depended on the State Fair and/or Como Park and ride lots for my transportation to work. This year I found the parking concessions the U of M granted the State Fair were intolerable. With very short notice, U of M employees lost parking rights to the Como lot. Parking privileges were given to State Fair employees. To add insult to insult, the State Fair employees utilized only half the lot. The parking spaces normally used by U of M employees sat vacant and U of M employees were forced to hunt for scarce on-street parking in the area.

I also happened to read the article in the Park Bugle regarding the first choice site for a new St. Paul Public High School. I do not want to debate the need for a new St. Paul Public High School or the possible site options but the article stated the first choice site was rejected—you guessed it—because of the Minnesota State Fair parking demand. Again the message is very clear. The 12-day Minnesota State Fair dominates our area.

Area residents can contend with the tens of thousands of barges, the traffic congestion, the blocked driveways and the trash on their property, but should the State Fair be permitted to restrict our jobs or the educational opportunities for our children? As a parent of school-age children attending St. Paul Public Schools and as a U of M employee, I only hope the long-term mission of education will someday gain the importance that the Minnesota State Fair dictates.

Nancy Becker
Northwest Como Park

Mayor responds

Dear editor,

I have a mild complaint. I read a story in your newspaper [September, 1993] about a house at Falcon Heights razing in front of city hall. The article makes us sound like horrible people because we didn't deal well with the tenants of this house during the process.

I think your reporter has a pretty serious misunderstanding of how cities operate with landowners. We operate with property owners, and this owner was kept informed of all the way through the process. He, in turn, informed this area, and Letters to 5

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The perils of PC

By Gregg Richardson

I have to confess to being mystified by the continuing rancor of what is currently being called the "PC" (political correctness) controversy, which I distinctly recall being manufactured by the Bush election campaign in 1988. Specifically, I can't understand why people who feel threatened by a "thought control" movement that, as far as I have been able to tell, has precious little control over anybody's thought.

Although I have always been an omnivorous reader with a good share of political savvy, I only vaguely remember hearing about this terminology once or twice, used in a rather ironic sense among some of the political left before Bush tried to stick it on Michael Dukakis as a kind of cheap hammer and sickle. When I came to understand what he and his journalistic hacks at the National Review were really talking about, I was at first surprised and then dismayed.

I don't know about you, but in my strictly conservative upbringing, I was instilled with a strong sense of common courtesy. The same values that made me call my adult neighbors "Mr." and "Mrs." also compelled me not to draw attention to people's differences and disabilities with racist, ethnically loaded language. We children were admonished to make sure that other kids felt included in our activities, especially if they possessed characteristics—appearance, abilities, social class, etc.—that made it difficult somehow for them to "fit in." It never occurred to my mother that this was a racial issue, and it never occurred to me to either.

Language evolves rapidly in modern society and terminology like correctness or derogatory changes rapidly (witness the succession "colored," "Negro," "black" and "African-American" in just the past 40 years), but the principle, I thought, remains the same: be courteous and try to make people feel included.

Granted, this may not always be easy in the specific. If you've ever sung a hymn in a church service attempting to extemporaneously interject gender-neutral language, you know what I mean. The eerie sonic lacunae that result when an entire congregation suddenly removes a phrase that can't be replaced by a simple pronoun can result in a spiritually distressing experience.

This is precisely what I think most otherwise decent opponents of what has come to be called PC have done. People have become incontinent with courtesy.Courtesy is no longer a desirable trait in our society. Courtesy requires making the effort to subordinate your immediate convenience for somebody else's sake, a requirement that does not sit well with the New Age/therapeutic subculture as it is to the God-scape/-scape capitalists. People resent being asked to consciously alter the comfortable old language and habits they've used all their lives, especially when these habits have never caused them any harm.

This in itself is a clear indication of a need for change. People who have become so self-contained creatures of habit as to be oblivious to the effect of their habits on others who stand at a relative social disadvantage should be hearing a wake-up call. It should be that difficult to put ourselves in another's place. Most of us have at some time in our lives been such objects of contempt or indifference due to our physical characteristics or social deficiencies, but unless we live with it, we tend to gladly forget it.

I'm not a PC hater, for example, an absurdly skinny man with a small head, protruding ears, a warped rib cage with a pronounced and incurable stoop, and coke-bottle-bottom glasses. My voice sounds like Don Osmond, I have a bad heart, and I wear most of my clothes with all the grace of a cadaver propped up on a stick.

None of this particularly bothers me anymore, and I wouldn't especially care for anyone to create a politically correct euphemism for people like me (assuming there are other people like me), such as "differently assembled" or "specially endowed." On the other hand I would prefer that you not refer to me as "shrill," "runty," "Dumbo the Elephant," a "ratticab with the doors open," the "Maritan" or "Dr. k.kay," all of which were nicknames affectionately applied to me almost daily throughout my youth. Indeed, I would go so far as to point out that, if I weren't, in fact, such a shrill.

And therein lies the essence of PC. All of the shrinks, the queers, the cripplers, the niggers, the fat girls, and the dead-end-dumb boys are finally standing up and insisting that the football players and cheerleaders learn their real names. If you haven't been there, you probably don't get it.

Of course, those who are not particularly deep thinkers may regard this as just so much unnecessary rhetoric of foolishness or intolerance over the centuries, and no one has suggested that they render this categorically devoid of value. Gray's shr供求 rights is that right to be human. One need not possess the liberality of Erasmus or the moral dignity of Mother Teresa to be PC.

Secondly, if you really feel intimidated by a bunch of shrinks, then perhaps you haven't had enough exposure in straightforward egalitarian communities. If they've learned years ago not to be intimidated by the casually thoughtless language of an entire culture, perhaps you can learn not to be intimidated by the occasional request that you watch your mouth.

It's not really all that difficult. Most cases don't require the mental gymnastics of broken-field hypnotic singing. As a modest example, you will notice that I have written this entire little essay without a single male pronoun, an inconsiderate pronoun and an antecedent, or an awkward "he/she." It just requires a little adjustment of style. And as for that one unfortunate outburst in the preceding paragraph, I am still beating rapidly, see the article on "Irony" in the Dictionary of PC and you'll be doing the same thing.

So, if you PCers: lighten up! And to the rest of you—repeat after me, in UNISON, SMILING: "WE'RE PC AND PROUD!"

AUTHOR'S NOTE: Immediately after I finished this piece, my favorite university put its foot in my mouth by banning some of my literature courses for their allegedly satirical references to gay people and feminists. Let me say for the record that I support even fuzzy little Republican rights to product political satire, but with the recommendation that they first learn to be funny.

Letters from 4

as the tenants said, they have a very good relation- ship with the property owner. So there would be no reason for the city to enter into the relationship with the property owner and his tenants—any more than St. Paul or any other city would. I think the article puts us in a very bad light when we were actually dealing well with the tenants.

If you were going to interview and quote somebody, it should have been an elected official, who deals with policy, rather than the administra- tor, who deals with the process. If somebody is to be held accountable for and give the rationale for how we deal with policy, that would be me, the mayor, who speaks for the city council, or an individual council mem- ber. I believe you felt you weren't getting what you needed from me. I would appre- ciate your acceptance of this protocol in the future, because in our form of government, administrators are not policy makers.

Tom Baldwin Mayor, Falcon Heights

Seminary signs

Dear editor,

I am responding to the article regarding the sign on the corner of Como and Luther Place announcing the name change for the Lutheran seminary.

There was a merger of three Lutheran churches in 1888. The "Luther" Seminary was the semi- nary of the American Lutheran Church, which was headquartered in Minneapolis. The Rev. David Preus, who cur- rently runs the Global Mission Center, was the bishop of the American Lutheran Church.

The "Northwestern" Theological Seminary was a seminary of the Lutheran Church in America. The former LCA bishop was Rev. Dr. James Cumrley, who runs an Ecumenical Institute in a southern seminary.

The third church that merged with the ALC was the LCA. The LCA was the Associa- tion of Evangelicals in Lutheranism. The AELC was as small denomin- ation of people who had been excommunicated from the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. Their bishop was the Rev. William Hartzwell.

Before Jan. 1, 1988, I was a member of the Executive Council of the Lutheran Church in America. I remember the merger of "Luther" and "Northwestern" semi- naries because David Preus wrote a book about the merger.

Jim Cumrley asking the LCA to pay the ALC $60,000. As I recall, Cumrley wrote a letter to Preus (at the direc- tion of the LCA exec- uate council) saying we didn't have an excess of $60,000.

It took almost two years to remove the excess from Lutheran-Northwestern Theological Seminary. Appar- ently, the largest of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America semi- naries chose to produce political satire, but with the recommendation that they first learn to be funny.

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Reflecting on 25 years of teaching

By Lois A. Swartz

Twenty-five years of teaching. My colleague asks, "Are we the dinosaurs of education?"

"No," I say, "it just seems that sometimes the path is narrow and the way long. For those with high expectations and strong values it is always an uphill battle."

Over 750 students have come and gone, taking a bit of me with them, leaving a bit of themselves behind. Twenty-five years of first days and last days. Each beginning and ending and the days in between affect change, leaving me a better teacher, a more compassionate person. The first day of school, 1968, standing alone in my classroom I thought solemnly about the awesome responsibility I was about to undertake. That same feeling repeated itself over the next 25 years of first days. Last days invariably bring tears to my eyes, for these children that I have nurtured for over 1,000 hours are moving on without me.

All of life's experiences are played out in the classroom and so I am and what I believe in defines how I respond. I learned long ago that I cannot always protect my students from the ugly side of life. Some of them know it far better than I and sometimes cope with it better than I.

My classroom has always been a place of contrasts—various cultures working and learning together, the haven and the have-nots, those who are protected and those who need protection, the strong and the fragile, the shy and the outspoken coming together from all over the city for 6 1/2 hours a day. My job is to teach them the skills they need for tomorrow's world. My lesson plan book says Beginning Math, Language, Social Studies, My heart says hope, self-esteem, compassion.

The good days bring peace and harmony, smiles and laughter, hugs, a picture, a note, a thank you—from some small acknowledgment that I am doing something that makes a difference. Other days bring the burdens of an unhappy parent, custodials battles, abuses of a law suit, or an out of control student. The challenge is to keep it all in perspective, to remember and cherish the good days.

Questions and doubts creep in. How many more times can I see a child's heart being broken, a spirit crushed by abuse or neglect? How many more times can I offer a hug or a band-aid for a wound that is beyond my finding? And how many more times must I relearn that I cannot save the world, that I can only do my best to provide a secure environment and a positive, role model for my students while they are under my care? It seems so little when they need and deserve so much. And over and over again is it much more am I able to give? And yet it is what I must do. It can be no other way for me. It is in giving that we receive. Mr. Baker, a parent and missionary in Madagascar reminded me that I too am a missionary and my mission is here with my students. I know it is so.

I am blessed in my work. I have the freedom to use my talents and abilities. My life is enriched and expanded by children, parents and colleagues. I have had the opportunity to work with my students for 25 years in a challenging, fulfilling career.

I will never know the extent of my influence, but I am secure in the belief that I have touched lives, that someone is a better person because I cared about them.

Your 25 is here—a new beginning, new challenges, I am awed and humbled by the responsibilities that awaits me. I embrace it eagerly!

Lois Swartz teaches third grade at St. Anthony Park Elementary School.

Budget from 1

portion of the budget.

Another increase in property tax revenue will come not from the business sector, but from homeowners. Even though the city is not raising property tax rates, the county has determined that the market value of homes in the area has increased by an average of 5 percent. The greater the value of the house, the more the homeowner can expect to pay. Homeowners can expect to pay a slightly higher or lower percentage, depending on the house.

But this increase shouldn't have a tremendous effect on homeowners' budgets, Hoyt says. The average value of a home in Falcon Heights is about $126,600. With a 5 percent appreciation in value, that house would be valued at $126,800. If the city charges homeowners the 1993 tax rate, their property tax bill will increase by $15 from $254 to $269. However, if the city goes ahead to the plan to lower the property tax rate for 1994, homeowners can expect to see only a 49 cent increase in their tax rate. Because a final decision has not yet been made, these numbers are not set in stone.

The city council also approved a plan to put some of the extra revenue into a capital improvement fund. This five-year plan sets aside funds to replace office equipment, furniture, pay for the remodeling of the city council's podium, and other miscellaneous items.

The capital improvement plan is part of the $1 million general fund. It is only part of the city's more than $4 million budget. An additional $1.8 million is set aside as debt service funds, which pay for bond the city has taken out for improvements. Approximately $600,000 has been set aside for the city's enterprise fund, which finances and accounts for the acquisition, operation and maintenance of services such as sewer works and the emergency rescue service. Another $730,000 is标记 for funding the city's parks, streets, facilities and public safety services.

"It's a very detailed-oriented project," Hoyt said, but added that creating the budget still is never an exact science. Some items, like budgeting for snowplow service, are subject to changes in the weather and the council tries to allow for possible fluctuations in their allowances.

But despite unforeseen events, Hoyt says Falcon Heights has historically managed to meet the budget's guidelines, if not end the year with a little money left over.

Residents interested in the finer details of the budget are invited to view a copy of the budget at city hall. In the past, Falcon Heights has won awards commendng the council on the understandability of the budget.

A public hearing on the matter is also scheduled for late November or early December. The council will place a final vote on the plan after the hearing. The budget goes into effect at the beginning of 1994.

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Weber leaves school board after 20 years of service

By Kristin Cooper

After nearly 20 years of service to the St. Paul School Board, Eleanor Weber decided not to run to retain her seat on the Board this year, but that won't diminish her commitment to education and the city's children.

"As long as I'm alive, I will do everything possible to support public schools," she said.

Weber participated in many changes in education during her 19 1/2 year tenure. The most important she feels is the increased involvement of parents and community members in the schools.

She said when her children were in school, the parents were kept out of the process. However, parents and community members can now become involved through site councils at some schools, which have input on local programs, budget expenditures and selection of principals, she said.

Another change Weber feels is possible is the growing stress on outcome-based education.

"It used to be that you spent so many hours on this and so many hours on this and then you get a diploma," she said. "Now we ask 'Have you learned?' and that's good."

Other good things Weber saw during her time on the board include increased spending on Special Education services, the availability of English as a Second Language classes, staff development to train teachers and more choice in schools—in particular the magnet school program.

Weber said the magnet school program serves multiple functions, helping schools reach their desegregation requirements and "recognizing the different gifts and interests in different children." She cited the importance of increased recognition that students are different and learn in different ways, so that using a variety of teaching methods is needed.

The diversity in St. Paul schools today is a reflection of the demographic change in the school district as more middle-class families from all ethnic groups move away from the city. She said the district now serves children from more lower-income families and single parents than when she first came to the Board.

Weber said it is a change in society that is responsible for the increased violence in and around schools. "Society has become more violent and children bring the violence with them," she said. "We certainly don't teach them violence in the schools."

The schools are actually focusing on teaching non-violence and problem-solving, in addition to spending $1.5 million on security, she said.

In spite of problems, Weber sees the city's public schools as one of its greatest strengths, but she warns that another source of funding must be found. "We can't further reduce what we're providing," she said. "I'm afraid we've already hurt what we're providing."

A 45-year resident of St. Anthony Park, Weber also works in the Minnesota Human Services Department. She said she felt good about her decision to leave the board because there are capable people ready to take her place.

She said she and her husband have given up many evenings and weekends during her tenure on the School Board. She is looking forward to having more time for herself and her husband.

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Falcon Heights to elect two council members

By Amy Swisher

Four people are vying for two open seats on the Falcon Heights City Council this year. Of the four candidates, only one, Sue Gehrz, has served on the council before. To help Falcon Heights residents familiarize themselves with the candidates, the Bugle presents a short summary of the candidates and their positions.

Elections will be held on Tues., Nov. 2, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Voters may cast their ballots at either Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, 1795 Holton St., or City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, depending on precinct. Those unsure of their precinct should contact city hall at 644-5650.

Sue Gehrz

Sue Gehrz is the one-term councilmember who hopes to retain her seat on the council. She also serves as a Community Health Promotion Specialist for Dakota County. Gehrz is an eight-year resident of Falcon Heights who moved to the area from Wyoming. She said she and her husband chose the area specifically because they felt it would be a good area to raise children.

Gehrz said she's pleased with the general direction the city is going and points to the council's efforts to keep the community involved in planning processes such as the ongoing street and parks improvement projects. She thinks Falcon Heights is in a special position as a first-ring suburb.

"I like the small-town feel, but at the same time we have big city resources and need to utilize them," Gehrz said, pointing to major events like the State Fair, which bring thousands of people to Falcon Heights. First-ring suburbs can have their own special problems too, she said.

"The most important thing is to maintain the level of services without raising taxes. That's a concern for us especially since Falcon Heights is fully developed."

Because the area has no more vacant land to be developed and taxed, Gehrz believes that maintaining the city's existing tax base and preserving an open, healthy business climate is especially important. As for long-term goals for the city, she said she would like to see the council continue to work on the city's capital improvement plan to maintain and improve the city's infrastructure.

But at the same time, Gehrz said she wants to see the council continue to foster a sense of community involvement in the council's decisions. She also wants to step up promotion of the area as a good place to work and live.

"Some people still don't know we exist," Gehrz said. "They still think we're part of St. Paul."

John Hustad

John Hustad is making his first run for an elected office in Falcon Heights. He and his family are five-year residents of the area.

Through his work as Deputy Director of Minnesota Planning, Hustad said he is well-prepared for the job of councilmember. At his job, he works on short- and long-range planning for the state, while at home he has served on the Falcon Heights Solid Waste Commission for about four years. Hustad has also done research for the Minnesota legislature for ten years.

But now, he said, he'd like to work for his community on both the state and local level. He elected to the council, Hustad said his main goal would be to maintain the existing level of services and continue to foster a community- and family-oriented atmosphere.

But to do so, Hustad said the city must continue to put an emphasis on long-range planning because changes in federal and state laws, the economy and changing demographics in society can have an effect on Falcon Heights in the future.

Hustad favors making a greater effort to include guidelines to measure the council's progress toward its longer range goals in order to ensure that the council is making as efficient progress as possible.

As for short-term goals, Hustad said he would like to see the council work on creating a pay-as-you-go drop-in play center for families with young children. Because Hustad himself has young children, he said he is keenly aware of the needs of families like his own. He would like to see the council foster a program that would teach and encourage preschool age children to learn about the environment and recycling. He has already informally discussed this proposition with the local Lions club.

Hustad also believes that because the city is a small, first-ring suburb, the council needs to continue its policy of looking into sharing its resources, such as police service, with other suburbs.

Ted Johnson and his family are two-year residents of Falcon Heights. Johnson currently works as an investigator of civil rights violations for the Minnesota Department of Human Rights.

While he has been elected vice president and president of his union, the Minnesota Association of Professional Employees, this is the first time Johnson has run for a city council position. He has also worked as the director of constituent affairs for an assemblyman in New York, focusing on landlord/tenant issues.

His philosophy of government is that any governing body must do the most good for the most people while still allowing the minority what the most good is, Johnson said. The council must continue to actively solicit public opinion.

"Falcon Heights' biggest strength is its small size," Johnson explained. "It allows people to focus on their own interests so they can be involved and really control what's going on in their community." He said his own reason for running was his sense of duty to the area.

Johnson's overall reaction to the council is that it is "grounded in the community, in touch and representative." He added that he'd like to see the council provide even more services to the residents.
Seniors
By Sheri Booms

Welcome to the St. Anthony Park Leisure Center. Located on the lower level of St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, the Leisure Center is open Wednesday through Friday, 10-1 and 1-3:30 p.m. You’re just in time for the grand tour. Our guide is Henrietta Melo, vice president of the Leisure Center and its program-
ing director for the past 13 years. “Do you sing or dance?” she asks. Henrietta is always on the lookout for entertainers.

We begin in the large fellowship hall. Rows of tables are set for the noon meal. “That’s three dollars and you don’t need reservations,” Henrietta tells us. Enice Johnson, RN from Lyng- blomsten, has set up shop at one table. She gives free health checks the second Wednesday of the month. On the last Wednesday, the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program pro-
vides the same service.

Also in the room is the sewing/craft group, hard at work creating items to sell at United Methodist’s upcoming Country Fair. On October 18, the Leisure Center’s big money maker. The busy group also con-
tributes items to needy families through Ramsey County Ser-
vices, and donates lap robes to St. Anthony Park Home.

We proceed through the kitchen. It smells deliciously of baking apples and cinnamon rolls. Anita Thompson the cook is the Leisure Center’s only paid staff. Volunteer groups from five area churches take turns helping out in the kitchen each week. This keeps costs down for the Leisure Center.

We wander into the lounge where several tables of Bridge and 500 players are intent on their hands. From there, we go to another floor of the building. “That’s where the ac-
combs,” Henrietta pronounces it, to where the painting group is meeting. The four members are working on separate projects. Every April the artists hold an annual art show to display their paintings.

Back in fellowship hall, Henri-
etta explains the nuts and bolts of the Leisure Center. It began in 1970 as a way of bringing together the community as a member of the Falcon Heights Elementary School parent-teacher-student association, where his daughter attends school.

Weibehorn believes his experi-
ence investigating civil rights violations has helped him learn to deal with difficult situations under pressure.

“I have a real ability from my work experience to grasp diffi-
cult issues and concepts and to see many sides of an issue,” Johnson said. “I try to have integrity, and tell them what I’m thinking and why.”

Johnson says that due to his relatively short time in the neighborhood he isn’t fully informed yet on all the issues facing the city.

“I don’t claim to be a person who knows all the critical infor-

Regarding the issues, My strength is dealing with the issues as they come.”

Allan Weibehorn

Allan Weibehorn is another first-
time candidate for a city council seat. He has never run for an elected office before but said that due to sense of duty to his community and gentle prodding from neighbors, he has decided to run for the position.

Weibehorn and his family moved to Falcon Heights three years ago. He says he and his wife were attracted to the area’s sense of community pride and spirit. Weibehorn works for the Minnesota Department of Human Ser-
vices as a program supervisor of home and community based services. He has worked in the

er area seniors. Today, there are about 50 active members.

“The most important thing to tell people is there are no dues,” Henrietta stresses. “If someone comes three times, we add his or her name to the membership roster.”

Henrietta points out that sometimes good is needed. “We’re looking for some young-

ers who have just retired to help us with our programs.”

Thirteen years ago she was one of the new kids at the Leisure Center. She joined because her neighbor was an active partici-
 pant. “She was older than me, but always on the go, I really admired her. I feel it’s always good to have a role model, and she was mine.”

Henrietta’s husband, Philip, followed her example and joined the Leisure Center as well. He currently publishes the monthly newsletter, which is check full of Leisure Center news items. He would be happy to send interested pe-

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Langford Park Rec Center
Registration for Langford Park youth hockey begins Mon., Oct. 18 and ends Fri., Oct. 22. Registrations will be taken during regular center hours, Mon.-Thurs., 3-9 p.m., and Fri., 3-6 p.m. Hockey registration forms will be distributed at St. Anthony Recreation Center School and at Murray Junior High. Boys and girls, ages 4-15, may register for hockey.

Registration for youth basketball begins on Mon., Oct. 18 and ends Fri., Nov. 5. Registration forms will be distributed at area schools and will be available at Langford Recreation Center on Oct. 13. Boys and girls ages 5-14 may register for basketball.

Langford Park is sponsoring a trip to the Carpenter Nature Center near Hastings on Oct. 27, for children ages 4-12, and parents.

The annual Halloween program will be held on Thurs., Oct. 28, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Children, ages 12 and under, and parents, are invited to this free event. Activities include games, a costume parade and candy prizes.

Sixth annual Octoberfest
In appreciation for customers' patronage of Milton Square shops, merchants there will host their 6th annual Octoberfest celebration on Sat., Oct. 2, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Como and Carter Avenues. Scheduled activities include free carriage rides, Micawber's treasure book hunt (register at Micawber's before noon), a pumpkin hunt in the Milton Square courtyard (register at Sal's Park Deli before noon), free face painting and balloons sponsored by Boomerangs, costume judging, food and fresh produce from Bob's Produce Ranch. For more information call Mary Ann Milton at 644-5113, Paul Kuykendall at 644-9216, or Norton Stillman at 646-5506.

C O M P O C O M P O

Fall bazaar
Como Park Lutheran Church will hold a fall bazaar and bake sale on Fri., Oct. 22, from 2-8:30 p.m. A meatloaf dinner will be served from 4:30-7 p.m., at 85
News from Lyngblomsten

The Lyngblomsten Auxiliary will hold its annual fall rummage sale on Thurs., Oct. 7 and Fri., Oct. 8, in the Lyngblomsten Care Center Community Room, 1415 Almond Ave. Doors open at 9 a.m. both days and close at 2 p.m. Friday is Bag Day, with only $2 charged for everything the buyer can fit into one bag.

For more information or to donate your time or items, contact Viviene Stanz, 432-0753, or Lyngblomsten’s Community Relations Department at 646-2941.

The Lyngblomsten Community Senior Center will hold its annual craft sale and chili bar in the Lyngblomsten Care Center on Fri., Oct. 15. The craft sale will run from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The chili bar opens at 11 a.m. and will run until 1 p.m. Items created by craft groups from the Lyngblomsten Community Senior Center and the Lyngblomsten Care Center will be for sale. Proceeds go to the Lyngblomsten Foundation Quality Care Fund and programming for Care Center residents.

The Senior Center is hosting a class presented by Augustana College of the Third Age on Tues., Oct. 19 at 1 p.m. Carl Christlow will present "The Great Depression," a study of the crisis created by the Great Depression of the 1930s. Participants have a chance to share personal experiences.

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Arts Calendar

Literature
The St. Anthony Park Writers' Workshop will meet on the first Monday of each month, 7-9 p.m., at 2304 Carter Ave. Call 645-6970 for more information.

The Faith and Fiction Book Group will discuss Mr. Sma- lian's novel "A Place Called" at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 12, at the St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. The book is available at the bookstore for $12.95.

Intriguing tales from the past will be told at the Berlin, 2304 University Ave. Call 644-5501 for more information.

Music
The Twin Cities Jazz Society will mark its 15th anniversary season with six concerts, five of them scheduled at the University of Minnesota's St. Paul Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave.

On Sat., Oct. 9, the series opens at 7:30 p.m. with "The Bobby Peterson Trio - Friends." Also scheduled are "Mostly Monk" and "The Many Moods of The Modern".

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- Sat., Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m.: Anne Hills & Michael Smith
- Sat., Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m.: Kitty Donohoe and Pyder & Everhart
- Sat., Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m.: Lou and Peter Berryman
- Sun., Oct. 31, 3 p.m.: Bill Staines and Dave Moore

Ticket prices for all concerts are $9 in advance, $10 at the door. For more information, call 377-5851.

The Music in the Park Series celebrates the opening of its 15th anniversary season with Norway's Gregj Festival Piano Quartet on Sun., Oct. 17, at 4 p.m. at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. See article on p. 1.

Following the Oct. 17 concert, the public is invited to join the Gregj Festival Piano Quartet, Music in the Park Series board members, friends and neighbors for a buffet at St. Anthony Park United Parish Center at the Park at 6:30 p.m. A check payable to Music in the Park Series included with a ticket order will ensure reservation. RSVP for this popular event by Oct. 12. Reservations are limited. Cost is $11 per person. For more information call 644-0745.

A concert featuring the St. Olaf Choir begins a weekend-long Norwegian Song Fest, Oct. 29-31, at Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary. The Norwegian Song Fest remembers the hymns and spiritual songs of the Norwegian immigrants plus the choral union (Sangforening) tradition, which developed into today's Lutheran college choirs.

Events during the rest of the Song Fest weekend include a conference for music educators, choir directors, Sunday School teachers and pastors, "Are We Singing Our Children In Or Out of the Faith?"; a Family Fest, which includes Scandinavian games, music, dancing, crafts and food; a family worship service with children's choirs directed by Anton Armstrong; a traditional smorgasbord; a concert featuring two popular Norwegian musicians: vocalist Sonidra Bratland and organist Iver Kleve; a Teen Fest rock concert featuring the Jay Beech Band and "Singing the Faith" religion service.

For more information or to order tickets, call 641-3466 and leave a message.

Visual Art

The Northern Clay Center has invited six artists—Marthe Allen, Victoria Christen, Michelle Cates, Shirley Huyck, Shirley Johnson, Gail Kendall and Connie Mayeron—to design tableware and a setting in which they envision their work to be used. The result is the exhibit called Come to the Table. Viewers will see how each of these artists creates a dining environment that reflects their own aesthetic concerns and stylistic approaches. 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 642-1725.

The Handweavers Guild of America has moved its national headquarters from Connecticut to St. Paul, St. Anthony Park resident Joan Cass Wells has been named the organization's new executive director. The new offices, gallery and library are located at 2402 University Ave., Suite 702 (Chittenden-Eastman Building).

A reception to celebrate the opening of the new headquarters will be held on Sun., Oct. 3, from 1-4 p.m. Local residents and visitors interested in the fiber arts are invited to attend, meet the staff and members of the executive board and learn about programs and publications offered by HGA. Call 646-0802 for more information.

Minnesota State Horticultural Society (MSHS) invites everyone interested in floral, horticultural and botanical art to visit its first Horticultural Fine Art Show and Sale at the Center for Northern Gardening, 1755 Prior Ave. N. in Falcon Heights. The exhibition will begin with a reception on Fri., Oct. 15, from 6-10 p.m., and will continue through the end of December.

The public may view examples of original watercolor, oils, acrylics, pen and ink and sculpture Mon.-Fri., from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Thursdays until 9 p.m., and Saturdays from noon-4 p.m. Private tours can be arranged for groups at other times. There is no admission charge.

Call 645-7066 for more information.

The Weavers Guild of Minnesota offers classes and workshops in weaving on a handloom, spinning wool or linen and dyeing fiber with natural or chemical dyes. Class lengths vary, times can be flexible, equipment and materials are available.

The Weavers Guild is located at 2402 University Ave. For more information call 644-3524 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. weekdays.

"Rembrandt, the Bible and You" is the subject of a special multi-media sermon with photographic slides to be delivered by Dr. Patrick Green, Senior Minister of St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, on Sun., Oct. 31, at the 9:30 a.m. service.

The Dutch painter who lived in the 17th century is regarded as the greatest of the "Old Masters." Over one-third of Rembrandt's paintings deal with Biblical themes, and Dr. Green's sermon about Rembrandt's spiritual journey will be illustrated with thirty graphic photographic slides prepared by Ken Bacheler, a well-known area photographer. The church is located at 2129 Commonwealth Ave.

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Neighborhood News
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COMO PARK

Como’s Zoo Boo
Como’s Zoo Boo is an alternative or addition to traditional trick-or-treating. The grounds will be transformed into a Halloween celebration where participants may follow the Zoo Boo path and receive treats at many decorated stations.

The Zoo Boo will be open from 5:30-8 p.m. on Oct. 23, 24, 25 and 31. Admission fee is $5.50 in advance and $4 at the gate for all children. Adults are admitted free when accompanied by a child. Costumes are encouraged.

Advance tickets are available at Zoodel, the zoo's gift shop, or may be obtained by mail by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope with payment and ticket request to Como Zoological Society, Zoo Boo Tickets, P.O. Box 131192, St. Paul, MN 55113. A special entry group can be marked for advance ticket holders only.

The event helps raise funds for improvements at Como Zoo. For more information, call 468-4041.

Winter hours at the zoo begin Oct. 1. Buildings will be open daily from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and the zoo grounds from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Como Zoo is free and open every day of the year.

LAUDERDALE

Friends and Neighbors meet
Lauderdale Friends & Neighbors begins this season’s monthly meetings on Tornes, Oct. 1, at C.1 p.m. at Lauderdale City Hall. Hostesses for October are Florence Blundell and Bertha Stettner. The group meets on the first Tuesday of each month, November through May.

The Lauderdale 500 Club also resumes its monthly third Saturday meetings on Sat., Oct. 16, at 1 p.m. also at Lauderdale City Hall, 1881 Walnut Street.

Goodwill news
Bargain-conscious shoppers can buy unique Halloween costumes and help a good cause by shopping at the Goodwill store, 2543 Como Ave. The store offers both “lunky” used clothing, old uniforms, etc., together with still-in-the-package, discontinued children’s costumes donated by local retailers.

A number of volunteer positions are available through Goodwill Industries, Inc., Easter Seal Society of Minnesota, Catholic Charities, and Goodwill. Volunteers help sort donated merchandise, deliver goods, pack goods, serve as drivers, sort donated goods, and offer services to the elderly.

The Minnesota Timberwolves basketball team will play the Milwaukee Bucks on Fri., Oct. 29, at Target Center in a benefit for Goodwill/Easter Seal. Festivities begin at 4:30 p.m. with games, prizes, food and goody bags for kids; a haunted house; and a costume contest featuring the Timberwolves mascot “Crunch.” The Timberwolves’ Bucks exhibition game follows at 7 p.m. Ticket prices range from $15-$30.

Goodwill's 50th anniversary is a new outreach program serving people with disabilities or disadvantages.

Here's the beef
Peace Lutheran Church, 1744 Walnut Street, will hold its annual beef dinner on Sat., Oct. 30, from 5-7 p.m. Tickets, which can be purchased at the door, are $6.25 for adults and $2.50 for children. The beef dinner is served family style. Peace Lutheran is located on the corner of Walnut and Lone Streets in Lauderdale.

FALCON HEIGHTS

Gibbs Farm Museum events
Celebrate the fall season at the Ramsey County Historical Society's Gibbs Farm Museum's annual Harvest Festival on Sun., Oct. 3, from noon-4 p.m. The family fun will be celebrated throughout the day, including the Houdini Magic Show with Karl Achilles, harmony, storytelling, music by Pop Wagner and friends, a raffle and more. Admission is $3.50 for adults and $1.50 for children ages 2-18.

Learn what to do with all those apples from your tree on Apple Day, Sun., Oct. 17, from noon-4 p.m. Featured will be cooking with apples in the farmhouse kitchen on the wood-burning stove. Help the cook by peeling apples and observe the making of applesauce, apple butter, apple pies and cakes. Learn how to make applehead dolls. Admis- sion for this event is $2.50 for adults, $2 for seniors and $1 for children.

For a special Halloween treat of tales of history, mystery and magic, reserve a place at the special evening presentations of an “All Hallows’ Eve on the Urban Fringe.” The program will run on Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 22 & 23 and 29 & 30, with tours beginning every half-hour from 6:30-9 p.m. Reservations are required.

The hour-long program will cel- ebrate the ancient Celtic new year, once called Samhain, now known as Halloween, with traditional tales of ghostly visits, lost loves and evil spirits. Also scheduled will be stories about the beginnings of the traditions we have grown to know, such as the jack-o’-lanterns. Completing the evening will be hot cider and a taste of one of the original Halloween treats here is a need for clerical workers, delivery people, photographers, graphic designers, and others. Volunteer treats Manager Barb Nelson at 663-2029.

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Treat Seats discount coupons are available at all Target stores. For ticket information contact Maggie at 644-2591, ext. 150. Proceeds will benefit Goodwill/Easter Seal, a nonprofit organization serving people with disabilities or disadvantages.

U of M saves energy
Northern States Power Company presented the University of Minnesota with a $1.5 million rebate for the installation of energy-efficient lighting and implementation of other energy-saving programs at its Twin Cities campus during the last three years. By changing older, fluorescent light bulbs to energy-efficient fluorescents, T-4 lamps and electronic ballasts, the University will cut its lighting costs more than $1 million annually.

City Hall news
The City of Falcon Heights received its third annual budget award from the Government Finance Officer’s Association for its 1993 budget. The award is the highest form of recognition of governmental budgeting. The city’s budget met standards for proficiency as a policy document, operations guide for city functions, a financial plan and clear communication.

City council chambers are in the process of being remodeled to meet the requirements of the American Disability Act. The podium will be lowered and a ramp will be installed. Additionally, space is being added to the conference room so that televisions and cameras are being pur- chased. Money for the changes comes from the capital improvement fund and a $5,000 grant from the North Suburban Cable Commission. The total cost of the cable equipment is $15,000 and the remodelling costs will run between $5,000-$6,000.

Conservation expert to speak
Dr. Charles Meslow, leader of the Oregon cooperative Wildlife Research Unit of the National Biological Survey and professor of wildlife ecology at Oregon State University, will speak at 8 p.m. on Wed., Oct. 13, at the Minnesota Natural History Society of Minnesota at St. Paul Campus. The lecture, "Conservation of Pacific Northwest Natural Forests: From Spotted Owls to Ecosystems," is free and open to the public. Meslow will explain the state of the northern spotted owl and the development of the conservation strategy proposed to ensure the continued existence of the owl and its habitat.

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Ciernia to leave Falcon Heights City Council

By Amy Swisher

After twelve years in office, Falcon Heights City Councilman Paul Ciernia is calling it quits. Ciernia did not file for reelection this year instead, he plans to kick back and "relax" by doing his job at CJay Research and volunteering as vice chair of the board of directors of Northview Youth and Family Services.

"Twelve years is a long time," Ciernia said. "It's a significant commitment of time and energy. I figured it was time to get out while I was still having fun."

Ciernia says his most heartening memory as a councilman has been seeing the change in the city's parks and recreation program. Twelve years ago he says the program was very small and run by a few volunteers. The program has expanded greatly over the years, serving increasing numbers of children and adults and increasing the involvement of several city parks. Ciernia says he is also impressed with the city's efforts to maintain financial stability and commitment to maintaining and improving the area's streets.

But he adds that some of his most frustrating memories stem from the way county state and federal agencies tend to have a myriad of rules and regulations on how city money should be spent. "It takes away a lot of the creativity and responsibility of the city," he said.

As a veteran of over 500 city council meetings, Ciernia has a few words of advice for council candidates: "Take time to study the fiscal relation between the state and the city—it's very complex. Subtle changes can have a big effect on the city.

He adds that helping to run a small city may not be as easy as it seems. "I like to use the airplane analogy," Ciernia said. "A small airplane is just as risky to fly as a big one but there's a lot less backup and a lot less room for error."

Ciernia says his personal philosophy has been that the city has a much larger responsibility to residents than just filling potholes and fixing sewers. The council must also work to maintain a certain quality of life, he says. To do this, Ciernia feels the city must continue to provide social services and activities while maintaining and upgrading the local business community. "It's easy to become complacent, he warns, and with the economy comes deterioration.

Ciernia hopes he has done his part to keep any deterioration from happening during his tenure as councilman. "I just hope I left the city better than I found it," he said.

Candidates from 1

By addressing local neighborhood issues, district councilman candidates for Falcon Heights City Council were residents in thoughtful dialogue and decision-making.

Coleman's anti-crime plan calls for more community support, to get the police force and to get the police force.

He is calling for more neighborhood involvement in such matters as shaping community policing policies. He also sees the council as being able to identify priorities for crime prevention resources.

Coleman, who supports the idea of a part-time City Council because he sees it as creating opportunities for citizens to run government, said that district council "can serve a fundamental role in allowing citizens the opportunity to participate in decision making and directing the direction of their community."

When asked about his commitment to district council funding, Coleman noted the importance the councils play. "Nevertheless, during too few days, as St. Paul is faced with, it is imperative to making funding promises that may not be. As mayor, will work with district councils to find additional funding sources so they are not dependent solely on city funding. The private sector and the foundation community are important resources to call upon."

Andy Dawske sees district councils as ideally having three main roles. Councils should evaluate the needs of planning districts and make land use and economic development recommendations, he said, adding that block club efforts must continue. Dawske indicated that a third role is that of forming neighborhood development corporations in neighborhoods where the councils have the capacity to be more active in business development, reclaiming housing and "creatively improving their districts."

"There is still the perception that now that districts councils simply approve or reject ideas that come from the City Council or mayor," Dawske stated. "With the wisdom and commitment of district council members, I feel we can generate some great ideas which spread up through the district."

In the area of crime prevention, Dawske called for continued block club efforts as well as ways to meet the needs of latchkey children who must stay home alone. He also wants to see beat cops assigned to block clubs, as a way of getting the police and the community to work together.

Dawske sees the move to a part-time City Council as creating a "window of opportunity" for district councils and other neighborhood groups to redefine themselves and take on greater active roles in city government.

"I am very committed to funding district councils," he stated. "I've been a participant on community boards and I know the wisdom and commitment of council members and the value of active and involved citizen participation groups."
School News

Central High School

Welcome back! School officially started on Tuesday, Sept. 7. There to welcome students was the new principal, Mary Mackbee. She is coming to us after serving six years as director of secondary education for St. Paul Public Schools. She has been working in the St. Paul Public School System since 1966. She was named Minnesota Principal of the Year, at Harding High School, in 1987.

In October of last year, 1.5 million juniors from around the country took the PSATs. From that group, National Merit Scholarships are given out. The semifinalist round of 15,000 students has been decided. The best 6,000 students will receive those scholarships. Central has 17 students in the semifinalist round, two of which are from this area: Clair Hruby and Dan Larson. Good luck!

The sports teams have been working out since two weeks before school started. The girls' cross-country team looks especially good.

Upcoming events are yearbook picture day on Oct. 7 and Homecoming on Oct. 8.

Breonna Barrett

Holy Childhood

Holy Childhood started the school year on Sept. 7. We have a new teacher, Brenda Carnik, who teaches math and science in the Junior High. Last year she taught in the Roseville school district. We also have a new band teacher for grades 5-8. Her name is Barbara Bostrom.

The students in grades 7 & 8 have been reading The Diary of Anne Frank since school began. We plan to visit the Anne Frank Exhibit at the First Trust Center.

There was a Kindergarten Family Picnic on Sept. 21 on the front lawn. It's an opportunity for parents to meet other parents and also their child's friends.

Krisa Wynn & Michelle Kromov

Murray Junior High

We get to start with the good news first. There will be no school Oct. 21 & 22 because of the State Teachers' Conference.

The Class of '68 Murray High School reunion will be Oct. 9. If any of you want to see your friends, come, it'll be fun.

You might get a knock on your door from one of our French students. We're having a French fundraiser from Oct. 7-20.

Murray's cafeteria was remodeled this summer but the kitchen will not be done until early October. We don't have any hot food yet, but the cold food is pretty good.

There is a Murray School Association meeting Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. in the library.

Every year, Murray sends some kids up north to the Environmental Learning Center, a camp with classes that teach kids about nature. Applications for this fun event are due Oct. 5.

There will be a newsletter mailed to all Murray students for the conferences on Nov. 21 & 22. It's a little different than last year.

The parents send the letter back with the conference schedule they want. The school will call back and confirm the time.


There are 750 students at Murray, a little more than last year.

Charlie Bishop

Como Park High School

Como has had some changes since last year, and they're all for the better!

The Cougar's new principal is Brad Manor, coming to us from St. Paul Open School. The new assistant principals are Sharon Eichen, from Harding, and Rudy Ross, from Central. With these three working together, Como is expecting to have an outstanding year.

Our own Roy Magnuson from St. Anthony Park has been hired as a new social studies teacher.

Como is in the process of building the new fieldhouse in back of the school, where the parking lot used to be. Completion is expected for the fall of next year. It will be a full gym, with room for three full basketball courts. There is no seating, but it can be used as the practice gym.

The wood/metal shop has been moved to where the auto body shop used to be. In its place, four carpeted classrooms have been put in. Como is planning on expanding the library next year and also adding classrooms to hold 100 more students.

Como's Homecoming game is being played at Blakken Field on Fri., Oct. 8, at 7 p.m. Are you a Cougar alumni? Even if you aren't, come out to watch a great game against the Highland Scots.

The Homecoming dance is on Sat., Oct. 9, from 8-11 p.m. This year's Homecoming theme is "Scots on the Rocks."

"This is a great school. The kids here are fantastic," says Mr. Manor on his way to one of his many meetings. "Everyone is pulling together to make Como the best school in St. Paul."

Carla McIntosh

School News to 20
Team teachers share classroom time

By Jennifer Koch

One fourth grade and one second grade classroom at St. Anthony Park Elementary School are being double-taught this year. Lori Eckert and Judy Roe are splitting the responsibilities of teaching their room full of 29 second graders, and 17 fourth graders are being co-taught by Jan Anderson and Debbie Behr-Sylvestre. The job sharing means that each teacher works half-time, mornings or afternoons, and earns half of a regular teacher’s salary. The personal and professional benefits outweigh the pay cut, though, said Anderson. “I have other interests too. If I ever wanted to dabble in another position or volunteer at my child’s school I can,” she said.

Interpersonal chemistry is a large factor in making this arrangement work. Not all teachers would be well-suited to split their work in such a fashion. The team decide who will teach which subjects, and both teachers are present for conferences and open houses. Substitute teachers are needed less frequently, because the two are usually able to cover for each other if needed.

“The uniqueness was just the teaming of two teachers who have important things to do along with teaching,” said Principal Tom Foster. Performance levels from the teams is higher than with an individual teacher, he said, and the burnout risk is lower.

“One of the things I decided early on in the day I don’t like this job I am out of here,” said Eckert. “I am out of here, and family commitments helped her decide to be a half-time teacher.

“A happy teacher makes a happy classroom,” said Behr-Sylvestre, “and it is nice to do something we really love in a quantity which fits our lifestyle. Just to have that option is excellent.”

The original shared classroom idea began eight years ago when Diane Sanford had medical problems that required her to attend physical therapy in the afternoons. Eckert was brought in as a long-term substitute. The two were in contact every day, Eckert said, and that turned into the basis for the present, more refined system of team teaching, which includes special contracts and specific procedures for the teams.

The program has changed for the better, said Anderson, who has been part of a team for five years. Originally each teacher would bring his or her own niche, she said, but the program has evolved into more teamwork, with the teachers playing off one another.

At the beginning of each year a handful of parents always ask questions, said Behr-Sylvestre, which are answered in a conversation with the students and teachers. “Parents in this community are concerned about education,” said Eckert. By the end of the year, she added, any comments they receive from parents are usually positive.

Anderson said the program couldn’t work just anywhere, but can only function in an open community that supports and communicates with their school. “Having more than one adult to face in a day is the norm,” for most children, Foster pointed out. In two years of team teaching, he added, no student has been asked to be transferred out of a team-taught class. In fact, Foster said, students seem to be picking up on the concept quite quickly.

“This year I have found it was so different from last year,” Eckert said. “In our opening discussions the kids were telling us why we are job sharing.”

“We make the structure of the class clear to the children and the parents, to give them a sense of security that the structure of the days is identical whether Jan [Anderson] is there or I am there,” Behr-Sylvestre said. Of the mundane tasks, such as bathroom breaks, are handled in the same manner no matter which teacher has the class. The teams compare notes and devise alternative methods by learning from one another. Because of a high level of communication between the two, continuity, discipline and other classroom interactions are maintained throughout the day.

The system makes problem solving easier for the teachers as well. “When you have a problem [with a student] you can’t just tell anyone,” pointed out Eckert. “You want someone with the same concern about your kid you do. We have the same need to see the child succeed, just like parents.”

The teachers say they don’t have problems with students playing favorites or trying to get away with more than is allowed because of a lack of continuity. The two-person teams help diffuse many problems in fact, the teachers have found, because one person does not determine a child’s success or failure, said Eckert.

“This is a very positive way of approaching a classroom of children which accpets the positive for both groups,” said Anderson. “Everybody wins with this situation. With positive feedback and exposure this is something that will benefit the children and the district.”

Students in the team taught classes had only praise for the system. It being early in the year, however, several admitted to the teams adding at least one difficulty, to first-day of school concerns: having twice as many teachers names to remember.

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Tradition of Halloween fun in Lauderdale continues

By Holly Nelson

When young Trick-or-Treaters gather at Lauderdale City Hall for the city's annual Halloween party they may not realize they are part of a much larger community tradition. Although the location of this event and some of its attractions have changed, retired Lauderdale City Clerk LaVanche Peterson says Lauderdale's Halloween parties have been around for about 35 years.

The parties were begun by the Civic Club said Peterson, who remembers when the parties were held in the park with a bonfire and haunted house. "As more mothers went to work outside their homes," Peterson explained, "it was difficult for the volunteers to find the time to continue it."

Peterson said the party's original sponsor, the Civic Club, eventually dissolved when there weren't enough active members. However, this was not the end of the parties.

Now the parties are put on at City Hall with the support of Lauderdale residents who donate candy and money. Residents who contribute candy at city hall are given a flyer to post on their door to let Trick-or-Treaters know they contributed candy at the City Hall party. In addition to games and food, last year's party included a parade by about 35 of Lauderdale's youngest citizens and a photo display of parties from past years.

"The party is a fun and happy thing," said Peterson. Adults are encouraged to stop by for coffee and meet their neighbors as well as get involved by making a contribution or volunteering.

This year's party will be held on Halloween from 5 p.m. at the Lauderdale City Hall and organizers expect to hold a parade beginning at 4:30 p.m. Neighbors can call the Lauderdale City Hall at 651-6000 to contribute money or candy to the party.

The Grieg Festival Quartet opens Music in the Park Series' fifteenth season.

Music from 1

one might assume that Himmelstrup programs only "new" music. But that is not the case; all styles, from traditional chamber music to jazz and popular music are represented. In fact, Himmelstrup is most excited about the fact that one concert each season is now dedicated to jazz. She is always very fond of the three-concert family series.

Music in the Park is very much a neighborhood affair. Ushers and ticket-takers are volunteers from the area and Himmelstrup reveals in seeing the same faces year after year (some of them 90 years old) at the concerts. In the early years the Himmelstrup's own piano was even moved across the street for performances. Now pianos are provided by Hendricks Piano.

Himmelstrup has lived in the Park for 30 years and spends approximately 20 hours a week on Music in the Park. Although she continues to play piano and is on the Board of Directors of the Schubert Club, she is always thinking about the series and her "radar" is always out for new ideas and connections she can make with performers. She feels that this season is the best ever with a good mix of performers, ages and types of music.

The opening concert of the season is Sunday, October 17, at 4 p.m. and features the Grieg Festival Quartet. This quartet is sponsored by the Royal Norwegian Embassy and was formed to celebrate the 150th anniversary of composer Edvard Grieg's birth by performing chamber music throughout the United States and Europe. Each member of the quartet has an active solo career and also runs a prestigious chamber music festival. They will play the Grieg Sonata in C Minor for violin and piano, the Grieg Sonata in A minor for cello and piano, Schumann's Marchenbilder for viola and piano and Brahms' C Minor Piano Quartet. Tickets will be sold at The Bibelot Shop and Micawber's Bookstore or at the
Job Corps has new director

By Lee Ann Owens

The Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Center has a new center director. James Rodney Chambers began in August.

Chambers' goal is to make this Job Corps one of the best of the nation's existing 108 such facilities by implementing even higher expectations for students and staff.

"We’re just trying to be the best that we can. We’re going to try to be a little harder," Chambers said.

The quality of students and staff is already quite high, according to Chambers. "This is the reason I’m so excited to be at the center. I’ve been in the Job Corps since 1978 and was given the opportunity to come up here as center director," Chambers said.

The staff’s high level of competence is reflected in the quality of programs offered to the students, according to Chambers.

Originally from Beckley, West Virginia, Chambers began his career with Job Corps as a vocational manager than program manager near Lynchburg, Virginia. Chambers then moved to the eastern Kentucky Job Corps, serving as deputy director.

Next at the nation’s largest Job Corps, the Earle C. Clements in Morgantown, Kentucky, Chambers was the director of training. Chambers then was promoted to center director at the Edison, New Jersey, Job Corps. He transferred back to eastern Kentucky, and he went to Knoxville, Tennessee, as a center director. Then for a first-time Minnesota visit.

Chambers came to this position at the Humphrey Job Corps.

"I have moved around a lot but have been working on my education," Chambers said.

With a doctorate in education from West Virginia University, Chambers developed his career from rural roots. "The way out is education," he said.

The importance of education is something Chambers stresses.

In the Job Corps, not only do students get educational work-related training but also a great placement opportunity. Chambers said.

Chambers refers to the 260 students as part of his family. "Their focus is not on me but on these young people—I’m not important," he said.

Lauderdale candidates unopposed in city mayoral and council elections

By Holly Nelson

Lauderdale voters will go to the polls on November 2 to select a mayor and two city council members. Mayor Jeffery Dains and Council Member Steven Froehlich are seeking re-election, while Gene Ohman is running for an open seat vacated by Council Member Winton Phillips, who is not seeking re-election.

Mayor Jeffery Dains served on the council for two years before being elected mayor in 1991. Dains, who manages a biological science research center at the University of Minnesota, has lived in Lauderdale since 1965. He is married and has two children.

"Among his goals in continuing team-building efforts with the council and promoting opportunities for citizen involvement, Dains says he wants to encourage constructive debate about issues facing Lauderdale. "There are lots of opportunities for citizens to come to meetings and I always try to be very accessible," he said.

Dains says the city needs to consider monitoring its new contract for police service from St. Anthony. "I sense that people are really concerned about police service, cost, and visibility," he said. He also says Lauderdale should continue to explore the possibility of other shared services because, "they’ve proved to be very beneficial to Lauderdale."

Steven Froehlich was appointed to the Council a year ago when another Council Member moved out of Lauderdale. He has lived in the community for four years and is active at Roseville Church of Christ. Froehlich and his wife have three children and he is a programmer for Unisys.

Froehlich says he wants to continue to serve on the council because, "I think it’s important to give things back to the community. So many times in this day and age people look at what they can get from government. I want to give back." Froehlich says serving Lauderdale is a commitment for himself as well as his wife and kids.

"We’ve a small community with a small tax base. We need to keep control of expenses," said Froehlich. "So the council needs to continue to keep an eye on the budget." He also wants the city to do some long-term planning and set aside money for maintenance needs such as repaving streets.

Gene Ohman has lived in Lauderdale for four years and says he enjoys it because, "It’s a quiet community and yet it’s still close to the city." He runs his own business designing and building furniture. Ohman and his wife have two children.

Ohman wants to work to maintain Lauderdale’s sense of community and support the present council’s goal to set aside funds for infrastructure.

He feels he is a good listener and would be sensitive to the needs of both long-term as well as newer Lauderdale residents.

"I’m quite pleased with what the present council has done in the past," said Ohman, "and feel that I could work well with them."
Creative Theater Unlimited to present play about child abuse

By Amy Canton
Child abuse, dance and theater may seem to be a highly unlikely combination, but to a group of St. Anthony Park teenagers, they are proving to be an enlightening one. That's because this group of a dozen kids is using theater, dance and music to create a play they hope will illuminate the very serious issue of child abuse.

The play, called "It's up to you," is being developed with the help of Creative Theater Unlimited (CTU), a non-profit organization based in St. Anthony Park. CTU's emphasis is on "community-building through the arts," according to Director Charles Numrich, who also directs the play.

The play originated from CTU's involvement in the Public Achievement Program of the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. The project explores political issues and ways in which young people can work within their communities. CTU's contribution, Numrich said, was to show how "the arts can be a way that you can have political impact."

After discussing the idea of doing a play about a social issue, the group chose child abuse as the issue it wanted to deal with.

In order to have accurate information on which to base the play, group members interviewed a counselor who had worked in the area of child abuse. Also, some of the kids had knowledge of the issue gleaned from the experiences of close friends. Their next task, said Numrich, was "extrapolating from that [information] what would be a way to help an audience understand [child abuse]."

During the past school year, students met once a week to develop the piece. They used several approaches and incorporated both stylized narration giving statistics on child abuse and also scenes depicting different types of abuse. These spoken parts are augmented by dancers and music, Numrich said.

Dance was always an important part of the piece, said choreographer Katrin Frielig, because it can express emotions in ways words cannot. However, choreographing dances to accompany stories of child abuse was a difficult task. The group contributed some ideas, and Frielig added, "Since they don't know a lot about dance, they come up with unique ideas." In addition, Frielig took her cue from the acted scenes. "I watch the emotions of the characters, and ideas come from that."

The play was performed in part at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ in April, and it will be performed in its entirety at Landmark Center on Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. The admission charge will be a free-will donation to be used by local agencies to counter child abuse. The group will also perform the play at St. Martin's Table in Minneapolis on Jan. 15 and for "A Learners at risk" conference in Willmar, Minn., on Jan. 27.

CTU's work is not limited to young people. The group has worked with the Hmong community, collecting folk tales and personal histories, and with the Cambodian community Still, Numrich estimates that 70 percent of CTU's projects involve young people. "Working with young people has always been a large part of what we do."

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School News from 16
St. Anthony Park Elementary
St. Anthony Park Elementary School is off to a good start! Our principal, Mr. Tom Foster, was pleased to see many neighborhood children returning.

Our all-school Open House was on Sept. 28. The principal introduced the staff in the gym and then parents visited their children's classrooms. Children and parents were encouraged to come so the children could show their parents around and introduce them to their teachers.

The construction on our new computer lab is beginning. We hope to be using it for instruction by mid-October.

There was a night of scouting on Sept. 23. New scouts were welcome to come and find out about the scouting programs available in our neighborhood.

Kindergarten parents met for lunch on Sept. 17. This group hopes to have more luncheons throughout the year to share ideas and get to know one another.

There are several exciting plans under way for this year. The 4th grades will be taking a field trip to the Walker Art Center for their art appreciation unit. Also, the Small Change Theater is coming to St. Anthony Park Elementary on Oct. 7. Their topic will be ecology.

The first month of school at St. Anthony Park Elementary has been educational and fun and we know it will continue this way throughout the year.

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Obituaries

John Bauer
Father John T. Bauer, former pastor of Corpus Christi Catholic Church, died on Aug. 21, 1993. He lived on Fulham St. in St. Anthony Park. 

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Margaret, daughter, Ann Rigby of Maila, three grandchildren of St. Paul; three grandchildren, Paul, Kate and Jenny Rigby; and a brother, Floyd Wagenaar of Orofino, Idaho.

Andrew Burgess
Dr. Andrew S. Burgess, retired professor of Missions at Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary, died at age 95 on Aug. 25, 1993. He lived on Fulham St. in St. Anthony Park. 

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Burgess graduated from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., in 1919, and received degrees from Luther Theological Seminary in 1924 and 1935. A former missionary to China and Madagascar, Burgess believed missionary work should not be limited to foreign countries. His concern for the social and religious needs of disadvantaged Americans led him to establish the Plymouth Youth Center in North Minneapolis.

The Andrew Burgess Lecture Series at the seminary honors the life and work of Burgess, as a missionary, executive director, and former professor or missions. The next series will be on Sept. 20 in the Campus Center, featuring Rosto Lethan as speaker.

Donald Zalk

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Constance Burgess; five children, Dr. Joseph Burgess of Regent, North Dakota, Anne Marie Klein of Seattle, Wash., Esther Rydberg of Roseville, Dr. Andrew J. Burgess of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Constance Klein of Doon, Iowa; ten grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. 

Myra Cotter
Myra C. Cotter, a former long-time resident of St. Anthony Park, died on Aug. 25, 1993. She was 98 years old.

Cotter lived for many years with her husband, Ralph, and their children, Langford Park Place. After his death, she moved to an apartment on Brester St., and in recent years, resided with her son in Madison, Wis. She was an active member of St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church.

Cotter is preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Cotter, seven brothers and two sisters. Survivors include his daughter, Dale Cotter of Madison; her daughter, Sharon Tucker of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three brothers; and one sister.

Ray Dow
Ray W. Dow died on Aug. 21, 1993, at the age of 79 years. He was a resident of Lyndale University Direct Care Center in the Como Park neighborhood.

Dow is survived by his wife, Ann Dow of Sparta, Wis., and Linda Durham of Blaine; three grandchildren, Kristi, Dean and Kelly. He is also survived by four step-children and many other relatives.

Vic Etienne, Sr.
Vic Etienne, Sr., of Como Park, passed away on Aug. 25, 1993. He was 89.

At an early age, Etienne took a keen interest in athletics and became adept in running, skating and golf. As a teenager he designed a golf course on the farm where he was born. He was also considered the best 10-mile runner in Minnesota. In 1924, at age 21, he accepted a challenge to run from Belle Plaine to Jondo, a distance of 43 miles. Local newspapers listed his time at 51 minutes, "a time better than a good horse.

Etienne was a top speedskater and ice show entertainer in the 1920s and 1930s. His skating suit, with striped sleeves and legg';ings, was uncharacteristically bold for the time, making him easily identifiable. He was a member of the Minneapolis Ice Skating Club and the Ice Capades, where he shared the ice with Sonja Henie. His skill was so impressive that he made him an ice clown.

Etienne was also a well-known shanty quartet member. In 1974, a newspaper article noted that Etienne, at age 71, participated in the annual Minnesota State Pulkinen Golf Tournament since it began 52 years earlier. He shot his best score of 68 in a 1932 tournament.

He was a gear specialist/machinist at Mueller Can and Tube, then Capitol Gears. In 1972, he retired at age 65.

Corinne Gadwa
Corinne J. Gadwa, a resident of St. Anthony Park, died on Sept. 14, 1993. She was 87 years of age.

Gadwa was a longtime member of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, the St. Anthony Park Chapter of East African and the Daughters of the American Revolution. 

Preceded in death by her husband, Ambrose Gadwa, and her son, Donald Gadwa, she is survived by her son, Thomas Gadwa of Mesa, Ariz.; nine grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Lorraine Hall
Lorraine G. (St) Hall died on Sept. 8, 1993. She was 71 years old and a resident of the Como Park area.

Hall was an employee of Pitney Bowes for 35 years. She is survived by two brothers, Robert Hall and Charles Hall, and several nieces and nephews.

Robert Herbst
Robert S. Herbst, Jr., who grew up in St. Anthony Park, died on Aug. 25, 1993, at the age of 74. He had recently lived in Roseville.

Herbst had fond memories of his time during the early history of St. Anthony, and was an organizer of the South St. Anthony Booster Club.

Earl Nelson
Earl Victor Nelson, a descendent of the pioneer Gibbs family, died on Aug. 30, 1993. His parents, George and Alice Gibbs Nelson, owned the Gibbs-Nelson Greenhouse in Falcon Heights, and his mother grew up on the Gibbs Farm, now an historic site. In recent years Nelson had lived in Washington.

Nelson was a member of St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife, MaryAnn Nelson; daughters Laura Hottendorf and Holly Swenson; sons John and Kevin; Velma Shadrack, lan and Sean; brothers Gordon Nelson and Donald Nelson, and four grandchildren.

Hazel Richardson
Hazel E. Richardson died on Sept. 12, 1993. She was 72, the age of a former resident of St. Anthony Park. She had recently lived at Lyndahlomsten Care Center.

Richardson was a teacher in several St. Paul elementary schools for many years. She was a member of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her brother, Harvey Richardson of St. Paul; her niece Benicia Richardson of Ortonville; and several nieces and nephews.

James Roan
James R. Roan, who lived in St. Anthony Park since 1941, died on Aug. 30, 1993. He was an active member of Metropolitan Life for 25 years and was a member of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

Roan is survived by his wife, Mary Roan; daughters Jackie Louk, Pam Everett and Cheryl Mcsherry; a son, Tom Roan; 16 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Hal Sears
Harold Williams (Hal Bill) Sears, a former St. Anthony Park resident, died in East Moline, Ill., on Aug. 21, 1993, of complications from emphysema. He was 65.

Sears was a radio personality in the Twin Cities, Chicago and other radio markets as "Johnny Dark" or "Jim McShane."

The son of Harold B. and Adah Williams Sears, he attended Breck School in the early '40s and graduated from Murray High School in 1945, where he was senior class president and active in campus drama, music and track.

Sears and his father produced pageants at many state parks in the summers during the summer of 1949 in celebration of the Minnesota Territorial Centennial. He later was emcee of Minneapolis radio WDGY's "Let's Talk Turkey" show and in the late '50s went to WBBM in Chicago, where he developed the WJAY's Doubletime twins TV commercial.

Sears was preceded in death by his brother, John. He is survived by his wife, Margaret (Johnson), a daughter Debbie Jo Sears of Los Angeles and a son, Scott, of Norfolk, Va.

Raphael Wagenaar
Raphael O. (Ray) Wagenaar, 69, of Forest Lake, Minn., died on Aug. 30, 1993. He was 72 years old.

Wagenaar was an active member of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church and a familiar figure walking along Como Avenue.

Preceded in death by his wife, Marvel, he is survived by his daughter, Ann Rigby of Maila, three grandchildren of St. Paul; three grandchildren, Paul, Katie and Jenny Rigby; and a brother, Floyd Wagenaar of Orofino, Idaho.

Cleveland Washington
A young teenager who had attended Morrow Junior High, Cleveland M. Washington was shot and killed on Sept. 4, 1993, the day after his 15th birthday. The shooting took place on Fuller Avenue and Dale Street at 5 p.m., the aftermath of a long-standing feud with another teen. 

Cleveland would have been at Como Park High School two days after his death.

Walking was a member of Pilgrim Baptist Church. Preceded in death by his grandmother, Viola Washington, Cleveland would have been 16 years old.

He is survived by his mother, Dorothy Washington of St. Paul; his father, Morrell Grant II of St. Paul; two sisters, Lisa and Kelli; three brothers; grandparents; and many aunts, uncles and other relatives.

Donald Zalk
Donald B. Zalk, a former St. Anthony Park resident, died on Sept. 1, 1993. He lived with his family for many years over time.

Zalk had a 40-year career in auto sales and leasing. He began as a car salesman in 1953, then owned his own dealership in the late 50s, becoming sales manager in the early 60s. In 1961, he was named one of three Ford salesmen in the U.S. He became general manager of Road King Leasing in the late '60s and president of LAMAC Leasing in the 70s. He was a member of the American Compulsory Rate Leasing in Roseville and remained owner and president of the time of his death.

After a long involvement with the St. Paul Winter Carnival, Zalk served in 1966 as chairman of the West Wind. He was a member of the Roseville Human Rights Commission, the Paul Jaycees and was active in the Independent Republican Party. He was recognized as a WCCO good neighbor in 1967. He had recently lived in Arden Hills.

Survivors include his sons, Robert Zalk of Hopkins, Michael Zalk of St. Paul, and Donald Zalk of Minneapolis; three daughters, Joyd Higlers of Arden Hills, Mary Neumann of Minneapolis, and Karen Erson of Bismarck, N.D.; his children's mother, Judy Zalk of Arden Hills; and many grandchildren.

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Merriam Park Community Center

As the holiday season approaches, Merriam Park Community Center, which also serves the St. Anthony Park and Como Park areas, is gearing up to serve those in need.

Operation Joy is a program that coordinates those in need with agencies and private individuals who can help. Merriam Park Community Center will collect toys, food and money donations from October through December. The center also needs volunteers to sort, pack and distribute toys and food. Registration to receive Operation Joy food and toys will be from Nov. 15-Dec. 15. Call the Merriam Park Community Center, 645-0349, for more information.

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