



Photo by Truman Olson  
Some neighbors are opposed to a proposed change in zoning that would allow 2186 Como Ave. to become the new home of the Carter Avenue Frame Shop.

## Business use sought for Como Ave. building

By Kristin Cooper

Neighbors are at odds about the future of the building at 2186 Como Avenue.

Building owner Jan Meyer and Carter Avenue Frame Shop owner Tim Smith are working to get the building's zoning changed from its present residential status to one that would accommodate a light commercial use—a new site for the Carter Avenue Frame Shop.

The petition for considering rezoning requires eight of the 11 neighbors closest to the property to sign. The petition now stands with seven signatures.

For two of the neighbors holding off on signing the petition, the issue is not one of keeping the Carter Avenue Frame Shop from moving in

next door. Phil Duff and Malcolm MacGregor said they worry about the precedent this would set for accommodating businesses in a residential area and the possibility of a less attractive business moving in if the frame shop left.

"There's a delicate equilibrium between industrial and residential," Duff said. "If it's tipped, it's like a glacier and you let one thing happen and then another one. Twenty years down the line, no one wants to live in the community."

MacGregor expressed an interest in working with Smith on possible restrictions that could provide a compromise for the situation. He said he wants the neighbors to have some recourse if the frame shop moved in and then later moved out and a less desirable busi-

ness was interested in the site.

He said he would like to see assurance that the residence to the east of the building would not be commercialized, creating a trend of business expansion eastward.

Both Duff and MacGregor expressed great respect for Smith and said they do not have a problem with his business. "Tim is a good man with integrity," Duff said. "It's a hard choice when there's a nice guy who you happen to like and a business that's clean, but once it's rezoned, precedent is set."

Although they were quick to praise Smith, they felt Meyer's role in the situation was "heavy-handed." She has written several letters to the neighbors with "scary innuendo," Duff said.

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## Falcon Heights council approves 1994 city budget

By Amy Swisher

The Falcon Heights city council made good on its plans to lower the city's tax rate by passing the 1994 city budget as planned. However, a lower tax rate doesn't necessarily mean residents will pay lower taxes.

"If the market value of your home went up, your city taxes went up," explained Falcon Heights City Council Member Paul Ciernia during a Truth in Taxation public hearing in

December. Ciernia led a presentation designed to explain the budget to citizens. He said that while the city's tax rate decreased slightly from about 15.7% to 15.4%, the average value of residential homes increased by about 5.5%. An increase in property values means an increase in property taxes. Some houses increased in value by as much as \$15,000.

This increased revenue coming from the city's residential homes helped the council

decide to slightly decrease the tax rate. However, 1994 also marks the first year two major areas of Falcon Heights—the Good Value Homesites and part of the Hewlett Packard complex—have their revenue added to the city's property tax rolls. About ten years ago the city made major investments in roads and sewers to make these developments possible. Since then the extra property tax revenue was placed in a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) fund. Extra revenue from the two sites was put into the TIF fund and then used to pay off bills the city incurred to finance the improvements. As of 1994, all those bills are paid and the revenue goes into the regular property tax rolls.

Unfortunately, says Ciernia,

## New tire retreading facility to be located in South St. Anthony

By Jane McClure

A tire retreading facility, initially proposed in the Hamline-Midway neighborhood, has apparently found a home in an industrial area of St. Anthony Park.

In December, the St. Anthony Park (District 12) Community Council and the council's Physical Planning Committee approved plans for the Bauer Built facility. It will replace a plant now located in Shakopee, and will bring several jobs to St. Paul.

Bauer Built, which has its headquarters in Wisconsin, operates retail stores in the Twin Cities' area as well as the tire retreading plant in Shakopee. One of the stores is at Fairview and LaFond Avenues, in the Hamline-Midway area. That site was originally eyed as a place for the relocated tire retreading operation.

When the proposed Hamline-Midway site was discussed last fall, it sparked considerable opposition in that neighborhood. Residents raised fears about noise, emissions, truck traffic and the proximity of an industrial use so close to homes.

To allay those fears, Bauer Built officials invited Hamline-Midway residents and city staff to tour the current tire retreading facility. While that tour answered many questions, some concerns remained.

In the meantime, Ward Four City Council Member Paula Maccabee and her staff began seeking an alternative location for the facility. A site at 939 Hersey Street was found, and

company officials applied for a license to operate there. The site is zoned I-2, and isn't near residences.

Another issue Maccabee and her staff sought to correct was to have Bauer Built officials make contact with the community council and any affected St. Anthony Park neighbors earlier in the process. When the site was proposed in Hamline-Midway, neighbors hadn't even heard a presentation from company officials until the matter reached the Planning Commission and City Council.

St. Anthony Park Community Council members have expressed support for the facility, and are welcoming it to the community, said St. Anthony Park Community Organizer Abby Struck. It appears that concerns about noise and emissions will be addressed.

The Hersey Street site is suitable for the tire retreading plant because it isn't near homes, she added.

No special zoning provisions will have to be sought for the St. Anthony Park site. The Hamline-Midway site required what is called a "determination of similar use." This type of designation is required when a specific land use isn't listed as permitted or prohibited in a zoning district. The Hamline-Midway site is zoned I-1.

Another question that had to be addressed by city officials and the City Council is whether tire retreading is an assembly process, a recycling process or a manufacturing process. The retreading operation calls for removing part of a tire, adhering a new tread, buffing the tire and then putting it in a special pressurized chamber. City staff has determined that this is an assembly process. That designation is important, as the type of process used can also place limitations on a site.

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## St. Anthony Park Community Council News

### New Year's Resolution

"I resolve to get to know my neighbors well before the year is over."

Shouldn't be too tough ... Could even be fun! ... Definitely beneficial for me and my neighborhood.

Many unrelated factors have converged to move us all toward increased isolation; we just don't need each other like we used to. Not all bad, really, this ability to live independently. Trouble is, when we do need each other, how do we ask? Where do we look? Who do we know?

Good neighbors are a wonderful but underutilized commodity. Meeting your neighbors and developing a level of trust is essential for good city living.

Many residents in St. Anthony Park meet regularly for social events, some work together to resolve problems, others network for greater buying power or quantity discounts. The reason for getting together isn't as important as just doing it. But it does take an effort, or maybe even a resolution.

—Katie Utke

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Newly-constructed apartments for seniors, owned by Lyngblomsten, are expected to be ready for occupancy in 1994 at this site on Midway Parkway and Pascal Street.

## Original Lyngblomsten building torn down

By Lee Ann Owens

The old Lyngblomsten building at Midway Parkway and Pascal Street, originally built in 1912, has made way for a new expansion. The structure was removed in just a few days' time.

Lyngblomsten has been raising money for the project for the last year and a half.

Fundraising is still taking place to collect the balance of the \$4.5 million needed for the project, according to Sheri Booms, Lyngblomsten communication coordinator.

The new building, scheduled to open during Oct., 1994, will include 60 assisted living apartments for senior citizens. "For the most part they will be living independently," Booms said.

The current construction project represents a down-scaled version of Lyngblomsten's first building proposal which met opposition from a number of surrounding residents. The modified plans met a warmer reception from residents who were concerned over the size of the building and how it would blend with the neighborhood.

## Christmas trees will be picked up in St. Anthony Park & Como Park on Jan. 15

By Lee Ann Owens

The second annual District 10 (Como Park) Christmas tree collection will take place on Sat., January 15. The removal service is provided free by District

10 for its residents as an environmentally sound alternative to using conventional waste disposal methods for Christmas trees.

All of the trees collected will be chipped so they can be used

as mulch on non-crop lands at the University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus.

Bare trees must be out curbside by 7 a.m.; all tinsel and ornaments must be removed. Flocked Christmas trees cannot be used for recycling. No Christmas wreaths can be recycled with this project either.

A total of 30 volunteers are needed to help with the tree removal. "District 10 needs volunteers to load trees on trucks for four to six hours of the day," said Mike Speiker, District 10 community organizer. Lunch will be furnished for those volunteering. For information, call Speiker at 644-3889.

BFI Waste Systems and Mickey's City Wide have donated drivers and trucks for the tree removal, Speiker said.

District 12 (St. Anthony Park) volunteers will be picking up trees on January 15 as well. Trees to be picked up must follow the same rules as those in District 10. If you would like to volunteer to help with the District 12 effort call the Community Council at 292-7884.

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## People

**Heather Nielsen**, a student at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., has been initiated into Sigma Delta Pi, the national Spanish Honor Society. Nielsen, a senior majoring in elementary education and Spanish, is the daughter of Richard and Carolyn Nielsen of St. Anthony Park.

**Leanne Matthiesen**, a high school senior from Falcon Heights, was chosen by the University of Minnesota College of Agriculture as an Agricultural Merit Scholar. The Agricultural Merit Scholars Program is funded by private gifts from businesses, organizations and individuals to encourage outstanding students to enroll in agricultural programs at the University.

St. Anthony Park students **Pegah Kadkhodaian**, **Anna Marschalk** and **Hannah Longley** appeared in Ballet Minnesota's production of the *Nutcracker* at the College of St. Catherine. Kadkhodaian was a soloist in *Waltz of the Flowers*. Spanish Dance, Marschalk was an angel and Longley played a mouse.

**Megan Bridges** and **Katie Steffes** of St. Anthony Park were selected to be members of the Minnesota Junior High Honors Choir, sponsored by the Minnesota Chapter of the American Choral Directors Association. Both girls are 9th graders at Mounds Park Academy.

**Rep. Alice Hausman** was named 1993 Public Sector Environmentalist of Year by the Minnesota Sierra Club. This award is presented to those who demonstrate commitment to environmental protection in the spirit of the club's founder, John Muir.



**Rachel Allyn** of St. Anthony Park competed in Grinnell, Iowa, at the NCAA Cross Country Championship meet for Williams College, Williamstown, Mass. Allyn, a sophomore at Williams, finished in a time of 19:56.4. Although cross country skiing is her first love, her performance at NCAA was admirable. The Williams team, ranked seventh in a national poll, finished fifth.



St. Anthony Park Cub Scout Pack 22 collected 110 pounds of food during the holidays, which they donated to the Merriam Park Food Shelf. Larry Ward is the leader of the pack.

**Katie Miller**, a 12-year-old from St. Anthony Park Elementary School, has a lot of opinions. She doesn't like it when kids stare at her. She doesn't like it when people handle her wheelchair. And she doesn't like it when other people try to make personal decisions for her. Those are just a few of the things Miller told Sally Appar, a reporter from the *Star Tribune*. Both of them participated in a National Center for Youth with Disabilities/*Star Tribune* Youth Workshop. The participants' stories ran in the Nov. 30 issue of the *Star Tribune*.

The National Center for Youth with Disabilities' local office is at the University of Minnesota.

Como Park resident **Dr. Douglas Christie** was one of 16 University of Minnesota Medical School faculty members to receive a research grant from the Minnesota Medical Foundation. Christie, an associate professor in the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology, received the grant to work to solve one of the major transfusion problems that occurs among patients with leukemia and related diseases.

**Hanifa and Musa Mawanda** of Como Park are enrolled as first year students at Hamline University.

**Art and Corrine Bustad** of St. Anthony Park joined other Edina Realty employees in December to collect gifts for the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of St. Paul. Edina Realty worked with the Minnesota Timberwolves Foundation and KITN-TV in the holiday gift-giving program.

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# Editorial

## Farewell

This issue of the *Bugle*, my 15th as editor, will be my last. I now turn my attention to the neighborhood newspaper in my own community—the Phillips neighborhood in South Minneapolis—*The Alley*.

I leave you in the very capable hands of Julie Lehr, whose name will replace mine on the masthead as of the February issue. Julie comes to the *Bugle* with ten years of experience as editor of *District One News*, the neighborhood newspaper for southeast St. Paul.

As the *Bugle* approaches its 20th anniversary I marvel at how far the paper has come since the first issue in 1974, and at how well it has maintained the same values and direction through two decades. Our readers have been lucky to have such a forum, and at the same time the *Bugle* has been lucky to have a community so committed to the continuance of such a forum.

You are holding in your hands one of the most valuable tools for social change, education, community building, or any other goal or task you can imagine. The media's value is often undermined by inaccessibility though, particularly in large daily newspapers or network television stations. The *Park Bugle*, and other neighborhood papers like it, remains one of the few media organs still open to virtually anyone who has an issue or thought they want others to hear.

Editors and writers and artists can produce a fine paper each month, but the *Bugle* is only as good as its readers. The more feedback received from you the better the *Bugle* will be able to serve you.

Many people do get involved with the *Bugle*, but are rarely recognized for their efforts. I want to take this chance to thank all of the *Bugle*'s board members who supported me and helped guide the paper during my time here, all of the writers without whom you wouldn't be able to count on the *Bugle* for news and information, and all of the residents of St. Anthony Park, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale and Como Park who have taught me about their communities and supported the *Bugle*. I especially want to thank Kathy Magnuson and Kathy Malchow, who have put up with me more than anyone should ever have to. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here, and have learned a great deal. I hope I have been able to contribute to the communities the *Bugle* serves.

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## Letters

### Gibbs Schoolhouse needs dollars

Dear editor,

You have probably read about efforts to preserve the Gibbs Schoolhouse at the corner of Larpenteur and Cleveland Avenues. Built in 1873, it is the last remaining one-room schoolhouse on its original site in Ramsey County. To residents of St. Anthony Park, Falcon Heights and Roseville, the building is a beloved landmark and a symbol of Minnesota's educational heritage.

Because the school is on University of Minnesota property, its fate has rested with the University. In response to strong local support, the Board of Regents passed a resolution in February of 1992 to save the building—provided the community would raise money for an ongoing repair fund.

The Gibbs Schoolhouse Committee has established a special fund through the University's business office—and one contribution from a former student has come from as far away as Nairobi, Kenya.

Tax deductible donations payable to the University of Minnesota Gibbs Schoolhouse Fund may be sent to Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 55113. Those who give \$200 or more will have their name on a perpetual plaque that will hang in the lobby of the Falcon Heights city offices a short distance from the school.

Carol Moss,  
Fundraising Chairperson  
Gibbs Schoolhouse  
Committee

### Reader questions our judgment

Dear editor,

I am writing to express my disappointment about your lapse in editorial judgment. The letter published in your December edition detailing one woman's complaint against one man's alleged actions against her was not appropriate to publish in a newspaper. It was a one-sided ad hominem attack. I have heard another version of the events described in Ms. Lindbeck's letter which shed a completely different light on the events. Suffice it to say that the victimization as described in Ms. Lindbeck's letter is not universally accepted as the interpretation of the events of Oct. 25.

I do not criticize Ms. Lindbeck or question her judgment. The subjective nature of recall of traumatic events is a well-accepted phenomenon. I do wish to criticize your editorial board for publishing what should have been covered as a news story (complete with interviews of all involved parties) in such a one-sided manner.

I would like to point out that I have never met any of the parties involved in the dispute, and take no sides in this unfortunate controversy. I am simply writing to correct an editorial wrong.

Jeffrey Lyon,  
St. Anthony Park

### More comments on co-op shootings

Dear editor,

I read the December "Letters to the Editor" with great interest

because I found myself craving insight and understanding of the emotions I have experienced in connection with the robbery and shootings at Hampden Park Foods. The two letters you printed both contained sentiments I have felt. But they fell short, in my opinion, of giving a logical assessment of the situation which might prove helpful to our neighborhood's ability to heal from the wounds left in the aftermath of the incident.

Both letters concluded that, had it not been for the armed guard, no one would have been hurt. In fact, a number of robberies have occurred where the persons being robbed were shot in spite of offering no resistance. This "second guessing" of the co-op board for hiring a guard serves no purpose. Since the store had been the target of two previous robberies, the board decided to hire someone to ensure the safety of their workers and customers. They surely had in mind the protection of the customers and staff rather than the cash in the till.

The officer involved believed that he was providing this function. It is even more unfair to second guess him, who, while in the heat of the incident, was forced to make the decision to shoot. Talking to a gunman or shooting him in the leg works every time in the movies. But when faced with the real life situation, no one can predict how the various people involved will react.

And while some might feel that a young person with a weapon is still just a child and could be dealt with easily, recent news reports show that young people with guns are more dangerous than adults. Since they often believe themselves to be invincible, they can be irrational and unre-

dictable in such situations.

I agree with the December letter writer that the deaths of Kai Lor and Bruce Teng are tragic. But, I refuse to assume the responsibility for their deaths. Nor do I believe that my neighbors should feel responsible. Mr. Lor and Mr. Teng acted irresponsibly when they entered the co-op with a gun intending to rob it. They had to expect that there could be serious consequences connected with their actions.

One letter writer stated that "there is no evidence to support the notion that without a guard present anyone would have been hurt..." It is logical to me that someone robbing a building with a gun may well cause others to be hurt.

Without the the presence of the guard the incident would have surely ended differently. However, no one can say for sure that all persons involved would have been unharmed. So how can we be sure that eliminating the guard is the best solution for the future?

We all feel badly about what has happened. But, we cannot bring the young men back to life. Nor will feeling guilty ourselves or laying guilt on our neighbors help the young men's families nor the other individuals traumatized by the incident.

Gordon Myers,  
St. Anthony Park

Dear editor,

On Oct. 12, 1993, two Hmong youths, Kai Lor and Bruce Teng Thao, were shot and killed by officer David Timm when they attempted to rob Hampden Park Foods. The loss of these two young men saddened me. My sadness soon turned

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**We're grateful to the community members listed below who gave recently to the *Bugle* fund drive. Their contributions bring our total through Dec. 13 to \$13,507.**

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## HomeWords

### Rap Trap

By Warren Hanson

I try to be a good parent. I like to think that I go above and beyond the call of duty in immersing my kids in the richness of life. But I think I deserve some kind of a medal for what happened a couple of weeks ago.

It was during the final hectic happiness of the holiday season. Our kitchen calendar was full to overflowing with parties and concerts and visits with friends. In between scheduled events, I was frantically trying to write and mail my cards and do my gift shopping. There was very little slack in the agenda as my 16-year-old son approached me cautiously with a big favor to ask.

"There's a concert that I really want to go to, but you have to be eighteen to get in."

"Gee, that's too bad, son. Maybe if the group is still together in a couple of years ..."

"But I can get in if I'm with a parent."

So this was going to be a VERY big favor.

"What kind of a concert is it?"

"It's three rap groups playing at First Avenue."

A very, VERY big favor.

"And it's on the night of your neighborhood caroling party."

Gigantic. Immense. Enormous. He was asking a favor big enough to last a lifetime.

"But I've got it all figured out, Dad. The doors to the concert open at five and the show starts at six. You can leave as soon as the music starts and be back in time for your caroling party at seven. I'll even pay for your ticket."

How generous! He would even pay for my ticket to the concert I would hate, the concert where I would stick out like huge middle-aged Caucasian sore thumb, the concert that I wouldn't even be sticking around for. What an unselfish child.

Still, I want to encourage my children in their appreciation of the arts, even arts that I don't appreciate. So I consented. What an unselfish dad!

At about five o'clock on the evening of his concert and my caroling party, we got into separate cars so that he could stay and I could escape, and we left the neighborhood for downtown Minneapolis. He naturally took the freeway, but I, being older and wiser, decided to take the "back way" to avoid the rush hour traffic. It took him fifteen minutes. It took me forty-five.

I finally parked my car and met him at the appointed spot. He had parked in a huge parking ramp a few blocks away. I had parked in a surface lot much closer for a quick get-away. Parking cost him three dollars. It cost me six.

Because of my late arrival, he was worried that we would miss the start of the music. But as we turned the corner, his fears immediately dissolved and mine were born. There was a sizable crowd standing outside in the cold, still waiting to be allowed to enter. It seemed that one of the performing groups, named DZ Questa Mo, I think, was still testing the sound system, so the crowd was being made to wait. I immediately started grumbling.

"Well, how do you think I feel?" my son grumbled back, pointing with his eyes at the crowd around us. "I'm white, I'm under age, and I'm with my dad!" I realized that I was

not suffering alone.

Finally, after my toes and my patience had long since gone numb, the crowd began to move, one-by-one, through the security check at the entrance. I had to show my driver's license to prove my age. I think the young man reading my birth date by flashlight felt just as silly about it as I did. And the other young fellow, frisking me for drugs and weapons, did a self-consciously half-hearted job.

When it was my son's turn to show his age, I had to say that he was with me. "I'm his dad," I announced, a little louder than my son would have liked.

"The two of you will have to step over there."

We were met by a gentleman of about twenty years, with his hair in dreadlocks and gold rings piercing various facial features. He wore a black shirt with "STAFF" in giant white letters on the front, and he examined us both with a black flashlight the size of a Louisville Slugger. Looking me threateningly in the eye, the young man told me, "You must stay together at all times. If he goes to the bathroom, you go to the bathroom. He is not to leave your side for the entire evening. Understand?"

"I understand," I replied contritely. But in my mind I was saying, "Sure, pal. As soon as we get inside, I look for the nearest exit."

The first thing we learned was that the first band had canceled, so the show would not be starting until the very moment that my caroling party was to start. And the second thing we learned was that there was no nearest exit.

There had been enough security people at the entrance to rival Checkpoint Charlie. But inside there was a door with an exit sign overhead that wasn't guarded at all. And why should it be? They were worried about who got in, not who got out, right?

It should have occurred to me that they were indeed worried about who got out. By leaving my son without a parent or guardian in a liquor-serving establishment, I would be breaking the law. I was sure that my son would not try to buy liquor, and I had been made more sure when the young man with the dreadlocks had written "NO" on both my son's hands with a big black marker. But the proprietors knew that my departure would put their license in jeopardy, so they had no intention of letting me out.

Blissfully unaware of their preparedness, however, I nonchalantly walked up to the unguarded exit, said good-bye to my son, and pushed. But nothing happened. I pushed again, but it wouldn't budge. I walked away from the door, muttering that a locked exit must surely be against the law, though I was in no position to complain to the management.

So there we stood, two white guys, one under-age and one over-age, trapped with each other in a dark, smoky downtown club fast filling up with rap music fans. I had my hands shoved into my pockets in frustration. My son had his hands shoved into his pockets to conceal the "NO" written there. And all the while the thudding bass and endless rhythm of pre-recorded rap music thundered from speakers that were larger than most single family homes.

Time ticked away as we stood helplessly in the gathering crowd. I looked at my watch. It was quarter to seven. I leaned toward my son and hollered that I should probably call home and tell my wife to go to the caroling party without me. I found a phone in a booth against one wall. Pulling the door shut turned the small booth into a deafening resonating chamber that rattled with each thump of the electronic drumming. I dropped my coin into the slot, dialed my number, then put my finger into my ear in a futile attempt to hear through the receiver. I think I heard it ring. Once. Then I heard nothing. It probably meant one of two things: either someone at home had answered the phone and had said a "Hello" which I could

not possibly hear, or I had gotten the answering machine. There was only one thing I could do: I commenced yelling into the mouth piece.

"HELLO! THIS IS DAD! WE GOT INTO THE CONCERT, BUT I CAN'T GET OUT. GO TO THE PARTY WITHOUT ME AND I'LL BE THERE AS SOON AS I CAN. I'M SORRY FOR HOLLERING, BUT I CAN'T HEAR A THING. I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF I'M TALKING TO A HUMAN BEING OR A MACHINE. BYE!"

We checked the front door constantly, but the dreadlock guy was glued to his station, a paragon of vigilance. I kept checking my watch. "People are arriving at the caroling party right now," I lamented to myself. "They are greeting each other with Season's Greetings and piling their voluminous winter coats on a bed upstairs. Someone is offering steaming beverages from a tray, and songs of comfort and joy are wafting from the stereo."

I thought these thoughts as I stood in the dark, in the smoke, and in the noise. The stage at the front of the room was almost bare. There were no instruments to be seen. I wondered how people expected to make music without instruments. Oh, but this is rap. No musical skills required. The only items on the stage were a couple of turntables and a couple of microphones.

My son was just as anxious as I was. He didn't want me there any more than I wanted to be there myself. So as the first group took the stage, he was watching the entrance like a bird of prey, waiting for any opportunity for me to make a run for it.

The dreadlock guy had not left his post. He had been there for what seemed like hours. At one point I had shouted into my son's ear that maybe it wasn't really a problem and that I could just walk out. "You're not exactly inconspicuous, Dad. He's sure to remember you."

And so we waited, father and son, motionless and frustrated, as the performers huffed and hollered into their microphones, to the deafening thrumming of the bass and drum machine, and the crowd around us writhed in ecstasy. While in my imagination, the caroling party was taking on a warm Dickensian glow, I sank into gloomy resignation as all my senses began to shut down.

I was awakened from the depths of my despair by a pounding on my shoulder. I looked up and saw my son gesturing feverishly toward the door. I looked, and, yes, the dreadlock guy was gone! I had a tiny window of opportunity which I could not allow to pass. I bid a hasty farewell and left my son to survive the evening's revelries on his own. I stared straight ahead as I approached the door, trying to appear purposeful and serious while inside I was feeling all the anxieties that must accompany a prison break. I strode past the I.D. checkers and friskers, shoved open the door and stepped into the brisk night air. My palms were sweating, my ears were throbbing, and I smelled like a truckload of ashtrays, but I was free!

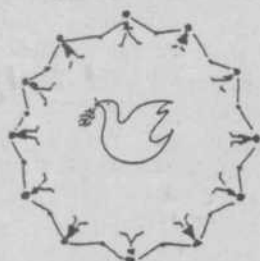
Moments later I stood on our neighbors' front porch as the door was opened for me and the warm sweet joy of the carolers embraced me and drew me inside. I sat on the couch, by the crackling fire, and sipped from a steaming cup as my friends and neighbors all told me how glad they were that I could come. But they all wanted to know why I smelled like a truckload of ashtrays.

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## Letters from 4

to fear when I read articles, columns and editorial letters written about this tragedy.

I am in no terms condoning the criminal actions of the youths. Nevertheless I was horrified and appalled by the news articles published in the *Star Tribune* and *Pioneer Press*. The articles in both newspapers misinformed the public by including contradictory statements of witnesses and by not truly questioning the inaccurate information within them once that information was proven wrong.

The facts are: the youths had one gun; the youths' gun was never fired; one youth was shot twice; one youth was shot five times; one youth was shot while trying to flee the scene (he was unarmed); one youth was shot in the head; the officer trains other officers at the department's firing range.

This information disturbs me.

Staff writers Tim Nelson and Virginia Rybin of the *Pioneer Press* named Thao and Lor "bandits." This word is demeaning to both of the deceased youths. Have people forgotten that they are human beings?

Joe Soucheray's column ("Our innocence has been eroded," 10/15/93, *Pioneer Press*) suggests "the beginning of the end of our innocence" for Twin Cities began when two other Hmong youths, Thai Yang and Basse Lor, were shot and killed in 1989 by a police officer.

The only incidents Soucheray used to try to prove his point involved the deaths of Hmong youths. He implies the Hmong community is ruining the Twin Cities community as a whole. These problems are societal and should not be blamed on one community.

One letter to the editor disturbed me more than any other (11/4/93, "Send them back," author Minta Suess). The simplistic view held by this author against Asian Americans is horrifying. It only proves to me how predominant racist views are in our society. The author actually says that Asian gang members should be sent back to their homelands. For many Asian Americans, America is their homeland.

There are also many European Caucasian American gang members. Why doesn't the author suggest sending these people back to their homelands? We must stop blaming one group of people, because of their ethnic background or culture, for the decay of our society.

I see the families' pain, the confusion of the actual events, the loss of hope for a better future and the barriers which have been formed between the different ethnic groups and cultures. I feel the need to ask why

this has happened and what can be done to prevent any future tragedies.

As I look at the cases of Bruce Teng Thao and Kai Lor, I see some similarities to the beating of Rodney King. King was a criminal, as well as a victim. Even though he was wrong in his actions, the punishment he received was unjust, as is the punishment inflicted on Lor and Thao. The police said King was a threat to their safety. This information is similar to what the St. Paul police say about Lor and Thao. A difference between the cases is King is alive to seek justice; Thao and Lor are both dead.

**Cherie Espinosa,**  
Carleton College student

## Anderson's questionnaire results

Dear editor,

A few months ago I mailed a 1993 Legislative Report to all registered voters in Senate District 66. As a part of that summary I included a brief questionnaire about several legislative issues that are likely to be addressed during the 1994 Legislative Session. Here are the results:

1. Do you support a more progressive tax system based on ability to pay (income) instead of property and sales tax?  
Yes: 81% No: 18.2%
2. Do you favor expansion of gambling? Yes: 17.5% No: 82.4%
3. Our gasoline tax is now dedicated to highway construction only. Should the proceeds also go to mass transit?  
Yes: 61.6% No: 38.3%
4. Should radioactive nuclear waste be stored near residential areas or anywhere in the state of MN? Yes: 27% No: 72.8%
5. Have you experienced higher auto or property insurance rates than people who live outside the city?  
Yes: 84.4% No: 15.5%
6. Should the state settle the Mille Lacs Treaty dispute in exchange for some hunting and fishing rights?  
Yes: 63.5% No: 36.4%

While these results are not scientific, this information does help to provide me with valuable insight about the issues you find important. I appreciate all of the responses and valuable comments. Here is what just a few of you said: "exercise fiscal restraint," "make government programs more customer responsive," "elderly should have a voice to say where they would like money to go for them," "promote alternative energy resources," "there should be strong gun control legislation. The Brady Bill is a start, but more should be done on the state and local level."

Environmental conservation and the elimination of excess

packaging were high priorities for many residents. One person asked that we dedicate more lottery proceeds toward environmental areas. Many expressed the importance of preserving our city neighborhoods and preventing the "spread of the suburbs." A resident suggested that we begin planning for our changing demographics and track the percentage of aging citizens vs. the number of taxpayers. The issue of homelessness was addressed. One suggestion was to use our currently vacant housing as homeless shelters. Many respondents voiced their hopes for government reform.

I appreciate all of your responses and I will use the information to help make decisions and set legislative priorities for the 1994 session. Please write or call with any more suggestions or comments you may have. If you would like to get actively involved in a particular issue, please let me know.

**Ellen Anderson**  
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## Good-bye to history

Dear editor,

I nearly cried last week as the fencing went up and the wrecking crews arrived to begin destroying the Lyngblomsten building. I cringed at the thought of how the Norwegian Ladies who saved their nickels and dimes would have felt to see their hard-won efforts sacrificed. (The original building fund was started just this way.)

The slogan that Lyngblomsten placed on a large banner and added to their security fence reads: "We're setting new sights on our old site." One thing they could have shown is a little foresight.

The Lyngblomsten building—I was told by St. Paul City staff—was a candidate for historic designation. But the designation didn't come in time to save the building. Too bad the craftsmen weren't here to tell their stories about how they transformed quality building materials into a fine, solid building which was to become a candidate for historic designation. Too bad the Norwegian Ladies weren't available to tell their stories to the current Board of Directors—they may have made a greater and more sincere effort to save the structure.

The Norwegian Ladies are probably saying "Shame on you for wasting such a fine, solid building!"

P.S. Hats off to the Salvation Army which does respect the value of historic structures and is restoring their building just a few blocks away.

**Joel Schurke,**  
Midway Parkway resident

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# City planners and local volunteers begin study of Midway Parkway area

By Lee Ann Owens

A new Midway Parkway Small Area Plan could redefine long-range objectives for the District 10 community. A task force comprised of a group of local volunteers guided by city staff members will design a plan for the area between Como Park and the Minnesota State Fairgrounds on the east and west, and Hamline Avenue to Hoyt Avenue to Snelling Avenue down to the Burlington Northern Railroad tracks on the north and south.

A Small Area Plan, outlining specific public policy recommendations for development, works as an amendment to the land use plan contained in the city's comprehensive plan. "The Small Area Plan is the current planning effort for District 10," said Charles McGuire, Small Area Plan project planner.

The new plan will reflect changes in the neighborhood. "We're looking at a lot of different things. The plan will hopefully be drafted in six months or so," said Mike Speiker, District 10 community organizer.

The plan will be "the best current description of what we have and where we want to be. There are a lot of problems to solve," McGuire said.

One predominant goal will be to continue to stress "building good bridges between residents and institutions," according to Speiker.

Work on designing a new Small Area Plan began over a year ago when the District 10 Como Community Council requested a preliminary study from the city. The current district plan was written during 1979-1980, but isn't as relevant as it was when it was first writ-

## The Midway Parkway Small Area Plan contains three major objectives:

- **Conservation of the residential community.** District 10 has a few pockets that show some evidence of deferred maintenance (like routine home upkeep work including painting) which have an adverse effect on surrounding property values, according to city project planner Charles McGuire.
- **Relating the business area one block east of Snelling Avenue to the residential community by fostering an attractive business climate.** District 10 would like to aid in that development, according to Community Organizer Mike Speiker.
- **Building a bridge between institutions and the residential community.** District 10 contains four major institutions: the Shalom Home, Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps, Salvation Army Booth Brown House and Lyngblomsten. Linking the institutions with the residential community "is a major thing we want to get set up in this planning—a good relationship with the community," said McGuire.

ten. "It's outdated," McGuire said.

Represented on the Small Area Task Force are 11 homeowners, four businesses, five institutions and two churches. First, the group will continue to develop the plan. Next, the plan will be reviewed for adoption by the district council, city planning commission and finally by the city council.

The next meeting of the Small Area Task Force will be held on Thurs., Jan. 20 in the Hubert Humphrey Job Corps auditorium at 5:30 p.m.

Several other Small Area Plans examining other St. Paul neighborhoods are currently in the works, including a South St. Anthony Park study and a Franklin-University study.

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## School News

### Holy Childhood

David Schoenecker, a third grader, recently entered the Erector Construction Contest. David designed and engineered a model he called "Space Trainer," and won the grand prize in the Junior Engineer category. David and his family will enjoy an all-expense-paid trip to Disney World. David was one of over 1,000 participants.

Margaret Heyer, grade 2, was a winner at the Minneapolis Planetarium Poetry/Drawing contest. Margaret was awarded a \$20 gift certificate to B. Dalton's bookstore and also received a special certificate from Roberta Humphreys, an astronomer from the University of Minnesota.

Congratulations to both of them.

On Dec. 14, grades K-4 had a Christmas program. With the help of Mrs. Cindy King, our music teacher, they performed a play called "The Gift." It is about a choir rehearsal where the members are trying to decide the best gift for Jesus.

Members of the Select Schola choir sang several German and Austrian Christmas carols under the direction of Mr. Steve Schmall.

Band and violin students gave a Christmas concert for their parents and the student body on Dec. 6. Mrs. Barbara Roston is the band instructor. Mr. Allen Wollenberg teaches violin.

Holy Childhood School will celebrate Catholic Schools Week from Jan. 16-21. The classrooms will have open house on Tues., Jan. 18 and Thurs., Jan. 20 from 9-11:30 a.m. and 12:45-2:30 p.m. Parents, relatives and friends are invited.

Shelly Kroona and Krista Wynn

### Falcon Heights Elementary

During the second quarter, Figment students will participate in a variety of language-related activities. The activities include drama, video production, calendar creation through writing and art and readers' theatre.

I interviewed 6th graders from

each of the Figment classes. Mike Coyne is part of a class called "Radio Theatre, Readers' Theatre." He says it is like the olden days when they told stories like "Little Red Riding Hood," "Jack and the Beanstalk" and "Back on the Farm." There are three main parts to play: the narrator, the sound effects person and the people who play the parts.

Katie Mieux also wanted to say something about her classmates. They are doing Figment Feud, a parody on "Family Feud." They practice with a group of five. Each group thinks of a last name it likes—like Cinnamon or Adams. They also learn about other games, such as Bingo, Wheel of Fortune or Hangman.

Richele Thorsen says she has the weirdest teacher of all. "For warm-ups he makes us pretend we're popcicles or a goat." Some of the 6th graders in her group are directors of plays they're going to present: "Wendy Wouldn't Eat," "Dig a Hole to China" and "Mystery at Midnight," to name just a few.

Catie Olson wanted to tell about her Figment class. "We are designing calendars. A group of three is assigned to each month." After they are done the teacher prints up a calendar for each of the students, then they draw pictures to go with each month. They might even give a few to their teachers!

Well, there you have it—a look at what each of the Figment classes is doing.

Erica Champer

### Chelsea Heights Elementary

To start off the month of December, we had a band concert on the 9th for the Varsity and Concert bands. Miss Paige directed this Christmas delight. She had all the band students dress in black and white, with a splash of red.

Just recently, Chelsea had its 1993 school election. We voted for president, vice president and secretary. Also, the classes from 2nd grade to 6th grade voted on one person in their class to be a representative.

The Student Council set up a food drive that was sent to the Minnesota Food Shelf. The six boxes were filled with cans and other sealed products.

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## Seniors

By Sheri Booms

Most mornings Frank Forbes makes his way to Manning's in the Park for breakfast. The waitresses greet him by name and two or three of his friends usually join him. Frank remembers when up to 14 men, retirees like him, would gather there each morning. Over the years, he has seen that number sadly dwindle.

Frank remembers a lot of things, all the way back to 1911 when he was a little shaver of four on his family's Red River Valley dairy farm. He remembers when airplanes first hit the skies. He remembers his brother going off to fight in World War I. He recalls the first radio that came to town. "They

hooked it up in the assembly hall at the school and everyone gathered to hear a broadcast from the president.

"But all you could hear was static and an occasional word," Frank pauses and smiles. "Everyone thought it was wonderful!"

He shakes his head in wonder of the many technological advances that have occurred in his lifetime.

"Never in any time in history has so much happened," he marvels.

Frank has also seen changes in St. Anthony Park in the 40 years he's lived here.

"But it's still one of the nicest places I've ever lived, as far as people are concerned," he comments.

Frank admits he wasn't too involved in the community before his retirement in 1976.

As an employee of the State Agricultural Extension Service, in charge of staff development in 22 northwest Minnesota counties, he was on the road a lot. ("Did you know it's almost as far from here to Roseau, as it is to Chicago?" he queries.)

No, it was his wife who made sure they got to know the neighbors, who passed on a legacy that continues to grow, even after her death—the Antique Ivory iris.

Frank describes it as a delicate-looking flower, resembling an orchid. Its center is creamy ivory, the tips of the petals are white.

There's a story behind this, Frank says. "It starts a long time ago when my oldest son was an active Boy Scout. He had a wonderful Scout master who saw that every mother got a rose from her son on Mother's Day.

"Even after he went through the University, my son never missed presenting a rose on Mother's Day. Then, he moved to New York. And it got kind of hard to remember to send that rose, so in the spring of 1972, he sent his mother a new variety of iris. It was planted that fall and it bloomed in the spring of 1973."

The iris has continued to blossom just after Mother's Day for the past 20 years. During those two decades, Frank figures at least a dozen families in the Park have been given a portion

of that plant.

Changes continue to take place at a dizzying speed, people come and go, families move, but the Antique Ivory iris has shown staying power. Wrapped in winter's icy grip, it's nice to reflect that somewhere under a blanket of white, the equally snowy blossoms of the Forbes legacy wait to bloom once more.

The 4th, 5th and 6th graders are in a contest together. The object of the game is to fit all the clues together to get the answer. The answer is usually an animal, historical figure or country. If a class answers the puzzles correctly, they will get an award.

In November, Ms. Wilson, the librarian, established the book fair. It was a great success! We have a book fair every year. Lots of kids came to this event and so lots of books were sold.

Our playground looks very different compared to last year. Instead of a concrete maze, there's nothing left but sand. A big cement box in the center of the playground has a little opening for safety. Also for safety, concrete has been replaced by wood and is shorter now.

Linnea Hammar & Anna Peters

### Murray Junior High

The Murray Junior High Science Fair will be Feb. 3-7. Although the fair's public display only lasts one night, students prepare their projects for over a month. The projects get graded by judges, and those who do the best go on to more competition.

On Jan. 10, interested students and their parents can attend, "How to Choose a High School" night at Murray. Representatives from St. Paul's seven public high schools will lead 15-minute sessions in the auditorium. From 7-8 p.m. that evening, there will be opportunities to attend up to four different high school sessions.

A Hmong parent meeting will be held on Jan. 11 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. School and student issues will be discussed.

Good news! There is no school on Jan. 17 in observation of Martin Luther King Day.

Final exams will be held Jan. 26 and 27. More good news! There is no school Jan. 28 as it is a record and preparation day for teachers. Second semester begins on Jan. 31.

Students who are currently in sixth grade will have an opportunity to visit Murray on Feb. 8. Students will be looking at Murray to see if they want to attend in the fall. Call your elementary school or Murray for more details.

The student council is currently working hard on finalizing plans for Snodaze Week, which will be held sometime in February. The festivities of Snodaze Week will include an ugly foot contest, Beach Day and Clash Day. More details on this festival will follow next month.

Charlie Bishop

### Central High School

Central's winter break started on Dec. 17 and goes to Jan. 3. After break it is going to be a mad rush to finals. The end of the semester grades should be mailed, and hopefully received, the week of Feb. 11.

The week before winter break saw a lot of activities. One was a food drive. The total amount of food collected seemed to be an impressive amount.

Another activity was the annual Quest holiday party. This was held on Dec. 17. It was quite an accomplishment for the Quest department to be allowed to put on this party because last year the department was unable to get administration approval.

At the Quest party a lot was going on. At the beginning of every hour there was a presentation given by various groups. The purpose of these presentations was to give ideas of different cultural holiday traditions. After the presentations there was dancing, eating and games. It was a nice way to start break.

Brenna Barrett

### St. Anthony Park Elementary

December is the month when students at St. Anthony Park Elementary celebrate traditions from around the world.

In the 1st grade, Mrs. Feinwachs told about the meaning of Hanukkah, and Mrs. Plagens came in to tell about holiday customs in Germany. The 1st graders made gingerbread houses out of graham crackers and frosting and decorated them with candy.

Mrs. Roe and Mrs. Eckert's 4th grade class designed sets and brought in costumes so they could put on their annual productions of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*.

Mrs. Polfliet's 5th grade class set aside a special time each day

for children to share their family traditions. Children brought in food, artifacts and clothing to share with their classmates.

All the 6th grade classes put on a cultural fair called "Celebrating Diversity." Each person picked a country and researched its traditions and festivals. Parents were invited and many different classes viewed the displays.

As a special treat before the holiday break, the whole school saw the movie *Aladdin* on a big screen.

Community service is also a part of our school's holiday season. Mrs. Meacham's 3rd grade class finished a unit on "Water and our Watery World" and donated enough money to adopt three humpback whales (Equas, Half Moon and Olympia) through the whale adoption project. Mrs. Thelander's 1st grade class made Christmas wreaths for some of the older people in our neighborhood. And Mrs. Roe and Mrs. Eckert's 4th graders sponsored an all-school food drive for the Merriam Park Food Shelf. They collected and delivered 495 pounds of food.

Kirsten Griffin

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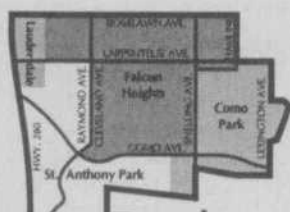
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## Bugle Neighborhoods

### COMO PARK

#### Como Park Lutheran Church renovated

A church that is "open and inviting to all" was the theme Como Park Lutheran Church celebrated during a Thanksgiving eve service dedicating its new addition and renovation. After more than three years of planning and fundraising, the new space was completed just in time for the holidays.

Highlights of the renovation include a drive-through entrance for easy drop off and pick up, an expanded narthex, an elevator to provide access to all levels of the church, handicapped accessible bathrooms large enough to accommodate families and diaper changing and a handicapped accessible altar and communion rail.

The principal architect was Kevin Busch, AIA of K. C. Busch & Associates, whose office is in St. Anthony Park.

Como Park Lutheran is located at 1376 W. Hoyt (corner of Sheldon and Hoyt).

#### Volunteer at Camp Como

A Twin Cities event called Earth Sports Expo '94, an exhibition and demonstration of canoes, rowboats, sailboats, bicycles, etc., will be held May 6-8 in Como Park, and volunteers are needed to help at Camp Como, a related event to be held in conjunction with the expo.

The purpose of Camp Como is to provide a low-cost, easily accessible program to introduce youth ages 7-15 to outdoor skills, eco-friendly recreation and conservation values. Those with experience as camp counselors, coaches, teachers, youth group leaders, recreation activity leaders, outdoor educators and conservation workers are needed to help lead small groups of kids at Camp Como. Others who do not have direct experience but enjoy working with youth are also welcome to volunteer.

Camp Como activities will include canoeing, fishing casting, sailing, bicycle safety course, wall climbing and ropes course, bird, tree and wildlife identification, and more.

Informational meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of every month from 9-11 a.m. and 7-9 p.m. at Como Park Lakeside Pavilion, second floor. For more information call Karen Pick, YMCA Camp Widjiwagan, 645-6605, or 378-7717.

#### AARP meeting

Midway-Highland Chapter 930 of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet on Thurs., Jan. 20, at 1 p.m., at Lyngblomsten Senior Center, 1415 Almond Ave. A social hour will

follow the program, and visitors are welcome. For more information call 644-8937.

### LAUDERDALE

#### Police service transferred

Beginning Jan. 1, police service in Lauderdale will be provided by the Village of Saint Anthony, which takes over the service previously provided by the City of Roseville. Saint Anthony will provide a police officer a minimum of 16 hours per day and on-call service.

The new contract will decrease Lauderdale's yearly costs for police services from \$205,000 to \$158,000.

#### Serve at Goodwill

Students, homemakers, seniors and businesspeople can all take advantage of volunteer opportunities offered by Goodwill Industries, Inc./Easter Seal Society of Minnesota. Tasks and hours are flexible and can accommodate almost anyone's schedule. For information, contact Volunteer Services Manager Barb Nelson at 646-2591, ext. 185.

Goodwill/Easter Seal, located at 2543 Como Ave., is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with disabilities or disadvantages by providing programs and services that respond to their changing needs for education, employment and independence.

### ST. ANTHONY PARK

#### League of Women Voters to meet

Unit 8 of the St. Paul League of Women Voters will meet on Mon., Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Ann Copeland, 2331 Buford Ave. The topic for discussion will be housing in St. Paul. Barbara Sporlein, a city of St. Paul planner, will provide background information and respond to questions. Guests are welcome. Call Copeland at 645-1160 or 228-3218 for further information.

#### Langford Park Rec Center

Langford Park will take registrations for winter activities from Jan. 3-14. Youth may register for after school gym games, chess, figure skating, instructional hockey and "Tot Time" activities.

The annual Langford Park Classic hockey tournament is set for Jan. 13-16. Community members are encouraged to watch the Langford hockey teams in action. Concessions will be sold throughout the tournament.

Langford Park's Winter Sports Days will be held the weekend of Jan. 22-23. This is a family event featuring hockey and basketball games with other events and contests, including the crowning of Prince Anthony and Princess Antonia. The schedule of events will be posted soon.

Boys and girls ages 11-14 may register for volleyball from

Feb. 7-18. Forms will be available at Langford and at Murray Junior High on Feb. 3. Forms will also be distributed at St. Anthony Park Elementary School. A completed form, the fee and a copy of a birth certificate is required for registration.

Call Langford, 298-5765, for more information on any of the events or sports registrations mentioned above.

#### Children's storytime

Storytime for children ages 3-5 will be held at St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave., at 10:30 a.m. on Fridays from Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Register at the library or call 292-6635.

#### South St. Anthony Rec Center

The South St. Anthony Booster Club will meet on Mon., Jan. 24, at 7 p.m., at the recreation center. The club helps fund activities, plans special events and provides community input to staff. New members are always welcome.

Bring the whole family to South St. Anthony on Sunday afternoons for ice skating. Skate changing facilities will be open from 1-5 p.m. during January and February. The center is also open Monday-Thursday, from 4-8 p.m., for ice skating.

Youth ages 9-13 are invited to swim at Murray pool on Tues., Jan., 25, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Bus transportation from the rec center will be provided if registration is completed by Jan. 18. The fee is \$2. Another swim is

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Throng of visitors enjoyed the poinsettia display at Como Park Conservatory.

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A model building class will be offered for those ages 11-13 on Wednesdays, from 6-7 p.m., for 4 sessions, starting Feb. 2. Participants will learn how to organize, read directions, assemble and paint a model. The fee is \$5 and includes a model and paints. Register by Jan. 24.

For more information on any of the items listed, call the recreation center at 298-5700, Mon.-Thurs., from 4-8 p.m.

## Learn French at Alliance Française

Winter session French classes at the French Alliance of the Twin Cities will start the week of Jan. 10. Saturday classes for children will be held from 9 a.m.-noon, and teen classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Classes are held at the Alliance Française Center, 821 Raymond Ave., and are scheduled for day or evening hours.

For more information about joining the Alliance Française or to obtain class or program schedules, call 644-5769.

## Seminary events

The 56th annual Mid-Winter Convocation to be held Jan. 5-7 at Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary will address the topic "Preaching and Teaching the Old Testament." Visiting convocation lecturers will be Norman Habel, professor of religion studies at the University of South Australia and Christopher Seitz, professor of Old Testament, Yale Divinity School.

The seminary will begin its celebration of its 125th anniversary during the convocation. A display of historical artifacts and memorabilia in the newly-developed gallery in the Northwestern Hall atrium will be available throughout the convocation. For more information, call 641-3451.

Jan. 3. Those who don't live in St. Paul may pick up a copy at the St. Anthony Park Library or at the Community Education office located in St. Anthony Park Elementary School.

Registration for classes begins on Jan. 5.

The next meeting of the St. Anthony/Merriam Park Community Education Advisory council will be on Mon., Jan. 10, at 7 p.m., at St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 2180 Knapp St. For more information, call 293-8738.

## FALCON HEIGHTS

### T'ai Chi Chih classes

Beginning Mon., Jan. 17, an 8-week class on T'ai Chi Chih will be offered weekly from 6-7 p.m. at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, 1795 Holton Street. T'ai Chi Chih is a moving meditation that is accessible to people of all ages and levels of fitness.

This class is for beginners and previous students who wish to review the movements weekly. The instructor is Karen Carrier. For more information and to register call the church office, 646-2681.

### Man pleads guilty to murder

David Vanderbeck, 33, of St. Paul, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the Oct. 27 strangulation and beating death of Barbara Scott, 31, in her Falcon Heights townhome. Sentencing is set for Feb. 24.

During testimony, Vanderbeck said he was upset with Scott because she had been drinking. She had been attempting to break off a six-month relationship with Vanderbeck.

Roseville Police Sgt. Bill Lunzer said he believes this was the first homicide in Falcon Heights.

### Volunteer for city commissions

The city of Falcon Heights is looking for residents interested in serving on the human rights, solid waste or park and recreation commissions. All commissions advise the city council. Call city hall at 644-5050 for more information.

"Living the Dream, Let Freedom Ring—Empowering to Make a Difference," is the theme of the national observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, as well as Luther Northwestern's activities.

The seminary will honor King with a service on Mon., Jan. 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Campus Center, Fulham at Hendon. Featured will be choirs from Macedonia Baptist Church, Minneapolis, and Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, St. Paul. Alfred Harris, the seminary's director of cross-cultural admissions and pastor of Macedonia, will preach.

Prior to the service, the annual Soul Food Supper featuring fried chicken and black-eye peas will be served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Campus Center dining room. The cost of the meal is about \$4.50. For more information, call 641-3451.

### Community Education

The new St. Paul Community Education brochures are scheduled to be mailed the week of

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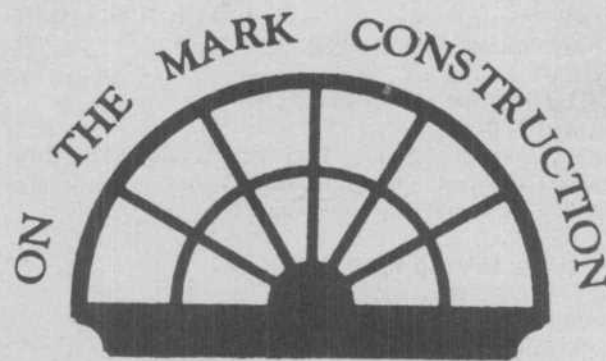


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# Arts Calendar

## Literature

The St. Anthony Park Writers' Workshop will meet on Tues., Jan. 4, at 7:30 p.m., at 1261 Cleveland Ave. N., #4A. For further information call 646-4343.

## Music

Tune in to Fresh Air Radio, KFAI 90.3 FM, every Wednesday from 8-9 p.m. to hear St. Anthony Park resident **Georgette Pfannkuch** host "Bonjour Minnesota," a French-English program. Culture from France and francophone countries will be given through music, songs and interviews. Pfannkuch has a diverse collection of 200 albums and cassettes, in addition to 200 CD's with music from as early as 1905 (with

Paulin) to 1993. Francophone events occurring in the Twin Cities will be announced during every program at around 8:30 p.m.

For more information (in French or English), call Pfannkuch at 645-3784.

The Twin Cities Jazz Society (TCJS) presents "An Evening with Joan Griffith and her Friends" on Sat., Jan. 8, at 7:30 p.m., at the St. Paul Campus Student Center Theatre, 2017 Buford Ave. Griffith, one of the Twin Cities' foremost women in jazz, will show her skills on bass and guitar and in composition and arranging.

Tickets are \$5 for members, students and seniors; and \$8 for non-members. For further information and ticket reservations, call Carol Simpson, 922-5487.

The Music in the Park Series presents **The Muir String Quartet**, heralded as one of the world's premier ensembles, on Sun., Jan. 16, at 4 p.m., at St. Anthony Park United Church

of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. Peter Zazofsky, violin; Bayla Keyes, violin; Steven Ansell, viola; and Michael Reynolds, cello, make up the quartet—an ensemble named for naturalist and founder of the Sierra Club, John Muir. These musicians have begun a series of recordings on the EcoClassics label, the profits of which are dedicated to conservation agencies nationwide.

Their program for this concert will include selections from Dvorak's "Cypresses," Danielpour's "Shadow Dances" and Schubert's "Death and the Maiden" Quartet in D Minor.

Tickets are \$11 at the door, \$9 advance purchase and \$5 student rush. Tickets may be purchased at The Bibelot Shop and Micawber's Bookstore. For more information call 644-4234.

Just following the performance, concert-goers are invited to an all-American meal of homemade soups, bread and pie served by Dinner in the Park (St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, just behind the site of the Muir performance). All pro-

ceeds from the dinner will go toward outreach programs. The tax deductible Dinner in the Park tickets are \$10. For more information and reservations for the dinner call 645-3058.

The first of this year's **Music in the Park family concert series** will present the **South Minneapolis Bassoon Quartet** on Fri., Jan. 28, at 6:15 and 7:30 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave. Featured will be the quartet's performance of "Barnyard Bassoons," a potpourri of music about animals. A special program highlight will be a clever arrangement of "Peter and the Wolf," with Minnesota Public Radio host Mindy Ratner as narrator.

Music in the Park Series family concert tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for children, or \$4 for adults and \$3 for children if purchased in advance. Season tickets for this and two other family concerts are \$12 for adults and \$9 for children. Tickets may be purchased at The Bibelot Shop and Micawber's Bookstore. Group rates are available. For more information call 644-4234.

## Visual Art

The **Midwest Media Artist Access Center (MMAAC)** opened its doors in December to the region's artistic community and offers memberships to media artists to use its film production, video production, audio studies and photographic darkrooms for non-commercial projects. MMAAC, a new non-profit organization, took over the media access program originally housed with the now-closed Film in the Cities. MMAAC will continue to operate at the old Film in the Cities building at 2388 University Ave.

For more information on memberships, artist services and classes, call Steve Westerlund at 644-1912.

The **Jerome Artists' Exhibition** will mark the culmination of two artists' year-long studio residencies at the **Northern Clay Center**. Joseph Kress and Mary Lucas will show results of two different investigations of the clay medium. Kress will show artifact- and architecture-inspired vessels. Lucas will present "Glimpses: A process installation," a sculptural installation that will evolve during the course of the opening reception and exhibition.

This exhibition was made pos-



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Jan. 9, Confirmation Sunday. "Walk in Peace" curriculum for children through grade 8 begins.  
Jan. 16, Worship Service commemorating The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
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## Area residents host Belarus dancers

By Michelle Christianson

In an era of news reports filled with ugliness and meanness, this is a story of grace and beauty, of love and friendship.

Recently several families in the area hosted members of the visiting Byelorussian State Dance Company, which performed at the Landmark Center and at O'Shaughnessy Auditorium.

The dance company was on a benefit tour of Minnesota (including stops in Millbank, ND and Chicago) to raise money to buy food and medicine for children and adults affected by the Chernobyl disaster.

Belarus (formerly called Byelorussia or Belorussia) is an independent nation with a population and size relatively equal to that of Minnesota. The climate, terrain and agriculture are also similar to that of Minnesota, and Belarus is a democracy, home mostly to Byelorussian, Russian, Polish, Ukrainian,

sible by a donation by the Jerome Foundation.

An opening reception for the artists will be held on Fri., Jan. 14, from 6-8 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The Northern Clay Center is located at 2375 University Ave. Regular gallery hours are Mon.-Sat., from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 642-1735 for more information.

The 100th Goldstein Gallery exhibition honors former professors Harriet and Vetta Goldstein, for whom the gallery is named. "Miss Harriet" and "Miss Vetta" taught at the University from 1913 to 1949 and began the art section in Home Economics, now the Department of Design, Housing and Apparel. They believed students learned best from direct contact with well-designed objects. This exhibition illustrates their vision of art and design through personal memorabilia, including decorative arts and textiles collected during their world travels, letters, teaching materials and their book, *Art in Everyday Life*. The exhibit will run through Jan. 30.

Goldstein Gallery is located on the second floor of McNeal Hall on the St. Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota. Hours are Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thurs., 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., 1:30-4:30 p.m. There is no admission charge.



Photo by Truman Olson

Items for sale were set up prior to a performance of the Byelorussian State Dance Company.

and Jewish peoples. The contact between Byelorussians and Minnesotans was first begun in this instance by a group called Friendship Force.

Friendship Force is a non-profit international organization that promotes cultural understanding through personal contacts. It arranges for individuals and families to stay in homes of host families. The added benefits of the encounter between the dancers and Minnesotans are that they raised money for medical aid and we were able to see the fantastic folk dances and costumes of an ancient people.

The dances themselves are a mix of artistry, athleticism and an almost slapstick humor. Forget any folk dances you've ever seen before; these people have practiced all their lives and have achieved a level of grace and skill equal to that of any professional dance company in this country. The dances reflect the rich ethnic diversity of the country and the costumes adhere to ancient tradition in cut, weave and embroidery.

One of the choreographers of the troupe, Alexander Aleshkevich, stayed with Steve and Cynthia Ahlgren. Aleshkevich and his wife had stayed with them here two years ago and friendship grew between the two families. Unfortunately his wife, Alla, has become ill since the last visit and has not been able to procure the medicine she needs and so was not able to go on this tour.

Herb and Anne Pick of the Grove were hosts for the company's translator and for Valentin Dudkevich, director of the dance company. Jim and Millie Vaccarella of Roseville hosted Vladimir Rylatko, the Byelorussian Minister of Culture.

Rylatko was pleased to supplant impressions of Americans derived from movies and televi-

sion with memories of real people who treated the Byelorussians like "new children." He sees that both nations are built on the same three "rocks": religious faith (Christianity), family and the work ethic. He was impressed by our educational system and the high level of farming. Particularly moving to him was an incident where ten neighboring farmers helped their sick neighbor to harvest his crops.

Rylatko had also met with many cultural leaders in this area and is hopeful that many more cultural exchanges will occur between our two countries.

He feels strongly that "art is the soul of the people." In Mensk, he teaches music, art and theater as well as developing and nurturing contacts with other countries. His wife is a musician and both his daughter (a pianist) and son (a violinist) have followed the family tradition of pursuing their art.

Although the dancers would like to return to Minnesota, future plans depend on circumstances. This trip was almost spur-of-the-moment. Several of the new upper class members of their society offered to finance the trip. But when they were turned down for visas on such short notice, they withdrew their financial support. Thus the company did not make as much money for medical aid as they had intended and may possibly even have operated with a deficit.

If this story interests you in Belarus or if you would like to contribute to defray costs for the dance company so that they may buy more food and medicine, call Friendship Force at 533-2870 or write to the Minnesota Commonwealth Fund at 624 West 10th St., Willmar, MN 56201.

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# Commission renews communities' commitment to youngsters

By Amy Swisher

The law and order days of the Mayors' Commission Against Drugs are over.

The commission, a joint effort between Roseville, Falcon Heights and Lauderdale to promote chemical health among the cities' youth, plans to widen the group's focus to include tapping more community resources, not just parents of young children.

"It was a real single issue organization at the beginning," says Falcon Heights Mayor Tom Baldwin. "It got a little heavy on the enforcement side."

Now, says Falcon Heights City Council Member Sue Gehrz, the commission doesn't just focus on telling kids to stay off drugs

or else. Today it focuses on using the entire community to work toward raising healthy, responsible kids. She points out that most kids don't start using drugs for no apparent reason. Trouble often starts long before a child turns to drugs for help.

One of the programs the commission is now working on is Reflect Respect. The program is aimed at school-age children and encourages them to respect not only their bodies and what they put in them, it also teaches them respect for the law and their peers.

But the program considers a child's peers to be not only other children of the same age, but everyone in the community. Mayor Baldwin says the commission is holding the entire community responsible for rais-

ing healthy children. He adds that the Mayors' commission is no longer just a vehicle for each city's mayor to spearhead. Falcon Heights, Lauderdale and Roseville mayors have all greatly reduced their roles since the commission started several years ago. Direction of the commission is now in the hands of local citizens. He likes the new direction the commission is taking.

Baldwin says he still remembers the days when kids stayed home more with the family and saw their grandparents more than just during the holidays. With the increase in single parent households, two-income families and family mobility, that intergenerational support structure has weakened into what Baldwin labels "intergenerational segregation."

Because of the problems, Gehrz says the commission is looking into holding monthly social events that would involve all age groups. The commission is also looking for ways to get parents and elders involved in creating after-school activities for kids. "We want to promote more opportunities for kids and for more young people to interact with positive adult role models," says Gehrz.

But the commission has not





Photo by Truman Olson  
Falcon Heights Mayor Tom Baldwin participated in a League of Women Voters meeting in December. Among his current projects, Baldwin is working with the Roseville, Falcon Heights and Lauderdale Mayors' Commission Against Drugs.

forgotten its original goals. Gehrz says the group is drafting a piece of legislation intended to stiffen underage drinking laws. The proposed bill has two major goals. The first is to make adults register all beer kegs they rent. This would allow the police to trace ownership of the keg to the adult in the event the keg was used by minors. The second part of the legislation would extend an existing law prohibiting the sale of alcohol to minors. The extension would

prohibit adults from making a gift of alcohol.

Gehrz says by working on this legislation while promoting programs like Reflect Respect, they are working to address kids' problems at all levels. By promoting positive role models and stressing the idea of self-respect and respect for others, the commission can achieve its original goal of teaching kids to make healthful and sensible choices about drug use.

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Meyer presently owns the property and rents its two units. She said she originally bought the property to have more control over the tenants, who were throwing loud parties. Duff commended her for doing a good job of making sure the present tenants don't disturb the neighbors.

While the apartment off Como Avenue facing the alley generally rents pretty well, she said the apartment on the street is hard to rent. The space was originally built to be a business with a storefront and living quarters in the back and that is the ideal

function for the space, Meyer said.

The front apartment has housed four or five different renters this year, according to Meyer, and has been empty in between. She said most people stay only for a short period of time and she usually tries to rent to visiting international professors at the University of Minnesota.

Because of the high turnover, she said, the apartment does not generate a lot of income. To make up for some of the loss, she generates income from the billboard on top of the unit.

To make the billboard less of a problem, she has restrictions on


what can be advertised on it written into the lease (no cigarettes, alcohol, gambling or pro-life messages). The billboard earns her \$1,000 annually.

As part of her effort to convince neighbors to support the rezoning petition, Meyer said part of the plan for the commercial use of the spot by Carter Avenue Frame Shop includes taking down the billboard.


Meyer went a step further in a letter to the board of trustees of St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, another party refusing to sign the petition. She offered to contribute 10 per cent of her proceeds from the billboard to the church "due to its involvement in the decision."

Duff said the billboard is a non-issue. He said he does not notice the billboard and added that during his tenure on the St. Anthony Park Community Council, no one talked about it.


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# City to study parking shortage at Como and Carter Avenues

By Jane McClure

Steamed about the shortage of parking spaces in the Como-Carter area? Mark your calendar and hold your tongue until November-December of 1994. That's when a planning process to address area parking needs, as part of a new parking overlay district, is scheduled to get under way.

That may seem like a long time to folks who've watched the demand for parking grow, but when you consider the city's efforts to redraft off-street parking standards and develop long-range plans for congested areas, a year isn't much time at all. After all, it's taken more than two years to get the standards reviewed by all of the city's district planning councils and several business groups. Then there was about a year's delay at the City Council committee level, for more neighborhoods' input.

Increasingly throughout the city, neighborhood residents and business people have found themselves wrestling with a number of difficult problems linked to the need for more parking spaces. Neighbors of colleges, universities, busy commercial industrial areas and sites used as informal "park and ride lots" have petitioned for residential permit parking in recent years. Students, school faculty and staff, business customers and employees, even commuters who park in area neighborhoods to catch the bus, have been blamed for increasing parking and traffic congestion.

In some parts of St. Paul, requests for parking variances and business changes that require more parking have sometimes met with strong resistance and concerns that areas cannot handle current parking demand.

Throughout the city, it's not hard to find businesses that have been hampered by a lack of adequate customer parking space. In some cases, businesses have been unable to open their doors here at all. Some have blamed the city's parking standards, saying that they are inadequate for a fully developed city with retail strips next to residential areas. Written in the 1970s, the standards were modeled on suburban guidelines.

A new set of parking standards, and a two-inch thick pile of new city zoning requirements on off-street parking for St. Paul, won City Council approval with little comment in late November. The standards, which set the amount of off-street parking needed for various uses, have been discussed by district planning councils, business associations and city Planning and Economic Development (PED) staff members since 1989. After almost four years, several report title changes, four changes in PED leadership and countless meetings, the standards go into effect 30 days after legal publication later this year.

"This is a balance of the

needs of the businesses, and of the neighborhoods," said Ward Four City Council Member Paula Maccabee.

The standards had won St. Paul Planning Commission approval in late 1990, but had been stalled in a City Council committee since the spring of 1991. At that time, elected officials decided to seek further comment from district councils and business groups.

The standards raise the number of parking spaces required for some land uses, and reduce the numbers in other cases. One key change stipulates that gross square footage of a facility

will determine parking need, rather than usable floor space. Other changes call for businesses with on-sale liquor and entertainment licenses to provide more parking than before.

**Public hearings on parking problems at the Como/Carter area are scheduled for the last two months of 1994. This area has a parking shortfall of 264 spaces.**

Businesses aren't the only land uses affected by the regulations, which also dictate off-street parking needs for everything from single-family residences to large institutions. But don't start pouring asphalt on your backyard garden yet. The standards only go into effect if a land use changes or expands to a set point. Current land uses are grandfathered in.

The three district planning councils that have had the most to say about changing the parking standards and business-residential impacts were Macalester-Groveland (District 14) Community Council, Highland Area (District 15) Community Council, and the Summit Hill Association (District 16 Planning Council). One concern shared by leaders in all three neighborhoods is this: implementing less stringent off-street parking standards for some businesses would only make matters worse in already-congested retail/residential areas, and not benefit anyone.

One way to alleviate those concerns was through the creation of half a dozen overlay districts, which were approved when the City Council adopted the parking standards. To be defined as an overlay area, a business-residential area must have a parking shortfall under the old standards of at least 200 spaces. That includes the Como-Carter area.

The new standards won't go into effect immediately in these areas. The Planning Commission and City Council will hold hearings on each area in 1994. One impetus for the overlay districts is to encourage community-based task forces to consider all of the issues involved and make recommendations to address each area's parking problems. The new city ordinance also calls for incentives for shared parking and bicycle parking in these areas. All six are on former city street-

car routes, which prompted the formation of such business and retail clusters.

The overlay areas, hearing schedules and parking shortfalls under the old parking standards are:

\*East Grand Avenue, with public hearings in January and February of 1994. This area, between Milton and Dale streets, has a parking space shortfall of 1,518 spaces.

\*Snelling Randolph area, with public hearings in March and April 1994. This area has a parking space shortfall of 228 spaces.

\*Grand-Lexington area, public hearings in May and June 1994. This area has a parking shortfall of 241 spaces.

\*West Grand avenue, with public hearings in July and August 1994. This area, between Fairview Avenue and Macalester Street, has a shortfall of 263 spaces.

\*Selby-Snelling area, with public hearings in September and October 1994. This area has a parking space shortfall of 501 spaces.

\*Como-Carter area, with public hearings in November and December 1994. This area has a parking shortfall of 264 spaces.

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## ECO-U helps Midway/University Ave. businesses focus on reducing toxic waste

By Jane McClure  
Neighborhood News Service

Disposal of household hazardous wastes—paints, solvents and cleaning products—has changed our habits at home. We may buy smaller quantities of a product, or look for products that are less likely to harm the environment. We may swap leftover paint with a neighbor, and box items we don't need for collection at a household hazardous waste site.

But what if you own and operate a business? Even small, Mom and Pop places sometimes find they have large quantities of solid waste and hazardous waste to dispose of.

Walk down any commercial strip in the area, or a few blocks of University Avenue, and the problems of toxic waste and some solid waste disposal quickly become complex. In one block alone, you may have dozens of different types of materials that must be disposed of. The problems and solutions are as diverse as the businesses themselves.

ECO-U, the Eco-Partnership Project of University UNITED, the Midway Area Chamber of Commerce, Minnesota Office of Waste Management and participating businesses, is meant to help businesses and industries find solutions to toxic and chemical waste disposal problems. According to University UNITED Director David Gagne, the two-year program's goal is to reduce commercial wastes at the source through creative business management and collaboration.

"We want to do this in a voluntary, non-regulatory way," Gagne said. Consultant Joanne Englund has been hired to help with the project. She and Gagne noted that ECO-U is a results-oriented effort. Their hope is that it will produce results, useful information and ideas, instead of a study or report that simply sits on the shelf.

Some key questions that most likely will be considered by everyone involved in the ECO-U efforts are:

\*What are the issues, from an environmental standpoint, in my business or industry?

\*What are the ramifications for my firm—my employees, my product and my liability?

\*How do we draw in businesses and industries on a voluntary basis, rather than by mandate?

\*How do we understand and follow an increasingly complex set of local, state and federal environmental regulations?

that could be handled better, and could be handled cheaper."

The ECO-U effort will draw on work by Ramsey County's solid and hazardous waste staff, the state Office of Waste Management, the Minnesota Technical Assistance Program (MnTAP), Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and specific industry groups. For example, many printers already are involved in waste reduction efforts through an industry group called Printing Industry of Minnesota or PIM.

PIM began its own environmental compliance efforts three years ago, said Dave Arnasen of PIM. "This was a program designed by the printing industry, to help the industry," he said. The program goal is to increase compliance with environmental regulations and reduce wastes.

One principle those at the December meeting agreed upon is this: Know the materials you use, and their potential impacts on your business, your employees and the environment. "Before you can conduct good waste minimization, you must know what's going on in the first place," Arnasen said. That's when an audit of a business and its practices can help.

The printing industry is one of the most complex groups MnTAP works with, according to Donna Peterson of MnTAP. "Printing's a challenge because printers use many different products and chemicals," she said. "We rarely meet anyone in the printing industry with a scientific background and a thorough understanding of the products used."

Midway area printers present at the meeting agreed with the need to reduce wastes and use materials wisely. But they also pointed out that businesses must sometimes balance the difficult issue of costs versus environmental responsibility.

Various ideas discussed include the need for a list of chemicals and acceptable alternatives, efforts to remove waste solvents from towels, and central collection and pickup of hazardous materials. But the latter idea did raise some questions about potential liability, as well as some joking about BYOC—Bring Your Own Chemicals.

The ECO-U efforts will also draw on the Global Action Plan's Eco Teams, a group already overseeing hundreds of neighborhood-based eco-teams in Minnesota. The philosophy of these groups, which is now spreading to business and industry, is to take a team approach to reducing wastes.

One hope the ECO-U effort has is to have large businesses set up their own eco teams, said Gagne. Or, small businesses could band together to form such teams.

"For years, businesses were told that they were too small to worry about following environmental rules," Gagne noted. "That's not the case today."

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In December, a meeting was held with area printers. While efforts to address the printers' needs will continue, other meetings will center on different business and industry groups and their unique needs.

The meeting with printers produced many ideas for toxic waste and solid waste disposal. Discussions also highlighted the challenges the printing industry faces—challenges that are likely to be encountered with other types of businesses and industry in the months ahead.

Englund noted that one focus of ECO-U is to help small businesses do things together. "A lot of what we're dealing with isn't caused by the big users," she said. For small firms, "there are a lot of materials



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### 4 Tues.

Toastmasters, Hewlett Packard, 2025 W. Larpenteur, 7:30 a.m. Call Don Arndt, 641-9525. Every Tues.

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

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

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

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

### 5 Wed.

56th Annual Mid-Winter Convocation, Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary. Also Jan. 6 & 7.

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

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

Midway Mid-day Toastmasters, Minnesota Diversified Industries, 670 Pelham Blvd., noon-1 p.m. Also Wed., Jan. 19.

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

### 6 Thurs.

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

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

### 7 Fri.

Falcon Heights/Lauderdale recycling day.

Youth Activity Night, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside, 7-11 p.m. For grades 6-12. Every Fri.

### 10 Mon.

Como Park recycling day.

Park Press Inc. board of directors, ParkBank, 7-7:55 a.m.

Falconeers Senior Club, Falcon Heights City Hall, 1-3:30 p.m. Call 488-3361 or 644-0055.

St. Anthony/Merriam Park Community Education Advisory Council, St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 2180 Knapp St., 7 p.m.

### 11 Tues.

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

### 12 Wed.

St. Anthony Park recycling day.

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

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

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

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

### 14 Fri.

Bookmobile at Seal Hi-Rise, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

### 15 Sat.

Christmas tree curbside pickup in Como Park and St. Anthony Park. Have tree at curb by 7 a.m.

### 17 Mon.

No classes, St. Paul Public & Roseville Area Schools. Martin Luther King Jr. day.

Martin Luther King, Jr. observance at Luther Northwestern Seminary Campus Center: Soul Food supper, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; service with Baptist church choirs, 6:30 p.m.

St. Paul League of Women Voters, Unit 8, 2331 Buford Ave., 7:30 p.m.

### 18 Tues.

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

### 19 Wed.

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

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

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

### 20 Thurs.

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

District 10 Small Area Plan Task Force, Humphrey Job Corps auditorium, Arlington & Snelling, 5:30 p.m.

### 21 Fri.

Falcon Heights/Lauderdale recycling day.

Storytime for children ages 3-5, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m. Preregistration necessary. Fridays through Feb. 18.

### 22 Sat.

Langford Park Winter Sports Days. Also Jan. 23.

Lauderdale 500 Club, Lauderdale City Hall, 1 p.m.

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

### 24 Mon.

Como Park recycling day.

No classes, Roseville Area Schools.

Falconeers Senior Club, Falcon Heights City Hall, 1-3:30 p.m. Call 488-3361 or 644-0055.

South St. Anthony Booster Club, Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

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

### 25 Tues.

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

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

### 26 Wed.

St. Anthony Park recycling day.

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

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

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

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

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

### 27 Thurs.

MOMS Club, Como Park Lutheran Church, 10 a.m. Call 489-8218.

### 28 Fri.

No school for students, St. Paul Public Schools.

Bookmobile at Seal Hi-Rise, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

### 29 Sat.

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

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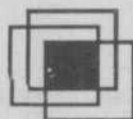
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## Obituaries

### Margaret Blomberg

Margaret E. Blomberg died at age 88 on Nov. 15, 1993. She was the widow of Leslie Blomberg, former owner of Blomberg's Grocery, which occupied the present Speedy Market site for many years. Blomberg's Grocery was a store of the old era, where customers charged their groceries and could call for delivery.

Blomberg lived on California Ave. in Falcon Heights and was a member of Falcon Heights United Church of Christ.

Preceded in death by her husband, and her brother, Alfred McConnell, she is survived by her son, Carl Blomberg of Mississippi; her daughter, Marlene Blomberg of Stillwater, a long-time teacher at Como Park High School; and grandchildren, Leslie, Jeffrey, Kari, Cindy and Greg.

### Emma Gibson

Emma E. Gibson died on Dec. 13, 1993. She was a resident in recent years at Lyngblomsten Care Center.

Gibson was preceded in death by her husband, Carl C. Gibson. She is survived by her daughter, Joan Bartell; grandchildren Anne Kawell, John Bartell, Mary Kay Price and Carl Bartell; nine great-grandchildren; and a sister, Evelyn La Fontaine of New York state.

### Marion Gratz

Marion A. Gratz died on Dec. 4, 1993. She was 97 years of age.

Miss Gratz was the librarian at Murray Junior High School for 43 years. She began there when Murray was a junior high in 1925 and continued through the years of the junior-senior high school. As advisor to the Library Club, she was the confidante for many students.

Preceded in death by her two brothers, William and Richard, she left no survivors.

### Erma Hildebrandt

Erma D. Hildebrandt, a resident of Lyngblomsten Nursing Home, died on Nov. 21, 1993. She was 93 years old.

Preceded in death by her husband Robert C. Hildebrandt, she is survived by her sons, Robert of Alexandria and Richard of Orr; her daughters,

Emily Kulenkamp of St. Paul and Ruth Marko of St. Paul; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

### Hazel Hultquist

Hazel V. Hultquist died on Nov. 28, 1993, at age 90. She was a resident of Lyngblomsten Care Center.

Hultquist was preceded in death by her husband, George Hultquist. Survivors include her daughter, Bonnie Jean Berger of Roseville; her sons, John Hultquist of Fort Collins, Col., and Edwin Hultquist of Eagan; a sister, Alice Rivard; 8 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

### Winifred Rudie

Winifred M. Rudie, a longtime Como Park area resident, died on Dec. 11, 1993, at the age of 77. She had recently lived in Roseville. She was a member of Holy Childhood Catholic Church.

Preceded in death by her husband Edward N. Rudie, she is survived by five daughters, Jeanne Marcotte, Peggy Skogen, Rose Armstrong, Kathy Konrad, and Susan Backus; five sons, James, Michael, Robert, Frank and John Rudie; 26 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Betty Murphy and Lucille Frey; and three brothers, Monsignor Terrence Murphy, Vincent Murphy and the Honorable Thomas Murphy.

### Beulah Rueter

Beulah Rueter, a co-producer of a religious music radio show, died on Dec. 8, 1993. She was 71 and a resident of Falcon Heights.

Rueter chose the recordings played each Sunday on "Song for Joy," a half-hour of religious vocal music broadcast on 270 stations in 41 states and four foreign countries. The program was broadcast by WCAL-FM in Northfield. Her husband, Alvin Rueter, was pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in the Midway area.

She is survived by her husband; daughters, Judith Brehm of Blair, Neb., and Christine Glimore of Pensacola, Fla.; sons, John of Shoreview and Theodore of Madison, Wis.; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; a brother, Ejler Nielsen of Hastings, Neb.; and a sister, Anita Stephens of Desert Hot Springs, Calif.

### Evelyn Threlkeld

Evelyn Threlkeld, a resident of St. Anthony Park for many years, died on Nov. 16, 1993, at the age of 76. She had lived at Lyngblomsten Care Center for the last eight years.

Before she and her husband moved to the Twin Cities in 1950, Threlkeld was a reference librarian at Iowa State University. She and her husband James L. Threlkeld, who preceded her in death in 1986, were members of St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ.

Survivors include her daughters Kathryn Dakis of Naperville, Ill., and Alice Welch of St. Anthony Park; and one granddaughter.

### Raymond Wolf

Raymond W. Wolf, host of award-winning radio and television reports on agriculture for the University of Minnesota, died on Dec. 6, 1993. He was 78. Wolf was a longtime resident of St. Anthony Park on Raymond Ave., but had lived most recently in Shoreview.

Born on a farm near Morris-town, Minn., Wolf received his B.A. in education from Winona State Teachers' College. He later received a science degree from the University of Minnesota. He taught vocational agriculture in Perham until 1945, when he became a county agent.

In 1948, Wolf became an information specialist for the University Agricultural Extension Service. He was employed there for 29 years until his retirement in 1977. His radio shows started on KUOM and were aired on 40-60 stations. In 1950, he started the weekly program "Town and Country" on KSTP-TV. It later moved to WTCN-TV, then to KTCA-TV.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy. Survivors include his wife, Esther; sons John of Dayton, Ohio, and James of Woodbury; daughters Margaret Bloemendal of Woodbury and Mary Hanson of New Brighton; 15 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a brother, Clifford Wolf, and a sister, Eleanor Blase, both of Owatonna, another sister, Miriam Barker of Tuscon, Ariz.; and four step-children.



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## Speaking Briefly

### MOMS Club starting in area

The MOMS Club, a national support group for at-home mothers, is starting a new chapter in the Midway, Como Park and St. Anthony Park areas. The first business meeting will take place at 10 a.m. on Jan. 27, at Como Park Lutheran Church.

"With so many mothers working outside the home today, it can be extremely hard for stay-at-home mothers to meet each other," said Bonnie Youngquist, founder and president of the new local group. "The MOMS Club allows at-home mothers to get together in a supportive atmosphere."

Youngquist said the group will have monthly meetings with speakers and topics for discussion, park play days, special outings, holiday activities and service projects. The MOMS Club will also sponsor special activity groups that will allow members to share similar interests. "Typical groups include play groups, babysitting co-ops, a monthly MOMS night out, lunch get-togethers, book clubs and more," she added.

All meetings will be held during the day and mothers may bring children to anything the club does. For more information, call Youngquist at 489-8218.

### St. Paul to honor its employees

Nominations are now being accepted for the Second Annual Karl Neid Community Involvement Award, which recognizes City of St. Paul employees who contribute to the community.

Earlier this year, Kevin Buron of the Department of Public Works became the first employee to receive the award.

The Neid Award is named for former City Council member Karl Neid, who committed his life to working for the city—both on and off the job.

Nomination forms will be available beginning Jan. 3 at the St. Paul Department of Human Resources, Room 230, City Hall Annex, 25 W. Fourth St. Call 266-6472 to receive a form by mail. Nominations may be made by city employees or citizens and are due Feb. 11.

### Cleanup proposed for Energy Park site

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has proposed cleaning up the ground water at the Koppers Coke site in Energy Park. The Koppers Company operated on 38 acres along the south side of Energy Park Drive between Lexington Parkway and Snelling Avenue from 1917 to 1979 making foundry coke, a coal product used in steel manufacturing. Soils and ground water became contaminated over the years from on-site disposal of wastes. Contaminated soils were removed during redevelopment of the area, but MPCA officials said the ground water still needs cleaning up.

The MPCA recommends a cleanup method called in situ bioreclamation, which involves injecting oxygen and, if necessary, fertilizer into the ground water. Officials said this method helps naturally-occurring microorganisms break down the contaminants much faster than would occur normally. As insurance, the MPCA recommends

that if bioreclamation doesn't produce results fast enough, a ground water pumpout system should be installed to prevent the contaminants from moving away from the site.

For more information, call Ralph Pribble at the MPCA, 296-7792.

### Public hearings set on Central Corridor transit study

Two public hearings are scheduled to discuss and receive public comments on transit alternatives for the 11-mile-long Central Corridor connecting downtown St. Paul and downtown Minneapolis. Sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Hennepin and Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authorities, the hearings are scheduled for Tues., Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel Metrodome, 615 Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis and Thurs., Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. at St. Luke's School, 1065 Summit Ave., St. Paul. An open house at 5 p.m. will precede both hearings.

The hearings will focus on the analysis of transit alternatives in the Central Corridor, including busways, light rail transit and no-build.

The complete report is available for review at public libraries in the corridor or during regular business hours at the Mn/DOT Metro Division offices in Roseville. Written comments on the report should be addressed to Robert Winter, Central Corridor Manager, Mn/DOT Metro Division, 1500 W. County Road B-2, Roseville, MN 55113. Call Winter at 582-1357 for a copy of the report summary. Written comments must be received no later than Feb. 18.

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