Jackson helps Job Corps celebrate 30th anniversary

By Linda Johnson

The Rev. Jesse Jackson addressed a rally of students at the Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Center on Sat., Feb. 12, as part of festivities at the center marking the 30th anniversary of Job Corps on the national level.

Earlier in the week, the Job Corps Center on Snelling Avenue sponsored an afternoon open house as the first event to celebrate the organization’s anniversary. Featured were ice sculptures, refreshments, displays of all vocational areas and student-led tours of the Job Corps complex.

Velm Johnson, host of Black Entertainment T.V., filmed a Teen Summit program at the center as a culmination of the day’s festivities. It focused on respecting others and respecting diversity.

Congressman Bruce Vento and Minneapolis Mayor Sharon Sayes-Belton joined Jackson as speakers for Saturday’s events, which also featured a luncheon for 120 invited guests prepared by students in the culinary arts program.

All speakers celebrated Job Corps as a positive force in society, not just for the youth being trained there, but for all people.

In his rally speech, titled “Reclaiming Our Youth,” Jackson emphasized the Job Corps’s role in fulfilling the 21st century challenge by training people with needed skills. Jackson said youth and their parents are not getting the attention they need. We need to provide jobs for parents as well as training young people to “keep hope alive,” he said.

Jackson visits Job Corps centers every week and everywhere he goes he sees a need for people with more help to those with less. In other words, those who are successful have a responsibility to help others that are less successful, he said.

Vento, host for Saturday’s rally, celebrated the Job Corps’ role in education along with Jackson, and emphasized that Minnesota’s Hubert Humphrey was the main supporter of Job Corps when it began. As a result, Job Corps keeps the memory of Humphrey alive, according to Vento.

Sayes-Belton set out three ingredients that have made her successful: education, supportive friends and a desire to help others. She said the Job Corps helps make our youth successful by providing such ingredients.

Job Corps is aimed at high-risk youth, ages 16 to 25, from all over the country. It provides work experience and training in painting and wallpapering, culinary arts, office professions, building maintenance and health occupations.

Students observe each program during orientation and decide which one they want to study. The two most popular programs are culinary arts and office occupations.

Students proceed at their own pace and can remain in Job Corps for three years. All take courses in health, parenting and job-hunting. Those who need to pass the G.E.D. take basic reading.

Photo by Truman Olson

Job Corps at 7

Falcon Heights taking bids for police services; community concerns listed

By Julie Lehr

Proposals to provide police services for the City of Falcon Heights will be requested by the city council next few weeks. The City Council was expected to finalize the request at its Feb. 25 meeting.

Seeking the proposals does not reflect unhappiness with the police services currently provided Falcon Heights by the Roseville Police Department, said City Administrator Susan Hoyt. Rather, it’s a routine procedure to determine if contracted services meet the city’s needs and if the price is fair.

“Falcon Heights contracts for a number of services,” Hoyt explained. “The police services are the most expensive, representing about 25 percent—or a quarter million dollars—of the city’s general fund budget. It is prudent for us to be sure we are getting the best buy for those dollars.”

The request which soon will be sent out will reflect the comments received in a survey the city mailed to businesses, residents and fire rescue personnel to ask what they want in police services. Five neighborhood meetings also were held in March and April to discuss community expectations for police services.

“Em very pleased with the process we chose to follow in this,” said Council Member Sue Gehrz. She and Council Member Sam Jacobs worked with Hoyt to develop the request for services. “We worked very hard to give people a chance, through the survey and through the forums, to express their thoughts.”

Not surprisingly, “quick response to emergencies” was the top priority expressed by residents and businesses who responded. Other desired services include: teamwork with fire and rescue workers, a visible patrol on neighborhood streets and playgrounds, easily accessible and friendly police personnel, partners in crime prevention activities, a commitment to the community.

“The term ‘community policing’ has become something of a buzzword these days,” Hoyt said. “And yet that concept is exactly what came up when we talked with residents and businesses about police services.”

According to Gehrz, Falcon Heights residents expressed a willingness to work in partnership with police and value “opportunities to be involved in prevention activities.” But residents expressed some concerns about police visibility and would like to see more patrols in their neighborhood, she added.

How these concerns will be addressed is what interested police departments will need to describe in proposals to Falcon Heights. Hoyt said the city hopes to send out the requests in March and begin receiving proposals four to six weeks later.

“For budgeting purposes, it would be nice to know by the end of July when we will be contracting with and what the cost will be,” Hoyt said.

The city’s contract for police services with Roseville extends through the end of 1994, so no change will take place before January 1995. This is the fifth year Roseville has held the contract for police services in Falcon Heights.

Community meetings will focus on crime, non-violence

A Town Meeting focusing on crime is planned for Wed., March 9, at 7 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library, Como Avenue at Carter. Sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Community Council, the meeting will feature a presentation from Meredith Vogland from the police department’s program Graffiti Inc. Commander Mike Smith of the Northwest Team will speak in follow up to the shootings at Hampden Park Foods. Lt. Nancy DiPerna from the Vice Unit will talk about the proposed changes at Gatsby’s.

Hampden Park Food Co-op is sponsoring a workshop on non-violence at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave. It is open to all who are interested in exploring ideas and practical ways to address personal violence. The workshop will be an interactive session examining values regarding violence and safety while learning a range of nonviolent skills.

Community meetings will focus on crime, non-violence

The facilities are Betsy Raasch-Gilman of Future Now and David M. Miller of Friends for a Nonviolent World. Reservations should be made by Feb. 28 for one of three sessions—Sat., March 5, 1-4 p.m.; Sat., March 12, 9 a.m.-noon; or Mon., March 14, 6-9 p.m. The suggested donation is $5. Call any coordinator at Hampden Park Foods, 646-6868, for more information.
St. Anthony Park Community Council News

Council elections coming up

Candidates have until Tues., March 8, to file for seats on the Community Council's Elections Committee, scheduled for Tues., April 12. Three delegates and two alternates will be elected from North St. Anthony Park, and two delegates and two alternates will be elected from South St. Anthony Park. Delegates serve two-year terms and alternates serve one-year terms.

The Community Council provides grass roots perspective citizen participation and involvement in local and city issues. The Council makes recommendations on permits, licenses and capital improvement spending. The Council sponsors events like the Neighborhood Cleanup, Community Garage Sale and Christmas Tree Recycling. Council members are involved in a variety of issues in housing, economic development, environmental issues and social services.

Currently the Community Council is addressing the Small Area Plan for the University/40th area, noise abatement along Highway 280 and the rash of graffiti in several different parts of the park. More activity is expected this year in the realm of crime prevention. The Nominating Committee members for North St. Anthony Park are David Skibird (644-5878) and Barbara Scott Murdock (647-9341). The South St. Anthony Park Nominating Committee members are Bob Andromed (646-2235) and Carolyn Davis (646-7768).

Business representation is coordinated through the Midway Chamber of Commerce and the St. Anthony Park Business Association. Terms for five delegates and two alternates are each a one-year commitment. The structure of the council has provided an excellent forum for positive working relationships between the business and residential communities.

 Elections will be held on April 12 from 2-9 p.m. For more information call the Council office at 292-7884.

Town meeting on crime in the Park

On Wed., March 9, at 7 p.m., at the St. Anthony Park Library, the Council will hold a town meeting on crime. The meeting will feature a presentation from Minnesota Vogel and Veit from the police department's program Gaffe Inc. Minnesota Vogel will show an informative video about graffiti and answer questions about what's going on in our community and what we can do about it.

Commander Mike Smith of the Northwest Team will speak in follow up to the shootings at Hampton Park Foods. Commander Smith is the head of the Northwest Team and will be able to answer questions about how officers are assigned in our part of town and what our crime rate looks like compared to other areas in St. Paul.

Lt. Nancy Dierenna from the Unit Management team regarding the proposed changes at Gatsby's. She can give us an overview of the changes that will be made and answer the questions about what they are doing on their side and how the police are also monitoring the activity at Gatsby's.

The regular March meeting of the Community Council will follow the Town Meeting. All Community Council meetings are open to the public.

Choose to Reuse—Waste Reduction Fair

Come and bring your kids on Sat., March 5, from 1-5 p.m. to the Science Museum of Minnesota. Recycling displays will include a Neatly-New Fashion Show featuring surprise guests modeling hot items from the racks of Goodwill and Elite Repeat. Antiscrafting will have a demonstration of how kids can make new crafts with old materials. Learn how to shop SMART (save money and reduce waste). Find out about second-hand stores, libraries, used bookstores, and more. Some businesses will have merchandise for sale. There will be door prize drawings and a variety of displays and waste reduction activities.

Council-sponsored meetings are listed each month in the Bugle Community Calendar on page 17.

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St. Paul's Northwest, Southwest Police teams to merge by Sept. 1 in department reorganization

By Jane McClure

Neighborhood News Service

What will changes in police department organizational structure mean for our neighborhood? What will happen when the Northwest and Southwest teams become a West division?

Will neighborhoods see the same amount of police service, less or more? Will plans to move more police stations throughout the city provide more of a police presence?

St. Paul Police Chief William Finney contends that the pending reorganization won't have a major impact on area neighborhoods.

That's the message he's delivering to community leaders, in the wake of controversy over a proposal to combine team police areas and possibly close the Southwest Area Team headquarters in Highland Park.

The Southwest Area Team police headquarters building will remain open, said Finney, even after a Sept. 1 merger with Northwest Area Team police. Northwest Team's facility at University and Dale also will remain in use. Both headquarters will be used for roll calls for the city's new West police division.

"This transition is basically a paper translation," Finney said.

He predicted that residents will notice few, if any changes in service.

The Northwest area is bound on the Mississippi River. The northern boundary is University Avenue from the western city limits to Hamline Avenue, then south to Summit Avenue, east to Ramsey Hill, down Ramsey Hill to 155th Street, north and 155th to Kellogg Boulevard and Eagle Street, and from Eagle Street to the river.

The Northwest team covers neighborhoods to the north of the Southwest area, to the northern and western city limits. It includes the St. Anthony Park and Como neighborhoods and Frogtown. The new West division would include much of the Northwest and Southwest territory, except for part of the West Seventh-Fort Road neighborhood. That area will be switched to the Central division.

News of the police department reorganization has sparked an outcry in some neighborhoods and questions in others. Policing protesting the changes have been circulated in the Highland Village area, along with a petition against the merger. A letter-writing drive, targeting Finney and Mayor Norm Coleman, is also under way.

Highland Area Community Council member John Grzybek is one of a growing number of people questioning the wisdom of the merger of the two teams, and the fate of the Southwest facility.

If the Southwest facility is shut down, it won't happen for two years, said Finney. But he predicts that the building will stay open, possibly as a substation.

What people may see are more police substations. Use of the current Southwest headquarters as a substation is one idea that has been raised. Three or four police subteams could be housed in each of the three new police stations. Finney also wants some of the area colleges and universities to have some sort of police presence, such as a desk or work area.

Substation sites also will be sought in the Northwest area. One substation in that team's area at Selby and Dale, is being limited use. The first substation in the city, on Payne Avenue and the East Team area, opened last year.

Substation and college spaces would be donated. The police department's current policy on substations is that space, utilities, desk volunteers and furnishings are donated by the community, with the police officers than assigned to the substation. Police officers use the substation as a base, returning there when not called out by a volunteer, said Finney.

The St. Paul Police Department wants more voluntary partnerships in city neighborhoods, Finney said. That may mean expansion of such volunteer efforts as the police reserves and neighborhood assistance officers. The police chief also would like to see the substation concept succeed through use of community volunteers that are assigned to the substation. The police chief also would like to see the substation concept succeed through use of community volunteers that are assigned to the substation. Some at the January meeting were skeptical about the substation concept. "Lots of luck," said Highland Area Community Council member Gayle Summers. "I think if people see a substation, they're going to want to come in and talk to an officer, not a volunteer."

But much of the walk-in traffic at substations isn't related to emergency situations, Finney said. Volunteers can take complaint information, or answer some questions, or arrange for an officer to meet a citizen at the substation.

"If you need a cop immediately, you call 911," Finney said.

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Music in the Park’s Julie Himmelstrup named “Marvelous Minnesota Woman”

By Julie Lehr

Her friends and associates have always known that Julie Himmelstrup is pretty mar- velous; now the entire state will find out.

Himmelstrup, a St. Anthony Park resident and founder of the Music in the Park Series, is one of eight women from throughout the state who will be honored as “Marvelous Min- nesota Women” on Feb. 28. In ceremonies at the State Capitol, Lieutenant Governor Joannell Dyrdal will present the women with their awards.

Another St. Anthony Park resi- dent, Janet Dieterich, is co-chair of the Marvelous Minnesota Women Committee. The com- mittee advertises for nomina-

People

Four St. Anthony Park resi- dents were treated to lunch at Mulifeleta Restaurant on Feb. 10 in honor of their 50-plus years of coverage with State Farm Insurance. Agent James Roehrenbach arranged the cel- ebration for Marie Nolden, Daniel Jones and Ralph and Verna Wayne, noting, “In today’s marketplace this type of loyalty is quite remarkable.”

Also remarkable is Jones’s record. His “incident-free date” is the same day he started with State Farm, more than 60 years ago.

Three St. Anthony Park third graders take center stage in the Unity Church-Unitarian’s fifth annual children’s musical, The Magic Violin. Lilly Bevis, Emily Letourneau and Maggie O’Rourke play sister princesses in the musical based on a Sepa- dic Jewish folk tale.

John Hawkins of Boy Scout Troop 218, sponsored by Holy Childhood Church, has passed the Board of Review for Eagle Scout rank. For his Eagle Scout service project, Hawkins orga- nized the planting of several hundred trees in Crosby Park on Warner Road in St. Paul.

Hawkins also has been appointed to the rank of Cadet Colonel at Cretin-Derham Hall High School. Another Troop 218 Scout, Joe Jorissen, has earned the rank of Major at Cretin-Derham Hall.

Harvey Nestvold, VFW 4th Dis- trict Commander from local Joseph A. Erwin Post 458, will be one of two people honored at a testimonial dinner on June 29 at Lake Elmo VFW Post 5725. A social hour will be held from 1 to 2 p.m., followed by the dinner at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 and the event is open to the public. For more informa- tion call 651-6577.

But Dieterich protests, “I don’t consider myself a leader so much as a facilitator. I’ve edged this along for so many years,” she said of her Music in the Park Series, which is in its 15th season. She was surprised and delight- ed to learn of the award. “I think it’s absolutely wonderful — bet- ter than Miss America. You could have blown me over with a feather.” With her Music in the Park, Himmelstrup’s goal has been “to make chamber music in its many forms acces- sible to people.”

Her selection as a Marvelous Minnesota Woman is a testimo- ny to her success in achieving that goal. The Marvelous Minnesota Women program began during the administration of Gov. Rudy Perpich. It is part of a daylong event known as Women Come to the Capitol Day.

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Editorial

What is the Bugle's mission?

A letter mailed recently to Park Bugle Board President Dale Tenissen accuses the newspaper of being "a vehicle for special interests." The Bugle, the letter asserts, is not fulfilling its mission. It did not provide adequate coverage of the sexual harassment charges leveled against former City Council Member Paula Maccabee. It also does not provide full coverage of crime in the neighborhood, reporting only the attempted robbery and subsequent shootout in the Harris Park Coop last fall.

The letter implies that the Bugle, in failing to report on these matters, is trying to make life appear rosier than it actually is. Falcon Heights City Council Member Sue Gelzr said that while door-knocking last fall during her re-election campaign, many people spoke of their concerns about crime. Yet Falcon Heights is not exactly experiencing a crime wave.

Is crime soaring in our neighborhoods? In our schools? It isn't, but I'll make this week's special pledge. Over the next few months, we will endeavor to find out and report the results in the Bugle.

And what about the Maccabee incident? The story with its sensationalism and, in the words of one critic, "a media soap opera. Was there anyone in the St. Paul cities who had not heard on radio, seen on television or read in the papers about the charges made against Maccabee? (My parents who live in Florida know about the case!)

Could the Bugle have added anything useful to what we already knew about this? The answer is a clear "yes." But I'd like to hear from readers on the issue, and also on how the Bugle can best meet your needs.

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Letters

Give credit where due

Dear editor,

In the Community Profile of St. Anthony Park in the Jan. 30 issue of the Pioneer Press, the Community Council was credited with sponsoring the annual Fourth of July Celebration. In truth the event is sponsored by the Council and has been sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Association for decades. This wonderful civic and social group has been the backbone of this community, supplying volunteer power to other groups as well as sponsoring monthly meetings and several annual events. One of the outstanding features of St. Anthony Park is the cooperation among the wide diversity of volunteer groups. The St. Anthony Park Association deserves laurels and for its help, and its contribution to the quality of life in this part of town.

Abby Struck
Community Organizer
St. Anthony Park
Community Council

Flowers by Jane will be missed

Dear editor,

I was extremely dismayed to hear that one of St. Anthony Park's business namesake Flowers by Jane, has been given one month's notice to vacate its location in Falcon Heights. In the three years that I have enjoyed the services of this charming flower shop, I have been impressed with Jane's creativity, flexibility and willingness to serve the community and its organizations.

What a joy it has been in the early spring months to walk down Como Ave. and see Jane and her flowers brightening the corner of Carter and Como. And how convenient it is to have a way home from work and walk out with a unique bouquet of flowers in an unusual and arranged arrangement. Although Jane plans to continue her business, it will not be in our neighborhood. The convenience and charm offered by Flowers by Jane will no longer be a part of the St. Anthony Park scene. This is surely a great loss to all of us.

Joanne Karvon, St. Anthony Park

Editor’s note: Joanne Karvon sent my message to Milton, president of Milton Investments Co., a copy of her letter to the Bugle. Milton responded with a lengthy letter, excerpts of which are printed below.

More on Jane

Dear editor,

In the past two weeks, I have been circulating in the neigh- borhood concerning the future of one of Milton’s frequently current stores, Flowers by Jane. Ordinarily we would treat our relationships with a commercial tenant as a confidential matter and would not expect the relationship to become the subject of public discussion. But in view of the many contributions made to the community over the past three years by Jane, Carlson, the owner and operator of Flowers by Jane, the interest intense shown by Jane’s loyal custo- mers in the business’s future forces us to write. We would like to express our gratitude for Jane’s business in its present location, we feel it is nece- ssary to state that the community some of the facts which might not otherwise be known regarding the current situation.

As Jane has been telling her customers during the past two weeks, she has been given notice that she will no longer be able to rent her current space after Feb. 28, 1994. She is finding that her rent is not being evicted. Her month-to-month tenancy has not expired; however, she is effectively at the end of February. A notice was mailed to us on Jan. 29, 1994, to comply with legal requirements to allow Mit- ton Investments the right to take over the adjacent vacant space to a new tenant. The new ten- ant, whose name cannot be publicly revealed at this time, is a well-establish- ed Minneapolis neighborhood jewelry store.

Milton Square began discussions with the new tenant in November of 1993. The new tenant originally was very much looking forward to sharing our lower level with Flowers by Jane. We are currently working plans for improving the new tenant’s space and submit our plans to the city for review. Unfortunately, in January we learned that the city could not purchase the adjacent exits could not be shared and it would be impractical to bring in new exit. We are facing with a very difficult situation. We wanted to keep both tenants, but we could not accommodate both tenants in the space beneath Muffalletta. If we allowed Flowers by Jane to stay in its present location, we would lose their prospective new tenant. If we wanted to finalize with a new tenant, we would have to say Flowers by Jane to move.

During the past three weeks we have shown the vacant space adjacent to Flowers by Jane to a number of prospective new tenants. For a variety of reasons, we did not reach a conclusion on next page

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Getting involved in your neighborhood—on a first-name basis

By Abby Struck

It was early December, my older daughter Meg's birthday, and she wanted a fire in the fireplace.

The logs had been laid the previous spring, and the first fire of the fall or early winter is always exceptionally easy and quick to light.

I carefully checked the flue and proceeded to light our first blaze of the season. It started smok ing—the chimney was apparently blocked. While my husband went for the fire extinguisher in the kitchen, I wraped Meg and Fiona up in a blanket and took them to Ann and Dave next door. The girls were a little scared, but because they knew our neighbors, I was able to return to the house and help open windows and set up fans.

Cliff and I both came out of it with nasty cases of bronchitis. We later discovered a lot of domestic confusion from the flames. We probably should have called the Fire Department to help with larger fires to air out the house. But what would we have done if we had not been able to take the girls (early grade school ages) somewhere safe? How much more vulnerable their young bodies?

It's not just in emergencies that it's helpful to know your neighbors. We weren't home when my friend Mary came to store some of her furniture in our basement, so she called her herself. One of our neighbors sat on his front steps watching to see that nothing was amiss. Another neighbor, Will, came over and asked Mary what was wrong. When we got home, most of the heavy work was done, and seeing how our neighbors had "kept an eye on things" was very reassuring about the neighborhood.

The immediate neighborhood is like the immediate family. The importance of a positive, functional, working relationship is pretty obvious. But many of us get a lot more out of seeking new neighbors than to just be a neighbor on a little broader basis. We do what is comfortable, and leave the rest to "people who get paid to do that sort of thing."

"It takes a village to raise a child" says the African proverb. Yet how many of us get terribly uncomfortable at the prospect of a child's limits for someone else's kids? Face this at Scouts or church, when the rowdiness of some kids exceeds my tolerance; but I rarely say anything—to the parents, let alone my kids. I commiserate with other adults, but it is too "intrusive" to suggest some different parenting techniques to another mom. So, I avoid the children’s question, and try to keep them clear of my kids so they won't be a bad influence in their rowdiness. In the meantime, I am ignoring the fact that those kids and sticking my head in the sand about the possible longer term results.

At the skating rink I see a further level of abstraction. These are kids from the neighborhood, but I don't necessarily know them, and I may not know their parents. Here the involvement is more a function of protection than discipline. I take it on myself to enforce the rule about no hockey sticks on the general rink because, at seven, Fiona and her friends do just usually need the space and security of not having to worry about getting hit by a stick as they learn to skate.

I can't always find a staff member, so I take it on myself to keep things comfortable for my kids. I take on the potential conflict for the best interests of Meg, Fiona, and their friends.

So how far can we abstract a question before we can ignore it completely, or write it off? I'm first, you see, stubborn, he's bullheaded. If you're unemployed it's a recession; if I'm unemployed it's a depression. At what point does enlightened self-interest end and sometimes choose to not stick our collective heads in the sand, refusing to deal with what is going on around us?

Volunteerism on the neighborhood level is a major way to address this concern. Everyone envisions self-interest by volunteering may lead to the pleasure of accomplishment, increased self-esteem, altruism. The variety of opportunities is excellent. I could address the skating rink issues through the recreation center's booster club, or perhaps the Parks and Recreation Commission. I can help direct the readiness of others' kids through Scout activities, Neighborhood Cleanups and other physical kinds of activity that can give a positive direction for all that youthful energy.

Community Councils, block clubs and neighborhood associations all give wonderful opportunities to expand our sphere of influence and our horizons. We can learn about issues that go beyond our immediate block and flow into the city as a whole, affecting the life of our neighborhoods, parks, schools. As volunteers we can become better informed consumers of city services. We can serve on committees and provide citizens input to the public decision-making process.

In Falcon Heights, there is 100 percent coverage of Crime Watch. In St. Paul's District 10, there was excellent participation in the election of new representatives to the Community Council. There is much to be optimistic about in looking at the citizen participation process in St. Paul.

Now the St. Anthony Park Community Council is seeking candidates to run for and serve on the Council. Community Councils deal with land use, traffic problems and ecological issues. They provide city hall with the neighborhood perspective on current issues. Councils have been the starting place for Rock Nurse—Living at Home Projects, Neighborhood Cleanups, drop-in and after-school child care and crime watch programs. Neighbors in St. Paul have started programs that later brought national attention to their accomplishments. St. Paul is held up as the example of how neighborhoods function successfully.

What do you gain from serving as a volunteer at the local level? Plenty! As you become better informed, your opinion is taken seriously by decision-makers at the city level. You meet and get to know staff people who can help you accomplish your neighborhood goals, or help you find alternate resources. You gain perspective and see other parts of the city in a new light and come to appreciate a broader outlook.

Most of all, you learn grass roots democracy. This is the very basis of our humanized interaction. This is the place to exercise give and take. This is the place to give your children a solid role model, showing the personal satisfaction of volunteer work. This is where you gain the mutual respect, and even affection, of your neighbors—on a first-name basis.

Abby Struck is community organizer for the St. Anthony Park (District 12) Community Council.
Megard pledges cooperation with neighborhood groups

By Kristin Cooper

 Newly-elected St. Paul City Council Member Bobbi Megard met with Ward 4 community organizers and district council members in January to discuss communication and cooperation between the part-time City Council and the neighborhoods.

Megard said one of the outcomes of the City Council retreat in January was a decision to reserve full council meetings for resolutions and budget adjustments. She said this step will bring issues out to the front for discussion, rather than promoting "horse-trading" behind the scenes.

To improve communication between the city and neighborhoods on the issues and problems that exist, Megard said one of her first goals in office is to build support for retaining the position of citizen participation coordinator, which the council cut from the 1994 budget. She sees this position as a connection for neighborhood participation groups and the city.

Megard said that after spending many years as a community organizer, she could appreciate some of the frustration community councils have with their city counterparts, but promised a change in her term.

"I saw in the past a setting aside of guidelines for pet projects," Megard said. "As a City Council member, I won't do it that way." She said that while politics is a part of her new job, she has a respect for the process set up to get things done.

While some voices in the city claim that community councils are anti-business, Megard said the community councils in Ward 4 work hard to bring together neighborhood and business interests. She cited the cooperation that has made the University and Raymond area a success.

Block clubs and neighborhood crime prevention efforts are another area where Ward 4 has been successful, she said. Safe cities and neighborhoods have to be a priority to keep middle-class people in the city, she said, and added that it is a job the police cannot do alone.

She said her aide, Ann Cieslak, will be visiting all six district councils in Ward 4 to meet with the organizers individually about issues in their neighborhoods and to tour the areas.

Megard said she wants Cieslak, who is a former community organizer, to be shown the good and the bad, because Megard saw both when she was door knocking during her campaign. She believes it is important to address the social issues.

Megard agreed to meet quarterly with the community organizers and district council members to discuss common issues.
Curbside collection of items for Goodwill
expanding to St. Anthony Park

By Lee Ann Owens

Save that old stuff. Some of it, anything, is reusable in a pilot curbside program which is expanding to District 12. Eligible items include small working appliances and household goods, old clothes and clean rags.

The neighborhood soon will be officially notified with a brochure and a bag tag left in household recycling bins. Then the St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium in cooperation with Goodwill's Minnesota branch will begin collecting reusable material in St. Anthony Park, along with recyclables.

"Goodwill doesn't repair things anymore. If it can't be used right off the rack, don't give it to Goodwill. Textiles can be recycled into rags, but must be clean. Household goods need to be in good condition. The guideline is if you'd give it to a friend, you can give it to Goodwill," said Martha McDonnell, Saint Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium recycling information manager.

Recyclable textiles must be clean, free of paint, grease and mildew. Scrap cloth will be cut up and recycled as stuffing or for other industrial uses. Besides the bigger and smaller working appliances, games, toys, books, hardware, tools and non-breakable kitchen goods also may be recycled in the program.

Items not recyclable with this program include:
- broken items
- carpet
- chemicals
- dirty cloth
- garbage
- hazardous waste
- plastic bags
- plumbing fixtures
- screen metal
- things bigger than a bag

Furniture and room-sized pick-up is provided through regular recycling budget expenditures which property taxes fund. "It's not costing us any more because the drivers are already going there. We're actually saving money doing this. Goodwill is doing all the sorting. They employ people learning job skills to do all the sorting," McDonnell said.

The program has been under way for a year in District 10. It's been going very well—we've had good response. A lot of people have found it to be a convenient service," McDonnell said.

Because the Goodwill pickup went well in District 10, along with the other pilot program areas of Highland Park and Bat- tle Creek, the service is being expanded to include half of St. Paul. Districts 8, 9, 11, 12, 13 and 16 will be added.

Superior Inc. picks up the household goods and textiles on regular recycling days. The bags that are to go to Goodwill are specially marked. Beginning with the pilot program expansion, a new vendor will be used to more clearly designate what is to go to Goodwill.

Contents must fit within a securely closed, water tight, tagged 30-gallon bag with a weight that hasators can pick up. On pickup day, the bags should be set out on the curb by 7 a.m. next to the blue recycling bins. After the bag is picked up, a new tag will be left in the bin.

"The great thing is everyone benefits—we're keeping all this material from ending up in landfills," said Jim Norgard, public relations manager of Goodwill Industries, Inc./Easter Seal Soci-
ety of Minnesota.

Although recycling donations drop off a bit during the winter months, in the case of home pickup it has made Goodwill program participation good. "On our part, it is going very well. People enjoy the convenience," Norgard said.

"Goodwill's been pleased. They've been pretty happy with what's been coming in. Sometimes their dropoffs don't have very good quality. So far, we haven't been getting trash, which we're happy about," McDonnell said.

Goodwill gets calls from people outside current pickup areas. "Many of the neighbors on the fringes want to be included in the program," Norgard said.

Funds collected from the resale of recyclable goods go toward Goodwill's support of non-profit services for people with disabilities and the economically disadvantaged. According to Norgard, during 1993 over 2,600 people were served through Goodwill's programs including equipment loan for people who can't afford wheelchairs, information and referral services, and an agricultural program providing counseling and technical services for farmers with disabilities.

The old donated items are transferred to headquarters in Lauderdale where they are sorted and distributed to Goodwill's eight stores within the seven county metro area.

And there's a bonus for tax payers. "The value of donated items is tax deductible as if you wrote us a check," Norgard said.

Gardens in the Park
Come to the March 8 St. Anthony Park Association dinner and dream about summer gardens. In her sixth presentation, Diane Emerson, past president of the Minnesota Horticultural Society, will show slides featuring many old favorites, as well as 30 new gardens in St. Anthony Park!

A 5-45 p.m. social hour and 6:30 p.m. dinner will precede the 7:30 p.m. program at the St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. Cost is $6 for SAPA members, $7 for non-members and $5 for children. Free babysitting will be available. To confirm or cancel reservations, call Jennifer at 481-1238.

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The St. Anthony Park Association, in an effort to build a better community, is again offering grants to neighborhood organizations and individuals. These criteria are considered:
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The Winterfest Ball was on Feb. 11. This was Como’s only semi-formal dance besides prom. The elected court for Winterfest coronation was: freshmen Lady Emily Foster and Lord Paul Banks, sopho- 

Theater

Holy Childhood

The Minneapolis Zoo in Apple Valley conducts World Language Days. Our 8th grade students went to the German Day. At the gate they were greeted and pre- 

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Your neighbors in St. Anthony Park

Falcon Heights
Elementary

Here at Falcon Heights we have started a new program called Peer Mediation. Peer Mediation is a way of solving problems on the playground, bus and classroom. In each classroom 3 mediators are elected. There are about 30 mediators all together. They take turns going out on the playground during recess about once a week. If a couple of kids are getting into a conflict, they will go up to a peer mediator (who will be wearing a sash) and tell them their problem. The peer mediators will help you think of solutions to your conflict. A peer media- 

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Central High School

We are back once again with the National Merit scholarship finalists. These students are representing the highest placement on the P-847, which places them in the top one-half of one percent of U.S. high school seniors. Central is proud to have a dozen of these students up for this scholarship. From this area there are two: Claire Hruby and Daniel Larson. Congratulations to these students.

There is an upcoming seminar on March 7 & 14 from 7-9 p.m., discussing how to plan and prepare for high school and college. This meeting will cover various things, such as: class ranking, successful high school experiences, sequence of classes, credit requirements and registration information. Pre-registration is required by Fri., Feb. 23. To sign up, or to ask questions, call the Central Community Education Office at 293-4700.

This year March 4 is going to be a very important date for students in grades 8-11 because these students have to have an application in telling what high school they will be attending. If you don’t fill out an application, you will not be registered for your school of choice.

Brenda Barrett

Murray Junior High

Murray Junior High had the Science Fair on Feb. 7 and five students from the St. Anthony Park area will be going to the Regional Science Fair on March 11 & 12 at Augsburg College.

The Murray Junior High ski club got off to a great start. The final ski outing will by March 4. March 4 is also the day that high school registration forms are due.

Mixed Blood Theater will give a one-man play March 23 about the great Jacke Robinson.

March 7 at 7 p.m. in the Library, Murray School Association will have a meeting to plan the garage sale scheduled for April 23.

March 5 is the State Science Olympiad. It’s a contest between schools. One event is to make a protective covering from straw and tape for an egg, then see from what height you can drop it without the egg breaking.

The last day of school before Spring Vacation is March 25. School resumes April 5. March 11 there will be school in the morning only due to teacher workshops.

Charlie Bishop

St. Anthony Park Elementary

We had many activities for Valentine’s Day at St. Anthony Park Elementary. Many classes had Valentine parties and we had our annual drawing for Valentine’s Day royalty from the 4th, 5th and 6th grade classes. The King and Queen of Hearts were Jonathan Farnsworth and Aaryn Hill; the Prince and Princess were David Wellington and Johnetta Williams and the Duke and Duchess were John Barrick and Emily Salisbury.

The Science Fair was held on Wed., Feb. 23. All 5th and 6th grade students were required to do a project that was displayed and judged. Parents were invited to see the display.

We’ve had two acting groups come to our school. The Young Audiences program, La Comedia, did folktales from the Hopi, Scandinavia, Japan and Africa, emphasizing that women can be heroes. The Meliken Puppet theater also visited our school and this year their theme was Dragons. With “Merlin” narrating, they did three stories about dragons and ended their performance with a ball, authentic Chinese Dragon.

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sion.

Call the development office, 646-6821, ext. 164, for more information.

LAUDERDALE
Easter Seal telethon will help Goodwill
For the third year in a row, KSTP-TV’s Colleen Lopez will join Twin Cities broadcaster Tom Ryter as host of the Min-
nesota telecast of the Easter Seal Telethon on Sun., March 6th, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Channel 29. Together with WCCO-TV’s Kevyn Burger, the pair will “work the pledge phones” and introduce check presenters and special feature stories on indi-
viduals with disabilities or dis-
advantages being helped by the Easter Seal Society of Minneso-
ta.

National segments hosted by Pat Boone will feature Holly-
wood and Nashville entertain-
ment.

Volunteers are needed both before and during the telecast. For information contact Barb Nelson, Goodwill Industries Inc., Easter Seal Society of Minne-
sota, at 646-2591, ext. 185.

Business Manager position open at the Park Bugle. See Employment ads on p. 19.
Call this lucky? Rosemary Weiland won the contest to find the mayor’s toupee, part of the fun at the annual Falcon Heights Dead of Winter Inspiration event on Feb. 6.

FALCON HEIGHTS

Plan for spring garage sale

Begin now to organize your treasures for the first annual Falcon Heights citywide garage sale, which is planned for spring. Anything usable is appropriate for the sale, including clothes, housewares, books, furniture, appliances, collectibles, toys and sporting equipment. The city will look into arranging for Goodwill to collect unused items at curbside after the sale. There will be no charge to participate. The city will advertise the event and participating residents will display identifying signs. Further details will be available as spring approaches.

Co-op child care center 20 years old

Community Child Care Center, Minnesota’s oldest non-profit parent cooperative, is celebrating 20 years of service to the University and St. Anthony Park communities. Past and present families as well as local community members will attend a banquet at Bandana Square on March 26 at 6 p.m. Honored guests will include CCC’s former director of 14 years, Jackie Spies. Members of Son de Sur will provide entertainment.

Children will have a special “banquet” and be entertained at the Children’s Museum. Prior to the banquet, an open house will be held at CCC.

Former CCC families and interested community members may call Susan Peterson at 645-8908 for more information.

Grand Canoe Rendezvous

The 1994 mid-March wilderness festival, the Grand Canoe Rendezvous, is scheduled for Sat., March 19, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the University of Minnesota St. Paul Student Center Theater, 2017 Buford Ave.

Several adventurers will expound on their “travel by paddle” explorations. Highlighted will be the triumphant return of Judd Hoff and Steve Morgan, after their arduous five-month re-enactment of Eric Severeid and Walter Post’s 1930 “Canoeing with the Cree” trip from Minneapolis to Hudson Bay.

Tickets are $10. Send reservation requests to Norm Kagan, 2378 Doswell Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108.

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The Prevailing Winds Woodwind Quintet will present a recital at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave., on March 14 at 8 p.m. The repertoire spans the centuries — from Sweelinck’s Theme and Variations on a Follksong, to Danz, to 20th cen-
tury composers Koechlin and Victor Legley.

Three members of the quintet have ties to the community. Katherine Ekland, flute, is a St. Anthony Park resident. Neil Okerlund, horn, and Bruce Bissoneit, clarinet, teach music in the Roseville-Palco Heights school district. Wes Hulings, oboe and English horn, and Terry Wilsen, bassoon, com-
plete the ensemble. Saxophon-
ist Jim Romain and oboist Helen Boy will join the quintet for the Koechlin work.

The recital is free.

The Twin Cities Jazz Society Conservatory will present its “Greatest Guitarists Revisited,” on Sat., March 12, 7:30 p.m., at the University of Minnesota St. Paul Center for the Arts. 2017 Choral St. This world-renowned guitarist will lead a concert fea-
turing a set in which he will be joined by several local jazz gui-

Ticket prices are $12 for non-
members and $9 for members, students and seniors. Contact Carol Simpson, 922-5487, for further information and ticket reserva-

The Lyra Concert will feature “winter” music by Antonio Vivaldi (“Winter” from The Four Seasons), Alessandro Scarlatti, Georgii Vivaldi and Johann Wern-

Ticket prices are $14, $12 for seniors and $10 for Public Radio members. For ticket information call 850-7555.

The St. Anthony Park Writers’ Workshop will meet on Tues., March 1 at 7:30 p.m., at 2952 Carter Ave. For further information, call 645-1135.

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Minnesota Orchestra concertmaster to perform here on March 20

The Music in the Park Series presents Jorja Fleezanis, the concertmaster of the Minnesota Orchestra, in recital with Canada's much-heralded pianist Bernadene Blaha, on Sun., March 20, at 4 p.m. at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave.

Fleezanis and Blaha, who met in 1991 at the Round Top Music Festival in Texas, have enjoyed playing chamber music together during the years following their meeting. The Music in the Park Series concert marks their first recital collaboration with a program including the Beethoven Sonata in C minor, Opus 30, #2: Bartok's Improvisations for solo piano, and the Blaha/Stravinsky Rite.

A special feature on the program will be the Minnesota premiere of Inscriptions for solo violin, by Pulitzer Prize-winning Israeli composer Shulamit Ran. Ran, who is currently the composer-in-residence for the Chicago Symphony, will be present to chat about her compositions at a 3 p.m. pre-concert talk.

Fleezanis and Blaha have had extensive careers in both the solo and chamber music realm. Fleezanis, who has been a member of the Chicago Symphony and associate concertmaster of the San Francisco Symphony, has appeared numerous times as soloist with the Minnesota Orchestra.

In January, Fleezanis met great success in her "triumphant performance" of John Adams' Violin Concerto. Her recent chamber music work includes membership in the PQ Trio with pianist Garrick Ohlsson and cellist Michael Grebner. Blaha, who has given concerts throughout the world, has appeared as soloist with such orchestras as the Montreal, Toronto and Houston Symphony. She earned first prize in the Masterplayers International Competition and was the top prize-winner in the 11th Annual International Piano Competition in New York City.

Music in the Park Series tickets are $11 at the door, $9 advance purchase and $5 student rush. Tickets may be purchased at The Bibelot Shop (646-5551) and Micawber's Bookstore (646-5586) in St. Anthony Park. For more information call 644-4254.

Jazzy performers want family participation

Music in the Park Series presents "What is Jazz," the second in a three-part annual family series featuring entertaining and educational music for all ages at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library, Como at Carter Aves.

On Fri., March 4, at 6:15 and 7:30 p.m., Ruth Mackenzie, Joan Griffith and storyteller Toni Carter will use jazz to encourage people of all ages to exercise their imaginations and respect the creative potential in one another.

Audience members will experience how jazz uses imagination through improvisation and cooperation in performance. The trio will demonstrate how a dialogue, or musical conversation, is the basis of a jazz performance by giving everyone the chance to swing, scat, croon and jam.

All three women have many credits in the educational performance arena. Griffith has performed and toured with Young Audiences of Kansas City and the Oklahoma and Arkansas Artist-in-the-Schools programs. Her jazz houses include performances with Larry Coryell, Lee Konitz and Sheila Jordan. Mackenzie's performance credits include Women Who Cook, the Twin Cities Jazz Festival and the theater productions "Pain Hearts" and "Ten November." Carter has worked with the Minneapolis Public Schools, St. Paul Schools and many others as a storyteller and workshop leader. Her performances include major roles in several Penumbra Theatre productions, many television and radio commercials as well as film and video appearances.

The Music in the Park family concert series is funded with a major grant from Target Stores. Tickets are $5 for adults and $4 for children, or $4 for adults and $3 for children if purchased in advance. Group rates are available. Tickets may be purchased at The Bibelot Shop (646-5551) and Micawber's Bookstore (646-5586). For more information call 644-4234.

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Music and Dinner in the Park

The March 20 performance marks the second 1993-94 Music in the Park and Dinner in the Park collaboration to serve those in need. Just following the performance, concertgoers are invited to enjoy an international vegetarian dinner served by Dinner in the Park (St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, located just behind the site of the performance). All proceeds from the dinner will go toward outreach programs. The tax-deductible Dinner in the Park tickets are $10 each. For more information and reservations for the dinner call 642-2088.
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ny Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave., on Fri., March 4 at 10 a.m. All are invited. Nursery services will be provided.
Participants in this service include members of the following area churches: Corpus
Christi Catholic, St. Anthony Park United Methodist, St. Anthony Park Lutheran, St.
Cecilia's Catholic and St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ.

Children's storytimes
There will be storytimes for two-year-olds and their parents
at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2245 Como Ave., at
10:30 on Friday mornings from March 4 through 25. Register
at the library or call 292-6653.

Dinner and raffle
St. Cecilia's Parish will hold its annual St. Patrick's Day dinner
and raffle on Sun., March 13 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at
the church on Bayless & Cromwell. A turkey dinner costs $5.50;
children 8 and under eat for free. The first prize of this year's
raffle is $500. For more information, call 644-602.

Kindergarten roundup
Kindergarten roundup at St. Anthony Park Elementary
School, 2180 Knapp St., will be held on Thurs., March 17, from
1:30 to 3 p.m. Children who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 1994,
and their parents are invited to meet the principal and teach-
ers. Child care will be provided and refreshments served. Bring
an original birth certificate to the roundup.
For more information, call the school at 293-8735 or Cindy
Bevier at 641-0745.

Saints begin second season
Group sales for the 1994 St. Paul Saints baseball games
begin March 1. The Northern League champs will start their
second season at Municipal Sta-
dium on Energy Park Drive on
Fri., June 10, against Sioux City.
Already season tickets have reached 1,600. General manager
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Sean Turner performs at musical homecoming

By Michelle Christianson

Everyone would like to return triumphantly to their home town and former St. Anthony Park area resident and pianist Sean Turner got that opportunity on Sunday, February 13, when he performed at the St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ as a part of the Music in the Park Series.

The program, entitled "For the Love of Jazz," featured the University of Minnesota Jazz Faculty Quartet plus all of Turner in the third annual memorial tribute to long-time St. Anthony park resident and jazz proponent Gus Donohue. Turner was joined by bassist Tony Astell, "the best kept secret in the Twin Cities" according to Turner, and by drummer Jess Wheelier. They performed two original modern jazz works by Turner, and one standard, My Romance, by Rodgers and Hart.

Latch-key and summer child care program being studied for N.W. Como neighborhood

By Lee Ann Owens

A new daycare program is in the starting stages at Northwest Como Recreation Center at 1557 Huron St., next to Chelsea Heights Elementary School. The "S'More Fun" program would run as a before and after school enrichment program for children from first through sixth grades.

"We're still in the interest-planning stage. We really need to know how many [the children] are out there. Otherwise, we're not going to do it," Angela Murray, Northwest Como Recreation Center director said.

A survey has been distributed in the Northwest Como Booster Club newsletter and area school newsletters, asking families if parents would like a before and after school program provided.

The program has been under discussion for two years. A 1990 census report revealed a dramatic increase in the number of families with young children in the Como community, and a need was also revealed in an age group statistical report survey from Resources for Childcare in St. Paul, according to Murray. The S'More Fun program gives children a number of choice-based structured activities. They can either participate in group gym activities, read-study work or creative pastimes. The activities are designed to be an educational enrichment for the children, some even feature cultural themes, according to Murray.

"We don't do any TV stuff. We do have a TV, but it would only be used for educational purposes," Murray said.

Fees for S'More Fun are $3 per week for full days from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., during the summer; $35 per week for after school care Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; $25 per week before school Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.; and $45 per week before and after school. Multiple-child discounts would also be available, according to Murray.

Because insurance is handled through the city and rent is not an added cost for Northwest Como and the facility already meets required codes, "we're able to keep fees lower than private daycares," Murray said.

To begin staffing and purchasing equipment, S'More Fun was given a $1,000 grant.

For five years, a similar program, which Murray designed, has been running successfully at Groveland Elementary and Recreation Center. The number of students participating in the program there has grown over the years, Murray said. The S'More Fun program also operates in several other St. Paul Recreation Centers.

"A program like this makes a school very dependent. Parents have a critical need for care. Childcare is a huge crisis in this country. Parents are using daycare centers and recreation centers as informal daycare. Even good parents I still see kids every day at three. They have no place to go. They ask for food. We do what we can. It's a huge problem. We're trying to reach out locally and do what we can," Murray said.

For information on the S'More Fun program, call Angela Murray at 298-5813.

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Performances of child abuse play continue; teen troupe producing video/study guide

By Will Noble

"It's up to you" is a multimedia production designed by a group of young people from St. Anthony Park. The group started out as a public achievement team, through Project Public Life and the Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota. The production this year's group has created is a nontraditional look at child abuse through the eyes of young people. It takes the viewer through six powerful scenes, each with a different perspective.

The combination of music, dance and theatre has been called "unlikely" as an approach to such a difficult social issue, but the underlying message "it has to stop" comes through clearly. The written evaluations from early productions included the following statements:

"The program cover is breathtaking." (Original art created by a 15-year-old St. Anthony Park resident.)

"Emotionally very effective, without violence." (The dance was very effective ... powerful.) ( Choreographed by a 16-year-old St. Anthony Park resident.)

"The play was powerful and well done ... with polish and maturity. If you want to feel hope for the future, see this play." (Original art created by a 15-year-old St. Anthony Park resident.)

"Excellent! You delicately yet effectively point out forms of abuse that are too often overlooked or accepted by the rest of us." (Original art created by a 15-year-old St. Anthony Park resident.)

In addition to its debut at Landmark Center in St. Paul, the production was scheduled for two performances at "We are the village," a conference on child abuse sponsored by Congregations Concerned for Children. The group also performed in January at St. Martin's Table in Minneapolis. Upcoming productions are scheduled for March 23 at Union Congregational Church in St. Louis Park and April 28 at Eden Park, Edina, at 7:30 p.m. Other dates are being negotiated with some area public schools.

The group is using these performances to raise money to stop child abuse. (A donation of $100 from the Landmark Center performances is being forwarded to the Minnesota Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse.) Organizations wishing to schedule a performance are asked for a $75 fee to cover costs. Any amount beyond that fee will be donated by the group.

Caucuses scheduled for March 1

Political parties will hold caucuses at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1—the first step in selecting candidates for office at the local, state and national levels.

Minnesota voters will cast ballots next fall for a U.S. senator, governor and various state offices. The selection process for candidates seeking endorsement begins at local caucuses.

For Bugle-area residents, caucus location are:

Falcon Heights: DFL: Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave.
IR: Ronwille Area High School, 1261 W. Highway 36

Lauderdale: DFL: Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St.
IR: Ronwille Area High School, 1261 W. Highway 36

St. Paul: DFL: Ward 4, precincts 2-6; St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 2180 Knapp St.
IR: Ward 5, precinct 1: Hancock Elementary School, 1559 Englewood Ave.; precinct 16: Como Park High, 740 Rose Ave. W.

If you are unsure of your ward or precinct, call the Ramsey County Elections Office at 266-2171.

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Other funds are being raised by the group to produce a video and study guide for "It's up to you." The following organizations have provided support and funding: St. Paul Youth Development Funds, St. Paul Council on Programs Fund, The St. Anthony Park Association, Community Suburban Channels, The Merriam Park Initiative for Violence-Free Families, St. Antho-

ny Park United Church of Christ, The St. Anthony Park Community Council and Creative Theatre Unlimited. Creative Theatre Unlimited's Director Charles Nürnich has offer- leadership that allowed everything to happen.

For more information about production possibilities, contribu-

tions or use of the video/ study guide, call Nürnich at 642-5371.

Will Noble is a member of the cast of "It's up to you."
### Community Calendar

**MARCH**

**1 Tues.**
Toastmasters, Hewlett Packard, 2025 W. Larpenteur, 7:30 a.m. Call Joe Arndt, 641-0525. Every Tues. Lauderdale Friends & Neighbors, Lauderdale City Hall, 1 p.m. Precinct caucuses, 7 p.m. See p. 16 for locations. St. Anthony Park Association Board, Langford Park, 7 p.m.

**2 Wed.**
Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m. Parent-child play group, So. St. Anthony Recreation Center, 490 Cromwell, 10 a.m.-noon. Every Wed. Call 646-6980. Midway Mid-day Toastmasters, MDI, 670 Pelham Blvd., noon-1 p.m. Also Wed., March 16. Call Dave Bredenbeck, 646-4061. Lenten supper, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave., 5:30-6:45 p.m. Each Wed. during Lent.

**3 Thurs.**
Toastmasters, St. Paul Campus North Central Forestry Experimental Station, 11:30 a.m. Call Mary Barwise, 642-1254. Every Thurs. St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee, So. St. Anthony Rec Center, 480 Cromwell, 5 p.m.

**4 Fri.**
Falcon Heights/Lauderdale recycling day.

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**Church Women United**
World Day of Prayer Service, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave., 10 a.m. Call 646-3472.

**Storytimes for two-year-olds and their parents,** St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m. Every Fri. in March. Pre-registration necessary.

**Youth Activity Night,** St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2290 Hillside, 7-7:11 p.m. For grades 6-12. Every Fri.

**7 Mon.**
AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 9 p.m. Call 647-9446 or 770-2646. Every Mon.

**8 Tues.**
St. Anthony Park Association, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth. Dinner 6:30 p.m.; program 7:30 p.m.

**9 Wed.**
St. Anthony Park recycling day.

**11 Fri.**
No school for grades K-6; no afternoon classes for grades 7-12, St. Paul Public Schools.

**13 Sat.**
St. Patrick’s Day dinner & raffle, Sr. Cecilia’s Catholic Church, Bayless at Cromwell, 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Call 644-6502.

**14 Mon.**
Como Park recycling day.

**15 Tues.**
Kindergarten roundup, Chelsea Heights Elementary School, 3:45 p.m. Call 259-8790.

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

**17 Thurs.**
Midway-Highland Chapter 200, American Association of Retired Persons, Lyngblomsten Senior Center, 1413 Almond Ave., 1 p.m. Call 646-6937.

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**Bookmobile at Snell Library,** 11 a.m.-noon. (Note new time.) Also Fri., March 25.

**Olive Time Movie,** St. Anthony Park Library, 7-9 p.m.

**14 Mon.**
Como Park recycling day.

**15 Tues.**
Kindergarten roundup, Chelsea Heights Elementary School, 3:45 p.m. Call 259-8790.

**18 Fri.**
Falcon Heights/Lauderdale recycling day.

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

**21 Mon.**
Bloodmobile at Corpus Christi Church, Fairview & County Rd. B, 2-6 p.m. Call 636-6487.

**22 Tues.**
Como-Midway La Leche League, 7 p.m. Call 648-6356 for location.

**23 Wed.**
St. Anthony Park recycling day.

**26 Sat.**
Fare SHARE distribution and registration for April, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8-10:30 a.m., call 644-6804; Holy Childhood Church, 10 a.m.-noon. Lauderdale 500 Club, Lauderdale City Hall, 1 p.m.

**28 Mon.**
Como Park recycling day.

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Obituaries

Margaret Arnason
Margaret E. Arnason died on Jan. 18, 1994, just two weeks before her 88th birthday. She had lived in St. Anthony Park for over 50 years. Arnason was the last in an Icelandic pioneer family. When her husband, Christian Arnason, died in 1941, she was left a young widow with four children. She moved to St. Anthony Park so that her children could continue their education at the University. She became an active member of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church and was employed at the State Treasurer's office.

She is survived by two daughters: two sons; ten grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Elsa Bjornsdal
Eithe H. Bjornsdal died at age 91 on Feb. 2, 1994. She was a resident of St. Anthony Park for over 60 years. Her late husband, Oscar was a long-time dentist on Como Avenue, along with his twin brother, Henry. Henry's son, Robert Bjornsdal, has continued the family tradition.

Bjornsdal was an active member of the St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ.

She is survived by three daughters; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Joseph Brula
Joseph S. Brula, 81, died on Jan. 30, 1994. He was a resident of the Como Park neighborhood and a parishioner at Holy Child Catholic Church. Brula was a teacher for 57 years; he taught math at Johnson High School. During World War II, he was a communications officer aboard the U.S.S. Cyrene in the South Pacific. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; six sisters; one brother; and several nieces and nephews.

Elsa Bronkala
Elsa M. Bronkala, 92, died on Jan. 26, 1994. She had lived in Lauderdale for over 60 years and was a member of Peace Lutheran Church. Bronkala was preceded in death by her husband, William, Sr., her son, William, Jr., and a granddaughter, Barbara. She is survived by her son, Harold Bronkala; two daughters, Joyce Matheny and Ann Anderson; a daughter-in-law, Sally Bronkala; 15 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Deloris Docherty
Deloris Ann (Vierling) Docherty, 78, died on Jan. 29, 1994. She had lived in the Como Park area for 46 years. She and her husband, James Docherty, were charter members of Holy Child Catholic Church. Docherty was preceded in death by her husband. Survivors include three children, Bonnie Rival of Wilson, Wis., Carol Persoon of St. Paul and Gary Docherty of Wyoming.

Greta Johnson
Greta M. Johnson died at age 95 on Jan. 30, 1994. She had lived in Lauderdale and belonged to Rose Hill Alliance Church.

Jackson was preceded in death by her husband, Wilbur Jackson; a son, Thomas; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two stepsiblings, Kenneth Jackson and Robert Jackson; one brother; and one sister.

Andrew Kasper
Andrew M. Kasper died on Jan. 15, 1994, at the age of 77. He had lived in the Como Park neighborhood. He was a member of the VFW Roseville Post #7555, the Construction Labor Union Local #132 and Holy Child Catholic Church.

Kasper was survived by his wife, Deloris; two daughters; two brothers; a sister; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Walter Kranz
Walter R. Kranz, 81, a longtime St. Paul educator, died on Feb. 1, 1994. Kranz was an assistant principal at several St. Paul high schools. He was a parishioner at Holy Child Catholic Church.

Kranz was survived by his wife, Ruby E. Mickelson.

Ruby E. Mickelson, age 94, died on Jan. 21, 1994. She was a former resident of the Como Park area, where she lived for over 50 years. She had recently lived in the Walker Methodist Healthcare Center in Minneapolis.

She and her husband, Walter, who preceded her in death, were active members of Como Park Lutheran Church.

Mickelson is survived by a daughter; two granddaughters; and two great-grandchildren.

Charles Murray
Charles B. Murray of Falcon Heights died at the age of 83 years. He had been a linotype operator at Brown and Bigelow Company for 37 years and belonged to Falcon Heights United Church of Christ.

Murray is survived by his wife, Jean; a daughter, Anne Barts; two sisters and two grandsons.

Leo Tschida
Leo A. Tschida, 85, died on Jan. 25, 1994. A resident of the Como Park neighborhood, he was a parishioner of Holy Child Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice; his brother by four daughters; a son; eleven grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

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Fortunately, the Internal Revenue Service annually sets up TCE (Tax Counseling for the Elderly) sites to provide free tax assistance to older individuals in the community. There are nearly 30 sites in the Ramsey County alone. In the St. Anthony Park/Como Park area, the local site is the Lyngblomsten Community Senior Center. Trained volunteers are available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. through April 14.

Jack Lauer is the site manager at both the Lyngblomsten and North End Community Center locations. He is in charge of the volunteers—retirees recruited by AARP (American Association of Retired Persons). Lauer is a retired Honeywell employee, and no, he isn’t an accountant. Volunteers don’t have to have business degrees in order to work at a TCE site.

“In fact, being an accountant is the exception rather than the rule,” he admits.

This doesn’t mean they’re not knowledgeable about preparing returns, however. All of the volunteers must take a week-long course each year. They receive four days of training by the IRS and one day by the Minnesota Revenue Service. Armed with the latest tax information, the volunteers tackle the same returns every return that comes their way.

“We do can most of the forms, about 95 percent,” Lauer said. “If we can’t do it, we refer them to a professional.”

Last year volunteers complet ed 600 returns at the two locations. What do people need to bring to a TCE site?

“We ask people to bring all of the tax forms for this year that they need to fill out, plus their 1099s,” Lauer replied. “They should also bring in copies of last year’s returns as well.”

You can call 647-4664 to make an appointment at the Lyngblomsten site. Walk-ins are accepted on a first come, first served basis.

Lauer likes to joke that despite the hundreds of returns he’s helped prepare over the years, he has to have his own done by a CPA. They’re just too complicated.

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con Heights. I hope that Roseville will continue to be interested,” Hoyt said. She said the request for proposals will be sent to police departments in Ramsey County, particularly the adjacent cities. Hoyt expects proposals may come from the county sheriff’s department, the City of St. Anthony Park and others. St. Anthony Park recently won the police contract for the City of Lauderdale.

Police services provided Falcon Heights do not include either the University of Minnesota or the State Fair. The University police provide services to the campus, and the State Fair contracts with the City of St. Paul for needed services.