Park library redesign meeting on Nov. 13

by Judy Woodward

A rea residents get their first chance to review proposed design for the remodeling of the St. Anthony Park Library on Wednesday, November 13 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room.

Project architect Philip Broussard of Architron will present the tentative plan before opening the meeting to comments and questions.

The discussion will encompass the proposed relocation of the bookdrop from its present freestanding location at the front of the library to a space attached to the library itself.

Some people don’t want a bookdrop that’s accessible to autos,” he explained, “because that would require cars to cross the sidewalk or come up through the alley. It’s a public safety issue.”

Broussard acknowledged that there might be as many as 50 auto trips a day onto library grounds if the proposed bookdrop were to become a drive-up facility.

Broussard believes other public concerns may center on the size of the building and the land area that must be used for development.

“Many people are concerned that we not make the library site look more like a developed property affecting the residential character of the neighborhood,” noted Broussard.

Community Council organizer Abby Stracke agrees that residents will be alert to protect the integrity of the library location.

“Any time you mess up a beautiful building like the St. Anthony Park Library, people are very concerned and watchful,” especially in a neighborhood that cherishes and protects its landmarks like St. Anthony Park, she said.

Federal guidelines require that the library become accessible to the physically handicapped. The $750,000 remodeling project features an elevator, an additional public entrance, and other internal improvements, while at the same time trying to preserve the beauty and the historical character of the library’s setting and its facade.

Construction is expected to begin next spring.

Mike O’Connor — Internet whiz

by Laura Pelischek

W hat do you call a plumber of the Internet? An access provider, or at least that’s what Mike O’Connor, St. Anthony Park resident, describes himself as. His job is to make the connections work faster.

As the founder of gofast.net, Inc., he ensures the speedy transmission of data through electronic pipelines by hooking people up to the Internet via the Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN).

So you could say his company specializes in the design and implementation of high-speed remote network solutions. But don’t try to pin a specific job title on O’Connor, for the Internet is far too complex and his specialties are too far reaching.

Customers come to him because, as he said, “he’s the bear with the right porridge.” Analog is too slow, and the full T1 connection is too expensive, and ISDN is just right for mid-sized businesses.

The company has experienced explosive growth since its start almost two years ago. About 20 percent of his business comes from “fanatical home users who really, really want to go fast” with the rest coming from small to medium sized businesses.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Internet, ISDN is a digital telephone line that transfers data about 13 times faster than a regular 9600 modem. O’Connor explains that ISDN’s value is that it provides a service “between two extremes — the very fast, expensive access or very inexpensive, low-speed access.”

Gofast.net, Inc. employs six people. O’Connor and his partners originally ran the business from their homes before moving into a Lowertown office. Even so, the employees continue to work at home, communicating with clients and coworkers via computer, fax, and phone.

Telecommuting, O’Connor explained, is a real asset. By working out of his house, he spends more time in the neighborhood and with his family. Then, again, he spends less money on gas, clothes and food, generates less pollution, and is more productive.

O’Connor worked a variety of jobs before starting this business. He was the associate vice president of finance and controller for the University of Minnesota, has started.

New street lamps for Como Park

by John Marino

If the commercial rejuvenation of Como Avenue in Como Park can be thought of as a cake, then the icing will be spread next spring.

Thanks to some help from a Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) grant from the city of St. Paul, the merchants along Como Avenue between Smilling Avenue and Arona Street will be able to finance the addition of 18 Grand Avenue-type street lamps.

The double lantern style lights will be installed sometime next spring and will add a charming touch to a street that is on the way back from commercial obscurity.

“Residents were telling me to make it more user-friendly,” said Julie Hof, community organizer for the District 10 Community Council.

Of course, a few community stalwarts such as J.O. Thompson Paint and Carpet and Nelson Cheese Factory have been successful for years, but in the past year the street has seen the arrival of about a dozen new businesses.

Some of the credit goes to Stephen Fisher, a St. Paul entrepreneur who bought the gutted L-shaped building which is located across the street from Tom Thumb and Bascali’s Brick Oven restaurant and adjacent to the Pizza Man.

“Much of the neighborhood focused on this mall,” said Fisher, who bought the property in October, 1995 and has already poured $80,000 into renovating it.

“It was an eyesore to them and they were extremely anxious to see someone come in and clean it up. There was a lot of community pride and to be perfectly honest, I got sucked up in that.

It was that pride that spurred Hoff and others to get a $41,207 grant, which was available from a program that was created by the Minnesota legislature in May, 1993.

St. Paul’s STAR levies a 1/2 cent sales tax to collect revenue for physical improvements to our neighborhoods, the Civic Center, and for cultural activities.

The merchants on the block will pay an additional $134,550 over the next 30 years for operating assessments for the above-standard lighting.

“We’re extremely enthused and we think it will help business,” said Dan Thompson, co-owner of J.O. Thompson.

Mike Sommers, an assistant to Thompson, said the street lamps reflect the trend in the neighborhood of “increasing the safety of the area.”

Lauderdale

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Fire and smoke damage closes Susan's Coffeehouse & Deli on University Avenue

by James Wesley

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T. Anthony Park caffeine enthusiasts received bad news on September 16 as word quickly spread that an overnight fire had temporarily closed Susan’s Coffeehouse & Deli at University and Raymond avenues.

The fire, determined by city officials to be accidental, is thought to have originated in a wastepaper basket where still-smoldering ashes had been dumped. Considering the nature of the small fire, smoke damage to the business space was more destructive than the flames themselves.

After receiving a call about the fire in the early morning, Joseph Brown — owner of the building housing Susan’s and other businesses — described feeling immediately shocked and mildly angry. As these emotions quickly abated, Brown became unfazed by the incident.

“I’ve owned real estate for a long time and nothing surprises me too much anymore,” said Brown. It’s bad news, however, for the area, which has already lost Mill City Cafe and is nervous about the opening of a pool hall on University. Brown stated that repairs to the structure are scheduled to begin during the early weeks of this month.

However, he was unwilling to disclose the amount of money needed to return the walls, ceiling, floor and fixtures to their previous condition. The smoke damage solely affected Susan’s.

The coffeehouse and deli is expected to reopen, but Brown concended, “The community has lost a great meeting place.”

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manager at Nelson, agreed. “It would be a good thing. They’re doing some improvements to the buildings and our business has increased since the city finished the street improvements last year. The lights are great.”

Along with the aesthetic enhancements, the quest for the STAR grant brought the community a little closer together.

“The District Council hadn’t been involved with the businesses owners, who were used to working independently,” Hoff explained. “Now we can point to our effectiveness.”

There’s at least one official downtown who would agree.

“They did some homework,” said Joan Trulsen, one of three coordinators of the STAR Program. “They actually went and worked with the Public Works Department before they applied.”

And next spring, District 10 will get its “STARLights.”

Neighborhood cleanup great success

Thanks to Volunteers, Boy Scout Troop 17, SuperAmerica for goodies, Parkview Cafe and Campos Sports Grill for wonderful box lunches.

The Neighborhood Cleanup was a grand success. About thirteen tons of material were removed from the neighborhood and sent to appropriate recyclers. Residents saved $40.00 on the curbside appliance recycling alone. Metals were recycled, bicycles will be rebuilt, brush will be chipped and used by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Goodwill Industries Inc. contributions

Brochures are being distributed to residents about the items that can be put out with your regular recycling. You don’t have to wait for Spring or for the next Neighborhood Cleanup to do your major housecleaning.

Household goods, small appliances in working order, books, games, toys, wearable clothing all can be put in plastic bags and marked HOUSEHOLD GOODS and put out with recycling.

CLEAN RAGS is the mark for the bag of textiles. Clothes with holes or rips or buttons or zippers missing are good. Please include: bedspreads, tablecloths, curtains any fabrics that are clean, dry and free of paint, grease, gasoline, mildew and odor. Put them in a sealed plastic bag and mark them CLEAN RAGS, and watch them disappear from your curbside.

St. Anthony Park Community Council

NEWS

Council actions at a glance

At its October 9th Meeting the Council:

■ Noted a strong letter of support for full funding of BOTH the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) and the Police/School Liaison Officer Programs. The letter will go to Chief Finney, Mayor Coleman, the City Council and the School Board.

■ Noted a letter to the city licensing agency to request the following conditions on the license for a pool hall on University Avenue near Raymond Avenue: 1. sufficient parking during all hours of operation, 2. lighting and security cameras in the back parking lot, 3. no display of gang colors allowed on the premises.

■ Welcomed Warren Prexel as a voting ad hoc member to the Physical Planning Committee.

■ Welcomed Peter Keith as a new voting ad hoc member to the Environment Committee.

■ Heard a report from the Youth Task Force about their visits to the Friday and Saturday evening programs for teens, and their discussions with young people. The groups talked about crime prevention, volunteerism, possible activities with senior citizens, and recreational activities for young people.

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No one person can do all of it. Together, as the St. Anthony Park Community Council, we can do all the things listed above and more. We need your financial contribution to make it work. City funding has not increased for Citizen Participation in years. Financial support from the neighborhood residents and businesses has increased because people in this neighborhood really care about neighborhood issues. Join your neighbors in giving generously to the St. Anthony Park Community Council Fund Drive.
Falcon Heights '97 goals embrace closer community ties

by John Martino

Falcon Heights was on the right track. People are staying, there are fewer homes on the market, and property values are increasing.

People are staying for good reason: citizens have a strong voice in how the fair city is run. Gehrz wouldn't have it any other way in her 2.2 square mile first-tier suburb of 5,300 citizens.

Community involvement is the main theme of the city's 1997 goals statement, a list of objectives, strategies and actions items the council adopts each year. "They're kind of ongoing," said John Hustad, one of four city council members. "Every year we revisit them, some we leave the same and some we change."

The biggest change in the list that was recently released is the council's more direct approach toward governing.

"We've been getting more specific," Gehrz said. "This is the first year that we've attached either a commission, a council member, or specific staff to all of our action items. We have listed who is going to be responsible in terms of how that goal is going to be addressed." In other words, Falcon Heights isn't just printing out a list of fanciful ideas that will soon be forgotten. Instead, it's more of a blueprint for community action.

Here are four goals: 1) To protect the public health and safety; 2) To maintain and promote the assets of the city's unique neighborhoods, including commercial, residential, and open space uses; 3) To expand opportunities for the interaction and involvement of citizens of all ages in their neighborhoods and community; and 4) To provide a responsive and effective city government.

Hustad cited a study that was compiled in Italy by Harvard University professor Robert Putnam as an inspiration for next year's goals. "He studied several communities and found that even though they were structured politically,identically, some were doing better than others. The only commonality among the flourishing communities he found was they had very strong connections within their communities. He just generally found that it was healthy in every way."

To that end, Hustad, among other tasks, works on a group called the Keeping Connected Committee, which recently engineered a partnership with the Falcon Heights United Church of Christ to establish an indoor winter playground. "It's one place for kids and parents to go," he said. "If I know you, I'm more likely to trust you. The more I get to know people in my community and the more they get to know me, the more we'll look out for each other."

The committee is currently working on a project to publish a directory of people's hobbies by neighborhood. "Just by looking at it, people can know who their neighbors are," Hustad added. The 1997 goals also are organized into a series of strategies and action items to better delegate responsibility. For instance, under Goal 3 there are six strategies, including "Hosting community/neighborhood activities." That strategy, then, is broken down into eight Action items, the first of which is an Ice Cream Social, to be organized by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

"A community isn't a community unless the citizens are actively involved," Gehrz said. "They are people who understand that even though they are elected to make decisions on behalf of people in the community, they see a broader role: That we can make the best decision if we have the most input from the people."

"The five of us don't have all the answers, but the 5,000 of us have more answers."

If you want to help, call the commission at 644-5600.

Falcon Heights town meeting on Nov. 14 tackles infrastructure improvements

by Pete Knuth

The city of Falcon Heights is beginning the process of putting together a capital improvement plan. The plan aims to target longer-term community needs, ranging from streets and other infrastructure improvements to upgrades in park facilities.

The process for shaping this plan begins at the upcoming Falcon Heights town meeting on Thursday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m., in the City Hall Community Room.

The City Council and City Administrator Tim Cruikshank hope to see as many people from the community attend the meeting as possible. "We're looking to get lots of input from the residents on what they'd like to see incorporated in the plan."

The meeting will include overviews of the existing conditions of the infrastructure and facilities of Falcon Heights and possible ideas to include in the capital improvement plan. But the emphasis of the meeting will be "mostly on discussion of what should be included in the plan," said Cruikshank.

A city consultant, who is studying the existing conditions of streets, sanitary sewer mains, water mains, storm runoff, parks and facilities, city-owned buildings, land, and equipment, will also take input from the community together with the current conditions of the infrastructure, the consultant will work with Cruikshank, the city staff, and the city council to formulate the formal plan.

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More retail on Como

Continue on to page 16, where writer Jennifer Thomson discusses the new tenant for the spot once occupied by Miller’s drug store. Letters and comments about the pharmacy’s unfortunate closing continue to come our way, indicating that the people of St. Anthony Park and its environs are keenly interested in the area’s retail future. Now, as Thoron’s story reveals, a non-profit agency is not to take over the building at the corner of Como and Doswell. All agree that the new tenants will be peaceful and responsible neighbors, but many people are upset that a vital retail shop or restaurant isn’t moving in. A recent study by the Minneapolis Community Development Agency indicates that small shopping hubs demand an energetic and competitive mix. In the future, the St. Anthony Business Association, small business owners and landlords must work together to make this a reality. By doing so, our retail mix will survive for coming generations.

VOTE ON NOVEMBER 5

Now that the yaky-yak buzz of political ads is coming to an end, it’s time for voters to make decisions on November 5. On pages 6, 7 and 12, the Bugle takes a close-up, purposeful look at the area’s legislative races. Better still, the responses are penned by the candidates themselves. This survey reveals that, despite popular sentiments, politicians are not all alike. In fact, this bunch offers dramatically different approaches to governing. Some are laissez-faire proponents, others favor an activist government. Participating in our democracy is your choice, just make one.

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**LETTERS**

Vote for Steve Thibault

When I vote for a "representative" I expect to be represented. Representative Alice Hausman does not "represent" her constituents. Since living in this area I have written to Representative Hausman on several different issues, both issues she supports as well as those she does not support. On each occasion, I never heard back from her. No phone call, no letter, no postcard. Even if she disagrees, the least she owes her constituents is a response. This is what we, her constituents, deserve and demand. Now, I’m being asked to again vote for a person whom I’ve never met, who has never responded to me, who has never knocked on my door, and who doesn’t appear to represent her constituents. For this reason, I will be voting for Steve Thibault. I’ve met him, he’s come to my door, and he will represent the people of this district. I urge others who want a voice to do the same on November 5th.

Jim Drake

Support for Mary Jo Mcguire

I am writing to encourage people who live in House District 5A4, which includes Falcon Heights, Ladera, and Oakdale, to vote for Representative Mary Jo McGuire. Mary Jo is a public servant in the finest sense of the word: she is knowledgeable, hard-working and very dedicated to serving the people of her district and all those who live in Minnesota. I have had the honor of working first-hand with Mary Jo in her capacity as co-chair of the Public Policy Action Team of The Initiative for Violence-Free Families and Communities in Ramsey County. Mary Jo is a widely recognized leader in our State, a skilled and highly effective legislator who is well respected and regarded by both members of both political parties.

Jim Drake

Donald Good

Tree removal at Parkbank’s drive-in

As if it’s not sad enough to see the steady loss and removal of our neighborhood’s mature trees due to disease, now we have to witness the cutting down of all the perfectly healthy mature trees and landscaping around the Parkbank drive-in location.

I’m told the rationale is re-landscape, but why cut down healthy mature trees to replace them with young vegetation? Why not incorporate the mature trees within the new landscape?

Pete Keith

PARKBank recently began work on a landscaping and remodeling program at its drive-in and main bank facilities designed to ensure a safe, secure, convenient, enjoyable experience for our customers and neighbors. Among the changes we’re planning is an upgrading of landscaping elements around both the drive-in facility and main bank building. Our landscaping plans have been created by a professional company to provide more security for customers, employees and neighbors by opening up the dense growth around the drive-in bank, and to enhance the appearance

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**COMMENTARY**

Beyond appearances

by Michelle Christianson

When the movie "The First Wives Club" opened a few weeks ago, I read an article about the women who star in this very popular film. In the story, Diane Keaton was quoted as being surprised by her image on the screen. "I always think I’m much prettier than I look in my movies." Yeah! I can identify with this thought. I, too, am much prettier, thinner, more youthful, etc.

When I was younger, I was never surprised by what I saw in snapshots of myself or even by what I saw in the mirror. That image was me. The trouble is that image (from about 20 years ago) is still me in my head. What a shock to see this middle-aged, graying woman with a few too many pounds on her frame (and under her chin)!

I’ll bet that you have ways of looking at yourself that bring what you are and what you think you are into proximity. Most of us pull in our stomachs, tilt our heads back and flex certain muscles when we look at ourselves. I have to use the bathroom mirror because the overhead lighting (which is not too bright) minimizes wrinkles and chins and emphasize my cheekbones (one of my better features in a good light).

I’ll bet that you have developed the habit of looking at yourself in the same, polished, coordinated and contributing to not necessarily represent the opinion of the Board of Directors or the Park Bugle.

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When I do I end up feeling comely, at least to me; I am really, really, really, really beautiful. All of this is led to my great revelation last summer. If I can do this for myself, my friends and my family, why can’t I do the same for everyone? The key to everyone’s happiness is to see all the exterior and giving the interior the kind of benefit of doubt I give my friends and family. Whoo! I’d have to say everyone would benefit from the kindest hearts, the highest abilities, and the loveliest spirits even proven otherwise.

This is a big order (especially on the freeway). But once in a while I can stand back from a cynical reaction and ask myself, "Who on earth sees what she looks in the mirror?"
Pool hall meeting reveals continuing anxieties

by Jennifer Thorson

Tension ran high at a standing-room only meeting of the St. Anthony Park Community Council's Physical Planning Committee on October 5. Approximately 18 residents and business owners gathered to voice concerns about the proposed billiard hall moving into the corner of University and Raymond.

Bob Andren, chair of the committee, prefaced the discussion by reminding all present that the community council cannot stop the billiard hall from opening up for business, but that his committee recognizes the concerns of neighboring businesses.

The meeting provided a forum between concerned parties, the landlord and the prospective tenant.

The building, a 2418-2424 University—owned by Tom Leonard, who opened the discussion—said he turned down "questionable" tenants such as a dog kennel, before accepting Nguyenyen as a tenant. Nguyen "checked out" to his satisfaction, he said.

The landlord has contacted the neighbors and landlord of a similar hall on the corner of University and Victoria and found they had "no trouble" with customers,噪声, noise, or littering, and "considered that Nguyenyen will be an excellent addition to the neighborhood."

In addition to scheduled open Nov. 15. It will probably be open seven days a week from approximately 10 a.m. to midnight. The hall will serve light foods but has not been applied for a liquor license.

Prospective owner Nguyen assured those present that after 8:00 p.m. no minors will be allowed in the hall. In response to a question about the hall's "draw of riffraff or gang," Leonard said that signage will be limited to discourage kids from "hanging out" at or outside the hall.

The issue of parking surfaced many times; many people working in the area pointed out the current lack of sufficient parking. Leonard said most of the customers will arrive after work, and Nguyen said he didn't think parking would be an obstacle.

Also mentioned was the South End Economic Development Plan to make the corner a "cultural corridor."

Deb Chamber of Dixie Staffing

Watters closed the discussion by telling the group that the council "doesn't have a lot of options."

said: [This corner] is not a bar area, it's a business area. Let's get tenants that will continue to strive toward our vision."

Overall, however, safety seemed the most important concern of those in attendance.

Ellen Watters, executive director of the St. Anthony Park Business Association, asked Nguyen and Leonard how they would insure there would be no fighting or violence associated with the hall. Leonard replied, "The Vietnamese are a friendly people. In my experience I have never found anything to indicate any kind of the trouble you are concerned about."

His argument sparked a spirited exchange fraught with racial tension.

Andrea Gingold, also a landlord, said "the fact that these people are Vietnamese is not the issue at all," a statement that met with nods of approval. "The point is that it's a pool hall going in there," he said.

Leonard added that a provision has been written into the lease that immediately revokes it if any illegal activity takes place on the premises.

Linda Vieira, who owns the building at 2402 University, added that "to a female working alone [the proximity of a pool hall] feels like a threat," a sentiment echoed by Jamie Miller, who lives on the same corner.

"I don't want to curtail my activities to feel safe walking home," she said.

Leonard replied that the Vietnamese are "gentle people," and Miller responded that it is the type of business—and the fact that most customers will be men that concerns her.

Anger grew as the meeting progressed. Mark Lange from the Minnesota School of Bartending, also a tenant of Leonard's, asked "Why aren't you taking the neighbors' opinions into consideration?"

Leonard restated that he had checked Nguyen out fully.

Lange continued that the School of Bartending had been renting from Leonard for 29 years and encouraged him to "have a bit of heart."

"We do not want this at all. We see there will be trouble," Lange said.

Resident and building owner Rudy Cogshill said, "A pool hall is a pool hall is a pool hall is a pool hall. There's going to be trouble."

Cogshill owns the Security Building on the opposite corner of University and Snelling.

Kevin Cunningham, owner of Foci Optics, said he is "having trouble accepting" that the billiard hall might actually come into being.

"I am concerned about the direction of the neighborhood, and I'm looking at leaving," he said. "Maybe I don't fit in the neighborhood anymore."

Watters closed the discussion by telling the group that the council "doesn't have a lot of options."

"It's really easy to open a pool hall in St. Paul right now," she said. She cautioned Leonard and Nguyen that the council will be "watching the enterprise and its patrons."

Nguyen's lease will be approved, Leonard said, pending approval of his license by the city of St. Paul.

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community radio stations around the country, doing consulting for large businesses, worked as an investment banker and was the president of the Internet Services Trade Association.

He is the founding President of MISTA — the Minnesota Internet Services Trade Association — and founded the Minnesota Citizens On Line. Now, he said, "I'm just a geek, run around my basement in my socks, and wire people up to the Internet."

O'Connor, along with a "hearty band of volunteers," established a home page for St. Anthony Park. He first started this project about three years ago, before anyone would generate interest and reveal others who would be willing to work on a neighborhood web page.

Enough people expressed interest and the St. Anthony Park home page was born. Now, if you dial in and click "Welcome," you will find a listing of local churches. Similarly, click on "Library" and browse the shelves from your own home.

Users can also find out about local politics, medical resources, and businesses.

O'Connor possesses good reason to be interested in this community. He said: St. Anthony Park has been his home since the age of 2. He now lives in the home he grew up in with his sons Robert, 11, Richard, 9, his wife, Marcie, and their feline companion, "Socks."

You can access St. Anthony Park's home page at www.sap.org or find out more about Mike's business at www.goofast.net.

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Meet the legislative candidates

Ellen Anderson
DFL
St. Louis Park, District 66

Mark Wiesn
Republican
St. Louis Park, District 66

Alice Hausman
DFL
St. Paul, District 65B

Steve Tamboulis
Republican
St. Paul, District 66B

In preparation for the November election, the Bugle surveyed the area's legislative candidates. Due to space limitations, not all of the questions and answers are printed here.

1) If funding is reduced for Medicare and Medicaid, it's predicted that the number of uninsured Americans will increase from 40 to, at least, 70 million. Explain the state's role in dealing with these citizens.

2) Neighborhood businesses are finding it increasingly difficult to compete against megachains. Do you support any initiatives to strengthen neighborhood retailers?

3) Describe your qualifications and background.

Senate District 66
Ellen Anderson (incumbent)

1) Health care and long-term care are two of our biggest costs. MinnesotaCare has successfully reduced the number of uninsured, and eventually saved the state millions in welfare costs. With a small co-payment, low-income people have health coverage and can afford to keep jobs that don't pay benefits. However, MinnesotaCare can't pick up the entire burden for those individuals and businesses priced out of private insurance, especially when it's financed by a "tax." Because of powerful insurance companies, single-payer health care is politically untouchable, yet a citizens' jury recently recommended that legislatures look at Canadian-style systems, financed by a progressive income tax, more closely. Every industrialized country in the world spends much less than we do and has more universal coverage, because they have single-payer systems that take the excess profits, huge CEO salaries, administrative waste and advertising out of insurance.

2) To keep our city vibrant and livable, we need bustling neighborhood businesses. I welcome ideas from local businesses about how we can help them compete against megachain stores in shopping centers. We passed legislation giving a tax break to businesses that locate in "transit zones," streets served by buses, which will encourage new enterprises to open on University Avenue, for example. We authorized the ½ cent sales tax being used in part to fund local business improvements. We need more enterprise zones, customized training, financial incentives to hire low-income neighborhood residents, economic development grant programs, tax incentives to small neighborhood-based businesses, and one-stop permitting, all focusing on inner-city development. We should encourage city residents to shop locally.

3) I believe in public service, in using my skills to help improve our community, in hope and opportunity for all people. I bring to the Senate a passion for helping people and doing the right thing, an analytical, fact-based approach to solving problems, a preference for long-term solutions instead of quick fixes, commitment to principle and courage to stand up to powerful elites, and energy and enthusiasm.

Mark Wiesn

1) We have a definite role in providing for the vulnerable citizens of our state; children, elderly, and disabled. As for our healthy citizens, I believe the private sector is our best option. We must reduce the over regulation and punitive taxation, and improve the climate so that businesses can flourish and stay in Minnesota; thus offering more benefits and higher wages to their employees. I believe we are best served as individual citizens when we have the choice of physicians and services, rather than having these mandated by the state or any other organization. It's about freedom of choice and taking care of ourselves, so that we can help provide for those truly in need.

2) Yes, buy local! The local small-business and entrepreneurial drive are what Minnesota is built on! Several factors effect our local retailers. One is the insane commercial property tax rate in the state. We have the highest property tax rates of our neighboring states. We must be more competitive. We must overhaul the our property tax codes. We must use our precious tax dollars wisely. Another factor is community identity. For example, the Millon Square retail area is one of the liveliest and most identifiable community business districts in the Twin Cities. In order for local retailers to flourish they must connect and neighbors must commit. It's our choice to be a community member, supporter, and involved in neighborhood organizations, schools and businesses.

3) I have served our nation and our state as a military officer for the past 10 years. I have commanded a tank company of 70-plus soldiers and equipment worth several millions of dollars. I am a combat veteran of the Gulf War. As a community member, I established and led several crime watch block clubs. I was elected and served on the Como Community Council and chaired the Land Use and Crime Watch Committees. I am member of North Heights Lutheran Church, where my wife and I teach Confirmation and Sunday School. I am passionate about the health of our community, businesses, and churches. I know that concerned citizens can make all the difference. I want our legislature to be represented by concerned citizens, not career politicians.

House District 66B
Alice Hausman (incumbent)

1) If federal cutbacks are as severe as anticipated, we simply cannot make up for federal cuts at the local level. As with other health care issues, Medicare and Medicaid are still best dealt with at the federal level. Lacking protection at that level, however, Minnesota must look for compassionate ways to help its citizens in the tradition of MinnesotaCare and other local solutions.

2) In the past, tax increment financing was one of the tools available to us, but this strategy has fallen into disfavor with many. It seems to take money from some taxpayers in order to aid others. The complexity of offering preferential help to certain kinds of businesses is illustrated by the deals made with Northwest Airlines and Fingerhut, which were...
less than satisfactory. The community needs to be involved in recruiting new jobs. In our corner of St. Paul, that has been done successfully through University United, a community strategy to retain and recruit high quality jobs.

3) I am a former elementary school teacher and hospital department manager with a long history of community service. I have served seven years in the House, concentrating in the areas of education funding, environmental protection, and energy policy. In addition, I have focused on public transit, drug policy issues, and the reform of our legislative structures. I look forward to continuing to work with you towards an honest and fair government.

Steve Thibault

1) The current plan for overhauling Medicare and Medicaid is not to eliminate or slash the funding for it, rather it aims to reduce the amount of growth of these programs. The question states that the number of uninsured Americans will increase from 40 to over 70 million. I have a hard time believing that a slight reduction in the growth rate of Medicare and Medicaid will double the number of uninsured. I favor creating medical savings accounts. This would allow people to put money towards their own healthcare.

2) With competition and the free market system at work it sometimes can be difficult for neighborhood businesses to stay open. To strengthen these retailers, I believe that our state government should relax the regulations and lower taxes on businesses. I also believe that the government should have as little of a say as possible as how individual business owners run their operations.

3) Steve Thibault, age 32, works as a pilot and is a fifth-generation resident of Como Park. He serves on the Citizens Budget and Finance Advisory Committee for the St. Paul School District. Thibault attends Holy Childhood Church.

SENATE DISTRICT 54

John Marty (incumbent)

1) Our medical expertise and technology is constantly improving and people live longer, healthier lives. Unfortunately, our medical delivery system is getting worse and far too expensive. The chance of significant health care reform at the federal level is small, so Minnesota must address the problem. I support extending coverage of MinnesotaCare to more people, which has been successful in providing affordable health care and in moving people from welfare to work. I oppose some of the other provisions of MinnesotaCare that are adding to the number of health plan mergers and making it more difficult for patients to receive the care they choose. I support providing universal health care funded with saving from reducing insurance and administrative bureaucracies.

2) Addressing the problem of property taxes for small businesses would help them compete with large chain stores. Coordinating business permits and regulations between different government agencies would help small businesses save money and avoid red tape in complying with zoning, employment, and environmental regulations. Also,

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Kent Eklund, SAP neighbor, will speak about the past, present and future of health care in Minnesota at the St. Anthony Park Association Dinner Meeting on Tuesday, November 19th.

Kent, currently the President of Cincinnati and Director on the Fairview Health System Board of Directors, and former CEO of the Ebenezer Society, will share his expertise on a subject that touches everyone.

*Note date is departure from regularly scheduled SAPA meetings.

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Tuesday, November 19th
St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, Hillside and Como Avenues
Our dinner will be catered by the St. Anthony Park Black Nurse Program.
Social Hour: 5:45 p.m.; Dinner: 6:15 p.m.; Program: 7:00 p.m.
Dinner: $6 for members, $7 for nonmembers, $20 for children 5-12, children 4 years and under are free.
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Peg Houck retiring from teaching for art business

by Barbara Clausen

Every time a new student walked through her classroom door, Peg Houck was confronted with another mystery to solve. "Sometimes a bright child with an I.Q. of 120 couldn't read. His brain just worked a different way." She spent her years as a learning disabilities teacher unlocking puzzles.

Houck retired from St. Anthony Park Elementary School last June. Her teaching career spanned 20 years and included an interesting variety of experiences. She taught in a tiny farming town outside of State College, Pennsylvania. In Minneapolis she taught in a mobile home. She worked in a psych ward for adolescents and in the Children's Residential Treatment Center at Abbott Northwestern Hospital.

"That was my most challenging job," Houck admitted. "It was double-door lock up. Most children had been removed from their homes by the court." Watching them change during their treatment was very rewarding.

This educator has always been interested in working with the abused child. "I knew I had connected well with the child who had problems when I was a classroom teacher."

She received her masters degree in Special Education from the University of Minnesota. She chose learning disabilities because she wanted to make a difference in children's lives and job opportunities were increasing. "It worked out very well. It was a wonderful career."

Houck's warm, effervescent personality helped her build rapport with her students. They confided things that they hadn't told anyone else. There was the case of the 5th grade girl who wouldn't talk. After their first session she drew a picture of everything that was in the room. "It was a beautiful drawing — she even had the file drawer open a little bit," reported Houck. She brought in drawings, then a stack of poems.

She hadn't showed them to anyone else. "I asked her if she would read the poems to me. That broke her silence. She started talking."

One of her most challenging cases was a 5th grade boy who had a very high I.Q., but read on a 1st grade level. "I noticed that he turned his head when he was reading. When I asked him about it he wouldn't tell me why. I got suspicious. I turned the book upside down. She was shocked to discover that he could read better upside down than right side up. He had never told anyone. After Houck began working with him, he zoomed up two grade levels in reading in the first year. He has now advanced 10 grade levels in reading and reads at least two levels beyond his grade."

Houck believes that the strong bond that she was able to form with her students made a huge difference in their progress. "One of the advantages of being an I.D. teacher was that I was able to get to know them thoroughly. I could make them take higher risks because they trusted me."

A 6th grade girl wrote a long story in her journal about her uncle being murdered in Chicago. She saw him shoot down an attempted robbery. She was very sad and wanted to release it. The journal writing was good therapy that helped her to begin talking about the incident.

After 20 years Houck still enjoyed the element of surprise in her work. "Every single day was very enjoyable. Working with children there is always something fun or surprising. You don't know what's going to happen that day."

She made some interesting discoveries over the years and used some unconventional methods that are not usually acceptable in the conventional classroom. "I learned at a dyslexia conference that if a child writes spelling words on his arm with his finger he is more likely to remember them because of the strong sensory connection with the brain."

Child therapy and learning serves the same purpose. The more stimulation of the body that can be in simultaneity helps the brain retain that information.

Playing with silly putty or squeezing brain power balls while reading, writing, or listening also helped her students learn.

Additionally, she discovered that if she sang directions her students would listen and follow them. It helped those who had trouble focusing to pay attention.

Houck wants to continue to work with children on a volunteer basis. In the past she has volunteered at Head Start and St. Joseph's Home for Children in Minneapolis.

Houck retired early so she could devote her time to watercolor painting. "I didn't want to wait until I was 65 or 70 to learn to paint."

She wants to combine her "two loves"—watercolor painting and children—by teaching painting classes in her home.

In April or May she plans to open an art gallery with other partners in Stockholm, Wisconsin. With a background of 89 people, this quaint village boasts a thriving arts community.

Houck is also working on a watercolor for St. Anthony Park Elementary School, where she worked for years.

She is pursuing her new career with the same energy and enthusiasm that she devoted to teaching. As an artist she will still be making discoveries and unlocking puzzles.
KID-BITS

Storytime at Park library
Storytime for children, ages 2 and 3, at the St. Anthony Park Library begins on Friday, November 1, 10:30 a.m., and continues through November 22. To register call 292-6635.

Boy Scout wreaths
Instead of buying wreaths through a commercial venture, St. Anthony Park Boy Scout Troop 17 and Cub Scout Pack 22 are busy cutting greens and making the Christmas decorations themselves. To order wreaths from these enterprising young men, call 644-2561.

Park registrations
* Registration for Langford Park - South St. Anthony instructional basketball — boys and girls ages 5 to 8 — runs from November 25 through December 13 at Langford Park.
* Sign-up for Langford Park - South St. Anthony instructional hockey — boys and girls ages 4 to 6 — begins November 25 and closes December 13 at Langford Park. Call 298-5765 for information.

Rec center outings
Langford and South St. Anthony rec centers are hosting field trips to the Children's Museum on November 22, Underwater World at the Mall of America on November 25, and Science Museum and Omni Theater on November 25. Call 298-5765 for information.

"Gift of the Magi"
The St. Anthony Park Holiday Theater is performing a stage adaptation of "Gift of the Magi" on Thursday, December 12, 6:30 p.m. at Langford Park rec center. Seats must be reserved by December 6. Tickets — including spaghetti dinner — cost $6.50 for adults, $5 for children. Call 292-5765.

Homeward Bound Theatre classes
Homeward Bound Theatre Company is offering after-school performing arts classes through St. Anthony Park Community Education from November 5 through 26 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Children in grades 3 to 6 are welcome. For information call 293-8738.

Feast for the Birds
"Feast for the Birds" discusses varieties of seed and best location for feeders on Tuesday, November 12, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park Elementary School. Cost $7 per person. Call 293-8738 to register.

Wonder of Parenthood
Katia Peterson talks about the "Wonder of Parenthood" on Thursday, November 14, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park Elementary School. To register call 293-8738.

Blanche Burroughs retiring
The staff and parents of St. Anthony Park Elementary School are celebrating Blanche Burroughs' 23 years of service as a 6th grade teacher on Thursday, November 14 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Former students and their families are welcome at this retirement fete. People are also encouraged to submit memories of Burroughs, which will be compiled into a scrapbook.

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Ghost Story
There's a white house on Como Avenue in St. Anthony Park. It's more than 100 years old, tall and thin, with two bay windows stacked one on top of the other. Trees surround it, and some people might call it a little forbidding. Most, however, would consider it just a typical Park home.

And so it is. Except for one thing. The people who used to live there swear it's haunted.

And that's not all. There are eyewitness accounts of mysterious scenes which would seem to be a regular part of life in a certain house on Como Avenue. Then there's the great unanswered question of the County Poor Farm Cemetery. The Poor Farm became the Minnesota State Fairgrounds more than a century ago, but what happened to the ghosts?

And what about the Frozen Corpse discovered lurking in the depths of Lake Como one icy day in the last century? Not to mention Young Willie Gibbs, whose ghost was authentically spotted at an upper window of Gibbs Farm Museum by no less than a bona fide member of the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department.

Now, as the winds begin to carry the promise of chillis to come and the bare tree branches start to nip on the windows like the cold fingers of Young Willie himself, let's look at another side of St. Anthony Park and its surroundings. Call it a tour of the Haunted Park. It's not hard to get in the mood. After all, the only thing you have to surrender in your common sense.

Millie Burmeister lived in the house on Como Avenue from 1950, when she was five, until she grew up. Yet, after she moved away, she began to realize that her childhood home wasn't like other houses. There were the little things. The old-fashioned upright vacuum cleaner whose cloth bag would inflame by itself, as if an invisible hand were being held in front of the wind. The radio which had the eerie habit of turning itself on and changing its own stations at unexpected moments. Outer doors which were faithfully locked at night would be found wide open in the morning.

Millie's father was a long-distance freight driver who was frequently away overnight. Her mother would tuck the children in bed for the night, then go to bed herself. That's when the sounds would begin. Doors creaking, footsteps on the stairs. Those were not crime ridden times, and the family never worried that the intruders were anything but supernatural. "My mother had an accepting attitude," said Burmeister, who now lives in Roseville, "Whatever is there is friendly. There's nothing hostile about them. For us, it wasn't scary, just part of life—or nonsense, I guess."

Then there were the sounds of typing. Little Millie and her siblings would hear them over and over, always coming from above their heads. When the children would dash up the stairs to investigate, the typing would cease. Burmeister's sister believes that the ghost must have been some kind of writer, eternally tapping away on an unrelently deadline.

The typing, like most of the ghostly goings-on, came from the top of the house. Burmeister explained that the attic was full of old cast-off furniture left behind by former tenants back in the days when the house was run as a boarding house. "We think the furniture was haunted," she says. "Eventually my parents broke up all that old furniture and burned it. After that, the house quieted down."

One small attic room remained intact. It had a boarded up window and a blue velvet sofa. That's where Burmeister's younger brother built his model guillotine. One day when he and a friend were playing together there, they happened to glance over at the model. To their horror, they realized that the blade was rising and falling, rising and falling. By itself. Burmeister wasn't up in the attic that time, but she remembers the blue velvet sofa.

"I always felt there was someone else sitting there with you. There was a coldness, a kind of presence. The sofa was long, you would have had to tear down a wall to get it out. So it wasn't burnt with the other
es by Judy Woodward

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the public most recognize the importance of
patronizing local businesses if they want them to
be able to stay in business.

3) I am proud of my work at the Capitol to fight
waste and mismanagement in government, such as
my role in speaking out against taxpayer subsidies
for professional sports stadiums. I am proud of my
successful initiatives to take special interest money
out of politics. I am proud of my work on the
environment, crime prevention, drunk driving
issues, affordable health care and on the
Prescription Drug Fraud Competition Act. I will
keep working to make Minnesota invest in people
and education, and focus on the prevention of
problems—from crime and welfare to health and
nutrition.

PAT IGO

1) I understand that the plan is not to cut access
to Medicare and Medicaid but rather to reduce the
growth. One of the attempts to control this is
through managed care plans. It has worked very
well in the private sector through the careful
utilization of services. I don’t believe that an
additional 30 million will be added to the
uninsured if the resources are done appropriately.
This is where medical saving
accounts may make people accountable for the
level of service they request. MinnesotaCare has
also been helpful in dealing with the uninsured that
don’t qualify for Medicaid. If the level of
individuals need this support increases, we may
have to study options to replace the reliance on
government.

2) I believe that government should not be
responsible for socially engineering economic
winners or losers. However, I do believe that all
businesses should be treated equally by the
government. If in some way, the system is
creating disadvantages for small businesses
this should be changed.

3) I have worked in the private sector my entire
adult life. As a self employed businessman,
I have been active in both professional and
community affairs. I have a family, a home and
I work for a living to support these things.
I know what it takes to generate a dollar, not just
spend it. I have common sense ideas for our
state’s future with the courage to implement them.
I am looking forward to having a positive impact
on the future of our state and for hard working
families of this district, not just for a career in politics.

HOUSE DISTRICT 54A

Paul Koettel

1) Minnesota is already doing much to help the
uninsured. With MinnesotaCare and the Minnesota
Comprehensive Health Association, we have one of
the lowest percentages of uninsured in the nation.
I feel that these mechanisms are adequate, and
would resist major efforts to expand the state’s role
in the health care system.

2) Thriving businesses are essential to a healthy,
livable community. Government can help by
removing regulatory barriers which make it
difficult to form and run a business. I believe in the
free marketplace, and when the need for a business
crashes to exist, the business will fall. I do not
support government intervention in this natural
business cycle.

3) I am a small businessman, homeowner,
husband and father of three young children. This
life experience will serve me well in the legislature
as I work to rein in big government and build a
better future as we approach the millennium. I am
involved in many civic and social organizations.
I seek office to answer the call to public service
and represent my district as a citizen legislator.
I am not interested in making the legislature a
career, so will not be afraid to cast the tough votes.

Mary Jo McGuire (incumbent)
The candidate did not respond to the survey.

ST. ANTHONY PARK HOME

As Thanksgiving approaches we want to
give thanks and remember our family,
friends, and neighbors. We also need to
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questions about our needs or if you want to
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BOOKS

The St. Anthony Park Writers Workshop is set for Tuesday, November 12, 7:30 p.m., at 2304 Carter Avenue. For information call 645-6970.

MUSIC

On Sunday, October 17, Music in the Park presents the Twin Cities debut of Lanier Trio — violinist William Preecell, cellist Dorothy Lewis, and pianist Cary Lewis — who will perform works by Mozart, Dvorak and Stephen Paulus. This 4 p.m. concert is staged at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Avenue at Chelmsford. For ticket information call 646-5266.

The Lutheran Music Program is featuring a hymn sing on Sunday, November 24, 4 p.m., at Luther Seminary’s chapel. Martin Jean, organist and faculty member at Valparaiso University, is performing.

MOVIES

Roxy Films at the St. Paul Student Center: “Rumble in the Bronx,” Thursday and Friday, November 7 and 8, 7 and 9:30 p.m.; “Sense and Sensibility,” Thursday and Friday, November 14 and 15, 7 and 9:30 p.m.; “While You Were Sleeping,” Friday, November 29, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Students $2, general public $3.

EXHIBITS

“Curtis Hoard by Candlelight” at the Raymond Avenue Gallery presents new works by the St. Anthony Park-based artist. The show highlights artworks relating to candles and candle holders. “I have long been intrigued by the reverence given to ritualistic objects in other cultures, and the ceremony surrounding the use of the object, be it practical or visual,” said Hoard. See the show before it closes on November 21. The St. Anthony Park gallery, 761 Raymond Avenue, features the work of Midwest’s leading craftspeople. For information call 644-9200.

The Weavers Guild of Minnesota’s Fiber Fair runs from November 22 through 24 at the group’s headquarters, 2402 University Avenue. Hours vary — Friday, noon to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. The sale includes scarves, shawls and home accessories. For information call 644-5594.

The Goldstein Gallery features “Coming Apart at the Seams: Style and Society in the 1920s” — highlighting outstanding Jazz Age fashions and decorative arts — through January. Running concurrently with the Goldstein’s show is a satellite exhibit called “Jazz Style” at Dayton’s Gallery 12 atop the Minneapolis department store. The Goldstein Gallery is in McNiel Hall on the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota.
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Alumni hockey tournament
Former hockey players for Como Park and Murray are invited to participate in the upcoming Alumni Classic at the State Fair Coliseum on Sunday, January 19, 1997. Mechanic Arts and Washington teams are also playing. A party at Gabe’s by the Park follows the tournament. For information call 645-7500.
Audubon Society meeting
Marshall Case of the International Crane Foundation describes the world’s 15 species of cranes and efforts to protect them on Thursday, November 14, 7 p.m. at the St. Paul Audubon Society’s meeting. The group gathers at Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Avenue West. Call 454-8994 for information.

COMO PARK
AARP meeting
Captain Donna Miller of the Salvation Army talks about the Brown Booth Center at the Midway-Highland Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) meeting on Thursday, November 21, 1 p.m., at the Lyngblomsten Care Center, 1296 Pascal Avenue.
District 10 elections
The Como Community Council elected five incumbents and two newcomers to its board at the organization’s annual meeting on October 15. Incumbents Natasha Fleischman, David Glass, Ron Edlund, Marilyn Porter and Jens Vange welcome Donna Miller and Joe Borman to the fold. Vange replaces Dennis O’Rourke as chair.
The courtyard at the University of Minnesota’s College of Natural Resources features a new sculpture by architect Brian Carpenter. Photo by Kevin How.

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**Junior League tea**
The Junior League of St. Paul is presenting the American Girls Fashion Show, highlighting historically inspired clothing for young women of today. The event is set for Saturday, November 23 — 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. — and Sunday, November 24 — 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. — at the St. Paul Campus Student Center, 2nd floor ballroom, 2017 Uford Avenue. For tickets call 291-0315.

**Holiday lights gala**
Promoted as the social and shopping event of the upcoming holiday season in St. Anthony Park — the annual Holiday Lights Dinner and Silent Auction — takes place on Saturday, November 16. The St. Anthony Business Association is hosting the festive event, which boasts food, wine, music, fellowship and bargains.

The events begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Midland Hills Country, 2001 Fulham Street. Tickets for both the dinner and silent auction cost $30. To reserve a spot call 645-2566 before November 6.

**TLC volunteers**
Seniors and retirees are needed to provide love and attention for children at one of the Children’s Home Society of Minnesota’s 14 area child care centers. Activities include rocking infants, coloring with toddlers, reading to preschoolers and being a friend. Become a “Touch the Life of a Child” volunteer by calling Stacy at 646-4414, extension 212.

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**Lauderdale**

Lauderdale welcomes administrative assistant Sandy Smith and administrative analyst Don Olson to the city’s staff. Before coming here, Smith worked for a non-profit and Olson was a city planner at RIK Associates. Photo by James Olson

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**Scandinavian dinner**

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**Ellen Watters leaving business association post**

Ellen Watters, the energetic and effective executive director of the St. Anthony Park Business Association, is leaving the organization to assume the helm of the Midway Chamber of Commerce. During her tenure, Watters strengthened the organization’s viability and vitality. Watters, however, is not leaving the Park completely. She lives in South Anthony Park and services on the community council.

**Holiday joy, holiday grief**

Professor Bob Albers is set to speak about “Holiday Joy, Holiday Grief” on Saturday, November 23, 9 to 11:30 a.m., at the Twin Cities Linnea Home, 2040 Como Avenue. The holidays are difficult for people who have experienced significant loss and change in their lives. So, Albers will discuss how people can cope with these situations during holiday events. For information call 646-2544.

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Adoption non-profit replacing Miller's

by Jennifer Thorson

Speculation about the new tenants of 2309 Como can officially end: Adoptive Families of America plans to rent the space formerly occupied by Miller's Pharmacy. Landlord Rob Bulger said the new tenants will be "good for the community." A national non-profit organization, Adoptive Families of America will "draw people into the Park every day, bringing new people to the community," he said.

Although many St. Anthony Park residents and the St. Anthony Park Business Association hoped that a retail establishment would replace Miller's, Bulger said he didn't really have "concrete retail people" interested in his space.

Bulger also urged the community to "be in mind that Adoptive Families of America will have a retail bookstore" in the storefront.

He also said that bookstore offices are as "good of tenants as you can get" in terms of his concerns as a landlord. Ellen Watters, executive director of the St. Anthony Park Business Association, said that although the association had initially pressed for a retail tenant, "we are getting excited" about Adoptive Families moving into the Park.

"I think that we were hoping for a retail tenant to keep the area healthy, and generally retail brings more traffic than an office," she said, "but, as we are getting to know more about the new tenant, we are getting excited [about it]. They are part of a national organization and they will have many people coming and going."

"They will be a good addition to the neighborhood." — Ellen Watters

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of our building.

As you have likely seen, several trees around the drive-up facility were removed as part of this master landscaping plan. While we dislike having to remove mature trees as much as anyone, two of these trees were in various stages of decay and needed to be removed for safety and security reasons.

The Russian olive and hawthorne trees were determined by our landscape experts to be partially dead already and not expected to survive. The spice tree was removed because it was afflicted with a slow-killing eutypa canker which weakened the tree and potentially might have damaged the building or pedestrians. Other foliage was trimmed as well in order to improve visibility around the building.

This was especially important because the dense growth has provided an attractive spot for teenagers to congregate in the evenings, causing both customers and night employees of surrounding businesses to be very concerned for their personal safety.

New landscaping is being added around the drive-up facility, including a new Japanese tree, lilac, flowering spirea shrubs, perennials, and new timber planters.

Richard R. Beeon, Parkbank president

Plaudits

Thank you to Laura Prickett for writing such a fine article about the Children's Literature Special Collections at the University of Minnesota and not focusing on me, as I requested.

I appreciate your accuracy in describing the collections and reporting our conversation accurately.

Truman Olson's photo was excellent, too. He was very efficient in deciding when and where to take the shots.

Karen Nolan Hargre, curator Children's Literature Special Collections

For the St. Anthony Park Methodist Church Community Festival Committee, thank you very so much for the extraordinary article, "The Great American Bazaar," in the October Bugle.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

5 TUESDAY
- Election Day.
- Toastmasters, Hewlett Packard, 2025 W. Larpenteur, 7:30 a.m. Call 649-4265. Every Tuesday.

6 WEDNESDAY
- Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Every Wed.
- Artistic reception honoring Joan Huhlig, Luther Seminary, following 10:40 a.m. chapel service.

7 THURSDAY
- Parent-child play group, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell Ave., 10 a.m.–noon. Every Thurs.
- Physical Planning, St. Anthony Park Community Council, 890 Cromwell, 5-7 p.m.

9 SATURDAY
- Teen Night, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 7-10 p.m.

11 MONDAY
- Como Park recycling day.
- Falconcars Senior Club, Falcon Heights City, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 1-3:30 p.m.

12 TUESDAY
- Public Hearing about expanding tax increment financing, Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut, 7:30 p.m.

13 WEDNESDAY
- St. Anthony Park recycling day.
- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 7 p.m.
- Town Meeting regarding St. Anthony Park Library renovation, library meeting room, 7-9 p.m.

14 THURSDAY
- Fall Bazaar, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ.
- Town Meeting regarding capital improvements, Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut, 7:30 p.m.

15 FRIDAY
- Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling day.

16 SATURDAY
- Holidays Lights Dinner and Auction, St. Anthony Park Business Association, Midland Hills Country Club, 6:30 p.m., call 645-2366 for reservations.
- Teen Night, Langford Park Rec Center, 7-10 p.m.
- Lauderdale 500 Club, City Hall, 1891 Walnut, 1 p.m.

17 SUNDAY
- Music in the Park, Lanier Trio, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth, 4 p.m.

19 TUESDAY
- District 10 Como Community Council, 7 p.m., call 644-3889 for location.
- Kent Ekland discusses the changing health care scene, St. Anthony Park Association, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.; dinner at 6:15 p.m. Call 645-9033 for dinner reservations.

20 WEDNESDAY
- Langford Boucher Club, Langford Park Rec Center, 7:30 p.m.
- Housing and Human Services, St. Anthony Park Community Council, 890 Cromwell, 5-7 p.m.
- Environment, St. Anthony Park Community Council, 890 Cromwell, 7-9 p.m.

21 THURSDAY
- Midway-Highland chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons, Lynnhillman Senior Center, 1208 Pascal Avenue, 1 p.m.

23 SATURDAY
- FareSHARE distribution and registration at Holy Childhood Catholic Church, 1435 Midway Pkwy., 9:30-11 a.m. Call 644-7495; or St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave., 8:30-10:30 a.m. Call 645-0371.

31 THURSDAY
- Halloween.
- Halloween in Lauderdale, City Hall, 1891 Walnut, 5-7 p.m.
- Murray Junior High School Open House, 6-30 p.m.

1 FRIDAY
- Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling day.
- Youth Activity Night — grades 7 to 12 — St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 7-11 p.m. Every Friday.

2 SATURDAY
- Country Festival, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Scandinavian Dinner, sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Order of the Eastern Star, Fairview Community Center, 1910 W. County Rd. B. 4-7 p.m.
- Teen Night, Langford Park Rec Center, 7-10 p.m.

4 MONDAY
- Boys Scouts, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 7 p.m. Call 644-4175. Every Monday.
- AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. Call 647-9446 or 770-2666. Every Monday.

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Marion Ellis
Marion C. Ellis, age 72, died on October 11. She was a longtime resident of Lauderdale on Carl Street. She had lived recently in Arden Hills. Ellis was an active member of Corpus Christi Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Donald; children, Kathy Bottles, Steve Ellis and Chris Bauer; grandchildren, Brandon, Willie, Jeff, Joe, Scott, Sam, and Kevin; brothers, Francis, Bernard, and Gerald Schneidecker; and nieces and nephews.

Howard Esty
Howard E. Esty died on October 1, at the age of 84. He lived in Falcon Heights on Albert Street. Esty was a project engineer with the 3M Company for 41 years and a member of the Church of St. Rose.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Lee and Bob, and his wife, Margaret, who died in August. Survivors include son, David; grandson, Steven; and granddaughter, Susan.

Salvatore Frattallone
Salvatore "Sam" Frattallone, a resident of Falcon Heights, died on September 22, at the age of 69. For many years, he owned the Napoli Cafe on White Bear Avenue.

Frattallone was born and raised in St. Paul. He attended Mechanic Arts High School and joined the Navy in World War II, where he learned lithography. In 1946, he was hired at Brown and Bigelow, then later at Mueller, another printing firm. In 1975, he and his wife bought the Napoli Cafe, which they operated with their six children for 20 years. He was a member of the Church of St. Rose.

Preceded in death by his son, Salvatore, he is survived by his wife, Norma; sons, Larry of North Oaks and Doug of Falcon Heights; daughters, Cindy of Minneapolis, Debbie Fischer of Emily, Minnesota, and Bobbie Evangelist of Shoreview; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Antonio Lopez, Jr.
Antonio Lopez, Jr., a lifetime resident of Lauderdale, died on September 18, at the age of 49. Lopez was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

Survivors include his children, Brian, John, and Amy; grandchildren, Amanda, Zachary, and Steven; parents, Antonio and Esther; and siblings, Tom, Phillip, Laurie, Mary, Cathy, Mike, Jim, and Matt.

George Nason
George Nason died on September 15, in Sun City West, Arizona, where he lived for the past 15 years. He was 80 years of age.

Born on January 20, 1936, in St. Anthony Park, he lived on Donewell Avenue for many years before moving to Arizona. He was a civil engineer and landscape architect, as was his father, who also lived in St. Anthony Park. He attended St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Charlotte; sons, Steven and Douglas; and daughter, Mary Paavola.

Martha Rosey
Martha E. Rosey, age 89, died on October 2. She was a resident of St. Anthony Park on Falcon Street.

Rasey was a member of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

Preceded in death by her husband, Dale, she is survived by her son, Darrell of Arlington Heights, Illinois; her daughter, Mary Beth Lake of Edina; grandchildren, Sara Rosey of Brunswick, Ohio, Elizabeth Lake of Washington, D.C., and Bjorn Lake of Westerly, Rhode Island; and great-grandchildren, Anthony and Valerie Russell of Brunswick, Ohio.

Edna Shannon
Edna E. Shannon, a longtime resident of St. Anthony Park, died on September 10. She was 102 years of age and had lived in recent years at the Presbyterian Home in Arden Hills.

Shannon was a member of St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church.

Preceded in death by her husband, Donald, and by eight brothers and sisters, she is survived by daughters, Shirley Magraw, Phyllis Chausen, and Helen Smith; son, Donald; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; brother, Roger Wright; and sister, Florence Thorsen.

Miriam Soule
Miriam R. Soule, a resident of Lynnhaven Care Center, died on September 14.

She was 80 years of age. Soule was preceded in death by her husband, Wilbur, and her brother, Wilfred Watson. She is survived by two sons, Jon and Robert; grandson, Jeff; and many other relatives.

Maverette Stanford
Maverette E. Stanford, longtime resident of St. Anthony Park on Hennepin Avenue, died on October 9, at the age of 89.

After graduating from the University of Minnesota’s library school in 1930, Stanford worked at Walter Library before marrying her husband, Edward, in 1937. Next, the couple lived in Williamstown, Mass., and Chicago, before returning to Minnesota after World War II.

She is survived by her husband, Edward; son, James of Oakland, California; grandchildren, Jeffrey and Amanda.

Mary Vikingstad
Mary F. Vikingstad, former resident of St. Anthony Park, died on September 24. She was 90 years of age and lived in Highland Park.

Vikingstad was the first and 50th president of the Intermediate Catholic League and a member of the Holy Spirit Altar and Rosary Society.

Preceded in death by her husband, Harold, she is survived by son, Frank of Stillwater; grandchildren, Eric, Kristin, and Brian; great-grandson, Trevor; and sisters, Edith Milley and Kay Peterson.

Correction: Ruth Berge lived on Commonwealth Avenue, not Fulham.

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