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The special requests include provisions for sufficient parking, lighting and security.

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Council actions at a glance
At its December 11th Meeting the Council:
- Voted to recommend approval of the following regarding the latest site plans on the St. Anthony Park Branch Library: the location of the addition, the general location of the proposed entrance, the scale and massing of the addition, the preliminary materials selections, the preliminary exterior detailing concept and the size and arrangement of functions and building elements.
- Voted to go on record as requesting strict enforcement of the tag and tow ordinances during all snow emergencies in the 1996-1997 winter season. This message is to be sent to Stacy Becker, the head of Public Works, to Council Member Bobbi Megard, Police Commander Mike Smith, and the Head of Parking Enforcement Mark Jeson.
- Voted to accept the Goals and Objectives for 1997.
- Voted to accept the proposed budget for 1997.
- Voted to accept the amended new Personnel Policies/Employee Handbook.
- There was also good discussion of organizational issues including the Strategic Plan, the Hospitality initiative, and the Community Council election process.

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Ellen Anderson proposes far-reaching gun control legislation to tackle violence
by John Marino

"When a 4-year-old girl gets shot, it's a horrifying thing," said State Senator Ellen Anderson, who recalled the July 20, 1996, shooting death of Davisha Brantly-Gilliam in St. Paul. Brantly-Gilliam's killers are still at large, but her death is known to be the result of getting caught in the crossfire between rival gangs. It occurred at the corner of University Avenue and Hamline Avenue, in the heart of Senate District 66.

During the upcoming legislative session that begins this month, Anderson -- who sits on the crime committee -- is introducing legislation designed to get gun owners off the hands of juveniles specifically those who engage in gangster violence.

In Minnesota, people must be 18 years or older to buy a handgun from a gun shop and they must acquire a permit through the local police department. But there is no law requiring any further paperwork for selling guns. So, criminals can buy guns on the street without any record of the sale.

Anderson wants to change that, and she has proof of a change for the better can be accomplished.

"They didn't have a juvenile gun homicide in Biscuit in 1996, which is astonishing," she said, adding that St. Paul has endured two. "People scoff at me when I tell them that because they just can't believe it's that simple." What's so simple? Anderson points to what is now called the Boston Model in law enforcement circles. The Boston Police Department joined with Harvard University and created a gun tracking program.

"They found that juveniles, under 21, had a certain type of preference of guns," she said. "They tended to be newer, just like the latest sneakers, what they called "right out of the box, with no criminal history." They also found that the guns were originally obtained legally, which Anderson said, blows a hole in the anti-gun control theory that most criminals use illegally-obtained weapons.

"So it was easy to trace it back because every gun begins with a legal sale," she said. "They're doing a number of things in Boston, but this was so effective that they were able to track most of the guns to one dealer who was buying a carload of guns in Mississippi, where there were relaxed gun laws..." Anderson admitted, but added, "It's like drug dealing. If you can find the kingpin, then you can make the difference.

Making a difference in the Legislature, where gun control is always an emotional topic, might be another story. "The probability of passage is uncertain."

"I'm frankly astounded by the inability of most legislators to even consider a range of options on these issues, who are thoughtfully on most other issues," Anderson said and cited State Senator Bob Lessard (DFL- Inver Grove Heights) as "possibly another opponent to gun control legislation."

Lessard did not return the Bugle's phone call.

Yet, perhaps Anderson and other gun control proponents could find some encouragement in a 1994 poll in which 60 percent of the National Rifle Association's 3.3 million members favored some sort of restriction on guns.

"It talked to a lot of people about gun issues door-to-door," Anderson said, "and virtually every single person I talked to said we could do more things to keep the handguns out of the hands of young people."

Illustration by Rhyan Aton

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During the past 19 years these people have been here: People's Hardware:

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Dave Kerr realizes dream of owning Park Hardware

by Judy Woodward

Dave Kerr and his dad had a plan. When his father, Norman Kerr, retired from his job as a professor at the University of Minnesota, the two were going to buy a business together. A hardware business. Maybe even the neighborhood hardware store, Park Hardware. The only problem with the scheme was that, so far as either man knew, Park Hardware, longtime fixture of the Como Avenue shopping district of St. Anthony Park, was not for sale.

The story has a bittersweet ending. Norman Kerr died in March. Nine months later, his son is set to become Park Hardware's new owner.

"My dad died just two months before Stew (Mcintosh) put the store up for sale," said Kerr in a recent interview. "When that happened, I knew I was going to purchase Park Hardware" was meant to be.

Kerr, age 29, has worked in hardware stores since his graduation from Hamline University in 1991. Until recently, he was the manager of the Hamline Hardware store. For the last few weeks, he's worked as manager of Park Hardware while waiting for the sale to close. While crediting previous owner Mcintosh for being a "square shooter" who has "served the community well," Kerr nevertheless is bringing new ideas to the hardware store.

"I want to develop the depth of the store," explained Kerr. "Right now, people stop for odds and ends, but don't use it as the sole source of materials for a large project. If you wanted to replumb your whole house this weekend, we could help you. But there's not enough pipe in the store to serve more than one customer that way. I want to change that." Kerr also plans to add a small-engine repair service to the business. He hopes to reopen the basement as a sales area and convert the back of the store into a repair shop.

The self-described entrepreneurial "odd duck" in a family of professors and teachers, Kerr grew up in University Grove. His parents were both professors of microbiology, but young Dave showed an early flair for small business. "When I was 13 or 14, I had a snow blowing business with another kid. We'd check out which houses in the Grove contracted with [a commercial snow removal service] instead of shoveling their own sidewalks. Then we'd go around to those people and offer to do the same thing for less." Kerr says he "kinda fell into" the hardware business. "I stopped by a hardware store in Roseville once, and because I was fixing my mother-in-law's lawn mower. When told that there was a six- to eight-week wait for repairs, Kerr protested to the manager that the summer would be over before the lawn mower was fixed. "I can't find any good help," was the manager's response. Kerr, who knew a thing or two about engines, offered his services. The next morning, Kerr showed up at the store at 8 a.m. By the time the manager came at a couple of hours later, "I'd fixed eight lawn mowers." And he'd found himself a career.

Along the way, Kerr has picked up some strong views on the role of business in the community. "I didn't like my exposure to big corporate America. I picked a small business where you can be your own boss. I don't measure success by money, more by the community. If a community does well, then the business in that community will do well. In this neighborhood, people would rather support the local stores if we carry the merchandise they need. I think you need to spend your money where you make your money."

Kerr has already begun the process of transforming himself into a friendly, neighborhood shopkeeper. "I like it that every day is different at the store. We have different customers with different problems." Remarking that outgoing owner "Stew knows everybody's name who comes in the store," Kerr added, "I have to work on that."

Then he chuckled as he described an encounter with a neighborhood boy who came in for emergency advice on how to patch a mysterious hole in the family room wall—before the mother got home. The boy's explanation of how the hole came into being was as spotty as his knowledge of wallboard repair techniques.

"Oh, we gave him a hard time," laughed Kerr. "We told him, 'Sure, we know how the hole got there. You threw your brother through the wall, right?'

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— Dave Kerr

The boy never did admit what had happened, but he left with the right materials and detailed instructions for restoring the wall. And Dave Kerr had probably found himself a loyal new customer. His dad would be proud.
Surviving January: 15 ways to outsmart Minnesota's cruelest month

S
o this is January, chilling cold and drastically dark. The average temperature clings around eleven above. Daylight, although often blaring bright, is brief. Call it the January funk, when people sleep and eat more and exercise less.

Worse still, experts believe that eight percent of Minnesota suffers from Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), which demands professional counseling. Others, who just find themselves out of sorts, can use some simple steps to outsmart the season. Here’s a list of plain-speaking advice:

1) Seek light . . . Chase the sunlight during lunch. If possible, exercise during the day. Open the blinds. Let the electric light bill soar — keep the lamps on.
2) Savor scents . . . With most natural scents made dormant by layers of rock-solid snow, the fragrant smells of nature are missing. Burn candles during the day and night. Wear perfume. Buy fresh flowers.
4) Find shelter . . . The cold and ice make exercise difficult, but not impossible. Join the gym. Stretch at home. Walk around College Park. Discover new pastimes, such as ice skating, martial arts and dancing. How about snowboarding? Buy a (used) piece of home exercise equipment.
5) Enjoy friends . . . In the aftermath of the champagne-popping holidays, many find the thought of phoning in from the TV ideal. Yet, it’s detrimental as well as dreary and dull. Invite friends over for Sunday night supper. Meet Mom for coffee. Chicken soup for the neighbors.

9) Open the windows . . . Sounds odd, but open the windows — just for a moment — and let the brisk air flow inside. By doing this, germs are wiped away and invigorating fresh air enters.
10) Travel . . . Escape — anywhere. Getaways may be as farflung as Africa or as close by as Minneapolis. The important thing is to anticipate something.

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11) Prepare the car . . . Don’t get caught unprepared in the cold. Check the tires and battery. Get an oil change. Buy plenty of windshield wash. For emergency measure, pack a sleeping bag, blanket and candles in the car.
2) Read . . . Check out the library or bookstore. Better yet, begin tackling those books that are sitting patiently by the nightstand. Having a reading project makes even the most inclement weather sing.
3) Meditate . . . Set aside time for meditation or prayer. Consider beginning or ending the day in silence. Peace and quiet changes lives.
4) Volunteer . . . Always wanted to lend a hand at the Como Conservation or Humane Society? The New Year is the perfect time to build new relationships. Long-time volunteers report that giving is the best vehicle for receiving joy in their own lives.
5) Love your family . . . Take the day off with your spouse. Read stories to the kids. Puck some of these ideas for fun or do nothing at all.

LETTERS

Traffic safety at Langford Park
In 1976 my 10-year-old son and I were playing baseball with relatives at a family gathering in a park similar to Langford Park. As most people know the streets in the Twin Cities are very narrow and much worse with cars parked on both sides.
My son ran from the park to the house to use the rest room. He ran between two cars and was struck by a hit and run driver that left him mangled with a broken leg and several scrapes and bruises, but alive, thank God. Later that evening the person was caught and let go because he was an underage person sneaking a drive in grandpa’s car while grandpa napped.
My son probably would have seen the oncoming car or the driver might have seen my son if the row of cars were not parked next to park property, similar to the Langford no parking plan.
I am troubled by the disregard for the no parking signs at Langford Park. The parents and other interested people park “illegally.” They create the same dangerous situation that existed when my son was run down.
The situation is even worse in the winter hockey season. The streets are narrower because of snow, and roadway slipperyness inhibits stopping on time.
My experience has made me cautious as I drive around the park. I hope nobody ever gets hurt at the park, but the conditions exist where it is highly probable.

George Gallagher

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Brand new year, same old guy

by Warren Hanson

I wake up early. Bright-eyed. Excited. It’s January One, the very first day of a brand new year. I had been careful the night before, careful not to do anything that dulled my senses in the morning. I stay in bed for an extra minute, prolonging the delicious suspense. My eyes are wide, and they dart from side to side, on full alert. My ears are fine tuned. My nose endings are keen, at full attention and ready to detect anything out of the ordinary. For today, I expect everything to be out of the ordinary.

Fifty-seven. Fifty-eight. Fifty-nine. Sixty! I explode from beneath the covers, wrap my robe around my jammies, don my slippers on the run, and dash across the hallway to the bathroom. The switch on the wall sends the morning darkness scurrying, and the electric lights fill the room with radiance, ready to reveal...what? I close my eyes, hold my breath, make a quarter turn, and pop my twitching eyes open to see what surprise awaits me in the bathroom mirror.

But...what the...? Why, it’s just me! The same old me! The face looking back at me from the mirror is the same ordinary, imperfect face that I saw there yesterday, and the day before, and the day before that.

Puzzled, I turn around and step onto the bathroom scale. The spinning dial is a blur until a number finally lines up under the red line. It is a very familiar number. The same number as yesterday, and a pound higher than the day before. I just don’t understand.

I stumble to the kitchen in a quizzical daze. I make coffee and notice my cup, unwashed, right where I left it yesterday, Yesterday? But...yesterday was...was THEN. Today is supposed to be different. Isn’t it?

I open the front door and pick the newspaper out of the snow that still cakes my front steps. I check the front page. Yes, there it is. Printed right at the top of page one: “January 1.” It’s in the newspaper. It must be true.

My old bones crack as I settle into my favorite chair with my coffee, my newspaper and my nagging curiosity. It’s New Year’s Day. It’s supposed to be a whole new beginning. But, so far, nothing seems new. What’s the deal?

Then the truth hits me like a train:

IT’S A TRICK! My newspaper falls into my lap, my jaw drops and my eyes go wide. It’s all a trick! New Year’s Day is a cleverly calculated holiday, designed to get us to clean up our act. To start anew. On New Year’s Day, the air is supposed to be filled with the sound of millions of new leaves being turned over. That number on the bathroom scale? It’s not going to change all by itself, just because it’s a new year. No, if that number is going to go down, they expect me to make it happen MYSELF!

But who are THEY? Hmmm...who is behind this diabolical ruse? It can’t be the government. It’s way bigger than that. And besides, it’s too well organized. No, this has “corporate” written all over it. The people behind this have got to be some Total Quality Management people, the ones who talk to their kids at the breakfast table about “paradigms.” They probably got the idea out of some Tom Peters book. We will each probably be given a coffee mug with the cherubic message, “Happy New Year!” It’s a brand new day for service quality!

Coffee mugs? We don’t need no stinkin’ coffee mugs. We don’t need some man behind the curtain tricking us into believing that January One is something special. Why it’s not special at all. Heck no! It’s a regular old day with a fancy new label. And I’m the same old guy that I was yesterday and the day before and last year. You can’t fool me!

Still...I guess it isn’t such a bad idea to try to clean up my act a little. I guess I could stand to lose a pound or two. And I could get a little more exercise. And I could call my mom a little more often. It just bugs me that New Year’s Day is being foisted upon us as the one day of the year when we are to straighten out our lives. I can correct the errors of my ways any old day I choose. And I think I’ll choose...NEXT January One!

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Comstock becomes new block nurse

by Michelle Christiansen

When Becky Comstock graduated from nursing school last August, she didn't have to look very far for a job. She had been working as a home health aide in the block nurse program, and the transition from aide to nurse was seamless; she was familiar with the program, the clients and the staff.

Comstock's responsibilities as a block nurse are many and varied. She manages 25 clients and each one is unique. She sets up their medication schedules, does wound and foot care as well as assessments and follow-up care, gives shots, oversees each client's safety and stability, supervises home health aides, socializes with home-bound clients, and makes referrals for physical and occupational therapy.

As a child in El Paso, Texas, Comstock never envisioned becoming a nurse. She was squeamish about blood and needles and planned a career in ministry. After graduating from high school, she attended Life Bible College in Los Angeles, where she met her husband-to-be, David "Manny" Comstock. They were associate pastors for three years in Durango, Colorado, and for seven years in Dallas, but when Manny's mother died they came back to the family home in

20-25 hours each week. This way she can spend time with her children as well as with her clients. She sees the jobs of mother and nurse as not so different.

"Each position involves nurturing and requires flexibility. Things can change so fast that you have to be ready for anything!"

Comstock is appreciative of the support that the Block Nurse Program receives from the community and is well aware of the respected reputation that the program has in the area.

The Comstocks are very active in their church, Faith Chapel in White Bear Lake. The church, which helped to find, now has 75 members and because there are so many young families, Becky Comstock is the oldest mother in the congregation, a fact that delights her.

Comstock intends to continue with her schooling and go for her advanced degree. She would like to get some clinical experience in a hospital or nursing home. But for now she is content to be the new nurse on the block.

Lauderdale's property taxes decline slightly

by Pete Keith

The City of Lauderdale's budget was recently approved, showing some interesting numbers and trends for the future of this small city.

The city's budget for the general fund (used to pay for city services) is increasing by 9.6 percent over 1996. Most of the revenues to cover the operation of city services come from property taxes paid by the city's property owners.

To fund this increase, the 1997 net levy (the actual dollars that will be collected from property owners) will increase 15.4 percent to approximately $323,000.

According to City Administrator Tim Cnuksahn, "Most of those additional dollars being collected and budgeted will be reserved for future infrastructure improvements."

Despite the increases in the budget and levy, the property tax rate, which determines the city's revenue from property taxes, is actually decreasing by one percent.

The primary reason that the rate is lower for 1997 is twofold. First is an increase in "fiscal disparities" to Lauderdale. These are dollars that flow from cities with high tax bases due to increased commercial and industrial properties (which pay higher property taxes than residential properties) to cities like Lauderdale, with lower tax bases.

But more importantly, the tax capacity (a reflection of the total assessed property values) for Lauderdale has increased significantly, by 16.6 percent over 1996. Because of this capacity increase, the tax rate (the percentage of the tax capacity actually levied and collected) can actually be somewhat lower, while still generating the higher revenue desired for future infrastructure improvements.

Why has the tax capacity increased so much? There are two reasons. First, assessed property values have increased. For example, the median single family household value has increased from $71,400 to $73,300, reported Shelly Eldridge of the Ramsey County Tax Accounting Office.

But more significantly, the tax capacity calculations have thresholds, above which the capacity rates increase. So as property values increase, their capacity rates increase disproportionately. A home valued at $100,000 has twice the tax capacity as a home of $63,000, and therefore higher taxes, because of a threshold at $72,000.

Current efforts by Lauderdale could allow tax rates to be further reduced in the future. To do this, the city must increase its commercial and industrial component of tax bases as these types of properties are taxed at a substantially higher rate than a homestead property.

Cnuksahn said the city is working cooperatively with the University of Minnesota to develop the university's property west of Highway 280 into commercial and industrial property, thus generating more tax revenue. And recent cleanup efforts at the property now occupied by Bolger Publications will allow the company to expand its operations, adding to the tax base in Lauderdale.

These efforts will allow Lauderdale to fund future needs, while minimizing the tax burden on homeowners.
Crime concerns at University and Raymond
by Jennifer Thorsen

The retail and commercial corner of University and Raymond has seen its share of problems. Tenants and building owners are concerned about the possible arrival of a billion-dollar, fire-fighting business at the neighborhood coffee shop, and the closing of Mill City Cafe. All these things considered, consumer traffic is slower.

Then last year the area experienced a slight upturn in crime. But now tenants and business owners are taking a proactive approach to tackling crime.

After an October burglary at the Minnesota Women’s Press bookstore at 771 Raymond Avenue, employees began thinking about how to better protect themselves and the facility.

First, one employee visited each of their neighbors on Raymond and heard reports of similar crimes: there were two break-ins at the Security Building, a purse snatched at an office in the Baker Building, and burglaries at Succotash and Herbst.

They also reported the incidents to the police and the St. Anthony Park Community Council. The police offered to provide some crime-prevention training through a program called FORCE, which stands for Focusing Our Resources on Community Empowerment.

Kathy Magnusson, general manager of the Minnesota Women’s Press, established a meeting with St. Paul Police Crime Prevention Officer Dan Cermack. Next, a flyer was distributed, inviting the corner’s businesses to the December 3 meeting.

Although only six people attended the meeting — what addressed issues such as detecting shoplifters and bad checks, what to do during a burglary and how businesses can work together to prevent crime — people viewed the meeting as helpful.

“We had a good discussion among the people present,” said one area employee, “and we came up with the idea of a telephone network, so we can alert one another about suspicious things.”

The telephone network is simply a listing of business owners’ (or other contact person) names and phone numbers, but it is an important tool in building community. One worker said they now know many of their neighbors’ names.

The group also considered establishing a neighborhood watch, similar to those in residential neighborhoods. Well publicized, the watch would “make a discouraging environment,” continued the employee, “and let’s the criminals know we aren’t naive.”

Establishing a neighborhood watch would require more meetings and networking, they said, but maintained that businesses getting to know each other is key to crime prevention.

“Manly, it’s just been connecting in the neighborhood,” they explained. “Now, there’s a network that has happened because people have done something together, and there could be even more of us.”

Since the meeting there haven’t been any more incidents in the Minnesota Women’s Press bookstore, a fact that is attributed either to criminals simply “moving on,” or that “we’re a little smarter, and much more alert” about making the store inhospitable to criminals.

Still, crime prevention is a “community effort,” stressed the concerned employee. The Raymond and University corner is “a nice, diverse area,” they said, “and a lot of people have a stake” in making it safe.

For information please call the community council office at 292-7884.

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Jan. 8-10 59th Mid-Winter Convocation Theme: “What Are We Up To? Theology as We Enter the 21st Century” Six speakers, all Luther Seminary faculty include: Professors James Bartlett, Gerhard Forde, Patrick Keiffer, Lee Snook, and Paul Sproulen; and Associate Professor Mary Knutsen. The public is welcome. Pre-registration is recommended. For more information, call (612) 641-3500 or 641-3451.

Jan. 27 Bread for the World Concert “An Evening of Piano Music — and Songs about Lutherans presented by Charles ‘Jake’ Dryhaug, a Luther Seminary alumnus and pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Brandon, Minn. Freewill offering for Bread for the World, an organization advocating legislation benefitting the poor and hungry around the world. For more information, (612) 641-3214 or 641-3451.

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Como High's fast-talking debate team
by David Anger

Debaters at Como Park High School enthusiastically report that their extracurricular activity of choice is one of the fastest, brightest, quickest and wackiest sports.

Besides being tons of egg-head fun, debate also cultivates life-enhancing tools, from researching to analytical skills and from strategic planning to public speaking savvy.

Still, debate isn’t easy. The time commitment is hefty. Tournaments span over two days, including Saturdays. Many competitions are out-of-town, requiring overnight stays.

Before the tournaments, the prep time is lengthy. Debaters log major hours researching their cases as well as their opponents.

Instead of hanging out at the mall, find these smart young adults at the Hill Reference or Wilson libraries. Then, on top of the research time come practice rounds, which are especially vital for young teams.

The rival word debate is a distinct subtype, possessing its own language. Words and phrases such as *prima facie*, *inherency*, and *solvency rate* are big. Dress is important too—jackets and ties for the boys, skirts and blouses for the girls.

Debate rounds involve four players and a judge. Teams must be prepared to play either affirmative or negative. The affirmative team presents the case, while the negative team attacks the plan.

Time matters. Judges carry timers, like coaches at track and field meets. Each debater is given an eight-minute speech. These presentations are followed by three-minute, Perry Mason-style cross examinations. At the end, debaters offer five-minute rebuttals. Prep time between each speech spans a precious three minutes.

This year rounds begin with the proclamation: “It is resolved that the federal government establish a plan to substantially reduce juvenile crime.” Next year’s topic is made public by late spring.

On the debate circuit Como Park is neither stealing the show nor bombing. Their case — advocating the legalization of pot — lost steam in November. About that plan, debater Dennis Brannon sighed, “There’s lots of evidence against it.”

Even so, Coach Jim Casey, a 17-year- veteran, puts a positive spin on their record. “We have about a 50 percent or better success rate, which is respectable for a young team.”

Most of Como’s participants are either freshmen or sophomores, competing on the novice and junior varsity level. Being accomplished students, these debaters also excel at other pursuits. For instance, most of the team appeared in the school’s hit production of *Guys and Dolls*. Now, Casey concedes, “We’re kind of shy.” Still, the team isn’t slacking off. They’re working up a new case for the regional tournament, which they hope guides them to state.

But winning doesn’t motivate every debater. “One of the most fun things is shattering people’s assumption about city schools,” said Dan Flagens. “The suburban kids think that Como is a ghetto, and then we get up and tear their cases apart.”

Not everyone is all ra-ra about debate. As one of the two young women on the team, Juanita Lewis often finds herself out of the loop. She stays in the game because she hopes to study law, many attorneys are former debaters.

True enough, debaters advance to great things in life. Alumni of the sport find work as TV reporters, physicians, carpenters, architects, advertising creatives, Presidents and even community newspaper editors.

But is debate cool? “No,” said Lewis fl.itly. “Other kids think that needs to do it,” explained Mike LaPlante, while Brannon offers a different view, “More people respect us than we think.”

Still, debaters flourish without the benefit of band-playing pep rallies and g-a-ga fans. It can be lonely. Flagens concluded, “Some people ‘dis’ on any sort of intellectual experience.”

Como High School is the only city school in a suburban-dominated extracurricular activity. This year’s topic considers ways to reduce juvenile. Here, Assistant Coach Christopher Teske (far left, rear) and Coach Jim Casey (far right, front) join debaters for a photo op. Photo by Horace Blue.
KID-BITS

Murray Junior High police liaison now working part-time

Due to funding cuts, the police liaison officer at Murray Junior High School now works part-time.

The St. Anthony Business Association objects to the move and has written letters to the school, school board, Police Chief Finney, Mayor Coleman and the city council.

“The officer has been a real presence,” said Lisa Griffin, president of the parent organization. “He really knows how to deal with students appropriately and has a heart of gold. He goes to Speedy Market after school, he shows up at soccer games and he makes himself available in a variety of situations.”

“It makes sense to me that the secondary schools in St. Paul should be a priority. So many kids are at loose ends, are ‘gang wannabees’ and benefit from the interaction. The kids who aren’t prone to get into trouble benefit from a sense of safety as well. That kind of contact doesn’t happen when the officers are out in their cars.”

Neighborhood businesses are also upset with the cut-back. Tim Paucks, co-owner of Tim and Tom’s Speedy Market, said they have benefited from the officer’s presence in the area.

He said the full-time position was reduced and redirected toward the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program.

Como Zoo and Conservatory host youth and family classes

Discover the wonder of the world’s rain forests at the eighth annual Como Rain Forest Program, hosted by the Como Park Conservatory and Como Zoo.

The first round of classes begins on Saturday, January 18 and is also available on Sunday, January 19 as well as Saturday, January 25 and Sunday, January 26. The class is also offered during February and March.

Visitors to the zoo and conservatory during the rain forest program learn first-hand about the ecosystem’s plants, animals and people through a series of interpretive scenes. Additional exhibits include tropical birds, fruit bats and other zoo animals native to the rain forest. Children’s face painting — featuring traditional designs — will involve visitors in discussions about indigenous rain forest people.

Available classes include “Rain forest musical instruments” (k-8), “We be slimin’” (k-8), “Whose bravin’ the cold at Como Zoo” (k-8) and “Origami” (family).

To register call Diane Berchem at 487-8272.

Sports registrations

* Registration for Langford Park-South St. Anthony instructional volleyball — boys and girls, ages 11 to 14 — runs from January 27 to February 7 at Langford Park.

* Sign-up for NSSA summer soccer — boys and girls, ages 7 to 16 — is set for Saturday, February 8, 10 a.m., at Langford Park.

* Boys and girls — grades 5 to 6 — can register for HGRA summer soccer on Saturday, March 1, 10 a.m. to noon, at Langford Park.

* Register for winter activities from January 6 to 17. Activities include chess club, skating lessons and pre-school tumbling.

For information call 295-5765.

Hockey and basketball tournaments

The Langford Park “Classic” hockey and basketball tournament is set for January 7 to 12 at Langford Park.

The annual event features a 11U hockey tournament plus girls’ 12U and 10U basketball tournaments. Concessions benefit youth athletics at Langford Park and South St. Anthony rec centers.

Winter sports days

Langford Park’s annual Winter Sports Days take place on Saturday, January 18 and Sunday, January 19. Besides hosting skating races, hockey and basketball, the event features the crowning of Prince Anthony and Princess Antonia.

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Ashley Peterson recently performed in the Youth Performance Company’s “The Littlest Angel.”
Sheltering our furry

Happy is the house that shelters a friend," wrote Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Despite the fact that my particular friend, Marlow, keeps putting his paws on my computer keyboard, I can only agree. His tail is thumping ardently against the desk and his eyes look hopeful in the way that only a dog's can.

Despite my protestations that I have an article to write, he is undaunted. He wants to go for a walk.

I found Marlow last winter at the Humane Society of Ramsey County, located on the southern edge of Como Park at 1115 Beulah Lane. The shelter exists to promote respect for animal life, and eliminate animal homelessness and abuse. It protects both domestic and wild animals through education and the care and sheltering of animals. Aside from the typical population of dogs and cats, the shelter occasionally houses rabbits, birds, gerbils, and guinea pigs.

The Humane Society of Ramsey County is the oldest animal protection agency in the area. It was founded in 1878 as the St. Paul Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to both children and animals. The organization began sheltering animals at its own facility in the mid-1920s. In 1955, it changed its name to the St. Paul Humane Society and again in 1978 to the Humane Society of Ramsey County.

But the name can be deceiving. Karen Weber, communications and development associate, said that the name implies government funding and affiliation, which is not the case. Each shelter is self-supporting and does not rely on a national organization for oversight or funding. It is a

Shelter also sponsors a "K95K Walk: Last year, at the 10th annual event (furry friends) walked or ran to benefit the Humane Society's Vet Change, the veterinarian who raises the non-event), event is "Patts for Pets," a golf tournament place every August. The society is interested in an animal raffle to generate income. They are also sponsoring the "Make a Wishbone" event in which proceeds are split between the shelter and other organizations.

Besides donor support, the organization has about 125 active volunteers. One critical service they provide is once a year. Another important role is often to socialize animals, when people take pregnant or stray animals into their homes for animals needing a special environment. One special program sponsors "Assisted Therapy." Volunteers take various locations for "pet visits." They visit nursing homes, women's centers, and the mentally challenged — and, yes, Kellner, community programs know the value of dogs. Both, the local retirement dog, Betsy, to the local retirement at the door with treats in hand. May past, who either died or had to be to be repeatedly. But the animal visits are definitely these sites, and her dog loves all the provide a semblance of normal life in the hospital or shelter, and the dogs are and never discriminate," Kellner said.

Beyond providing shelter for a Humane Society of Ramsey County Department. Last year, nearly 1,000 animals were adopted, with another nearly 1,000 being suspected animal abuse cases reports made by the city attorney. Perhaps what the shelter is best
Humane Society of Ramsey County provides a special home for animals

by Laura Pritchett

Donor-supported, private, nonprofit organization.

Fifty-five percent of the shelter’s income comes from fundraising, 40 percent from adoption fees and merchandise sales, and 5 percent from other sources.

Since donations are the key to survival, the organization sponsors several events to meet its needs. One is the annual “Black Tie and Tails” benefit auction in March at Bandana Square. There for Animals” at Como Park. 600 participants (including the shelter). Associated with this is such a roaming trophy goes to . Another special fundraising in White Bear Lake that takes .cut-out, phone-a-thons, and holiday season, the society the first joint fundraising .and relies heavily on volunteers.

Shelter is Companion Animal a pet or a shelter animal to .Care list is long — children’s and .is shelter, homes for the elderly .for a pet to visit. In fact, Jan .noted that when she takes her .many residents are waiting .individuals had pets in the .Kelner said that she hears .at popular program at many of .on too.” These visits can .particularly to the children in a .center for — they are patient .outreach programs, the .crimes a Cruelty Investigations .come in from concerned citizens .These of cases were .for, however, is a place where

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Council approves library general design

by Jennifer Thorson

The Physical Planning Committee of the St. Anthony Park Community Council heard a presentation from library renovation architect Phillip Brousard of Architon at their December 5 meeting.

Although the committee, and hence the full community council, was unable to make a recommendation on the proposed expansion because the site plan submitted to the City of St. Paul has not yet been returned, committee chair Bob Arrndorfer said they had a "good discussion" about the library.

Still, a number of issues remain unresolved. Regardless of some unfinished details, he made a motion that the committee bring a recommendation to the full council that they approve the "general plan . . . to keep the process moving."

West said the community council approved the "general plan" on December 11, which includes the location of staff areas, the position of entryways and the scale of the addition.

Concerns for compliance with federal law requiring accessibility, however, have received "preliminary approval" from the Minnesota Historical Society.

Some decisions about the exterior of the building have been made and cost estimates are in the works, West said, "and as we get more specific, the estimate become more concrete."

"At our last meeting," she continued, "we came up with cost under budget. I'm confident that we're going to have very nice building within the budget."

Some community member's fears may also be laid to rest;

Arrndorfer and West reported that the addition will have a tile roof and it will have brick that matches the original library as closely as possible.

Over the next month, West said, the association will continue to fine tune the design and return to the physical planning committee on January 9.

Upon committee and full council approval, Brousard will seek bids from contractors.

West tentatively places a construction start date of the spring. "The process is going along very well," West said, "it is a challenging location and building to make an addition to."
Raymond Avenue Gallery is featuring an exhibition of recent work by Tim Crane, "Vases . . . and then some." The artist studied under Warren Mackenzie at the University of Minnesota and displays his works at the both the Raymond Avenue Gallery and the Warren Mackenzie Gallery, among others. This exhibit continues through the month. The gallery is located at 761 Raymond Avenue. For information call 644-9200.

**CLASSES**

Como Park Conservatory is offering several art classes this winter, including beginning drawing, pastel drawing, watercolors, and photographing flowers. Classes begin in mid-January. Fees range from $20 to $85. For information call 487-8274 or 487-8272.

**MUSIC**

Music in the Park Series presents the Minnesota debut of the internationally acclaimed St. Petersburg String Quartet on Sunday, January 12 at 4 p.m., at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ. Direct from the heart of Russia, the much renowned quartet celebrates its tenth anniversary with a U.S. tour that has produced standing-room only houses, rave reviews and standing ovations. This is the St. Petersburg Quartet’s only Twin Cities’ appearance. The ensembles’ upcoming performance surveys three eras of Russian music, beginning with the Quartet No. 1 (1992) by 21-year-old St. Petersburg composer and virtuoso pianist Natalya Melchishkovskaya. Besides presenting this 1992 work, the quartet will also perform Shostakovich Quartet No. 3, Op. 73, in F Major and the dramatic Tchaikovsky Quartet No. 2, Op. 22, in F Major.

Since forming the quartet in 1985, the ensemble has won several prizes, including the Special Prize for Best Performance at the First International Shostakovich Competition for String Quartets in 1987. They also garnered the Silver Medal and Special Prize at the 1989 Tokyo International Competition of Chamber Ensembles and the 1991 Grand Prize at the International Competition for Chamber Ensembles.

Single tickets cost $11 (advance) or $13 (door). $6 student rush tickets are available. Advance tickets are sold through The Biblee Shop and Micawber’s Bookstore. For information call 660-5266.

Noted pianist and Lutheran Seminary alumnus Charles "Jake" Dybing is presenting a benefit concert entitled "An Evening of Piano Music and Songs about Lutheranism" on Monday, January 27, 7 p.m., at Luther Seminary’s chapel. The evening includes classical piano music plus ragtime and novelty songs.

Dybing, a 1993 Luther Seminary graduate, is pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Brandon, Minnesota. He most recently performed for the National Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Conference in Colorado.

Proceeds benefit Bread for the World, an organization advocating for legislation that assists the poor in the U.S. and beyond. For information call 641-3214 or 641-3451.

Music Under Glass returns to the Como Conservatory on Thursday, January 26, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., at the Como Park Conservatory. Other speakers include John Caddy and Joe Paddock discussing "The Poetry of Deep Connections" on Thursday, January 16 and Vera Wang considers "With Open Eyes: Drawing Life from Nature" on Thursday, January 30. Lectures cost $10. For information call 487-8272.

**TALKS**

Artist Kinki Akagawa talks about "My Personal Inquiry into Public and Studio Art" on Thursday, January 23, 7 to 9 p.m., at the Como Park Conservatory. Other speakers include John Caddy and Joe Paddock discussing "The Poetry of Deep Connections" on Thursday, January 16 and Vera Wang considers "With Open Eyes: Drawing Life from Nature" on Thursday, January 30. Lectures cost $10. For information call 487-8272.

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Winter landscaping and gardening classes
Como Park Conservatory is offering three landscaping classes this winter. Designing a Butterfly Garden, Basics in Landscape Design and Energy Conscious Landscaping. These classes begin on Tuesday, January 14 and run through Saturday, February 1. Plants and gardening classes are also available, including Seed Collecting, Dying and Pressing Flowers, Raised-Bed Gardening and Container Gardening. To register call 487-8272.

LAUDERDALE
Let it snow — parking restrictions
City Hall staffers remind residents to be aware of winter parking restrictions. Remember: after a two-inch snow fall no parking is allowed north of Larpenteur Avenue for 48 hours or until plowed. Parking is available in the City Park’s parking lot until the streets have been plowed.

Snow Commotion on February 8
Staking, sliding, medalion searches and hay rides top the list on winter-friendly activities at the annual Snow Commotion Day on Saturday, February 8. From 2 to 5 p.m. The fun takes place in the park at Roselawn and Fulham. Snacks and hot drinks will be served inside the warming house.

Town meeting on February 4
Mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 4 at 7:30 p.m., when city officials host the second town meeting about the Capital Improvement Plan. At this meeting, a draft of the plan — including costs of the proposed projects and funding sources — will be presented.

ST. ANTHONY PARK
Clay Center’s moving day is set for May
After six years in St. Anthony Park, the Clay Center moved across the Mississippi River to Minneapolis this May.

The center’s new home will be in the Seward neighborhood. Its new facility is a former
manufacturing building at 2424 East Franklin Avenue, which it is purchasing with the Seward Neighborhood Group. The two non-profit groups expect to spend almost $1 million renovating the 20,000-square-foot building into offices and meeting rooms plus classrooms, artist studios, ceramic kilns, exhibition gallery and a gift shop.

“We deeply regret having to leave our present site, but we needed to reduce our operating costs and increase our space,” said Emily Galusha, the Clay Center’s executive director.

The center rents its current space at 2375 University Avenue. Its lease expires in May and efforts to purchase the building were unsuccessful.

Luther’s mid-winter convocation

Set your calendars for January 8 through 10, when six of Luther Seminary’s astute faculty lead the school’s 59th annual Mid-Winter Convocation. Academics James Burness, Paul Sponheim, Mary Knutsen, Gerhard Forde, Lee Snook and Pat Keifert address the theme of “What are we up to? Systemic Theologians at work.”

Luther Seminary President David Tieke speaks about “Repentance and Faith for the Journey” in a Bible study on Thursday, January 9.

Registration is encouraged. The cost of registration on or before December 16 is $50, while the door registration costs $65. Tickets to the January 9 banquet are $12.50. For registration information call 641-3431.

Luther’s lay classes

The history of Scandinavian Lutheranism, the New Testament and new perspective about God and Jesus Christ are three courses offered through Luther Seminary’s Lay School of Theology. Classes meet on five Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. in Northwestern Hall at the corner of Hennepin and Fulham streets. Registration is $40 per course. For information call 641-3517.

Improved recycling schedule

Beginning January 8, St. Anthony Park will benefit from an improved recycling schedule featuring pickup every other Wednesday. For more information call 644-7678 or the community council at 292-7884.

UCC’s rededication service

St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ’s rededication service is set for Sunday, January 5. Worship begins at 10 a.m. with word and communion for all generations. The Rev. Bill Kaseman is preaching. Following the 11:30 a.m., the rededication of the renovated historic church building takes place from 12:15 to 1 p.m.

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Fire truck . . . from page 1

John Teisberg went all out for his son’s birthday — the Como Park resident bought a vintage fire truck. “It’s just a real sweet thing to look at,” he says.

The truck is the best dumb investment I’ve ever made. I got so much pleasure out of it.”

— John Teisberg

purchased a few small items for the truck — nozzles, extra hose, and helmets — but everything else remains the same as it was 47 years ago.

The truck is a unique shade of red, a result of the preference of the original painter. Instead of the usual bright cherry red color, this truck is slightly darker. The red paint, and the gold leaf decorating the truck, are also original.

The International Harvester body houses a six cylinder, 89 horse power, Blue Diamond engine. The design of fire trucks has changed dramatically since this one was built, Teisberg said. Firefighters used to cling to the rear of the truck as it dashed to the scene of a fire. Unfortunately, sometimes men and equipment fell off, and recent designs are box-shaped and are meant to enclose and protect the firefighters and apparatus.

Like many vehicles built back then, this truck has a double clutch, so driving isn’t easy. In fact, when the truck was being used in Mahomet, one volunteer driver couldn’t figure out how to shift the gears. To get to a fire, the man had to make a 20 mile run in second gear, and, needless to say, the house was done burning by the time he arrived.

But the truck also had its successful rescues, and was in use for nearly 40 years. It was taken out of service about five years ago, when it entered into a new stage of its history. Now it’s a regular in several area parades. Teisberg also takes his truck to various “fire muster” wherever up to 100 trucks — many antique — convives. One such gathering takes place in Burnsville every autumn. Teisberg is also a member of the Fire Museum in Minneapolis.

“It reminds me of the trucks I used to play with as a kid,” Teisberg commented, while gazing out the window at the truck parked in its winter resting spot behind his house. “It’s just a real sweet thing to look at.”

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

5 SUNDAY
Rededication service of St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Avenue, 10 a.m. worship, 11:30 a.m. lunch, 12:20 p.m. rededication.

6 MONDAY
School starts again
Boys Scouts, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 7 p.m. Call 644-4173. Every Monday.
AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. Call 647-9446 or 770-2646. Every Monday.
Teen Night, Langford Park Rec Center, 7-10 p.m.

13 MONDAY
Como Park recycling day
Park Press, Inc. — Park Bugle — board meeting, Parkbank, 7 a.m.
Falconsen Senior Club, Falcon Heights City, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 1-3 p.m.

14 TUESDAY
Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 7:30 p.m.
St. Anthony Park Association, St. Anthony United Methodist Church, dinner at 6:30 p.m.

15 WEDNESDAY
Langford Booster Club, Langford Park Rec Center, 7:30 p.m.
Full council, St. Anthony Park Community Council, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

17 FRIDAY
Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling day

18 SATURDAY
Lauderdale "500" Club, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 1 p.m.
Teen Night, Langford Park, 7 to 10 p.m.

19 SUNDAY
Falcon Heights recycling day

20 MONDAY
Martin Luther King Day

21 TUESDAY
District 10 Como Community Council, 7 p.m., call 644-3889 for location.

22 WEDNESDAY
Como Park and St. Anthony Park recycling day
Housing and human services committee, St. Anthony Park Community Council, 890 Cromwell, 5:30 p.m.
Environment committee, St. Anthony Park Community Council, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

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

27 MONDAY
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Mabel Larsen
Mabel B. Larsen, age 86, died on November 12. She was a resident of Lyngblomsten Care Center. Larsen was preceded in death by her husband. Earl. Survivors include sister, Helen Wengs; and several cousins.

Gertrude Sortebeg
Gertrude L. Sortebeg, resident of Lauderdale for 60 years, died on November 29. She was 88 years old. Sortebeg lived on Walnut Street for many years, then in 1969 moved to Fulham. She was a charter member of Corpus Christi Catholic Church. Preceded in death by her husband, Jacob, she is survived by sons, Robert of Roseville, Edward of Mounds View, and John of Eastglen, daughter, Marlene Zechmeister of Brooklyn Park; 18 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; brother, Vincent Laqua of Minneapolis; and two sisters, Betty Bauch of St. Paul and Isabel Topness of Arlington, Virginia.

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Ed Kohler — 1992 Minnesota State High School cross country ski champion — is captain of the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay ski team. In 1995, he went to Spain as a member of the U.S. team competing in the World University Games. Kohler is the son of Ed Kohler, a Como Park resident and realtor.

Elizabeth Ruesenberg is a member of the Chi Kappa Epsilon Honor Society of Civil Engineering at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. The 1993 graduate of Como High School frequently tops the dean’s list. She is set to graduate this spring. Her parents are Cheryl and David Ruesenberg of Como Park.

Eric Bergerud, a 1966 graduate of Murray High School and son of Earl and June Bergerud of St. Anthony Park, recently published Touched with Fire: The Land War in the South Pacific (Viking). The book documents the lives of regular infantrymen who struggled to contain the Japanese advance. For this effort, he is the recipient of the 1996 General Wallace M. Greene, Jr., Award from the Marine Corps Historical Foundation. Bergerud is a professor of military and American history at Lincoln University in San Francisco. He is the author of two highly regarded books on the Vietnam War — Red Thunder, Tropic Lightning and The Dynamics of Defeat. He lives in Albany, California.

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