Robbers strike Speedy Market & All Seasons Cleaners
Crime threatens tranquil Como Avenue businesses
by Judy Woodward and Rose Gregoire

Robbers have struck the normally tranquil Como Avenue shopping district twice in the last few weeks. On January 22, a lone assailant attacked the manager of the All Seasons Cleaners on Carter Avenue with Mace and stole the contents of the till. Three weeks later, on Saturday night, February 14, a single gunman held up Tim and Tom’s Speedy Market on Como Avenue in the heart of North St. Anthony Park.

Although police have not formally linked the two incidents, there are similarities in the descriptions of the two wanted men. Both are described as black males of medium build and height.

Sergeant Jerry Breyer of the West District Office of the St. Paul Police Department reported that the suspect in the All Seasons case was between 5'9" and 6' and weighed from 130 to 150 pounds. He wore a jacket marked with holes from cigarette burns and his face was painted black from a bad case of acne.

The description of the suspect in the Speedy Market holdup was less detailed. Owner Tom Spriegel noted that the man was in his thirties, about 5'7", and wore a stocking cap and a dark blue jacket. Spriegel explained that, because the man’s face was not covered, the robber’s features were probably caught on the store’s security videotape which has been turned over to the police.

In the All Seasons Cleaners robbery, a man entered the shop at about 5:30 p.m. to pick up cleaning. When the manager rang up his order, he moxed her, grabbed money from the cash register, and ran out the door. The manager called 911 and then a customer came to help. Paramedics put her in front of a fan, soothing her face with lukewarm water. She returned to work the next day. Despite some trepidation, she said, “It’s nice to come back to familiar faces.”

The manager appreciated the helpfulness of customers and other residents of Milton Square who helped out at the shop while she was being tended to. While she believes that this is a wonderful neighborhood, with great people and customers, she’s concerned that residents know that crime can and does happen.

Personal shopper Irene Kato rescues the shopping impaired
by David Anger

It’s morning in Falcon Heights, where the diligent and savvy personal shopper Irene Kato of I Kan Do It is heading for her office known as the Mall of America. Today’s assignment verges on the impossible dream—a client demands a prom dress for her 17-year-old daughter, who is a tall size 16. No easy task in the conflicting clingy versus cuteisy universe of precious prom attire.

At the mall, Kato holds a dress that’s suitable for Heather Locklear on Monday night’s Melrose Place and sighed, “Not right.” Moments later, she’s reviewing gowns which might be appropriate for guides at the Alexander Ramsey House. “Too frilly,” said the elegant and approachable Kato, while moving along to the next boutique without breaking stride.

This is a personal shopper’s life, replete with obsolete challenges and constant motion. Being a conscientious and organized Virgo, Kato possesses the requisite detail skills and saintly patience that her profession requires. She shares a life with her husband, Art, a retired industrial designer, and they golf and, well, shop together, even in far-flung locales from San Francisco to Hong Kong.

Oddly enough, some people don’t like shopping. Studies reveal that the number of hours people spend mall shopping declines annually. (A scary thought for retailers.) Gone are the days when ladies sent their kids off to school, primped, and headed for Dayton’s, where they’d shop, lunch and shop some more.

Nowadays, with more than 58 million American women working outside the home, women often function as breadwinner and homemaker and are still saddled with most of the shopping responsibilities. Most of Kato’s clients are professional women, who appreciate good taste and value in clothing and home accessories, but who are too busy or uninterested to shop themselves.

Kato’s I Kan Do It features two services—wardrobe consultation and shopping services. Her three-hour wardrobe consultation involves organizing closets, taking a clothing inventory, wardrobe coordination of existing clothes, and assessing future clothing needs. These services cost $75.

Shopping services encompass buying clothing, gifts, and home accessories. After the shopping spree, Kato brings the merchandise to client’s home or office, where they make their purchases. Kato charges $25 for shopping plus 10 percent of the purchased items. Experience counts. Shopping has always been Kato’s favorite pastime. Previously, she worked at Hamline University, where colleagues were forever asking her about what to buy and where to shop. She has never met a shop that she didn’t like. Okay, perhaps there’s one exception—I’m not crazy about Urban Outfitters.” Even so, if shopping were Irene Kato to page 14

Falcon Heights’ streetscape plan underway
by Laura Pritchett

The new green and yellow signs signaling the entrance to Falcon Heights are more than a gateway to the community. They are also a reminder of the city’s heritage. And no, they’re not meant to show support for the Green Bay Packers, although some residents did express concern over this, particularly since the signs went up just before the Superbowl. Rather, the “John Deere” green and yellow colors are meant to be an expression of Falcon Heights’ historic ties to agriculture in that they are associated with the famous tractors.

The signs are one component of Falcon Heights’ streetscape project, which has been in progress for several years. Probably the signs are the most obvious and visible part of the plan,” Susan Hoyt, the City Administrator said, adding that several other beautification projects are also present, just waiting to be revealed by spring.

Last year, for example, rose bushes were planted on Cleveland and Larpenteur avenues along the University’s fields. Lilacs, rose bushes, and trees will be planted along Larpenteur this spring, and bushes as well as large trees will be planted along the northwest side of the fields. Rose bushes will also be planted within the business district where space is available.

Other plans for this summer include extensive potential plantings around the signs, lights behind the signs, a new State Fair sign, and streetlights in front of the businesses along Larpenteur. Ramsey County will also be adding sidewalks along Cleveland and Snelling.

It’s not just the colors of the signs and streetlights that are meant to be reminiscent of the city’s historical ties to agriculture—the materials are as well. The new community signs use greenhouse-style glass to recall the greenhouses located along Larpenteur Avenue. These community markers have replaced the metal Minnesota Department of Transportation signs that were...
Preparing for road construction in the Chelmsford/Dowell area

by Rose Gregoire

Spring will bring the sounds of cardinals singing and construction equipment roaring to parts of North St. Anthony Park. The Chelmsford/Dowell Street Project will begin sometime after May 1, and is scheduled for completion by the end of October, pending weather.

Resident recommendations regarding the project were approved by the City Council in December. Streets will retain their narrow, winding character and curbs will be gray with a clear curving compound (rather than white) to blend into the landscape. Lisa Folk, coordinator of the project, recommended residents prepare for the construction by:

• Doing some early gardening. Move anything removable from the area from your sidewalk to the street.

Call the city about any items — perennial gardens, etc. — that cannot be removed in time. They will take those items into account when they regrade, add 4\(^{\text{th}}\) soil, and reseed.

• Interview plumbers. Consider replacing water lines from your house to your street water stopper. The city will send letters to houses with lead service in the next month with a list of contractors. Any house built before 1924 that has not been updated usually has lead pipes. Homeowners benefit from rolling the cost into their assessments for payment over 20 years (if you use a contractor on the city’s list), and the city will replace the sidewalk panel at no cost during this project.

Homeowners needing to replace sewer lines might also consider that now. Many of the contractors can do both — however, the sewer expenses cannot be rolled into the assessment.

• Schedule a long vacation out of town. The city will send a letter later this spring with more specific dates on when each street will be done.

Other parts of our neighborhood — south of Dowell and north of Como Park between Lexington and Hamline to Larpenteur, and east and south of Como and Carter, are scheduled to be paved in the years 2001 and 2002, respectively.

Editor’s note: Mayor Coleman recently recognized the District 12 Traffic Calming Committee for their efforts to decrease traffic in the Dowell/Chelmsford area.

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in the safest of neighborhoods. The employee’s determination to resume her duties stems from twenty plus years at All Seasons, where she knows the customers very well. “It’s good to get back to your old routines to help cope with incidents like this,” she stated.

In the Speedy Market incident, Spreigl noted that the gunman entered the store inauspiciously, just after 8 p.m. on a quiet Saturday evening. After circling the store and determining that there were no other customers present, the man approached the cashier as if he were about to pay for the bottle of iced tea in his hand. When the young woman opened the cash drawer, the man unfastened his jacket and showed her a gun stuck in his waistband. He then emptied the cash register and walked casually out of the store. The terrified cashier ran into the store’s office and hit the alarm, but by the time the police arrived just a few minutes later, the gun was gone.

The Speedy Market was the second armed robbery at the Speedy Market in less than a year. On a Friday evening during the Memorial Day weekend of 1997, the market was held up by a single assailant. No arrests have been made in that case.

Asked if he had any plans to alter security arrangements at this store after the second incident, Spreigl responded, “There’s not much more that we can do. We have a video security system, but we have hidden alarms, and we keep the cash register purposely low.” He added, “It would be nice if the police would patrol the area more often.”

According to Sergeant Breyer, no arrests have been made in either robbery, but the police consider both cases will to be open.

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Remembering 50 years of St. Anthony Park Association and 25 years of Community Council

by Mel Boynton

A few people still remember the first meetings of the St. Anthony Park Association (SAPA), held in the fall of 1946. Even more can recall the beginnings of the St. Anthony Park Community Council (formerly District 12) in the 1970s. On Tuesday, March 10 at 6:45 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park Library Community Room, both groups will join to remember historic highlights and to revisit their current roles. Past and present members are encouraged to attend, look through selected photos and memorabilia, and share stories. 

Thirty minutes of the program will focus on the history of the St. Anthony Park Association. Gale Frost, the first President of SAPA, will join 1949-50 President Gerald McKay in recalling the story of the first 25 years. Nine of the original charter members are expected to attend. 

SAPA, which began as an all-men homeowners group, grew to a peak of 500 members in the 1960s and is still active today with 375 members. The group has had up to sixteen committees dealing with civic, commercial, school, library, safety and children’s sports issues. Ann Copeland, President of SAPA in 1979-80, will join more recent SAPA officers to describe how the group has changed since women joined in the 1970s. Today, SAPA combines traditional activities such as the 4th of July in the Park and the community directory with more recent activities such as the progressive dinner, home/garden tours, and community grants to add quality of life to the neighborhood.

The second half of the program will feature the history of the St. Anthony Park Community Council, presented by Bobby Megard, past District 12 Community Organizer and most recently Ward 4 St. Paul City Council Member. She will describe how a tradition of neighborhood activism joined with the creation of district councils in St. Paul in the 1970s to produce the St. Anthony Park Community Council. The Council is the official elected body representing our neighborhood in city government issues. Priorities such as land use, zoning, recycling, block clubs and safety are just a few of the issues addressed by the Community Council. Both groups have helped make St. Anthony Park a good place to live. Tuesday, March 10, will be a fun night to remember why they’ve been successful.

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What is your favorite sign of spring? Why?

Steffi on Garrison
Finding old hats and mittens as snowbanks begin to melt.

Benjamin on Commonwealth
I get to ride my bike after a long, hard winter.

Billboard Blight
Apparently a new aesthetic standard has been created which places the value of a billboard over that of an antique brick building. This laughable but frightening rationale has been offered for St. Anthony Park's newest "scenic attraction" at the corner of 280 and University.

While the proposed moratorium on new billboards in St. Paul is certainly a positive step in the right direction, and should be implemented immediately, it does not go nearly far enough. The huge billboards that already line our avenues and highways in St. Paul are a blight to our fine city.

St. Paul fills me with tremendous civic pride — great neighborhoods, great parks, great institutions, great people — but when I see the ugliness in its billboards, I get a sick feeling.

Pete Kalk

Precinct Caucus on March 3

The major political parties will hold their precinct caucuses on Tuesday, March 3, at 7 p.m., at schools and community centers throughout the area. The DFL caucuses will be held in the following places: Residents in Falcon Heights and Lauderdale can attend the caucuses at their respective city halls. The St. Anthony Park caucus will be held at the St. Anthony Park Elementary, and Como Park residents can attend their caucus at Como Park Senior High School. If you have questions, you can contact the DFL party at 293-1200.

Most local residents can attend the Republican caucus at Roselle High School, located on 1240 W. Country Road B2. This caucus includes residents living in Falcon Heights precincts 1 and 2; Lauderdale precinct 1; and St. Anthony precincts 1 and 2. Residents living in St. Paul precincts 4 and 5 can attend the caucus at Chelsea School on 1577 Huron. If you are not sure which precinct you live in, call the Ramsey County auditor at 206-2771 to find out.

Precinct caucuses begin the process to select each party's endorsed candidates for city elective offices, including mayor, city council and school board. The caucuses also invite discussion of local and neighborhood issues and help shape each party's platform. The caucuses are open to the public and are a good place for you to voice your views regarding issues that are important to your life and community.

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Take this job and love it
by Warren Hanson

I couldn't love doing your job! Of course you wouldn't! Just sitting around all day, thinking of stuff to write. What a life. It's hard to even call it work.

I'm "working" right now. Sitting here in my bathrobe, with no shoes on. Some of you have to wear uniforms to work. Well, this is mine. I don't even own a suit. Unless you count my funeral suit. But that hasn't fit me in years. So I hope everyone I know stays real healthy. My wife makes me go out and buy some new clothes once a year whether I need them or not. (And I don't.)

I'm looking out the window right now. Most of you are just coming home from work. But I've only been out of bed for a couple of hours. As I see you drive by, you look best. You've had a rough day at the office, and when you get home the kids will be wanting supper, there's a meeting of the neighborhood street-widening committee, and you still have to work on that proposal because it absolutely positively has to be submitted by Thursday. It's the first thing in the morning. No wonder you have those bags under your eyes and you feel ten years older than you actually are.

But I feel great. Refreshed. Well-rested. Ready to face the day. You got into your cars this morning when it was still dark. And now, as you drag yourselves back home, it's getting dark again. But by the time I get up, the sun has been in the sky for hours. I'll get myself a cup of coffee, read the paper, stare out the window for a while, then write whatever comes to mind. If nothing comes to mind, I won't write anything at all. That's what I call a hard day at work!

By the way, can you just drive past my house? It looks like it could use a little attention. It still has a whole winter's worth of crud on it. And when was the last time you had the oil changed? You really should try to find some time in your day to maintain that old buggy, you know? It's not good for the environment.

I have a car. A real nice, expensive car. Leather seats. Imported. From Europe! What they call a luxury sports sedan. Last year I put 620 miles on it. Mostly driving over to Speeday and back. For cookies. When you work at home, you go through a lot of cookies. I got this expensive car because I needed a big tax write-off. You see, I make so much money as a writer that sometimes I have to, you know, just waste some of it on frivolous purchases, just so it doesn't go to the government.

I was going to make a bid for the Vikings. But decided not to.

I don't own a snow blower. Just think … live in Minnesota and don't own a snow blower! Snow blowers are for people who need to get out and go somewhere. Sometimes the sound of my neighbor's snow blower wakes me up. As I'm lying there under the covers while he's trying to get to work on time after a blizzard. It's kind of irritating. I should go next door and complain. But I don't really have anything to wear.

O h, sorry. I was gone for a minute. I got tired. After all, just look at all that I've written already! And I'm using so many different punctuation marks! That's what really makes for good writing. But it's hard work. Nothing causes fatigue and burn-out faster than punctuation marks. It's an occupational hazard. A guy's gotta take a break once in a while or he could hurt himself. OSHA even requires it. Their rules for writers are really strict. Yes, writing can be hazardous. You know, carpal tunnel, eye strain, weight gain. But with a little common sense it is really quite safe. I've had 6,324 days on the job without an accident. Well, okay, I guess it's not THAT hazardous.

During my break, I went to the kitchen. Dang! We're out of cookies. I guess I'll have to take a business trip to Speeday again. Business travel is such a hassle. Finding clothes. A finding. Finding the car keys. And it takes so long to get over there. Besides, I've heard there if there are any brownies in the back of the freezer.

What's the worst part of your job? Other people, right? Don't they just drive you nuts? How much tickering and back-stabbing, and the gossip at the water cooler. I never have to worry about other people. Human interaction is not part of my job description. There are no office politics. No knowing the right or the wrong way. No company boat parties on Lake Minnetoka. None of that stuff. Heck, I can work for days, sometimes even weeks, without seeing another human being. It's great. I love it. And my deodorant bill is, like, zero.

And I will never be accused of sexual discrimination or harassment on the job. I can do or say whatever I want around the office, and no one is going to haul me into court for it. Here, I'll show you. I'm going to say something infuriatingly right out loud.

I f you had said what I just said at work, you'd be history. But I'm still here! Heck, I can even smoke in the office. Except, of course, that I don't smoke.

Well, I've done a lot of writing here, and I'm plum tuckered out. I've gotten enough done that I think I'll take the rest of the day to maybe read a book. Watch Oprah. Maybe. Or listen to some of the old Alan Beach Boys records (now re-issued on CD, of course). Oh, but don't be fooled. All of this is part of the job. It's important for the writer to have time to reflect. To carve out time from the busy day to let the creativity flow free. To be open to the quixotic visits of the Muse.

So I'm gonna go do that now. Then I think I'll turn in early. Tomorrow could be a tough day. I'm planning on writing a haiku.

Or maybe I won't.

Editor David Anger bids the Bugle farewell
by Judy Woodward

David Anger is a man of contradictions. He's a relative youngster in the somewhat old-fashioned profession of print journalism. He organizes elaborate photo shoots check-a-block with other people's kids-a-brac — yet has deliberately pared away the material aspects of his own life. He claims to be an introvert — yet seems never happier than when talking over the zesty details of daily life with one of his staff. Born under the fiery sign of Aries, he considers himself a non-confrontational, non-confrontational, non-confrontational, non-confrontational homebody more interested in the art of feng shui than in more astrologically appropriate pursuits.

And then there's his name. David Anger. It hints at the self-christening of a young man with a certain je ne sais quoi who's decided, entre nous, that he's not going to take it anymore. In actuality, it's the name he was born with. And not a very descriptive one at that, according to Anger.

For his peers and readers, the saddest contradiction is this: although Anger confesses to have loved his job as editor, last month he left the Bugle.

In a recent interview, Anger explained that he's moving on to become the editor of Remodelers Showcase Magazine, a semi-annual publication which is designed to give the same luster to the local remodeling industry that the better-known Parade of Homes brings to the construction trade. Anger will also pursue an expanded role at Mpls-St. Paul Magazine where he will serve as contributing editor and develop a monthly Shoppers Column as well as create photo essays on lifestyle topics.

Then there's the Vera project. Anger and his life partner, Jim Broberg, are longtime collectors of the textiles of Vera, a popular designer of the fifties and sixties. Anger says that doing a book on Vera's work is "a goal that's been sitting there for a while. I need more time for that and similar projects."

As he looked back on nearly three years at the Bugle, Anger's comments seemed to circle back time and again to the notion of community. "I learned about the idea of community from St. Anthony Park," he stated. "The area reinforced how I viewed community, that it's like a big onion with intersecting layers that can be peeled. Those three years wasn't just for experiences of friends, church groups, businesses and government. All exist together, but it's dangerous and wrong to put them in any kind of hierarchy."

He added, "the community, as a whole has a soul, and I felt happy about revealing that soul on the pages of the Bugle."

Most of the Bugle stories he remembers best arose from an effort to capture a piece of the community in print. He cited stories like that of Jack Whittemore, a local restaurateur who fought and eventually succumbed to leukemia. "That story illustrated the false notion of a division between hard and soft news," commented Anger. "There was an anticipated notion that soft news was the feature stuff that was written for women and used to be segregated on the women's page." But Whittemore's experience showed that the otherwise memorable 'news' was often features about the real-life struggles of neighbors, he continued.

So the Bugle issued a call, "Anybody who has enjoyed putting together something focused on food, home and on neighborhood seniors."

"If anything was anything, he wouldn't want to go through again at the Bugle, Anger's answer was prompt. "Those three a.m. Board Meetings of the Bugle Directors," he laughed. "I made it all of them, but they really messed with my day."

"The one who reported to himself with the alert air of a man who's made a lifetime habit of checking for dangers beneath the surface. He looks as if it would take considerably more than an early morning meeting to destroy his composure."

"But it was always the way that the 34-year-old Anger. If he's now able to view his life with a certain sense of calm, it's a serenity born of hard-won self-acceptance."

Anger summed up his youth in White Bear Lake by describing himself at age 13 as "the first kid on my block to redecorate his bedroom." He realized at about the same time that he was gay. "I was 1978. The same year that right-wing petitioners went door-to-door in St. Paul in a successful effort to get the voters to rescind the human rights ordinance which banned discrimination against gays and lesbians. It was a huge message to me that I wasn't liked."

For Anger, that heralded a period of inner struggle which led eventually to his first journalism post as a writer for the now-defunct gay newspaper, Equal Times. "Although even then, Anger says, he wasn't really an activist. "I always did the feature-type stories best."

He believes that public acceptance now comes more...
"Welcome to the neighborhood"
St. Anthony Park Association helps welcome new residents

When someone new moves in on your block, what do you do? Perhaps you bring over a freshly-baked loaf of bread or some homemade jam. Now you have another option — the St. Anthony Park Association has house-warming packets, sure to make the new neighbors feel welcome.

Anyone who wants to welcome newcomers need only call 644-1926. That's Anne McCormick's phone number. Along with Peggy Spark and Mary Nelsonsen, McCormick has taken over the job of compiling welcome packets for all newcomers to the neighborhood. One of them will either bring the packet to you, so you can deliver it yourself — or they will deliver the packets to the newcomers themselves.

Mary Ann Bernard began the program under the auspices of the St. Anthony Park Association in the late 1980s. Then, as now, the packets consisted of information about programs and services in the area as well as coupons for neighborhood businesses. It is a good way to initiate "positive neighbor-to-neighbor contact," said Bernard.

At first the packets were given to the block workers and area realtors to distribute. Later block workers were supposed to call the Association and someone from that group would deliver the packet. In the last few months the Association has run an ad in the Park Bugle asking for anyone to notify the committee about new neighbors.

When McCormick, Nelsonsen and Spark agreed to take over this job, they thought it would be easy to compile the materials. But as in any job, there is more work involved than they thought. Much of the material they were given was out-of-date, so they had to rewrite some of the material and request more up-to-date schedules and coupons.

The result is a packet that anyone would be happy to have, even long-time residents of the area. There is material about the Block Nurse Program, the Senior Chore Service, the St. Anthony Park Association and the neighborhood business association. There is also a list of events at the St. Paul Campus (as well as a map), information about Como Park and bus schedules for the buses that serve this area. The committee has also included information about recycling and schools. At this time there are 16-18 coupons for deals at local businesses.

So, you see, you may not have to bake that cake after all. Just call 644-1926 and you can be on your way to making some new friends!
A tète à tète with University president Yudof
by Judy Woodward

If you’re expecting big changes around the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota in the next few months, University President Mark Yudof says you’re in for a disappointment. If, on the other hand, you are a local resident with recurrent fears that a university parking garage may suddenly erupt in your otherwise peaceful neighborhood, Yudof may set your mind at rest.

In a recent interview, Yudof discussed some of the issues that affect relations between area residents and their biggest neighbor, the St. Paul campus. Yudof explained that, despite the U’s record capital improvement requests to the legislature, campus observers won’t notice many changes. “The Capital Plan includes no new structures for the St. Paul campus. We will be replacing the greenhouses on campus and updating the Social Work building, but about 70% of the University’s funding request is for renovation of older structures,” Yudof explained that the St. Paul campus buildings are newer and in better shape than many of the Minneapolis campus structures. “It’s not that we don’t love the St. Paul campus,” he said. “But if it’s not broke, don’t fix it.”

As for worries among area residents about above-ground parking garages, Yudof addressed them head-on. “I don’t have a game plan to build a parking structure there.” While citing perennial parking pressures on campus which may eventually need to be addressed, Yudof stated, “My style is to lay everything out. I say it’s not doing anything without faculty and community input. We’re not going to do anything precipitously.” Asked about neighborhood concerns about campus crime, Yudof responded that, while isolated incidents are always possible, “We think we’ve done pretty well. We have one of the lowest rates of crime on the St. Paul campus of any university.” He noted that the campus is much safer than the University of Texas where he served as provost before becoming President of the U.

Another issue that Yudof considered was the possible revival of University High. A demonstration high school run by the University for the children of faculty and others in the community, University High is remembered fondly by many older area residents. The school closed two decades ago. While acknowledging that the University has no current plans to revive the school, Yudof said, “If the community is interested, we’ll take a look at it.”

Proclaiming himself a "nut for K-12 education," he urged interested parents, “Write me a letter. It’s something we’d consider.”

Yudof was less optimistic when asked about possibilities of extending in-state tuition reciprocity agreements beyond universities in states which border Minnesota. Noting the difficulties of working out agreements with other state universities to allow Minnesota students to pay fees at in-state rates, Yudof remarked, “Anyway, we want these students to stay right here in Minnesota. We want to be a net importer of students.”

Yudof had high praise for the St. Paul campus and environs. “I go to the St. Paul campus for peace and quiet. It seems more civilized than other campuses with a stronger sense of community. It must be the neighbors.”

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Charter members, led by Gale Frost (first SAPA, President, 1947) and Gerald McKay (1949-50) will tell the story of SAPA’s first 25 years. Ann Copeland (1979-80), will lead the discussion about SAPA’s recent history.

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YOUTH NEWS

NURSERY SCHOOL GROWS ALONG WITH KIDS
by Lisa Steinmann

The sky outside is the tall
south windows is
weary winter gray, but
inside the nursery school room where America
plays the mood is bright, warm
and friendly. When asked what
she likes best about nursery school she doesn’t hesitate to
answer, “The kids.” America is
one of twenty children between
the ages of three and five who
attend the St. Anthony Park
United Methodist Church Nursery School. For over 40 years the
church has provided a home for
the nursery school. For the past
seven years, St. Anthony Park
resident Laurie Erickson has acted
as director and lead teacher for the
program. Under her guidance the
school has grown to fit the
changing needs of families and
their young children.

Paper fish, floating and
flashing with sequins, are
suspended from the ceiling, artistic
creations inspired by a fictional
fish that had to learn to share with
others. Indeed, a visit to the
nursery school room is a good
illustration of the curriculum.
Children spend ample free time
playing in the well-furnished
activity areas. There is also a
period each day to sit together in
the center of the room on a large
colorful rug to sing and tell stories.

Nathaniel’s mother, Stephanie Harty, who is also a
Ph.D. candidate in Education, describes the nursery school
program as “state of the art.”

She finds Erickson’s background and
credentials a major asset to the
program. Besides her years of
hands-on experience running the
nursery school, Erickson brings
inside interests. The many
music and rhythm activities she
teaches express her background
as a gymnast. She takes an
interest in the international
community the school attracts,
weaving into the curriculum
lessons about different customs
and experiences. She holds a
Master of Education in Family
Education and is an accredited
parent-child educator whose
monthly newsletter keeps parents
up-to-date on classroom activities
and also provides a rich source of
parenting advice.

Johanna, in a blue dress with
lace at the collar and cuffs, smiles
excitedly as her father snaps her
picture. It is her fifth birthday
and assistant teacher Julie Lee has just
placed a paper crown upon her
head. She has brought cupcakes
to share with her friends at nursery
school. Teacher aideinger-Lise
Roberts helps to settle the children
at the table and serve their snack.
Parent involvement is essential for
the nursery school as a non-profit
organization struggling to provide
a high quality program for an
affordable price. Parents work,
visit and volunteer in the classroom.
Most importantly, they oversee the running of the nursery
school as members of the
Advisory Board. This year the
board voted to provide families
with two scheduling options: a
five-week morning, or a three-
afternoon week.

The most impressive change for the
program recently has been a
move into larger, more
convenient quarters. Formerly
located on the first floor, the
nursery school tripled its space by
moving to rooms on the lower
level. There is plenty of
elevator room in a larger, freshly
painted and decorated main room.

Teachers run small group
activities in the adjoining art
room, office and computer room.
The large music room where
children can run and climb is a
few steps down the hallway.
The new and improved nursery
school is now easier to find too.

The brightly painted door on
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welcome to the St. Anthony
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Kindergarten round up at St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 2180 Knapp Street, will be held on Thursday, April 2, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Children who will be 5 years old by September 1, 1998, and their parents are invited to meet the principal and teachers. Children will visit the Kindergarten classrooms while parents meet with staff and receive registration material. Please bring your child's birth certificate and immunization record. For further information call 293-8735.

St. Agnes registration
St. Agnes Grade School Kindergarten registration for the 1998-1999 school year will be held on Thursday, March 26 from 12 to 6 p.m. The registration is for children who will be 5 years old before September 1, 1998. Please bring $200 for a deposit and your child's birth certificate. Kindergarten will be from 7:55 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 227-1886 for more information.

Summer sports registration
The Langford/St. Anthony Rec Centers announce upcoming registration dates for summer sports. Baseball and softball from March 16 to April 3 and T-ball and soccer from April 13 to May 1. Children between the ages of 5 and 14 may participate in these sports. Practices will start at the end of May. To register or to find out more information, call the Langford Park Rec Center at 298-5765.

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FINDING THE NICHE:
Local publishers and bookstores specialize to

by Laura A

In an era of colossal bookstores and giant publishers, the future of the book has been the subject of some concern as the business becomes increasingly driven by projected sales and profits instead of talent and quality. In the book "industry," as it is now called, the poet, the first time author, and the novelist with a limited audience are being passed over in favor of more profitable performers.

Small publishers and independent bookstores have been coming to the rescue for years, but with increasing competition from the larger publishers and superstores, many wonder whether these small savers can survive. In our neighborhood, presses and bookstores are finding ways to triumph.

According to Norton Stillman, owner of Micawber's Bookstore and its subsidiary press, Nodin Press, small presses will survive by filling a niche. Nodin Press has been publishing about five books a year since 1967. "We publish many regional books, which is a unique market," Stillman noted. Indeed, local favorites such as Exploring the Twin Cities With Your Children continue to be one of Nodin's best sellers. This small press also publishes poetry and fiction by local authors, and Stillman is proud of the fact that he's helped a few budding authors get their start. One of the greatest rewards of his business is forging friendships with those he's published and knowing he's printed good material — but Stillman acknowledges that the proceeds do not pay the bills. For a steady income, he relies on his position as co-owner of The Bookman, a large book distributor in Minneapolis.

Graywolf Press, located at 2402 University Avenue, is another of our neighborhood presses. Publishing about sixteen titles per year, this non-profit publisher is "dedicated to the creation of thoughtful and imaginative contemporary literature essential to a vital and diverse culture," according to their mission statement. Christy Dellivier, Marketing Associate at Graywolf, put it a little more bluntly. "We like to think we're putting quality literature out there. Our crowd is definitely a literary and academic one." Quality does not mean profitability, and she admitted that "the books just don't pay the overhead." Like many small presses, Graywolf relies on grants and contributions to continue their mission.

Dellivier believes that big publishers, as well as small bookstores, are experiencing hard times. "The book industry is always in a crisis. You could blame TV or the Internet, or any other number of reasons, but who can really say why." Whatever the cause of these headaches, small presses have always been the book store. It's here that words might, in a book that wasn't backed up by a big bookstore, get display space and — those with only their spine showing — shelf forever (or until they're returned to the publishing industry). While a big bookstore may be able to pay for expensive display larger bookshelves, small presses get to give their display space a book's "meat." "It's hard to believe you pay for display space. We don't open it up, we just put it away." The much vaunted "chain of stores" means the same book can cost a dollar more elsewhere. "It's interesting for people to actually read a book, but a book is like a book when it's a novel. People are getting harder, Strausky concurs.

Neither is Annie Klessig. "Our customer service," she said of Micawber's Bookstore, located in M Square in St. Anthony Park. "The situation is comparable to the department store versus a mom-and-pop place — big stores can offer more merchandise but the independents offer more personal talk-to-talk, a place to get some advice without being hassle, a place to get some advice without being hassled in some friendly banter. And whereas an employee of a supermarket or a movie store is more likely to save you the trip to another store, an employee of a small bookstore will be more likely to take you to another book store if you might like. In fact, Klessig noted that favorite part of her job is recommend books to others.

Klessig feels that there's enough community support to keep the store going, but added, "Things I'm optimistic, the future does worry I'd hate to see just the big stores left just not right for our culture." Independents also have a chart of which superstores — by their definition don't. For one thing, small bookstores have limited space, and therefore the have to be more choosy about what they bring into the store. If they choose to have unique, they're likely to have an interesting selection, which makes it easier for the customer.
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but is the cause?

And times, one of the things the independent bookstores get out about a great deal is marketing money. Much more likely to sell something are apt to sit on a shelf, another plague of large publishing houses play in the sale on small. It's simply based on a set publishers have to rate like that. We put but we like and what think our customers will enjoy. Annie Klessig, owner of Micawber's, "I'm worried about our books — we all are."  Stated Tony Strasky, co-owner of Midway Used and Rare Books, which has been on the scene of St. Paul and University for 33 years. "The independents are being helped, but there are things we can do to save them." One of his bookstores' needs to focus on used and rare books, recently art books. Another unique feature is its computer network which keeps booksellers to buyers throughout the world. "I just shipped a book off to today. And I'm often shipping to the coast. Locals may not get the rare book bargains that abound here in the Midwest. The same will get for much more elsewhere," Strasky said. "There will always be a need for a small, niche store," Strasky said. "Ninety percent of a used store's stock is unique to that store, as if you've been to one Barnes & Noble, you've seen them all." Times may be tough, but quickly added, "But we're not turning the atmosphere and our browsing all the more fun. Micawber's does not carry romance, horror or true crime — but does focus on what Klessig thinks are the tastes of the neighborhood: literature and good mysteries. Best Books and Gifts on Hamline in Falcon Heights focuses on children's and religious books, and Evenstar Bookstore, located on University, specializes in metaphysical books."

The niche for Pathfinder Bookstore, located at 2400 University Avenue, is political books, particularly those involving the socialist movement. This bookstore is exceptionally unique in that it's run by volunteers, who come in when they can (which accounts for the bookstore's eclectic hours). "The survival of independent bookstores will ensure that a range of ideas will be circulated," said Tony Lane, manager at Pathfinder. "The broader means to the access of ideas, the better." Despite the charm, niche, and community support, the future is not looking bright. In the early nineties, nearly a third of all adult titles were sold in independent bookstores; since then, these figures have plunged to 15%. And small presses have it no better — many seem to have given up on the idea of making a profit at all. But for some, bookselling and publishing have always been about more than money. The pride of producing something beautiful and permanent will always be priceless. And while the future may be nebulous, one thing is for sure — there's always pure joy to be found in falling in love with a good book.}

(Clockwise from the left) The staff at Graywolf Press gather around their recent publications; Annie Klessig at Micawber's helps a customer; Kathy Strasky poses in front of the rare books at Midway Used and Rare Books; Tony Lane shows the unique collection that can be found at Pathfinder Books.

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Caregiver’s respite

The St. Matthew’s Episcopal Parish, in concert with the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program and the Episcopal Church Home of Minnesota announces the Caregiver’s Respite Program. Designed to provide relief or support to persons who have assumed full care of a loved one, the program will start April 16. Care for guests will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursdays. A registered nurse and support staff will be on site to assist volunteers. All persons who live in north or south St. Anthony Park or who attend church there are eligible. Please register by contacting the Block Nurse Program at 642-9052.

La Leche Leagues

The newly organized Falcon Heights group of La Leche League will discuss “Breastfeeding: overcoming difficulties” on Tuesday, March 17 at 7 p.m. Call 646-2978 or 488-9414 for meeting location and more information.

“There is no ‘natural’ way to breastfeed and no ‘natural’ way to overcome difficulties.”

Garden club

The St. Anthony Park Garden Club will meet Tuesday, March 3, at the St. Anthony Park Library meeting room from 6:45 to 9:00 p.m. Dr. James Kitts will present “Controlling animals in the garden: keeping nature’s pets from destroying the fruits of your gardening labor.” For information, call 645-7017.

Home and Garden Show

The Greater Midway Home and Garden Show will be held on Saturday, April 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bandana Square. Emphasis will be on practical projects.

Jazz and Blues vocalist Gwen Matthews kicks off the Como Park Conservatory’s evening jazz concert series.

Make a difference

Women who care about young single mothers will be trained in April to act as Befrienders through a collaborative program created by Children’s Home Society and Health Start. The program introduces young mothers who have little support to older women who can bring a unique friendship into their lives. Call 646-6397 for more information on how you can help.

AARP meeting

The Midway-Highland Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet on Thursday, March 19 at 1 p.m. at Lyngblomsten Senior Center, 1298 Pascal Avenue. “Put parents first in managed care” is the subject of the meeting and a social hour will follow. Visitors are welcome.

Free tax assistance

Free tax assistance is being offered to seniors and low-income individuals from now through April 15. Assistance will be limited to federal and state returns. For more information, call 646-5188.
Support your local businesses

With the help of the St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church Chapel Choir, the Faith Chinese Fellowship made over 2,000 dumplings at their recent Chinese New Year celebration, which was held in the St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church. (Photo by Donna Blue)

until April 14 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lyngbloomen Community Senior Center. Call 647-4664 to set up an appointment.

Bloodmobile
Blood donors are invited to come to the Bloodmobile at Corpus Christi Catholic Church on Monday, March 9, from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. The clinic will be set up in the gathering area of the church at 2131 Fairview Avenue. Call 639-8888 for more information.

Overcome fears of public speaking
The Earlywords Toastmasters Club is conducting a six week public speaking workshop beginning Tuesday, March 3. Learn the basics of public speaking from seasoned members and the Toastmasters’ Training Manual. Cost is $50. Space is limited. Call Kevin at 645-6675 for additional information.

Arena football at Coliseum
The Minnesota Monsters of the Professional Indoor Football League will begin their season of arena style indoor football at the coliseum on March 7 at 7:15 p.m. when they play the Green Bay Bombers. The Monsters’ regular season begins May 16 when they play the Colorado Wildcats. Games will take place in the coliseum in the State Fair Grounds. Call 645-1000 for game and ticket information.

Goodwill in need of bags
The Goodwill Industries store on 2543 Como Avenue is in need of bags, either paper or plastic. The store hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Irene Kato... from page 1

He notes, “Being different if you’re gay isn’t really bad. It gives you a greater freedom to be eccentric. Straight men have a much different set of standards. They have to hold their cards closer to their chest.”

A visitor suggests that the shrewdest player of all holds his cards tightly while appearing to be a model of open-hearted candor. Another contradiction, perhaps, in a man of contradictions? Anger’s answer is a smile which reveals precisely nothing.

Asked if he has any final message for readers of the Bugle, Anger responds thoughtfully, “When I took the [editor’s] job, I did it because I needed a paycheck. But it became much more. That was the surprising thing for me. I think I’m a better person because of my experience at the Bugle.”

an Olympic sport the Falcon Heights entrepreneur would win a gold medal.

“I can out-shop most people,” she reported. “Recently, I went shopping with my daughter to the Mall of America. Ten hours later I dropped her off at home and I went on to RinoSail.”

That’s a power shopping.

Motherhood helped too. “When you’re raising three children you have to learn how to stretch a dollar. You have to shop.” Fortunately for Kato’s pocketbook, her baby boomer pack missed the MTV consumerism of designer labels such as Calvin Klein and Tommy Hilfiger that. “My kids grew up on Sears,” she sighed. “Plain and simple.”

Kato is a free-agent personal shopper, which means she pulls merchandise from a variety of sources rather than working on commission at a single store. Again, economy matters. “I always try not to pay full price,” explained the personal shopper. “Designer labels, of course, cost more, but expensive merchandise also goes on sale.”

Even better, Kato said, never underestimate the power of affordable accessories. For instance, a high-end Donna Karan scarf or inventive piece of jewelry often is the most perfect gift or been-there-done-that dress. Other trade secrets? “Business casual is here to stay,” she concluded. “Some people find it really difficult — looking professional and casual without wearing three-piece suits or jeans. That’s why I’m here.”

If you’re in a fashion emergency or simply too busy to shop, call Kato at 647-9921.

Como Park Conservatory presents its fifth annual Music Under Glass winter performance series. All performances are free with Como Park Conservatory admission and open to the public. The concerts will be from noon to 1 p.m. on Thursdays from now until March 12.

The Music in the Park Family Concert Series presents pipa (Chinese lute) virtuoso Gao Hong in “Pipa Sounds!” — a performance sharing her culture and extraordinary talents with children and their families at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library on Friday, March 6 at 6:15 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale at Micaubere’s Bookstore and the Como Avenue Bibliot, or you can call 646-5266 for tickets or more information.

The Como Park Conservatory kicks off the fourth season of the popular Thursday evening jazz concerts Evenings Under Glass. Pop vocalist Gwen Matthews will kick off the series with her performance on March 12. Featured artists for the following three weeks are Arne Fogel on March 19, Ronny Lowe on March 26, and vocalist Prudence Johnson on April 2.

The concerts are held from 7 to 9 p.m. each Thursday.

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ARTS EVENTS

EXHIBITS

A watercolor exhibit, “Energy and Motion,” featuring the work of neighbor Betty Olson will run through March 19 at Luther Seminary. The public is invited to the reception on Wednesday, March 4 at 10:40 a.m. Call 641-3451 for more information.

The Catherine G. Murphy Gallery at the College of St. Catherine will be exhibiting the works of Basil Blackshaw, a renowned painter from Northern Ireland. His works will be on exhibit from March 6 to April 9. The opening reception will take place March 6 from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 690-6644.

MUSIC

Short story writer Emily Carter and poet Carlen Arnett will give readings at the Prairie Star Coffeehouse on March 12 at 7:30 p.m. The Prairie Star Coffeehouse is located at 2399 University Avenue, near Raymond Avenue.
St. Anthony Park Lutheran welcomes all to sing Welsh hymns

by Mary Morris Morgenthaler

In a parish that prides itself on its congregational singing, holding a hymn sing doesn’t seem so unusual. But Lutheran in heritage, the parish with strong Norwegian roots, holding a Welsh hymn sing is just surprising.

The Welsh Gymnaph Ganu (that’s the Welsh name for such an event) that St. Anthony Park Lutheran church is sponsoring on Sunday, March 1, at 2 p.m., will not be the first time the congregation has welcomed Welsh and community singers to join in four-part harmony, singing hymns written with strong harmonies to support strong texts. The March 1 event is made extra-special by the fact that March 1 is St. David’s Day, the day commemorating the patron saint of Wales.

This year, the director will be Welsh mezzo-soprano Mari Morgan. She was born in Llanelli, South Wales; graduated from the University of Wales in Cardiff with honors; and received the Sir Geraint Evans prize for vocal performance. Then she completed a graduate singing diploma at Trinity College of Music in London. She recently moved to Virginia and in the past couple of years has been influential in introducing Welsh Americans and people who have never heard of Wales to the varieties of Welsh music.

Wales, by the way, is a small country just west of England. It has a proud history and places a high priority on music and literature. Speaking of the Welsh hymn-singing tradition, Morgan says, “In Welsh hymn singing, people get to know one another through the singing. Hymn singing is not the integral part of American worship that it is of Welsh worship. Here every church has a choir and the hymns aren’t the main thing. In Wales, the four-part hymn singing is the focus and that’s what we’ll be doing on March 1.”

Note Morgan will be the director . . . not of the choir but of the congregation. This is not a concert, but an event in which the entire congregation becomes the impromptu “choir.” Listeners are welcome, of course, but all are encouraged to join in the singing. Music will be provided and seating will be in soprano, alto, tenor, and bass sections. Plenty of Welsh people from around Minnesota will be present to help first-timers and give all a chance to hear a few verses in Welsh. Those who wish to hear Mari Morgan as a soloist are welcome to attend either of the morning services at St. Anthony Park Lutheran, at 8:45 and 11 a.m. The church organist, Melinda Way-Johnson, will accompany the singing and the St. David’s Singers, a Twin Cities Welsh group, and one of the congregation’s children’s choirs.

The church is at 3232 Como Avenue (right across from Speedy Market) and all are welcome. The event is fine, but an offering will be received to defray expenses. A nursery will be provided and Welsh treats and tea will be served following the singing. The church is handicapped-accessible. Call 645-0371 for parking directions for wheelchair access.

Concert to be held in memory of Thomas Stack

The upcoming Music in the Park concert is dedicated to the memory of Thomas Stack, long-time St. Anthony Park resident and supporter of the Music in the Park Series.

“One is hard put to understand why a death so tragic happens, but I think that music has such healing powers.”

— Julie Himmelstrep

“Tom Stack was the first person I met when I moved to St. Anthony Park,” says Julie Himmelstrep, founder and artistic director of the series. “One is hard put to understand why a death so tragic happens, but I think that music has such healing powers. And I think it is important to honor the memory of someone who has meant so much to the community.” Thomas Stack was a prominent and giving citizen who was involved in many local activities.

Himmelstrep describes how she shared her joy with Tom and his family when she brought her newborn home from the hospital. “I’ll never forget special moments like that.”

For this special concert, the Music in the Park Series will present violin virtuosa Jorja Fleeceanz, concertmaster of the Minnesota Orchestra, on Sunday, March 29 at 4 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ. Fleeceanz is joined by pianist Robert Helps, and her Minnesota Orchestra colleagues clarinetist Burt Hare and cellist prisoner-of-war camp at Gorlitz, Silesia during World War II. The unusual scoring of the piece — violin, clarinet, cello, and piano — was the idea of the specialists of his fellow prisoners, who, with Messiaen at the piano, gave the first performance of the quartet before an audience of 5,000 other inmates on January 15, 1941.

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Eagle Scouts soar in troop 17

by Pete Keith

In a community with a long history of scouting, two youth from the St. Anthony Manor Matters troop were recently conferred Boy Scout’s highest award, the rank of Eagle Scout. At the recent “Eagle Court of Honor” held on January 25, Matt Koester and Neil Kwong were recognized as Eagle Scouts, cementing years of prior scouting accomplishments, and the successful completion of their community service projects. Koester, a sophomore at Concordia Academy, and Kwong, a seventh grader at Capitol Hill, are both members of troop 17 in St. Anthony Park. Troop 17 has been operating in the area since the early 1900s.

Later this spring, another ceremony will be held to honor three additional Eagle Scouts, John Kroska, Jacob Gerber, and Charlie Bishop, which will bring the number of new Eagle Scouts from the St. Anthony Park troop to five. According to Mark Hansen, the Scoutmaster of troop 17, this is by far the largest number of boys to achieve Eagle Scout in one year. “Normally we see, at most, one or two in a year. And sometimes we can go four or five years without one.”

Boy Scouts earn higher ranks by completing combinations of skill awards and merit badges. Activities involved in earning these awards range from honing outdoor skills, to developing leadership abilities, to accumulating knowledge in specialized areas. New Eagle Scout Matt Koester, now a keen interest in stamp collecting, according to his father, Craig Koester, who is an adult leader for the scouts. As well as earning 21 merit badges, Eagle Scout candidates must develop and perform a community service project. “It’s more than doing individual community service. The service project must be planned and organized, and the Boy Scout must involve other people, and involve them in the project,” according to Craig Koester.

For his community service project, Matt Koester coordinated a clothing fund drive in conjunction with Global Health Ministries. He lined up a group of people to collect and pack clothes and medical supplies for delivery to Cambodia and Liberia. Koester, who has been a scout for three years, felt a great sense of accomplishment by “learning how to lead and work with other people. In a way it is fun, and difficult.”

Neil Kwong organized a clean up and repair day at his church, New Brighton United Church of Christ for his service project. Kwong is the youngest Eagle Scout from this troop that anyone can remember. Though he’s been serious about his advancement in Boy Scouts, Kwong has lots of fun as well. One of his favorite Boy Scout activities is “going to camp and fighting the bugs. I’m pretty good at that.”

Kwong said that one of the most rewarding parts of his project involving enlisting the help of adults. As a seventh grader, “it’s hard finding the courage to call those people, but the project is really fun.” The three upcoming Eagle Scout candidates are all in their senior year, the awards pertaining to their awards are expected to be complete by this spring. All three have finished their community service projects. For his project, John Kroska organized a clean-up in some of the lesser used parts of Como Park, while Jacob Gerber’s project involved cleaning Langford Park. A much needed repair and clean-up day for the youth room of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church was the focus of Charlie Gerber’s community service project.

“I’m really impressed at what they’ve all done,” said Hansen, of the achievements of all three Boy Scouts. In troop 17, “we don’t really push the boys to become Eagle Scouts, but we provide the opportunity.” Although it’s possible for every boy scout to become an Eagle Scout, “only about one in a hundred achieve that rank.”

This year, troop 17 has defined the odds, with five Eagles in just one year.

Street scape plans . . . from page 1

formally located at Hoyt and Roselawn avenues along Snelling. A new marker is also located at Fulham Street, and another is planned near the Hamline entrance to Falcon Heights. Falcon Heights’ agricultural roots are indeed strong, dating back to 1849, when the Gibbs family began farming the corner of Cleveland and Larpenteur avenues. In 1885 the State Fair moved to its current location, and in 1888, the University of Minnesota established a land grant college with fields, pastures, and greenhouses for education. In 1947, the agricultural cooperative Farmer’s Union, now Harvest States, moved into its new building on the southwest corner of Snelling and Larpenteur.

Though close to metropolitan areas, a large amount of land is still used for agriculture and horticulture and the area remains uniquely agrarian today. “Given our location between the cities, it’s remarkable that we still have such a tie to agriculture,” Hoyt said.

Hoyt noted that the Falcon Heights City Hall has received about a dozen calls. Some residents have called to say they like the changes, while others have called to express dissatisfaction with the color choices. “Larpenteur is the major road through our community, with several key institutions on it, such as the State Fair, greenhouses, and fields. We wanted to make it more than just a busy road. Once it’s all pulled together, I think the theme will survive,” Hoyt noted.

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### 28 SATURDAY
- **Elks Dinner**
- **Elm Street Inn Dinner**

### 1 SUNDAY
- **St. David's Day**
- **Welsh Hymn Sing**

### 2 MONDAY
- **Boy Scouts**
- **AA**

### 3 TUESDAY
- **Elm Street Inn Dinner**
- **Aa**

### 4 WEDNESDAY
- **St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church**
- **Lunch reservations by Monday**

### 5 THURSDAY
- **Parent-child play group**
- **Langford Park Rec Center**
- **St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee**

### 6 FRIDAY
- **Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling**
- **Prairie Star Coffeehouse**

### 7 SATURDAY
- **Arden Foofball Exhibition Game**
- **Church of St. Cecilia annual parish dinner**

### 8 SUNDAY
- **District 10 Gun Club**
- **Lauderdale Planning Commission**

### 9 MONDAY
- **Como Park recycling**
- **Bloodmobile, Corpus Christi Catholic Church**
- **Park Press Inc.**

### 10 TUESDAY
- **Lauderdale City Council, City Hall**
- **Remembering SAPI and Community Council**
- **Falcon Heights City Council**

### 11 WEDNESDAY
- **St. Anthony Park Community Council**
- **Falcon Heights Library**
- **Areaa Football Exhibition Game**

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Lillian Zarembinski
Lillian A. "Toots" Zarembinski, age 97, died on February 9. She lived in the Como Park area on North Halvins Avenue. Zarembinski was a member of Holy Childhood Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clement, in 1980, and by her son, Clement Zarembinski, of Tempe, Arizona; three grandchildren, Christianna Zarembinski, of Arizona, Christopher and Thomas Zarembinski, both of California; and a sister, Marie Kreyer of St. Paul.

Compiled by Ann Bolger
A newspaper clipping with various ads and notices. The text is printed in a typical newspaper layout, with headlines, classifieds, and blurbs for various services and events. The content includes job listings, sales, home services, and community events. The design includes bold headlines and smaller text, typical of a local community newspaper.
PEOPLE

Niles Dencen, a Como Park High School graduate, broke a school indoor record in the 55-meter hurdles at a recent collegiate competition. Dencen, who graduated from Como Park High School in 1994 and is now a design communications major at the University of Minnesota, won a title and set a record when he finished the race in 7.31 seconds.

Rebecca Hoyle will return this month after studying for five months in Turkey, Morocco, Egypt, Israel and the West Bank, as part of St. Olaf College’s international studies program. Hoyle, who is a junior political science major, is the daughter of St. Anthony Park residents Robert and Karen Hoyle.

Seven local residents have been named to the dean’s list for their academic accomplishments. Students include Kristine Docken of Falcon Heights, who is attending the University of Minnesota; Kathryn Brennan and Nora Bedard, who are students at the UW at River Falls; and Nader Alkahsomi, Selena Echols, Beth Schmitz and Piotr Szmielucki who made the dean’s list at the University of St. Thomas.

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