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Community invited to renovated gym

Grand Opening for University of Minnesota's St. Paul gym scheduled for November 7

by Rose Gregoire

The new swimming pool is airy and lit naturally from tall windows — an enormous change from the old pool that one staff member described as “a little dungeon.” Each noon, lap swimmers ply the waters. A new sauna and family locker room are located next to the pool. Regulation-sized racquetball, handball and squash courts are next door. This is the St. Paul gym? The cramped, low-ceilinged and poorly lit old gym has been transformed.

The remodeled St. Paul campus gym has more than just new facilities to offer. An expanded range of community programs are now available to local residents, whether the residents are affiliated with the university or not. Exercise classes, swimming lessons, birthday parties that feature the new climbing wall and pool, family locker rooms, and sports programs are just some of the resources that are being opened up to the general public and highlighted during the gym's Grand Opening.

Saturday, November 7 marks Community Day of the gym's week-long Grand Opening. In the morning, the community will have the chance to try out the rock climbing wall and new lap pool. Face painting, button making and games will be offered, and Goldie Gopher will

also be on hand. Door prizes and a raffle will feature a free birthday party and passes to other programs. Afternoon events include kid's activities and class samplers of AquaFit, aerobics, and cycling. For reservations to use the climbing wall and pool during the Grand Opening, call Jeana Jacobson, Director of Youth and Community Programs, at 625-2242. If you can't make it on that day, “stop by any time that week” invites Jeff Olson,

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Marketing Assistant. “You can get a tour and information.” Parking during the Saturday function is free in the lot out front and across Cleveland Avenue.

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The 6:30 a.m. regulars at Mannings Cafe are the first in a long line of faithful customers. Photo by Truman Olson

Mannings' regulars

by Michelle Christianson

When my father made his long bike ride from Tucson to the Twin Cities, he would always stop in cafes in small towns for lunch. There he could quickly find the character of the town just by listening to the conversation between the “regulars,” and often he would be drawn into their discussions. I envied my father for that experience, thinking that we had nothing like those small gathering places in our big city. Little did I know that one existed just blocks from my home at Mannings in the Park.

Mannings has its own set of

regulars. The morning group arrives before opening, sometimes by 6:20, waiting for the doors to open. (“Heaven forbid that you should be a minute late,” says veteran waitress Ronnie Fisher.)

According to Jack Mayers, Dr. Fred Army is the patriarch of this group and Sally Jannette is the matriarch. They look after one another like a family and know about each other's lives. Mayers told me I was sitting in Carl White's place (he usually orders a hamburger with hashbrowns and onions). Julie Medberry was gone because she had a meeting that morning and Aggie (blueberry muffins) was at the lake closing up her cabin. Pete used to come in and sit by himself until they drew him into the group. He's now retired and living in Hibbing, but he still comes back once every two or three months to join in the repartee.

“We're an irreverent — and some might say irrelevant — group,” says Mayers. “We discuss world events, sex, whatever comes up. Sometimes some of those seminary students come in and take notes and use them in their sermons.” Mayers is holding an oversized coffee cup that Ronnie bought for him because his large fingers didn't fit in the regular cups. Connie Tressel enters after

her morning jog and gets her usual cup of coffee. “Connie always comes in and talks, but she won't sit down,” says Mayers. “And her husband Dick's not a regular since football season started.”

This group has been meeting together since Miller's had a lunch counter. After Miller's, they met at the Lamplighter (now Muffaletta), at Bridgeman's and now at Mannings (with a brief stint at Al's

“We start the orders for some before they even get in the door. Munchie gets a peach yogurt with an egg in it. Carol gets an English muffin with strawberry jam, peanut butter and extra butter.”

— Waitress Alexa Stevenson

house while Mannings was getting ready to open). They miss some of the local characters who are no longer with them because they moved away or have died — Stan, Barney, Conrad, Al, Curt.

The regulars at any time of

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Park projects to receive STAR funds

by Jane McClure

Two projects in St. Anthony Park are in line for 1998 Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) funds. Funds for improvements to the Specialty Building and the St. Anthony Park Community Council's Housing Renovation Program are among the 27 projects recommended for approval.

The recommendations were made in late September by the Neighborhood STAR Board, following a week of project reviews and interviews. The board's recommendations were reviewed October 1 by Mayor Norm Coleman's administration and approved October 21 by the St. Paul City Council. The total recommended allocation is \$2.3 million in grants and \$3.35 million in loans. Seven projects were not recommended for funding.

“We had a number of good proposals to choose from,” said

Bob Hammer of the Planning and Economic Development (PED) staff. Neighborhood STAR Board members tour neighborhoods to see project areas and interview the applicants. They then rank each project.

The area projects recommended for approval are:

- * Continued work on the Specialty Building at University and Raymond avenues. The STAR Board recommended an \$82,000 grant and a \$365,000 loan for the building owners, the 2356 University Avenue Limited Partnership. The developers want to add one more floor of office space in the renovated building, develop 90 to 120 more parking spaces and create a pedestrian walkway from the parking lot to the building.

The building has undergone a dramatic transformation over the past several months. Two floors have been renovated and are being leased. The developers are working with the city and county

to find more property for parking, which is needed if the third floor is developed for office use.

The project was in a four-way tie for third place in project rankings.

*St. Anthony Park Community Council's Housing Renovation Program. This new program is in line to receive a \$60,000 grant and a \$300,000 loan. The program would provide

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Copies will be available at the St. Anthony Park Library after
November 1. Please call Heather at 649-5992 for more information.

Council-sponsored meetings are listed each month in the Bugle Community Calendar (see page 17).
Everyone is welcome!

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Shanghai Market: A community grocery store

by Laurel Ostrow

The first time I ventured into the Shanghai

Market, I was intrigued. Lining the shelves of the newly-opened market were numerous Chinese goods — sauces, oils, rice, crackers and frozen entrees, just to name a few. Bins full of beautiful produce lined half of one wall. There was also a large stock of traditional convenience store items such as milk, soup, bread and soda. In the freezer, I noticed a sign for popsicles left behind from the Tom Thumb. Above that sat packages of frozen chicken feet. I bought eggs, soybeans, sesame crackers and a Snickers bar. I left the frozen chicken feet behind. For now.

This initial sojourn, and the friendly reception I got from the woman who rung up my purchases, inspired an interest in this new market on 1546 Como Ave.

Connie Li, who, along with her brother Changqiu and mother Wendi, own the Shanghai Market. We met at the pleasant restaurant across from the store, Bascali's Brick Oven. The hour and a half we spent together flew by, due mostly to



Photo by Truman Olson

Li's enthusiasm for her business.

Li was born in Shanghai, China. In 1988, she came to the U.S. to study science in Jacksonville, Mississippi. In 1992, she moved to the Twin Cities area to study at the University of Minnesota. She will be awarded her Ph.D. in genetics and cell biology in December. Her husband, Charchang Shieh, is also a scientist — an electrophysiologist who teaches at Case Western University. He and his family have been very supportive of the Shanghai Market business venture, though they aren't directly involved in the day-to-day operations.

What's the connection between this advanced pursuit of science and the inaugural of the

Shanghai Market? Li was eager to speak about the history of the business. In November of 1996, she and her family rented space across the street from the present Shanghai. They opened NJ Foods, a market featuring almost exclusively Asian foods. The space was much smaller than their present store, and they often had to use the hallways in order to display their produce to customers.

"Fruits and vegetables are

particularly important to our Asian customers and we needed more space in which to display them," she stated. The time came when they had to decide if they should sell the business or expand. Li had kept an eye on the Tom Thumb store across the street, imagining that it might be for sale one day. When the Tom Thumb did close, they were able to rent the space. In the new store, they needed to provide goods for their loyal customers who had encouraged them to expand. However, it was also important to Li that the Shanghai Market serve the larger community. People had grown to depend on a small grocery store where Tom Thumb had been. In

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Buon Appetito

Chet's food reaches cult status in whistle time

by David Anger

Don't let anyone tell you that University and Raymond isn't happening. It is. A liquor store, book store, diner, art gallery and retro shop line the urban corner. And with the advent of Chet's Taverna (791 Raymond, 646-2655), the district is riding the hipster's merry-go-round full gallop.

Gossip got the place going. Soon after the restaurant's opening last summer, people began talking up the incredible and simple Tuscan fare, mercurial wine list, and humble setting. A cult following emerged. Next, food czars Jeremy Iggers and Kathy Jenkins swung through and, after giving the 1,500-square-foot winner their highest blessings, Chet's found itself sitting at the peak of the Twin Cities' restaurant short list.

There's nothing fancy about the taverna's food, although it's safe to say that Betty Crocker has nothing to do with the recipes. The clash of sweet and savory ingredients give the dishes a certain *je ne sais quoi*. Share a plate of the bruschetta with eggplant caponata and keep the gnocchi with sausage, baby spinach, and caramelized fennel for yourself. Don't forget about the homemade desserts,

especially the chocolate ones.

Chet's is also the place to try wines. Better still, the staff know about their stash. No blank stares when you ask, "Tell me about the Valpolicella." Bovio's dolcetto, Bedford Thompson's syrah, and La Ferroniere's cabernet are good choices. And even non-wine drinkers have been swooned by Ca' del Solo's malvasia bianco.

The decor is *semplice*. Rough-hewn tables welcome warm food platters. The absence of tablecloths enhances the cafe's casual temperament. Shades of sweet pea, celadon, and grass cover the walls, which are further embellished by vintage advertising posters from the mother country.

A few quibbles diminish Chet's A rating. Sunday brunch isn't a highlight. This menu lacks fresh fruit, a variety of juices, and side dishes. Where is the cappuccino maker? Around the corner at Prairie Star.

Consider this warning: Don't even think of eating here if you have a headache. The place veers toward the noisy, almost operatically so. Cloth napkins would help reduce the clattering, while adding a touch of old world verve.

Even so, visit Chet's and make your tummy smile. No doubt about it, it's a top-grade prize, enchanting both the client from New York City and mother-in-law from Oskaloosa. Bambino's are welcome, even though the taverna isn't Perkins. Eat well and remember to order the polenta with roasted root vegetables.

Buon appetito. ■

Photo by Truman Olson



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planning the new store, she and her family decided to sell the same basic foodstuffs such as snacks, candy, cards and soda sold in convenience stores, along with a vast array of food imported from China. "Planning what American food to include in our store was difficult for us, but we got a lot of help from customers. Also, when customers come in looking for something and we don't have it, I write it down. We are always open to suggestions. We want to be a

service oriented business," said Li.

How does Li feel about the way she has been received in the Como neighborhood? From her start renting the space next to Commercial Electric Company, she has felt welcomed and encouraged by local residents and businesses. "I am really touched by the encouragement we've gotten — people who say we are needed and who appreciate that we are here. In the retail food

business, you serve people and connect with people every day and I like that," said Li.

As for her future plans, Li has plenty to say. She'd like to use her knowledge of nutrition in order to incorporate a health section into Shanghai Market. She sees many possibilities: a Chinese deli, special sample days for customers, and Chinese cooking lessons. For her, the challenges and personal rewards of her business are what make those 16-hour work days worthwhile. ■

Langford Park Booster Club

wishes to thank the local businesses and organizations that supported Langford Park programs during the past year.



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The more than 300 members of the Langford Park Booster Club appreciate the community's support of our youth and family programs. Activities such as basketball, soccer, hockey, baseball, softball, volleyball, figure skating, chess, tumbling, theater, tot time, and holiday events are not possible without local boosters. Thanks also to the many North and South St. Anthony Park volunteers who put in hundreds of hours as coaches, organizers, concession helpers, rink workers, chaperones, teachers and referees. If you would like to help support Langford Park programs please contact the Langford Park Recreation Center at 298-5765.

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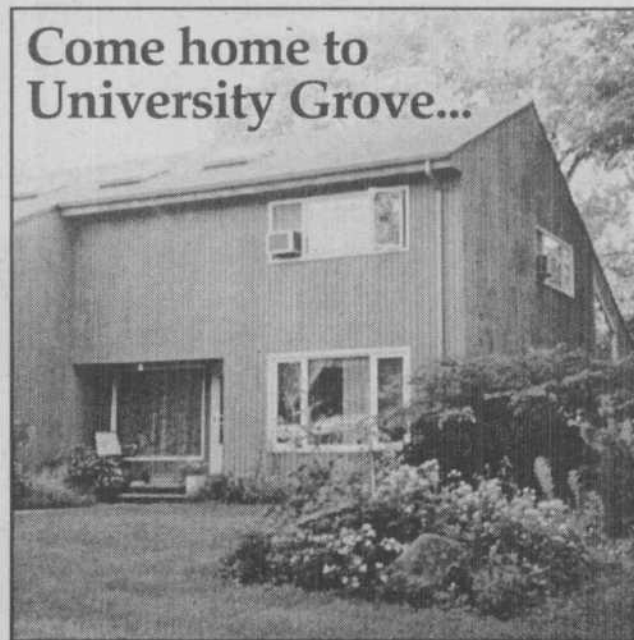
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EDITORIAL

How it works

Judy Woodward's article on the next page describes, in effect, how the Park Bugle is financed. Some readers may find it interesting to know what goes into the production of each issue as well.

It all happens in a one-room office (which previous editors assure me is *huge* compared to the closet they once worked in), where one of the five part-time staff (two advertising representatives, one production manager, one business manager, one editor) are rarely around to answer the phone (though we *do* return calls!). Then, in the flurry of a few days, the stories and photos arrive, are arranged, forced to fit into spaces they don't want to, edited and proofed (ah, though those sneaky mistakes somehow slip through anyway). Advertisements are placed, names and numbers verified, loose ends tied up. Then it's all shipped to the printer and later delivered to your door.

As to content . . . well, story ideas primarily come from you. Can we interview so-and-so's neighbor, just returned from Bangladesh? What's going up on the corner of such-and-such streets? Our writers and Board members usually have a suggestion or two too, from the serious (pollution in our local lakes) to the festive (what about that jogging juggler?). Whether it's controversy or crime, government or wonderment, stadiums or streets, it certainly has a place in the Bugle. ■

It's hard to fall asleep if you live next to Murray

Neighbors of Murray School have certainly by now observed the addition of several extremely bright floodlights on the sides and roof of the building. If you're like me, you've noticed them every night while trying to fall asleep.

I am sure that those who are responsible for installing those lights did not realize the impact that they would have on the surrounding neighborhood. But if they take a look around after sunset, they can easily see the similarity between the school and a car dealership, and the

subsequent degradation of the quality of life in the surrounding community.

As a neighbor of Murray, I'm as concerned about security issues as anyone, but aiming high-powered searchlights into my home and my neighborhood is not an acceptable solution. I've communicated my concerns to Murray. Anyone else concerned about this issue should be sure to let Murray know, as well as the St. Anthony Park Community Council. Hopefully we can arrive at a satisfactory solution.

Pete Keith

Bravo to home tour volunteers

The St. Anthony Park Association (SAPA) would like to thank all of the volunteers, almost 100 in number, who helped make the 1998 St. Anthony Park Tour of Homes that occurred on October 4 such an enjoyable event. The event provided a good opportunity for all of us to meet our neighbors and show off the neighborhood as not only the volunteers, but also most of the attendees come from St. Anthony Park and surrounding areas.

Special thanks to Cindy Anderson, who found the

volunteers and took it on herself to organize neighborhood musicians to provide pleasant background music in the homes; to Elaine Ellis Stone who handled the publicity and wrote the brochure for the event; to Nancy Brasel, who took charge of finding homes and staying in touch with homeowners; and of course to all of the homeowners kind enough to put their homes on the tour.

Finally, thanks to the Bugle — most of the folks who attended the tour found out about it by reading this newspaper. What would we do without you?

Mary Ann Bernard
President, St. Anthony Park Association

Don't forget
to cast your vote
on November 3

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A letter to our Bugle readers

The annual fund raising appeal for the Park Bugle is currently being conducted. This appeal enables the Bugle to continue its critical communications function for the communities served by the Bugle. All of our communities are very special places where neighbor knows neighbor, where people care about each other and about the communities and neighborhoods. A key factor in maintaining viable communities is information and communication concerning community events and issues. This is the role for the Bugle.

The Bugle is governed by a community-based Board of Directors and is a non-profit organization. A dedicated, part-time staff puts each edition of the paper together. Advertisements cover many of the production and distribution costs, but the paper could not survive without the contributions of its readers. So, each fall we ask you to contribute to the Bugle.

This year only those who gave last year will receive a letter from the Bugle. We ask each of you to continue your support at last year's level if, not more.

If you have just moved to one of our communities or missed the opportunity to give last year, please consider supporting the Bugle by mailing a tax exempt contribution to the Bugle at 2301 Como Avenue, Box 8126, St. Paul, MN 55108.

Thanks for your continued support.

Kent E. Eklund
Board Member and Annual Fund Campaign Chair

In support of Mary Jo McGuire

I count as one of my greatest blessings growing up in Falcon Heights and across the street from Mary Jo McGuire. The McGuires have lived as though the entire community was their extended family. What a treat to be raising my children in the same neighborhood. What a privilege it is to have her serving as my State Representative. One of the greatest assets the City of Falcon Heights has to offer, and the reason so many of us stay, is the feeling of a close-knit community, and the knowledge that our voice will be heard.

Nancy Wickhem

Mary Jo McGuire has a solid background of education, community service and legislative

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Q & A

What's your favorite Thanksgiving dish?

Photographs and interviews by Alyssa Whiting



Katja Lange (3 1/2 years)
with her mother
in St. Anthony Park
Turkey with Cranberry Sauce!



Nancy Larkey
on Chilcombe and Eustis
The dish of love that we all share at Thanksgiving with family and friends.



Mark Given
on Commonwealth
The dressing — I think I like that better than the turkey.

COMMENTARY



A simpler time

by Dave Healy

I suppose one would say that it was a simpler time. It was 35 years ago, on a sultry April afternoon in the nation's capital. An 11-year-old sixth grader from St. Paul, Minnesota, on a tour of the White House, found himself in the Rose Garden standing in front of John Fitzgerald Kennedy. As he told a reporter from the local paper after his return home, "I just had my hand out there and he shook it." The headline for the article that appeared in the *Pioneer Press* said, "It's Thrill to Shake President's Hand," with the subhead, "He Didn't Want to Wash It."

That was April 26, 1963. John Kennedy was shot just seven months later; this month marks the 35th anniversary of his death. It seems, for many reasons, like a long time ago. One wonders whether, in late 1998, a presidential handshake would still thrill a sixth-grade boy. Is it possible to imagine today's 11-year-old pledging not to wash his hand?

If the answer to that question is no, then I think we've lost something. Just what it is we've lost, though, may not be obvious.

We haven't lost our innocence over the last 35 years, simply because we didn't have any innocence to lose. Americans have never been particularly naive about the human failings of our leaders. But we have recognized the symbolic role that certain leaders play, and we have been more willing in the past than we seem now to protect an individual's image out of respect for that role.

In 1963, it wasn't as important that everyone know everything about the President's personal life. Or maybe one could simply say that the President *had* a personal life back then. We now know some things about John F. Kennedy that cast him in a less than flattering light, make him seem, perhaps, less "presidential." But we learned those things much later. While he was President, Kennedy and the office he held enjoyed a certain protection, a collective willing suspension of disbelief. We sometimes call this "executive

privilege," but I think its importance and efficacy extend beyond the Chief Executive. To explain why, I need to describe two other handshakes.

The first of these also occurred in 1963. It was called "the right hand of fellowship" and was extended by Reverend Warren Magnuson on the occasion of my joining Central Baptist Church. Membership in Baptist churches follows "believer's baptism" and in our church also included an additional ceremony. After baptism, usually at a separate service, new members were asked to say a few words of testimony and were then officially welcomed into the church. On behalf of the entire congregation, the minister extended the right hand of fellowship. I had been going to Central since I was a small child, but I didn't officially join the church until I was 11 years old. My new status as a member was confirmed by a handshake, offered by the church's representative — Pastor Magnuson.

The other handshake happened in 1991, when the three Filipino girls my brother and his wife had adopted became U.S. citizens. At the conclusion of the naturalization ceremony, each new citizen received an official handshake. I like to think that the federal judge who extended that handshake was my representative, acting on behalf of all Americans in welcoming Jenny, Juliet and Nelia to our ranks. I like to think of that handshake as a citizen's right hand of fellowship.

I became an American citizen on the day I was born in 1951. I didn't need to be naturalized or to go through a ceremony. As a result, no one extended me a citizen's right hand of fellowship. Until April 26, 1963, that is. For that's how I choose to see my handshake from John Fitzgerald Kennedy — as an official welcome. Though he didn't say so in as many words, and though I didn't perceive his action that way at the time, when the President of the United States shook my hand, he was, I like to think now, acting on behalf of all Americans, confirming

my membership in this, my own, my native land.

A president, a minister, a judge — all fulfill symbolic roles. All serve as representatives of "the people." We the people have a right to expect certain things from our representatives, but when our expectations make of their lives an open book, we imperil the role we have asked them to play.

I know that my representatives have feet of clay, but I don't need to be reminded of that fact daily. In fact, I'd argue that we all need *not* to be reminded of our representatives' fallibility — so that they can go about the business of representing us. The office is bigger than the person who's currently filling it. Out of respect for the office and the important functions it serves, we may need to relax our scrutiny of the office holder.

So if you've got some dirt on my pastor or my president, do me a favor: keep it to yourself. I shook his hand once, and I still don't want to wash mine. ■



Young Dave Healy meets President John Kennedy.

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experience. She has helped ensure passage of legislation to benefit children and strengthen families — the best kind of crime prevention. She understands the value of long term solutions. Most importantly, McGuire listens to the special concerns of constituent neighborhoods and finds ways to be helpful in building useful coalitions to resolve contentious problems. We need her boundless enthusiasm, professional expertise, and common sense in the legislature.

Gertrude Esteros

Mary Jo McGuire has been a friend when we needed her. We are extremely fortunate to have her as our State Representative. When the University of Minnesota threatened to build a large soccer stadium inappropriately close to homes, Mary Jo came and looked at the site, studied the plans, listened to our concerns and attended public meetings to inform herself. It is clear that Mary Jo McGuire, who listened to her constituents and acted on their behalf, deserves our gratitude and our vote.

Shiela Richter

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Park Bugle depends on community support

by Judy Woodward

As the Park Bugle gears up for its annual fund drive, concerned observers are nervously monitoring the financial health of the 25-year old, award-winning, non-profit community newspaper. The paper's condition, according to most, is serious, but not yet critical.

Says Wendy Hanson, former business manager of the Bugle, "We are always fighting with the Bugle's budget, trying to figure out how to pay the rent and meet the fixed expenses. There's always a crunch, not a crisis."

In a typical year, about 85% of the Bugle's approximately \$100,000 operating budget is covered by advertising revenues. If the shortfall cannot be made up by community contributions during the annual fund drive, then the Board is forced to tap into the paper's reserve funds.

Recent years have put a bit more than normal demand on financial reserves, explained Kent Ecklund, Chair of the Fund Raising Committee and Community Board Member,

because of necessary equipment purchases that were made to update the Bugle's computer system. "The reserve funds have been as high as \$25,000," said Ecklund, "but they're now under \$10,000. Each year, we go a little bit below zero [in our operating funds]."

Last year, the Bugle

McClure noted that, over the last decade, eight community newspapers have gone out of business in the Metro Area.

"Neighborhood newspapers come free to your doorstep," she emphasized, "but they're not free to produce.

Newsprint costs, for example, have skyrocketed in the past few years."

experienced a net operating loss of about \$2500.

Ecklund explained that last year's community fund-raising drive had been a disappointment. As it does every third year, the

Board sent a blanket mailing to every household in the Bugle readership area. The goal was to raise \$25,000, but contributions totaled only about \$16,000. "Annual giving seems to have stabilized around \$15,000," says Ecklund. "We can't seem to get more than that. People think well of the paper, but it doesn't seem to translate into more money."

The Bugle's modest financial resources are typical of community newspapers, according to Jane McClure, President of the Board for the Neighborhood and Community Press Association. She explained that many neighborhood papers got their start in the 1970s with federal Model Cities funding, but government money has long since dried up. Nowadays, says McClure, "The strongest papers maintain a strong advertising base. For non-profit papers, fund raising drives are also important, because that's usually the only way to raise funds for day-to-day operations."

McClure noted that, over the last decade, eight community newspapers have gone out of business in the Metro Area. "Neighborhood newspapers

come free to your doorstep," she emphasized, "but they're not free to produce. Newsprint costs, for example, have skyrocketed in the past few years."

Commenting on the Bugle, McClure said, "It's one of the stronger community papers, thanks to business and community support. But the neighborhood shouldn't be complacent. You're doing well, but readers can't take their papers for granted."

Bugle Editor Laura Pritchett is grateful for the wide-based support the paper receives from the community, but she also struggles with the frustration of putting out a quality product on a financial shoestring. "All of our contributors are paid very small stipends," she says. "It can be difficult to get individuals, particularly writers, who are willing to contribute on an ongoing basis. Each article, each photograph and each illustration involve a great deal of work. Working for a neighborhood paper is a labor of love — contributors are certainly not in it for the money. I do wish the Bugle could pay them more, though, because they deserve it."

Last year, less than 35% of the Bugle's total operating budget went to freelance contributors and staff salaries. ■

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Lionheart will perform "Tydings True: Feasts of Christmas in Medieval England" on November 29 at 4 p.m. as part of the Music in the Park series. Photo by William Wegman

MUSIC

Concerts at the Como Conservatory

"The World Under Glass" program at the Como Park Conservatory takes place on Saturdays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Each performance will bring unique sounds from the music of the world. On October 31, tunes and songs of Ireland and Scotland will be performed by Macha Tri. The New Riverside Ramblers will perform on November 7, playing their blend of Cajun dance music. On November 14, City Song Kids, a youth choir, will sing from their repertoire of pop, gospel and folk music. These programs are free with paid admission of \$1 for adults and 50 cents for youth.

Music in the Park

The Music in the Park series will usher in the holiday season with a concert of medieval carols by Lionheart on Sunday, November 29 at 4 p.m. at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ (2129 Commonwealth Avenue). This New York-based male vocal sextet offers a program of medieval, Renaissance and contemporary music. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door; \$6 student rush. For tickets or information, call 645-5699.

Concert at Luther Seminary

The Civic Orchestra of Minnesota will hold a special family concert on November 7 at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at Luther Seminary. The concert will provide not only

entertainment but will expose kids to classical music in a less formal way. Adults are \$5 and children are free — tickets can be reserved by calling 33-CIVIC.

THEATER

Actors sought for local production

Homeward Bound Theatre Company will offer "Radio Theatre" on November 12 and 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Central High School. Relive those days of yesteryear! There's no memorizing or costumes required. Learn to communicate and develop skills needed to go on to true stardom. For more information, call Central Community Education at 293-8708.

READINGS

Readings at Prairie Star

Readings are held at Prairie Star Coffee House on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Upcoming authors include poet Jim Moore, author of *The Long Experience of Love*, and fiction writer Alvin Greenberg, author of *How the Dead Live*. Both will read on November 12. Prairie Star is located at 2399 University.

Favorite Poem Project

Come and read a favorite poem on November 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Hamline Branch Library. In concert with Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky's national project, local

groups have joined together to sponsor an evening of reading poetry. The reader can be young or old, reading in English or any other language, and should be willing to share with the audience why this particular poem has meaning to them. To read, call 266-7048 and add your name to the list. This is a local reading. Applications to be part of Pinsky's national project will be available at the reading and at all St. Paul Public Library facilities.

CLASSES

Making Books: Free Workshop

A free workshop for adults entitled "Making Books: Containers for Ideas" will be offered this fall at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library, located at 2245 Como Avenue. The workshop is co-sponsored by The Friends of the St. Paul Public Library and will be led by Mary Gotz, who currently teaches courses in book arts. The class will be offered on three Monday evenings — November 9, 16 and 23 at 6:30 p.m. Making hand-sewn, traditional, hardcover books will be covered in the workshop. The registration deadline is November 6. To register or find out more, call 642-0411.

Performing arts classes

The Homeward Bound Theatre Company will be offering performing arts classes at Como Park High School. "The Ups and Downs of Juggling" will be held on Thursday, November 19 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Here, participants can discover the secrets of multi-object manipulation in this beginning class. A "Dabbling in Songwriting" class will also be offered on Monday, November 30 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Participants can learn how to take those melodies in their heads and put them down onto paper. For more information, call Como Park Community Education at 293-8811.

EXHIBITS

Ceramics and wall hangings at Raymond Avenue Gallery

"Flying, Floating & Fooling Around" is an exhibition of ceramics by Mike Norman and wall hangings by Jan Davies now showing at the Raymond Avenue Gallery, 761 Raymond Avenue at University. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m.

Fiber Fair

The 24th annual Fiber Fair brings together a extraordinary collection of hand-woven clothing, decorative textiles, handspun yarn, and fiber artwork. The sale, with live demonstrations of weaving and spinning, runs the weekend of November 20-22 at the Weavers' Guild of Minnesota, 2402 University Avenue. ■

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Crop Art

It may be beans to you, but to them — it's art!

by Judy Woodward

Like the Mozarts, the Bachs or the Brueghal dynasty, the Weleccki-Wieffering clan is a family that finds itself dedicated to art.

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Let other illustrious tribes focus on music or oil painting. Ruth Weleccki and her step-children have chosen their own metier.

Crop art.

You may see a dried bean, foundation of next summer's garden or tonight's chili. Weleccki and the kids see artistic possibilities.

Using a palate of beans, seeds, lentils and rice which range in soft earth tones from russet to pale green, with stopovers in grey, brown and black, Weleccki creates scenes by painstakingly gluing the tiny spheres onto a wooden backing. The St. Anthony Park resident says she likes her craft because it's accessible to anybody who can find his or her way to the bulk produce section at the grocery store. Weleccki and her family buy their supplies at Hampden Park Food Coop. "There's something neat about using seeds," she reports. "They're something that you eat and yet they're so beautiful. You get a different view of seeds."

Weleccki launched her artistic career with a stylized rural scene that captured a Blue Ribbon at the 1997 State Fair. She speculates that, while some her success may have been attributable to beginner's luck, her first place showing was also a recognition of technical innovation. Weleccki was the first to mix beans of different sizes into a pleasantly scrambled "cobblestone" effect.

This year, the State Fair judges unaccountably overlooked Weleccki's meticulous rendition of

a Park landmark. She had entered a portrait of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in subtle shadings of lentils, beans and wild rice, but earned no ribbons. Fortunately, the next generation of the family stood ready to salvage the honor of the clan.

Seven-year-old Freddy Wieffering summed things up succinctly, "Me and Helen [his four-year-old sister] got Merit [Awards at the Fair], but Ruth didn't get a thing. She was robbed."

Freddy and Helen, like many true artists, prefer to let their prize-winning works speak for themselves. Revealing perhaps his deep artistic nature, Freddy chose

Wieffering was even less willing to explore the wellsprings of her art. Although she withheld comment on the inspiration for her award-winning abstract assemblage, she was not reluctant to reveal the name of her favorite seed. She is partial to a certain type of legume which, despite its fiery orange color, is known as the red lentil. Her stepmother says, "Helen really gets into textures when she works. She touches all the seeds to see if one feels right for the place she has chosen it for."

Weleccki, who works as a copyeditor when she's not gluing seeds, says she was introduced to crop art by a former co-worker. She belongs to an informal group of about 15 seed artists who work in marathon sessions before the State Fair, getting their entries ready for the competition.

Although most of the artists in Weleccki's group have urban ties, she admits that there remains a certain plainspoken, rural flavor to the crop art experience. She tells the story of a friend of hers who, several years ago, entered a stunning seed portrait of a cow. The artist, no doubt responding to an inspiration at least as compelling as the one that caused Picasso to affix noses and mouths at improbable cubist angles, gave his cow five seedy teats. Alas, the Minnesota State Fair judges remain literal thinkers in an abstract world. The cow portrait was summarily rejected, the only explanation being a penciled note on the back of the work.

It read, "A cow with five teats?"

Weleccki remains undaunted by her disappointing showing at this year's State Fair. She vows that she and the kids will be back next year. "One thing I like about crop art is that you don't have to take it that seriously. If you fail miserably, that's okay. But we have to go back. It's sort of a pride thing."

Spoken like the champion she is. ■

Photo by Truman Olson



to be interviewed in his Halloween mask — a latex version of Edvard Munch's famously terrifying painting *The Scream*. Before excusing himself to watch television, the pleasantly direct second-grader at St. Anthony Park Elementary School had a matter-of-fact response when asked why he had chosen to do crop art. "Because it's fun!" he explained. When not engaged in crop art, Freddy noted that he likes sports. "Especially soccer at Langford."

Four-year-old Helen

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Progressive Dinner hosts share their recipes

The St. Anthony Park Association's Progressive Dinner has become quite a popular tradition. Last year, over 100 people participated in this annual event. The dinner isn't your typical culinary experience. But despite some participants' confusion, it's not as complicated as it first seems: Participants meet in a central location for hors d'oeuvres and are then given two lists — one of the houses they will visit for the next three courses, and a list of people who will be attending *their* house for a meal. "We make sure we arrange it so that participants meet with as many new people as possible," said Mary Ann Bernard, SAPA President. "You meet old friends and new neighbors and get to see the inside of houses."

The upcoming Progressive Dinner will be held on February 20. If you're interested in participating, contact Marcie O'Connor at marcie@haven.com; forms will also be available in next month's Bugle. "February is such a drab month," said Bernard. "This is a perfect way to get out and have some fun."

Here are several of the most popular recipes from last year's Progressive Dinner.

Green (or Red) Pepper Jelly

- 3 large green peppers (chopped in blender)
- 1 1/2 cup vinegar
- 1 bottle or 2 packages Certo
- 2-4 Tbs. crushed red pepper
- 6 1/2 cups sugar

Boil juice and pulp. Add Certo. Boil 1 minute, stirring constantly. Add green food coloring.

If you want to make red pepper jelly, use 3 large red peppers instead of the green peppers and add red food coloring instead of green.

Serve with cream cheese (optional) and crackers

— Edwina Partch



Cheesy Olive Bites

- 2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese (8 oz)
- 1 1/4 cup flour
- 1/2 cup margarine or butter, melted
- About 40 small pimiento-stuffed olives, well drained

Mix cheese and flour together; add margarine or butter (work dough into hands if it seems dry). Mold 1 tsp. dough around each olive; shape into a ball. Place in a lightly floured pan; cover and refrigerate at least one hour. One half-hour before serving, preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place balls two inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake until set, 15 to 20 minutes.

— Arlene West



Artichoke Heart Dip

- 1 can artichoke hearts (marinated), drained
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup mayonnaise

Chop artichoke hearts and combine with other ingredients in a shallow casserole. Bake for 30 minutes at 350. Serve warm with crackers or bread.

— Natalie Wass

Beef Stroganoff with Rice

- Mix:
- 1 3/4 lb. of beef (round steak or stew meat, cut in bite-size pieces)
 - 1 can bullion
 - 3/4 can water
 - 1/2 t. salt
 - 1/8 t. pepper
 - 1/2 cup flour

Bake at 350 for 1 1/2 hour (don't brown first). Stir, then bake 2 hours more.

- Add:
- 8 oz can small round onions, or 1/2 cup dry onions, cut in pieces
 - 4 oz can mushrooms

Bake another 1/2 hour. Add 1/2 cup sour cream just before serving

Rice

- Mix:
- 1/4 cup melted butter
 - 1 cup raw rice
 - 1 can consommé
 - 1 can water

Bake at 350 for one hour. Serve stroganoff over rice.

This is a good recipe for progressive dinners — it takes care of itself in the oven!

— Ann Bulger

Raspberry Chicken

- 1/2 stick of margarine
- 4-6 single chicken breasts
- garlic powder
- salt and pepper
- garlic
- green onions, sliced
- 1/4 raspberry vinegar
- 1/3 jar raspberry jam
- fresh raspberries

Melt margarine in frying pan. Lightly brown seasoned chicken, add chopped fresh garlic and green onions to remaining margarine in pan; saute until soft. Add raspberry vinegar and raspberry jam, stir until jam melts. Pour over chicken. Bake at 350 for 45 minutes to 1 hour. Pour fresh raspberries over and bake about 5 minutes. Can use frozen raspberries in light syrup, pour, bake about 15 minutes.

— The Lerman Family (from A Taste of Hadassah)

Apple Pie of Sorts

- 1 package frozen phyllo dough; thaw
- 1/4 lb. butter; melt in microwave
- 6 to 8 big Granny Smith tart apples, thinly sliced (I leave the skins on)
- 3-4 tbs. sugar
- 2 tbs. apple brandy or hazelnut liquor (like Calvados or Frangelico)

Use a round 12" or bigger pan, like a pizza pan. Place a sheet of phyllo dough on it. Brush with melted butter. Repeat with 7 or 8 more sheets of dough, placing perpendicular to each other.

Place thinly sliced apples on dough. Sprinkle with 3 or 4 tablespoons of sugar. Sprinkle with liquor. Place a sheet of phyllo dough on top, brush with melted butter. Repeat with 7 or 8 more sheets, in opposing directions.

Take all the edges of phyllo dough sticking out and scrunch them up for form the edge of a crust. It is supposed to look messy. Bake at 375 for 45 minutes or until top is golden brown. Let it set for 10 to 15 minutes before serving. Pass whipped cream around to dollop on top.

— Chris Mahoney

Rich Chocolate Cake

- 2 tbs. flour
- 3 tbs. hazelnut liquor
- 1/2 cup toasted hazelnuts, skins removed and then ground in food processor
- 2/3 cup semisweet chocolate
- 3 tbs. cocoa
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup sugar

Melt butter and chocolate, cool a little. Add liquor, ground hazelnuts, cocoa, and flour; stir. Beat egg and sugar for 3 to 5 minutes until thick and lemony. Mix into chocolate mixture. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes at 350 in a greased, floured pan. Cool for 45 minutes or so, turn out of pan. Serve with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream. The recipe may be doubled (bake in a 7-8" square pan or a 9" round pan). The cake is very rich!

— Chris Mahoney



Pat O'Connor's Fancy Ice Cream Chocolate Sauce

- 4 oz. unsweetened chocolate
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup cream (or anything close)

Melt chocolate, stir in sugar, stir in cream. Let heat for a bit or so until the sugar gets melted. Serve hot or room temperature over ice cream.

— Marcie O'Connor

Mannings' regulars . . . from page 1

day say they come for the good food, the warm and informal atmosphere and because the waitresses are friendly and give "extra-special" service. Fisher, who has waitressed at Mannings in the Park since it opened 12 years ago, is there from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day Tuesday through Saturday. She also appreciates the feel of the place and likes the fact that the management trusts her. Alexa Stevenson waitresses four days a week and has been there for a year and a half. Although she has been accepted at Sarah Lawrence College, she needed to work a year to be able to afford it. She says that she could make more money elsewhere, but prefers to

The regulars at any time of day say they come for the good food, the warm and informal atmosphere and because the waitresses are friendly.

work at Mannings because it is more interesting and she likes both the customers and her co-workers so well. She had no trouble rattling off several customers and their usual orders.

"We start the orders for some before they even get in the door. Munchie gets a peach yogurt with an egg in it. Carol gets an English muffin with strawberry jam, peanut butter and extra butter. When Cora Martinson used to come in we even had a special menu just for her." Stevenson likes the fact that the customers and waitresses know each other so well. "We've even gotten Christmas presents for each other."

At lunch time there were two men in the back ("no names, please") who meet for coffee every so often and to "talk smart about how successful we are." They have known each other all their lives and have the need to chat for 15 or 20 minutes every now and then. They like to meet at Mannings because "it's not upscale. It has a community feeling, a small town flavor."

The two young girls enjoying their Friday off for MEA weren't so reluctant to give their names. Ali and Mickey, students at St. Anthony Park Elementary School, like Mannings because it's "awesome (or 'narph,' as they say on Pinkie and the Brain)." They come in with their friends every week and often with their families. Ali's family used to come to Mannings even before they moved into the neighborhood and now they come "every night." ("Well, maybe not every night.") They both love the food and the fact that the restaurant isn't formal. (Are you beginning to sense a common theme here?)

Nights and weekends have their own sets of regulars. Bob and Beth Harris come in every Friday night, Bob for "the best turkey sandwich in the Twin Cities" and Beth for one of her three or four favorites. They have gotten to know many of the neighborhood kids who have

worked at Mannings in the past and even have had them come and greet them when they later worked at other eating establishments.

Sharon Marz, who is the manager, sets the schedules for these student workers. "School comes first," she says. "I'll cut back their hours if they start having problems in school." She likes the fact that families start coming to Mannings when their children start working there. It builds up their customer base and brings in new friends.

Larry Manning, owner of both Mannings establishments, must be the most overqualified busboy and soda jerk in the area. He loves trading quips (and barbs) with the customers as he clears tables and makes malts. He's been working at one or both Mannings for 34 years.

Mannings in Minneapolis has been open for 66 years and is now being run by Larry Manning's two sons, the fourth generation of the family to work there. Kozlak's is the only other establishment in the Twin Cities to have been around that long. Mannings started off as a malt shop selling root beer during Prohibition and switched to selling beer when Prohibition ended. Our Mannings in the Park has a different flavor — ice cream instead of beer.

Larry Manning has tried hard to meet customer demands, adding more chicken breast entrees, a veggie sandwich and salads when people became more health-conscious. One thing he hasn't been able to do is to carry the other Mannings' trademark onion rings. "I'd need to hire another cook and put in another deep fryer to do that. We go through 220-250 pounds of onions a week at the other Mannings. The demand here is too uneven to be able to plan like that."

Manning appreciates all of his customers, even those who just come in for a cup of coffee. "It's important for people to have a place to come in and discuss things. That customer deserves the same service as someone who buys a whole dinner."

He likes taking part in community events, donating to ice cream socials and church raffles. And he likes to show off a bit, too. "I can take a scoop of ice cream, toss it behind my back and catch it in a cup in the other hand. I don't do that much any more, though. I lost too much money from ice cream on the floor and I didn't like my employees laughing at me!"

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Rating restaurants is a chancy enterprise because different people value different things. Jack Spratt can recite the entire menu at every place where he and his wife have ever eaten, while she couldn't tell you what they ate yesterday but can remember every china pattern and which places had real flowers on the table. For my uncle Jim, a notorious tightwad, the *sine qua non* of an eating establishment is price. For my sister-in-law Julie, a former waitress, it's service. For our friends Dan and Jo, it's whether their kids will find something they like on the menu.

William Least Heat Moon, author of *Blue Highways*, developed his own restaurant rating system. When he lost his job teaching English in Missouri, Least Heat Moon decided to take a solo trip on America's back roads. He ate mostly in restaurants and needed a convenient way "to find honest food at just prices in blue-highway America." His method was to count wall calendars. The best he ever found was a six-calendar cafe in the Ozarks, but throughout his trip he kept looking for the elusive seven-calendar cafe.

I've got a lot of the William Least Heat Moon in me, but in my search for honest food at just prices I've learned to look for additional

Some criteria of restaurant quality are universal. For example, if the place is named after a person, that person should actually work in the restaurant. At a good cafe, there is no host or hostess; customers seat themselves. There's a counter to sit at as well as tables and/or booths. Wait staff don't wear uniforms. Silverware is mismatched. Catsup bottles stay out. Salt and pepper come in shakers, not grinders.

indicators of restaurant quality. One good sign is when a place serves breakfast all day. I'm fortunate to have three such establishments within a half-mile radius of the intersection of Raymond and University avenues — the Parkview, at 930 Raymond; Keys, at 767 Raymond; and Bonnie's,

at 2160 University. Of course, "a thing; the Parkview closes at 2 p.m. 2:30, and Keys at 3.

Restricting themselves to breakfast allows these cafes to focus on a menu rather than those places that stay open all evening. It also generates more "regular" customers who come in several times a week. Parkview, closing after lunch has a menu. It spares diners the noise of Irish music. It has a place many evenings upstairs in the building.

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hostesses. There are no uniforms. There are no catsup bottles. There are no grinders. Bonnie's is a paint and hand-labeled market. There are no square tables. There are no famous place. Hope the middle of the cupboards. A mention of patron

readily apparent. For example, it's been around for awhile, and even longevity. On November 1, Keys Restaurant, 767 Raymond Avenue. Barb Hunn and have been there for the duration. She worked there for over 10 years, and 18 years.

Bonnie Roell has owned the place almost 21 years. Her longevity has been among truckers that extends nationally.

The Parkview's owners are not everything else has stayed the same. Wagner took over the cafe in July. Parkview's two experienced waitresses and Carolyn Spurnbauer, and then to the menu.

Ah yes: the menu. This discussion hasn't yet said anything about food. I've listed are simply a means to get on the plate. William Least Heat Moon "honest" food. He'd have been here under review here, all of which food

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insistence on the best ingredients. Barb Hunn calls Keys' fare "real food." Ken Schultz describes the Parkview's menu as "traditional American food." Bonnie Roell tried 20 kinds of sausage before she found the right one.

William Least Heat Moon was a traveler who had to rely on calendar counting to find a good place to eat. He didn't have the luxury of becoming a regular anywhere, although he spent a lot of time talking to the regulars in the cafes that punctuated his blue-highway meanderings.

Being a regular at an urban cafe is a special pleasure. Unlike its small-town counterpart, where *everyone* is a regular, the urban cafe has both outsiders and insiders. Being an insider provides a pleasing counterpoint to the anonymity of city life. It's nice to walk into a restaurant and have someone recognize you. Even nicer is to be greeted with those two words reserved for the true regular: "The usual?"

My problem is that with three great cafes so close to home, I've never quite achieved regular status at any of them —

a reminder that even with an embarrassment of riches there's a price to pay.

None of my three favorite cafes fare very well in the wall calendar department, but they make up for that deficiency in other ways. If you

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want glitz and polish, hop on the freeway. For honest food at just prices, stick to the blue highways of Raymond and University. ■

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Winter Carnival

The St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation is seeking talented singers and dancers interested in performing at the St. Paul Winter Carnival for the Junior or Senior Royalty Coronations. This year's theme is "No Time for Cold

Feet" and may incorporate music or dance numbers from the 40s. For more information, contact Mary Livingston at 266-6366. Teens in grades 7 through 9 who are interested in becoming involved in the 50th anniversary Junior Royalty Program are also being sought. Call 266-6400 for more information or an application form.

Rec centers sponsor field trips

The Langford Rec Center and the South St. Anthony Rec Center are sponsoring two field trips. A journey to the Science Museum and Omni Theatre is scheduled for Saturday, November 21. Children under 10 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. On November 25, a trip to Underwater World will take place. Call 298-5765 for more information on either trip.

Talent show

A talent show is planned for January at the Langford Rec Center. All children in the community are welcome to participate. To register or find out more, call 298-5765.

Basketball registration

There's still time to register for basketball at the Langford and South St. Anthony Rec Centers. Girls and boys ages nine and up are welcome to join if there are vacancies. Call the Langford Rec Center at 298-5765 if you're interested.

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YOUTH NEWS

The scoop on school lunches: neighborhood kids pen their thoughts

"I like Italian dunkers because I like cheese on bread, and because their greasy. I hate Fish sticks because I don't like fish."

Rose
Age 8
Grade 3
St. Anthony
Park Elementary

"My name is Jane and I go to Longfellow School. What I like about school lunches are the Italian dunkers, chicken noodle soup, and peanut butter + jelly sandwiches. What I don't like is almost everything and I think that peanuts (and oil) foods should be banned because of allergic kids."

Jane
Age 10
Grade 5
Longfellow School

"I think the best school lunch is cheese pizza. Usually the lunch at our school tastes good but I think that tastes best. I think worst lunch in school is chowmain. It tastes strang."

Eric
Age 9
Grade 4
St. Anthony
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favorite lunch
My favorite lunch is nachos because, I love to put a crunchy chip in creamy cheese. I love the smell.

Picture



worst lunch
My worst lunch is Sloppy Joe. Because, I hate the taste of bread meat and ketchup together. I hate the smell.

Lucy, Age 8, Grade 3, Parkview Center School

"I like school lunch sometimes . . . I like French-toast-sticks, Italian dunkers, Chicken paddy, Chicken nuggets and Mash potatoes and turkey.

I hate it sometimes too. I hate Chicken chow man, Pizza, Meatloaf, Lasana, Chicken noodle soup, Tomato soup and Cheese bread!"

Alexandra
Age 9
Grade 4
St. Anthony
Park Elementary

"My favorite food are bagels. They have to have cream cheese. Cookies, milk, I have some favorite dessert's I need. Noodle's, squash, and home made soup, I love a bunch, Please! Oh please mom! Don't make me buy a school lunch.

The worst foods are school lunches. And fishes count a bunch. Now come on in and don't bite the fin, this is the worst school lunch. Greasy food is bad I say, it really does not make sense to eat it any way!"

Erin
Age 9
Grade 3
Parkview Center School

"My favorite lunch is fried B.B.Q Ribs because it has good sauce. I don't like split pea soup because it has to many peas."

Michela
Age 9
Grade 3
St. Anthony
Park Elementary

"I don't like the foods they have at my school. The smell of chicken chow mein is very stinky. My favorite food is Morningstar veggie burgers. I think my school should serve more vegetarian meals."

Salvatore
Age 10
Grade 5
St. Anthony
Park Elementary

"My favorite lunch would have to be a thermos of soup. Because I think that the school lunches are unhealthy because there is so much grease in them. The worst meal I've had would be cold cuts because it is not even filling plus they are really greasy."

Colin
Age 11
Grade 6
Parkview Center School

"I think our lunch room is neat and Mrs. Coleman helps keep it that way. I have no opinion of the food because I bring cold lunch, but when they have pizza, tomato soup, or Spaghetti, I plug my nose."

Nancy
Age 8
Grade 3
St. Anthony
Park Elementary

"My favorite lunch is pizza and my favorite dessert is donuts and my favorite drink is milk. I don't like cheese sandwiches. I like cold lunch from home."

Patricia
Grade 1
Parkview Center School

"I think that school lunch isn't as bad as people think. The way school lunches go we don't realize we have it alot better then some schools. People should just enjoy what's set out for them. That's my opinion."

Samantha
Age 11
Grade 6
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Tree Trust grants available

The Energy Park and Como (west of Hamline) neighborhoods and the cities of Falcon Heights and Lauderdale are eligible for Tree Trust grants. Businesses, community groups, cities, churches and schools are welcome to apply for grants of up to \$10,000 for tree planting next spring through a program established by Foster Wheeler Twin Cities and the University of Minnesota. The deadline for applications is November 20. For more information and application materials, contact Mark Wever at 920-9326.

Volunteers sought

Ramsey Action Programs, Inc (RAP) is a private non-profit

agency seeking people interested in volunteering. Individuals can share their experiences and talents — the opportunities are endless! Call 645-6445 for more information.

"Befriender" mentors needed

The Befriender Volunteer Program is seeking women volunteers to help young mothers. Befrienders initially complete 18 hours of training and commit to a year long relationship through this program. The training takes place at Children's Home Society of Minnesota at 2230 Como Avenue. Call 646-4414 ext. 271 for more information.

Holiday shopping

Music, complementary refreshments and a candlelit sunken garden will greet shoppers as they stroll through the Como Park Conservatory. Scheduled for November 17 and 18 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Conservatory's shopping evenings will feature unique gift items. Como Zoo will also open their gift shop for the occasion. For more information, call 487-8260.

Fall bazaar

The Como Park Lutheran Church Fall Bazaar will take place on November 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 1376 Hoyt Avenue West. A hearty beef stew lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hot dogs will be available for children. Adults \$4, children \$2. Attic treasures, a rummage sale, homemade baked goods and handcrafted items will be featured.

Holiday program needs help

Looking for a way to help your community this holiday season? Merriam Park Community Services needs your help. The Adopt-A-Family program matches donors with families who need help creating a special holiday for their children. Donors buy toys, clothes and a grocery gift certificate for their "adopted" family. Call Mary McKeown at 645-0349 for more information.

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AARP meeting

The Midway-Highland Chapter 930 of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet November 19 at 1 p.m. at the Lyngblomsten Care Center, 1298 Pascal Avenue. A social hour

Rick Beeson and Kathy Bjerke served brats and hot-dogs to over 600 loyal customers during the first annual Customer Appreciation Day at St. Anthony Park Bank.

**A moving experience — in more ways than one**

by Marietta Spencer

The decision to sell my house on Vincent Street in University Grove and to move to 1666 Coffman was made suddenly. I had seen and bought a pleasant apartment on the top floor, facing west and overlooking the beautiful, well-kept garden in the back of "1666."

Good fortune had it that the first people to look at my house fell in love with it, as I had with "1666," and offered to purchase it. How wonderful to turn over my happy home and garden of 37 years to a delightful, warm-hearted couple and to gain two interesting new friends in addition!

Moving vans transported furniture, full file cabinets, and boxes loaded with books to my new location. Then my son, daughter and son-in-law spent many hours and days sorting, packing and cleaning shelves, lining them and installing my possessions in the new place. They

understand now that I have been a "packrat," accumulating a great many things both from my field of post-adoption services and also from my husband's career as professor of anthropology. Written works, notes and resource

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materials — all were stored in the house. It was almost more that we, as a family, were able to deal with.

It is in our community — the Bugle's realm — where caring spirit and neighborly helpfulness prevails. Here, the arduous task of moving turned into a truly heartwarming and moving experience for me! And you see, I chose not

to leave this community, relocating merely three-and-a-half blocks from where I was before. And a friendly welcome awaited me at "1666"!

I was blessed with the presence of nice young people from Luther Seminary, one of whom helped me for 100 hours, and from the University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus — a student of veterinary medicine used his truck and his tall, strong self in my move, spending about 30 hours. University Grove neighbors, some of my friends from St. Anthony Park, Lauderdale and Falcon Heights lent me their caring support, used their sports vehicles, fed me meals and helped make it all a positive experience instead of a painful one. Without them, in no way could I have met my moving deadlines.

These words of thanks fittingly are included in the Bugle's Thanksgiving issue and I hope will reach all the wonderful people who live in this giving community. ■



Father Gordon Doffing, pastor of Holy Childhood Parish, blesses Julie Rufenacht's dog "Hooli" at the annual Blessing of the Animals on October 2. He is assisted by Joe Solheid, Jim Haupt and Jake Ogbozo. Photo by Lynn Tierney

will follow the lecture. Visitors are welcome.

Family Safety Fair

Unintentional injuries are the greatest threat to the life and health of children. Bring the whole family to participate in a variety of hands-on activities that reinforce home, fire, poison and personal safety on November 5 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at St. Anthony Park Elementary School.

SAP Lutheran church hosts program

Beginning November 4, a six week study titled "Family life in the Bible" will be held at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Avenue. Participants are invited to call the church office at 645-0371 to preregister; or simply arrive at the church at 7 p.m. at the first class time.

Election results

The North Suburbs Community Television program (CTV15) will report city and local legislative

election results as the votes are tallied in Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Roseville and St. Anthony. Channel 15 coverage of local elections is produced by community volunteers and CTV staffers. If you'd like to volunteer to report election results in your city, call Joan at 481-9554.

La Leche Leagues

The Falcon Heights group of La Leche League will discuss the Art of Breastfeeding and Avoiding Difficulties at the next meeting on November 20 at 7 p.m. The meetings are informal and babies are always welcome. For meeting location, call Carrie at 646-2978.

The same topic will be discussed at the Como-Midway La Leche League meeting on November 13 at 7 p.m. For meeting location or more information, call Jeanne at 644-0302.

IN BRIEF

Railroad Park and Gardens update

The effort to create a "Railroad Park and Gardens" in south St. Anthony Park kicked off its community fundraising effort with a gathering at State Representative Alice Hausman's home on September 21. Over 80 people attended and pledged \$6,400 to help acquire the property for the new park. Music was provided by local musicians and park supporters Mike Keyes and Nick Jordan.

Other pledges have been mailed in by St. Anthony Park residents and businesses. As the group applies for foundation grants, it is important to be able to say how many neighborhood households and businesses are pledging financial support for the project. So far over 180 people have made pledges, in amounts ranging from \$5 to \$1500, for a total of more than \$16,500.

Individuals are encouraged to send in their pledge cards, which are available at many local businesses or the library. Residents may also call 646-6667 to receive a pledge card.

The park project now has approximately \$150,000 committed for the purchase of the property. Negotiations with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad to acquire the property are continuing.

— Sherman Eagles

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PEOPLE

Como Park resident **Rebecca Kite** has been selected to perform at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention in Orlando, Florida, in November. Kite is an internationally known marimbist and percussionist. In addition to playing the marimba, she teaches percussion at Hamline University and the University of St. Thomas.

Sharon Danes, a resident of Lauderdale and a family resource management specialist with the University of Minnesota Extension Service, has received that organization's Dean and Director's Award to Distinguished Extension Faculty. Among the programs that she has helped research and develop are family finances under economic stress including divorce and retirement and financial education of children. The Director's Award to Distinguished Faculty is given annually to an outstanding campus-based extension faculty member, and it carries a financial stipend.

Former long-time St. Anthony Park resident **Diane Emerson** has recently joined an Auckland, New Zealand consulting firm. During

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Principal Sharon Eichten of Como Park Senior High announced last month that **Carson J. English** has been named a Commended Student in the 1999 National Merit Scholarship Program. A letter of commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts this program, was presented by the principal to this scholastically talented senior.

her 20 years in the Park, Emerson became well known for her promotion of boulevard and front yard gardens and helped organize the first self-guided garden tours in the Park. Past President of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society and former Director of Marketing at H.B. Fuller Company, Emerson has now become a permanent resident of New Zealand.

Mark S. Christensen recently joined Nelson Financial Services located in the St. Anthony Park Bank Building. He is a graduate of the College of Financial Planning and has his Certified Financial Planner designation. He specializes with Jeff Nelson in individual financial planning, asset allocation and employer/employee benefit plans.

Yazid Britt has been invited to sing as a member of the Minnesota

Boychoir for 1998-99. Yazid is the son of Sharon Britt, a Commonwealth Terrace Cooperative resident. Founded in 1962, the Minnesota Boychoir is the oldest boychoir in the Twin Cities.

Several members of the local 4-H chapter received the Award of Excellence at the Ramsey County Fair in various project areas. **Julie Magnuson, Heidi Behrens, Miles Larson** and **David Souther**, all of the Northern Lights chapter, received this award.

Laura Brinkmeier, daughter of Oria and Myrna Brinkmeier of St. Anthony Park, was named to the Dean's List at Smith College for her academic achievement. Brinkmeier graduated from Concordia Academy in Roseville and is majoring in Psychology at Smith. ■

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Letters . . . from page 5

I would like to publicly thank Mary Jo McGuire for her substantial efforts in helping to save my neighborhood from the building of a soccer stadium in its midst. She was truly there when we needed her. Beyond this one issue, she has been an effective legislator in education, health care, tax reform and crime prevention. I urge my fellow citizens to vote for her in the upcoming election.

Ruth Donhowe

In support of Kim Nelson

State Representative Mary Jo McGuire is currently running for reelection. If her voting record in her last term is any indication of what her voting record would be like in her next term, then taxpayers should be clamoring to vote her out of office. According to the Taxpayers League of Minnesota's last two Taxpayer Scorecards, Rep. McGuire has one of the most burdensome tax-and-spend records in the legislature. With Minnesotans paying the second highest income taxes in the nation, we can hardly afford legislators like McGuire. Thankfully, voters have a favorable alternative in her challenger, Kim Nelson. Nelson has committed to reducing property taxes, cutting taxes for sick people, cutting the sales tax, and refunding state budget surpluses.

Darrell McKigney

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1 SUNDAY

■ Park Press Inc., — Park Bugle — annual meeting and board meeting, 3 p.m. For location information, call 646-5369.

2 MONDAY

■ Como Park recycling.

■ AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. 770-2646. Every Monday.

■ Boy Scouts, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 7 p.m. Every Monday.

3 TUESDAY

■ St. Anthony Park Writers' Group. Please call regarding meeting place and time: Marge, 645-1345 or June, 646-4343.

■ Toastmasters, Hewlett Packard, 2025 Larpenteur Avenue, 7:30 a.m. 645-6675. Every Tuesday.

■ Tot Time (for 5-year olds and younger), Langford Park Rec Center, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Tuesday. Call 298-5765 for details.

■ St. Anthony Park Garden Club. St. Anthony Park Library meeting room, 6:45 p.m. Call 645-7017 for more information.

4 WEDNESDAY

■ Leisure Center for Seniors, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. 379-8928. Every Wednesday.

5 THURSDAY

■ Tot Time (for 5-year olds and younger), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 10 a.m.-noon. Every Thursday. Call 298-5765 for details.

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

■ Personal safety seminar at St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

6 FRIDAY

■ Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.

■ Preschool storytime at the St. Anthony Park Branch library, 10:30 a.m.

7 SATURDAY

■ St. Paul Gymnasium's Grand Opening, noon to 6 p.m.

■ Scandinavian dinner sponsored by the St. Anthony Park chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, 4 to 7 p.m. at the Fairview Community Center, 1910 County Road B. Tickets are available at the door. For more information, call 421-7122.

9 MONDAY

■ Falconeers Senior Club, Falcon Heights, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 1-3:30 p.m. Call 488-3361.

■ The League of Women Voters will present "The State of Public Health in St. Paul and Ramsey County" from 7 to 9 p.m. at Model Cities Health Center on the corner of Dale and Fuller. For more information, call the LWV at 222-1215.

10 TUESDAY

■ Veterans Day.

■ Remembrance Day (Canada).

■ St. Paul schools — Junior High evening conferences.

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

■ Holly House Director Dr. Patricia Lawler will share ways to naturally reduce muscle pain. Free workshop. Call 651-645-6951.

11 WEDNESDAY

■ St. Anthony Park recycling.

■ Full Council Meeting, St. Anthony Park Community Council, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

12 THURSDAY

■ St. Paul Schools — Senior High evening conferences.

■ University of Minnesota's Ski Swap at the St. Paul Student Center. Call 625-8790 for more information.

13 FRIDAY

■ Preschool storytime at the St. Anthony Park Branch library, 10:30 a.m.

16 MONDAY

■ Como Park recycling.

17 TUESDAY

■ Lauderdale Planning Commission, City Hall, 1891 Walnut, 7:30 p.m.

■ St. Paul Schools — Senior High evening conferences.

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

■ Holiday shopping at Como Park Conservatory, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

18 WEDNESDAY

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

■ Holiday shopping at Como Park Conservatory, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

19 THURSDAY

■ St. Paul Schools — Junior High evening conferences.

■ Midway-Highland Chapter 930 of the American Association of Retired Persons meeting, 1 p.m., the Lyngblomsten Care Center. Visitors welcome.

20 FRIDAY

■ Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.

■ Falcon Heights La Leche League, 7 p.m. Call 646-2978 or 488-9414 for location information.

■ Preschool storytime at the St. Anthony Park Branch library, 10:30 a.m.

21 SATURDAY

■ Lauderdale "500" Club, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 1 p.m.

■ FARE For All distribution and registration at Holy Childhood Church, 1495 Midway Parkway, 9:30 - 11 a.m. Call 644-7495; or St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Avenue, 8:30-10:30. Call 644-8833.

23 MONDAY

■ Falconeers Senior Club, Falcon Heights, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 1-3:30 p.m. Call 488-3361.

■ St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program Board of Directors meeting, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church library, 7:15-9 p.m.

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

24 TUESDAY

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

25 WEDNESDAY

■ St. Anthony Park recycling.

■ St. Paul schools — Kindergarten/Elementary Professional Day.

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

■ St. Anthony Park Community Council Housing and Human Services Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 5:30 p.m.

■ Falcon Heights La Leche League, 7 p.m. Call 646-2978 or 488-9414 for location information.

26 THURSDAY

■ Thanksgiving.

■ St. Paul schools closed, Thanksgiving recess.

27 FRIDAY

■ St. Paul schools closed, Thanksgiving recess.

30 MONDAY

■ Como Park recycling.

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O B I T U A R I E S

Margaret Dorshow

Margaret M. Dorshow died on September 21 at the age of 92. She was a resident of Sholom Home in Como Park.

Born May 1, 1906, in Fairchild, Wisconsin, she lived there until she graduated from high school. After business college, she was an accountant for several St. Paul businesses until her retirement in 1964.

Dorshow was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Samuel Dorshow. They were well-known for their expertise in Latin-American ballroom dancing. She was a judge for the State Fair antique competition and was active with Post #1296 VFW Auxiliary.

Survivors include nieces, nephews, and friends.

Janice Evenson

Janice L. Evenson, a resident of Falcon Heights on Larpenteur

Avenue, died on September 10. She was 62 years old and had suffered from cancer during a lengthy illness.

Evenson is survived by two daughters, Barbara Ahshein and Catherine Evenson, both of St. Paul; four grandchildren, Jennifer, Marco, Anthony, and James; three great-grandchildren, Harley, Kali, and Marc; two sisters, Margaret and Dolores Mulcahy; and a brother, Nick Milich.

James Fish

James Steward Fish died on July 3 at his home in Plymouth, Minnesota.

Fish was born on September 8, 1915. His family moved from Ames, Iowa to St. Anthony Park in 1929. In 1941, he married Dorothea Merrit. The next year, he was accepted in to Naval Officer Training and was assigned to Carrier Air Group 84. After

returning to Minnesota, he worked for General Mills.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, in 1993. Fish is survived by two sons, Dick and Jim; a daughter Nancy; and a grandson, James S. Fish III.

Vera Franke

Vera N. Franke, a longtime resident of St. Anthony Park, died on October 1. She was 86 years of age. Franke had lived for many years on Brewster Avenue and for the last few months at St. Anthony Park Home.

Franke was a charter member of Corpus Christi Church in 1939 and continued to be active in the parish until she suffered a stroke last spring.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carlos Franke, and is survived by her daughter, Janet Heinie; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ruth Osen and Virginia Engen; and three brothers, Robert, Eugene, and Henry Nelson.

Lila Kuznia

Lila L. Kuznia died at age 67 on September 19. She was a former teacher at St. Anthony Park School, as well as Longfellow School. She was an employee of the St. Paul schools for more than 20 years.

Born in Donaldson, Minnesota, she moved to Karlstad in 1940 and graduated from Karlstad High School in 1948. She taught in a one-room school in Florain, Minnesota, before coming to St. Paul. She was a volunteer at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and at the Polish-American Club.

Kuznia was preceded in death by her parents, John and Mary Torkelson. She is survived by her husband, Vincent Kuznia; two daughters, Cynthia Drawert and Sheryl Kuznia; two sons, Jeffrey and Kenneth Kuznia; six grandchildren, Allan, Kari,

Kristofer, James, Scott, and Brian; and a sister, Merece Borneman.

Patricia Pothén

Patricia J. Pothén, who made her home in Falcon Heights, died on September 30. She was 69 years of age.

Pothén was a member of Corpus Christi Church.

Survivors include her husband, Melvin Pothén; a daughter, Margaret Rose; a son, Melvin Pothén, Jr.; four grandchildren, Charmaine, James, Kacey, and Sara; and two sisters, Mary Ellen Tschida and Theresa Sarafolean.

Nora Rogness

Nora Margrethe Ulring Preus Rogness died on October 16. She was born in Tacoma, Washington, on September 30, 1910. After teaching school in Gettysburg, South Dakota, she married Alvin N. Rogness in Decorah, Iowa, on June 30, 1934.

She joined her husband serving parishes in Duluth, Minnesota, Ames and Mason City, Iowa, and Sioux Falls. During this time they had six children — Michael, Paul, Stephen, Martha, Peter, and Andrew. In 1955 they moved to Branston Street in St. Anthony Park, next to the Luther Seminary campus.

She is survived by five children, 16 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Douglas Racine

Douglas Racine died at age 97 on September 23. He had lived recently at the Lyngblomsten Care Center.

Racine was a retired employee of Northern States Power Company and a member of the Men's Club at St. Bernard's Church.

Preceded in death by his wife, Alice Racine, he is survived by two daughters, Elaine Thera and Kathy Urbanski; four

grandchildren, Joe Urbanski, Jill Johnson, Andrea Urbanski, and Nicole Urbanski; and three great-grandchildren, Jessie Urbanski, Jake Urbanski, and Terry Johnson, Jr.

Raymond Ryan

Raymond L. Ryan, a former teacher at Chelsea Heights Elementary School until his retirement in 1990, died on September 16. He was 65 years old.

A graduate of Lourdes High School in Rochester and the University of Minnesota, Ryan served in the Air Force. He taught in the St. Paul Schools for 31 years.

Ryan was a member of Indian Hills Golf Club and of St. John the Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Beverly Ryan; two daughters, Vicki Alsup and Kathy McDonough; two sons, Mike and Dave Ryan; six grandchildren, Ryan, Joshua, and Katie Alsup, Jesse and Andy McDonough, and Steven Ryan; and two brothers, Gordon Ryan and Rev. Father James Ryan.

A. Melvin Smith, Jr.

A. Melvin Smith, Jr., "Mel," died at age 71 in Willis, Texas, on September 15. He had lived for many years on Doswell Avenue in St. Anthony Park and was an active member of the community.

Smith was a member of the Masons, a self-employed manufacturers' representative, and a musician.

Survivors include five sons, Vernon, Ronald, A. Melvin III, Stephen, and Roy Smith; 12 grandchildren; and a brother, Russell Smith.

Miriam Anne Snook

Miriam Anne Snook, daughter and granddaughter of former St. Anthony Park residents, died at age 16 in her home in Ghana, Africa, on October 4. She was born in Gabon, Africa, lived in the former Zaire, and was now attending Lincoln High School, the American School in Accra.

Miriam was vice president of her sophomore class, on the student council, and captain of the basketball team.

Her father, Stephen Snook, grew up on Branston Avenue, the home of his parents, Lee and Lois Snook. Lee Snook taught at Luther Seminary. Stephen was a graduate of Murray High School in the class of '72.

Miriam is survived by her parents, Stephen and Rosine Snook; her sister, Jessica Snook; her grandmother, Catherine Eloguemonono; her uncles, Gaspard, Elvis, and Fred; her aunt, Nina of Okouya, Gabon; her grandparents, Lee and Lois Snook of St. Paul; uncle David Snook of Rochester, New York; and aunts Emily Snook Brown of Cohasset, Massachusetts, and Beth Snook Dolce of Schaumburg, Illinois.

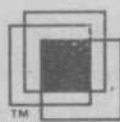
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St. Paul gym . . . from page 1

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The older part of the building was also remodeled to accommodate expanded exercise equipment and aerobics classes. It also features larger, brightly lit

locker rooms. The new construction was the final part of a three-stage renovation that has occurred over the last seven years. This fall, the outside of the building will be cleaned and re-tuckpointed, bringing out the natural color of the brick, and the green, blue and red of the decorative tiles.

For information on community programs at the St. Paul gym, call 625-2242. For information about memberships available to university students, staff, faculty, alumni and spouses, stop by the gym, call 625-8283 or visit the website at <http://www.recsports.umn.edu>. ■

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low-cost loans and grants to neighborhood homeowners for exterior repairs and other home improvement projects. St. Anthony Park joins the Macalester-Groveland, Merriam Park and Snelling-Hamline community councils in offering this type of program. The Merriam Park and Snelling-Hamline program began last year. The Macalester-Groveland program began in 1995. Those three district councils also will receive 1998 funds to continue their programs.

The St. Anthony Park project was in a three-way tie for fourth place, when overall project point rankings are considered.

Last spring there were also two neighborhood projects awarded Neighborhood STAR

funds, in the small grants (\$20,000 or less) round. The Energy Park Greenway Project, submitted by the St. Anthony Park Business Association, obtained a \$17,500 grant for tree planting along the one and one-half mile stretch of Energy Park Drive between Snelling and Raymond avenues. About 120 new trees will be planted, with Wellington Management providing watering and maintenance for five years after the trees are planted. About

\$4 million in private development investment in the area is also being cited as a match for the project.

The second small grant project is commercial revitalization micro-grant (not to exceed \$4,000 each) for St. Anthony Park commercial properties, submitted by St. Anthony Park Business Association. A \$20,000 grant was given by the city. ■

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