Area neighborhoods tackle Y2K problem

by Dave Nealy

January 1, 2000, won't be an ordinary New Year's Day. At the stroke of midnight, the internal calendar of the world's computers will turn from 99 to 00. Since computers control most of the services we depend on, that simple shift has a great many people worried. Will computers think that it's 1900? And if so, what will happen?
The Y2K problem, as it has come to be called, has the potential to affect a wide range of institutions, both large and small. Transportation, communication, utilities, record keeping, buying and selling — any enterprise that depends on computers must confront the Y2K problem.

Locals of government are making a variety of preparations for the year 2000. In St. Paul, Sean Kereshaw is coordinating the city's Y2K community preparedness efforts. According to Kereshaw, St. Paul has already begun creating contingency plans for city services that might be affected by Y2K. The city is also trying to help businesses, churches and community organizations in their efforts to prepare city residents for whatever problems Y2K might pose.

One vehicle for those efforts in St. Paul's network of community councils. As an important link between city government and the city's neighborhoods, the councils are a valuable instrument for dispensing information and facilitating shared resources. Both the Como and St. Anthony Park councils anticipate addressing Y2K issues primarily by trying to help neighborhood residents get the information they need.

Kereshaw likens Y2K preparedness to getting ready for a severe blizzard. "We can't anticipate everything that might happen, but we can take some available precautions," he said. Furthermore, Kereshaw noted, the kind of community building that results from Y2K preparedness will be valuable even if the "Mozart" never materializes.

Dan Olson is the Y2K coordinator for the city of Lauderdale, a responsibility he took on in September 1998. Lauderdale, like other municipalities, has benefited from the assistance of the League of Minnesota Cities in anticipating possible Y2K problems. The League recommends that cities and other local units of government begin with assessment, a stage that Olson reports is 50-75% complete in Lauderdale.

"We're working on an inventory of potential problems," said Olson. "Within City Hall, that includes things like thermostats and computers." So far, Lauderdale hasn't identified anything that's likely to be a serious problem. "We're trying to categorize possible dangers," Olson said. "Most of them are in the nuisance category." A more serious concern Y2K to page 2

Proposed Amoco station concerns community

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The prospect of a new Amoco station in the neighborhood has St. Anthony Park residents and the St. Anthony Park Community Council concerned. Amoco has purchased property on the northwest corner of Highway 280 and Kasota Avenue, where the company plans to build a gas station and convenience store.

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According to Heather Worthington, the Community Council Executive Director, the proposed Amoco construction would be fairly large by station/convenience store standards, handling upwards of 500 cars a day and selling some two million gallons of gasoline annually. It would be open 24 hours and would be accompanied by a 67-foot sign, which would rise 37 feet above the highway deck.

"We're opposed to the development on several grounds," said Worthington. "The sign would add to visual pollution along 280. Traffic would greatly increase at an intersection that many neighbors have already expressed safety concerns about. And the environmental impact on a sensitive area is especially worrisome.

The Amoco station, vacant for many years, was formerly known as the Elm Street Ash Dump. A site plan review, initiated by Amoco last October, revealed heavy metal pollution. The site is directly across Kasota Avenue from Kasota Pond, and the two areas are hydrologically linked.

Kasota Pond is the last remnant of an extensive wetland system that once covered much of St. Anthony Park. The area has been used for research purposes by faculty and students at the University of Minnesota. Mink, deer, waterfowl, owls, fish...

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Nick Meyers to retire after 51 years on Como Avenue

by Ann Dolger

This year was 1947. Ten-year-old Nick Meyers got a call from his dad, Paul. Could he come home and help at the Texaco station? He did and thus began a career that will end early in April, when Meyers sells his Cigo station to employee Ned Wessenberg. Meyers holds the record for longevity in the business community on Como Avenue.

The original Texaco station sat on the corner of Como and Dowsewell, where the Healy Building is now. Paul Meyers started working there in 1946 and bought the station from Pete Vogt in 1948. Paul would call St. Cecilia's to ask if Nick and brother Jed could come early to help.

Paul Meyers had moved his family from Salk Centre to St. Anthony Park in 1942, when he began working for Minneapolis Oiline. Nick was in kindergarten at Gunter School, where he continued through fourth grade. "Our first house in the Park was the middle house on the Henden Hill. In those days, everyone walked to school, so I started school by walking uphill both ways."

He attended St. Cecilia's for grades five through eight, then graduated from Centre High School. After two years at St. Thomas and a year at the University of Minnesota in engineering, he started to work full-time for his dad. When Texaco pulled out in 1964, both Paul and Nick went next-door to the Co-op Station on Como and Grove Plaza.

The family lived in four different Park houses before buying the one on Sudder which is still home for Nick. In March, 1967, Paul Meyers died of cancer, three years after his wife had died.

Nick, age 30, was left with the house and the Co-op Station. Two months later, he married Carole, and they have stayed in that house through their entire married life.

Nick's service station had gone from Co-op to Mobile to Unocal and now to Cigo, but the quality of neighborhood service has continued. Nick listed three goals in announcing his retirement plans through the Park Bugle. "One, I don't want people to be surprised when the station changes hands. Two, I want people to know that Ned Wessenberg is reliable and capable and will continue to provide good service. And three, I want to thank all of our loyal customers, not only for their patronage, but also for their concern when I dropped dead in 1982 and was out of work for five months." On March 23, 1982, employee Tony Garvey found Nick unconscious under a car he was working on. Neighbors brought metal and cleaned house so that Carole was free to visit Nick. He spent two weeks at Ramsey Hospital, three months at St. Joseph's, the was in and out of University Hospital for tests. He has made a gradual recovery, with Nick's in page 20

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is the city's four lift stations — a part of the sanitary sewage system necessary to move sewage along at different elevations. "Right now the lift stations are our highest priority," said Olson.
Once assessment has been completed, Lauderdale will begin actually testing equipment to be sure that it's ready for January 1, 2000. In addition, the city plans to revise its emergency procedures in case Y2K problems are worse than anticipated. For example, said Olson, they are talking about whether the city ought to provide some kind of emergency shelter in the event that residents have to leave unheated residences.
In Falcon Heights, officials are looking both at City Hall and the larger community as they try to anticipate Y2K problems. Because Falcon Heights contracts some services — such as police and fire protection, snow plowing, and 911 dispatching — with other municipalities and units of government, they have made an effort to be sure those entities are Y2K compliant.
According to City Administrator Susan Hoyt, "We're taking the issue seriously and trying to cover all fronts." One form that effort has taken was a recent city council workshop on how to respond to community emergencies. In addition, an intergenerational Dialogue was held on February 18 to discuss the general topic of emergency preparation and how neighbors can help each other.

To address community preparedness, Falcon Heights has created a Year 2000 task force. That group has worked on strengthening partnerships between residents and area businesses as well as a neighbor-to-neighbor network.
According to task force chair Kita Gerhardt, "We're trying to be level-headed. We expect that there will be some problems, but we're not anticipating major disasters." Gerhardt also noted that the emergency management system, effective as it is in responding to emergencies on a system-wide basis, cannot do much with neighbor-to-neighbor issues. The mission of the Falcon Heights Y2K task force, then, is to explore ways that individuals and groups can support each other.

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salamanders and mudskippers have been observed in and around the pond, and its uses vary by season. It was used by neighborhood children for swimming.
The St. Anthony Park Community Council's Environment Committee has been paying attention to the Kasota Pond area for several years. The committee has developed a proactive plan to buffer the pond by preserving the area around it. Amoco's proposed station would threaten that plan. In December 1998 the Community Council filed an appeal to Amoco's site plan. After a public hearing on December 29, the St. Paul Zoning Committee postponed a decision on the Amoco plan. However, on February 4 of this year, the Zoning Committee denied the Community Council's appeal and approved the site plan, with the provision that Amoco obtain a "letter of no association" from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. A letter of no association would provide legal protection for Amoco concerning any pre-existing pollution, or pollution that has ceased to pose a threat.

Elections
The SAPCC is holding elections in April of this year. Are you interested in serving your neighborhood? Do you want to get involved in issues important to St. Anthony Park? Delegates and alternates are needed to serve two-year terms on the Council. Call Heather for more information, or an application for the ballot at 651-649-5992.

Crime Update
The Minneapolis Police Department arrested the male suspect who was active in the St. Anthony Park, Lauderdale, and Falcon Heights area last year. He had many prior arrests. Thanks to those neighbors who participated in crime prevention activities after the incidents in November and December.

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STAR funds available for residential improvements

by Amy Couston

In order to help beautify the community and to improve the local housing stock, special low-interest STAR home improvement loans will be offered this spring. Homeowners can get a one-to-one match of up to $7500 on a loan for exterior home improvements on single-family dwellings or duplexes within District 12.

"We're excited about this project because we think it will do a lot for the community," says Kathy Bjorge of St. Anthony Park Bank, the bank which will be offering these loans. "It just shows a real desire of Park Bank and the St. Anthony Park Community Council to help people.

The program is co-sponsored by Park Bank and the Community Council, who applied for the funds for the matching loans from the St. Paul Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) fund. The STF structure fund distributes money from the extra 3.5% city sales tax to communities to be used for neighborhood development — specifically, capital investments that will yield long-term results. St. Anthony Park Community Council Executive Director Heather Wirthlin says that this is a unique program in that revenue from a city tax is returned directly to communities in the city.

The bank was awarded $300,000 in loan money and an additional $60,000 in grant funds for those who cannot qualify for a Park Bank loan. The grant portion is being administered by the Hamline-Midway Area Rehabilitation Corporation (HMARC), who will also help with some inspections.

Worthington notes, "This is a really unique partnership between the bank, the Community Council, and HMARC, one which provides the community with a 'great deal of expertise — they're [Park Bank and HMARC] absolutely the best people you could find.'"

HMARC is a community development corporation which focuses on housing revitalization. "We try to stop problems before they happen," says David Alstead of HMARC, adding that if people can't afford necessary repairs, houses can continue to deteriorate until the repair work necessary is much more expensive. "We spend less money ahead of time," Alstead notes. "If we can help with the work on the exterior of a home, it helps the whole neighborhood in terms of maintaining the housing stock and extending its longevity." For that reason, all HMARC funds are specifically earmarked for exterior work, which provides the most noticeable improvement in a neighborhood's homes.

Worthington concurs with Alstead. The Community Council applied for the funds, she says, because "we found that there was a need for exterior loan funds." The median building date of homes in the area is 1914, and people may defer maintenance on these older houses while waiting to save enough money to pay for repairs. She noted that the Community Council sees this as a way to stabilize the community as well as a way to preserve the small-town charm of the neighborhood, which is one reason, as Worthington puts it, "houses sell magically" in St. Anthony Park.

There are other benefits as well. Says Alstead, "We've found that it spreads from one neighbor to another" — if one home gets a new coat of paint, other homeowners in the neighborhood are likely to follow suit. Also, many law-enforcement experts feel that maintaining homes and buildings in a neighborhood is an important strategy in fighting crime.

Applications for the loans will be accepted starting March 15. Applicants must draw up a detailed list of work to be completed and submit it with their application along with a contractor's bid. Funds will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis until the $300,000 is used up. The interest rate of the STAR loan portion will be 5%, while the interest rate of the ParkBank portion will range from 8.5-10%

Once the loan is approved, borrowers have 60 days to complete their project. Upon completion of the repairs, STAR funds to page 20

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I hate goodbyes, but here goes...

My tenure as editor is now over, and it's time to bid the Bugle farewell. My husband and I are gratified to expect our first child in early May, and we'll be moving out of the state in June. But David Anger, the previous editor, will be taking over the helm once again. Before I go, I'd like to thank those in the community who supported the Bugle in a variety of ways — those who contributed cartoons, stories, letters to the Editor, guest columns, or who simply called in with an idea or general support. I'd also like to thank the many talented writers, illustrators and photographers (there are too many to list, but you'll find their names within these pages). Thanks also to the staff, particularly Reginald Hiltz, who kept me in good spirits and somehow managed to pull the paper together and get it everything in. Lastly I'd like to thank the Bugle Board of Directors, they meet at the very cold and dark hour of 7 a.m., before their busy days start, to guide and direct this paper.

And I wish, at times, these people together in various ways and put together something they hope you, the reader, will benefit from. They contribute out of their own goodwill and commitment to the community. They put in long hours for little (or no) pay.

Sometimes I imagine you, the reader — sitting at your kitchen table sifting over the pages, flipping through the paper quickly or perusing, or even reading (I hope) the paper without a glance. In any case, we send the paper out each month hoping that something caught your attention, made you laugh, made you smile.

Best wishes to you all. I'll miss the paper and I'll miss the neighborhood it serves — both are real treasures.

Lenora Prichett

Proposed Amoco station a mistake

Four days ago I learned that the Amoco station on Kaat Avenue near Kaat Pond had been purchased by Amoco and approved by the City of St. Paul. This is a fine for construction of a service station.

I live in St. Anthony Park near the Hwy. 280/ Kaat interchange and know the area well. There were many wetlands and a lake in this area before houses were built and the community grew to the size it is today. All but Kaat Pond and a few other small designated wetlands along Kaat have been filled in. I am deeply concerned about all activity that will impact the wetlands. I worry about the impact on ground water, connecting these sensitive areas when excavation occurs to provide footings for the structure, let alone to the depth required to accommodate the underground storage tanks. Despite the nature of wetland habitats, it would be prudent to position underground structures above the water table so as not to obstruct the natural flow of water. If flow is obstructed and/or reduced then our wetlands may be profoundly negatively impacted. I would like to know what measures will be taken to prevent runoff from entering the wetland on the property and Kaat Pond. If there are ways to contain runoff, who monitors the owners to see if there is compliance? What will be done about the presence of heavy metals and other potentially toxic materials that may be potentially identified at the site (cadmium, lead, mercury, boron, DOT, and herbicides)? What will be done about the piling of inorganic ash that was dumped three years ago? The viability of these wetlands is critically linked to acidity adjacent to them, and any introduction to their complex interconnections may have ramifications that could disrupt the ecosystem. The sensitive web of life existing within these areas is extensive and may not be immediately obvious to the casual observer. Within Kaat Pond itself, and in addition to microscopic plant and animal life found there, there are macroinvertebrates such as aquatic insects, crustaceans and mussels. Some provide food for the aquatic birds, reptiles, amphibians, small mammals, and even other predatory insects, which have been identified from the pond and riparian region. Other invertebrates feed on plant material growing in the ponds. We are not a干扰 if from the adjacent terrestrial habitat. One common example is the many insect larvae that feed on organic particles that are decaying in the water, from those shelled, shriveled pieces of leaves and wood or smaller particles of detritus from submerged surfaces, to those that feed on fine particles suspended in the water column. There are insects that feed on algae, or bore into submerged roots of vascular plants, and still others are parasitic upon other animal organisms. Many larvae are also found deep below the substrate. In short, this area contains a complex web of life at the edge of our neighborhood, and it is important to us for its integrity. At a time when wetland conservation is on the minds of everyone who appreciates and understands the value of our natural habitats, wherever they may be found, it is our responsibility to be good stewards of these resources. This community feels a strong sense of commitment towards Kaat Pond and has demonstrated this in several ways for many years. Annual clean-up have been organized by the local scout troops and scout leaders have used the area for field trips. University of Minnesota faculty and students have studied the Canada Geese, Perigrine Falcons, and various mammals living on and near the pond. University of Minnesota hydrologist and her students have this pond for seven years, and for several years I have collected aquatic insects for use in teaching entomological graduate students at the University and elsewhere. Although in my heart I am especially moved by environmental concerns, there are some additional issues to consider when proposing construction on this site. Construction regularly occurs during peak traffic flow on Kaat Avenue, and by adding the movement of 500 additional vehicles per day in and out of a service station, and at a place where cars are entering and exiting Hwy. 280 (and the railroad tracks, which also frequently stops traffic causing cars to be backed up to the Hwy. 280/Kaat junction), safety issues are raised. If the station is allowed to maintain a lighted 60 foot sign 24 hours a day, then light pollution is also a concern to those whose yards will be illuminated. This neighborhood had already had to adjust to the impact of noise and air pollution from the railroad, Hwy. 280, and the University of Minnesota's busway. It is an additional nuisance to be expected to have a facility such as an Amoco station in our back yards.

— Margaret Manzen

Town meeting a success

We would like to thank everyone who attended our recent Town Meeting. There was a great turnout, and we had a good discussion about many important issues facing the Legislature. People were interested in talking about the budget surplus and the varying plans to return it to the taxpayers, including an income tax rebate, property tax reductions, sales tax decrease, or some combination. Other issues included health care, prescription drug prices, recreation and wildlife management, and education. We also talked about working in a "tri- party" system with our new governor, Jesse Ventura.


— Mary Jo McGuire
State Representative, Dist. 54A
— John Marty
State Senator, Dist. 54C

Taxes should be returned

When the State of Minnesota over-collects taxes, citizens deserve rebates for the entire amount over what covers the state's planned spending. Unfortunately, this is not how the state often operates. Indeed, many legislators advocate spending the state's budget surplus, ignoring the fact that the money rightfully belongs to the people who earned it, not to the politicians. The taxpayers of District 6B should know that Representative Alice Hausman is one of those politicians who seems to believe that state budget surpluses are hers to spend. Citizens should call Rep. Hausman and let her know that they do not approve of political shenanigans squandering their hard-earned wages.

— Darrall McKinley

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Taste the snow
Taste the speed
Taste what every gown-up needs

— Bill Hammond
Reflections on Y2K
by Dave Healy

The year 2000 is turning us into a nation of lame ducks. The year 1999 is becoming a mere holding pattern, a year to be hobbled through while we wait anxiously for the Big One. We’re like the older driver aging vehicle, so intent on watching the odometer creep up on 100,000 miles that we fail to notice the scenery rushing by outside our windows.

For some, 1999 is a year of dread. What will we do when all the computers crash and burn and the wheels of civilization grind to a halt? How much is a wood-burning stove and three months of pile- oak going to set you back? Should you have bought one of those freeze-dried you saw at the Fair last year? Does that old 10-speed out in the garage still work?

For others, 1999 is being spent planning for the Party of a Lifetime. Hey, a millennium doesn’t come along every day, you know. Don’t let it sneak up on you, though. Everything’s going to be booked, so you better make reservations early. If you’re planning to host something, get those invitations out soon. And you might want to start stocking up now on chips and dip because they’re sure to run out.

As 1999 plays itself out, the debate will intensify over whether Y2K marks the end of the 20th century or whether we’ll have to wait another year for that millennium event. Serious calendarists argue that the next century won’t begin until the stroke of midnight on December 31, 2000. If they’re right, then we’re for two years of millennium watching.

It’s like a presidential election: By the time the actual event finally氛围, everyone’s so sick of the preliminaries that they just want the thing to be over. Given all the hype, can Y2K turn out to be anything other than a letdown?

Box full of memories now part of History Center
by Kristin D. Anderson

Wondering what to do with them, not daring to throw them out, yet not wanting them cluttering my closet shelf, I stood looking at the box of old movie reels. It wasn’t a large box, and there weren’t a lot of rolls, but still, they were one more thing I didn’t need and should get rid of. These were my dad’s memories, my dad’s legacy, my dad’s treasure.

I didn’t recall ever seeing the films during my growing-up years, but I remembered the day I discovered a postcard written to my mother before she was married. I was a curious ten-year-old, home alone, when I decided to explore a top shelf in the bathroom linen cupboard. Stretching out as far as my gangly arms could reach, I pulled out and read every word. All I remember, though, is the last line, “With a canoe full of love, Ed.”

Mom told me about Dad and Uncle Ellis’ canoe trip in the Boundary Waters, and how he, loving his canoeing, thought “a canoe full of love” meant all there was to life. It was that a trip that was responsible for his birthday choice every year, fresh blueberry cake — the heavier the better (1 egg, 1 cup sugar, 1 T. butters, 1 c. milk, 2 c. flour, 2 t. baking powder, 2 c. washed blueberries in a 9” x 9” pan at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes). And, it turned out, making bean-bake beams was another way he relived some of those moments from his adventure and his youth.

Dad got the biggest kick out of having friends over for dinner on a lazy summer Saturday, and then asking those startled folks for their help in digging up the upper layer. Early in the morning he would have a dog, line it with rocks, and build a roaring fire. When the rocks had been heated through, he removed them up into the Dutch oven with the bean concoction Mom had prepared, covering it with a piece of metal and finally toasting the dirt back on top. Mom, somehow, always made a great impression — and a lasting one.

Looking at the 10 Kodak boxes with “1929 canoe trip” penciled on them, I knew I couldn’t throw them away. Having borrowed old photos for other, not-quite so ancient, family movies, I knew the film might easily break and probably would not last much longer, so it wouldn’t be wise to give them to one of my kids (any favorite thing to do with stuff I can’t bear to throw away). It looked like making a VCR tape was the way to go, but then the thought occurred to me that perhaps people other than family might be interested. A call to the Minnesota History Center confirmed that, and the process of donating began.

First I took in the films and signed a loan agreement. Then came the decision. “We would very much like to accept these films into the permanent collection. Is there any written documentation of this trip?” We’d like some biographical information on your father. Could you send some information about him such as occupation and main interests? Was he a member of any sporting or outdoor club? Does the name H. Fromon mean anything to you?

How little I knew about the trip! Feeling somewhat elucidated, I contacted Emee’s widow, a lively miss who immediately set out to see what she had. The original newspaper story was tucked away among her things, and we learned there were nine men in the group, all insurance men, and that it was a three-day, two-night trip. 1,750 pounds, 40 pounds of bacon, 22 pounds of butter, eight blueberry cakes, 81 baking powder biscuits, 100 pounds of fish, two bushels of potatoes, and 25 pounds of baked beans. They had powdered milk and powdered lemon, but no other dried foods. Those supplies, along with the heavy wooden canoes, bulky canvas tents, and other needed gear, traveled 225 miles, 30 of which was portagin.

Then cousin Fred, up from Texas for the 90th birthday party, told us he still had the original map. What a find! “Canoeist’s Map of Hunters Island, drawn and published by H. C. Wilson, Minneapolis, Minn. Copyright 1929.” An album of still photos was found, including three of the men blowing up their air mattresses, and postcard photos of bearded Ed and Emee upon their return to civilization. Two weeks of not shaving — no wonder the trip was a highlight of their lives!

Scheduled to be on display until mid-March, “What’s New?” exhibit at the Minnesota Historical Center featured Ed’s 1929 photo album. My dad’s youth, my dad’s treasure now belong to all of us. “Press this picture of Great Grandpa Herman and we’ll start of his canoe trip.” Did you see the man jump over the canoe?"

Standing to the side I revealed in watching my daughter and her family looking at the map and photos, sharing this bit of family history with each other. When better was watching the interested visitors who had stopped at the display and were reading every word. They, too, enjoyed watching the short moving films. However, they didn’t have the same question I had the first time I saw it: Is the skinny-dipping part still in, or did they cut it out?"
ARTS EVENTS

EXHIBITS

The story of a collector
The Goldstein Gallery, located at 1985 Buford Ave. in McNeal Hall, is hosting an exhibition featuring Old Master drawings, watercolors and decorative arts from the personal collection of famous University of Minnesota Professor Timothy Trent Blade. Blade was considered a regional expert on the subject of collecting and curated numerous exhibitions for The Goldstein.

MUSIC

Welsh hymn sing
St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church will sponsor a Welsh hymn sing ("Cymraeg Gymdeithas") on March 7 at 3 p.m. All are invited to participate in this free event which will feature four-part congregational singing of Welsh hymns, led by Mary Morris Moore of St. Anthony Park. The Twin Citites Welsh community is hosting the international Welsh gathering over Labor Day weekend, and this event provides the first rehearsal of hymns to be used then. Books will be available to purchase at the door for $10. A nursery will be provided. The church is handicap accessible.

Music in the Park offers family concert
On March 19, the Music in the Park Family Concert Series will present "Animal Voices" at 6:15 and 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2536 Carter Ave. Enjoy songs about the eating habits of porcupines, mosquitoes and hound dog's listic to the sounds of a northwoods lake at dusk; and sing along with one of the Twin Cities' most exciting vocal groups. Tickets are available at Mecawber's Bookstore and the Bibilot Shop. Call 651-644-4254 for more information.

Evenings Under Glass at Como Conservatory
The Como Park Conservatory is kicking off the fifth season of their "Evenings Under Glass" jazz series. The Reuben Ristrom Quartet will launch this series on March 4. Other artists include Kiko Raingel Jazz and Latin Quartet on March 11, jazz and soul saxophonist Ronny Leos on March 18 and vocalist Debbie Duncan and Friends on March 25. During the first two shows, jazz lovers will enjoy the winter flower show displaying azaleas and cyclamen. The final two performances will feature tulips and daffodils. All performances are held from 7 to 9 p.m.

Wellerman Trio presented by Music in the Park
The Music in the Park Series presents The Wellerman Trio on March 7 at 4 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ. It's a family affair when the Wellermans — featuring 16-year-old cellist Allie and her renowned parents, violinist Donald and pianist Vivian — take the stage. For tickets/information, call 651-645-5699.

Brooksky performs at Student Center
Folk singer Chuck Brookley will perform at the St. Paul Student Theatre (2017 Buford Ave.) on March 7 at 7 p.m. Tickets are $10 in advance, $12 at the door, and $5 for students. For more information, call the New Folk Collective at 651-293-9021.

Family concert
St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church will be presenting a concert featuring Three Men & a Banjo and other performers on March 21 at 4 p.m. The concert, which will be held in the sanctuary, is intended for people of all ages and is especially suitable for family entertainment and fellowship. The concert is free, though donations are accepted. Call 651-645-4285 for more information.

THEATER

Martin Luther King tribute
Kristen Stockelder, who lives in St. Anthony Park, is a cast member in the SteppingStone Theater for Youth Development's production of "And a Child Shall Lead Them: Young MLK Martin Luther King, Jr." This show runs through March 7 at the Wayzahser Auditorium at the Landmark Center. For tickets and information, call 651-225-9265.

DANCE

Tribute to Sam Costa
Company members of St. Anthony Park, and cast members of Sam Costa's "10,000 Dances" will present "Third Time 'Round the Block — A Tribute to Sam Costa" from March 3 through March 7 at the E.M. Pearson Theater, 312 Hamline Ave. All seats must be reserved in advance by calling 651-641-8849.

Costa has been an integral part of the arts, dance and education communities for the past eight years and is away from the stage and the company after being diagnosed with Phase IV pancreatic cancer. This is the company's way of saying "thank you" for all he has done. A donation table will be set up to give audience members an opportunity to support Costa in his battle against cancer. All donations will go directly to assist Costa in paying for medical costs.

Photo exhibit highlights works by David Shippere

Photo exhibit highlights works by David Shippere and other community photographers

by Abby Marler

C LICK! An Exhibit of Photography features the work of many outstanding photographers in our community. The show is sponsored in part by the St. Anthony Park Association. Part of this exhibit pays tribute to David Shippere, an outstanding young photographer who grew up in St. Anthony Park. The son of Warner and Elizabeth Shippere, David Shippere lost his life at the age of 29. As a professional photographer for the Sino-American Upper Yangtze river expedition, he contracted Altitude Pulmonary Edema in August 1986 in the Qinghai province in China.

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A compassionate eye
Photography by Park resident Dani Werner

by Natalie Zett

A bility of her life, Dani Werner felt compelled to tell stories. This drove her to studying filmmaking for a short time. "It was daunting, though," explains Werner, "to learn how to tell a story through film — and very pricey!" Instead, she segued into photography because of its ability to tell stories "from within one frame." Largely self-taught, she did work for a number of photographers in the Twin Cities, including Ann Marsten, who she counts as a mentor. Marsten is well known for her portraits of artists and performers.

A large Buddha and a sign that says "serenity" mark the entrance to Werner’s St. Anthony Park home. The inside is a mishmash of books, CDs, record albums, and statues and figurines of various deities from a number of different religions. (Coco, the large lab-shepherd mix, and her feline companion, Goony, share duty.) Then, there are the photographs: those of her partner and fellow photographer, Doug Beasley, and her own works are displayed throughout the house.

Werner smiles easily and listens intently to my questions and shows me her publicity portfolio. As I browse through the photographs, I stop drinking the green tea she just poured. "My God," I said, "These are incredible!"

Her portraits are carefully composed pieces done by an artist who is a superb technician. However, the results are more than technique. She is somehow able to encompass, yet not restrain, each subject’s individuality. Although I didn’t ask her age, it was obvious that she was in her late 20s to early 30s. How could someone so young produce such mature work? I’m out for clues.

"I grew up in South Minneapolis and was raised by a single mother who was pretty much a free spirit herself," says Werner. (Her mother died when Werner was in her early twenties.) Werner’s earliest ambition was to be a world traveler. "I used the money that I would have spent on college to see the world," For her, this has been a far better education.

The global experience afforded her the opportunity to encounter, first-hand, diverse places and people. One of her more memorable journeys took her to an area in Indonesia where people didn’t use mirrors. She decided to photograph them with a Polaroid so she could give each person a picture of himself or herself. "The camera was like magic to them," she laughs. "The children squealed with delight when I gave them the Polaroids of themselves." She maintains that these adventures enriched her life and contributed to her artistic growth. They have also led her to conclude that as people, "we’re all so much alike. We share joys and struggles — there is a universal bond."

Her spiritual path, primarily influenced by Eastern thought, definitely affects how Werner approaches her work as a portrait photographer. "I really try to be very present in the moment with someone, to be totally focused on them. I also question my own motives and make sure the photos are about them, not me. Every person has a unique way of connecting to life. That’s what I want to portray."

Werner loves to photograph people during life transitions. Her subjects have included four sisters who recently lost their fifth sister to cancer, a young engaged couple, and an older lesbian couple. She has a vast number of photographs of people and places from all over the world. (She is currently doing an exhibit in France of the landscapes of Brittany. She hopes to do an exhibition locally as well.)

Although she makes a respectable living doing portraits, she prefers to rely on word-of-mouth for business rather than marketing. During a photo session, Werner says, "I work hard to get people to loosen up in front of the camera. I try to create a safe place for them. It makes me so sad to hear people criticize themselves, to be self-conscious about their hips, their nose, and so on." She pauses and shakes her head and affirms, "I only see the beauty in them."

To help them relax, Werner says, "I try to get people to talk about their lives. It’s also important that I remain really present, focused, and flexible so I can respond to the situation."

Besides her portraits, Werner works with urban youth through the community gardens projects throughout the Twin Cities. "It’s amazing to see the children change as they relate to the things that grow from the earth. It gives them a sense of ownership and pride in their part of the world. They want to protect it."

Her dream for the future is to write, to produce more personal work for exhibition and to remain "she small guy in town."

Although Werner has no aspiration for fame, her work may not cooperate. She shakes her head at this prediction and smiles, "My real goal is to create something not just for here and now, but something that will still tell a story 50 years from today."

Photography show... from page 6

Photography had always been a part of Shippee’s life. From the age of fifteen he "wore his camera like a third arm," shooting practically everything he witnessed. Boundless enthusiasm, curiosity and an affinity for both people and outdoor adventure served him well.

During his high school years at St. Paul’s Open School, he took classes at Film in the Cities. While majoring in photocommunication at the University of Minnesota, he worked at the Minnesota Daily and at the Park Bugle. Shippee and Marsha Denhoff were married in 1982. In 1984, they headed for the mountains near Boise, Idaho, where he served as a staff photographer for the Idaho Stateman in Boise, Idaho, and earned a reputation there for his dedication to the art of the camera.

During his short career he won awards from the National Press Photographers Association and the Idaho Press Club, and was selected for inclusion in A Day in the Life of America (Collins, 1986). In 1991 National Geographic chose his Basque sheep herder photo to illustrate Idaho in "Our Fifty States."
Preparing for the St. Anthony Park Garden Tour

by Mary Maguire Lerman

Get ready for those gorgeous gardens! On July 17, many gardeners in St. Anthony Park will open their gardens for the St. Anthony Park Garden Tour. This year the tour is sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Garden Club and the St. Anthony Park Association. Proceeds from the tour will be used for community block grants and garden projects.

A special focus this year is to assist with the purchase of land for the Community Gardens in south St. Anthony Park.

In 1997 the Garden Tour featured not only gardens, but also musical, educational and/or artistic events. The plan is to continue that tradition this year, as the consensus from the 1997 tour was that it was a great addition. Musicians, performers or artists interested in participating in this year’s garden tour are needed.

This summer, participants will get an opportunity to visit a different batch of gardens than those in 1997. The co-chairs for the garden tour, Ron Dufault and Mary Maguire Lerman, have been "stealing the neighborhood" this past season, peering down alleys and looking for new and hidden gardens. However, there are some streets and blocks where alleys do not exist and they have been unable to determine if gardens exist on some blocks. If you know of a great garden, particularly in the Grove area, please contact Ron Dufault or Mary Maguire Lerman at the numbers listed below. All they need is the address and/or name of the gardener. The gardeners will then be sent an invitation to consider participating in the tour.

Some gardeners have already received their invitation. One new gardener who immediately responded to the invitation is Zach Johnston, who lives at the southwest corner of Raymond and Commonweal. Johnston's backyard has been transformed with the addition of a water garden complete with fish that are overwintering outdoors with the aid of pond heaters. Johnston is looking forward to sharing his garden knowledge when participants visit in July.

The gardens on this summer's tour will feature gardens with large lots and small lots — so we can provide homeowners with ideas on how to best use their landscape space.

Numerous volunteers are needed for the tour, particularly on the day of the tour. Ticket sales will occur at the St. Anthony Park Library lawn and ticket checkers will be needed at each garden site. Volunteers who work for a three hour shift will receive a complimentary ticket allowing them to visit all the gardens before or after their shifts. All volunteers and gardeners who assist with the tour will then be invited to a post-tour party.

To recommend a garden for the tour, to volunteer or to participate with music or art, please call either Mary Maguire Lerman at 651-644-7388 or Ron Dufault at 651-647-0362.

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For more information on composting:
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- Ramsey County Extension, Master Gardener, 702-2070
- Minnesota State Horticulture Society, 643-3601
- Books and videos on composting, Master Gardener, 643-3601

Where to get free compost:
- The City of St. Paul has a leaf compost project at Plymouth and Prior Avenue. This site is open from the first week in April through the first week in November. Finished compost is available, and they also accept leaves and non-woody materials. Call 653-3884 for more information.
- The University of Minnesota compost pile is available to the public. It is an outdoor pile, available any time (demand outstrips the supply). It is located on Buford Place, at the east end of the St. Paul campus.

How it works
The benefit of compost is enormous. It means we are handling waste in an economic and earth-friendly manner. Gardeners can improve their garden soil, recycle yard waste, and reduce plant pest and disease problems by using compost. Soil enriched with compost holds moisture and air for plant roots. Used as a mulch, compost insulates the soil against the sun, allowing plants to thrive. It’s a simple way to cut down on the amount of trash which otherwise would be hauled to a landfill. Compost is not dense enough in nutrients to substitute for fertilizer when soil is poor, but when used regularly, soil nutrition improves over time.

Recipe for backyard compost
All year long (even in winter!), there is biological activity in the compost pile. When the essentials—air, moisture (not excessive), carbon (brown materials such as leaves, straw, sawdust, wood chips, even shredded newspaper), and nitrogen (grass clippings, weeds or kitchen garbage) are present—rich humus is your reward. It’s virtually automatic.

Any organic material from the kitchen is suitable, except meat or meat derivatives, or dairy products. Always mix it with a large amount of dry carbon material (such as chopped leaves or straw) to prevent odor problems.

March 2
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She's convinced that everyone else — but especially kids — would also be fascinated with technology if only they could see it the way she does. So convinced that she opened a museum to share her vision.

Schatz, a resident of south St. Anthony Park, is the founder, chief administrator and general life force behind "The Works," an interactive learning site for children aged five to 15, that will celebrate its fourth birthday this month. At the Eden Prairie Center-based site, kids learn about the intricacies and mysteries of the technology that their elders often make the mistake of taking for granted. "The Works" is an intimate whirl of bright colors, eye-catching special effects and clever packaging that mixes solid technological principle with awesome industrial magic.

Kids come to the museum to see things like the laser-driven stone harp that produces music without strings, or the Tracker, a cartoonish robot with yellow-and-purple eyes, antennae and a slowly swiveling head. The Tracker uses everyday camcorder technology to achieve some kid-pleasing effects that might startle the average electrical engineer.

Parents and educators urge repeat visits to the museum when they realize that The Works is offering solid scientific explanations to go along with the eye-popping special effects.

When Schatz earned her M.S. in Information Sciences from the University of Minnesota in 1986, she seemed poised for conventional career success as an engineer specializing in communications networking. Twelve years later, she's using her degree in ways that no one could have predicted.
a Schatz and THE WORKS
by Judy Woodward

resident involved in The Works. She met Schatz through a neighborhood play group that both women’s children attended. When The Works needed a part-time accountant who understood the ways of a non-profit organization dedicated to presenting technical wizardry to the grade-school set. Palmk, the mother of five children, was the natural choice.

A couple of years later, her husband, Pete Palmk, was recruited to set up computer communications system for The Works. He still acts as a volunteer systems operator for The Works on occasion.

Although Schatz is eager to involve her neighbors in what she calls her “life-long work,” there is one area of her life that she prefers to keep separate from The Works. The mother of two sons, ages nine and five, Schatz says, “The Works is such a big, encompassing thing. It eats up any amount of time you can feed into it. We try to keep it separate from our family life.”

Schatz’s husband, computer consultant John Mulhern, takes no active role in The Works, but the family has managed to schedule in time so effectively that husband-and-wife have worked out the seemingly impossible organizational feat of running two separate professional lives in addition to homeschooling their children. Observers who have coped with

Rebecca Schatz, a resident of south St. Anthony Park, is the founder, chief administrator and general life force behind “The Works,” an interactive learning site for children ages five to 15.

the career-versus-family seasaw might be forgiven for wondering if that isn’t Schatz’s greatest technological achievement.

A slender, picknick-looking woman equal in ease with technical discourse and the finer points of her small visitors’ appreciation of the disruptive aspects of anything involved with gears and noise, Schatz’ fascination with the possibilities of machinery is contagious. What she may not realize, though, is that the most fascinating dynamo at The Works is the human one who gives us the chance to discover the pure pleasure of technology.

To celebrate National Engineering Week and in honor of its fourth birthday, The Works is sponsoring a Tech Take-Apart weekend on February 27 and 28. Young investigators and their parents are invited to get to the heart of technological mysteries by taking apart worn-out CD players, VCRs, printers, answering machines and other irreparable machinery. The Works will provide all the machines, plus screwdrivers for everyone. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Call 612-941-2211 for more information and directions to The Works.

Note: Portions of this article were previously published in Inventing Tomorrow, the magazine of the Institute of Technology of the University of Minnesota.

Top left: Young visitors enjoy “Face Wars,” Top right: A participant explores circuits in the “Wires, Bolts and Batteries” workshop. Photos courtesy of The Works. Bottom: Local youth crowd around science displays provided by The Works. (photo by Tufaro, Ron)

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Como Girls win 12U tournament
The Como Girls 12-and-under hockey team won first place at the Benson Invitational Tournament held January 15 through 17. The Como team is having a spectacular season with 15 wins, no losses, no ties. The Championship game placed the Como team against Armstrong, Alicia Geiger, Kelly Larson, Cristin Weller and Audrey Myhr were extremely strong on defense. Scoring for Como were Mari Gunderson, Erin Chebakosi and two goals by Jennifer Johnson. Assist went to Meghan Stumpf, Jennifer Johnson, Stacy Specter and Alicia Geiger. Coaches are Steve Vlasovlevich (also known as “Steve Spaghetti”), Tom Stumpf, John Gunderson and Bill Weller. They look forward to upcoming tournaments in Woodbury and Chisago Lakes, where they will no doubt be strong competitors.

— Lynn Myhr
St. Anthony Park Book Start Program needs volunteers
Book Start has been a summer tradition for children in St. Anthony Park for almost thirty years. Volunteers are needed to run this summer by reading stories and leading book-related activities for children ages four to six. If you are interested and available for three mornings a week, mid-June through mid-July, call Area 1 Community Education at 651-293-8738.

Rec centers sponsor egg hunt
The annual egg hunt and party sponsored by the South St. Anthony Rec Center is scheduled for March 20 from 4 to 5 p.m. The Langford Rec Center’s egg hunt and party will take place on April 1 from 4 to 5 p.m. Children ages 12 and under are invited to participate. Games, pets, candy and refreshments will be served.

Sports registration at rec centers
Registration for summer baseball and softball begins March 15 and continues until April 2. This is for boys and girls ages eight to 14. T-ball and Natball registration begins April 12 and runs April 30. Boys and girls ages five to seven are encouraged to sign up for these sports. Call the South St. Anthony Rec Center at 651-298-5716 or the Langford Rec Center at 651-298-5770 for more information.

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Young neighborhood actress draws rave reviews in Guthrie production

by Lisa Steinmann

There are a few places where a ten-year-old girl gets to swear out loud, drink wine and blow out the candles on a birthday cake several times a week. St. Anthony Park resident Elizabeth Peterson found one of those special places on the Guthrie stage in the recent production of The Magic Fire. During the months of January and February, she played the role of young Lisa, an outgoing but overprotected seven-year-old girl growing up in a funny, dramatic family in 150th Argentina. Not only did the play and cast earn praise in the local press but Elizabeth in particular earned notable reviews for her performance. Erin Bederberg, Art and Entertainment reviewer for the Minneapolis Star and Tribune, wrote, “Although the inclusion of a young actor in a performance often seems like a bad decision, young Lisa [as played by Elizabeth Peterson] truly stole the show.”

Robin Preston, who reviewed the play for the Minneapolis Star and Tribune, wrote, “At the important and precocious young Lisa, Elizabeth Peterson is a winner.”

Elizabeth’s favorite scene in the play is one where she is alone in the family living room listening to the opera Tosca on the phonograph. In quilted robe and bunny slippers she acts out the dramatic finale of Puccini’s opera where the heroine throws herself off a parapet. On the opening night Elizabeth play this scene, ending it in a dramatic sprawl on the oriental rug, the Guthrie crowd responded with the biggest laughter and applause of the show. When I asked Elizabeth what she liked about being in the play she talked about meeting the play’s author Lillian Garrett-Groag and making friends with the other cast members. Since her role as young Lisa is double cast, Britta Lee Nordahl took the role half of the time she was not the only child around. Terri Peterson, Elizabeth’s mother, agreed that the Guthrie staff and cast members were kind and friendly. That was important since Elizabeth spent six days a week at the Guthrie rehearsing and performing. Elizabeth’s involvement in the play had trade-offs too. She says that she had “too much time to play with friends,” and she had to miss a lot of school to attend daily rehearsals. Her family had a big role too in providing support as well as transportation as she pursued an extremely busy schedule. When she was not taking her bows center stage at the Guthrie, she was busy with the usual business of being a kid — school, dance and piano lessons. Girl Scouts and basketball at Langford Park.

Elizabeth, the youngest of four theatrical siblings, got her start at age six as Woodstock in the play You’re A Good Man Charlie Brown. Since then she has been in 11 plays including two previous roles at the Guthrie. This spring she will appear in their production of Summer and Smoke.

We may wonder if a child who can perform on the Guthrie stage is as “impertinent and precocious” as the character Lisa in The Magic Fire. However, I found Elizabeth to be like most other fourth graders I know except for her remarkable ability to share in public the naturally childlike desire to play. Most of us wait until the living room is empty to turn up the music and act out a piece of life’s drama.

Sally Winport as Lisa and Elizabeth Peterson (right) as young Lisa in the Guthrie production of The Magic Fire. Photo by Sarah Jude

40th Winter Sports Weekend a huge success

by Dave Hansen

Winter Sports Weekend at Langford Park Recreation Center was a blend of sports, socializing, dining and cabin-fever reduction. Nancy Olsen, coordinator of this year’s 40th anniversary event, found that the activities attracted more than hockey and basketball families. “It’s the perfect year to get out and have fun with St. Anthony Park neighbors. All ages show up, not just families with kids on sports teams. I was thrilled to see a nice spectrum of ages and interests, and lots of recreational skaters because the weather was so nice. There were hundreds of families in and out of here over the weekend. For the instructional basketball group — the younger players — there were 70 people watching them play. It’s just a real community gathering.”

The Langford Festival, held January 23 and 24, precedes the official St. Paul Winter Carnival and has royalty of its own. This year, Michele Muna was prince and Marta Waiden princess. Both are seventh graders at Murray Junior High. Their next appearance will be in the 4th of July parade that makes its way to Langford Park.

The kitchen is used more this weekend than any other time of the year, explains chief chef chief Barbara Burk. The full menu means kids (and adult junks) are able to eat at the park for the entire weekend. Some of the offerings are legendary, such as “slap shot” (hot caramel sauce dribbled over a sliced apple) and “iced puck” (ice cream — donated by Manning’s — on a brownie). Langford Park booster Tim and Tom’s Speedy Market was the supplier of pizza, vegetables, chili ingredients and beverages and other menu items.

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The Langford “Mite” hockey team congratulates their Edgcombe opponents following their game at the Langford Winter Sports Weekend. Coaches Jeff Robinow, Tom Burk and Ted Lee bring up the end of the line. Photo by Dave Hansen

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Free blood pressure check
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church offers walks in blood pressure checks on the first Thursday of every month. The next check-up day is March 21st from 2 to 7 p.m. The church is located at 2136 Carter Ave.

Fighting loneliness
Are you feeling lonely? Would you like to help others battle loneliness? Bethel Lutheran Church is currently in the process of establishing a support group for people who are lonely. The first meeting will be on March 21st at 7 p.m. at 670 West Wheelock Parkway. For more information, call 651-488-6681.

Garden Club
The history of the Japanese Garden at Como Park is the topic this month at the St. Anthony Park Garden Club meeting. Designed by Masami Matsuda of Nagasaki, Japan, the garden is one of the many jewels found in Como Park. Come learn about its history and how you can volunteer. The meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Olson Campus Center at Luther Seminary. As always, the meetings are free and are open to the public.

Japanese garden seeks volunteers
If you'd like to learn more about the tranquil Japanese Garden at Como Park and could volunteer for three hours every week or every other week, here's your chance. In April, new volunteers will be trained. Particularly needed are volunteers available on weekends. Call 651-487-8247 to inquire about the opportunity. The garden will be open to visitors from May through September.

St. Cecilia's parish dinner
The Church of St. Cecilia invites friends and neighbors to its annual parish dinner on March 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the church basement. The dinner features turkey and all the trimmings. Tickets are $6; children under age eight are free. Call 651-644-4502 for more information.

STAR grants available
The City of St. Paul invites public and non-profit entities to apply for grants between $5,000 and $20,000 through the Neighborhood STAR Small Grant Program. Program, funded by the half-cent sales tax revenue, provides grants for capital (physical-improvement) projects to further economic, commercial, or residential development in St. Paul. Applications are due by March 18. To find out more, call 266-STAR.

Gibbs Farm seeks volunteers
Gibbs Farm Museum in Falcon Heights has several volunteer opportunities for individuals interested in Ramsey County history, mid- to late 19th century pioneer life, and the Dakota peoples. The museum is open from May 1 through October 30. Call 651-222-0740 for details.

AARP
The Midway-Highland Chapter 930 of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet on March 13 at Lutheran Care Center, 1298 Pascal Avenue.

Wide World of Travel opens in Como neighborhood
A Wide World of Travel recently purchased the building located at the corner of Hamline and Como avenues. The owners, Judy and Arlo Auch, are Como Park residents and have been in the travel business for 14 years. They previously owned and operated several other agencies in Colorado and North Dakota before selling them. Being natives of Minnesota, they decided to return and begin an agency here in the community. They have traveled extensively and have lived in Germany and Norway for eight years. In fact, for their love of things European that brought them to the Como neighborhood. "We have these older neighborhoods," says Arlo Auch. "They're more European. It's important to preserve older buildings and culture. This whole area has that feeling." He says he loves both living and working in the Como area.

This appreciation affects their business too — indeed, trips to Europe is one of their specialties. Among working with 21 groups,

Rummage sale
Corpus Christi Church will hold its annual Rummage Sale on March 20 from 8:30 to 3 p.m. at the Corpus Christi Gathering Area, 2131 Fairview Ave. North. Donations are welcome.

World Day of Prayer
St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church is hosting a World Day of Prayer on March 5 at 10 a.m. This international event unites all Christian men and women in "informed prayer and prayerful action" — the motto of the World Day of Prayer. All are welcome.

Are you a card player?
Senior Citizens are invited to enjoy card games sponsored by the St. Paul Parks and Recreation Department. Games include Bridge, Cribbage and 500; local sites include the Northwest Como Recreation Center at 1550 N. Hamline Avenue and the Edgecombe Community Center, 350 Griggs Street. For more information, call 651-266-6370.

SAP Community Council elections in April
The St. Anthony Park Community Council is holding elections in April. Delegates and alternates are needed to serve two-year terms on the Council. If you are interested in getting involved in this important St. Anthony Park, call Heather Worthington for more information at 651-649-5992.

U.S. Census Bureau seeks employees
The U.S. Bureau of Census is seeking full time and part time employees. Jobs start in March or April and are for six to eight months.

Arlo Auch, one of the owners of A Wide World of Travel, loves his new Como Park location. (Peggy & Gary Spar)
weeks. For more information, call 651-290-4294. Text sites include Falcon Heights City Hall and the Roseville Community Library.

Corpus Christi to host bloodmobile
The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Corpus Christi Church on Monday, March 8, from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, March 30, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The church is located at 1201 County Road B in Roseville. Donors are needed. Over 95% of all Americans reaching age 72 will need blood during their lifetime. Donors must be at least 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds. For further information, call the church at 651-659-8888.

Arts Festival preparations underway
Preparations are underway for the 30th annual St. Anthony Park Arts Festival, to be held June 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Applications are available at the library, 2245 Como Ave., or by calling Arlene West at 651-649-0481 before the May 1 deadline. More than 50 artists have already been accepted, and over 100 juried artists and craftsmen are expected to exhibit. Entertainers who are willing to perform for tips need not apply, but should contact West for scheduling information.

Half of the artists will be located at the library corner, 2245 Como Ave., and half will be along the borders of the St. Paul Seminary grounds at Como and Luther Place. Food booths, games, and booths highlighting neighborhood organizations will line the stretch of Como Avenue connecting the two parts of the Art Fair.

The Arts Festival is co-sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Business Association and the St. Anthony Park Library Association.

St. Anthony Park Library now open on Sunday
Starting March 7, the St. Anthony Park branch library will be open on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Currently, the library is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

Tale of 10 Cities
CTV Channel 15 is a community channel available to residents of Falcon Heights, Lauderdale and other local communities. Their program, Tale of 10 Cities, will air at 10:30 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays and 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays and Saturdays. The show is produced by community volunteers. If you know a person, business or event in your community that would be of interest to the viewing audience, call 651-481-9554.

IN BRIEF

Pollution Control Agency announces green star awards
The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has recognized several local businesses and organizations as recipients of "Green Star" awards for completing voluntary environmental audits of their operations. "The Green Star awards are important because they identify businesses that have taken the initiative to make sure they are following Minnesota's environmental laws," said MPCA Acting Commissioner Lisa Thoberg. The awards were issued to MINNEOSA COMMERCIAL RAILWAY COMPANY at 508 N. Cleveland, ROAD READY INC. at 620 Pelham Blvd., and the St. Paul Como Observatory, 1325 Aida Place.

Senator Anderson announces program for low-income seniors
"Low-income senior citizens will now receive assistance from the state in purchasing prescription drugs through the Senior Drug Program," announced Senator Ellen Anderson (DFL-66). The Minnesota Department of Human Services will now offer a program that helps those over age 65 pay for prescription drugs. The program is designed to target those who have too much income and assets to qualify for medical assistance but cannot afford private health insurance.

Have you ever thought about the advantages of a gift annuity?

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St. Anthony Park Community Council
Compost Guru . . . from page 7

system of composting leftover materials from the small, rural stores in eastern Wisconsin. By composting the materials, instead of hauling them to the landfill, the material can be used as a low-grade fertilizer, adding humus to the soil. Note like the idea, and so he, an engineer and Erickson's environmentalist, had secured a grant from the Wisconsin Solid Waste Marketing Development Board to develop such a system. The emphasis was on collecting materials in rural areas with a low density population. A contract was secured between a couple of More-4 stores and a River Falls area farmer. When food retailers saw how their total amount of trash had diminished (as a result of the compost effort), they were impressed.

The next step was to try to reduce the amount of garbage leaving the UW River Falls campus. With the assistance of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Jerry's team developed a successful large-scale compost project, utilizing student's pizza boxes and cafeteria leftovers and the produce waste.

Making it all work:
SHREDDING: If materials are shredded into a generally uniform size, they can mix on their own. Decomposition will take place without having to mix or turn the pile.
MOISTURE: When adding materials, they should be damp but not soggy. In dry weather, you can occasionally water the inside as well as the outside of the pile. But don't overdo it!
ADDING ORGANISMS: Toss some shovelfuls of regular soil on the pile every so often as materials accumulate, and you will introduce more organisms, which will go to work for you almost immediately.
AIR: The single most important thing you can do to make it "work" is to turn the pile with a pitchfork. This reenergizes the decomposing organisms by providing them with new air as well as new material to work with. (Move the material on the outside to the inside of the pile.)

Start small — see what works for you. Learn as you go!

How to do it
Basic model of a simple compost system:
- A three-sided, uncovered enclosure. (The open side permits you to add or turn the pile, or reuse finished compost as the base.)
- The most efficient size is 3' x 3' x 5' x 5'. (Piles this size decompose much faster than those bigger or smaller.)

If more air is fed to the center of the pile, the entire process speeds up:
- Avoid compacting the materials. They should be placed loosely on the pile.
- Turn the pile every few weeks.
- Make the base from a discarded shipping pallet at the base (this allows air to flow into the pile from underneath).
- Insert one or more perforated PVC pipes vertically in the center of the compost pile so they protrude out the top.

If you combine these methods, the pile can yield finished compost in six to eight weeks.

Winter Sports Weekend . . . from page 13

Jack Pearson, retired Como High School teacher and former Murray High School and Langford hockey coach, found himself in the midst of the weekend activities with grandson Joe, a peewee hockey player. "What I really liked was seeing the gym full of kids, the hockey rink full of kids, the skating rink full of kids. Kids are my thing and its just great to see them so active." Of course Pearson — not a kid — was there too, several times he says, to enjoy the activities.

Reflecting on earlier years of this event, Pearson remembers the all-out broomball game between professors and business leaders, the "town vs. gown" showdown. "And," he says, "it was always a big deal when the winter carnival royally showed up." For several years he brought cross country skis and boots and encouraged kids to make a trek around the park.

Now, not all activities are held on ice or in snow. Though the sculpturing, modallion hunting, skating races, and hockey games and shoot-out are best performed in a cool environment. Inside, basketball games and skill contests keep the crowds warm. Exciting games are always the Langford boys teams vs. the Langford girls.

Langford hockey players from four to nine years — the "Mite" team — performed before standing spectators in a game against traditional nemesis, Edgcombe. While the home-kids easily won, a visiting parent remarked to Langford coach Tom Back that, "In 25 years I haven't seen so many people involved in a Park Activity. It's just great."

People . . . from page 15

THOMAS FOSTER, principal of St. Anthony Park Elementary School, has been honored by the Minnesota Elementary School Principals' Association (MESA). Foster is an active member of MESA and has served on its Resolutions Committee. He has published several articles and has been recognized by Minnesota's Governor and Department of Children, Families and Learning. He also helped establish St. Paul's first Hispanic Parent Teacher Organization and is a recipient of the Award of Excellence from the Bay Scouts of America. This Distinguished Service award is presented to persons working in the profession and in the community who merit special recognition.
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1 MONDAY
- AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. 651-770-2646. Every Monday.
- Boy Scouts, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 7 p.m. Every Monday.

2 TUESDAY
- Toastmasters, Hewlett Parkade, 2025 Larpenteur Ave., 7:30 a.m. 651-645-6675. Every Tuesday.
- Tax Time (for 5-year olds and younger), Langford Park Rec Center, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Tuesday. Call 651-298-5765 for details.
- St. Anthony Park Garden Club meeting, 6:30 p.m., Board Room, Olson Campus Center, Luther Seminary.

3 WEDNESDAY
- St. Anthony Park recycling.
- Leisure Center for Seniors, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday, 651-603-8916. Every Wednesday.

4 THURSDAY
- Tax Time (for 5-year olds and younger), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 10 a.m.—noon. Every Thursday. Call 651-298-5765 for details.

5 FRIDAY
- Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee, Olson Student Center, Luther Seminary, 11:30 a.m.

6 SATURDAY
- Jewish Kabbalah Shabbat Service, Baye Nefesh, 6-7 p.m. For more information, call Rabbi Eve Wolf at 651-659-8586. Service takes place each Friday evening of the month.

7 SUNDAY
- Jewish Hymn Sing, 3 p.m., St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave. Followed by tea and Welsh cakes. Free. Call 651-645-1363.
- Music in the Park Series presents The Wolfenstein Trio, 7 p.m., St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ. Call 651-645-5609 for details.

8 MONDAY
- Como Park recycling.
- Park Press Inc., Park Bugle board meeting, Olson Student Center, Luther Seminary 7 a.m.
- Falconers Senior Card Club, Falcon Heights, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 1:30-3 p.m. Call 651-488-3361.
- St. Paul Academy of Jewish Education class "Connections through prayer and song," 7 p.m., 768 Hamline Ave.

9 TUESDAY
- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 7:30 p.m.
- Holly House director and clinical nutritionist Dr. Patricia Lawler will offer a free workshop on diet, nutrition and health, 6 p.m. Call 651-645-6951 for details.
- Como-Midway La Leche League, 7 p.m. Topic: "The Art of Breastfeeding and Avoiding Difficulties," Call 651-644-0302 for meeting location.

10 WEDNESDAY
- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 7 p.m.
- Full Council Meeting, St. Anthony Park Community Council, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

11 THURSDAY
- SAPSA meeting, 7 p.m., St. Anthony Park Elementary. Topic: Physical Education and Arts.

16 TUESDAY
- Falconers Senior Card Club, Falcon Heights, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 7:30 p.m.
- District 10 Como Community Council, 7 p.m. Call 644-3889 for location.

19 FRIDAY
- Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.
- Music in the Park Family Concert Series, 6:15 and 7:30 p.m. Call 651-645-5609 for details.

20 SATURDAY
- Lauderdale "500" Club, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 1 p.m.

22 MONDAY
- Como Park recycling.
- Falconers Senior Card Club, Falcon Heights, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 7-8:30 p.m. Call 648-3361.

26 FRIDAY
- St. Paul public schools, last day before spring break.

27 SATURDAY
- PARE For All distribution and registration at Holy Childhood Church, 1495 Midway Parkway, 9:30-11 a.m. Call 651-644-7495; or St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Avenue, 8-10:30 a.m. Call 651-644-8833.

28 SUNDAY
- Palm Sunday.

31 WEDNESDAY
- St. Anthony Park recycling. Items for the April Community Calendar must be submitted to the Bugle office by 6 p.m., Friday, March 12.

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Donald Anderson
Donald W. Anderson died suddenly at age 45 on December 21. He was a resident of Falcon Heights. Anderson was a member of North Heights Lutheran Church.

George Cronquist
George L. Cronquist, a longtime resident of St. Anthony Park, died on January 17. He was 76 years of age and made his home on Hillside. Cronquist earned his B.A. and M.A. in Education from the University of Minnesota. He was a Captain in the U.S. Marine Corps, flying missions in both World War II and the Korean War. He later taught at Harding and Humboldt High Schools and was instrumental in establishing the Diverse Education Program. Preceded in death by his wife, Irene Cronquist, he is survived by a daughter, Gay Hennessy; a son, Randy Cronquist; three grandchildren; and a sister, Dorothy Howard.

Florence Freeberg
Florence E. Freeberg of Lyngblomsten Care Center died on December 19. She was 90 years of age. Freeberg taught at Guttenberg Elementary School in St. Anthony Park, as well as Highland Elementary until her retirement. She was a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. She is survived by a niece; a great-nephew; a great-niece; and several cousins.

Gertrude Hermann
Gertrude A. Hermann died on January 10. She was 90. Hermann taught kindergarten in the Park from 1936 until 1973, first at Murray, then at Guttenberg, and then at St. Anthony Park Elementary. She kept track of her former students through the years. She was a member of Hamline United Methodist Church.

Ernst LeMay
Ernst J. LeMay died on January 27, just shy of his 90th birthday, which would have been on February 6. He lived the last three years at Lyngblomsten Care Center and was a member of Holy Childhood Catholic Church. He was "Uncle Ernie" to many nieces and nephews. He belonged to the Third Degree Knights of Columbus Council #4021.

Joseph Hoffman
Joseph Hoffman died at age 79 on January 10. He was a resident of St. Anthony Park Home. Hoffman had formerly lived in Park Falls, Wisconsin. Preceded in death by his wife, Harriet Hoffman, he is survived by a stepson, Thomas Hoffland of Minneapolis; brothers and sisters; and Ellis Johnson
 Ellis J. Johnson, age 91, died on December 19. She was a resident of Lyngblomsten Care Center. Johnson worked for 41 years for Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance Company and was a member of Jehovah Lutheran Church. Survivors include her nieces, Marlene Hedstrom and Pat Norton; and a nephew, Kathleen Kahn
 Kathleen "Katie" Kahn died on January 30. She was 62 years old and lived in Como Park on Como Avenue. She was a longtime parishioner at Holy Childhood Catholic Church. Preceded in death by her father, Harry Vincent, and is survived by her husband, Bob Kohlen; two daughters, Debra Kohlen and Michelle Lawrence; three grandchildren; her mother, Margaretline Vincent; sister, Elaine; a brother, Michael; and many nieces and nephews.

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Betse Uphalde
Betse Uphalde, better known as "Jimmy" Love, died on December 22. She was a resident of St. Anthony Park from 1964 to 1987, living on Como Avenue initially, then on Carter Avenue, and finally on Raymond. She was born in Winona, Minnesota, on March 9, 1909. She attended the University of Minnesota and was a member of the Delta Gamma Sorority. She was a member of the St. Anthony Park Congregational Church, working enthusiastically with the annual fall rummage sale. She also played bridge at the Seniors Club of the Methodist Church. She loved caring for her grandchildren, gardening and taking friends on outings in her car. She is survived by two daughters, Joan Alexander of California, and Finette Magnuson of St. Anthony Park; grandchildren Marcus, Scott, Nettie and Leif Magnuson, and David and Gregory Alexander; and seven great-grandchildren.

Irene MacGregor
Irene M. MacGregor, a longtime resident of Falcon Heights on Fairview Avenue, died on February 11. She was 86, and had resided at Lyngblomsten. MacGregor was a member of St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ.

Blanche Manning
Blanche D. Manning, age 82, died on January 15. She lived in Falcon Heights on Fairview. She is survived by her husband, Gilbert Manning; three sons, Robert Flynn III, Frank Flynn, Jeffrey Flynn; a daughter, Kathleen Flynn Herrick; stepchildren, Mike Manning, Gail Beckman, Barbara Hedlund; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Elizabeth How.

Rose Morton
Rose B. Morton, a resident of the Como Park area, died on February 7. She was 89 years of age. She was a member of Holy Childhood Catholic Church. Preceded in death by her husband, Harvey Morton, she is survived by two sons, Tom and Harrison; seven grandchildren and other relatives.

Rose Paulson
Rose V. Helget Paulson, age 91, died on January 3. She was a resident of the Como Park area and a member of Holy Childhood Catholic Church. She was known for her beautiful roses. Preceded in death by her husband, Hugo Paulson, she is survived by three sons, Gerald, Robert and Roger Paulson; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Theodore Salminen
Theodore Salminen, 89, died on February 2. He lived on Holton Street in Falcon Heights. Salminen is survived by his wife, Elinor; two sons, Jack and Craig Salminen; and two grandsons, Nathan and Eric.

Grant Schampel
Grant C. Schampel, a resident of St. Anthony Park on Carter Avenue, died at age 51 on January 1. Schampel was a longtime computer programmer with the University of Minnesota Hospitals. He was a parishioner at the Church of St. Francis Cabrini. Preceded in death by his father, Howard Schampel, he is survived by his wife, Joyce, and mother, Gretchen Schampel, both of St. Anthony Park; and many close cousins.

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