Proposed south St. Anthony Urban Village stirs debate

by Pete Keith

he owners of nearly every business on the northwest block of the Raymond and University intersection attended the April 28 meeting of the St. Anthony Park Community Council to voice their opposition to a proposed re-development project for that block.

The re-development project, or "Urban Village," as proposed by the St. Paul Planning and Economic Development (PED) Department was presented to the council's housing committee. The proposal, as shown, was a very early feasibility concept, according to Donna Drummond, a city planner with the PED. The proposal left intact the Security Building, but replaced all of the Raymond Avenue businesses with a multi-story mixed-use structure, with two levels of retail, as well as housing. Part of the intent of the re-development would be to increase use density of the block, much of which is now under-utilized, according to PED.

Despite the preliminary nature of the proposal, "The reaction was pretty negative from the business community," said Heather Worthington, executive director of the community council, "and we heard the businesses very clearly." The project proposal stems from a desire long expressed by the community council for additional housing in south St. Anthony Park. But what this concept proposed "was not what the council or the housing committee was envisioning," added Worthington. She believes that for development in this area to win support, it needs to address the housing need without affecting the local businesses.

According to Drummond, the proposal was "just a concept of what's possible." She had taken the council's stated desire for additional housing and worked with a local architect to put together a mixed-use concept that seemed the most feasible for the block. While Drummond also acknowledged the strong sentiments about having the existing businesses and business impact, she is concerned that there "may not be enough room to do a housing development unless more buildings are removed." At this stage, Drummond is not sure what the next steps will be, but stated that she "can't envision the city pushing a development without the support of the community and the community council.

The business community affected by the proposed Urban Village project have expressed concerns ranging from whether they could afford rents in the new Urban Village to page 5

Cub Scout Pack 22 celebrates its 50th birthday

by Rose Gregoire

I f you're used to thinking of scouts doing good deeds by helping people cross the street, think again. For 50 years, Cub Scouts have been doing "good turns" in our community, ranging from food drives, to park clean-ups, tree planting, holiday cards at the nursing home, and holiday toy drives, to name a few. A long tradition of community service and neighborhood fun is all part of Cub Pack 22.

Previous scouts and scout leaders gathered to help the Cubs celebrate their golden anniversary on Sunday, May 16 with a picnic and awards ceremony in Como Park. For a half a century, boys aged 7-12 have been meeting to develop practical, team work, and community service skills. Ten Cubs graduated from Cub Scouts and received the Arrow of Light Award. Archers from Boy Scout Troop 17 in St. Anthony Park were on hand to dispatch an arrow for each Cub, symbolizing their achievement of advanced personal goals. The Cub Scouts credit their longevity to the support of St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church. The ongoing support of the church has nurtured the pack throughout its history, providing space for den meetings, pack meetings and special scout activities such as the annual Blue and Gold Awards Banquet and the Pinewood Derby. This year, 45 Cubs in five dens are meeting there on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. Dave Sypniewski, cubmaster, commends the church, and Pastor Deb Walker for the partnership.

The dens bring together neighborhood boys from different schools, faiths, backgrounds, and abilities to form a strong scout community. Cubs join their neighborhood friends to work on projects, develop teamwork skills, and have fun. Projects range from mapping the neighborhood to developing orienteering skills.

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Ladies of the club: Froula Reading Circle turns 90

by Judy Woodward

O n what might have been as pleasant a June day as the one you hope to have today, Mrs. Vincent F. Froula — a lady of such formal manners and rigid deportment that no one seems ever to have known her first name — gathered about her a dozen like-minded acquaintances and decided to form a ladies' reading circle.

That was in 1909. The Froula Reading Circle, which is still populated by well-bred, well-read ladies — although they do seem to be on first-name basis with each other these days — celebrated its 90th anniversary recently at the group's semi-annual luncheon on May 14.

Nowadays, when every woman who can read without moving her lips appears to have found her way, courtesy of Oprah, to a "book club," Mrs. Froula's accomplishment may not seem so unusual. But remember, in Mrs. Froula's time, women were hardly integrated at the University of Minnesota and were more than a decade away from the vote. Their place was firmly in the home, and such intellectual pursuits as reading circles must have seemed original and daringly advanced in a state like Minnesota that was separated from pioneer life by fewer than four decades.

What did the early Froula ladies, whose lives seem to us as straightforward and upright as their formal posture in old photos, talk about at their meetings? Unfortunately, there no longer Reading Circle to page 16

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Welcome Carol Madison

The St. Anthony Community Council welcomes Carol Madison as program coordinator, with special responsibility for crime prevention coordination. Madison hopes to revive the block club network in St. Anthony Park. To that end, she will be holding organizational meetings on Monday and Thursday evenings in June.

June 3, Grids 43, Langford Park Recreation Center.
June 7, Grids 61 and 62, South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center.
June 10, Grids 81, 82, and 102, South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center.
June 14, Grid 2, Luther Seminary Auxiliary Dining Room.
June 17, Grids 1 and 21, Langford Park Recreation Center.

— D. H.

ST. ANTHONY PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Kasota Pond clean-up

A cleanup of the Kasota Pond area is set for June 12, 9 a.m. Volunteers are needed. Meet at the parking lot west of 280 on Kasota. Refreshments will be served. Please call Kaylyn Eckman at 649-1606 or Terry Gockman at 645-0859.

Noise barriers

The St. Anthony Park Community Council recently began discussions about the feasibility of creating noise barriers along the railroad corridor that divides north and south St. Anthony Park. Currently the council and the St. Paul Office of Licensure, Inspections and Environmental Protection are in the preliminary stages of exploring Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) funding for such a project. The council hopes to know by the end of the year if CIB funding will be available. The council’s discussions are a response to numerous complaints from residents about railroad noise. The Burlington Northern/Santa Fe rail corridor is one of the largest in the metro area about a residential area. Noise barriers, such as the one that runs along Highway 280, have become an increasingly popular response to highway noise but have not yet been tried in Minnesota to alleviate noise from trains.

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U parking on June 3

A meeting to discuss parking issues near the University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus is scheduled for 7 p.m. on June 3 in the Board Room of the Olson Campus Center at Luther Seminary. In July the Community Council will sponsor a community-wide meeting on this topic.

— D. H.

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FALCON HEIGHTS

Gibs Farm land purchase
The 6.03 acres of land upon which the Gibs Farm Museum sits on have finally come under the ownership of the Ramsey County Historical Society with the signing of a purchase agreement and contract for deed.

The University of Minnesota Board of Regents agreed to sell the land to the society almost a full year earlier in April of 1998. The ensuing year was filled with negotiations and discussion of covenants before the agreement was consummated.

By owning, rather than leasing, the entire parcel the historical society is free to make major improvements to the site.

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Plans have been long underway to develop the northern half (approximately four acres) of the property into an interpretation of an earlier time, when Jane Gibbs was a small girl and was brought to the area, living with the Dakota people at Lake Harriet.

Plans also call for an interpretation of Jane’s life, and the farm site will include a section of native prairie, Dakota bark lodges and drying racks, tipi, and the construction of a replica sod hut similar to the one the Gibbs family lived in for the first five years at the site from 1849 to 1854.

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Urban Village isn't dead

Let's not toss out the Urban Village concept at University and Raymond avenues, even though the first plan stank. The idea of slabs-and-bum development is dead, especially when the intersection boasts historic store fronts and thriving business. Still, additional housing would enhance south St. Anthony Park and St. Paul. Remember Moshe Safdie's Habitat at Expo '67. Write to the Bug or e-mail us at bugle@minn.net with your comments and design ideas.

A salute to Kathy Magnuson

Everyone here got a sad note from an rep extraneous Kathy Magnuson, announcing her retirement from the Bugle. She began her term of duty in 1984 — the year Walter Mondale ran for president. Not only is Magnuson a type A personality, she is an A-plus woman. Her steadfast dedication for 15 years helped, beyond a doubt, keep the Bugle afloat to our 25th year. Many thanks, Kathy and best wishes.

Don't ask Jesse

A couple issues back the Bugle thought Governor Ventura should visit our neighborhoods, but I was persona non grata. For my invitation. It's books, isn't it? "Don't Get Time to Bleed", is Jenny Jones tart, telling us that trash that is National Enquirer Bufl. Everyone can name, at least, one teenage fully, although some young transgressions are better left in your senior yearbook. A recent photo captures Ventura reading an article about himself. Five months into his tenure, it's clearly by the day that his administration is not about ideas, but the marketing of Jesse Ventura's persona.

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EDITORIAL

LETTERS

Seal-Hi grateful for SAPA grant

As president of Seal Hi Rise Residents council, I speak for us all in thanking St. Anthony Park Association for their generosity in awarding us our grant. We hope to use this grant for our first National Night Out Block Party.

Susan Olson

From the Bugle archives:

25 YEARS AGO — Bugle published a lavender water recipe: 1 1/2 cups sugar, 1 1/2 tsp lavender oil, and 1/2 cup rosewater, adding the rosewater last. . . . Remember the Lamplighter Inn? ParkBank opens its drive-in bank, designed by Joe Michels . . . Residents petition for Como and Dorrwell stoplight . . .

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COMMENTARY

Flipping out by Dave Ready

You may have missed the recent news out of San Francisco: The school lunch milk carton is on the way out. It's being replaced by a plastic pouch, supposedly a more environmentally-friendly container for the favorite lunch-time beverage of the nation's school children. Officials in the San Francisco School District claim that pouches reduce garbage volume by 70% and weight by 80%. The pouches are made of polyethylene and can be recycled into trash can liners.

I believe my credentials as an environmentalist are fairly respectable. I faithfully put out my paper, cardboard, glass, and cans every two weeks. I walk, bike, and bus as much as possible. I am not my family's reminder to turn off lights. I flush the toilet only intermittently.

Still, despite my commitment to a reduce-reuse-recycle lifestyle, I find myself unable to support this latest exercise in environmental correctness. Frankly, I don't care if pouches take up less space in the trash can than cartons do. I don't care if the pouch can be reincarnated as a trash can liner. The simplest fact of the matter is that you can't flip a pouch.

The classic half-pint milk carton, the kind I cut my school lunch teeth on, cries out to be flipped. Its weight, its heft, its resilience — all combine to render it far more than a mere container. Roger Angell once wrote of the baseball, "No other small package comes as close to the ideal in design and utility. It is a perfect object for a man's hand. Puck it up and it instantly suggests its purpose; it is meant to be thrown a considerable distance — thrown hard and with precision."

I can only conclude that Angell never held a school lunch milk carton or he would have been forced to qualify his claim. In utility and design, in its way it suggests its purpose, in its perfect conformity to the human hand — no object can rival the half-pint milk carton. And no environment is better suited to the carton's fulfillment of its true purpose than a school cafeteria table.

Many adolescents are content to flip their school lunch milk cartons casually, the way kids pursue much of life. For myself and my high school teammates in the National Amateur Milk Flipping Association, however, a flipped carton was never a casual affair. According to article 5, section 2 of NAMFA's constitution, "Each league member shall participate in official competition every school day unless he has a valid excuse, presented to the league president at least 24 hours prior to the date on which he wishes to not participate." This constitutional mandate was a mere formality, however, NAMFA members needed no legislative threat to set their cartons flipping.

Official league competition consisted of four events: the single-single, single-double, double-single, and double-double flips, with the first word of each pair designating the number of cartons and the second word the number of flips. I'm proud to report that I held first place for single-double flips (9) and am tied for first with 2 double-doubles, while my 188 single-singles are only 2 flips off the record. My second-place 67 double-single total trails Steve Eckstrom by 8 his unbelievable 75 flips were achieved on the penultimate day of official competition.

These records are 30 years old. They were amassed during my senior year at Murray High School. I have no way of knowing whether our efforts in NAMFA have been superseded by subsequent generations of milk flippers. The sport, despite our league name, has never really achieved a national presence. Still, it's sad to think that the school cafeteria of America may someday cease to echo with the satisfying thump of a well-flipped carton.

I'll continue to put my stuff out on the curb every other Wednesday, to head my empty plastic jug down to the Hampden Coop, to look for carton in glass bottles and for recycled paper, and to make a call jew my yellow when it's yellow. But I'll raise no cheer when the last half-pint milk carton is tossed into a virgin-plastic-lined trash can.

Oh somewhere in this favored land the sun is shining bright.
The band in playing somewhere, and somewhere hearts are light;
And somewhere men are laughing; and somewhere children shout;
But there is no joy for flippers — the carton has been called out.
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space, to the major disruption of what many see as a unique, eclectic, and special mix of businesses.
Steve Garfield, owner of Noll Hardware, believes he wouldn't "be able to afford the 'mall rents'" that he thinks would be charged if the project were to go through.
"We won't have a hardware store, a grocery store, or an antique store — none of these stores could generate the necessary revenues," it's not just his own situation that concerns Garfield. "I feel the worst for Herbat's grocery store — that's not just a store for them, it's their life. To come in and tear down their building, so the city can increase their tax dollars seems kind of cruel to me."

Graffitio Signs and Design moved to Raymond Avenue just a few months ago after a year and a half of searching, according to owner Karen Anderson. "What we needed for our business was very difficult to find. We needed a retail locale, a drive-in bay, and a big open space." Once she found her current site, she signed a six-year lease and hadn't intended on moving. But with the project as proposed, Anderson says, "I would have to relocate."

One thing is certain. If the Urban Village concept continues forward it would do so against tremendous opposition.
Anderson, like Garfield, also has concerns that go beyond her own business. "This project would be destructive for the neighborhood. This area is more than just a community, it is a 'culture' — and it would destroy this area."
Raymond Computer's owner Ray Bryan is also concerned mostly about the impact of the proposed project on the neighborhood's character. "What we have as a community is rather unique. I'm not opposed to housing or mixed-use developments, but the way they're going about this project will destroy the neighborhood's character. On a different parcel or a different part of the block, it could work without disrupting the character."

Many business owners, including Prairie Stari's Teresa Connor fear that in spite of the proposal's "early concept" nature, the development will move forward. She states, "I'm somewhat pessimistic — the city is saying this is just a preliminary discussion, but the city can make it happen if the city wants to make it happen."

One thing is certain. If the Urban Village concept continues forward in its current form, it would do so against tremendous opposition, not just from the area business community, but from residents and from the community council. As a result, Worthington is not so concerned about the project continuing forward, at least in the current form, and she believes that there is little chance that it would go through.

City Files... from page 3

concerns. In fact, country music star Shania Twain moved her recent concert to Minneapolis' Target Center because she could not get permission to perform in Midway Stadiums.
Fanning said the upcoming events, especially the folk music festival, will not generate much noise. He also said the Saints do not schedule concerts during the week.

Transit improvements set
Transit improvements are coming to area neighborhoods, including St. Anthony Park. The Ramsey County Board, meeting as the Regional Rail Authority, has discussed various area transit improvements this spring. The improvements are planned in an area that has long been dubbed the Central Corridor.
Central Corridor, which was once the region's top light rail transit or LRT priority, would connect downtown St. Paul and Minneapolis. St. Paul Public Works and county staff have sought community input on the projects over the past several months. The Highway 280 transit hub was sought by St. Anthony Park Community Council members.
Projects on the drawing boards for 2000 include the transit hub at Highway 280 and University Avenue and bus-only road shoulders on I-94. Over the past several months, about $7.8 million in improvements are planned for Central Corridor. Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority Director Kady Despelenger said a number of improvements are planned: bus ramp meter bypass from Highway 280 to southbound I-94; bus stop improvements at I-94 and Snelling; improved lighting at 50th I-94; and Route 16 bus stops.

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Tree Stump Removal Project 1999

The SAPCC will sponsor another tree stump removal project this summer. If you have a boulevard stump that needs to be ground, please call the Council at 649-5992. For $20.00 per stump you can obtain a match of $20.00 from the City of St. Paul. The program will end in September, so call now!

Rec center memo

Registration for the Urbana Tennis Program is set for Monday, June 14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Langford Recreation Center. Boys and girls, ages 7-18, are welcome regardless of ability. The seven-week program meets Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Fairway Golf program begins Tuesday, June 15, 9 a.m., for youngsters ages 10 to 18. The program is free. Call 298-5765 to register.

Tennis academy

Area students can benefit from Gregg Cummings’ third annual tennis academy which runs from June 14 to August 12 at the Roseville Arb High School courts. The program features segments for boy and girl varsity players (ages 15-18), middle school (ages 12-14), and beginners (ages 10-12). Private lessons are available. Cummings is graduate of Roseville Area High School and is currently a tennis coach at the nationally ranked University of the Redlands. The summer academy costs between $125 and $245. Call 800-861-9905 to register.

KID-BITS

Congratulations to the Northern Lights 4-H Club, which placed first in the Ramsey County Share-the-Fun exhibit! Their award-winning, “4-H Bandstand,” was directed by Julie Magnuson and Heidi Babura, Cast and crew (first row, left to right) Ted Sorenson, Carolyn Souther, (second row) Eline McPherett, Elizabeth McPherett, Erica Oehlert, Michelle Alderink, Lydia Sorenson, Anna Souther (third row) Julie Magnusson, Andy Woanen, and Heidi Bevans.

Put your skills to the test.

V The fair will be held at the fairgrounds next month.

Boy Scouts... from page 1

Boyscouts put on skits for the pack, learning how to handle a knife properly and safely, to field trips to places, such as TV stations, the Ford Dam, Fort Snelling, and campouts. The value of community service underlies many scout activities. Last month, scouts collected 2,500 pounds of food during their annual food drive. Literally over a ton of food. Scouts also helped the library move books during construction and helped with cleanup at Kasota Pond. Scouts are encouraged to practice community service individually also, for example, picking up trash they see in the street, helping neighbors, or keeping their school clean and respectful.

Once each month, all dens gather in a pack meeting. Leaders facilitate the meeting but the scouts provide content. Dens set up for the meeting, provide the Honor Guard and an entertainment skit, and clean up afterward. The centerpiece of the meeting is “Teach the Pack,” where dens report on what they have done that month for the community. Sylvester notes that the pack provides an environment for boys to develop their ideas of different ways of how to be of service to the community.

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Larry Weed answers successively when asked why he chose to be a den leader for one year and Cubmaster for eight years. Three boys.

He added, “It was a great life experience for me and my sons, and gave them things they can take with them. I enjoyed the time for me to be together with my sons and meet a bunch of wonderful people.” Ward emphasized that boys learn skills that they wouldn’t normally learn in school or that parents might not know.

“We take each kid as they are.” The Scouts emphasize building adult/boy relationships, but the adult may be an uncle, neighbor, or another adult in pack if a parent is not available. “It gives boys the opportunity to have other adults present in their lives. It is about our community helping to lead young boys.”

So next fall, when a Cub Scout says, “I want to be a dad,” sell a holiday wreath, remember this Cub Scout tradition. When a Cub earns his first badge, it is pinned on upside down. For 50 years these young men have passed on those ties to the community in creative, useful projects.
Spelling champ . . . from page 1

graded, Emily Wallner. Another student placed for second. Alas for them, a pesky virus was about to take a hand in the affairs of the State Spelling Bee. On the day of the next big competition, Murray's first and second place spelling winners were both felled by the flu. Emily Parker faced off with her rival for third place honors in order to capture the school's championship from among the decimated ranks of Murray spellers. She won a place at the state contest that day, and the rest is part of Minnesota spelling history.

Parker has been methodical in her preparation for her big moment. The tall, slender teenager with collar-length brown hair, and a charming metallic smile earnestly explained her study system, "I make lists of spelling words by categories, like commonly misspelled words, names for plants, and words from mythology." Parker has a wonderful flair for unfamiliar words in the newspaper and Newsweek magazine. "And," she adds, "I read big books like Wuthering Heights and Gone with the Wind. Books like those really help.

SIPPING TEA AT LARKS' by Kristen D. Anderson

Wearing "a dark brown skirt of a slouchy rather than fashionable length," she was "rather the type that the women's magazines used to make a feature of. Improving." — BARBARA PIME, A Few Green Leaves

Meeting the English women in Pynt’s books helps one understand the rationale for "An Authentic English (Frumpy!) Tea."

served each Tuesday by Susan McAllister at Lincolnshire Larks, Limited, a Milton Square antique shop owned with her husband, Colin.

Lincolnshire Larks is many things: antique shop, tour service, and meeting place.

Interpreting "frumpy," McAllister and Charlotte Milstead of neighboring Rosa Mundi, tossed around words like, "unstylish," "dowdy," "desh," and "plain," and Pynt’s spinner wearing sensible shoes and tattered sweaters, always getting ready for the jumble sale or getting tea ready for the vicar. "A frumpy tea means homemade napkins and plain china and everyday silverware. Tea is served with "cucumber, chutney, and harlequin fish sandwiches; a plate of cakes and cream; and a little jam and a bit of butter on the side."

Kalinsta was".

Let’s take a look at some shade situations. I will begin by installing these plants in my yard, and regular watering, they can adapt like many neighbors, I have a bar of soil moisture. The squirrels and birds that my lawn looks like our street did mince with potholes. It becomes more easy. My husband is convinced that at end of the summer, the less one he will have endures, is to gradually convert more. Since mass planting of plants can be conversion by purchasing 8-6" pots of the plants and installing. Then, every expand into more turf area. These shade tolerant plants to

BARRENWORT (Epimedium spp)

DRINKING CAPPUCINO AT GINKGO’S by Todd Ryan Ross

Just Eric is just seven months old, but he’s already a pro — at smiling, for one thing. And for another, JonEric is the honorary co-manager of St. Anthony Park’s new Ginkgo In The Park coffee house on the corner of Como and Dowell. He was promoted to the position by the owner (who also happens to be his mother), Kathy Sundberg.

Before you shout nepotism, consider: Sundberg knows well that big things come in small packages. That’s why she rented the tiny space, where Omega Travel used to be, off-kilter in a corner of the drive-thru branch of the St. Anthony Park Bank, across from Speedy Market. Between those close walls she saw a whole menu of possibilities, just as she once did with the space on Snelling Avenue where her successful (and significantly larger) and a-half-year-old Ginkgo coffeehouse now stands.

"I didn’t open a coffee house because I had any particular desire to open a coffee house," reflects Sundberg, who trained and worked for eight years in chemical engineering, not coffeehouse. "I knew I wanted to own my own business, but I opened a coffee house because I saw in my own community, and I thought a coffee house would fill that need." She was also compelled to do something to support the local music scene, and to give tasting bands a venue for their work, a renowned specialty of Ginkgo on Snelling since its opening there.

Sundberg lives in the Snelling area near her shop. "I feel strongly about providing a place where diverse people can come together and recognize each other. As a small business owner, I’m honored to have the opportunity to do my part in making the neighborhood what it is." Here in our own neighborhood, Ginkgo’s "little brother" will serve a surprisingly diverse array of espresso drinks, teas, chai, Italian sodas, hot chocolate, iced teas, smoothies and shakes, wrap sandwiches, burritos, veggie lasagne, homemade soups, children’s box lunches, pastries and cakes, as well as offering two newly-refurbished community rooms it will manage in the bank barn. "I couldn’t do all of that in this location, so we decided to lease the other space on Snelling. There, it’s far enough away from the main street to give the place a bit of a neighborhood.

Sundberg consults for the nonprofit organization that helps run the coffee shop and teaches small community organizing to ten administrators with Education.

Ginkgo’s food is

Chef Kathy Sundberg provides bars as well as

She says she’s been amazed by the boost that the coffee shop has brought to the neighborhood.

Ginkgo is in conference this week. The community free for hours may fluctuate from start to end. Friday and Saturday Co-managers comment, become a little bit crazy, though. A
PLANTING A SHADE GARDEN

by Mary Maguire Lerman

Blooms in early spring just as the foliage is emerging. It's tapered, heart-shaped leaves may have a maroon edge to further accent the plant. The best species for rapid spreading as a ground cover is Epimedium X rubrum and luckily is also the most widely available at nurseries. Barrenwort usually grow 10-15 inches tall.

Dwarf Bush Honeysuckle (Dearthnollicia) is a great native plant for either shade or sun. Its advantage is a creeping root system that can help stabilize slopes. One could describe it best as a subshrub — a plant that has semi-woody stems. In June and July small, yellow, lily-like blooms appear at the tips of the branches. If grown in the sun, the leaves in the fall will turn an attractive orange shade. It typically grows to a height of 2-3 feet.

IRRESISTED FERN (Osmunda Claytoniana) is a native fern for dryer slopes. Although it spreads by underground rhizomes, it is not as invasive as Osmunda Fern, which best thrives in moist soils. The interrupted fern gets its name from the break that occurs in the frond. The spore bearing structures of this fern actually interrupt the fern. I know of an inexperienced gardener who thought he had been sold a faulty fern when this interruption occurred. Depending on the season's rainfall, this fern can grow anywhere from 2-4 feet tall.

and amusing English games and
age-range, from the 5-year-old
been about four since the
hangs things: the women
and they left earlier.

provided at the Trumpy Dress
Birthday was sung in
old whose family treated her at
and there have been
McAllister noted having a
ought as much, or eat as
' restaurants, and has lived in

England, finds a "wonderful kind of spirits" in the women who come to the Tea. They give helpful tips, pass the desserts themselves when the waiting structures (Trumpy aprons) are busy, or simply show up with a "slight sense of whimsy." They delight in the entertainment, including "Know your England" trivia, the beetle drive game, Trumpy Dress Tea, and tea leaf reading. A sense of camaraderie thrives.

Kathy McClure, who lives three blocks away and is a tea giver herself, enthuses about Lacks' comfortable Tea, where she takes close friends and has met fascinating people. "The themes make it unique, and it's rejuvenating, a nice change of pace, a general time," she says. "It prompts you to pretend you are in another time and place."

The tea is tongue-in-cheek fun, yet gracious with a simple combination of service and good food in an atmosphere gone by in Lincolnshire, England. "Sensible shoes and tattered cardigans, please," declares the flier. One thinks again of Barbara Pyms' down-to-earth characters, and the title of her first book, Excellent Women. For Lacks, they are the same, and those are the women you may meet at "An Authentic English (Trumpy?) Tea."

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Principal Tom Foster is leaving St. Anthony Park Elementary
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been involved in education for
37 years, 17 as a teacher and 20 as
principal. He has spent the last
seven years as the principal at
St. Anthony Park Elementary.
He also was a former student at
St. Anthony Park. He will not
completely be retiring yet as he plans to continue to work in fields
related to education.
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**Lutheran church begins $2 million overhaul**

by Michelle Christianson

It seems that St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church commences major building projects about every 25 years. The main part of the edifice was erected in 1948 and the "new" narthex and fixtures room were added in 1973-74. So the time is right for another building project.

The impetus for the project came at a 1997 congregational retreat at which a number of parishioners expressed dissatisfaction with the look of the sanctuary. There is a lack of light and color; some felt that the space could be made to look more conducive to worship.

A sanctuary task force was formed consisting of Glen Skovhoed and Aan Stout, co-chairs; and David Davis, Desiree Kempcke, Nancy Lorenz, Joan McCord, Hala Weis, and Mel Kuhnem. Congregational president David Reinstein and Pastor Paul Ofstedal joined cabinet representatives Blaine Thrasher and Gloria Sweet to round out the committee.

Steve Edwards, the architectural firm SMSQ, the legendary Northfield firm with strong Lutheran ties, was engaged to draw up a plan.

It soon became evident to Edwards that there were other problems with the building as a whole. There is inadequate restroom and office space and traffic does not flow through the building smoothly. The church cabinet directed the task force to address the needs of the whole building.

The decision process was very democratic, with many congregational meetings and opportunities for everyone to give their ideas and opinions. A pledge drive raised promises of $600,000 and the remainder of the $1.3 million cost will come from a mortgage with ParkBank.

The scope of the project is extensive. Langre Construction will add two main-floor offices plus office space upstairs to better house the church's two pastors, youth director, parish nurse, and Chinese Fellowship pastor. There will be two new ways to reach the second floor, a stairway from the narthex and an elevator from the Luther Place entrance. Emergency alarms, wiring, and lighting will be updated and improvements will be made to the youth room, fireside room and parish hall.

Improvements in the sanctuary should be dramatic. There will be a new, larger door in the middle of the south wall of the sanctuary that can be opened for overflow seating and which will facilitate traffic flow. Windows on the north side that have been covered with wood will be filled with new stained glass panels (two depicting New Testament and four portraying Old Testament scriptures) designed by nationally-known glass artist Nicholas Martell. (This is a separate project, financed by memorials.) A rooftop tower surrounded by four windows will add light and visibility. There will also be a loft for the organ pipes above the new storage room for choir robes and music.

All improvements are designed to enhance outreach as well as the aesthetics of the building. The new office at the Luther Place entrance will be more welcoming than the present one, which hides behind a second set of doors. The stained-glass windows and steeple will make the building more recognizable as a church.

Construction will probably begin by August 1 and is slated to take about four months.
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1 TUESDAY
- Toastmasters, Hewlett Packard, 2025 Park Avenue, 7:30 a.m. 645-6675. Every Tuesday.

2 WEDNESDAY
- Leisure Center for Seniors, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday, 603-8946. Every Wednesday.

3 THURSDAY
- Tea Time (for five-year-olds and younger), Langford Park Rec. Center, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Monday. 298-5765 for details.

5 SATURDAY
- Suizita Massey reads at Micawber's Bookstore, 6:30 p.m.

8 TUESDAY
- Lauren Dale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 7:30 p.m.

10 TUESDAY
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee, Olson Student Center, Luther Seminary, 11:30 a.m.

10 FRIDAY
- St. Paul schools, last day for kindergarten and elementary students.

10 SATURDAY
- ADD/ADHD talk by Dr. Patricia Lawler from Holy House, St. Anthony Park Elementary, 6:30 p.m. Call 645-6951.

11 FRIDAY
- St. Paul schools, last day for secondary students.

15 TUESDAY
- Lauderdale Planning Commission, City Hall, 1891 Walnut, 7 p.m.

16 WEDNESDAY
- Lauderdale Booster Club, Langford Park, 5:30 to 9 p.m. All residents are invited to attend.

17 MONDAY
- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 7 p.m.

18 FRIDAY
- Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.

20 SUNDAY
- Father's Day

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

11 SATURDAY
- FARE For All food distribution and registration at Holy Childhood Church, 1499 Midway Parkway, 9:30 - 11 a.m. Call 644-7495; or St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2523 Como Avenue, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Call 644-8833.

28 MONDAY
- Como Park recycling.
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Geraldine Allen Anderson
Falcon Heights resident Geraldine Allen Anderson, age 74, died on April 17.
Mrs. Anderson was a member of Roseville Lutheran Church.
She is survived by daughter, Bonnie Allen; brothers, Willard C. and Goodnow Allen; nieces and nephews, Lyndie and Jeff Volkman, Craig Anderson, Dean and Marcia Christensen, and Barry and Mary Kay Christensen.

Samuel Costa
Samuel R. Costa died on April 17, at the age of 46. He was a former resident of south St. Anthony Park and had recently lived in Eden. Sam Costa was the founder and artistic director of 10,000 Dances Company, the artistic director of "Young Dance," and a dance teacher with the Ramsey International Arts School. He is survived by his fiancée, Kimberly Nelson; children, David, and Ana Costa.

Harold Eklefon
Como Park neighborhood Harold J. Eklefon died on May 10 at 79 years of age. Mr. Eklefon was a parishioner at Holy Childhood Catholic Church.
He is survived by his wife, Marion; daughter, Carol Hale; son, James Eklefon; grandchildren, David, Scott, and Cheryl Hale; Kristine Sennamqui, Michelle Kocar, Matthew and Patrick Eklefon; and a great-grandson, Isaac Hale.

Dennis Kane
Dennis J. Kane died on April 17 at age 79. He was a resident of Shodom Home East and a member of Holy Childhood Catholic Church.
Dr. Kane received his Ph.D. and M.D. degrees from the University of Minnesota. He was the recipient of the Victory Club Fellowship to the National Heart Hospital in London, director of Medical Education at St. Paul Ramsey Hospital, and instructor in anatomy at the University of Minnesota. In 1986, he entered private practice, serving as vice president and medical director for North American Life and Casualty Company until 1984. He was preceded in death by son, Michael; sister, Alice Gallagher; and brother, Joseph Kane. Survivors include his wife, Patricia; son, Thomas; sisters, Helen Simonson, Sister Mary Gabriella, Margaret Williams, Kathryn Schaal, Ritu Sainee, Sister Margaret Mary; and Sister Mary Alice; and brothers, Jerry and Frank Kane.

Peter and Marie Novotny
After 65 years of marriage, Peter and Marie Novotny were separated in death by early May 5 days. Marie Novotny died on April 26 at age 99. Her husband, Peter, died on May 1 at 90 years.
Mrs. Novotny was a member of Corpus Christi Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by four brothers and five sisters. Mr. Novotny was preceded in death by two sisters and a brother.

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happless member who neglected her duty when it came to "essays," "poetry," "biographies" or the like. Today, members choose their own selections, and missing an occasional meeting is "no longer a near-hanging offense." Book selections range from the classics to current best sellers. This year the ladies heard from rares and rarities as Fanny Trollope's "Domestic Manners of the Americans," first published more than 150 years ago, to the current hit "Memoirs of a Geisha." The meetings have been reduced from every-other-week to monthly during good weather only.

But one tradition remains unchanged. "We are a reading circle — not a book discussion group," gently emphasizes Mrs. Allison. "We read from the book. We don't analyze and discuss it." That may be part of the group's success. Book clubs of more recent vintage tend to believe that discussion is their reason for being. But what happens when the group finds itself hopeless divided between the fans and the foes of *The Joy of Sex* "Sisterhood)? Too often, the next step is break-up.

The Froula ladies, by contrast, have spent nine decades learning how to rise serenely above the inevitable conflicts of opinion that can occur even among the most congenial of reading partners. Explains Mrs. Thompson: "We're all very cautious in what we choose to read to the group. Reading for each other's pleasure is the hallmark of the group. We don't think of the reading circle as a place to bring up issues."

Adds Mrs. Allison in a soft, precise voice, "We don't argue, but we comment."

Although the ladies no longer do their needlework while listening to the speaker of the month, the ritual of their meetings is otherwise unchanged since Mrs. Froula's time. The ladies gather in one member's living room on a Friday afternoon. Then for the better part of two hours, they listen to one of their members read from the selectedbook.

Membership is set at 20, and new members are admitted only upon the death or retirement of a current Froula lady. The ladies are somewhat wary when they talk about prospects for the future.

"There are lots of widows in the group," acknowledges Mrs. Thompson. "Some of the others have changed since the group began and women stayed at home. Now some of the younger members are not available because they work in the afternoons."

Women are active in the community, volunteering... Her voice trails off.

The ladies are cautiously optimistic, but no one can say for sure how long the group will survive the frenetic pace and altered values of a century that is ending so differently than it began. What is clear: Without the gentle readers of the Froula Circle and their calm, agreeable Friday afternoons, the next Millennium is sure to be a harsher, less civilized place.

LIFE IN THE CHURCH: A PASTOR'S ANECDOTE

- BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
  Skillman at Cleveland in Roselle. 651-631-0211
  Bethany Baptist Morning Worship: 10:45 am
  Sunday School: 9:30 am
  Pastor Bruce Perkins
  Filipino-American Worship 11 am
  Pastor Sonny Olejan

- COMO PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA
  1376 Hoyt Ave. W. 651-666-7127
  Handicapped accessible
  Chapel Contract Ministry 651-644-1997
  Sunday Schedule (Nursery Provided)
  Services available for 10 am worship (Call the church office before noon on Friday for schedule)
  Sunday School: 9 am Children & Family Worship (Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays)
  Outdoor Worship:
  Como Lakeside Pavilion: 10 am
  June 27, July 25 and August 29
  Pastor: Wally Olsinger
  Director: Youth and Family Ministry: Andrea and Dave Wollan
  Director of Music Ministry: Thomas Perry

- CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH
  2131 N. Fairview at County Road B. 651-679-8888
  Handicapped accessible
  Church services on Saturday 5 pm
  Sunday Masses: 8:30 and 10:30 am

- MOUNT OLIVE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH
  (A WELS Congregation)
  "THE CHURCH WITH A SMILE"
  Handicapped accessible
  Wheelchair available
  1460 Almond at Pascal. 651-645-2575
  Sunday Worship: 9 am
  Sunday School and Adult Bible Class: 10:30 am

- PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
  7144 W. Sunset Ave.
  Handicapped accessible
  Sunday School: 9 am (Wells Fargo Community)
  10:30 am (Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays)
  1:30 pm (Confirmation School)
  Tuesday Bible Study: 10 am
  Pastor D. Fred Snow

- ROSE HILL ALLIANCE CHURCH
  Formerly known as Blue Earth Alliance
  738 W. Sunset Ave.
  Handicapped accessible
  Sunday School: 10 am
  1:30 pm (Confirmation School)
  Tuesday Bible Study: 10 am
  Pastor D. Fred Snow

ST. ANTHONY PARK LUTHERAN
Como and Luther Places
Handicapped accessible
651-645-0371
Pastor Paul Loeftel 
Nursery Room: 9:30 am
Visit our website at http://www.sapl.org/zoomin/1.htm
Sunday Worship: 8:45 and 11 am
Nursery at both services
Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays
First Chinese Fellowship: 11:30 am Sundays

ST. BART'S METHODIST CHURCH
2350 Como Avenue
Women's Group Worship:
651-666-4599
Pastor D. Walker
Sundays: 10 am Worship, 9:30 am Sunday School
Wednesdays, 9 am - 1 pm, Center Room with lunch

ST. CECILIA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
3116 California Ave.
Saturday Mass: 5 pm at the church
Sunday Mass: 10 am at church (nursery provided)
5:30 pm at St. Hilary's, 625 St. Hilary's (handicapped accessibility)
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 7:30 am at the Parish Center

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
2136 Carter at Cleveland
651-643-3075
Sunday Services:
8:00 am Eucharist, Rite I
8:45 am Eucharist
10:30 am Eucharist Rite II May 30, 9:30 am June 6 through Labor Day weekend
10:45 am Coffee Hour
June 20, 9:30 am Ecumenical Jazz Service at United Church of Christ with U.C.C. and United Methodist Church
11:00 am Eucharist Rite III 1st and 3rd Sundays
Wednesday, 6:30 am Eucharist
Thursday, 1:00 pm Caregivers Respite Program
We are handicapped accessible
The Rev. Grace Abbott, Rector
The Rev. Lyn Lawyer, Deacon

WARRENDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1040 Como Ave. at Oxford. 651-489-5054
Sunday Worship: 10:15 am (nursery provided)
Sunday School: 9 am
Rev. Timothy Held, Minister