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Eve Wolf's path to a rabbinical calling

by Natalie Zett

Photo by Truman Olson



Rabbi Eve Wolf describes her life a "calling to the extreme . . . a rocky, tricky path, sometimes."

For Wolf, an eight-year resident of St. Anthony Park, the journey to her profession began as a child. The Skokie, Illinois, native grew up attending a Reform Temple. "I've always loved Hebrew," smiles Wolf. "I also had an erudite Rabbi who loved the Word and music."

These early influences eventually set her on a circuitous path to the rabbinate. After completing a religious studies major at Grinnell College in Iowa, Wolf declares, "I wandered." Her journey eventually took her through all the major branches of Judaism. She spent much time in the Orthodox tradition. Wolf remarks, "I really liked the service of the Orthodox *shul* (synagogue) — except the absence of women being integrated into the service."

She attended the Jewish Theological Seminary (Conservative) for a year and also attended the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (Reconstructionist Judaism is the newest branch) for a year. She ultimately studied with and was ordained by a rabbi associated with the Jewish Renewal Movement, which like the mainstream branches of Judaism, draws on Judaism's foundations. It maintains that flexibility, innovation and dynamism are the very essence of the Jewish path.

Although it is acceptable in Jewish tradition for a rabbi to be ordained by studying with another rabbi (as well as through graduating from a seminary), this method is still viewed by some as a little "out there."

Wolf, a soft-spoken, slender woman in her mid-30s,

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The historic St. Anthony Park Library reopens

by Judy Woodward

An area landmark will resume operations this month. Although the official ribbon-cutting ceremony isn't scheduled until October 2, the St. Anthony Park Branch Library will open its doors for business sometime in late September.

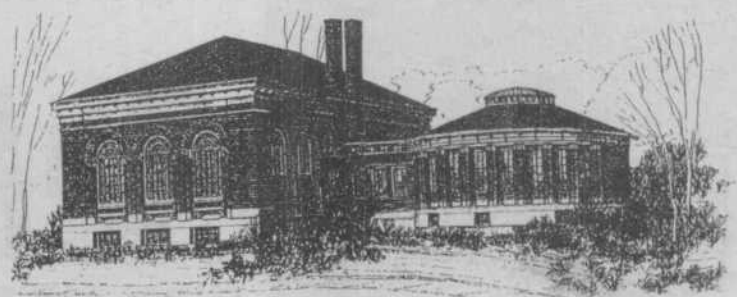
The library has been closed since April while the historic, 82-year-old Carnegie building underwent an 1,800-square-foot addition costing more than 1.2 million dollars.

When the library reopens this month, the building will be handicapped-accessible for the first time, thanks to an elevator installed at the rear of the library. There will be increased staff

workspace as well, but by far the most noticeable improvement will be the addition of a separate children's reading room.

Architect Philip Broussard, who designed the addition, was faced with a difficult planning challenge. Since the library's facade had been placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984, any alteration of the building had to take place at the rear of the site in such a way that preserved the architectural character of the side of the library that faces Como Avenue.

Broussard's plan called for a domed, circular children's room to be built at the back of the library and connected to the main floor area of the structure by a sunny walkway.



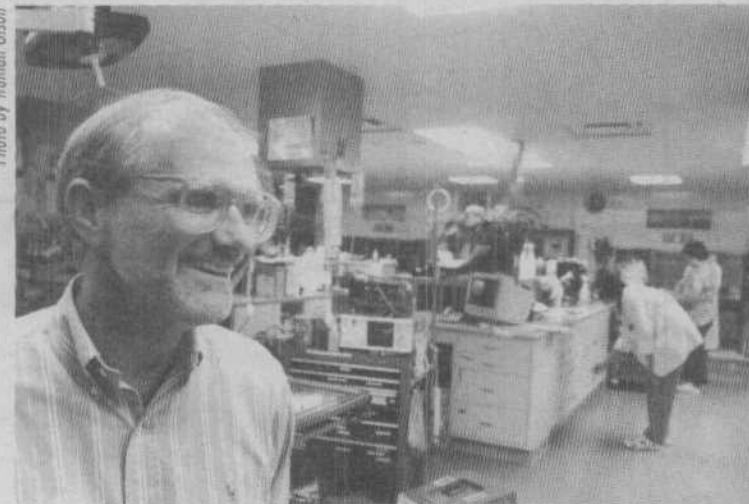
It was an elegant plan, but it was almost scuttled when construction costs rose rapidly in the months before construction was slated to begin. Suddenly the original \$840,000 mandated in 1997 by the city for the project

was found to be nearly \$250,000 short of the revised cost.

Although the city quickly agreed to provide another \$200,000, it appeared that design modifications — including the

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Photo by Truman Olson



U of M's veterinary ICU saves cats and dogs lives

by Barb Claussen

Thirty-eight cages line the white walls of the newly expanded intensive care unit at the University of Minnesota Veterinary Teaching Hospitals. One blue wall provides a touch of warmth, and perhaps a touch of home for the sick animals that become patients there.

The gleaming, state of the art facility at 1365 Gortner Avenue opened in March with three times its former space.

"I was very impressed," reports Tam McGehee, a client whose dog and cat have both been patients at the Veterinary Hospitals.

She also likes the visitors' room which you can use if you have a pet in the intensive care unit. Directly across from the ICU, it has a couch, magazines, coffee, and cookies. Visitors' hours are posted on the yellow sign outside the entrance. "10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. 1 hour maximum visit."

"I could hold Henry when he came out of surgery," says McGehee, recalling the time her cat, now 19 years old, had surgery for a tumor in his mouth.

She was happy with the care that her dog, Thumper, received

when he was a patient in the ICU. "Someone was with him 24 hours a day," she related.

According to Edward Kosciolk, hospital administrator, the ICU is fully staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The unit's expansion, to 1,600 square feet, grew out of an increased need for space.

"When the ICU opened in 1983, we never thought we would fill it up," says Kosciolk. At that time they were seeing five or six patients a day. That number increased dramatically over the years, until three or four years ago they were seeing up to 20 patients a day.

"It was really taxing the physical facility," he continues. "We had animals on the floor and in the aisles. It was contrary to good medicine."

Clients and friends contributed more than half the \$700,000 cost of the expansion, which also added an intermediate care unit for animals needing 24-hour care. They added an endoscopy table to the dental surgery suite. (In case you didn't know, endoscopy allows the

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Neighbors seek answers about Hampden Square sale

Questions loom about the complex becoming Section 8

by Judy Woodward

There were some very pointed questions from the audience at the St. Anthony Park Community Council meeting on August 11, when two of the principal players in the Hampden Square dispute talked about the proposed sale of the low-income housing project in South St. Anthony Park.

Lori Boisclair of Boisclair Corporation, the proposed buyers, and Tom Sanchez of the St. Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development addressed a crowd of about 75. They gathered at the South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center to learn more about the fate of the 86-unit complex on Long Avenue.

Most in the audience were concerned about the effects of proposed changes in income requirements for the housing project. Under terms of the proposed sale agreement, the complex would reserve at least 20 percent of its units as site-based Section 8 housing for very-low-income tenants. The project would also be available to additional prospective tenants who hold individual Section 8 housing vouchers. Currently, the project offers its tenants modest rent subsidies, but has no Section 8 housing.

Also affected by the proposed sale would be student residents, who make up a large fraction of the current tenants. Under the proposed changes, students would be excluded from the project unless they met certain exemption requirements.

Although Boisclair contended that fewer than a quarter of the present tenants

would be affected by new ownership rules, some audience members were not so sure. Linda Billings, who lives at Hampden Square, said that an informal survey of current tenants revealed that residents of 35 to 40 units would be forced to leave under the new requirements.

Sanchez stressed that the Boisclair proposal represents the only hope to keep Hampden Square available to low-income tenants. Otherwise, he warned, the current owners, who are determined to sell, will be replaced by investors who will charge market rate rents. "If it goes market rate," says Sanchez, "over half the tenants would probably have to leave immediately. Hampden Square started out as affordable housing, and the city wants it to remain that way."

Although they had nothing but praise for the current Hampden Square tenants, many in the audience were wary of new, extremely low-income tenants who might be introduced under the Section 8 provisions.

Kris Johnson, who owns a home directly across the street from Hampden Square, says "We don't want Section 8 housing. Section 8 brings people with deep-seated problems. We've never had a problem with Hampden Square. It's the greatest place now. But why lower the income level?"

Several audience speakers expressed the concern that the area already has its share of low-income housing, and that the introduction of extremely low-income Section 8 tenants could tip a precarious balance in the neighborhood.

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Murray Junior High getting much needed improvements

It's been 30 years since the sound of major construction was heard at Murray Junior High School in St. Anthony Park. The last significant project at Murray was in 1979, when the new library addition was built.

This summer's commotion will yield new administrative offices, a grander entry, and two new classrooms, according to Principal Tom Olin.

The construction at Murray, as well as at many other St. Paul schools, is the result of a recent capital improvements bill. The district can spend up to \$15 million per year for the next five years upgrading the infrastructure of the city's aging schools. The project at Murray will cost \$1.4 million.

The new entry and offices are being built inside the courtyard between the "old" and the "new" building. The courtyard will be reduced to about half its original size. "The old admin offices were simply inadequate, and spread out everywhere. They haven't changed since 1926, when the school was first built," states Olin.

Once the new offices are completed, the existing offices in the old building will be gutted, making way for the two new

classrooms — one for computers, the other for life skills. The new rooms are needed to help prepare students for the new "grad standards" requirements, says Olin. Although construction has been proceeding through the summer, the office space and entry probably won't be complete until winter break, with completion of the new classrooms several months after that.

The project architects, Ankeny Kell, designed the new construction to blend between the vastly different styles of the "old" and "new" parts of the school. Olin is optimistic that the result will be a much more inviting entry to the school.

The much-beleaguered swimming pool is also getting fixed this summer, this time for good. According to Olin, "It used to leak out 2,000 gallons per day, and the water quality was very poor." To address these problems, the entire water handling system is being replaced, and the pool is being relined with tile. Olin believes that the pool should be open for both school and community use by this fall.

Olin is quite enthusiastic about the new changes for Murray. "In general, St. Paul's schools are very much in need of capital improvements. This much needed funding is a good start."

— Pete Keith

College Park playground swings forward

Over 35 neighbors heard from St. Paul park officials Kathleen Whitacre and John Wirka that the best placement of a new College Park play area would be west of the existing tennis courts.

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diggers, sand toys, spring rockers, and tot swings. Round galvanized steel posts in green with brown accents will embellish the scene.

Neighbors and city officials were finalizing the plan as the Bugle went to press.

St. Paul City Council

Anti-billboard advocates seek November referendum

The Scenic St. Paul Coalition is hitting the streets again in search of petition signatures, so the group can get a possible billboard ban on the November 2 ballot. On July 28, the St. Paul City Council gave the group an additional 30 days to seek the signatures.

The ballot question would prohibit new billboards and remove existing ones within five years, if it is approved by the voters. Billboards with historic value could be exempted by the City Council.

The coalition was about 945 signatures short of the number of signers needed for the petitions. Not only is the coalition seeking new petition signatures, the group is also working to validate as many as 15 previously submitted petition pages. Those pages were rejected by city-county elections staff and not counted in the 292 pages and 3,924 signatures ruled valid.

Registered voters in the city are the only ones who can properly sign a petition for a ballot question. The petition forms also have specific validation and notarization requirements.

"These are issues that can be readily corrected," says Chris Samuel. He represented the city council election staff at the July 28 meeting.

City Council members and Scenic St. Paul representatives debated the procedure for correcting the invalid petition pages on July 28.

Scenic St. Paul Coalition spokesperson Chuck Repke said the 15 pages should be ruled valid. "We did this petition with all volunteers," he reports. "We don't have a campaign with professional petition workers."

Repke's reference was to the successful petition drive to put a baseball stadium question on the November 2 ballot. The St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce is supporting a drive to bring the Minnesota Twins to St. Paul. The stadium ballot question asks voters if they would be willing to pay an additional half-cent in sales tax to pay the city's share of \$325

million in stadium costs.

Ward 4 Council Member Jay Benanav asked why the council could not simply validate the signatures by City Council action. But Assistant City Attorney John McCormick and Council President Dan Bostrom said the coalition should follow set procedures to validate the pages. "I think some of the errors can be easily corrected," Bostrom says. "I'm afraid that if we simply validate these pages, we've almost got an automatic challenge on our hands."

Scenic St. Paul began collecting more signatures once it submitted its petitions to election officials in mid-July, says group chairperson John Mannillo. That is because the group barely had enough signatures to get the issue on the ballot. The number of signatures needed is based on a percentage of voters who cast ballots in the previous election. About 5,000 signatures are needed.

The question of restricting or banning billboards has generated debate in St. Paul for almost two years. Several district councils have sought to prevent new billboards from going up in their districts, through interim sign moratoriums. Hamline-Midway, Merriam Park, and Snelling-Hamline are currently seeking to put their entire district areas into special sign districts, which would tighten billboard restrictions there.

The interim moratoriums will be in place until the St. Paul Planning Commission and City Council can develop new billboard regulations. The City Council voted August 4 to extend the moratoriums until a study of new billboard restrictions can be completed.

But until it is known whether the anti-billboard question will go on the November ballot, the Planning Commission has suspended the study. Commissioners have indicated that it does not make sense to keep studying billboards if a ballot question could supersede any new requirements.

— Jane McClure

Over 50 projects compete for STAR Grant prizes

Revitalization for business and commercial properties, housing rehabilitation, and charter school improvements are among projects in the running for 1999 Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) dollars.

Fifty-four project proposals were submitted to St. Paul Planning and Economic Development (PED) staff by the

mid-July deadline. Grant requests total \$9,590,363 and loan requests total \$8,339,142. It is the largest number of Neighborhood STAR Program proposals the city has ever received, reports program coordinator Michelle Swanson.

No one reason is given for the high number of requests. The city extensively publicizes the program through district councils, business associations, and community development corporations. The program is in its fifth year. The city marks newly completed projects with signs advertising the STAR Program.

An estimated \$6 million will be available for larger grant and loan projects. In 1998, \$6.1 million was allocated. However, the city will not know the exact amount of 1999 funds until after the newspaper heads to press. Swanson said that returns on past STAR loans and unused dollars from past projects will be added to the pot for 1999.

One project that is returning unspent funds is the Specialty Building parking fund. The City Council was slated to accept \$240,000 in funding returned for the project on August 18. The project backers did not need the entire \$265,000 allocated to them last year.

The Neighborhood STAR Board began reviewing projects in August, with recommendations to the Mayor and City Council this fall. All projects require a one-to-one match of the grant and loan dollars, either through money, materials, in-kind services, volunteer labor, or a combination of sources.

This time around, Neighborhood STAR is emphasizing housing projects as a way of addressing the city's critical housing shortage. Eighteen of the proposed projects are housing projects.

Area projects include:
* J. Ring Glass Studio, 2408 Territorial Road. A \$53,335 grant is sought for exterior building renovation.

* Hay Dobbs Architects is seeking a \$95,000 grant and a \$95,000 loan to improve the one-story brick building at the southwest corner of Raymond and Territorial.

They want to make facade improvements, including awnings and changes to the storefronts at the corner. They also wish to improve property landscaping. The architectural firm has an agreement to purchase the building, which has housed a number of retail and office uses over the years. ■

— J. M.

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EDITORIAL

On Hampden Square

Given the widespread ambivalence about the conversion of Hampden Square to Section 8 housing, the buyer and seller, city officials, and St. Anthony Park Community Council must strive to answer neighborhood concerns. South St. Anthony Park is a terrific enclave, blossoming more each year, that thrives despite University Avenue traffic, Interstate 94 and Highway 280 noise, and light industry commotion. It is also a diverse neighborhood, where middle class and less affluent people live side-by-side. Still, people there worry that the arrival of very low income tenants may threaten the area's quality of life. If the sale proceeds full throttle, students and seniors may be forced to leave and, it must be said, that these tenants also live on a fixed incomes.

Even so, developer and city officials offer have some compelling reasons for the sale and the subsequent transfer of, at least, 20 percent of the units to Section 8. Tom Sanchez of the St. Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development claims that this is the only proposal that promises to retain Hampden Square's affordable housing status, while Lois Boisclair of Boisclair Corporation promises to be a good landlord by screening prospective tenants and upgrading the property. Meanwhile, knowing the acute shortage of affordable housing in the affluent Twin Cities, it is difficult to begrudge poor people a home with easy bus access to St. Paul and Minneapolis. Remember Hubert Humphrey's plea — "Judge a society by how we treat the disadvantaged."

Yet, questions loom, despite the city and developer's arguments. How many people will be shut out and who will be let in? No one knows. Worse yet, if some Hampden Square residents hadn't raised the red flag about the Boisclair purchase, it could have transpired without incident. It is easy to gripe that South St. Anthony Park resident are shouting "Not in my backyard," although to say this only minimizes their legitimate concerns.

Discussion continues about the sale on Wednesday, September 8, 7 pm. ■

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Letters

ParkBank's generosity

The St. Anthony Park Community Foundation is grateful to the Park Bugle for helping to promote the foundation's development over the past year.

I wish to point out, however, that the August article entitled, "St. Anthony Park Foundation Tops \$100,000 in Gifts and Pledges" omits the full extent of ParkBank's generosity. It should be known that, besides a cash gift of \$1,000, the bank has pledged \$25,000 over the next three years to support the foundation.

ParkBank President Rick Beeson and the dedicated leadership and staff at the bank are valuable assets to this community. It is a pleasure to work with them in fostering the growth of the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation.

Ginger Bethe,
executive director, St. Anthony
Park Community Foundation

Greetings from Gibbon

The Bugle's 25th anniversary issue brought back so many good memories of living in St. Anthony Park for 35 years. In fact, living in the Park made the transition to small town living easy. The Park and the town (population 700) are very similar. For instance, they have a business district, just like the Park. And they too have a community band that only plays during the summer. While Gibbon's paper is a weekly rather than a monthly, both are read cover-to-cover. The town also has lawyers, a grocery, beauty and barber shop, hardware store, bank, frame shop, restaurants, and a quilt shop. What the Park calls the Fourth of July celebration they have "The Great Gibbon Get Together" only two weeks later. I even saw Hardware Hank at the festival. Thanks for the memories.

Lois Glaeser,
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Library . . . from page 1

sacrifice of the eye-catching "round room" design for children — would have to be made unless the community was able to raise an additional \$50,000.

During the last months of 1997 and the early part of 1998, the community did just that — and then some. Challenged by matching grants of \$12,500 each from ParkBank and from the Friends of the Library organization, area residents raised more than \$90,000 for the project.

It was a measure of public support that gratifies library officials but doesn't completely surprise them, since they know that the tiny St. Anthony Park Branch has long had the highest circulation per square foot of any of the city's public libraries.

Branch Librarian Rosie Foreman, who remembers vividly the difficulties of running a modern library in a workspace designed in 1917, is happy

about the increased space in the soon-to-be-reopened library. "We'll be able to better serve our patrons with separate check-in and reference areas," she says. "Before the addition children's non-fiction books were

"Our library is a community gathering place. A place where people can explore lifelong learning. We have everything from how to renovate your house to what to do when a tree falls down in a storm and you have to switch from a shady to a sunny garden."

— ROSIE FOREMAN

mixed with books for adults. Now the children's collection will be housed in the separate children's area."

Foreman explains that the newly re-opened library will offer other attractions as well. Six personal computers will be available to the

public, offering library users Internet access for the first time. There will also be many more children's books available in the new children's room, thanks to the legacy of local resident Virginia Sohre. Sohre, who died when the library addition was in the planning stages, left the St. Anthony Park Library

approximately \$12,000 annually to be spent on children's materials.

Foreman adds, "We're also hoping for a teen area to be worked out."

Foreman says that her only regret is that the library wasn't able to reopen in August. "I think of that as welcoming time," she said, noting that it is during that month that the many international visitors to the University of Minnesota and Luther Seminary arrive. She explains that many cultures don't have the same concept of a public library that Americans do. "Our library is a community gathering place," she says. "A place where people can explore lifelong learning. We have everything from how to renovate your house to what to do when a tree falls down in a storm and you have to switch from a shady to a sunny garden."

The Library will be open: Monday-Thursday from 10 to 9; Friday 10 to 5:30; Saturday 11 to 4; and Sunday afternoon from 1 to 5. ■



Photo by Truman Olson

O P I N I O N

College Park's natural beauty

by John Wright

"Don't it always seem to be that you don't know what you've got 'till it's gone . . ."

— JONI MITCHELL

The thing I love the most about College Park is that within it are so many places where one can look around and experience the awe inspiring beauty of nature. In the park one gets that sense, that feeling, that look of being in the country, away from pavement, cars, houses and the general clutter that obscures nature from just about every other vantage point in the city. Trees, grass, bushes and sky, nothing more.

In the southeast corner of the park there is a tennis court. In summer the vista from the west end of the court is magical: a gently rolling lawn runs down hill to what was probably once a small pond. And what were once the banks of that long ago pond are thick with splendid, mature oak trees, lilac bushes and all manner of other growing things.

Near the northeast corner of the park there is a set of ancient play equipment with swings, monkey bars, chin-up bar, a slide and two merry-go-rounds. This little play area is positioned, almost hidden, in amongst the mature oaks in such a way that is unobtrusive and almost natural.

Unfortunately some of the play equipment in College Park has been deemed dangerous and noncompliant with the ADA and must be removed. The city has provided funding for replacement of the equipment and earlier this year a task force was assembled to determine what to do with that money. Some of the task force meetings were open to the public and I attended two of them.

The first meeting I attended (which I believe was the second overall meeting) was given over to discussion of where the replacement play equipment should be located. Two options were presented for discussion: locate the new equipment where the old equipment now stands . . . or . . . create a new play area directly to the west of the tennis court. When a member of the public attempted to advocate for other options and other concepts the task force seemed to indicate that other options could or would not be considered, that if we hesitated the city might rescind the money and make College Park wait a long long time for another chance for new play equipment.

Somewhere between the two meetings that I attended a decision must have been made that a new playground would be built just to the west of the

tennis courts. At that meeting a landscape architect from the city presented two options. Both options included taking 4,700 square feet of the lawn area adjacent to the tennis court, tearing out the grass and replacing it with a huge, concrete-edged sandbox into which large groupings of play equipment would be placed. Part of the area within the sandbox would be paved with a rubbery surface which allows for wheelchair traffic. At this second meeting the building of the new playground was presented as a fait accompli, with requests for consideration of other approaches brushed off by the task force and the city planners as too late. The only issues permitted for discussion were the brand and color of equipment to be purchased and the layout of the equipment within the confines of the 4,700-square-foot box.

What were the other options? One option would be to simply remove the existing pieces of play equipment which are considered dangerous. The slide, the merry-go-rounds and the monkey bars would be taken out and no replacement equipment would be provided. This approach would leave the park in pretty much the same condition it is in now. There would be fewer pieces of play equipment, but the chance of children getting hurt would be diminished. More significantly, this option would not require the destruction of the beautiful view from the tennis courts, would not require replacing another little piece of nature with more man-made stuff.

I have no doubt that there are those on the committee and in the community at large who genuinely feel that a larger, safer playground is needed for the children living around the Park. But the sense I got from the meetings I attended was that the most important item on the agenda was to spend the money that the city was offering and to spend it quickly before the city changed its mind. I did not sense, however, that everyone at the meetings had taken into consideration the everlasting impact that this play area will have on the look and the feel of College Park. The park is relatively small and a 4,700-square-foot play area would, if nothing else, be out of scale.

If you haven't been to College Park recently you might want to visit it soon. And while you're there take a moment to experience the majestic view looking west from the tennis courts. That view, that little piece of nature, is scheduled to disappear next spring when we chip away yet another piece of our natural environment. ■

Electing better school board members

by Roger Barr

Before we place all the responsibility for student achievement solely on the shoulders of school board members, let's remember who put them there — It's the voters' job to elect the school board. And if our school district is not achieving the desired results, then we the community must also assume some responsibility.

It is time to raise the standards bar for our school board. It goes without saying that we want capable leaders who will make policy that will prepare our children for the future. The question is, how do we raise or create strong leadership? One way is to stop perceiving school board candidates in terms of their positions on hot-button issues and start thinking about their overall abilities. Both the candidates and voters share a role in this process.

Let's start with the candidates. This year, 15 St. Paul residents (four incumbents and 11 challengers) are running, each confident that he or she is the exception to Mark Twain's axiom: "In the first place God made idiots. This was for practice. Then he made school boards. . . ." Candidates bring concern and passion to campaigns. They run for many different and often legitimate reasons. Some run as advocates for particular issues. Other candidates hope to represent a certain cultural group. Some run with an eye toward addressing costs, while others seek a board seat believing in the vague notions that "something is wrong" or "we're not doing enough."

Concern, passion, and an agenda do not automatically make a board member an effective

policy maker. For starters, school board members do not have the luxury to work on only one or two issues. They are required by law to perform certain duties at specific times during the year. In running the district, board members encounter a plethora of complex issues that include (in no particular order) taxes, budgets, students, teachers, parents, curriculum, cultural diversity, government regulation, technology, and buildings, among others.

So, candidates must look beyond the key issues that motivated them to run for school board. They need to develop an understanding of the powers and duties bestowed upon them by law. They should also develop their knowledge of broad issues. And, finally, they need to develop leadership skills.

Voters must do their part in raising the standards bar for school board by demanding more from candidates. But first, voters must demand more from themselves. It's time for voters to stop looking primarily at individual issues. Instead, voters need to cast their votes based on overall abilities, including a candidate's vision, knowledge, and leadership skills.

Improving our school district is a never-ending process. Visionary, effective leadership is imperative if our district is to endure and thrive. We can make steps toward higher academic improvement if voters elect well-rounded people rather than candidates who only represent a limited agenda. ■

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Rabbi Wolf . . . from page 1

seems as surprised as anyone at this, her spiritual journey. "I was raised to be a good girl," she affirms. "So I'm not sure how I ended up on the fringes."

She does not classify herself as being rebellious by nature. "No," she maintains, "I ended up here because of being 'true.'" She pauses, "The language of Torah is my connection. My response to this meeting through [the Jewish sacred] texts has led me here."

(By the way the Torah is, in the literal sense, the first five books of the Bible. However, it can also mean the entire Jewish Bible, or, in its broadest sense extend, to the whole body of Jewish law and teachings.)

A solitary person who hasn't found calling in groups, Wolf has no aspiration to have a temple of her own. Rather she enjoys being in private practice. There, she is available for other travelers on the path, both Jews and non-Jews.

When she and Peter, to whom she has been married for eight years, moved to the Twin Cities, Wolf remarks that, "I had a hard time finding a place where I could really pray. None of the existing places anchored me."

A "worker rabbi," who supports herself with various day jobs, Wolf also teaches a class on

Martin Buber's book, *I and Thou*, at the Institute of Adult Jewish Studies in Minneapolis, and writes regular pieces for *American Jewish World*, the Twin Cities Jewish weekly newspaper. Wolf also engages in traditional clergy duties such as performing weddings, bar and bat mitzvot,

Rabbi Eve Wolf performs weddings, bar and bat mitzvot, and funerals. She leads Friday night services in her home. The rabbi can be reached at 659-9856.

and funerals. Additionally, she also conducts *Lifecycle* ceremonies. "These ceremonies can be any cataclysmic transition," says Wolf, "a job, coming of age, coming together in partnership, breaking a partnership . . . whenever someone says, 'I need to mark this event.'"

She has a special place in her heart for interreligious couples. "I like working with interreligious couples, I respect them. Many of the partners are Lutheran or Catholic. These couples want to have a Jewish clergy person (for counseling or to be part of the marriage

ceremony), but they often have difficulty finding one."

Wolf has also been conducting Friday night services in her home for a few months. "Our services are entirely in Hebrew, although a transliteration is available. They are a traditional Friday night service."

She even hesitates to call what she does "spiritual direction" or "pastoral counseling." Yet, she is there for people, especially for those who don't feel connected to mainstream religion. "I work with people to help them develop their relationship with God," she comments. "People want something, sometimes they can articulate it, sometimes not."

She focuses on relationships between people because they directly reflect the relationship between a person and God. "It's a relationship that goes through your soul. Primarily, it is about a relationship with God, with the self, and then with people — always from a place that is 'true.' It's living life from the inside-out." She pauses, "The old spiritual that says it's so high you can't get over it, so low you can't get under it, and so on. That's right! You have to go through it — to be in it." ■

Vetrinary ICU Teaching Hospital . . . from page 1

veterinarian to see the animal's digestive tract with a small camera attached to a flexible tube.) The project also added a hemodialysis unit to maintain patients after kidney failure.

Kosciolek was ecstatic about the financial response. "It is very gratifying to see that our clientele would be willing to fund a project that would benefit their pet, or, more likely, someone else's."

People express a lot of confidence in the facility. In a recent survey conducted by the hospital, 98 percent of the respondents said that they were very satisfied with the service and would recommend it to their family and friends.

That satisfaction was evident by the display of memorial bricks

on the wall at the entrance to the clinic area. Bricks were inscribed with the names of clients who donated money for the expansion project. And many were dedicated to pets.

Kosciolek believes that the visual mosaic of bricks symbolizes a significant sense of cooperation. "They helped us out. We can more readily help their pets when they come here."

The University of Minnesota Veterinary Hospitals is a community practice open to the public. "Many people may be unaware of the level of our care," reflects Kosciolek. The clinic treats dogs and domestic cats.

They perform routine check-ups and vaccinations. They deal with high risk animals. They also

train future veterinarians. The teaching aspect of the institution means that the client will not always see the same vet, Kosciolek emphasized.

"There are hundreds of years of veterinary experience within these walls," says Kosciolek. "If it's an unusual disease, they have probably seen it."

Staff call it "wonderful" and "far superior" to the former space. And the next step in caring for 20,000 patients a year involves expanding the small animal surgery area. The development office hopes to raise \$250,000 starting this year. ■

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Community education launches TGIF night for under \$20 at Murray Junior High

by Lisa Steinmann

It is a Friday night and Fridays are meant to be fun. That can be a tough proposition for many families. There is no such thing as a movie with a rating so encompassing that it won't bore or terrify some member of the clan. Restaurants are expensive or worse yet a waste of money on family members whose idea of a gourmet meal is to eat the fried breading off whole shrimp. It can be stressful trying to come up with an evening that pleases everyone. More often than not families find themselves parked in front of the TV screen for the evening, while pizza delivery cars zip up and down the avenue.

This fall, Community Education has something new to offer those folks who are looking for something beyond the television remote on a Friday night. The first session of TGIF Family Fun Nights will run October 8 through November 12. A variety of activities are planned that will appeal to all ages. The classes will take place in Murray

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Junior High at 2200 Buford.

From 5 to 6 p.m. supper will be served at a price that beats fast food restaurant deals: \$2 per adult, \$1 per child or no more than \$8 per family.

The menus will feature Italian, Mexican, and Asian food. Following supper, from 6 to 8:30 p.m., classes and activities will take place. Some of the activities are for the whole family to do together; others are designed to appeal to particular age groups, ranging from toddlers to teens

and adults. Families can sign up for classes in cooking, art, science, or the Korean martial art of Tae Kwon Do. The Science Museum of Minnesota and Art Scraps, the recycling resource store, will teach special classes. Organizers are planning to have puppet shows and storytellers. There will also be open swim and gym time. For children ages 2 to 4, Early Childhood Family Education will provide childcare at no extra cost.

The cost for all six Friday evenings of fun for a family is \$20.



Anne Moening of Community Education explains that TGIF Friday Fun Nights are a product of a grant put together by St. Paul Community Education, Parks and Recreation, and the Northwest Family Center. "We are really excited. This is the first time we've offered something like this in the community."

She is also looking for volunteers age 16 and up to help out this fall. If you would like to volunteer or if you have questions, call the Community Education office at 771-3078. Registration takes place September 13 through the 24. ■

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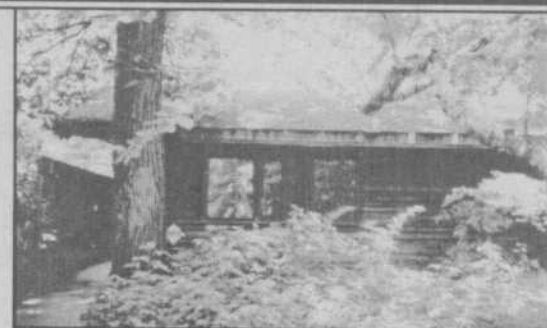


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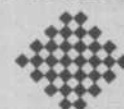
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Pulling strings: Music in the Park's 21st season

by Kristen Anderson

Every year Music in the Park wins critical accolades from critics, fans, and performers. Newspaper stories gush with such sought-after plugs as "Area's major showcase for chamber music," "Very high level of excellence," and "not your average chamber music series." Of course, all understand, that the 21-year-old St. Anthony Park-based artistic tradition is "the little series that could."

Beginning on Sunday, October 3, chamber music devotees can listen to the Miami String Quartet at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ's 85-year-old sanctuary. Additionally, throughout the season, you

can enjoy the Le Trio Gershwin from Paris, the Vienna Piano Trio, and the Petersen String Quartet from Berlin.

But the program also embraces local talent. For instance, the baroque quartet Belladonna from the Twin Cities is set to perform this spring. Other concert highlights include New York City's Amadeus Trio and the Eberli Ensemble.

All performers are hand-picked from a competitive crop by Julie Himmelstrup, the series' artistic director. When asked about the Petersen Quartet from Berlin, Himmelstrup remembers thinking,

"Petersen from Berlin? ya sure, ya betcha. How do I sell that one. But it's apparently one of the finest quartets in Europe."

Music shaped Himmelstrup's life journey. For her, orchestrating the chamber music series corresponds to a life-long passion for music, which, in turn, ignites musicians, composers, and audiences' enthusiasm. "My interest is from a life time of music and seeing how much fun chamber music is," says Himmelstrup, who is also an accomplished pianist. She also played flute duet with her mother, a violinist, during childhood. Later, Himmelstrup met her future husband, Anders, a violinist, at the Toronto Conservatory and the rest is history.

Himmelstrup began the innovative program in 1979 with the concert series debut of the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra. Booking the SPCO was an act of faith. After all, the St. Paul Chamber's fee was \$3,500, when the Music in the Park's entire budget was a modest \$5,000. Since that initial gamble the series has become a community institution, thanks to steadfast support from ticket buyers, neighbors, and the Elmer Anderson Foundation, Boss Foundation, McKnight Foundation, and Sewell Family Foundation.

Every season Music in the Park creates new chamber music fans. And, by bringing inaugural and old-time subscribers together, the organization fulfills its mission statement's promise of presenting "chamber music in a setting that fosters a bond among composers, performers, audiences, to stimulate and deepen appreciation and understanding of music; to promote a professional standard of performance; and to encourage an

American musical culture through commissioning and performing the music of American composers.

Music in the Park tickets are sold beginning September 1, at the Bibelot Shop and Micawber's Bookstore. Seasons tickets cost \$65 for the seven-concert series (\$70 after September 15) and \$60 for the six-concert series (\$65 after September 15). For additional information please call 645-5699 or 644-4234. ■

All that jazz at the Dakota

by John Marino

Fourteen years ago, Lowell Pickett just wanted to start a nice, little neighborhood jazz club in Bandana Square. Little did he realize that today, the Dakota Bar & Grill would be an internationally recognized high quality jazz club and fine restaurant.

None of which precludes that fact that it just happens to still be in the same neighborhood, over at 1021 East Bandana Boulevard, right off Energy Park Drive.

"The Twin Cities is kind of our neighborhood, and then there are a series of concentric circles as you get closer," Pickett says. While St. Anthony Park and Como Park are the two closest circles, many of the Dakota's patrons also come from the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood and Minneapolis.

"Having people being in the neighborhood and feeling comfortable is good. I'd rather be a place that serves the neighborhood and has a national reputation than be a national club that just happens to be in the neighborhood," Pickett adds.

To that end, the Dakota books many Twin Cities jazz musicians. A local roster of artists includes piano players Dan Chouinard, Laura Caviani and Chris Lomheim; sax players Irv Williams, Pete Whitman and Scott Fultz; singers Debbie Duncan, Bruce Henry and Cynthia Johnson; drummers Joe Pulice, Gordy Knutson and Robert and Ginger Commodore; and bassists Anthony Cox, Gary Raynor and Terry Burns. That's just to name a few.

"Nobody books as many local artists as we do," enthuses Pickett.

Pickett's original intent was to have a club that would showcase the talents of local artists. However, about three years into his venture, Pickett managed to book his friend and pianist extraordinaire McCoy Tyner onto the Dakota's bill. The legendary extra-ordinary player and longtime member of jazz icon John Coltrane's combo, Tyner has long since played

his way into jazz's international pantheon.

Once Tyner opened the Dakota in 1988, the flow has never ceased. Fred Gary Burton soon followed and the Dakota has since featured some of the best jazz greats, local and national, ever seen in the area.

The great vocalist Carmen McCauley, who has performed at the Dakota was the "most enjoyable" to have.

And great jazz music is only half the story. The Dakota's Chef, Fred Gary Burton, is a nationally acclaimed, award-winning chef.

A connoisseur of fine dining and wine list that offers 101 choices, either go with fish, beef, pork, or chicken, a spectacular ways. Salads, soups and desserts are all out the menu. And then there is the bar.

On a recent Saturday night, for example, a packed house could have enjoyed the talents of the great vocalist Carmen McCauley while savoring perfect that evening's six or seven specials. Or, if you're in the mood for a broiled walleye, swimming in fish chowder, or a vegetable medley.

Despite the fact that the Dakota continues to be a place of hospitality, it requires a lot of work.

Indeed, Lowell Pickett, who has been at the Dakota since 1988, when the Dakota was first opened, while relaxing times.

"He's got a lot of things going on. I have nothing to do with it. Kenny Hornum is the drummer at the Quarter, a new downtown jazz club, to instrument.

commonly features vocalists.

Located at 366 Jackson Street, the Dakota has been a part of the Twin Cities for years ago and is the only other exclusive jazz club in the area.

Pickett doesn't see it as competition. The Twin Cities is large and is made up of many different neighborhoods. A lot of places have jazz to a varying degree. The community has, the better it is for us. One of those places, the chances are for us.

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by Amy Causten

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s' Quarter opened four z nightclub in St. Paul. he jazz audience (in the e who enjoy good music. nd the more jazz the appreciate quality in any to enjoy quality anywhere." r and grill. ■

South St. Anthony Park is getting a little more colorful. That's because of the new arrival of the J. Ring Glass Studio, the largest art glass supplier in the state. The studio, formerly located in Prospect Park, moved to 2408 Territorial Road at the end of August.

J. Ring stands for Joseph Ring, the artist who founded the studio in 1975. He co-owns the studio with his wife Susan, who started working there in 1978. In addition to their seemingly limitless supply of glass in every color of the rainbow, they provide classes in glass art and sell stained- and blown-glass gifts.

Originally the studio was opened as a wholesale supply business and custom glass studio. A couple of years ago they stopped taking custom orders because the deadlines for doing custom pieces became unmanageable. However, they do continue to do glasswork as time permits, and most of the beautiful lamps, windows, and gift items for sale in the store are made by them.

The Rings also teach classes in stained glass, fusing, glass painting, and other techniques — about 20 different classes in all. Susan sees it as a way to expand their customer base. "We feel we can offer professional instruction," she says. "If we're successful, they continue in their hobby." She adds that some of their students have even gone professional.

The studio has operated in different sites in Minneapolis, and has been at its Prospect Park location for about 15 years. However, the business was growing, and the Rings were aware that with the University of Minnesota's Dunbar housing facility going up just down the street, parking was going to get more scarce.

"We assumed we would stay in Minneapolis," Joseph says. "We wanted to stay in the Midway [central Twin Cities] area . . . we never even looked outside of this area." Since the Rings serve customers from out-state Minnesota and the surrounding five-state area, having an easy-to-find location close to the freeways was important. Also, a central location would be "minimally offensive to people in the Metro area," in Joseph's words.

However, after looking around Minneapolis, the Rings found they would have to move farther out from the city to find the kind of building they were seeking. They began looking in St. Paul and found the Territorial Road building.

"It had all the physical things we needed," Joseph says, namely a parking lot and enough warehouse space to house their inventory. But buying the building was another matter. The building had fallen into disrepair, and the city was going to exercise eminent domain and tear it



J. Ring Glass Studio owners Joseph and Susan Ring are moving their enterprise to South St. Anthony Park this month.

down. The Rings contacted city officials to let them know of their interest in buying the building, and found some willing helpers.

"St. Paul has been very supportive," says Susan Ring, citing city planner Donna Drummond as one example. The city approached the Rings about applying for a STAR loan to help them renovate the property. (The STAR program uses money from the city sales tax to assist community improvement projects.) Susan successfully appealed to a number of the local business owners to write letters of support for the Rings' proposal: "They are a wonderful group,"

she says. For their part, the local businesses were delighted at the prospect of someone purchasing the building and improving it, as it had been regarded as an eyesore.

Throughout the long and sometimes uncertain process of buying the building, Joseph says, "The parking and the location kept us going." That, and the help of city officials as well as St. Anthony Park community members. "Everybody was very, very, very supportive," he says.

This support was especially welcome since the Rings felt they had not received much help from the city of Minneapolis in their search there. "St. Paul is much more friendly to small businesses than Minneapolis," Susan says. Joseph agrees, saying the difference was "like night and day." Even before they moved into the building, St. Paul city officials came by to offer help in cleaning up graffiti. Although the Rings took care of the graffiti themselves, city workers checked back a week later to see if help was needed.

Another advantage to St. Paul, in the Rings' opinion, is that St. Paul seems more interested in keeping up old buildings and Susan points to the Baker School building as an example. "We're really interested in building preservation," she says; she and Joseph were co-chairs of a committee to restore the famous "witch's hat" water tower in Prospect Park. Also, the Rings appreciate the small town atmosphere of the Raymond-University area, with its vintage buildings and small, unusual shops.

In many ways, the Rings believe the character of St. Anthony Park is well suited to their clientele. "We know it's a stable neighborhood, and we're aware of the arts community that's growing up over there," says Susan. "We are really excited to be there."

The studio is closed Sundays and Mondays; hours are 9 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The fall session of classes begins in mid-September; for more information, call 644-8193. ■

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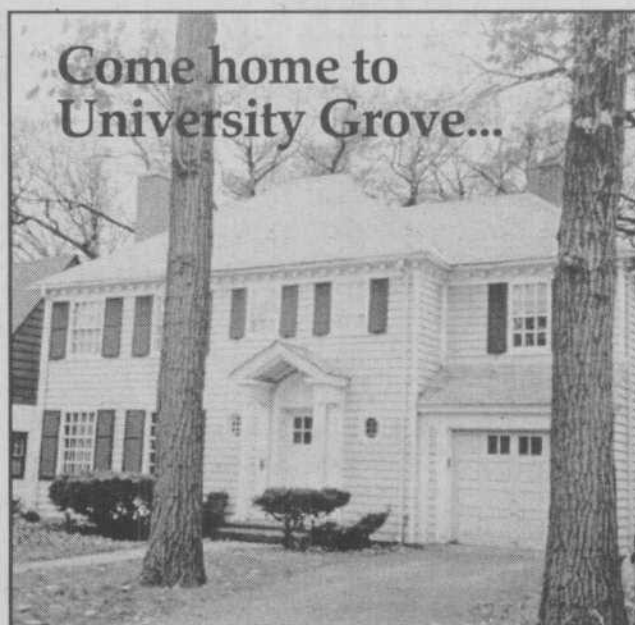
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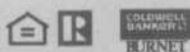
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THE HOME FRONT

M u s i n g s

Jane House visits family home

by Judy Woodward

Jane House came back to see her house the other day. She brought her daughter Sara along and her grandson Jordan. It's been awhile. The last time she lived in the big Prairie Style house on Doswell Avenue in St. Anthony Park was 1952, and she was a grade school kid named Jane Erskine then. Now she's a grandmother, widowed and remarried, with another life in Spokane.

Flo McNerney, the current owner, was hospitable and eager to show Jane the trees that had been planted and the garden walls that had been moved since her time. But it's clear that Jane's attention was fixed on a different landscape. A 50-year-old landscape that now exists more or less exclusively within her own head, populated with long departed children and an informal baseball diamond that has since been transformed into a neighbor's manicured backyard garden.

Her old house is a showplace now, and observers wondered if she'd burst into tears as she met the accumulated memories waiting for her there. Instead, she laughed. "I'm too old for crying," she says.

Then she talked about her best friend from childhood, a girl named Sarah, who lived in the "island house" on Carter Avenue, with her father who was "big in mushrooms" at the St. Paul Campus. He eventually had a building named after

him. Jane named her daughter after Sarah, and now she had the chance to show young Sara just where on the front walk the two friends used to play endless hours of hopscotch.

She remembered the names of all the people who'd lived on her block, and she described how she and her siblings used to turn the steep backyard into a toboggan run in winter. It's what they did when they weren't skating at the Langford rink, that is.

Some memories emerged after a fumble for obsolete vocabulary. "We used to dump the ashes from the coal-burning furnace, they were hard as rocks. What did we call them? Clinkers!" she plucks the word triumphantly from the summer air, indicating the flower bedecked slope, which, in another life, used to endanger a little girl's knees as she

shimmied helter-skelter down its clinker-laden surface.

But other memories were as current as a hot July day. "My most 'favoritist' memory was the Fourth of July Parade. It used to start right there up at the corner of Doswell and Como. We'd all march down to the park, then we'd spend the whole day at Langford. Does that still happen?" she asks.

Several subsequent generations of Park children, laying in their own store of memories, can tell her the answer to that one. ■

Photo by Truman Olson



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Kids

The annual Halloween Party is set for Tuesday, October 26, 4:30 p.m., at Langford Park, and Thursday, October 28, 4:30 p.m., at South St. Anthony Rec Center. Both locations spotlight a coloring contest, costume judging, pumpkin hunt, and refreshments. Boys and girls under age 12 are welcome to participate in these free events.

Parenting

The Langford Park Booster Club meets on Wednesday, September 15, 7:30 p.m. Call 298-5765 for information.

The Advantages of Breast Feeding is the topic of the Como-Midway La Leche League's meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 7 p.m. Call Jeanne at 644-0302 for meeting locations.

On Tuesday, September 21, 7 p.m., the La Leche League of Falcon Heights discusses the Advantages of Breast Feeding. Call Rebecca at 488-9414 or Millie at 917-7378 for meeting locations.

Licensed social worker and family therapist Ellen Ruskin leads a six-week course on parent education for families with 2 to 10-year-old children at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, beginning Wednesday, September 22. For information call Marilyn Benson at 644-6861 or 612-504-1659.

Gardening

Ardys Moen and Ron Dufault talk about Growing Tender Perennials at the St. Anthony Park Garden Club's Tuesday, September 7, 6:30 p.m., meeting at 25 Langford Park.

The St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium offers a free workshop on landscaping with Minnesota native plants on Tuesday, September 28, 7 to 9 p.m., at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 1465 North Victoria Street. Native plants are accustomed to the highs and lows of Minnesota's climate, so they require less watering, don't need fertilizing, and tolerate cold and dry spells better than other plants. Besides keeping our lakes and rivers healthier, using native plants in an urban landscape helps attract more birds and butterflies.

Worship

An ecumenical Labor Day service is set for Sunday, September 5, 9:30 a.m., at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. The worship service brings together three congregations, including St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, and St. Matthew's.

Books

The St. Anthony Park Writers' Group meets on Tuesday, September 7, 7:30 p.m., at 1261 Cleveland Avenue North, #4-A.

Volunteering

The Befrienders program unites women with young single mothers, who have little support from older women in their lives. If you are interested in becoming a Befriender volunteer, please call the Children's Home Society of Minnesota at 646-7771. Befrienders complete 18 hours of training and commit to a year-long relationship.

Como Zoo is looking for volunteers for its Zoo Boo festival, a non-scary Halloween event. Throughout five nights, some 300 costumed volunteers welcome children and parents on an outdoor path transformed into a storybook paradise. The event takes place on October 16, 17, 22, 23, and 24. To volunteer please call Krista Spieler at 645-1014.

Socializing

Continue celebrating Falcon Heights' 50th birthday on Sunday, September 12, when the community gathers for a street dance. Hear the music of the Roseville Big Band and enjoy outdoor cooking. The event takes place at Ciatti's parking lot at Larpenteur and Snelling avenues.

Safety

The St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program offers neighbors free home safety checks by trained personnel. To make an appointment call Lynn McLean at 642-9052. ■



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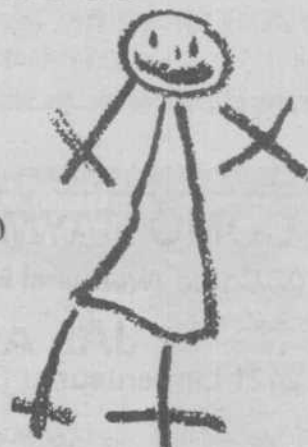
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The neighborhood shopping spy

by David Anger

Many neighbors forget that the bustling intersection of Snelling and Larpenteur avenues is one of our area's best kept shopping secret. Where can you buy golf clubs, find fabrics, purchase living room furniture, and outfit the entire kitchen in one full swoop? Darn few places.

The shopping hub features three distinct areas. The northwest corner is home furnishings central. Across the street, Falcon Crossing's shopping strip houses a full-service Hoover store (1539 Larpenteur, 644-8684) and Doug Anderson's branch of Edward Jones Investments (1547 Larpenteur, 659-9895). And the southeast corner is a bargain hunter's paradise. Swing popularly-priced golf clubs at Tony's Golf (1526 Larpenteur, 647-0233) and ship Sara off to Barnard — or your entire house — through the Packaging Store's (1538 Larpenteur, 644-2858) quality and insured services.

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most upholstery costs around \$12 a yard and check out the tres Brady Bunch vintage fabrics too. In the same mall, visit the Fan Man (1660 Snelling, 649-0686) for low priced Casablanca and Emerson ceiling fans.

Eat Street is Snelling and Larpenteur's middle name. The crowd at Coffee Shock (1532 Larpenteur, 647-1887) is very Dawson's Creek and the teenage crowd adores the hodgepodge of dorm lounge furnishings. Remember the Ember's? Eddy's Ember's (1700 Snelling, 645-8802) dishes up such old favorites as chef salads, California burgers, and club sandwiches. Global eaters lover zooming from Asia to Europe without passports, loving the \$8 jumbo buffet at Chinatown (1533 Larpenteur, 644-9194) and Greek fare at Dino's Gyros (1670 Snelling, 645-8800). And, no doubt about, the parking lot at Ciatti's (644-2808) is always brimming with cars, reminding everyone that the cafe remains a neighborhood favorite famous for its pastas and salads. Finally, before heading home, save money by filling up the tank at Falcon Heights Amoco (Snelling at Larpenteur, 644-2027). ■

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

People helping people: meet the new Block Nurse staffers

by Ann Bulger

Thanks to the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, many senior citizens have been able to stay in their homes, due to the nursing, shopping, and chore services provided. Without this outside help, these golden-agers might have been forced to enter nursing homes.

The Block Nurse Program now has been enhanced by the addition of two women: Jean Kampmeyer became a Primary Block Nurse on June 1, and Ann Bursch has been the Administrative Assistant since December.

Jean Kampmeyer makes nursing visits to the clients, monthly, weekly, or three times per week, as needed. She is a Public Health Nurse with a certification in gerontology. Natives of Sioux City, Iowa, she and her husband moved to Maple Grove in 1972, where they raised their two sons, now 22 and 16.

For Ann Bursch, working in St. Anthony Park "feels like coming home." Ann handles the clerical work in the Block Nurse office. She grew up on Knapp Street, the daughter of Leon and Vera Snyder. Her sister, Mary Beattie, lives in the family home. Her father was a well-known horticulturalist who started the Minnesota Arboretum.

After her marriage to Bill Bursch, they moved to Willmar, then to Illinois and Indiana, while Bill attended graduate school and later taught at Purdue. They returned to Minnesota and lived in Minnetonka for 20 years. When Ann became a widow, she moved back to Falcon Heights.

Ann's previous employment was as staffing coordinator at the Jones-Harrison Nursing Home in south Minneapolis. Before that she substitute taught in home ec classes in the Minneapolis and Minnetonka schools.

Other changes at the Block Nurse Program will be coming this fall, when Lynda Morlock leaves to join Elaine Phillips as parish nurses for the St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church. ■

1 Wednesday

- Minnesota State Fair
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2 Thursday

- Minnesota State Fair
- Toastmasters, U.S. Forest Service, 1992 Folwell Avenue, St. Paul Campus, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 649-5162. Every Thursday.

3 Friday

- Minnesota State Fair
- Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.

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

4 Saturday

- Minnesota State Fair

5 Sunday

- Minnesota State Fair
- Ecumenical worship service joining St. Matthew's Episcopal, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, and St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9:30 a.m., at St. Matthew's, 2136 Carter

6 Monday

- Minnesota State Fair
- Labor Day
- AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. 644-0809. Every Monday.
- Boy Scouts, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 7 p.m. Every Monday.

7 Tuesday

- Toastmasters, Hewlett Packard, 2025 Larpenteur Avenue, 7:30 a.m. 645-6675. Every Tuesday.
- Tot Time (for 5-year olds and younger), Langford Park Rec Center, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Every Tuesday. Call 298-5765 for details.

- St. Paul Schools, opening day.

- St. Anthony Park Garden Club meeting, 6:30 p.m., at the home of Ardis Moen, 25 Langford Park. New members welcome!

- Community picnic to meet new neighbors and to thank St. Anthony Park Association volunteers, 5:30-9 p.m., Langford Recreation Center.

- St. Anthony Park Writer's Group meeting, 7:30 p.m., 1261 Cleveland Avenue North, #4-A.

8 Wednesday

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

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

10 Friday

- Como Park recycling.

11 Saturday

- Rosh Hashanah

12 Sunday

- Grandparents Day
- Falcon Heights Street Dance, Ciatti's parking lot, Larpenteur at Snelling.

13 Monday

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

- Park Press Inc., — Park Bugle — board meeting, ParkBank community room, 7 a.m.

14 Tuesday

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

15 Wednesday

- Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7:30 to 9 p.m. All residents are invited to attend.

16 Thursday

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

17 Friday

- Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.

- Friends of Suburban Ramsey County Libraries' annual used book sale, Har Mar Mall, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

18 Saturday

- Friends of Suburban Ramsey County Libraries' annual used book sale, Har Mar Mall, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

19 Sunday

- Kat Daze, benefiting Feline Rescue, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- Friends of Suburban Ramsey County Libraries' annual used book sale, Har Mar Mall, noon to 4 p.m.

20 Monday

- Yom Kippur
- Como Park recycling.

21 Tuesday

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

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

22 Wednesday

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

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

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

25 Saturday

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

26 Sunday

- Full moon
- Heritage Orchard Day, Gibbs Farm Museum, 2097 West Larpenteur, Falcon Heights, noon to 4 p.m.

27 Monday

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

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

28 Tuesday

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

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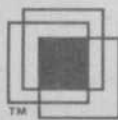
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Adeline Benz

Former Falcon Heights resident Adeline B. Benz died on August 6 at the age of 83. Preceded in death by her husband, Roy, she is survived by a daughter, Sue Cox; son, Fred; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Helen Brunnette

Helen Brunnette of Como Park and member of the Church of the Holy Childhood died at 86 on August 2.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel, and granddaughter, Teresa Marie. Survivors include sons, Pat, Greg, Dan, and Gary; and six grandchildren.

Ralph Comstock

Ralph Comstock, formerly of St. Anthony Park and the first head of the genetics department at the University of Minnesota, died recently in Sun City, Arizona. He was 86.

Comstock retired in 1981 as a Regents Professor Emeritus. He was a pioneer in the field of quantitative genetics, improving methods of artificial insemination and was co-creator of a breeding method that enables plant or animal breeders to develop genetic structures to obtain a high-

performance hybrid.

He received his bachelor's degree in agriculture from the University of Minnesota in 1934, master's degree in animal husbandry in 1936, and doctorate in animal breeding in 1938. He taught at the university from 1937 to 1943, then went to North Carolina State College from 1943 to 1956, returning to the U of M in 1957.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; daughter, Mary Sue; son, John; and two grandchildren.

Elaine Frost

Longtime St. Anthony Park resident Elaine Larsen Frost died on August 9 at the age of 84.

Mrs. Frost graduated in 1932 from Central High School. She attended St. Olaf College and completed her education at the University of Minnesota, graduating in 1936 in secondary education.

She married Gale Frost on April 29, 1939. They moved to St. Anthony Park in 1944. Mrs. Frost was active in the St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church and the American Association of University Women.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Gale; daughters, Judith Frost Lewis and Elizabeth; sons, James, Thomas, and Bob; five grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

David Funkhouser

Lyngblomsten Care Center neighbor David E. Funkhouser died on July 27 at 89 years of age. Preceded in death by his wife, Lucille, he is survived by daughters, Lucy Oswald, Mary Haus, Gladys Ackerman, Dorothy Ronchak, and Jan Nelson; sons, Robert and George; brother, Blaine; sister, Ina Carlson; 16 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Thomas Gower

Lauderdale resident Thomas J. Gower, 71, died on July 20. Survivors include his wife, Lois "Moose" Gower; daughters, Paula Driessen, Christine Guptill, Stephanie Haugen, and Ann Reynolds; son, Mark; 17 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and aunts and cousins.

Earl Hansen

Earl J. Hansen, who lived in Falcon Heights, died on July 31.

Born May 26, 1918, he attended the University of Minnesota, graduating in mechanical engineering. He was employed by G. Sommers and the U.S. Corps of Engineers before serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II, flying "The Hump." After the war, he worked for Brown and Bigelow, Remington Rand-Univac, and Control Data. In 1968, he was one of the founders of Astrocom Corp.

Mr. Hansen was preceded in death by his son, Neal. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Rita; daughter, Patricia; son, John; daughter-in-law, Joan; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brother, Robert; and sister, Bernice Hedin.

Sigrid Harrisville

Sigrid Marie Harrisville died on July 27 at the age of 102. She was a resident of Lyngblomsten Care Center.

Mrs. Harrisville was the resident head of Diderikke Brandt Halle and assistant dean of women at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, for over 20 years.

She is survived by her son, Roy; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and ten nieces and nephews.

Igor Razskazoff

Igor P. Razskazoff, a longtime St. Anthony Parkite, died on August 5 at age 81. He was a retired postal clerk, co-founder of the St. Paul Postal Band, and active in many Twin Cities bands.

A graduate of Johnson High School, he was an All-City fullback for two years. He and his wife, Agnes, were married for almost 60 years.

Mr. Razskazoff was known for his jovial personality during his 40 years as a Twin Cities postal clerk.

"Igor's Band" played every year on the Fourth of July in St. Anthony Park and at many local weddings and reunions. He also volunteered over 1,000 hours for the Memorial Rifle Squad at Fort Snelling Cemetery, where he played taps. He was a member of St. Anthony Park Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Agnes; son, Don; daughters, Sharon Cunningham, Meredith Melby, and Susan Ellingson; 9 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

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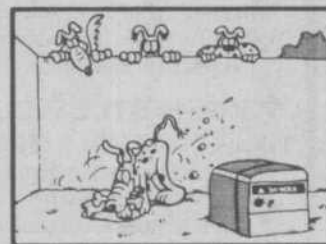
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Carole Mannheim, another homeowner from the area, says that she was concerned that introducing large concentrations of extremely low-income residents

Discuss of the Hampden Square issue on Wednesday, September 8, 7 p.m., at South St. Anthony Park Rec Center

would result in more traffic, more noise and more litter.

Boisclair concedes that the overall percentage of Section 8 tenants among the housing units owned by her company ran at about 50 percent, but she maintained that proper management is the key to well-run buildings, regardless of the income levels of the tenants. "We

do criminal checks, landlord checks, and credit checks on all prospective tenants. If they don't pass, they're refused. The qualifications for tenants are the same regardless of social status."

She notes that the Boisclair Corporation plans to be a good neighbor. According to Boisclair, the company proposes to spend about \$13,500 per unit to upgrade the project and to develop amenities like a computer center that will be open to the entire community.

The Boisclair Corporation hopes to close on the sale of the property by December 31 at the latest.

The St. Anthony Park Community Council continues public discussion of the Hampden Square issue at its next meeting on Wednesday, September 8, 7 p.m., at the South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center. Meanwhile, the council has agreed to collect written questions about Hampden Square from the public and relay them to the Boisclair Corporation and city authorities. If you have a question, you can e-mail it to district12@ci.stpaul.mn.us, or mail it to the St. Anthony Park Community Council, 890 Cromwell Avenue, St. Paul 55114. ■

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