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#### Dr. Pomeroy wins prestigious Siehl Prize

by Michelle Christianson



hen you bend your head over your Thanksgiving turkey, you probably don't realize that a word of thanks also goes to Dr. Ben Pomeroy. But the people who distribute the Sichl Prize for Excellence in Agriculture have recognized Pomeroy this year with the \$50,000 award for his work in avian health.

In the 1930s, before Pomeroy began his research, most poultry farms had only 30 or 40 turkeys and suffered about a 25 percent bird mortality rate as well. Through his research on diseases transmitted from hen to egg, Pomeroy was able to identify carrier birds for salmonellosis, mycoplasmosis, fowl typhoid and other infectious diseases. By eradicating these carrier birds, farmers were able to reduce the mortality rate to 8 percent, which revolutionized the industry.

The Siehl Prize was established by Eldon Siehl, a successful businessman with a lifelong fascination with agriculture, as a way to draw attention to professional, humanitarian and academic accomplishments in that field. He intended it to generate state and national recognition for those who dedicate their lives to meeting the world's everincreasing need for food and fiber. Every other year, three recipients are chosen for their achievements in the academic, agribusiness and production agriculture fields. This year's academic honoree is Dr. Pomeroy.

Pomeroy's father was also a veterinarian, who attended to large animals on farms in Lake Elmo, Woodbury and Little Canada. The younger Pomeroy accompanied his father on these visits and decided that after graduating from St. Paul Central High School he wanted

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## **Community Council endorses Hampden Square sale**

housing development is key to its future success.

Despite neighbors' anxieties Boisclair Corporation's proposal wins favor of public policy officials

by Judy Woodward

t its regular meeting on September 8, the St. Anthony Park District 12 Community Council endorsed the proposed sale of the Hampden Square townhouse development on Long Avenue in south St. Anthony Park.

Comments from the small crowd at the meeting were generally in favor of the projected sale of the development to the Boisclair Corporation.

Earlier, there had been opposition from tenants and neighbors of the 86-unit south

St. Anthony Park project to the terms of the sale, which call for 20 percent of the units to be converted to site-based Section 8

for 20 percent of the units to be converted to site-based Section 8 terms of the sale, unless they qualify for certain exemptions.

Ward 4 St. Paul City Councilman Jay Benanav and former Councilwoman Bobbi Megard agree that providing proper management for the south St. Anthony Park low-income

fraction of the current residents,

but they will be excluded under

housing, reserved for people with low income. Another point of concern for tenants was the status of student residents under terms of the sale. Students make up a large

The Hampden Square project was built more than two decades ago, as affordable housing under another government subsidy program which has been discontinued. The current owners of the project are resolved to sell, and the Boisclair Corporation has presented the only offer that satisfies local housing officials' desire to maintain the project's subsidized status.

Both Ward 4 Councilman Jay Benanav and former Councilwoman Bobbi Megard spoke at the meeting. They agreed that the critical issue was not whether or not Hampden Square should remain subsidized housing, but whether the Boisclair

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Discover the old-world charm of Milton Square on Saturday, October 2, when Milton Square's fabulous Octoberfest features carriage rides, English antiques at Lark's, Lorna Landvik reads at Micawber's, country treasures rule at Hearts n' Vines. Nurture your tummy with Taste of Scandinavia's cookies and bread. If you miss the celebration you will never know if Mary Ann Milton wore her Scottish kilt. Photo by Truman Olson

## Como Park resident's Iraq visit reveals grim impact of sanctions

by Pete Keith

ince 1990, United Nations trade sanctions against Iraq have stopped the flow of most goods and services into Iraq. These sanctions were enacted with the intent to weaken Saddam Hussein's power, and prevent the Iraqi government from building weapons of mass destruction. Whether the sanctions are having much impact on these objectives is a subject of debate, but recent accounts suggest the largest impact is being felt by the everyday citizen of Iraq.

Como Park resident Mel Duncan decided to see first hand the impact of these sanctions on the Iraqi people. Duncan teaches at the University of Minnesota and Macalester, and does grass roots political organizing. The last two weeks of July, he and a group of seven others made the trip to Iraq.

Duncan's suspicions were confirmed. "The sanctions have hurt the most vulnerable in their society . . . I'm certainly not a supporter of Saddam Hussein, yet the sanctions consistently hurt everyday folks. The sanctions, if anything, have further entrenched Saddam."

The visit was arranged by an organization called "Voices in the Wilderness." Duncan's trip was the 26th such fact-finding visit set up by the organization, whose objective is to raise awareness about the impacts of the sanctions, says Duncan. This particular visit was featured on a recent Lehrer Report.

While in Iraq, Duncan's group met with families, religious leaders, public officials, and various representatives from the United Nations. They were hosted in Iraq by the Red Crescent, an organization similar to the Red Cross. They brought with them medicines and sanctioned medical journals. "Our vehicles were packed full of antibiotics and journals, but the trip was more importantly to educate us and draw attention to what our country is doing (via the

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## You may be able to ride light rail along University Avenue

by Jane McClure

t a recent transit forum in St. Paul, a consultant joked that the Twin Cities have the oldest unbuilt light rail transit system in the country. That's likely to change with plans for the Hiawatha Corridor rolling along in Minneapolis.

Now it may be St. Paul's turn. Remember the Central Corridor? The Twin Cities' Central Corridor would link downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul, via Interstate 94, University Avenue or Pierce Butler Route. A connection would go through south St. Anthony Park, to also link with the University of Minnesota's Minneapolis campus. Now St. Paul and Ramsey County elected officials are on a fast track toward a decision on light rail. By the time the Minnesota Legislature starts its 2000 session, state lawmakers and the Metropolitan Council want city-county agreement on where the east metropolitan area's first LRT route should be.

What that means for St. Anthony Park and Midway area residents and business people is that discussion of the Central Corridor is back on track. Old studies are being dusted off and updated, with a focus on the possibilities of putting LRT on University Avenue. District 4 Ramsey County Commissioner Susan Haigh will be meeting with district councils, business associations and community groups this fall to discuss the Central Corridor, Riverview Corridor and related transit and economic development issues this fall. She will be attending meetings of district councils on her board district.

She reviewed plans with the St. Anthony Park Community Council in September and is also visiting councils in Merriam Park, Macalester-Groveland, SnellingHamline, Lexington-Hamline, Hamline-Midway, Thomas-Dale and Summit-University. Haigh is also working with the Midway Area Chamber of Commerce, University UNITED and other business groups in LRT and what it could mean for the area.

"I think it's important to get out to the people in my district and say, 'This is the time to get involved,'" says Haigh. "I think there's a lot of existing information that needs to be updated, and a lot of new information we can share."

Haigh hopes that people interested in transit and the effect transit could have on economic development in the area get interested in the Central Corridor again.

Without consensus on an LRT route, some warn that it may be even longer before LRT comes to St. Paul and Ramsey County
— or if it comes at all.

"My understanding is that if we don't come to some agreement, the next LRT line built will be in the west metro area," says Planning Commissioner Chair Gladys Morton.

The St. Paul City Council adopted a resolution in August calling for a transit study by the city's Planning Commission.
After Planning and Economic Development (PED) staff gather information in September, commission members will start a series of meetings in October.

The Planning Commission needs to make a recommendation to the City Council and Mayor Norm Coleman by November 10, so a joint city-county recommendation can go to the Metropolitan Council and state lawmakers in early 2000. The 1999 Minnesota Legislature directed the Metropolitan Council to develop a priority plan for LRT

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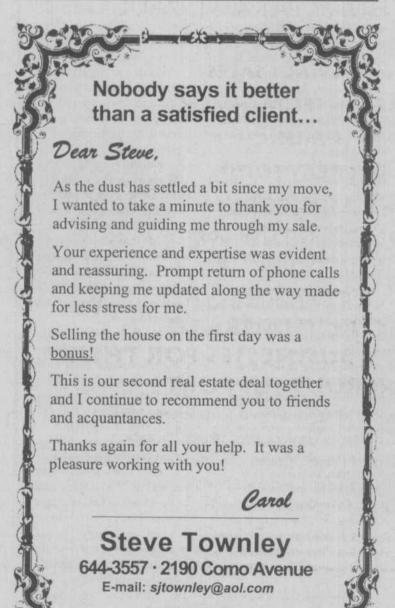




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#### St. Anthony Park

## Community Council considers riding light rail

At the St. Anthony Park
Community Council's meeting on
October 13, the organization will
view a 25-minute video about the
effects of light rail transit in cities
where it has been implemented.
Executive Director Heather
Worthington expects the council
to take a position on the central
corridor issue before November 5,
when the St. Paul Planning
Commission will make a
recommendation to the City
Council.

The Planning Commission is sponsoring two open houses to present current information about light rail: Monday, October 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Lexington Branch Library (1080 University Avenue) and Tuesday, October 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Hamline Branch Library (1558 Minnehaha Avenue). In addition, the Commission is hosting a light rail community forum at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, October 22, in Room 40, City Hall, 15 West Kellogg Boulevard.

— Dave Healy

#### Y2K preparedness meeting

On October 6, the St. Anthony Park Community Council is holding a meeting from 7-9 p.m. at the South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center about Y2K issues. The Council has invited local businesses and service providers to discuss how best to meet any needs occasioned by possible service interruptions during the transition to the

NSP anticipates no significant Y2K-related problems. US West, however, expects a major phone system overload on December 31. The overload will not result from equipment breakdown, but rather from the anticipated volume of phone calls associated with the new year. If the phone system does indeed experience overload, residents may be unable to make or receive calls. Of particular concern are 911 emergency calls.

To compensate for the potential unavailability of 911 on December 31 and January 1, the City of St. Paul has established a contingency plan that involves making police dispatch lines available in each neighborhood. One purpose of the October 6 meeting will be to discuss how

this plan will be implemented in St. Anthony Park.

— Dave Healy

## Don't be the messy one and clean-up on October 2

St. Anthony Park's annual neighborhood cleanup, which for many years has been held in September, moves to October 2 this year. All neighborhood residents should have received a flier with details about the cleanup. Residents must bring their flier to the cleanup in order to participate. Anyone who has not received a flier in the mail should call the St. Anthony Park Community Council office at 649-5992.

-D.H

The community council office now has an email address: district12@ci.stpaul.mn.us

#### Car theft and vandalism troubling Murray Junior High area

St. Anthony Park Community
Crime Prevention coordinator
Carol Madison reports that several
incidents of vandalism and theft
from autos have recently occurred
in the area around Murray Junior
High School. The criminal activity
has apparently taken place around
2 a.m. If you have any information
about these incidents, please call
Carol at 649-5992.

— D.H.

#### Become an ad hoc person in blue

The crime prevention coordinators of the Western District Area Community Councils are coordinating training in community policing for block workers, police officers, business owners, and other interested residents of St. Paul on three Tuesdays in October. Community policing is a partnership between residents and the police department. The training, provided by the Upper Midwest Community Policing Institute, is free. It will be held from 6-9 p.m. on October 12, 19, and 26 at West Minnehaha Recreation Center (685 West Minnehaha Avenue.) To register or to receive more information, call Carol Madison at 649-5992.

— D.H.

## College Park playground expansion jumps forward

The St. Anthony Park
Community Council voted to
approve a plan to build an
expanded play area next to the
tennis courts in College Park.
Several audience members raised

Looking for Arthur Golden's Memoires of a Geisha, a back issue of the New Yorker, or how many people live in Zimbabwe? Don't head toward the St. Anthony Park Branch Library because it isn't open yet. Labor shortages and slow deliveries of materials led to the delay, much to the chagrin of chief librarian Rosie Forman. Don't despair, says Forman, the beloved institution is set to open during January 2000. Photo by Truman Olson

concerns about the plan, which will bring the play area into line with current governmental standards and relocate it from its current position. Council members were assured that no trees would be sacrificed under the new plan and that every effort would be made to preserve "Suicide Hill" — the sledding run on the edge of the park which is famous to several generations of children in north St. Anthony Park.

- Judy Woodward

## Community foundation launches inaugural grant initiative

The St. Anthony Park Community Foundation is lauching its first grant-making efforts to support organizations and activities in the neighborhood.

The foundation anticipates distributing approximately \$7,500 in its first grant round. Grants are expected to be for a minimum of \$1,000 each.

Non-profit organizations, neighborhood, and community-based groups are eligible for funding. Applications are due to the foundation by October 31, 1999. Grant recipients will be announced at the end of November.

In keeping with its mission "to nurture the unique community assets of St. Anthony Park to secure a strong and vibrant neighborhood for future generations," the foundation has identified the following priorities for 1999 — Education: local schools, educational programs, and other special initiatives; Arts and the Humanities, emerging and existing community arts organizations, music programs and other cultural resources; Children and the Elderly, initiatives that strengthen and support these vital populations; Preservations and Development of Physical Assets, preservation of historical buildings or sites of particular importance to the neighborhood.

Guidelines and applications are available by calling Ginger Bethe at 641-1455.

#### **Falcon Heights**

## Neighbor doesn't want unleashed dog area to go bow-bow

A dog running free in a public space? With no leash? "Why not?" says Steve Wikstrom, a long-time Falcon Heights resident, who thought of the idea after vising an off-leash area in a Kansas City park.

Wikstrom is also the companion of Maggie, a one-yearold lab with much energy, and he thinks an unleashed area on the State Fairs grounds would be swell. So, Falcon Heights City Administrator Sue Hoyt led Wikstrom to Jerry Hammer, executive vice president of the Fair, and Wikstrom and Hammer enjoyed a "very amicable meeting," says Hoyt.

Wikstrom emphasized that he isn't a spokesman for any organized group. Instead, he is simply promoting a proposal that would benefit neighborhood dogs. Wikstrom suggests developing a pilot program area, where the dog owners would be fully responsible for taking care of the area.

Evidently the Bear parking lot, west of Underwood, is under consideration. Maggie's companion says that Hammer "listened to my thoughts and took it under advisement.

No decision has been set, although Wikstrom is hopeful. Who knows? The State Fair grounds may be moving from 'Corndogus Eternus" to "Realdogus Eternus." If this happens, no one will be more pleased than Wikstrom. If it doesn't happen, he is grateful to the Fair for listening to his proposal that possesses a big bark.

-Kristin Anderson

#### St. Paul City Council

2000 budget may eliminate SAP library Sunday hours

The proposed 2000 city budget has some mixed news for area neighborhoods. But whether cuts to library hours and recreation center directors will stay in place remains to be seen, as the St. Paul City Council continues its budget work.

Area residents wishing to comment on St. Paul's proposed 2000 budget will get their chance at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 10 at City Hall (15 West Kellogg Boulevard).

The City Council must adopt the budget by year's end. Council members began their review of the 2000 budget and 2000-2001 capital improvement budget recommendations in August. Budget meetings, which are cablecast on Channel 38, are at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays from City Hall. The meetings are open to the public, but public testimony is not allowed.

The council offices have already had calls from citizens concerned about cuts to Sunday and morning library hours, says City Council Budget Analyst Greg Blees.

If discussion at recent sessions is any indication, City Council members want to see if additional playground equipment funding can be found. They are also concerned about cuts in library hours and cuts to parks and recreation staff.

The budget does include an additional 10 police officers, consolidation of fire and police communications. For area residents, the cuts would mean the loss of Sunday library hours at the newly refurbished St. Anthony Park Library. A cut of two mornings of library services per week is also on the table.

Two cuts suggested were rejected by Mayor Norm Coleman and will not be considered for 2000. Those cuts were to close the Como Park Pool and to convert the Orchard Recreation Center in south Como from full-time to part-time status.

Stating his familiar theme of keeping St. Paul "safe, clean and affordable," Mayor Coleman unveiled a \$471.1 million budget in August. The 2000 levy would remain at \$62.4 million for general government and at \$840,174 for the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA). The City Council approved the maximum levy September 15, meaning it can be lowered but not raised.

This is Coleman's sixth straight budget without a property tax levy increase. City officials have held the line on, or slightly reduced the city levy, for the past seven years. That began during former Mayor Jim Scheibel's last year in office. In comparison the 1993 property tax levy was \$65.3 million.

The total budget itself is about 5 percent more than the 1999 figure of \$449.2 million. Much of the increase is driven by capital improvement projects and by the city's first \$3 million payment for the Minnesota Wild arena.

Even though City Council members praised the mayor's efforts to hold down the property tax levy, budget debates promise to be lively.

Almost \$294,000 will be placed in contingency to deal with any emergencies caused by Y2K on New Year's Day 2000. Coleman says he didn't think the city would need it.

City Council members and the administration have sparred over the budget during the past few months. Last spring a potential \$7 million shortfall prompted orders to all departments to cut their budgets so that \$3 million in savings could be realized. An initial police department recommendation to cut the FORCE unit, drop 13 officer positions and cut park rangers drew protests. But those changes were rejected by the administration.

The city has been able to fill the funding gap through a variety of measures, including an additional \$1 million in state aid, a police pension refund from the state and about \$4 million from the city's funding reserves.

- Jane McClure

Members of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners, the

Much ado about purple chairs

St. Paul City Council and other groups using the third floor meeting room in the City Hall-Court House are sitting pretty in new \$1,100 purple leather office chairs.

The chairs have prompted chuckles from City Council members and members of the Planning Commission's Zoning Committee. They got to try out the new seats in the seat of

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The Marathoning Dental Hygienist



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#### EDITORIAL

#### Giants in the woods

here is a giant in our election's woods and it is called Yes! St. Paul. The pro-baseball stadium is promoting an additional half-cent of sales tax to foot the city's bill for a new Twins ballpark. And they've got big money, we're talking \$137,592 as of September 2. Minnesota Life, Briggs and Morgan, St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce, and Media One are the corporate enterprises feeding the group's expanding fat piggy bank. Meanwhile, stadium opponents, whose common sense approach doesn't appeal to business and labor interests, are operating on mere pennies.

Mayor Norm Coleman talks effortlessly about his less is more tax platform, unless it suits his agenda, such as building sports facilities for professional teams. Many of the Mayor's efforts to enhance our capital city's downtown have been extraordinary. Darn few wouldn't salute his civic enthusiasm. But when it comes to building another tax-payer supported stadium he is thinking with delusions of grandeur rather than common sense Republican ideals. There's little evidence that stadiums in medium-sized cities enhance their economic well being. There is something terribly wrong about this picture. The Mayor, professional baseball, and big business is asking you to foot the bill for a stadium that would benefit their egos and pocketbooks rather than enhancing St. Paul's livability for all.

#### **School News and more**

elcome School New back to our pages. Lisa Steinmann is the scribe behind our education coverage and the paper is grateful for her efforts. Her field reports will encompass news, profiles, and issues. Also, notice the Shopping Spy's feature community resources and boost small businesses. Writer Amy Causton visits Snelling and Como avenues and next month she visits University and Raymond.

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#### Letters

#### Become Y2K ready

As the community organizer and executive director for the St. Anthony Park Community Council, I am coordinating efforts to ensure all stakeholders in the neighborhood become aware of a need to prepare for any possible disruptions in essential services as the year changes from 1999 to 2000.

The meeting is set for Wednesday, October 6, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center's community room (890 Cromwell Avenue at Territorial Road.)

As a stakeholder in St. Anthony Park, we value your input regarding a variety of issues. We will

provide factual information (not the hype!) regarding the impacts of Y2K, and will hear from experts representing the City of St. Paul. Happily, Y2K is becoming less and less of an issue, mainly because St. Paul's residents are taking prudent precautions. We will discuss the probability of disruptions in phone service, and the maintenance of basic services to the most vulnerable residents of our area.

This is an informational meeting that I urge you to attend. Please feel free to call me at 649-5992 with questions.

Heather Worthington executive director St. Anthony Park Community Council

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government in mid-August, as did the County Board.

Ward 4 Council
Member Jay Benanav is
refusing to sit in the lavish
chairs, instead wheeling in
his old chair every week for
City Council meetings.
"I'm not sitting in those
chairs," he said.

The chairs have prompted conversation as well as criticism in some city and county offices, along with questions about the cost. Thirteen new chairs were purchased, to accommodate elected and appointed officials and staff who sit at special tables during meetings.

The high-backed chairs caused problems for the Zoning Committee in August, as Chairperson Litton Field and committee members craned their necks to see audience members who raised their hands to speak. "I apologize for not calling on you but we can't see around these chairs," he told one person.

Julio Mangine oversees property management for

Ramsey County. He admits the chairs could be an easy target for critics of government spending. But he notes the chairs were part of a \$173,000 county project of improvements for the meeting chamber. Other improvements have been made to cable television cameras and robotics.

"If you go to other courthouses and city halls, or up to the capitol, they also have good chairs."

— Julio Mangine

"We still were using the original barrel-style chairs from when the City Hall-Courthouse was built in the late 1920s," said Mangine. Although the old chairs had been refurbished over the years, there had long been complaints about comfort. (Members of previous City Councils used

to deliberately switch chairs so that latecomers would get the least comfortable seat.) Some chairs were so high that shorter persons' feet would dangle. Others were too low or would wobble. The new chairs can have their height adjusted.

"The old chairs just didn't have the ergonomic design features that chairs have today," Mangine said. The county was also having difficulty repairing the chairs. Some replacement parts were no longer available. "As the chairs would break down, we just couldn't use them any more."

At least two members

of the Ramsey County
Board have back problems
that were aggravated by the
old chairs, Mangine said. A
third commissioner had
back problems a few
months ago, but has since
recovered. He declined to
name the affected
commissioners.

Mangine said he expects to hear comments about the chairs, especially their leather surface. "It seemed to be appropriate to me," said Mangine. "This is the seat of government for St. Paul and Ramsey County. If you go to other courthouses and city halls, or up to the capitol, they also have good chairs."

What about the purple color? The color was part of a palette of colors suggested for the meeting chambers when the city hall-courthouse was refurbished several years ago.

The county is looking at other improvements for elected officials. One idea being studied is that of putting small flat-screen video monitors on the desks, so that elected officials can better see the information that is being displayed on the larger video screens that are on the walls of the chamber.

And for anyone who has ever sat through a long meeting on the chamber's hard wooden benches, there will be some relief. Fabric pads will be put on the benches soon.

-J. M.

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#### Does low-income housing success depend on management style?

ori Boisclair has repeatedly maintained that the success or failure of a housing development does not depend on the income levels of its tenants but on the quality of its management.

It's an issue that has caused some concern among neighbors of the Hampden Square townhouse complex as her company, the Boisclair Corporation, prepares to introduce site-based Section 8 housing to the property as part of its pending purchase agreement. Whether deserved or not, Section 8 housing has earned itself a reputation in some quarters for rowdy tenants and deteriorating physical

The Boisclair Corporation has invited outsiders to take a look at its other residential properties throughout the city. Their properties are so well run, claims Boisclair, that visitors can't tell which among them are charging market-rate rents and which are Section 8.

It's safe to say that the Bridgeway Apartments fit no one's stereotype of low-income housing. The 45-unit Boisclairowned building stands in a neighborhood of tidy, modest homes in the northern suburb of Robbinsdale. The multi-storied white building is attractive and well maintained with andscaped flowerbeds, lush grass and a working security system. On a Saturday afternoon, the loudest sounds around are lawnmowers and lawn sprinklers.

Neighbors seem bemused when asked if the apartmentdwellers present any particular problems of noise or disorder. Amother resident, remarks, "I haven't noticed anything [at Bridgeway Apartments]. There's no noise and no police calls, especially."

Bridgeway Apartments, another Boisclair property, is a 41-unit development called Park Acres in New Hope, where all tenants are Section 8. Paula Palthen is the resident manager. Her business card bears the slogan "Affordable Housing at its Best" and she's happy to explain how she's able to keep it that way. "We do criminal, credit and employment checks on every prospective tenant. If they're young tenants without a credit history, we insist on three personal references."

As Palthen met with a visitor, a racially-mixed group of boys played in the back-ground, seemingly with nothing more disruptive on their minds than an occasional bike ride across the carefully tended lawn.

New Hope police statistics for the building bear out the generally peaceful lifestyle of the residents. During the first eight months of 1999, there were several police incident reports filed on the complex, but the causes were mostly lesser offenses like parking complaints and minor property damage. This is comparable to the type and number of police calls made by the current residents of Hampden Square, says St. Paul Police spokesman Michael

Boisclair's building management style appears to focus on a tight screening policy. Only one out of eight applicants to their developments passes the background checks, reports Boisclair. At Hampden Square, Boisclair plans to have a resident manager and a caretaker. They will report to a senior property manager and will keep in touch with residents through a tenant advisory group.

"We have very good residents in our buildings, and if [they don't stay that way], we require them to move," says Sally Ruffenach, Bosclair's senior property manager.

- by Judy Woodward

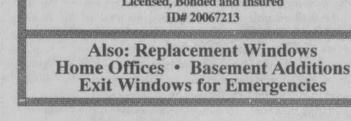
Corporation was able to provide proper management for the lowincome housing development. Benanav says, "What's important in housing is how you manage. I'm convinced, after doing some research, that Boisclair can do the job."

Lori Boisclair of the Boisclair Corporation explains that, according to an analysis done earlier this year, about 85 percent of the current tenants of the complex would qualify under the new income guidelines to be implemented. She says that current tenants whose income exceeds 60 percent of the Area Median Gross Income will be asked to leave the project, although they will be offered some relocation assistance.

Boisclair also outlined the building management procedures and features, including strict tenant screening, a multi-layered on-site management structure, introduction of a tenant association, and a community computer center.

Benanay, for one, seemed to be convinced. He reassured the audience, "You'll see better housing at Hampden Square than you see

The proposed sale of Hampden Square is scheduled to close later



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## SCHOOLNEWS

## St. Paul native takes the helm at SAP Elementary



by Lisa Steinmann

he last three letters in the word principal are a reminder that a school principal is a kind of pal. It is also a good way to think of Andrea Dahms, the new principal at St. Anthony Park School, who says, "I would like students to think of me as a friend, one who is part of a group of adults in the building who are here to help."

Dahms says that she is delighted to join the caring staff and community at St. Anthony Park School this year. She describes herself as a St. Paul girl. She graduated from Central High School and has been an educator in the district for nearly 25 years. "I have been there, done that" she says when summarizing her broad range of teaching experiences. She spent 18 years as a teacher and has also worked in staff development and curriculum writing. Most recently she worked as an administrator at EXPO School.

Dahms arrives at St. Anthony Park School in a season of change. School district budget cuts affected staff and programs at the school and new superintendent, Patricia Harvey, has revised guidelines for student promotion, literacy and safety. Dahms will draw on her expertise in vision setting and plan writing to bring these changes to St. Anthony Park School. Dahms is positive about meeting the challenges ahead, "It is an exciting adventure," she remarks, "we're all in it together."

Photo by Truman Olson

he bright noise and color of fireworks bursting and fading in the sky on the last evening of the State Fair is a sign that summer is over and by the next day most students are back in school.

Students in the St. Paul schools this year will see some changes under new leadership from superintendent Dr. Patricia Harvey. Under the title "Raising Expectations," new guidelines for promotion and graduation are being used. In support of that goal one exciting change this year is a program called "St. Paul Reads." In partnership with the city of St. Paul, Ramsey County, local libraries and businesses this campaign is designed to encourage students and all citizens to read, at least, 25 books

At \$t. Anthony Purk
Elementary School fund raising
efforts are under way. Students
will be selling wrapping paper in
October. On October 29 the
school welcomes the community
to join them in celebrating the
annual "Fall Festival." There will
be square dancing to the strains
of the Adam Granger Band,
a silent auction, pies and

down staircase as construction of a new corridor has rerouted usual travel. Despite delays in the construction schedule students are adjusting well. There have also been changes in schedules this year as Murray has moved from semesters to trimesters. One result is an increase in conferences from twice to three times a year.

Como High School
has opened the school year
successfully with a record number
of 1,600 students in attendance.
They will be kicking off
"Homecoming Week" October 11.
This traditional event with a
football game, pepfest, bonfire and
dance runs through October 15.

Students from Como High School also volunteer their time across the street at Como Elementary School. The "People Helping People" program was started four years ago by a handful of students. It now involves 120 high school students a day. Volunteer coordinator Michelle Senjem invites others from the community to contact her about helping out this year. Como Elementary has a new principal, Mary Dybvig. She reports that the school year got off to a great start with an open house on September 16. Sixth graders are selling candy bars to raise money for their trip November 2 through 5 to Laurentian Environmental Learning Center near Britt, Minnesota.

In other school news, Principal Sharon Brennan at Holy Childhood School reports that this year there will be four exchange students from Guatemala visiting their school.

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School in Roseville is hosting a fund raising event, "The PTA Barnes and Noble Book Fair and Talent Extravaganza." It will take place on Tuesday, October 26, 5 to 8 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Har Mar Mall, Snelling Avenue). A portion of the proceeds from the book sales will benefit Brimhall School. Students, teachers and parents will be performing skits, musical numbers and readings.

**Falcon Heights Elementary** School has a new program this year for students who need help in reading. Teachers for students in kindergarten through second grade received training in a program developed at the University of Minnesota by Dr. Barbara Taylor called "Early Intervention in Reading." Falcon Heights School families have already had conferences with teachers in September. Principal Ellen Blank describes these early conferences as opportunities to introduce everyone and set student goals for the year.

— Lisa Steinmann

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#### Dr. Pomeroy . . . from page 1

to go to veterinary school. But the only one that existed in the area at that time (1929) was at Iowa State. He received his B.A. from Iowa State in 1933 and his M.A. from Cornell University in 1934. Because he had spent two summers working in research at the University of Minnesota he was offered a job as assistant veterinarian there that year.

Pomeroy worked his way through the ranks to full professorship in the newly created School of Veterinary Medicine in 1947. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1944. He was a member of the graduate school faculty and a director of graduate studies in microbiology until his retirement in 1981. In the course of his career he authored more than 300 articles about avian disease in the popular press and another 150 for professional journals.

Well-respected by colleagues and students alike, Pomeroy worked with more than 70 graduate students doing their theses in the field of avian disease and received numerous awards including the Veterinarian of the Year Award from the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association, the Distinguished Achievement Citation from Iowa State

University and several awards from the turkey growers. The University of Minnesota honored him by establishing the Pomeroy Chair in Avian Health in 1985, the only chair in avian health in the United States. This July, the Minnesota Veterinary Medicine Association granted him the AVMA Award in recognition of

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his distinguished contributions to the advancement of veterinary medical organizations.

Pomeroy has also contributed to his profession by serving as secretary-treasurer (and president in 1978) of the Minnesota Veterinary Medicine Association for 25 years and was a charter member and the first president of the American Association of Avian Pathologists. Although he retired in 1981 he remained on a retainer basis at the U of M and lobbied for the MVMA. At age 88, he is still interested and active in his field, attending professional meetings and congresses

here and around the world.

One would assume that someone so academically successful would have little time for other activities. Yet Pomeroy, who has 4 children, 8 grandchildren, and 7 greatgrandchildren has found time to be active at House of Hope Presbyterian Church and in the St. Anthony Park Association, Boy Scouts, and Republican Party. A season ticket holder in both hockey and football, he still enjoys college sports and loves to travel, both with his daughter (since the death of his wife Margaret in 1991) and with a good friend.

Thirty thousand dollars from the Siehl Prize has been donated to the University of Minnesota to establish a graduate student award in avian health, which will be awarded each year from the interest. Another \$5,000 went to the Minnesota Museum of Veterinary Medicine at the U. And, of course, the rest goes to taxes.

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## Hard of Hearing: An interracial dialogue

by Judy Woodward

mericans, so we are told by everyone from Bill Clinton to the billboards erected by the United Colors of Benetton, must acknowledge our racial dilemma if we are ever to resolve it. If we don't engage in honest dialogue across racial lines, we are all condemned to suffer the consequences of silence, lies, hypocrisy and ignorance.

But what happens when a group of individuals, black and white, attempt to bridge the great impasse that lies between the races? Do we achieve understanding, or do we simply articulate the very real differences of perception and belief that have separated us all along? Does understanding automatically create tolerance — or does it simply fuel further division?

I was looking for some answers to questions like these when I joined an interracial discussion group sponsored by the Wilder Foundation and the Goodwill/Easter Seal Society. We were a Cities at Work Community Circle, but we were, of course, neither a city nor, at least at first, a community. Instead, we were a handful of individuals who had agreed to the minimum — No name-calling, no rudeness, and no quitting.

For five consecutive Monday evenings, we met at the Goodwill Offices on Como Avenue, for dinner and discussion. Our conversation topics were preordained by our printed discussion guides, but they covered most of the flashpoints of modern urban life — education, housing, crime and racism.

Our deliberately diverse group was overwhelmingly middle-aged, middle-class and female. We all held jobs outside the home, and most of us were mothers. As for minorities, there were no Asians, no Native Americans, nor anyone who identified herself as lesbian. But of course, the transcendent issue is still a matter of black and white, and with about six whites and two blacks, our group was ready. As it is in the society outside our meeting room, white skin gave most of the group the option of acting as individuals. Blacks, however, were forced to speak

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as representatives for their race. As the blacks pointed out to the whites in the group, blacks already *know* a lot about whites. But how much do whites know about blacks?

In fact, the black members were the point of the whole effort for most of the rest of the group. When one of them came late, the rest were disappointed by her absence. As the meetings continued, the white participants began subtly to direct their remarks toward the African-Americans and anticipate their reactions to what was said.

And so we began our discussions. Anyone who anticipated a firestorm of racial dissent or even raised voices was probably forgetting that we were in Minnesota. Whatever our backgrounds, we're all acolytes, to some degree, at the altar of Minnesota Nice.

As a group, we all opposed bigotry and supported diversity. We all agreed that discussion groups like ours were useless unless talk led to positive action.

A black participant one evening gave a succinct definition of the invisible "white privilege" that European-Americans carry around unconsciously by reason of their color. She explained that when she buys expensive perfume at the cosmetics counter, the

accompanying "free gift" is never available in her skin tone. It's a small thing, she conceded, but something that whites have the "privilege" of never being forced to notice.

Later, the same woman noted that the most segregated time of the week is Sunday morning. Was that a bad thing, she wondered aloud, given the strength and vitality of the African-American church.

The closest approach to drama came when one black participant accused one white participant of a classic racist reaction. "Lots of people," she said, "won't admit they're racist. I see that in you." Then she issued a familiar challenge, her vehement tone making her suspicions clear, "What would you do if your son brought home a girl who wasn't middle class and white?"

After the session, the two women (one of whom was me) agreed to talk out their differences. They talked animatedly and openly about their teenage sons and their motherly worries. They shook hands warmly in parting, but beneath the valedictory smiles, the silent charges still flew.

"You're a racist."

"You say your son is out of the gangs now-but how can you know for sure?"

Teenage sons, the mothers agreed, we love them but they drive us crazy and make us old before our time.

See, they proclaimed silently as they looked into each other's eyes, we can agree on something, we can, at least for a moment, overcome barriers of race and background, of taste and culture, of history and custom.

But, in the end, is that enough?

Better, maybe, to put it another way. After five nights of talk, but almost 400 years of racial pain, why do we think we have the right to expect anything more?

Goodwill/Easter Seal organization is organizing interracial discussion groups this fall. Call Diana Huseth at 646-2591, ext. 178. ■

## Light rail . . . from page 1

in the region by February 1, 2000. The city-county recommendation will become part of that plan.

During the 1999 legislative session, state lawmakers, Metropolitan Council and Minnesota Department of Transportation officials agreed that the second LRT line in the Twin Cities should be in the east metropolitan area — provided that St. Paul and Ramsey County can agree on a priority corridor.

The City Council and Ramsey County Board currently disagree on what the top transit priority should be. The City Council is on record as supporting Central Corridor as St. Paul's top transit priority.

The Ramsey County Board supports what it calls the "transit triangle" of Central, Riverview and Minneapolis' Hiawatha corridors. Riverview Corridor extends from the Lower East Side, through downtown, the West Seventh and Highland neighborhoods to cross the Mississippi River at the Highway 5 (West Seventh) Bridge and link up with Hiawatha. Hiawatha, the region's first planned LRT line, connects downtown Minneapolis to the Mall of America and Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

As for its LRT priority, the County Board voted in 1991 to support an LRT route in the I-94 right-of-way of Central Corridor. Central Corridor was also the region's top transit priority, but was dropped in the mid-1990s when state funding could not be obtained. Ramsey County shifted its focus to Riverview Corridor three years ago and is now studying possible rail and bus

improvements in that area.

But planning commissioners question whether supporting the county's transit triangle is practical. "The likelihood that both (Central and Riverview) will be funded is zero or less than zero," says Commissioner Steve Gordon. "There is going to have to be a choice made at some point, and the city and county will have to work together."

However, several commissioners appear to be leaning toward Central Corridor. Commissioner Gene Corbey asked Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority Director Kathy Despiegelaere about projected LRT ridership. When told that Central Corridor's projected ridership is 34,000 people per day and Riverview's is 8,000 to 12,000 people daily, Corbey replies, "Wouldn't that tell you something?"

## A bientôt, Marian Raup

Interview by Abby Marier

₹ his area has a long tradition of volunteerism and Marian Raup is a sterling example. For 23 years, she coordinated the Foreign Women's English Conversation Group without fail. She not only directed the program, but also organized an annual luncheon, even held cooking classed for students for many years. Nevertheless, she recently chose to set aside the responsibility of directing the program. Even then, she offered to continue assisting the program this fall.

The program itself has been going for 38 years. It was formed in 1961 by the Minnesota International Center to provide a conversational English program for foreign women. This was soon after Congress passed legislation allowing foreign students to bring their wives and families with them to the United States.

In the beginning, the classes where held in homes, then in area churches. After some years it became necessary to divide the large group into two, by city. Eventually the program was consolidated in St. Paul, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. Marian started in 1972 as a volunteer teacher, and took on the role of chairwoman four years later. Recently, she shared some of her thoughts and experiences from the last 23 years of directing the program in an interview.

Marian, what has attracted you and others, to become involved with this unique program?

My husband Phil [a wellknown agricultural economist] and I lived abroad. First in Germany in 1946-1949, then in Italy in 1960-1 and Paris in 1966-7. I know how important it is for people to learn the language of the country. I tried to learn the language



wherever we traveled. Familiarity with the language helps us enter the life of the country, to make friends, to understand the economy and to simply read the paper. The students enjoy getting out of their homes, even in the coldest weather, and they are able to bring their children, who are cared for in the nursery. They always make new friends. Students find out about medical care, learn from others how "the U.S. system" works. They are away from their expanded family often for the first time, and it can be difficult for them.

The program's volunteer teachers have also been with the program a long while. Is there a similar appeal for them?

Yes, the volunteers also have made many life-long friends through the years and they develop an appreciation for one another's cultures. As a teacher, I invited my classes to my home at least once a year for lunch. I even held cooking classes (rhubarb pie . . . !). Some of the teachers are still in contact with wives and families after 27 years. Four of the teachers' own children have gone on to make ESL (teaching English as a Second Language) a career.

How have the students changed over the years?

Yes, I have kept that data. For instance, in 1974-75 there were 29 students enrolled in the St. Paul

program. This past year we had 87 students enrolled. Our highest number was in 1991-92 with 140 students enrolled. We have attendance of about 40-50 women and 20-30 children each week, September through May. They come mainly from Asia; only 18 out of the 84 attending this past year were non-Asian. Many of the students are professional women, such as lawyers, pharmacists, etc. We even had a Pipa player from the Wuhan Symphony Orchestra!

Can you share with us some of the most interesting success stories?

There are so many. I remember one Mexican woman, who became fluent enough to learn to get her license and drive a car. Some students try to learn about American culture. One joined the University Women's Club, and participated in the Culinary Arts, International Affairs and Music sections. When they come back to visit, they call on us.

In the class of '78 - three women from Switzerland attended. I developed a deep friendship with them and I've visited two. In Japan, I visited five of my students in their homes.

What an enjoyable project this has been for the teachers and the students!

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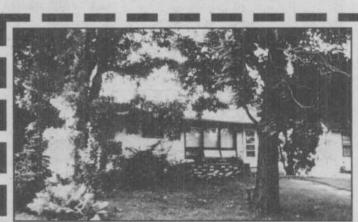
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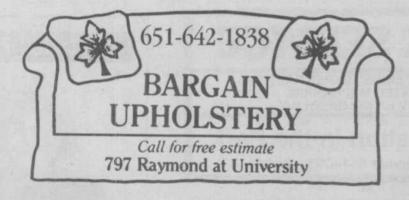
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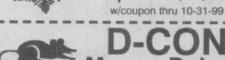


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## **News from the election front**

Get the scoop on the school board and city council races by Jane McClure

1 t. Paul voters have chosen the top eight candidates for School Board, narrowing the list down from 15 hopefuls. All four DFL and Republican-endorsed candidates move from the September 14 to the November 2 general election.

DFLer Neal Thao was the top vote-getter, as he seeks a second board term. The West Sider snared 8,532 votes. He was followed by DFL candidate Anne Carroll of Highland Park, who had 7,604 votes.

Republican incumbent Tom Conlon, also of Highland Park, took 7,271 votes. DFLer Al Oertwig, who has 12 years of School Boartd experience chalked up, won 6,840 votes. Incumbent DFLer Greg Filice had 6,584 votes. Oertwig lives in the Payne-Phalen neighborhood and Filice lives in Summit Hill.

Republican-endorsed candidates Carol Hugley, Kelly Heimerl and Alex Pavlov were next in line, with 3,911, 2,902 and 2,487 votes respectively. Hugley is from Highland Park, Pavlov from the East Side and Heimerl from Como Park.

Finishing out of the running were Glenda Hernandez (2,299), Frank Guzman (1,636), Beth Blick (1,242), Andy LaMotte (1,217), Thomas Hilber (1,214) Michael Berger (1,105) and Bernae Gunderson (1,058).

Because Ward 4 Council Member Jay Benanav is running unopposed this year, voters in St. Anthony Park and part of Como Park had one less ballot item to check. But in part of Como Park and in the rest of Ward 5, voters narrowed down the field from four to two. DFLer Rob Peitzman set up a rematch of 1997 by topping incumbent and political independent Jim Reiter. Peitzman tallied 1,077 votes to Reiter's 867. Challenger and political independent Pao Yang earned 500 votes and Socialist Workers Party candidate Doug Jenness 56 votes.

Peitzman and Reiter are Como residents, while Jenness lives in the North End and Yang is from the East

Ten days before the primary election, campaign finance reports were due. Reports for area races show a wide range of spending.

A check of Ward 5 campaign finance reports showed that Yang and Peitzman did not have reports in yet. Reiter has raised \$8,890 and spent \$5,220. His major contributors included American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 14, Painters Local 61, the Political Education Fund of Firefighters Local 21, St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce, Minnesota State Council of HERE, attorney Mark Vaught, attorney and developer Gerald Frisch, Jon Duckstad, Jim Schummacher and Larry Swenson. All gave the campaign \$300 apiece.

Yang raised \$1,834 and spent \$1,467, mostly in small donations.

Candidate campaigns are not the only ones filing financial reports. As the November 2 election nears, look for heightened campaigning on St. Paul's ballot questions. Campaigns to ban billboards and to increase the city sales tax to help pay for a new Twins stadium are underway.

Of the ballot question campaigns, the biggest spender by far is the baseball stadium promotion group Yes! St. Paul. The group has spent \$137,592 as of September 2. Of that amount, \$91,252 was spent between June 28 and September 2.

St. Paul is urging voters to approve an additional half-cent of sales tax, which would be dedicated to pay the city's share for a new Minnesota Twins baseball stadium. The biggest contributor to the effort is the insurance company Minnesota Life, formerly Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance, which gave \$50,000.

The company is building a new headquarters in downtown St. Paul. The law firm of Briggs and Morgan gave \$5,000.

The Yes! St. Paul report also shows a loan of \$88,734 from the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce. The loan will be repaid through pledges. One of those pledging funds to the campaign is Chamber President Larry Dowell. The cable communications company Media One has donated \$18,492 in office space and phone service.

In comparison, foes of the stadium and sales tax hike have meager resources. A group calling itself Vote No Stadium Tax listed just \$100 in contributions, from a Jennifer Smith of Minneapolis. This group lists its address at an office building at Raymond and University avenues.

The newly formed group FANS (Fiscal Accountability for New Stadiums) has not filed a report yet. FANS is led by attorney and community activist Tom Montgomery, who lives in in Como Park neighborhood.

On the billboard ballot question, the anti-billboard Scenic St. Paul Coalition is the only group filing a report thus far. The group has raised \$4,750 and spent \$3,122

Billboard companies in the Twin Cities have not decided yet if they will file a joint campaign finance report as a campaign committee or simply campaign on their own. Scenic St. Paul Coalition has filed a complaint with the Ramsey County Attorney's Office alleging that the billboard firms should file a campaign finance report, claming the companies are already campaigning against the ballot question.

#### School Board

Anne Carroll

Occupation: Self-employed communications consultant and strategic planner since 1985, Carroll, Franck & Associates.

Education: Groveland Park Elementary; St. Paul Academy/Summit School; B.A. American Studies with geography minor, University of Minnesota; Masters of Planning in Public Affairs, Humphrey Institutre of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota.

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Occupation: Elementary teaching assistant, St. Paul Public Schools.

Education: South St. Paul High Schools; Inver Hills Community College. Phone: 698-3152

On making a difference: "I can bring a balanced perspective and a positive attitude. I love the diverse schools my children attend, and my wide range of experience as a parent, including two physically children, a volunteer in the schools and neighborhoods, serving on Homecroft Site Council, and actually working at Homecroft School makes me aware of the great things the schools do, and understand the challenges they face, overcome, and still need to overcome."

Occupation: Building manager and owner; member, St. Paul Board of Education.

Education: B.A., history and philosophy, Concordia College; M.A., public adminstration, Mankato State University.

Phone: 774-6742

On making a difference: "I had enough experience to reject all candidates for superintendent in 1998 and served on the 3 member board search committee that brought one of the best superintendents in the nation, Pat Harvey, to St. Paul. Major changes are being made to improve student achievement. Pat Harvey needs to have a board that understands and supports the dramatic changes she brings.'

Alex Pavlov

Occupation: No response Education: No repsonse Phone: 774-6618 Questions: No response

Neal Thao

Occupation: Member, St. Paul Board of Education.

Education: B.S., University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Master of Social Work, University of Minnesota. Phone: 290-0590

On making a difference: "Retain and strengthen the choices in our district. Aggressively reach out to parents, all elected officials, and all stakeholders to engage in supporting and improving our public schools for higher student achievement. Keep the middle class in St. Paul. Support and improve our communication to all parents, including non-English speaking parents to consistently involve them in their children's education. I support the reading marathon."

#### City Council Ward 4

Jay Benanav

Occupation: President and CEO, Workers Compensation Reinsurance Association; Ward 4 St. Paul City Council member.

Education: B.A., State University-New York; J.D., St. John's School of law; Sr. Exec. in Government Program, Harvard University.

Phone: 266-8640

Experience: Department of Commerce, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, 1983-1987; President and CEO, Workers Compensation Reinsurance Association; former president, Shir Tikvah Congregation.

On housing: "Work with nonprofits and for-profit developers and direct city resources to create housing. Reduce barriers to development. Create incentives to build affordable housing."

On St. Paul's downtown and neighborhoods: "Neighborhoods need to be as strong as does downtown. I think we have focused on downtown development as the expense of our neighborhoods. Now is the time to reinvest in all our neighborhoods."

On property tax share: "I would not increase the property tax.'

Ward 5

Rob Peitzman

Education: B.A., Social Work, M.A., public administration; currently pursuing Doctorate in public administration.

Experience: Work experience as county social services administrator, urban program developer, and social worker; vice chair, District 10 Community Council; board of directors, Ajawah (private agency serving youth); board of directors/session, Westminster Church.

Phone: 488-5867

On housing: "St. Paul must make housing a priority. Housing should involve a regional plan, coordinated with other units of governments with long-range goals. The plan should include new development and reinvestment in current housing stock. Eliminating unneccesary red tape and better coordination of certain city functions can also be helpful, making it easier for developers to get their work done."

On St. Paul's downtown and neighborhoods: "Each individual neighborhood will be strengthened, and none will be neglected. This means: increased housing stock; more opportunities for youth and more collaborative efforts with our schools; stronger police force and more effective crime prevention strategies; more efficient transit; better water quality in our lakes and rivers; fewer brownfields; and revitalized business districts.'

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On property tax share: "We must have enough revenue to provide basic public services. Service needs of citizens will grow over time, and so will the need for revenue. I will work to increase our tax base through economic development that does not leave out small business, and includes both downtown and other business distircts.'

Jim Reiter

Occupation: Ward 5 St. Paul City Conucilmember; realtor.

Education: Mechanic Arts High

Experience: Como Zoo and Conservatory Society board member; St. Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority commissioner; St. Paul Board of Water Commissioner; Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee; youth softball coach and literacy mentor.

Phone 489-0375

On housing: "The city should continue its strategy of producing new housing each year and ensuring that housing is replaced when new development projects displace existing units. In addition, new home ownership programs should be expanded to target vacant structures throughout the city. Renewed partnerships with the St. Paul Public Housing Authority."

On St. Paul's downtown and neighborhoods: "St. Paul's downtown will continue to grow as a cultural corridor and entertainment center with the addition of the Science Museum and Minnesota Wild Hockey Arena. Retail will continue to thrive with the increase in downtown employees caused by economic development projects, such as Lawson Software. St. Paul's neighborhoods will grow through the development of commercial strips and the jobs generated in these neighborhoods."

On property tax share: "The city's portion of the property taxes should only be increased if necessary to ensure the essential public safety services and to invest in crime prevention programs designed to curb the increases in juvenille crime."

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Lorna Landvik reads from her new novel, The Tall Pine Polka, during St. Anthony Park's OctoberFest on Saturday, October 2, noon, at Micawber's Bookstore. Then, Pauline Boss discusses her new Harvard Press book, Ambiguous Loss: Learning to Live with Unresolved Grief, on Wednesday, October 13, 7 p.m. On Friday, October 8, 3 p.m., illustrator Guil de Murcken of The Quiltmaker's Gift discusses her tome. Find Micawber's Bookstore at 2238 Carter Avenue, St. Paul.

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Members of Women Photographers/Visual Artist are presenting an exhibition of selfportraits at Prairie Star Cafe, 2399 University Avenue, St. Paul.

Experience neighbor Linda Nelson Bryun's work at the 14th annual Fiber/Metal Arts show on Saturday, October 2, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, October 3, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Fine Arts Center on the Minnesota State Fairgrounds, Snelling at Dan Patch avenues, Falcon Heights.

## **Harpist Cathy Victorsen**

Lauderdale resident wins first prize at Welsh Festival

by Barbara Claussen

auderdale harpist Catherine Salovich Victorsen walked away with first prize in the instrumental competition at the Welsh Festival in September after

playing a enchanting Welsh lullaby and an elegant composition by Carlos Sulzedo.

'Sulzedo's Song in the Night is full of special harp effects," Victorsen explains. She demonstrated several deft glissandos written by the famous harpist/composer.

'Your fingers glide over the strings," she instructs, "It's a unique harp thing." Sulzedo was an innovator of several harp

The Sulzedo was already in her repertoire, but she wanted to perfect it for the competition. "It was a musical challenge," she says.

It is a diverse piece, replicate with dynamic effects ranging from delicate and dreamy to shocking and brilliant. Sulzedo made use of jazz chords and harmony, wild rhythm, and an eerie ending.

Her Welsh piece, Suo-gan, is a famous lullaby many people recognize as the theme song for the film Empire of the Sun.

Victorsen calls it "beautiful and complicated."

Although she is not Welsh, she has played Celtic music for many years. This year she performed at the Irish Festival at St. Thomas. "These societies came to me and asked me to play at their events. It has opened my eyes to the importance of the harp in their countries.'

Mary Mergenthal, executive committee co-chairperson for the Welsh festival, remarks that the adjudicator did not have to choose a winner. The tradition in Wales is that if no one is worthy, they don't give a prize. It is to Cathy's credit that three of her competitors had strong Welsh roots. She had stiff competition."

Mergenthal explains that the Eisteddford, the music and literary competition, was primarily literary in Wales. Eisteddford translates "a sitting" and traditionally meant poets sitting together and being in competition with each other. It began with sharing a particular rhythmic poem and expanded into a variety of artistic expressions.

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## October — Time to put your garden to bed

Mary Maguire Lerman

ctober's the time to bring in our remaining vegetables, harvest the basil for pesto and cut all our remaining blooms before the first frost hits. And for many of us, it's also the time to collect our favorite house plants, tender perennials and bulbs and bring them indoors for the winter. Once your plants are back indoors, how do you select the best site for your house plants that have been outdoors for the summer? First, realize the plants will be shocked as they are experiencing two major changes humidity and light levels. Home heating considerably drops the humidity levels in the home and the lower light duration and levels of winter will also show their effect on your plants. So, for the winter months, select the sunniest location in your home for your houseplants in order to provide them with the maximum amount of light during our dreariest months. Plants are also accustomed to a night temperature drop - something that will benefit your health also. So, be sure to turn down your thermostat each evening by at least 8-10 degrees F. or install a thermostat that will automatically handle

In October, B is for bulbs. Amaryllis. What do you do with them? Bring them indoors before frost and store in your basement. Do not water. Let the foliage yellow and die, then remove it. Don't water the pot soil for two months or until new foliage begins to emerge. Once green leaves develop, begin watering and move into a sunny location. When the flower bud develops, turn the pot a 1/4 turn each day to prevent the bud stem from leaning towards the



Here is another way to recycle dried pods, grasses and blooms from your garden. Arrange them in your window box or planter for the winter. This must be done before the soil freezes in your planter boxes. Advantage: cut evergreen boughs will start to discolor in February and will be frozen into boxes. These will look colorful till spring and provide food for winter birds. Photo courtesy Mary Maguire Lerman

light and then potentially overturning your blooming amaryllis. What about non-hardy summer-flowering bulbs like dahlia, gladiolus, caladium and others? Dig them after a frost has scorched their foliage. Cut off the frost-scorched foliage. Then use your hose to wash off any soil from the bulbs or bulb-like structures.

Do not scrub the bulbs or bulb-like structures to remove any remaining soil, as you may create wounds where decay organisms can enter. Allow the bulbs to air dry and then store in mesh bags for the winter months. The great majority of summer-flowering bulbs prefer a storage temperature of 50 degrees F.

E is for epsom salts.

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R is for Reuse, Recycle and Regenerate! When cleaning up the garden for the fall, think about winter garden visitors. Leave any late flowering/fruiting-seeding plants up for the winter. Finches and other winter residents feed on sedums, coneflowers, hyssop, ornamental grasses and other perennial seeds during the winter months. You will enjoy their winter visits as much as they enjoy the food. Recycle your pots by cleaning them and storing them for next season's use. Terra cotta pots must be emptied of plants and soil before frosts or during the freezing process they will crack. I empty my clay pots and stack them upside down under a tarped picnic table for the winter. Plastic pots can be cleaned and stored most anywhere for the winter. However, do not go out late at night and leave your pots and flats at another gardener's home or garage without their permission. The gardener's family may not appreciate a further accumulation of pots on the premises.

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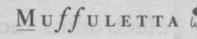


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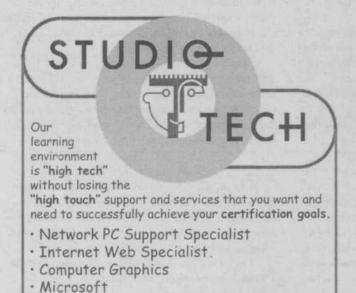
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Last Class

by Warren Hanson

ecently I read an interesting article in the newspaper. It was written by someone from Britain. And it talked

about the burgeoning class system in America. This stratification of the classes, the writer claimed, is occurring almost entirely in one arena: air travel.

Oh, did I mention? I was reading this newspaper article while seated on an airplane. In the middle seat. I couldn't open the paper to its full two-page width. In fact, there was so little room that I had folded it into a bundle just one column wide so as not to encroach upon the personal space of the passengers seated on either side of me. It was not a quality reading environment, but I got the writer's main argument.

He said that the proliferation of classes of air travel - economy, coach, business class, first class, gold, platinum, libdinum, etc. - had engendered a chasm between the haves and the have nots not seen since the feudal system in his own country.

And he was right. I had seen it with my own eyes. It had started before we even boarded the plane. I arrived several hours early, as I had been instructed, only to sit and wait in an area crowded with people sleeping on the floor. It looked like a hobo camp. There were people prowling for a place to sit or lie down. In the corner there was a group roasting bits of meat over a fire they had started in a trash can. One woman, who had been there since before dawn, watched me with wild and suspicious eyes as I nibbled on a Ho-Ho.

While upstairs, in the Prestige Club, business people in expensive suits were getting their shoes shined and sipping on Dom Perignon for free, their illicit Cuban cigars being courteously lit by liveried attendants. They were exchanging drolleries, talking on cell phones, and checking their email, all at no cost whatsoever.

When it came time to board, the business people got to board first, while the rest of us stood behind a barricade watching. One gentleman in an Italian suit dropped a few cashews on the carpet as he passed, and there was an immediate dog pile of pathetic plebeians scrambling on the floor in a split second. The privileged passengers all were pulling rolling luggage the size of a garage, and they passed the gate agent with nary a second look.

But when it came time for the rabble to board, a woman with a few meager possessions tied in a kerchief was told sternly that there was not enough room for her carry-on and it would have to be checked.

I was toward the front of the mob as we were allowed to board, and I was able to see the last of the privileged class entering the plane at the other end of the jetway. He was greeted with a warm and indulgent smile by the flight attendant and invited to turn left to find his seat.

When I got to the door of the plane, I naturally followed suit (so to speak). But that same flight attendant, who had been so cordial just a moment before, brusquely stopped me from turning left with three quick jerks of her head. The first jerk was to tell me to turn right, NOT left. The second jerk told me my seat was in the back. And the third jerk clearly meant wa-a-a-ay in the back. But I was able to get a brief glimpse behind the curtain through which the gentry had passed. I saw very large, comfortable seats. And not many of them. There were three seats across, one by each window and one in the middle, all separated by wide aisles. There were oriental rugs on the floor. And chandeliers, I believe. And just before the curtain abruptly closed, I saw a white-gloved hand offering a crystal flute of champagne from a silver tray to one of the travelers.

I turned to my right. It looked like a movie theater, there were so many seats crammed across the

width of the plane. I squeezed down the narrow aisle, eyed threateningly by fellow sufferers, as they clutched their personal belongings to their bosoms and jealously guarded their little bit of space. Somewhere, a dog barked. Finding my seat, I tried to stow my carry-on luggage in the overhead bin, but it was nothing but a cargo net hanging from the wall, already stuffed to bursting with crushed cardboard boxes, bushel baskets of produce, and cages of live chickens. I kept my belongings with me and slid past a dozen people to my seat, row 96, seat Q. On my left was a large, manly-looking woman who didn't speak English and breathed noisily through her nose. On my right was a young man with a furry vest and no shirt. My seat belt was a piece of rope.

Of course, as soon as the plane took off I had to go to the bathroom. Endearing myself to my fellow confinees, I slid out to the aisle and made my way to the lavatory. It was, well, spartan. The quarter-moon

in the door told it all.

But while I was there, I sneaked a peek behind the curtain again. The room was filled with laughter and cigar smoke, as a slick, smiling man in a tuxedo, seated at a white grand piano, sang show tunes. Toward the front I could see a man in a chef's hat sharpening a large knife as he stood next to a juice prime rib. And the sommelier was offering a cork from a bottle of Bordeaux as the curtain swung shut again.

I got back to my seat just as our meal was being served. We were each given a crude wooden bowl, and a severe-looking man in a long dark coat, carrying a steaming black kettle, plopped a dollop of gray, lumpy meal from a ladle into our bowls as we held them in his direction. We had the choice of slurping our food from the bowl or eating it with our fingers. One unfortunate young passenger had the temerity to ask for a second helping, and he was cuffed upon the ear and sent back to his seat.

To help the time go faster, the airlines like to provide entertainment for the passengers. Up front, I could hear a production of "Les Miserables," with the original Broadway cast and full orchestra. But in back, we were shown a scratchy print of a black and white 1950's industrial film of how faucets are made.

Refreshments were served. Our flight attendant came around with a wooden bucket and a dipper, offering drinks of tepid water into our cupped hands. When the bucket was empty, he went to the back of the plane and filled it again from an old-fashioned hand pump, which I found puzzling.

While up front, the privileged passengers were all gathered around a large fireplace, cradling snifters of French brandy in their hands and exchanging amusing stories about their business conquests or how difficult it is to get improvements done on their villas, all to the tasteful tunes of a strolling violinist.

Finally the announcement was made that we were on our final descent and that we should return to our seats and prepare for landing. I could hear the sounds of snifters being dashed against the hearth far ahead, as I tightened the rope around my waist and held my hand-luggage with both arms against my

The plane came to a stop at the terminal. Up in front, wide double-doors opened to allow the aristocracy to casually exit the plane at their own pace, into the care of their waiting chauffeurs. While at the same time, a door in the floor at the back of the plane fell open and a rope ladder dropped to the tarmac.

never did finish reading that newspaper article. The wick in my reading light had burned down long before I got to the end. And in the scramble for the exit the newspaper was pulled from my grip and was lost in the mob. But I don't think that Brit knew what he was talking about. We don't have a class system here. This isn't medieval England, after all. This is



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#### Bazaar

Discover a world of hand-crafted items, baked goods, and food items at Como Purk Lutherun Church Full Buzuur on Saturday, October 16, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 1376 Hoyt Avenue West.

#### Halloween

Take your family on an autumn hay ride on Saturday, October 2, 6 - 10 p.m., at the Hansen's Tree Farm in Anoka. The St. Anthony Park churches are sponsoring the evening. The fun costs \$5 (adults), \$2 (children under 12), and a \$15 maximum for an entire clan. Call Carrie at 646-7173 for details.

Evening tours featuring all the mystery, magic and old-fashioned fun of turn-of-the-century Halloween, together with a bonfire gathering and chilling tales told by ghosts of yore, are set for October 21, 23, 29, and 30, 6:30 to 9 p.m., at Gibbs Farm Museum. The museum is located at 2097 West Larpenteur Avenue. Call 222-0701.

Halloween parties for Langford and South St. Anthony rec centers are big neighborhood hits. South St. Anthony observes All Hallows Eve on Tuesday, October 26, 4:30 p.m., and Langford Park celebrates Halloween on Thursday, October 28, 4:30 p.m.

#### Youth Activities

South St. Anthony Rec Center youth basketball registration begins on Monday, October 4, and continues until Friday, October 22, for boys and girls ages 8 to 16. Register Monday - Thursday, 3 to 9 p.m., Friday, 3 to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 10 to 3 p.m., at the Rec Center, 890 Cromwell Avenue, St. Paul.

#### Socializing

The Twin City Linnea Auxiliary is hosting a spaghetti dinner on Friday, October 16, 4 - 6 p.m., at the Linnea Home, 2040 Como Avenue, St. Paul. Dinner costs \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children.

Enjoy the Midwestern tradition of a beef dinner on Saturday, October 30, 5 to 7 p.m., benefiting Peace Lutheran Church. The tasty meal costs

\$6.75 (adults), \$3.50 (children), and free for youngsters under 5. Find Peace Lutheran Church at Walnut and Ione in Lauderdale.

Music and dance by the Ethnic Dance Theatre, refreshments, and socializing highlight the fifth annual community senior party on Saturday, October 9, 1 to 2:30 p.m., at Corpus Christi Church, County Road B and Fairview Avenue, Roseville. The Community Network for Seniors is sponsoring the party. For reservations, call 639-9421.

#### Rummage Sale

Stretch your shopping budget at Lyngblomsten Auxiliary rummage sale on Thursday, October 7, and Friday, October 8, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 1298 North Pascal Street, between Midway Parkway and Almond Avenue. \$2 Bag Day is set for Friday. Call 644-9593.

#### Gardening

Neighbors can drop off brush, tree trimmings, sticks and branches for a low cost on Saturday, October 2, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the State Fairgrounds, Camel lot at Hoyt and Snelling avenues. Call 222-7678.

#### Spirituality

"Deepening Devotional Life," a six-week ecumenical spiritual discussion, is open to all neighbors, beginning September 30. The series unites St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. Discussions are held on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call Nancy at 639-9694.

#### Health

The St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program is hosting a Halloween Health Fair on Oct. 27, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Leisure Center, Como and Hillside avenues, St. Paul.

A program for people caring for dependent adults is held on Thursday's afternoons, 2 - 4 p.m., at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter, St. Paul. This service gives caregivers an afternoon off. Activities range from reading to arts to crafts. Call Judy Probst at 642-9052.

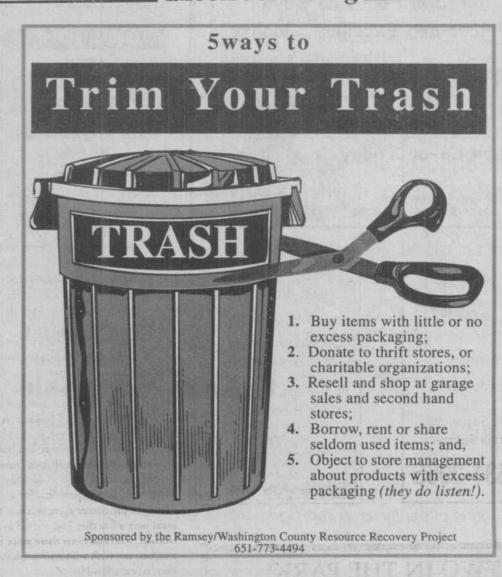
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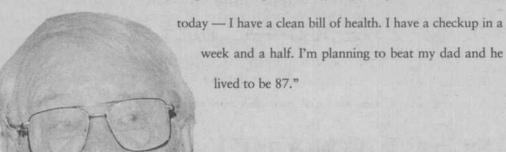
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clinic, I really wasn't scared at any time... except the morning of the operation. But other than

that, everything seemed to go and everybody was positive. I feel healthy



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## The neighborhood shopping spy

by Amy Causton

any of us drive on Snelling SHELLING Avenue to get places, and while it's very convenient, you can miss some things along the way. For example, when you cross over Como Avenue, you could be forgiven for overlooking the cluster of shops just to the east. If you did, however, you would be missing out on a lot. This corner houses businesses that can take care of your home, health, and hunger — all in one place.

First up on the south side of Como is Nelson Cheese Factory and Deli (1562 Como, 647-1288). Here you can buy hot and cold sandwiches, salads, chips, desserts, and beverages for a lunch-on-the-go. On your way out, you can pick up one of the many varieties of packaged cheeses, including "Nelson Cheese" (Colby/Monterey Jack). Also, you can place an order for one of their super submarine sandwiches or party trays for your next get-together. Nelson's is open 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. on weekdays, and 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. om Saturdays.

Another place to feed yourself is at Buscali's Brick Oven (1552 Como, 645-6617). Bascali's is known for its "wood fired pizza," which is baked in a woodburning brick oven. Not in the mood for pizza? Sample one of their numerous pasta dishes, soups, salads, or hoagies, like the Wood Smoked Chicken Caesar salad (available as a side or a meal) or the Chicken Pesto Marinara. You can dine in, carry out, or have it delivered (call to check delivery area). Hours are Monday-Wednesday 11 a.m. - 9 p.m., Thursday and Friday 11 a.m. -10 p.m., Saturday 3 - 10 p.m., and Sunday 3 - 9 p.m..

If you're not hungry right now, but are going home to cook dinner, be sure to stop by Shanghai Market (1546 Como, 646-6181). Where else in town could you get squid shreds, seasoned seaweed, and Skittles, all in the same place? As the name implies, the market specializes in Chinese groceries, so you'll find 50 pound bags of rice, Chinese condiments and noodles, rice wines and vinegars, and more varieties of soy sauce than you knew existed. Alongside the exotic items like prawn crackers and preserved Mandarin peel, you'll find a collection of basic American groceries that make for convenient one-stop shopping. They also stock a large collection of potstickers, dumplings and the like in the freezer. Hours are 9 a.m. -10 p.m. daily.

In the midst of all this food lies J.O. Thompson Paint & Carpet (1558 Como, 646-6134). If you want to beautify your home, or just make a change, this is a good place to start. Here you will find everything you need by way of floor coverings — carpet, wood, linoleum-plus a variety of paints and wallpapers to give your home a fresh new look. Hours are Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday 7:30 a.m. - noon.

The north side of Como is more service-than food-oriented.
The exception is Pizza Man (1563 Como, 642-9777). They offer free delivery (call for delivery area) or you can dine-in or take out.

They are open 11 a.m. 1 p.m. for lunch Monday - Friday
and 4 - 10 p.m. for dinner Sunday
- Thursday. On Friday and
Saturday nights they are open
4 p.m. - midnight for dinner,
making them a good choice
to satisfy those late-night
hunger pangs.

If you are concerned about your health, American Sports Nutrition (1563 Como, 645-5565) is the place to go. This shop carries all sorts of sports supplements, including those for weight loss and weight gain, as well as energy bars and sport shakes. What you might not guess is that they have a large selection of vitamin, mineral, and herb supplements, including some less common Chinese herbs. If you're in the mood for self-improvement, this is a good place to start. Hours are 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 10 a.m. -5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Another business in the health line is the Hope Chiropructic Clinic (1565 Como, 646-2222), headed by Dr. Dana Martin. Newly referred patients can get a free exam and consultation on their first visit. Hours at Hope Chiropractic are 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and 9 a.m. - noon Tuesday and Thursday.

If you have worries about your welfare, Michael Collins'
State Farm Insurance agency (646-0447, also at 1565 Como) may be able to put your mind at ease by protecting your most valuable possessions. (Imagine: from spinal adjustments to claims adjustments in the same building!) Hours at State Farm are 9 a.m. - 5p.m. Monday -Friday, and by appointment only Saturday.

Farther down, nestled in Como Village Plaza, is Pinbull Plus (1543 Como, 647-5811). Here you can buy a pinball table or video game for your home. Machines are available for \$495 and up, so if you want to start your own home arcade, here's your chance! Pinball Plus is open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturdays and by appointment during the week.

Once you've taken care of your hunger pangs, your health, your home and valuables, what can you do next? How about buying a car? K & 1 Sules (1523A Como, 645-9232) buys, sells, and trades used cars. Or, if you already have a car, Kuun's Auto Repair (1523B Como, 917-2808) next door can keep it running smoothly. Hours at K & L are 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Friday and 9 a.m. -5 p.m. Saturday; Kuan's is open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday.

So next time you're on Snelling, take the Como exit and check out these near-by and resourceful local businesses!

## COMMUNITY

#### 1 Friday

■ Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.

#### 2 Saturday

■ Hay ride at Hansen's Tree Farm in Anoka, sponsored by St. Anthony Park churches, call 646-7173, 6 - 10 p.m.

#### 4 Monday

■ Como Park recycling.

■ 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.

#### 5 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. Anthony Park Writers' Group meeting, 1486 Raymond Ave., 7:30 p.m., 646-1345.

■ St. Anthony Park Garden Club meeting, 6:30 p.m., Board Room, Olson Campus Center, Luther Seminary. New members welcome!

#### 6 Wednesday

St. Anthony Park recycling.

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

#### 7 Thursday

■ Lyngblomsten Auxiliary rummage sale, Lyngblomsten Community Room,1298 North Pascal Street, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. ■ Toastmasters, U.S. Forest Service, 1992 Folwell Avenue, St. Paul Campus, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 649-5162. Every Thursday.

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

■ St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 6 p.m.

#### 8 Friday

■ Lyngblomsten Auxiliary rummage sale, \$2 bag day, Lyngblomsten Community Room,1298 North Pascal Street, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

#### 10 Sunday

■ Park Press Inc., — Park Bugle annual meeting, ParkBank community room, 3:15 p.m.

#### 11 Monday

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

■ Canadian Thanksgiving

#### 12 Tuesday

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

■ Cold and Flu Season, Holly House clinical director, Dr. Patricia Lawler, shares ways to protect yourself against colds, flus and infections naturally. Free workshop, 6 p.m. Call 645-6951.

#### 13 Wednesday

■ 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.

#### 15 Friday

■ Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.

#### 16 Saturday

■ Spaghetti Dinner, Twin City Linnea Auxiliary, Twin City Linnea Home, 2040 Como Avenue, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

#### 18 Monday

■ Como Park recycling.

#### 19 Tuesday

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

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

#### 20 Wednesday

St. Anthony Park recycling.

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

#### 21 Thursday

No school in St. Paul schools. Teachers' meetings.

League of Women Voters Falcon Heights candidate forum, city council, City Hall, Larpenteur Avenue, 7 p.m.

#### 22 Friday

■ No school in St. Paul schools. Teachers' meetings.

#### 23 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.

#### 25 Monday

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

#### 26 Tuesday

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

Parent conferences at Murray Junior High, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

#### 27 Wednesday

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

#### 28 Thursday

■ Parent conferences at Murray Junior High, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

#### 29 Friday

■ Fall festival at St. Anthony Park Elementary School. Family dance and silent auction. Community welcome, 6 to 9 p.m.

#### 30 Saturday

■ Beef Dinner, Peace Lutheran Church, Walnut at Ione streets, Lauderdale, 5 - 7 p.m.

#### 31 Sunday

■ Halloween

■ Daylight Saving Time Ends

■ Grant application deadline, St. Anthony Park Community Foundation, call 641-1455 for information.

Items for the November Community Calendar must be submitted to the Bugle office by 6 p.m., Friday, October 15.

## Cathy Victorsen . . .

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Ganu, or "singing festival," is a bigger deal. This year's festival in Minneapolis attracted visitors from Wales, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and the U.S. The colorful event featured seminars ranging from Welsh Mythology to Folk Dancing for beginners. Music featured prominently in the event. Mergenthal directed the North American Welsh Youth choir. Several hours of hymn singing in Welsh was a highlight for many participants.

Victorsen described the Welsh as a "singing people." She emphasized that the harp is a much beloved instrument in

> If music be the food of love, play on, play on, play on . . .

> > — Shakespeare

Wales, where the triple harp, which has three rows of strings, reigns. Mergenthal agrees that the harp is the instrument that has "the most historical and poetic references in the Welsh culture."

Victorsen will keep her trophy until the next Gymanfa Ganu in Ottawa, Ontario, next year. She teaches harp at Hamline University, Northwestern College, and Bethel College in St. Paul. She won the grand prize at the Eisteddford at the 1994 Celtic Festival Weekend at Murphy's Landing in Shakopee. She was the solo harpist for the Regensburg Philharmonic Orchestra in Regensburg, Germany for seven years.

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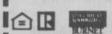
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Mukula Mass - Worship Service For Children Chapel of the Incarnation, 3 p.m. The service will focus on the Ten Commandments and include a puppet show, children's choir performance and a special visit from Martin Luther.

Songfest with the St. Olaf Choir and Magnum Chorum

Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, 7:30 p.m. The St. Olaf College Choir and Magnum Chorum will perform along with a chorus of Twin Cities area church choirs. Freewill offering. Central Lutheran Church is located at 333 South 12th Street, Minneapolis.

Singing the Faith Dinner - Soul Food Dinner Olson Campus Center Dining Room, 5 p.m. Dinner reservations required. The cost is \$12.50 per person. For reservations call Lynne Moratzka, (651) 641-3419.

Singing the Faith with Jearlyn Steele-Battle Chapel of the Incarnation, 7 p.m. Guest soloist learlyn Steele-Battle adds her voice to this unique service of hymns and songs from the African American tradition and readings from Martin Luther's "Small Catechism." Freewill offering for student scholarships.

Call 651-641-3451 for more information.

## IVESLIVE

#### Thomas Aamodt

Former St. Anthony Park neighbor Thomas T. Aamodt died on September 12, in Escondido, California. He was 72. Mr. Aamodt grew up on Knapp Avenue and graduated from Murray High School in 1944. He received a B. S. from the University of Minnesota, where he played on the hockey team.

After serving in the Army Air Corps during World War II, he worked as an entomologist for the Minnesota State Department of Agriculture. He bought Aamodt's apple orchard from his father in 1972, and developed the retail business into a traditional autumn excursion for many Twin Citians. After turning over the business to his son in 1979, he moved to San Diego.

Mr. Aamodt then opened Tom's Tours, taking groups of 10 in a van on sightseeing tours to Mexico. He picked up tourists at their hotels and introduced them to the Mexican culture.

Survivors include his wife,

JoAnn Aamodt; sons, Chris, Scott, Donald, and Carl; daughters, Linda Ordway and Katherine Bielby; ten grandchildren; and a sister, Barbara Jones.

#### **Edward Brink**

Lyngblomsten Care Center resident Edward LaVine Brink died on September 14 at the age of 87.

Mr. Brink was a member of St. Timothy Lutheran Church.

Preceded in death by a sister, he is survived by his wife of 62 years, Bernice; daughter, Nancy Brenden; son, Daniel Brink; grandchildren, Anne Roy, Christine Brenden, Cindy Brenden, Susan Brink, and Paul Brink; sisters, Betty Holder and Dorothy Sterner; and brother, Arthur Brink.

#### Rose Ann Johnson

Rose Ann Johnson, receptionist and secretary at Luther Seminary, died on September 5. She was 63 years of age. She lived on

Fulham Street in St. Anthony Park. Johnson was the prior at The Augustana Synod in Minneapolis.

Miss Johnson was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Ellen Johnson. She is survived by her sister, Mary; and several other relatives.

#### Lucille McLeod

Falcon Heights neighbor Lucille "Ceil" H. McLeod, age 82, died on September 3. She was raised in Newton Center, Massachusetts. She attended Simmons College

Mrs. McLeod was the author of two devotional books, Another Day, Another Miracle and Heartaches. She wrote several articles, one of which was published in the Augsburg Christmas Annual.

Mrs. McLeod was the greatgranddaughter of Minnesota Pioneer Missionary, Stephen Riggs. She was a member of National Pen Women, speaker and prayer chairwoman of Christian Women's Club, doll gown designer, and an active member of Calvary Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Hugh McLeod; daughter, Gail Van Arsdale; son, Hugh McLeod III; grandchildren, Linda Grass, Laura White, Jon Paulson, Jenna Paulson, and Jessica Paulson; great-grandchildren, Elizabeth and Natalie White; sisters, Sue Taylor and Betsy Rudner; and sisters-in-law.

#### Ron Soderlund

Former Como Park resident and Murray graduate Ron L. Soderlund died on September 6 at the age of 61. He had lived most recently in Woodbury.

Mr. Soderlund attended the University of Minnesota, then served in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve. He retired in 1997 from the Minnesota Department of Revenue. He enjoyed golfing, camping, and canoeing, and was a member of Como Park Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife of 31 years, Lauri; daughters, Jill Soderlund and Julie Dunkle; son, John; grandchildren, Chandler and Tyler Soderlund; his mother, Gladys; sisters, Rosemary Roy and Karen Trachta; and brother, Owen Abel

#### Lois Verbrugghen

Lois H. Verbrugghen died on September 3 in Fort Benton, Montana. She was a longtime resident of St. Anthony Park.

The former Lois Hopkins was born in Cornulla, Australia, Her husband Phillippi Verbrugghen, came from Scotland. He was the second son of Henri Verbrugghen, the conductor of the Minneapolis Symphony from 1923 to 1931. In 1942, Phillippi joined the faculty of Breck School, then located in St. Anthony Park. He died in 1995.

Survivors include her daughter, Denise; son Henri; six grandchildren; and five greatgrandchildren.

Compiled by Ann Bulger



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#### Mel Duncan . . . from page 1

sanctions)," says Duncan. Some of the worst conditions Duncan witnessed were in a hospital in Basra. Malnutrition and dehydration are common problems, due to acute shortages in food and clean drinking water. Entire wards exist in hospitals to treat these conditions. A doctor showed Duncan one baby and stated, "This baby cries, but has no tears, he's so dehydrated.

Duncan observes that it is almost futile to treat dysentery and dehydration. "It doesn't do much good to hydrate a baby, only to have the baby go home and drink contaminated water."

The public health situation is so bad, Duncan remarks, because the infrastructure has been destroyed. There is little clean water and sanitation. The use of chlorine to treat the water could greatly alleviate some of the public health problems, but chlorine importation is strictly forbidden under the sanctions, because of its potential use in weapons making.

According to Duncan, a recent UNICEF study found that 4,500 children under age 5 die every month from sanctions related disease and illness.

It's not just the sanctions that

#### "This baby cries, but has no tears, he's so dehydrated."

— an Iragi doctor

are taking their toll on everyday citizens. "The U.S. bombs Iraq about every other day,"states Duncan. Duncan's group visited the site of one of the recent bombings - a bomb shelter where 1,200 people seeking protection were all killed by cruise missiles. Duncan met with the woman who guided the shelter tour. All nine members of the woman's family were killed. She told Duncan that she believed Allah spared her so she could tell her story. "I truly thought I'd stepped into hell," says Duncan.

Although it is currently illegal for U.S. citizens to travel to Iraq, Duncan and the others who have traveled there make no efforts to conceal their trip. In fact, they have taken the opportunity to publicize their observations to as many people as they can.

Since his return, Duncan has met with several members of Congress, including many from Minnesota. He has spoken to church groups and the media. He wants people to recognize that the sanctions are misdirected. "People need to understand that Saddam Hussein is not the only person in Iraq, there are 23 million other people . . . This is not partisan, it is basic humanity. We [the U.S.] are taking a blunt policy that kills people and entrenches dictatorship."

Duncan acknowledges that there are no easy solutions to the problems in Iraq. But he does believe a more rational and humane approach is urgently needed. This would include lifting the current sanctions, excepting specific military sanctions, and renegotiating to have the weapons inspections reinstated.

## SAP Lutheran Church celebrates golden era

#### by Michelle Christianson

ome people might not think it progress to retrace one's footsteps, but to the congregation of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church walking back to Luther Seminary connotes great promise.

It was 50 years ago this year that the people of the church walked from the seminary across the street to the brand new edifice on Luther Place. The first service was conducted in the new building on March 20, 1949, and the building was dedicated on June 19, 1949.

On October 3, 1999, the congregation holds a festival service and dinner to commemorate its 50th anniversary in that building. But because of remodeling, the planning committee wasn't sure that the building would be available for use. What better way to celebrate than to return to the place where it all started? The congregation, originally called the Wartburg Evangelical

Lutheran Church, was founded in 1902 by students and faculty of what was then the seminary of the United Lutheran Church. They worshiped in the chapel of the seminary and conducted services in Norwegian until 1931. Seminary professors conducted services and provided other pastoral services in addition to their regular seminary responsibilities. The congregation consisted of seminary students, local residents and University of Minnesota students.

In February of 1938, the church called its first full-time pastor, Joseph M. Langemo. A building fund had been established in 1931, but plans to build were unfulfilled until after the war. The Strickler property across the street was purchased in 1937 and the parish house on that property was used as a parsonage and meeting place for classes and organizations, but ground was not broken for the actual sanctuary until April 25, 1948. The walk from the seminary to the new building signaled the start of a new era for what was now called St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

The walk back to the seminary also signals the start of new hopes and plans for the church as well as celebrating its history. The ground breaking for the \$1.3 million remodeling project was on August 15 of this year and the project is scheduled to be completed this year. The reason for remodeling is to add office space and to make the church more welcoming and

accessible to the community.

The service on October 3rd will be preceded by a walk back up the hill with cars available for those unable to walk. Instead of the usual two services, all members will worship together at 10:30. After the service a dinner catered by the Luther Seminary staff will be served followed by a program. Some of the invited guests will include the first confirmation class from the "new" building. In this way the church celebrates its past and looks forward to the future.



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