Community Council endorses Hampden Square sale

by Judy Woodward

A t its regular meeting on September 8, the St. Anthony Park District 12 Community Council endorsed the proposed sale of the Hampden Square townhouses 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 the majority of the units to be converted to senior-based Section 8.

Word 4 St. Paul City Councilman Joy Benanav and former Councilwoman Bobbi Megard agree that providing proper management for the south St. Anthony Park low-income housing development is key to its future success.

The Hampden Square project was 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 promised the only offer that satisfies local housing officials' desire to maintain the project's status.

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

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You may be able to ride light rail along University Avenue

by Jane McClure

A t a recent transit forum in St. Paul, a consultant joked that the Twin Cities have the only unbuildable 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 in 2000 session, state lawmakers and the Metropolitan Council want city-county agreement on where the new metropcsap 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 Hahig will be meeting with business leaders, business associations and community groups this fall to discuss the Central Corridor.

The Planning Commission needs to make a recommendation to the City Council and Mayor Nors 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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St. Anthony Park
Community Council considers riding light rail

At the St. Anthony Park Community Council 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 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Lexington Branch Library (1080 University Avenue); Tuesday, October 7, 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

Z2K preparedness meeting

On October 6, the St. Anthony Park Community Council is hosting a meeting from 7-9 p.m. at the South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center about Z2K 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 year 2000. (Note: Time has been changed from 6-8 to 7-9 p.m.)

NSP anticipates no significant Z2K-related problems. US West, however, expects a major phone system overload on December 31. The overload will not result from equipment breakdowns, 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 flyer with details about the cleanup. Residents must bring the flyer to the cleanup in order to participate. Anyone who has not received a flyer 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: district12b@scs.umn.edu

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 Memoirs of a Geisha, a book 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 Rosé Forman. Don’t despair, says Forman, the beloved institution is set to open during January 2000. Ask in your bookshop for 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 “Sudden 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 launching 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.

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 organizations, arts organizations, music programs and other cultural resources; Children and the Elderly, initiatives that strengthen and support these vital populations; Preservation 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 Berle at 641-1455.

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dog running free in a public space? With no law? “Why not?” says Steve Wilkerson, a long-time Falcon Heights resident, who thought of the idea after visiting an off-leash area in a Kansas City park. Wilkerson is also the companion of Maggie, a one-year-old lab with much energy, and he thinks an unleashed area on the
State Fairs grounds would be sold. So, Falcon Heights City Administrator Sue Hoyt led Wilstrom to Jerry Hamner, executive vice president of the Fair, and Wilstrom and Hamner enjoyed a "very amicable meeting," says Hoyt.

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

Evidently the Butternut Grove lot, west of Underwood, is under consideration. Maggie’s companion says that Hamner "listened to my thoughts and took it under advisement."

No decision has been set, although Wilstrom is hopeful. Who knows? The State Fair grounds may be moving from “Coronado Eternus” to “Reddington Eternus.” If this happens, no one will be more pleased than Wilstrom. 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. While 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-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, consolidations 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 vetoed a $471,1 million budget in August. The 2000 levy would remain at $62.4 million for general government and at $840,176 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 Scholz’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 $294.0 million 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

Much ado about purple chairs

Members of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners, the 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 chagrin 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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Giants in the woods

There is a giant in our election woods and it is called Yes! St. Paul. The pro-baseball stadium is promoting a 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 $17,972,092 as of September 2. Minnesota Life, Briggs and Morgan, St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce, and Media One are the corporate enterprise groups 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 a shoestring.

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 pocketbook rather than enhancing St. Paul's livability for all.

School News and more

Welcome School New back to our pages. Lisa Steinman is the school and our education coverage and the paper is grateful for her efforts. Her field reports will encompass news, profiles, and notices. Also, notice the Bugle's feature on community resources and boost small businesses. Writer Amy Caution visits Snelling and Como avenues and next month she visits University and Raymond.

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The Park Bugle

The city of St. Paul could be in for a rude awakening if Mayor Coleman's plan to build a new stadium in the area is approved. The Mayor's plan would result in a tax increase that would likely affect all residents of the city.

The city's budget is in disarray and the Mayor's plan would only worsen the situation. The city has already been struggling to balance its budget and this new plan would only add to the financial burden.

In an interview with the city council, the Mayor stated that the stadium would bring economic benefits to the city. However, these benefits are likely to be outweighed by the cost of the stadium and the increase in taxes.

The Mayor's plan is also a threat to the city's existing infrastructure. The city has struggled to maintain its parks, libraries, and other public facilities due to funding cuts. The new stadium would only add to the financial strain on the city.

In conclusion, the Mayor's plan to build a new stadium in the area is not in the best interest of the city's residents. The city needs to find a way to balance its budget without resorting to such an expensive solution.

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Ramsay County. He admits the chains could be an easy target for critics of government spending. But he notes the chains were part of a $173,000 county project of improvements for the meeting chambers. 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," said Mangine.

"We still were using the original bar-styled 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 convenience. Among 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 old 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 the 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-court house was refurbished several years ago. The county is looking at other improvements for the public 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 wall behind the desks.

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

Lori Bosclair of the Bosclair 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.

Bosclair 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. Bennet, for one, seemed to be convinced. He measured the audience, "You'll see better housing at Hampden Square than you see now."

The proposed sale of Hampden Square is scheduled to close later this fall. ■

Does low-income housing success depend on management style?

Lawrence Bosclair 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 he operates, the Bosclair 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 seedy tenants and deteriorating physical properties.

The Bosclair Corporation has invited outsiders to take a look at its other residential properties throughout the city. Their properties are as well run, claims Bosclair, 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 Bosclair-owned building stands in a neighborhood of tidy, modest homes in the northeastern suburb of Robindale. The multi-story white building is attractive and well maintained with landscaped flowerbeds, lush grass and a working security system. On a Saturday afternoon, the loudest sounds around are lawnmowers and lawn sprinklers. Neighborhood seem bemused when asked if the apartment-dwellers present any particular problems of noise or disorder. Another resident, remarks, "I haven't noticed anything at Bridgeway Apartments. There's no noise and no police calls, especially."

Bridgeway Apartments, another Bosclair property, is a 41-unit development called Park Acres in New Hope, where all tenants are Section 8. Paula Palhen 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 background checks on every prospective tenant. If they're young tenants without a credit history, we insist on three personal references."

When Palhen met with a visitor, a racially mixed group of boys played in the background, seemingly not infringing on anyone's mind's eye. That's not unusual across the carefully maintained lawn.

New Hope police statistics for the building bear out the generally peaceful lifestyle of the residents. During the last eight months of 1999, there were several police incidents reported filed in 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 Jordan.

Bosclair'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 Bosclair. At Hampden Square, Bosclair 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 Ruffnung, Bosclair's senior property manager. ■

— by Judy Woodward

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St. Paul native takes the helm at SAPL Elementary

by Lisa Steimann

The last three letters in the word principal are a reminder that a school principal is a kind of pad. It is also a good way to think of Andra Dahms, the new principal at St. Anthony Park School, who says she wants to think of herself as a friend, one who is part of a group of adults in the building who are here to help.

Dahms says 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 here, done that," says Dahms 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 drive a new vision in expertise planning and plan writing to bring these changes to St. Anthony Park School. Dahms is positive about meeting the challenges ahead. "It is an exciting time, she remarks, "we're all in it together."

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

Brinnwah Elementary School in Roseville is hosting a fund raising event, "The PCA Barnes and Noble Book Fair and Extravaganza." It will take place on Tuesday, October 26, 5 to 8 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Hastie Mill, Sinding Avenue). A portion of the proceeds from the book sale will introduce Brinwah Junior 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 Interventions in Reading." Falcon Heights School families have already had conferences with the school over the past year. Principal Ellen Blank describes these early conferences as opportunities to introduce everyone and set student goals for the year.

--- Lisa Steimann
Hard of Hearing: An interracial dialogue
by Judy Woodward

Americans, 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 Wilde 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 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 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 any woman who identified herself as lesbian. But of course, the transcendent issue is still a matter of black and white, and with about three whites and two blacks, our group was ready. As it is in the society outside our meeting place, white skin gave most of the group the option of acting as individuals. Blacks, however, were forced to speak 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?

As a matter of 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 dialectics. 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 once gave a succinct definition of the invisible "white privilege" that European-Americans carry around unconsciously, the privilege that Chinese lute.

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

During the 1999 legislative session, state lawmakers approved the 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 recently 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/Hawthorne 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 Hawthorne. Hawthorne, 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 whose line is 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 three-county transit plan is practical. "The likelihood that both (Central and Riverview) will be funded is less than zero," says Ramsey Commissioner Steve Gordon. "There is going to have to be a choice 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 Corby asked Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority Director Kathy Despeigne about projected LRT ridership. "If we don't choose Central Corridor's projected ridership is 34,000 people per day and Riverview's is 8,000 to 12,000 people daily, Corby replies. "Wouldn't that tell you something?"
Interview by Abby Marier

This 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 pay. She not only directed the program, but also organized an annual luncheon, even held cooking classes 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 were 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 chairman for four years later. Recently, she shared some of her thoughts and experiences from the last 20 years, reflecting on the program in an interview.

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

My husband, Phil (a well-known agricultural economist) and I lived abroad. First in Germany in 1946-49, then in Italy in 1960-61 and Paris in 1966-67. 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 been 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 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 (rahubarb 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 Pips 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!

Yes, throughout the years, thousands of young foreign women have benefited from the program. The opportunity to learn a new language, from new friendships and an understanding of U.S. customs in a welcoming and supportive atmosphere has been tremendously worthwhile for all of them — and us!

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News from the election front

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

St. Paul voters have chosen the top eight candidates for School Board, narrowing the list down to 15 hopefuls. All four DFA and Republican-endorsed candidates move from the September 14 to the November 2 general election. DFA's Neal Thao was the top vote-getter, as he seeks a second board term. The West Side snared 8,552 votes. He was followed by DFA candidate Anne Carroll of Highland Park, who had 7,604 votes.

Democratic incumbent Tom Conlon, also of Highland Park, took 7,271 votes. DFA's Al Oertwig, who has 12 years of School Board experience chalked up 6,640 votes. Incumbent DFA Greg Filicic had 6,584 votes. Oertwig lives in the Payne-Phalen neighborhood, and Filicic lives in Summit Hill.

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

Finishing out the running were Glenda Hernandez (2,299), Frank Guzman (1,606), Bliek (1,230) and Andy LaMotte (1,217). Thomas Hilber (1,216) Michael Berger (1,105) and Bernad Gunderson (1,056).

Because Ward 5 Council Member Jay Benavitz 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. DFA's Rob Peitzman set up a rematch of 1997 by topping incumbent and political independent Jim Reiter. Peitzman tallied 1,077 votes to Reiter's 862. Challenger and political independent Pro Gay circa 500 votes and Socialist Workers Party candidate Doug Jenns 56 votes.

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

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 $5,228. His major contributors included American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) 14, Painters Local 61, the Political Education Fund of Painters Local 61, St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce, Minnesota State Council of HERE, attorney Mark Vaughn, attorney and developer Gerald Frelch, Jon Duckel, Jim Schumacher and Larry Swenson. All gave the campaign $500 apiece.

At the same time, Yang has 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, $103,885 was spent between June 28 and September 2.

The St. Paul is urging voters to approve an additional half-cent of sales tax, which would be dedicated to pay the city's share of the new $380 million Twins baseball stadium. The biggest contributor to the effort is the insurance company Minnesota Life, formerly Minnesota Mutual Life, which gave $50,000.

The company is building a new headquarters in downtown St. Paul. The law firm of Bergin and Mogk 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 Dowd. 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 St. Paul 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 Como Park neighborhood.

On the billboard ballot question, the anti-billboard Scien 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. Scien 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, claiming the companies are already campaigning against the ballot question.

Thanks to League of Women Voters of St. Paul for providing us with this non-partisan guide to the St. Paul city elections. For a complete guide, please visit their website at www.opal.org/wflag.html.

To find out which ward you live in, where to vote, and how to register, call 222-121-1.

School Board

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Rob Peitzman vs. Jim Reiter

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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 businesses, and includes both downtown and other business districts."
Music
Heard Murray High School graduate and former St. Anthony Park neighbor and opera star Ann Donahoe sings at Hamline United Methodist Church on October 3 at 4 p.m.

Music in the Park Series opens its millennium season on Sunday, October 3, 3 p.m., with the award-winning Miami String Quartet and celebrated Twin Cities pianist Lyndie Artymin, a series favorite. The quartet performs works by Haydn and Lasvian contemporary Peteris Vasks, while Artymin plays Ernst von Dohnanyi's Opus No. 1. Concerts are held at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, Commonwealth at Chelmsford.

Books
Lorna Landvik reads from her new novel, The Tall Pine Predica, during St. Anthony Park's October Faire on Saturday, October 2, noon, at Micawber's Bookstore. Then, Pauline Boss discusses her new Harvest Press book, Ambiguous Love: Learning to Live with Unreleaved Grief, on Wednesday, October 13, 7 p.m. On Friday, October 8, 3 p.m., illustrator Gail de Marcken of The Quillmaker's Gift discusses her tome. Find Micawber's Bookstore at 2238 Carter Avenue, St. Paul.

Visual Arts
See Darlene Amelotte's new oil and water color paintings at Como Park Lutheran Church (1376 West Hoyt Avenue, St. Paul). Members of Women Photographers/Visual Artists are presenting an exhibition of self-portraits at Prairie Star Cafe, 2399 University Avenue, St. Paul.

Experience neighbor Linda Nelson Bryan's work at the 16th 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 Victorses
Lauderdale resident wins first prize at Welsh Festival
by Barbara Clausen

Lauderdale harpist Catherine Salovich Victorses 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 Suredo. "Suraedo's Song in the Night is full of special harp effects," Victorses explains. She demonstrated several deft glissandos written by the famous harp composer. "When fingers glide over the strings," she instructs, "it's a unique harp thing." Suredo was an innovator of several harp effects. The Suredo was already in her repertoire, but she wanted to perfect it for the competition. "It was a musical challenge," she says. It is a divine piece, replicate with dynamic effects ranging from delicate and dreamy to shocking and brilliant. Suredo made use of just chords and harmony, wild rhythm, and an eerie ending.

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

Victorses 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 up my eyes to the importance of the harp in their countries."

Mary Mengenthal, executive committee co-chairperson for the Welsh festival, remarks that the adjudicators 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 her harp performances have strong Welsh roots. She has stiff competition.

Margaret explains that the Entredoff, the music and literary competition, was primarily literary in Wales. Entredoff translates "siting" 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. In the U.S. she Gmyrada.

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October — Time to put your garden to bed

Mary Maguire Lerman

October’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 affect 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 can automatically handle the task.

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 up, 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 1/2 turn each day to prevent the bud stems from leaning towards the light and then potentially overturning your blooming amaryllis. What about non-hardy summer-flowering bulbs like dahlias, 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.

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Estate MUSINGS
by Warren Hanson
Recently I read an interesting article. 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-page width. In fact, there was so little room that I had folded it into a briefer 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—tuney, coach, business class, first class, gold, platinum, ill time, 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 deeping 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 napped on a Ho-Ho.
While upstairs, in the Prestige Club, business people in expensive suits were getting their shoes shines and sipping on Duns Perignon for free, their illicit Cuban cigars being courteously lit by liberated 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 on 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 raffle to board, a woman with a few meager possessions tied in a lawn chair 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 indignant 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 (as 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 jabs of her hand. The first jolt was to tell me to turn right, NOT left. The second jolt told me my seat was in the back. And the third jolt meant we stay 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, eyes threateningly by fellow suffers, as they dashed their personal belongings to the overhead bin, jealously guarding 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 crushingly cardboard boxes, burlap 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, mannish-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 confines, I did out to the aisle and made my way to the lavatory. It was, well, spartan. The quarter moon in the window.
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 get back to my seat, and my carry-on luggage 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, slipped a dollop of grassy, humpy meat from a fiddle 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. 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 back to the front 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 muffled of French brandy in their hands and exchanging shining stories about their business conquests or how difficult it is to get improvements done on their villas, all to the tasteless 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 placed my handbag with both arms against my chest.
The plane came to a stop at the terminal. Up in front, wide double-doors opened to allow the stewardess 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. I never did finish reading that newspaper article. The Wick in my reading light had burned down long before I got to the end. And the exit the newspaper was pulled from my legs and was lost in the mob. But I don’t think that Bert knew what he was talking about. We don’t have a class system here. This isn’t medieval England, after all. This is America!
Bazaar
Discover a world of hand-crafted items, baked goods, and food items at Como Park Lutheran Church Fall Bazaar 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 646-7177 for details.

Music and dance by the Ethnic Dance Theatre, refreshments, and socializing highlight the fifth annual community senior party on Saturday, October 9, 1 to 3:30 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
Search your shopping budget at Lymphoma Auxiliary rummage sale on Thursday, October 7, and Friday, October 8, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 1,298 North Pascal Street, between Midway Parkway and Almond Avenue. $2 Big Day is set for Friday. Call 644-9591.

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. Canal for at Hoyt and Snelling avenues. Call 222-7678.

Spirituality
"Deepening Devotional Life," a six-week exumencial spiritual discussion, is open to all neighbors, beginning September 30. The series meets 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 639-9609.

Health
St. Anthony Park Block Club Health Program is hosting a Halloween Health Fair on Oct 27, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Leisure Center, Como Avenue and Hiawatha Avenue, 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 and crafts. Call Judy Pobst at 644-9605.

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The neighborhood shopping spy
by Amy Causton
any of us drive on Stoubling 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 Nelsone Cheese Factory and Deli (1562 Como, 646-1288). 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" (Cobley/Montery 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. on Saturdays.

Another place to feed yourself is at Basalli's Brick Oven (1552 Como, 645-6671). Basalli's is known for its "wood fired pizza," which is baked in a wood-burning oven. Not in the mood for pizza? Sample one of their numerous pastas dishes, soups, salads, or hoagies, like the Wood Smoked Chicken Caesar salad (available at a side or a meal) or the Chicken Penno Marinara. You can dine in, carry out, or have it delivered (all to check delivery area). Hours are Monday-Wednesday 11 a.m. - 9 p.m., Thursday and Friday 11 a.m. - 10 p.m., Saturday 12-11, and Sunday 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

If you're not hungry right now, but are going home to cook dinner, don't forget to stop by Shanghai Market (1546 Como, 666-6818). Where else in town could you get squid, shirmps, seasoned seaweed, and Skirries, 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 frozen 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 pastries, dumplings, and the like in the freezer. Hours are 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. daily.

In the midst of all this food lies the Thompson Park Cafe - Carpet (1555 Como, 645-6134). 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 6:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday 7:30 a.m. - noon.

Donations of gently used items gratefully accepted Sept. 27-Oct. 5

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 646-7111 or visit the Edelweiss 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 through Thursday. On Friday they are open 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. 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, 645-5765) 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 vitamins, 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 Chiropractic Clinic (1565 Como, 646-2222), headed by Dr. Dana Martin. New or referred patients can get a free exam and consultation on their first visit. Hours are 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 wallet, Michael Collins' State Farm Insurance agency (666-0447, also at 1565 Como) may be able to put your mind at ease by protecting those valuable possessions. (Imagine: from spinal adjustments to claims in the same building!) Hours at State Farm are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday, and by appointment only Saturday.

Farther down, nestled in Como Village Plaza, is Pinwheel Pizza (1561 Como, 666-4511). 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! Pinwheel Plus is open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sunday, by appointment during the week.

Once you've taken care of your hunger pangs, your health and your home and valuables, what can you do next? How about buying a car? & L's Sister (1524 Como, 645-5232) buys, sells, and trades used cars. Or, if you already have a car, Run's Auto Repair (1523B Como, 917-2808) next door can keep it running smoothly. Hours at both are 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Friday and 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday. Run's is open 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday.

So next time you're on Stoubling, take the Como exit and check out these neat by and resourceful local businesses!
1 Friday
- Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.

2 Saturday
- Hay ride at Hamline’s Tree Farm in Anoka, sponsored by St. Anthony Park churches, call 664-7173, 6-10 p.m.

4 Monday
- Como Park recycling.
- AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. 664-0899. 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., 664-1345.
- 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 Felstow Avenue, St. Paul Campus, 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. 649-5162. Every Thursday.
- Tot Time (for 5 year olds and younger), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 10 a.m. - noon. Every Thursday. Call 298-5765 for details.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 6 p.m.

8 Friday
- Lyngblomsten Auxiliary rummage sale, 52 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
- Falconsons Senior Card Club, Falcon Heights, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 1:30 p.m. Call 644-3561.
- St. Anthony Park recycling.

12 Tuesday
- Lyndale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 7:30 p.m.
- Gold and Flu Season, Holy House clinical director, Dr. Patricia Lawler, shares ways to protect yourself against colds, flu and infections naturally. Free workshop, 6 p.m. Call 644-6951.

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 644-3899 for location.
- Lyndale Planning Commission, City Hall, 1891 Walnut, 7 p.m.

20 Wednesday
- St. Anthony Park recycling.
- Langford Boys 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.

22 Friday
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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, 2235 Como Avenue, 8-10:30 a.m. Call 644-8833.

25 Monday
- Falconsons Senior Card Club, Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 1:30 p.m. Call 488-3561.

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, 3:30 to 8:30 p.m.

29 Friday
- Full 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 Jone streets. Lauderdale, 5 - 7 p.m.

31 Sunday
- Halloween.
- Daylight Savings 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.
LIVES LIVED

Thomas Aamodt
Former St. Anthony Park neighbor Thomas T. Aamodt died on September 12, in Enciniditos, 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 Gary; daughter, Linda Ordway and Katherine Biedley; ten grandchildren; and a sister, Barbara Jones.

Edward Brink
Lynnhulston Care Center resident Edward LaVine Brink died on September 14 at age 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 Sterne; 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 pastor of 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 "Cecil" H. McLeod, age 82, died on September 3. She was raised in Newton Center, Massachusetts. She attended Simmons College in Boston.

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 great-granddaughter of Minnesota Pioneer Missionary, Stephen Higgins. She was a member of National Pen Women, speaker and prayer chairwoman of Christian Women's Club, doll designer, and an active member of Calvary Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Hugh McLeod; daughter, Gail Van Arable; 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 Betty Rudor; and sisters-in-law.

Ron Soderlund
Former Como Park resident and Murray graduate Ron L. Soderlund died on September 6 at the age of 63. 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 golf, camping, and canoeing, and was a member of Como Park Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife of 31 years, Laurie; daughters, Jill Soderlund and Julie Ondrick; son, John; grandchildren, Chandler and Tyler Soderlund; his mother, Gladys; sisters, Rosemary Rose and Karen Tracht; and brother, Owen Abel.

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

The former Lois Hopkins was born in Cornullia, Australia. Her husband, Phillip Verbruggen, came from Scotland. He was the second son of Henri Verbruggen, the conductor of the Minneapolis Symphony from 1925 to 1931. In 1942, Phillip 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 great-grandchildren.

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Songfest with the St. Olaf Choir and Magnus Chorum
Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, 7:30 p.m. The St. Olaf College Choir and Magnus Chorum will perform along with a choir 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 Lyne Porozaska, (651) 641-3419.

Singing the Faith with Jarllyn Stelle-Battle
Chapel of the Incarnation, 7 p.m. Guest soloist Jarllyn Stelle-Battle adds her voice to this unique service of hymn and songs from the African American tradition and readings from Martin Luther's "Small Catechism." Freewill offering for student scholarships.
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Mel Duncan...from page 1

SAP Lutheran Church celebrates golden era

by Michelle Christianson

Some people might not think it progess to retrace one's footsteps, but to the congregation of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church walking back to Lutheran 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 held 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 the church started? The congregation, originally called the Warburg 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 not fulfilled until after the war. The Stricker 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 specificity until March 4, 1949. The walk from the seminary to the new building signaled the start of a new era when the church 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 $1.5 million remodeling project was on August 15 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 Lutheran Seminary staff will be served followed by a program. Some of the invited guests will include the first confirmation class from the "rupprecht" building. In this way the church celebrates its past and looks forward to the future.

As it was in the beginning: St. Anthony Park Lutheran opens for worship and fellowship in 1949. Photo courtesy of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church

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Sunday Masses: 8:30 and 10:30 am

MOUNT OLIVE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH
( A WELS Congregation)
"THE CHURCH WITH A SMILE"
Handicap-accessible. Wheelchair available.
1460 Almond at Pascal. 651-645-2757
Sunday Worship: 9 am
Sunday School: 9 am
Adult Bible Class: 10:30 am

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
You are invited to join us!
1744 Wolters at 33, 1 block north of Larpenteur. 651-644-5440.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am, Holy Communion, 1st & 3rd Sundays
Sunday School and Adult Education 9:15 am
Tuesday Bible Study: 6:15 pm
Paster Drew Flatham

ROSE HILL ALLIANCE CHURCH
Roseville at Cleveland. 651-631-0713
Sunday English Worship: 9:30 am, Japanese Worship: 9:30 am
Sunday School: 11 am
Wednesday for Women's American Culture Class 12:30 pm (Sept.-May)
Wednesday Jr. Hi & Hi Jr. Group 6:45 pm
Awana 6:45 pm

ST. ANTHONY PARK LUTHERAN
Como and Luther Place. Handicap-accessible. 651-649-6371
Pastors: Paul Ofstead and Reaney Lindberg
Visit our website at

http://www.sapl.org/wg/asp/asp.html
Sunday Worship: 8:45 and 11 am. Nursery at both services
Sunday School: 9 am and 11 am. Nursery provided
Fellowship: 11:30 am and 1:00 pm. Fellowship 11:30 am
Nursery care provided 10:15 am. Fellowship is followed by programs for all ages.
Ecumenical Study, "Deepening Devotional Life" of Companion in the Spirit, 6 week Thursday series begins Thursday, Sept. 30, 11 am at church.

ST. A. P. UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2129 Commonwealth at Chatsworth. 651-646-7173
We are handicapped accessible and an Open and Affirming Congregation.
Dave Packard, Pastor. Carrie Snyder, Youth Coordinator.
Sunday Worship & Sunday School at 10 am, Fellowship 11 am
Nursery care provided 10:15 am. Fellowship is followed by programs for all ages.
Ecumenical Study, "Deepening Devotional Life" of Companion in the Spirit, 6 week Thursday series begins Thursday, Sept. 30, 11 am at church.

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
216 E. 26th St. Chatsworth. 651-645-3058
Sunday Services:
8:00 am Eucharist, Rite I
8:45 am Eucharist
9:15 am Education hour for all ages
10:30 am Eucharist Rite II
11:45 am Coffee Hour
Healing services in the chapel follow both Sunday services on 1st and 3rd Sundays.
Wednesday, 10:00 am Eucharist
Thursday, 5:00 pm Holy Communion
We are handicapped accessible
The Rev. Grant Abbott, Rector
The Rev. Lynne Waterman, Deacon

WARRENDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1040 Como Ave. at Oxford. 651-689-6054
Sunday Worship: 10:15 am (nursery provided)
Sunday School: 9 am
Rev. Timothy Held, Minister