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Jonathon Farnsworth

Como High Super Star



by Lisa Steinmann

When Como Park High School Senior Jonathon Farnsworth talks about "kicking butts" he is talking about the anti-smoking campaign he devotes himself to at school. It also describes the attitude that Jonathon has developed over the past few years. His energetic approach has led him to some remarkable achievements: He is an honor role student and an outstanding athlete in soccer, hockey, and tennis. He is senior class president at Como and the year book editor. He also contributes to the community as a youth hockey and tennis coach.

Jonathon's achievements were recently recognized when he was chosen to be one of twelve finalists for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award. Jonathon was chosen from among more than 12,000 high school seniors nationwide. The award was presented on December 11, during the College Heisman Trophy presentation to one male and one female student, for their achievements in academics, athletics and community involvement.

Jonathon didn't win the top prize but he and his parents flew to New York City to attend the Award Banquet. It was his first trip to New York City. He and his parents stayed at the Downtown Athletic Club in Manhattan. They had a bus tour of the city, walked the stairway up to the crown of the Statue of Liberty, and toured Madison Square Garden.

Jonathon says that he enjoyed meeting finalists from other parts of the country and just "sharing stories about regional stereotypes like accents and social things." He noted that the other kids were high

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Light Rail Transit may zip through south St. Anthony Park

by Dave Healy

At its January 12 meeting, the St. Anthony Park Community Council voted unanimously to support a University Avenue alignment for the proposed central corridor of the planned Twin Cities light rail transit system. The vote endorses a proposal by the St. Paul Planning Commission, adopted last November that a LRT line be constructed between Minneapolis and St. Paul along University Avenue.

The 1999 Minnesota Legislature approved plans to construct a LRT line in the Hiawatha corridor between downtown Minneapolis, the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, and the Mall of America. The Legislature also directed the Metropolitan Council to prepare a priority listing of additional transit corridor improvements.

The St. Paul City Council, in turn, directed the Planning Commission to analyze various transit alternatives in the central

corridor, with an eye to their affect on traffic, parking, aesthetics and surrounding development. Part of that process has involved obtaining input from communities that lie between the downtowns. Meanwhile, Joel Spoonheim, St. Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development, attended the January 12 Community Council meeting to present the Planning Commission's recommendation and to answer questions.

Spoonheim explained that

previous plans for the central corridor had favored an I-94 alignment. Those plans assumed several negative consequences of a University Avenue alignment, including the loss of some on-street parking and reduced access to businesses. However, newer technology promises to eliminate those and other problems, Spoonheim said.

University Avenue is now the superior site, Spoonheim said,

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The higher than average January snow fall means that the Bugle's first annual Snowman Contest's deadline has been extended to February 29.
Photo from the Bugle archives

World-wide shopping spree at Global Women's Center

by Amy Causton

You may have noticed a recent arrival on University Avenue. Whether it was the beautiful embroidered clothing or the exotic jewelry that caught your eye in the shop window, it's not hard to see that the All That You Need Global Women's Center has something unique to offer. Located at 2420 University, the center houses a shop that sells clothing, jewelry, gifts, crafts, and leather goods, as well as a travel agency and a hair-braiding salon. There are other businesses in the works, including alterations and small business bookkeeping.

The center is supported by the International Self-Reliance Agency for Women (ISAW), a three-year-old non-profit organization in Minneapolis that helps refugee and immigrant women become economically self-sufficient. The ISAW has several goals, including helping refugee and immigrant women develop job skills, giving them access to credit and small business loans, encouraging education, giving them information about community resources and immigration laws, and developing support programs such as day care

centers and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes.

Half of the store is owned by Tope Ifonlaja, who also runs the travel agency under the name Renown Fashions & Travel. The other half of the store is owned by ISAW, which imports some items and also takes items on consignment from immigrant women, some of them handmade, and sells them, returning the proceeds to the women. In the back of the building, Global Braids operates a professional styling shop.

The goal, says ISAW's Program Coordinator Anitra Nivatvongs, is to allow refugee and immigrant women to bring their culture and their skills (including sewing, braiding, and weaving) into the marketplace and to make a vocation out of them.

Many of the women ISAW serves have major obstacles to overcome. Nivatvongs reports that 90 percent of the women ISAW works with are from Africa, and many of them have never worked before, so they are going through massive culture shock when they come to this country and need to find work.

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Neighbors planning Langford Park revamp

by Rose Gregoire

Langford Park has a long and unique history within St. Anthony Park. It is a special place for family and community gatherings among its open green spaces and large trees. However, last year St. Paul mayor Norm Coleman toured Langford Park as one example of the benign neglect into which St. Paul neighborhood parks have fallen. A long list of issues, including the role of the park in the community, aesthetics, conservation of green space, tree planting and drainage concerns have cropped up over the years concerning Langford Park. A local citizen's group, made up of local residents, community leaders and businesses called SAPLING, hopes to change all that. SAPLING is beginning the process of developing a master plan for the park in an effort to renovate and enhance the natural beauty of the park.

The timing for the plan couldn't be better. Starting in spring of 2001, the streets around Langford Park will be torn up and repaved as part of the city's ongoing residential street paving project. The issues involved in that project coincide neatly with many of the park issues. Street widths, on-street parking, curb cuts, storm sewer connections, and lighting, to name a few, will be finalized by the city this autumn in order to allow for engineering and budget planning for 2001 construction.

SAPLING hopes to use the opportune timing of the street project to renovate the park, while protecting and integrating the strengths of the park into an overall plan. Anchored on one end by a busy elementary school, and at the other end by a well-used recreation center, Langford Park also features rolling open meadows, an underutilized historic bandshell, a seasonal wetland, and prairie, butterfly, and peace gardens. The unusual mix of active

and quiet spaces, learning environments and reflective settings, and composed and unstructured areas is part of the unique appeal of the park. SAPLING's goal is to balance the needs of the various users of Langford Park with the special qualities of the park and its rich history.

Information from surveys conducted during July 4th activities last summer and this fall emphasize the importance of the unique character of Langford Park, preserving green space, improving access by developing settings in which the park can be used more (for instance, the bandshell, gardens, meandering pathways) and addressing the sensitive play area issue at both the north and south ends of the park.

SAPLING has outlined four stages to the master planning process, with community input planned at each stage.

* STAGE 1, PROGRAMMING: Volunteer resident landscape architects from the neighborhood are merging various maps to develop a usable map of Langford Park. Survey information and meetings with various community organizations will solicit preliminary information and ideas. This work is anticipated to be completed in February.

* STAGE 2, SCHEMATIC DESIGN: Local professionals and SAPLING members will use information gathered to develop various design schemes or concepts for people to consider. The material will be posted in the St. Anthony Park Library community room, Langford Park Recreation Center, and St. Anthony Park School. A community forum to discuss the informal sketches, survey results, and to receive specific feedback on the schematic designs will be held. This task is anticipated to be conducted in March and April.

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Another sign of the culture shock these women experience is pointed out by two of ISAW's other goals: to conduct training against the practice of female genital mutilation and to provide support and assistance for victims of domestic violence. According to Nivatvongs, the majority of women ISAW helps are victims of domestic abuse and come from a culture where such abuse is accepted.

"We give them an outlet and a place where they feel safe," she says.

So the next time you're in the area, drop by the Global Women's Center and check out all they have to offer. For the shop or Global Braids, call 646-5854; for Renown Fashions & Travel, call 647-1555. For more information about ISAW, call 612-692-8440. ■

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because of greater accessibility and greater potential for associated neighborhood development that LRT would spur. Studies of LRT in other cities suggest that within the first five years after an LRT line is built, most redevelopment of the surrounding area occurs within 1/4 mile of station locations.

The Planning Commission envisions two adjacent LRT tracks running down the center of University Avenue, six inches higher than the street and protected with rounded curbs. The curbs would prevent vehicles from drifting into a train but would be surmountable by emergency vehicles.

The projected 28-foot-wide track would accommodate two lanes of traffic and one of parking in each direction, except in the vicinity of a left-turn lane or station, where no parking would be allowed.

A center right of way LRT

line would reduce the current number of left-turn lanes along University Avenue. Stations would probably be located every mile or so — for example at Raymond, Snelling, Lexington, and Dale. They would be designed to encourage access from a signal-controlled crosswalk.

Frequency of LRT service on University Avenue would vary between peak and non-peak times, much as bus service currently does. Typically, during rush hour trains would run every 8-10 minutes and every 15-20 minutes during non-peak times. Some kind of bus service, probably with smaller buses, would likely continue along University Avenue.

LRT trains on city streets travel at the same speed as other traffic: 30-35 mph. They can accelerate rapidly and can stop about as quickly as a bus. The driver has the ability to make emergency stops.

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College Park playground update

On January 13, approximately 55 neighbors attended the first of two facilitated meetings about plans to replace playground equipment in College Park. They heard a detailed description of the plans, asked questions, made observations and suggestions and identified key issues to be addressed at the next meeting. A new possibility, that of using a portion of the existing tennis and basketball courts for a part of the playground, was raised and discussed. The second meeting, to be held on January 27 at Luther Seminary, will provide an opportunity for small group discussion of the key issues.

— Sherman Eagles

JLT site plan under consideration

The St. Anthony Park Community Council's appeal of a JLT site plan for property it owns at Vandalia Street and Territorial Road was not upheld. The decision by the St. Paul Zoning Committee means that JLT is free to continue with its plans to put up a mixed-use building with 47 truck docks on the site.

The Council opposed the site plan because of concerns about increasing truck traffic in that area, with attendant effects on safety, air quality and noise levels. The council did win one major concession, however. Territorial Road will be posted as a non-truck route between Carleton Street and

Highway 280. Also, JLT will post a sign at its lot instructing truck drivers to use the approved truck route — Vandalia to University Avenue.

— Dave Healy

Cromwell traffic debate

About 25 neighborhood residents turned out for a January 6 town meeting held at the South St. Anthony Recreation Center to discuss traffic mitigation on Cromwell Avenue between Territorial Road and Bayless Place. Residents had expressed concerns about increasing traffic in the area. Those who spoke at the meeting were overwhelmingly against a proposal to block that stretch of Cromwell to vehicular traffic. The St. Anthony Park Community Council will appoint a task force to study the issue.

— D.H.

Madison leads community council

Heather Worthington, executive director of the St. Anthony Park Community Council since May, 1997, resigned effective January 14 to take a new job. Worthington will be assistant city administrator for the city of Falcon Heights.

At its January 12 meeting, the council voted to appoint Carol Madison as executive director. Currently Madison serves as SAP's crime prevention coordinator and also oversees the neighborhood senior chore service. She will continue those duties in her new position as well as assuming some of the outgoing director's responsibilities for event

organizing, budgeting, and planning. The council will hire a community organizer to assist Madison and hopes to have that position filled by March.

— D.H.

Falcon Heights

Former mayor Willis Warkentien dies

Former Falcon Heights mayor Willis Warkentien died on January 1 at age 86. He spent 11 years on the Falcon Heights City Council and the next 16 as mayor. First elected in 1957, he finished his last mayoral term in 1983.

Mr. Warkentien grew up on the West Side of St. Paul, attended Macalester College, and graduated from the U of M with a degree in business. He served as the Golden Gophers' student football manager in 1938. Starting in 1940, he bought Gopher tickets for 60 years.

He retired after serving as credit manager of Lindsay Water Conditioning and had worked for Mobil Oil. He was a 50-year-member and past master of Midway Masonic Lodge No. 185. He helped to celebrate the 50th birthday of Falcon Heights last April. He was a member of Roseville Lutheran Church.


Mr. Warkentien was preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret, and brother, Milton. Survivors include his wife, Cornelia (Corky); daughter, Shirley Spector; sons, Bruce and Milton; step-daughter, Telia Maria Huntley; and seven grandchildren.

— Ann Bulger

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EDITORIAL

Heather Worthington deserves thanks

Heather Worthington deserves praise for her work as executive director of the St. Anthony Park Community Council. Stopping an Amoco station from being built on Kasota Pond, ensuring the community garden's long-term survival, and advocating residents' concerns about the University of Minnesota's women's soccer field stand as Worthington's legacy. She is now working as the assistant to Sue Hoyt, city administrator of Falcon Heights, where her expertise of government's nuts and bolts will benefit the city and its residents. ■

Youthful role model

Kids get a bum rap nowadays and that's unfortunate. There are exceptions, however. Como High student Jonathon Farnsworth is our cover profile this month because of his academic, community, and athletic contributions. His round-the-clock schedule defies the stereotype of the alienated and apathetic teen. Farnsworth is a role model not only for today's youth, but adults too. ■

Due to a late start of winter, the Bugle's Snowman Contest deadline is extended to February 29.

Look in the December Bugle for rules and an application form.

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Support College Park plan

The editorial comments in the last two editions of the Bugle regarding the playground plan for College Park beg for a response, at least from me. I have only been peripherally involved with the process but have strong feelings that I would like to express. The process that was followed to achieve this plan was well conceived and executed. It was long enough to give everyone who was interested a chance to offer input, however many chose not to become involved, including the Bugle's editorial staff, until the plan was in its final stage. Some folks at the Council meetings protested their lack of invitation to the planning sessions, which probably means they didn't see the information in the Bugle or threw away the letter by accident. Most, however, (and I hope to paraphrase accurately) who oppose the playground plan said that they had "no idea



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that the changes would be so extensive." Well, neither did the people who attended the planning sessions. It becomes an ineffective excuse for not getting involved in the first place.

Why shouldn't the Council want to keep this plan? It is the result of a process that actually started 10 years ago and is the result of diverse community input, by both lay persons and professionals. The Council hasn't shortened the debate, as stated by the Bugle, but rather, had lengthened it by sending the process to mediation. That was a Council decision that shows respect for those who continue to

protest the plan as well as those who worked hard to obtain it.

A more effective strategy, by both the Bugle and the opponents of the current College Park playground plan, for having input into this process would have been involvement in and the reporting of last summer's sessions. Blaming the Council and calling the plan flawed is inappropriate and undermines the spirit of volunteerism. We weren't as loud or angry at the Council meetings, but those of us who support the process and the plan (with some tweaking) are out here too.

David Lee

Park task force okay

I attended the College Park Dispute Resolution meeting January 13 to learn about the plans that Community Council's task force developed. Clearly a lot of research, analysis, consultation, and sensitivity went into the plan.

The only problem with it is that everyone in St. Anthony Park does not support it. We need to get real. No plan will receive everyone's support, so consensus is an unreasonable expectation. We should not be second-guessing the task force, who spent a lot more time studying the issues than anyone else.

We all had multiple opportunities to be involved in the planning. Community Council solicited participation through the Bugle, personal letters, and reminders. The work was done by those who showed up.

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I don't know if the task force plan is perfect, but it's the best plan developed by neighbors we trust who cared enough to spend months working on it. We should accept it and let the bidding and building process begin. Let the neighborhood children have a new playground before they're too old to enjoy it!

Karen Lilley

Worthington bids farewell

On my last day as the Executive Director of the St. Anthony Park Community Council (SAPCC), I want to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to the residents and business owners of St. Anthony Park, the board of directors of the council and ad hoc committee members, your friends and neighbors.

Working here has been rewarding, challenging, and educational. Together, we have accomplished a great deal. Indeed, without your huge commitment of time and talents, this neighborhood would not be such a desirable place to live and work. I have enjoyed working closely with many of you on issues such as the Kasota Amoco Station, the Community Gardens, and the U of M Women's Soccer Stadium. With your involvement as a community, your concern and teamwork, these issues were resolved in a manner beneficial to this neighborhood.

I also want to tell you that I leave the Council in the capable and compassionate hands of our new executive director, Carol Madison. The Council hired Carol in April 1999 as program coordinator for crime prevention and the Neighborhood Senior Chore Service. Many of you have met her at a block club meeting or spoken to her on the phone.

Again, thank you to everyone who has made my time with the

SAPCC so rewarding. I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood and working with you on issues of mutual concern in my role as assistant city administrator at the City of Falcon Heights.

Heather Worthington

Save St. Anthony Park oaks

Have you noticed dead oaks or oaks dying back in your part of St. Anthony Park? It's not surprisig. Oak Decline Syndrome is very evident in our neighborhood and contributors include the two-lined chestnut borer, armillaria root rot, and our landscaping practices.

Come hear Gary Johnson from the University of Minnesota's forest resource department talk about our oaks, what we can do to help them in their battle against the decline syndrome, and why we should begin planting replacement oaks on Tuesday, February 1, 7 p.m., at the Minnesota State Horticultural Society's Center for Northern Gardening, 1755 Prior Avenue North, Falcon Heights.

Mary Maguire Lerman

Ornamental tree tops fine

A letter in the January Bugle from Pete Keith reinforced the popular misconception that spruce "tops" used in outdoor Christmas decorations are actually the tops of wild spruce trees, and therefore, removal of these tops is injurious to the trees. Some news reports have used the term "decapitated spruces."

We would like to quote from an article by Margaret Purcell and Mary Henry in the December issue of *Minnesota Horticulturalist*. These "tops" are "shoots that emerge from the root systems of a specific type of spruce tree . . . growing in sphagnum bogs. These black spruces develop

an extensive surface root system spreading far from the parent plant . . . These root sprouts are what are harvested and sold as "tree tops." When they are harvested in a careful manner, little or no damage is done to the parent trees."

"In Minnesota most of these bogs are owned by the state, which closely monitors and regulates the harvest . . . Enough root sprouts are left to help support the parent trees, keeping them productive."

We in St. Anthony Park can continue to use spruce "tops," along with our winter lights, and feel that we are not harming the environment.

Bill and Ann Bulger

Lions express gratitude

On behalf of the Falcon Heights-Lauderdale Lions, I wish to express sincerest thanks to all who patronized our annual Christmas Tree Sale and made it a rousing success. We sold out our inventory of over 500 premium trees by December 19, despite un-Christmas-like weather and commercial competition.

It is heart warming and humbling to experience such great community support for our efforts to raise money for good causes in our area.

Equally inspiring is the hard work and commitment of the Lions who take time from their busy lives to make the sale work. They are a tribute to the Lions International organization's motto, "We Serve."

The Falcon Heights-Lauderdale Lions look forward to playing a key role in maintaining the vibrancy and sustainability of our communities as we face the challenges of the next millennium. We know we can count on our wonderful neighbors to support our fundraising events.

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Visions of a large budget surplus and unlimited project funding are dancing in Minnesota Legislators' heads as the first session of the millennium convenes on February 1.

But even with the state's booming economy, many legislators are already being encouraged to shorten their funding wish lists and to tighten their belts in order to meet the \$400 million Capital Bonding Bill cap set by Governor Ventura (bonding is the long-term indebtedness that the state engages in). A spending cap, that the Governor has vowed to maintain and one that may leave area-specific projects, like those for our neighborhoods, in the dust.

"I think everyone is feeling a certain amount of frustration," says Representative Alice Hausman (DFL 66B) of her Minnesota House and Senate colleagues. "My argument, even separate from the bonding issue, is that the whole group of policy-makers is not being very long-term as far as how well the economy is doing."

Representative Ellen Anderson (DFL 66A) agreed and noted that she expects more cooperation between the House and Senate in the upcoming session as a result of last year's regularly vetoed bills from Governor Ventura.

"Ventura's honeymoon period is over with much of the legislature," reports Anderson. "House leadership is saying that

we should pass our bills, adjourn early, then see what is vetoed. Then, go back and work together to pass the bills."

Anderson's sentiment was shared by several area legislators, including Senator John Marty (DFL 54B). He reported that many House and Senate members were awed by Ventura's freshman popularity, but that this year, less people are intimidated by his presence.

Regardless of political and financial tensions, neighborhood area representatives are eager to usher in the 82nd legislative term and are confident of their legislative agendas.

Marty, a staunch supporter of campaign finance reform, would like to see a "ban on all soft money" and a "clamp down on campaign money in politics." He plans to challenge a recent court decision allowing independent parties to contribute unlimited and unregulated amounts of campaign money by introducing legislation which would reinstate the ban and create a penalty for individuals who violate it.

"The public will never say it is the most important issue, but most will admit that it is one of the most important things that we do in politics," says Marty.

How to reach your legislators?

Rep. Alice Hausman, Rep. Mary Jo Maguire, Sen. Ellen Anderson, and Sen. John Marty can be reached by calling 296-6013.

He also authored a bill which would require weapon owners to pass a safety training course in order to be licensed. The licensing information would then be used to set up a computer database for tracking purchased weapons. But Marty acknowledges that, while the public seems dissatisfied with existing gun laws, it, like campaign finance reform, will be an uphill battle.

Meanwhile, closer to St. Anthony Park, Hausman is lobbying support from her House colleagues for a bill that she

introduced at the session. The bill, titled "calls for increased funding for parks and recreation."

According to Hausman, the fastest growing sport in Minnesota is international opportunity sport fishing. Because of a lack of funding, aside for parks and recreation, a percentage of state funding of state support has been taken away. Transportation is also included in the state's budget.

Transportation is also included in the state's budget as "the biggest issue" in the session.

"We have to continue to range planning in order to deal with congestion, increasing traffic and getting people to work."

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She also supports Governor Ventura's recently introduced transportation legislation which proposes lowered tab fees and emphasizes transportation choice of both cars and mass transit.

"No one mode of transit, will solve transit problems — it requires us to build choices," reports Hausman of her support for the governor's transportation plan.

Improving the Como Park Education Resource Center is also at the top of Hausman's and Anderson's to-do-list. Both are adamant that the resource center is in dire need of proper classrooms, lunchrooms, and administrative facilities for the staff.

Anderson is also seeking additional funding to build infrastructure improvements and roads surrounding the Great Northern Corridor Industrial Park. The project, soon to be referred to as the Great Northern Business

Park, is part of an effort to revitalize the area where Como Avenue and Dale Street meet. The project received almost \$3 million for cleanup last year and Anderson hopes that additional funds will create "hundreds of new, well-paying jobs for area residents."

"I think the bills (to be included in the

Keeping track of legislation? Call the House hotline (296-9283) and Senate hotline (296-8088). Obtain copies of bills through the House (296-2314) and Senate (296-2343)

\$400 Bonding Bill cap) have a good chance of passing in the Senate," Anderson says. "We're trying to get more than \$400 million and especially, with the surplus, now is the time to make some infrastructure improvements."

Representative Mary McGuire (DFL 54A) agreed that now is the time to make improvements, especially in the areas of tax reform, education, and early childhood development, but she also noted that she expects some disappointments.

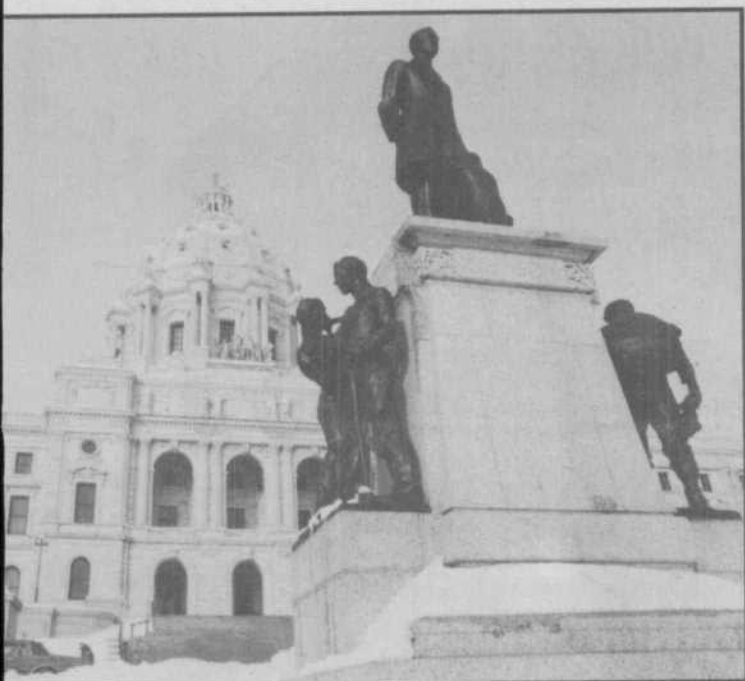
"There is going to be a difference in what I want and what I think will happen," says McGuire. "I'm worried that we might not use the surplus funds in areas of need like education, child care, and health care. . . I want to work on property tax reform and a budget surplus is the perfect time."

Besides her passion for early childhood development and higher education, she would like to expand last year's tax rebate to include people who were previously excluded — social security recipients and students.

"I'm basically concerned about our state's infrastructure," concludes McGuire. "It's been indicated to me that it's going to be a short session and I am concerned that we are not investing in our state's infrastructure when we have a surplus and are not willing to work on any new issues that deserve attention." ■

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Goldstein show

Paper: Trivia and Treasure is on view at the Goldstein Museum this month. The exhibit features the almost 2000 year history of paper, and how it is used in many of its creative, imaginative, and utilitarian ways. Find the Goldstein on the university's St. Paul campus, 244 McNeal Hall, at 1985 Buford Avenue. Call 624-7234 for information.

Senior Valentine's

Community Network for Seniors is hosting the fifth annual "Honoring the Seniors" party on Saturday, February 12, 1 to 3 p.m., at Corpus Christi Catholic Church. Cheryl Sawyer, a Finnish

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storyteller who uses magical effects and balloon figures, is the entertainment highlight. The complimentary fete includes refreshments. Reservations can be made by calling Angi Hoffman-Walter at 639-9421 before February 4. The church is located at County Road B and Fairview in Roseville.

Gardening club

Gary Johnson of the Forest Resources Department at the University of Minnesota is set to speak on the "Risk Management of Oak Trees" at the St. Anthony Park Garden Club meeting on Tuesday, February 1, 6:30 p.m. The meeting takes place at the Center for Northern Gardening, 1755 Prior Avenue

North, Falcon Heights. Call Mary Maguire Lerman at 644-7388 for information.

Music in the Park

Music in the Park Series presents three programs this month, including one family concert.

Friday, February 4, 6:15 and 7:30 p.m., at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church: **Dare to Breathe** is the series' family concert highlight. You'll hear songs about nighttime, sleeping and crabby babies from movies such as "Mary Poppins" and "Hans Christian Andersen." Wear your favorite pajamas, join in the singing, and compose a new lullaby.

Call 644-4234 for tickets.

\$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. St. Matthew's is located at 2136 Carter at Chelmsford avenues.

Sunday, February 6, 4 p.m. at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ: **The Amadeus Trio** performs Oscar Lorenzo Fernandez's *Trio Brasiliera*, Shostakovich's *Trio in E Minor, Opus 67*, and Mendelssohn's *Trio in C Minor, Opus 66*.

Sunday, February 27, 4 p.m. at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ: **Petersen String Quartet** from Berlin presents Grieg's seldom-heard *Quartet in F Major*, and Beethoven's *Opus 18, No. 2* and *Opus 59, No. 2*.

Call 645-5699 or 644-4234 for tickets. \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door, and \$8 student rush.

St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ is located at 2129 Commonwealth at Chelmsford avenues.

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1 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 meeting at 1261 Cleveland #4A February 1. Newcomers welcome. 646-4343.

2 Wednesday

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

3 Thursday

■ Toastmasters, U.S. Forest Service, 1992 Folwell 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.

4 Friday

■ Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.

■ Music in the Park Series Family Concert, Dare to Breathe, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter at Chelmsford avenues. Call 644-4234 for tickets. 6:15 and 7:30 p.m.

5 Saturday

■ St. Paul public schools, Parent Information Fair, Roy Wilkinson Auditorium, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

■ Town Meeting with Senator John Marty from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Roseville City Hall at Lexington and County Road C for residents of District 54A, including Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, and portions of Roseville.

6 Sunday

■ Music in the Park Series, Amadeus Trio, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth at Chelmsford avenues. Call 645-5699 or 644-4234 for tickets. 4 p.m.

7 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.

8 Tuesday

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

9 Wednesday

■ St. Anthony Park recycling.

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

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

12 Saturday

■ Teen Night (7th and 8th graders), Langford Park Rec Center, 7 p.m. Call 298-5765 for details.

14 Monday

■ Valentine's Day

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

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

■ St. Paul public schools, African American Parent Involvement Day.

15 Tuesday

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

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

■ Murray Junior High Showcase Open House for 6th graders and parents, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

16 Wednesday

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

18 Friday

■ Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.

21 Monday

■ Presidents' Day

■ St. Paul public schools, no classes.

■ Como Park recycling.

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

22 Tuesday

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

23 Wednesday

■ St. Anthony Park recycling.

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

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

26 Saturday

■ FARE For All food distribution and registration at Holy Childhood Church, 1435 Midway Parkway, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 644-7495; or St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Avenue, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Call 644-8833.

27 Sunday

■ Music in the Park Series, Petersen String Quartet, 4 p.m., St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth at Chelmsford avenues. Call 645-5699 or 644-4234 for tickets.

28 Monday

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

Items for the March Community Calendar must be submitted to the Bugle office by 6 p.m., Friday, February 11.

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* STAGE 3, DESIGN DEVELOPMENT: Based on information gathered, a final proposed master plan will be developed, posted at the library, St. Anthony Park school and displayed in Langford Park on the 4th of July. A community forum will again be held to discuss the plan. Timeline for this effort is proposed for May/August).

* STAGE 4, APPROVAL PROCESS: During the autumn of this year, the master plan will be finalized and presented to local community groups, including the Community Council, for approval.

Be a part of the process! SAPLING is interested in your ideas, thoughts, and suggestions. Please write out your suggestions. To organize what SAPLING hopes is a large volume of

information, identify what you think, as a resident of St. Anthony Park, needs to be addressed within the process, and what features within the park need to be addressed, enhanced, or preserved. What is your vision of Langford park for the next 100 years? SAPLING needs your input to make this a park for all residents.

Send or drop your comments off with Martha Russell, chair of SAPLING (2117 Dudley, St. Paul, 55108; russell@visi.com) or other SAPLING members, Lori Fritz (2153 Knapp, lorifritz@prodigy.net), or myself (2110 Knapp, grego018@tc.umn.edu). In addition, check next month's Bugle for the date of the first community forum, and updates on the project. ■

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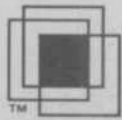


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Samuel Eichman

Longtime St. Anthony Park resident Samuel Eichman, age 90, died on December 29.

He retired from the Metropolitan Transit Commission in 1973, after completing 34 years of accident-free driving, for which he received several awards.

Preceded in death by his wife, Harriet Mae, son, Samuel, Jr., and daughter, Betty, he is survived by daughters, Dorothy Johnson and Shirley Blomstrom; eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

David French

Falcon Heights neighbor David W. French, age 79, died on January 11.

Mr. French was a professor of Forest Pathology at the University of Minnesota. He specialized in Dutch elm disease and oak wilt, two diseases affecting the urban forest.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey; sons, Robert and Jon; granddaughter, Mary; and grandsons, Sam and Harris.

Esther Goffstein

Esther E. Goffstein, a longtime teacher at Murray and Como High Schools, died on December 21. "Madame" Goffstein taught French and English at Murray until the high school closed in 1979, when she moved to Como.

Mrs. Goffstein began teaching after 25 years of marriage. She received her B.A. from Macalester

and her Master's degrees from Macalester and St. Thomas.

Preceded in death by Albert, her husband of 45 years, she is survived by children, Robert and Brooke; and grandchildren, Sarah and Daniel.

Frederick Koelsch

University Grove resident C. Frederick Koelsch, age 92, died on December 24.

Born in Boise, Idaho, he received his Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin in 1931. He was a NRC fellow at Harvard in 1931-32. He served for many years as a professor of organic chemistry at the U of M. He was a member of St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen, and son, Charles. Survivors include son, John; daughter, Karen; sister, Dorothy Kickhafer; five grandchildren; and five nieces and nephews.

Jane Marrinan

Jane E. Marrinan died on January 2 at the age of 40. She had grown up in St. Anthony Park and had returned to live there the last several months.

She had earned her Ph.D. in economics from DePaul University in Chicago, then lived in Providence, Rhode Island, and Boston, before going overseas to Spain and Italy to teach.

Preceded in death by her father, Robert, she is survived by her mother, Lois; sisters, Patricia Solberg, Kathleen Prussing, and

Colleen John; brothers, Robert, Thomas, Paul, William, and Daniel Marrian; 14 nieces and nephews; and friend, Fabio Canova.

Edith McCarthy

Shalom Home neighbor Edith B. McCarthy, age 86, died on January 11. An accountant and CPA for the government for over 30 years, she traveled extensively in the Midwest and East. She was the oldest graduate of Elizabethtown College in 1989.

In 1993, Mrs. McCarthy moved to St. Anthony Park to live with her sister, Anne Kurz, and her family on Scudder Street. She was an active member of St. Cecilia's Church.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Mary Cheryl, and her husband, Charles; she is survived by her sister, Anne Kurz, and her family, Margaret, Fiona, Noah, and Tova Gardner; brother, Sydney; and friends, the Chris Scholl family and the Geis family.

William McDonald

Regents' Professor William Andrew McDonald, a longtime St. Anthony Park resident, died on January 12, at the age of 86.

Mr. McDonald was an archeologist and a founder of the Center for Ancient Studies at the University of Minnesota. He is known for his pioneering expedition to the Messinia region in Greece in the 1960s and for leading the Nichoria Excavation in southwestern Greece. He transformed the role of archaeologists beyond "finding stuff" to integrating scientific, historical, and social data of ancient life. He was honored in 1981 with a Gold Medal for Distinguished Archaeological Achievement.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth; daughter, Susan DePerry; grandson, William; and sister, Marjorie Currie.

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Highest House Price	\$348,000	\$337,000
Average House Price	\$175,454	\$179,413
Average Market Time	21 days	20 days

The Average Sale Price was 99.4% of the List Price.

There were only 3 houses that failed to sell this past year, compared to 10 in 1998.

The problem with statistics of our neighborhood is that the number is so low that the results can be badly skewed by a small number of high or low priced homes. The home that sold for \$35,000 was actually condemned, so we took it out of the average calculation. The next lowest sale price was \$96,000, and two homes sold for this price. What the statistics still show is that even in the very vigorous market that we had last year, selling a house was not necessarily simple or easy.

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Jonathon Farnsworth . . . from page 1

achievers but "self-motivated" and their parents were not pushy but seemed to have taught their life values to their kids.

Jonathon is a St. Anthony Park native, who attended St. Anthony Park Elementary School and Murray Jr. High. He graduates from Como Park High this spring.

Despite a broken collarbone, an injury in a recent hockey game while playing defense for the Como Cougars, Jonathon is remarkably busy. How does he do it? "I have to exhaust myself each and every day so I can sleep like a rock. Then on the weekend — I'm lazy." ■

SCHOOL NEWS

February will be a busy month at **Como Park High School**. Second semester classes begin on Monday, January 31. The St. Paul Parent Information Fair on February 5 is an opportunity for students and their families to learn more about k-12 schools in St. Paul. The event takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Roy Wilkins auditorium at River Center. The opportunity to visit Como Park High School itself comes up on Tuesday, February 8. Winterfest week, an annual event at Como High, takes place from February 7 to 11. Royalty will be crowned and the week culminates with a semi-formal dance on Friday February 11.

Murray Junior High students are reading thousands

of books as part of the Murray Reads Program. At the end of November, 52 students who had read 12 or more books by that point were rewarded with a pizza party.

The Spelling and Geography Bee results are in: first place in the Spelling Bee went to Wil Olsen and second place to Sunny Thao. These students will go on to compete in the District Spelling Bee. The winners of the Geography Bee were first place winner Nate Wells and second place winner Wil Olsen.

On February 10 there will be a special fundraising event for Murray Junior High School at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore at Har Mar Mall. Student groups will be performing and 20 percent of the book sales during the

evening will go to the school.

At **Como Park Elementary School** the Como School site based council is underway. On January 11 sixth grader Kristine Ongstad won the Como Park Spelling Bee. Thanks to Allen Dubeninski "tutor recruiter" for bringing in many volunteers from RSVP. Como is a great place to volunteer. Home schooling families who would like community experience are

welcome. Call Michelle Senjem at 293-8823.

Who says school lunches are boring? At **Brimhall Elementary School** the menu for students recently included sausage potato casserole from Croatia, couscous from Algeria, Israeli vegetable salad, cucumbers in sour cream and green beans almondine from Morocco, Libyan herb roles and Egyptian chocolate cake. ■

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