Painting captures the populist eye

by Natalie Zett

While growing up, Melissa Robinson enjoyed the affirmation she received for her artistic abilities. That was enough for the 29-year-old Carlow Avenue resident to continue exploring various visual expressions as a young adult.

"I had absolutely no internal need to do this," laughed Robinson, "I just enjoyed the praise from my family and other adults." In fact, she describes herself as "logical — really, I'm very much a black and white thinker" — not exactly an artistic temperament. But then there are many seemingly paradoxes in the tapestry of Robinson's life.

She smiles easily and speaks rapid-fire sentences when discussing spirituality, career and art — and how she integrates them into her life's work. She received her art training at several schools including Minneapolis College of Art and Design (MCA). She is a member of the Arts, Macalester, and at the University of Minnesota.

She stopped creating art though for nearly five years to do various stints in corporate America. "I did a lot of different things in retail management and I even sold used cars. Finally, I was working as a corporate recruiter — a head hunter," she said with a variety of clients — with salaries ranging in the $25,000 to half a million dollars a year brackets. She was, by her own estimation, "Very good at it." Robinson discovered that the big salary did not equal satisfaction in her work or life. "My sensitivities just aren't geared toward corporate life," she began to question what she was doing. "Then there were some constituents I learned growing up that just weren't true for me. I was taught to value success as measured by salary. I was finding that wasn't true for me."

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Match point: Neighborhood seeks funds for College Park tennis courts

by John Marino

Tennis court donations, tennis court donations, tennis court donations. That's the question members of the College Park One Project Committee have been asking St. Anthony Park residents as they scramble to collect funds to build two new tennis courts and a new ball court in College Park.

The currently-funded project in College Park — renovation of the existing playground —

requires that one of the two existing tennis courts be demolished. The second court could be added, but only if the entire courts complex is moved eastward about 30 feet toward Raymond Avenue. A new retaining wall also would be added along the east sidewalk, which parallels Raymond Avenue.

According to the city's present construction schedule, that might not happen for another three to five years.

The committee, chaired by Bob Munson, doesn't want to wait that long. Munson believes the minimization of construction noise, environmental disruption, and the city's most efficient use of its construction crews and funds.

The committee's goal is to raise $60,000 from individuals and grants and in-kind munson attended the monthly meeting of the St. Anthony Park Community Council on May 10 and asked the council to be the fiscal agent for the committee. As the Buge went to press, the council's executive director said he would decide if it would handle the project's finances for the committee.

But even if the committee raises the money, $60,000 may not be enough.

At a March 25 public meeting to discuss the playground project, residents asked John Wirka, principal designer in the St. Paul Parks and Recreation Department, Tennis Courts to page 5

Musicans Robin Fox and Nick Jordan entertain the crowd at the St. Anthony Park Arts Festival, which is set for Saturday, June 3, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Park Avenue Library later this year. The 4,800-square-foot building is located on the northwest corner of University and Vandalia, a site most recently occupied by Mill's Direct Service. The new full-service branch will have two teller windows, several offices, three drive-up lanes, an ATM, and a community room available for use by neighborhood residents.

According to President Rick Beeson, St. Anthony Park Bank has been looking for a branch site for over two years. "We know we wanted to expand," said Beeson, "and we knew we wanted to stay in the Midway area." The bank was pursuing and April, groundbreaking will take place in July, and the new building is scheduled to open in late December. St. Anthony Park Bank was chartered in 1916. The original building was located on one corner of Como Avenue, just east of Carter Avenue, where Children's Home Services is located. In 1974 a drive-up location was added at the corner of Como and Down, and the bank moved into its current headquarters at 2205 Como Avenue in 1987. St. Anthony Park Bank is one of three affiliates owned by Bill Reiling. The other two are Franklin Bank in Minneapolis and St. Anthony Park Bank, which is located in the park. St. Anthony Park Bank serves three main constituencies, according to Rick Beeson: individuals and families in the community, small businesses, and local nonprofit organizations. St. Anthony Park Bank's assets, currently $100 million, St. Anthony Park Bank to page 4

From musician to community organizer – Melissa Mathews

by John Marino

Musician Melissa Mathews will be performing. The accomplished musician is now making a different sort of art as a community organizer.

"I am an avid, avid champion of the citizen participation process," said Mathews, the newly named full-time community organizer for the St. Anthony Park Community Council (SAPCC). A resident of St. Anthony Park, Melissa has a master's degree in music performance from the violin and piano from Minneapolis State-Mankato. She used her considerable organizational talents to promote concerts and conduct orchestras. She now translates that experience into her new position.

"She is already working hard to meet people, and learning about various ongoing community issues the council and committees are working on," said Carol Madison, SAPCC executive director.

Mathews will keep the council's various committees informed of issues pertinent to the community. She also will be the recycling coordinator and help Madison with planning neighborhood events.

"Melissa is very friendly, loves to meet people, is persistent in following up for information, (and) quickly learning and studying concerns," Madison added. "She has good writing and communication skills, and her daily schedule is flexible."

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Ramsey County  
Recycling continues  
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As Ramsey County shifts its role in recycling, residents of St. Paul can expect little or no change to their service. The St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium (NEC) has been managing most of the city's curbside and apartment recycling for the past 15 years. Because this program is nationally recognized for its quality recycling and innovative public education and outreach, the organization has been working to ensure that St. Paul residents see no significant changes to their service after the county's facility shuts down.

State Capitol News  
Como Zoo wins funding while others left empty handed  
The 2000 Minnesota Legislature has wrapped up its work and thus far has looked like area projects and proposals that had community support met decidedly mixed fates. St. Paul, Ramsey County and St. Paul Public Schools officials were to meet May 31 and review the recently concluded legislative session, after deadlines for this issue of the Bugle.

One of the most-watched area proposals did make it through the process and onto the governor's desk. The long-awaited Como Park education center received $16 million. Project proponents had originally sought $21 million, but settled for the lower amount. The park, zoo and conservatory are badly in need of space for visiting students and volunteers. Many offices are housed in makeshift trailers.

Here's how some other area legislative requests fared:

- The University of Minnesota started $110 million for new facilities, including a $5.5 million microbial and plant genomics building for the St. Paul campus.
- The area's primary transit corridor did not receive any funding this session. The Central Corridor, which would pass through St. Anthony Park as it connects the downtown areas of St. Paul and Minneapolis, was bypassed in favor of a $44 million allocation for a dedicated busway in the Riverview Corridor between downtown St. Paul and Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport.
- Efforts to get dedicated funds for soccer fields, statewide and for Ramsey County, both failed to reach the goal. Ramsey County sought $5 million. That request was rolled into a larger statewide request, which was eventually dropped.
- A request for funds for Ramsey County Historical Society's Gibbs Farm Museum for $1.5 million was not approved. The society sought funding for a new interpretive center at the farm on Larpenteur Avenue. Before the session began, Governor Jesse Ventura indicated he did not favor local bonding requests.

St. Anthony Park  
Curfew Street's electronic gate gains STAR money  
As expected the Curfew Street project will exceed its $5,000 Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) grant by the St. Paul City Council on May 3. But supporters of five more projects got a welcome surprise when their proposals were approved. The added projects, which total $28 grants totaling $489,126, a $100,000 increase in the STAR fund, will be taken from the money that is dedicated for large STAR grants and the only STAR grants and loans will be reviewed this summer and approved this fall.

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The rezoning request was rejected because it is not consistent with the 1992 South St. Anthony Park Small Area Plan and with citywide plans. The small area plan calls for the property to be zoned for residential use. Since the plan was adopted by the City Council, industrial uses in the area have been restricted to be concentrated east of Carleton Street. West of Carleton, the development trend has been toward commercial and residential uses.

— JMC

Midway Stadium sound variance hearings have quiet audience

Call it the sounds of silence. Sound level variance hearings for concerts at Midway Stadium are not drawing the crowds to City Hall. No community members attended an April 26 St. Paul City Council public hearing on a sound level variance for a June 11 concert at the stadium at 1771 Energy Park Drive. Ward 4 Council Member Jay Benav's office had heard from only a few concerned constituents prior to the hearing.

Concert sound variance requests have drawn more complaints in the past, especially from parts of St. Anthony Park and the Hamline-Midway neighborhood. Benav attributed the lack of comment April 26 to efforts by the St. Paul Saints baseball club staff to do extensive community outreach prior to seeking sound variances. Loud and late-night music from past concerts has in turn raised complaints in recent years.

Another variance request was to be heard May 24, after the deadline for this issue of the Bugle. That hearing is for sound variances for concerts July 14 and August 26.

The sound level variances are needed because concerts at the stadium can exceed the city's noise ordinance. Concerts are usually held afternoons and evenings until 10 p.m.

— JMC

Corrections

The photo caption on page 3 of May's Bugle incorrectly identified Janet Qualle as Mary McKay. The photograph captured the ribbon cutting at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library. Our apologies to Mrs. Qualle and Mrs. McKay.

The amount of STAR grant application from the St. Anthony Park Community Council for the Curfew Street electronic gate was incorrectly written as $20,000, when the amount was $5,000.

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The St. Paul Public Schools deserves a "F" for putting Como Park Elementary, along with several others, on academic probation. As Bugle writer of the extralodly Judy Woodward reports on page 1 the institution landed on the district's bad list simply because student test scores weren't up to snuff. This policy is terribly misguided and needs to be abandoned, fast. Public education is always vulnerable to fads from modular scheduling in the 1970s to city-wide schools in the 1980s.

Testing as a means of measuring accomplishment is the latest trend. The only winner in the testing mania craze is the billion-dollar-plus testing industry, while students and teachers are left holding an empty piggy bank. True enough, students must be evaluated, but a variety of factors are important. Throughout our lives we learn that a cartoon character helps make a person worthwhile, such as intelligence, kindness, work ethic, public service, and so on. The same criteria must be extended toward students when evaluating their performance.

In a completely unrelated story, St. Anthony Park Bank President Rick Benson says, "We make decisions based on character, not just numbers." It's time that the school systems adopts this dose of old-fashioned advice.

Welcome Abu Nader

There is a new business at the corner of Como and Raymond avenues and it is known as Abu Nader Grocery and Deli. Workin for many years the store front was a terrible eye sore. The reverse is true today. Besides being a neighborhood convenience, the owner, Abu Nader, invested time and money into making his storefront lively. Our neighborhood is plenty with a small business inventories plenty. Visit Abu Nader soon.

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Letters

The latest news about the St. Anthony Park Tree Streetsure Fund (established last fall to raise money for this unique community investment) is that the Fund has received a St. Anthony Park Association Community grant of $500 to add to the $350 in donations already received. The tree in front of Park Hardware has been planted and is ready for carving (the Speedy Market tree will be replaced with a new tree). We are drawing closer to goal, but we still need your help. Please visit our table outside of the Park Hardware during the Arts Festival on June 3 and consider making a donation. We also need a designer! Stop by to submit a design idea and, if you're 14 years old or younger and your design is chosen, you'll receive a $50 cash prize for your winning submission. We hope to have the same artist who did the library's and many of the fargo's sculptures. We plan on unrolling the design and awarding the prize at the Fourth of July festivities. You can also mail donations to the SAP Tree Streetsure Fund c/o St. Anthony Park Bank, 2265 Como Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55106-1797. See you June 3.

Kest Schulte, M.D.
St. Anthony Park

It's a (tennis) court matter

At the 26th Community meeting at the Episcopal Church the College Park Plaza plan was accepted. The design and positioning of the playground was selected to impact on trees and open green space of the Park. In the compromise accepted, one of the tennis courts was lost. Mr. Wirka from the Park and Recreation (Design and Construction) Department indicated that the plan accepted was such that the tennis court and the remaining court and basketball area could be rebuilt by moving the courts closer to Raymond Avenue. Mr. Wirka said that the project could cost up to $55,000, but it could be four to five years before it would be done. To some of us that seemed much too long and unfair to the youth and adults using the courts. When asked if the courts could be rebuilt at the same time as the playground if funds were available, it was indicated that if the money was available by mid-summer, it could likely be done. An Ad Hoc group of 10 neighbors agreed to raise funds from the community and grants to rebuild the courts along with the playground installation. We in no way want this effort to delay the installation of the playground, which it should not. The Base Bid for the playground, however, must include an "Add Alternative" to remove and rebuild the courts when the bid for the playground is accepted. If this is done as One Project, it will minimize community and environmental disruption

Contributions for project should be written to the St. Anthony Park Community Council, with a memo note indicating it is for the College Park One Project account. Your pledge or check is needed before mid-July. Your help and cooperation is needed immediately to achieve our goal and get the courts rebuilt, along with the playground. So write your check today! Send it to the SAP Community Council Office at 800 Cromwell Ave., St. Paul MN 55114. Thank you for your help.

Robert D. Munn, task force chair

Creative marketing helps

Block Nurse Program

On behalf of our clients and the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program I want to thank you for your continued creative and innovative support.

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Lynn McLean, Program Director, St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program

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bank's new branch site as part of a revitalized University Avenue, an important link between the "Five Cities" that borders several neighborhoods in St. Paul. "TheMidway area, with its strong neighborhoods and freeway access, is very attractive to businesses," he said. "We're glad to be a part of this exciting development in this part of St. Paul." According to Beeson, his new branch office represents this bank's two most important commitments. "We want to be the best

bank we can be," he said. "And we want to focus on the neighborhood." Even though it will be opening Internet banking on July 1, Beeson sees St. Anthony Park Bank's distanceiveness as based on what it knows about people, not computers. "Local knowledge is important," he said. "We make decisions based on character, not just on the computer. We need to know our customers. For us, that means staying rooted in this community."
Tennis Courts . . .

however, Wicka then softened his skepticism about the project when he offered the following advice to the committee: "I knew the money was going to be there by September 1, I don't think there would be a problem trimming up the courts."

The cost of the tennis and basketball court remains uncertain. However, city officials estimate that the College Park enhancement may come with a $977,000 price tag.

Council joins geographic database

On May 10, the council voted unanimously to join a newly forming consortium of other district councils and neighborhood groups that would partake of Ramsey County's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) database.

Watter tower landscaping task force

The Environment Committee voted to form a task force to develop landscaping plans for the new water tower on Cleveland and Dudley avenues. The task force will look into involving University of Minnesota graduate students. Construction on the new tower will begin this fall.

2000 Bookstart Program

Bookstart, in its 30th year, is a two-fold program for children, ages 4-6. Through the use of stories and story-related activities, it develops an interest in reading, enhances vocabulary, and encourages imagination and creativity. Secondly, stories are used which address issues of self-esteem and cultural and ethnic awareness. This program lays a groundwork for school readiness.

Bookstart Program Information

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Holtman grew up in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood, daughter of Dan and Gaye Larson. She played volleyball at Langford Park starting in third grade. She credits her coach Roy Magnuson and a strong group of peer athletes for developing her interest and ability in volleyball. She continued to play volleyball while at Murray Junior/Senior High School. During her senior year she moved to Como High School, which was newly opened. She was a star player in volleyball, basketball and badminton for Como.

Holtman maintains ties to Texas through her husband, Tom, whom she met and married while living in Austin. They now live in St. Anthony Park with four daughters Lanie, Cyrie, Viola and baby Iris. For the past three years Holtman has been investing her skills in the next generation of athletes as a coach for girls volleyball teams at Langford Park.

While she believes that sports are important for all children, she believes that it is especially true for girls. “For me playing sports was excellent. I think that it builds self-esteem and self-confidence.” She added that in 1999 she was one of 25 St. Paul City Conference women athletes honored among the outstanding athletes of the City Conference’s first one 100 years. Except that women athletes have only had opportunities to compete for the past 25 years.

Volleyball enthusiast Kim Larson
Holtman is a new champios at Como High School’s Hall of Fame.
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The schools are busy tying up the school year with activities that celebrate learning and say farewell to graduating students. Students attending the St. Paul Public Schools will finish school by June 13. Students attending school in Roseville and Falcon Heights finish up by June 9.

Commo Elementary School will experience staffing changes when the new Collaborative Instructional Model next year. Another big change will be the all-day kindergarten. Commo congratulated Kelly Oster, Jessica Olsen, Chong Her and Kristina Oroust for their Honorable Mention in the State History Competition. Would you believe a cow will be visiting Commo soon? That and more fun is planned for the upcoming Farm Day. Commo would also like to express thanks to many dedicated workers who worked with students this year and to the Park Bugle for giving them a greater voice in the community. Happy summer wishes to everyone from the staff at Commo. 

**Commo Elementary**

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multiple indicators for success. The most current test scores for the school will not be published until later in the year, but Dybing suggests a simple comparison of test scores does not explain all the differences between high and low-scoring schools. "One out of four of our students receive Special Education, for a variety of reasons. Forty percent of our students are learning English as a Foreign Language, and it requires five or six years for a child to catch up to native speakers." Dybing questions whether its fair to compare scores between schools with different taking factors like these into account. She notes that unlike a school like Capitol Hill, Commo has a very large turnover rate among students. "Between January and March, we had 76 new students in a student population of about 800. Test scores," she contends, "don’t reflect continuous progress [here] because they’re not the same kids taking the test (in fall and in the following spring)."

Dybing emphasizes that Commo Park Elementary has great strengths as well as difficulties. "I haven’t worked with a more dedicated, hard-working staff. This is their calling. They’re committed to be supportive both emotionally and socially." When asked if faculty feel stigmatized by the probationary status, Dybing made it very clear. "We call ourselves a ‘priority school,’ not a school on probation," she says. "But yes,” adds, "I think the staff feel stigmatized. They’ve been working so hard, and this may make them think they’re failures...”

A young process, led by a young boy adorned in a flowered-beaded wheelchair, is making its way into her office. It’s May Day, and a delegation of Special Education students has come to being a May basket to the principal. The boy in the wheelchair solemnly proffers a tiny, slightly wilted bouquet, and, as Dybing leans forward to accept it, it’s immediately obvious what the real reward of her job are. Dybing can find it frustrating when management demands and bureaucratic deadlines force her to curtail direct contact with the students she loves. Sometimes, there are 19 messages waiting for her by 10 a.m. on a Monday morning, and they’re all just saying things like, ‘Hi Mary, I hope you had a nice weekend.’” she laments. “You have to be realistic [about what you can accomplish].”

Dybing points to success over the past year in continuing the separate programs addressing the differing needs of special education students at Commo Park. "We needed a clear focus, clearer expectations for staff and students,” she explains. Still, she believes this is one of the greatest strengths at Commo Park come from the school community itself. "The parents here are extremely committed,” she contends. Asian-Americans are the largest ethnic group in the school population, and Dybing says of the mostly Hmong parents, "They come to the parent-teacher meetings, they ask questions, they want to know about homework [policies]. Life can be very difficult for them, but when there’s a tragedy (as in the case of a family who lost both parents in a violent incident), you see the whole school rallying around, giving support. The children in this school are kind, generous and respectful to each other, and appreciative. When you’ve got that, there’s bound to be progress.”

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M y wife Patty is a happily irritable reader. There is a stack of books in progress next to her side of the bed. There is usually a half-read book somewhere on the kitchen counter or on the coffee table in the living room. And she always has a book to read whenever we travel in the car. And inside the back cover of every book she touches is written a list of words that she wants to look up. They may be words that are unfamiliar to her. They may be common words used in an uncommon way. Or they may simply words that intrigue her, for whatever reason.

The problem is that, when she is reading, she is seldom in convenient proximity to the dictionary. Oh, and we have a wonderful dictionary. The Random House Dictionary of the English Language. And it is a monster! It’s about six inches thick and weighs about ten pounds. It was given to us as a gift, and what a gift it has been! We keep it lying open on a dictionary stand in our family room. We consult it often, and it never fails us. But the Random House Dictionary of the English Language is not exactly the kind of item you take to bed with you. The sheer weight of it on your chest would have you gasping for breaths. And it is not the most convenient reference to take on a car trip. It would require its own luggage rack. So Patty dutifully writes those lists of puzzling words into the back covers of her books, knowing that by the time she has access to a decent dictionary, she will have lost touch with the context in which she read them.

We did buy a small paperback dictionary once, specifically to keep in the car. It was printed on very thin paper, in very small type, and promised on its cover to hold over 80,000 definitions. But on its very first outing, before we had driven a mere dozen miles, it failed to provide a definition for a crossword puzzle word. As the miles blurred past, we tried and tried again to wring success from this dictionary’s pages. But by the end of the day’s driving, we knew most certainly that this was not the dictionary we needed.

We have even tried those new little hand-held electronic dictionaries. We foolishly thought that these miracles of modern technology would hold the key to all linguistic mysteries within their tiny silicon hearts. But an electronic dictionary boasting 80,000 definitions seems almost a marketing stunt to hold fewer words than its paper counterpart.

You see, the boast of 80,000 definitions is a bit deceiving. It does not mean that it defines 80,000 words. Many words have more than one definition. Take the word “take”, for instance. Would you believe that our Random House Dictionary of the English Language has 125 definitions of the word “take”? 125! And that does not include the list of synonyms. So even if our paperback pretender contained only half of those definitions, it uses up a good number of those 80,000. And all for a word that I will probably never look up in the dictionary. Can you imagine yourself reading along in a book or newspaper, encountering the word “take”, and thinking to yourself, “Hrmn, I wonder what that means. I’d better go look it up.” I don’t think so.

But try looking up a word like “immured” on your standard OfficeMax electronic dictionary and you will discover its embarrassing limitations. “Immured” (confined, as within walls) is simply not there. Nor is “stroperturbation” (verbal abuse or castigation). Nor is “ineluctable” (not to be avoided, changed or resisted; inevitable). Now call me stupid if you want, but these are all words I have come across recently that were unfamiliar to me. I needed to look them up.

I do not need to look up “take”. Or “go” (to move along; proceed). Or “hat” (a covering for the head). Yet all of those words ARE in the dictionary. And they are taking up valuable space.

What we need is a dictionary that just has the hard words in it. You know, the words we might actually need to look up. In fact, the very first dictionary was just that. But then someone decided that “dictionary” should be defined as a complete collection of all words and their meanings. And so it became a gigantic warehouse, filled with a lot of stuff nobody really needs, with the treasures mixed in with the trash.

A dictionary of just the hard words seems like a good idea. It would be quite small and manageable, the perfect reference book for the bedside or the car. You’d think that someone like Merriam Webster or Random House, or someone over at Oxford, would have thought of it. But apparently not. So we are stuck with the choice between dictionaries that are full of words we already know, and dictionaries so weighty they could fill us in our deep. I understand frustration of this situation leaves me feeling so immured, I can barely refrain from stroperturbation.

So I guess I’ll just take my hat and go.
than 100 juried artists are expected — almost half of them are returning from last year. In addition to a fine assortment of poetry, photographs, paintings, fabric arts and jewelry, unusual new crafts this year include hand-made leather shoes, large mandalas made from dried flower petals, handmade items to pamper your pet and inspirational poetry written on the spot.

A one-day sale of used and withdrawn books at the St. Anthony Park Library returns from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the ground floor community interest room. Half of all proceeds from the sale will go to the St. Anthony Park Branch Library, and half will go to the St. Paul Public Library system. Donations of gently used books (no textbooks or magazines) will be accepted at the library up until that day. Volunteers will help set up during the week before, or to help at the sale by calling Rose Grignon at 644-0469.

A new children’s art activity tent is planned on the Luther Seminary lawn. Crafts include origami, painting, paper flower crowns and wooden crafts. The art tent was conceived by a group of neighborhood women who applied for and received a grant from the St. Anthony Park Association. Look for the familiar activities — water wars is back, the characters of the Renaissance Festival return, and a variety of food vendors will line Como Avenue. You can get involved by calling Arlene West at 644-0481.

Blood pressure check
Get your blood pressure checked on Thursday, June 8, 10 to 11 a.m., at the St. Anthony Park Library. The service comes compliments of the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, which recently won a grant from the St. Anthony Park Association to conduct monthly blood pressure clinics. The program also gives you the opportunity to ask a health care professional questions.

Gibbs Farm fun
Take a Sunday drive to the country this month and visit the Gibbs Farm Museum — an interpretive center in Falcon Heights run by the Ramsey County Historical Society celebrating late 19th-century life. On May 28, tea and tours are served in the shady spot, while June 3 celebates children through storytelling, games, and toys of pioneer and Native American youngsters. Then, on June 11, Father’s Day is observed with a display of vintage automobiles and June 25 spotlights dining, an old world approach to finding underground water sources. Don’t forget that on Saturday, June 10 and June 24, marks the presentation of the “The Spirit of Willie Gibbs” — a dramatic monologue by a Gibbs family member.

Gibbs Farm Museum is located at 2007 West Larpenteur, Falcon Heights, and its telephone number is 646-8629.

People
Norris Anderson, son of Teresa and Joel Anderson of St. Anthony Park, has received an Iron Range Scholarship. A student of Highland Park High School, he will attend the University of Minnesota’s Carlson School of Management through the Post Secondary Enrollment Option Program in his senior year and major in business management.

Rec Center events
South St. Anthony and Langford rec centers have several must-do events planned for children, including a bicycle tour, tennis camp, golf lessons, and more.

A bicycle tour for children, ages 12 and above, is set for Friday, June 16, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Bikes will be transported to Cannon Falls, where the youngsters will begin their journey to Red Wing. Helmets are mandatory. $10.

Visit the Minnesota Zoo’s IMAX Theater on Tuesday, June 5, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Park a lunch or buy one. The $12 fee includes transportation, zoo admission, monorail ride, and theater ticket.

Enroll in the Urban Tennis camp, which begins in June at Langford Park. Call 266-6400 to enroll.

Learn to play golf through Fairway Golf lessons for kids ages 10 to 18. Classes are set for Tuesday morning, extend for eight weeks, and conclude with a trip to a par 3 course.

Call Langford Rec Center at 298-5764 and South St. Anthony Rec Center at 298-5770.

Visit Dubuque
The Community Center at Lymphoesten invites you to visit Dubuque, Iowa, beginning on Monday, August 14. The three-day tour encompasses a Celebration Belle riverboat ride, stops in Moline, Illinois, Bettendorf, Iowa, and Kalona, Iowa, home of Amish and Mennonite communities. The trip costs $449 per person, double occupancy. Call Geri Ritz at 632-5330 for information.

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Abu Nader revives Como & Raymond

by Dave Healy

S

t. Anthony Park’s newest store is appropriately named. Abu Nader is Arabic for “the father of Nader,” and reading the grocery/deli at 2095 Como Avenue has seemed at times like becoming parents again for owners Bishara and Isabelle Alabouni. Nader is their oldest son. Now 21, he will graduate this month from St. Thomas University and then go on to medical school. Abu Nader, on the other hand, began its life just 4 months ago and still requires constant attention.

When the Alabounis bought the building on the northwest corner of Como and Raymond Avenue in October of 1999, it had suffered from years of neglect. and walls. New a tiled floor, white walls, ceiling tile, bright lights, and new coolers and display cases combine to create a space that patrons of the old Campus Grocerie and Video will hardly recognize. A garage behind the building will be shared by customers of Abu Nader and D & M Beauty Salon next door.

This is the second time the Alabounis have managed a grocery store at Como and Raymond. They came to Minnesota from Nebraska in 1978 with baby Nader in tow and got a job running the store on that corner when it was owned by Country Boy Graduate school at the University of Minnesota for Isabelle and another career for Bishara led them away from 2095 Como, but they never stayed far from the area. They lived in Commonwealth Terrace for a year and later bought a duplex just half a block south of Como on Raymond. Now they live on Pascal Street in St. Paul’s Como neighborhood.

“We’ve always liked this area,” said Isabelle about St. Anthony Park. “It has a small-town feel even though it’s in the city.”

Abu Nader is stocked with

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including a walk-in cooler. A shed was demolished and a dead tree removed to make room for a small parking lot behind the store that

Abu Nader is St. Anthony Park’s newest small businessman. Photo by Susan Oiler

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Local Boys find treasure amid trash
Otto Gockman and Joe Christopherson champion environmental cleanup at Kaunia Pond and find a cashy loot
by Judy Woodward

Local youths Otto Gockman and Joe Christopherson, both 15, turned up more than the usual assortment of cast-off junk when they participated in the community clean-up of the industrial area around Kaunia Pond in south St. Anthony Park on April 17th. In an episode that should inspire juvenile treasure hunters everywhere, they found cash. Several hundred dollars worth, in fact.

Gockman, age 14, an 8th grader at Murray Junior High, explains that he and his good friend Christopherson, 15, a 9th grader at Central, were helping his father, Terry Gockman clear the area behind the pond, when, "I noticed a white box, partially under water, at Joe's feet. It looked like a small refrigerator." To be honest the object out of the water and turned it over, but they didn't at first realize what they'd found. "It was a safe," says Gockman, "but it didn't look real. It had little plastic feet." Fortunately, at this point, their youthful curiosity was aroused, and they managed to open the mysterious object.

What they noticed initially was a terrible smell. Anything left half-submerged in a stagnant pond for a considerable period of time is likely to offer a little science lesson in the powers of biological decomposition. The boys could tell as soon as they wrenched the door open with a handy pitchfork, that the safe and its contents were not recent arrivals to Kaunia Pond. At first they thought the malodorous contents were just a "batch of junk," says Gockman, but then they noticed that, amid the empty bank bags, was a thick bundle of $10 and $20 bills. There was also a receipt book in the safe printed with the name of the Shars Club, a nightspot in Fridley.

The clean-up crew had just become inadvertent treasure hunters. Last month's discovery, may have been the most exciting find to turn up in the Kaunia Clean up, but it was far from the only noteworthy discovery. In the six years since the annual spring event began, volunteers have found sofas, bed frames and other furnishings. One particularly unusual discovery was a large TV-type block of lead. It was relatively solid as long as it was in the chill spring waters of the pond, but once it was pulled to shore, it began to melt in the hot sunlight, presenting clean-up volunteers with a true disposal challenge.

Sometimes the surprises at the spring clean-up, which is sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Community Council, are not even inanimate objects. One year, a staff member reports, the first volunteer on the scene found a lady of the night who had set up shop in the included, if smelly, precincts of the pond. She and an enthusiastic customer had apparently decided to extend business hours into the early morning, never imagining that her bowler of illicit passion was about to be overrun with eager customers ready to do their duty by the environment.

Gockman and Christopherson, who, fortunately for their youthful modesty, were NOT present for that discovery, were already partners even before they became treasure-hunters. For the last five years, the two have run Boys in Business, a booth at the annual St. Anthony Park Art Festival in June. Their stock varies from year to year, but says Gockman, "We make it ourselves." This year, they'll be offering homemade breadsticks and concrete planters. A spokesperson at Shars, who would give her name only as Cindy, confirmed that the business suffered a 'break' in several months ago and that the safe was probably theirs. Questioned about the possibility of a reward for the boys, she was noncommittal, "That wouldn't be my decision," she said.

Asked what they'd do with a reward, if one were offered, the boys offered contrasting reactions. Gockman says he would give any reward money to the Environment Committee of the community council. "After all, they organize the clean-up," he explains. Christopherson takes a different approach than his friend. He says, "I'd definitely take a reward. I think I deserve one. I could have just as easily walked off with the money, but I didn't!"

Gockman is the son of Terry Gockman and Jeannie Schacht. Christopherson's parents are Tara and Charlie Christopherson, both boys live in St. Anthony Park. 

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Her transformation happened after reading Natalie Goldberg's book "Writing Down the Bones: Freeing the Writer Within." She writes, "It changed my life forever. Natalie offered me my first introduction to Zen, which was profound enough, but it was the way in which she shared her growth that inspired me to reach beyond the world I knew then, I am eternally grateful for this book." Not long after reading the book, she quit her job and sold nearly everything she had. She began making art again. At first, after the freewrite pair of reciting, she found herself afraid of the unstructured time, wondering if the motivation would be there for her. However, those fears were mitigated quickly. "I was phenomenally prolific, producing a huge body of art in a short amount of time."

Robinson's skill in color theory and composition shows vividly in her art. She uses a variety of tools—"from colored pencils to textured ceiling paints—for her creations. She describes her work as heavily symbolic and perceptual. "I'm very much influenced by a variety of spiritual traditions, such as Zen and Native American. My work reflects that." Her images are often about business and people.

She also learned to set up a virtual gallery on the Internet. Although she originally designed her Website www.flyinglizard.com for friends and family, she was quite surprised to get 1,000 hits the first week.

Robinson's artwork simply hooks the viewer with its array of color and images that can only exist in dreams or imagination. Her work simply sings at the heart. Her compositions, such as "Faith, Hope and Healing," show a surrealistic, dreamlike spontaneity. Yet, upon closer inspection, reveal an engaging, even shadowy undertone. This piece depicts a woman wearing red dress and a dreamy expression who peers alongside a large brown buffalo, and a beautiful American Eagle suspended above them, keeping careful watch.

The very flat colors, reminiscent of Ukiyo-e prints, also translate into the vibrant burst oranges, reds, and browns in the grounds and tries comprising the landscape of "My Story." The central element of this week is a book sailing across the composition resembling a bird in flight with its pages as wings.

Fine art often has an unfortunate history of been available only to the wealthy. Robinson would rather create small, accessible pieces. She states, "My dream is to create work that is affordable, something people can hang in their apartments." She also envisions creating greeting cards, and journal covers.

She also began a new position as the co-director of admissions at the College of Visual Arts at 314 Summit Avenue. (The College of Visual Arts is a private, accredited, four-year college of art and design offering Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees in graphic design, illustration, photography and fine arts.)

"I absolutely love my job," exclaims Robinson. She's excited about a school that teaches people to make a living doing what they love.

Robinson has truly created a life where her avocation has become her life calling and where less is more ("I really don't miss my TV," she exclaims). Although she thoroughly enjoys her funky Carfew Avenue apartment, her only complaint is, "This is the only place where we can't get a pizza delivered because Dominos can't decide if we're St. Paul or Minneapolis." In her own words, Robinson summarizes her work on the first page of her Website.

"In my first memory I was drawing with a brown crayon on the wall above my crib. A rabbit wearing an apron. I accidentally drew him with both human ears and rabbit ears and got mad at myself when I realized what I had done. My mother liked him and left him on my wall for years."

I have studied art at every school, center, camp, and college within reach. Just trying to get back to that delicious feeling of drawing on the walls where I was two. I work only from imagination. Never from photos or scenes. I celebrate color and joy and the struggles of life, too. When animals find their way into my images, they come with the messages of Native American spiritual traditions. When people wander through, they are usually partly enlightened and partly confused. Like me.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1 Thursday
- Tat Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 10 a.m.-noon. Every Thursday. Call 298-5765.
- Toastmasters, U.S. Forest Service, 912 Welby Avenue, St. Paul Campus, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 649-5162. Every Thursday.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Planning Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cunswell, 6 p.m.

2 Friday
- Como Park recycling.
- Falcon Heights recycling.
- Northern Lights 4-H Annual Ice Cream Social, 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Park Bank drive-in lot, Como and Doulson. The public is invited.

3 Saturday
- 37th annual St. Anthony Park Arts Festival, Luther Seminary and St. Anthony Park Branch Library grounds, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- In Celebration of Children, Gibbs Farm Museum, 2097 Larpenteur, Falcon Heights, noon - 4 p.m.
- "Redressing Tradition: Hmong Clothing in Minnesota" opens at the Goldstein Museum, 244 McNicol Hall, 1985 Buford Avenue, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

4 Sunday
- In Celebration of Children, Gibbs Farm Museum, 2097 Larpenteur, Falcon Heights, noon - 4 p.m.
- "The Spirit of Willie Gibbs," Gibbs Farm Museum, 2097 Larpenteur, Falcon Heights, noon - 4 p.m.

5 Monday
- AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. 644-6809. Every Monday.

6 Tuesday
- Tat Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), Langford Park Rec Center (289-5765), 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Every Tuesday.
- Toastmasters (633-4153), training in effective speaking, Hewlett Packard, 2025 Larpenteur Avenue, 7:40 - 8:40 a.m. Every Tuesday.
- Como-Midway LeLoche League chapter discusses Baby Arrives! The Family and the Breastfed Baby, 7 p.m. Call 644-0302 for location.
- SAP Community Band (664-1579) rehearsal, Como Senior High, 7:15 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park Writers (646-4343) meet at lower level, St. Anthony Park Branch Library, Como and Carter Avenue, 6:30 p.m.

7 Wednesday
- St. Anthony Park Garden Club meeting, St. Anthony Park Library, 6:30 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park recycling.
- Full Council Meeting, St. Anthony Park Community Council, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cunswell, 7 p.m.

8 Thursday
- Free Blood Pressure Clinic and Health Resources, by the St. Anthony Park Health Nurse Program, St. Anthony Park Library, 10-11 a.m.

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

10 Saturday
- 10 Saturday "The Spirit of Willie Gibbs," Gibbs Farm Museum, 2097 Larpenteur, Falcon Heights, noon - 4 p.m.

11 Sunday
- Schaefer Dairy Days, Gibbs Farm Museum, 2097 Larpenteur, Falcon Heights, noon - 4 p.m.
- Junior High Night, Langford Park Rec Center (289-5765), 7:10 p.m. Parent permission required.

12 Monday
- Como Park recycling.
- Park Prep Inc., — Como Bugle — board meeting, St. Anthony Park Bank community room, 7 a.m.
- Falcons Senior Card Chili (488-3561), Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 1-3:30 p.m.

13 Tuesday
- St. Paul Public Schools, last day of school, K-12.
- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 7:30 p.m.
- Dr. Patricia Lawler discusses avoiding or reversing the effects of osteoporosis, naturally. Holly House, 645-6951, 6 p.m.

14 Wednesday
- Flag Day
- St. Anthony Park recycling.
- St. Paul Public Schools, last day of school for teachers and staff.
- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 7 p.m.
- Lauderdale recycling.

16 Friday
- Falcon Heights recycling.
- Full Moon

18 Sunday
- Father's Day

20 Tuesday
- Summer begins
- Falcon Heights LeLoche League discusses "There is a New Baby in Your Life," 7 p.m. Call 917-7578 for location.
- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 7:30 p.m.
- Lauderdale Planning Commission, City Hall, 1891 Walnut, 7:30 p.m.
- District 10 Board Meeting (644-3889), St. Timothy's Church, 1465 N. Victoria, Public welcomed and encouraged to attend.

21 Wednesday
- Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

23 Friday
- Lauderdale recycling.

24 Saturday
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the usual dry and canned goods, dairy products, and convenience foods. What sets it apart from other small grocery stores is the deli, which features falafel, gyro, hummus, tabouli, baklava, and other Middle Eastern delicacies. All sandwiches are made with pocket bread, which is baked on-site.

"All the deli items are my own recipes," said Isabelle, who works

Find Abu Nader grocery and deli at the corner of Coma and Raymond, where the business is open daily.

at the store most mornings. Food is available for take-out, and the small seating area accommodates eat-in diners. Fresh coffee and hand-dipped ice cream round out the menu.

Running your own store is more than a full-time job. Abu Nader's grocery story is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and the deli from 11 p.m. to 10 p.m. every day. But Isabelle and Bishara will be happy to settle into being just shop keepers. Remodeling an old building has taken more than they ever bargained for.

"Every time we finished one thing, we saw something else that needed to be done," said Isabelle. Bishara has had his fill of city inspectors and arcane legal requirements.

"We wanted to do this project right," he said, "and we have. Everything in the store is up to code. But it has been trying." The Allahabads had hoped to open the deli in April, but unforeseen complications and delays pushed that date back.

"We ordered a special oven for baking pocket bread," said Isabelle, "but they delivered an electric one instead of gas, and it was too small. I must have the right equipment to make my bread, so we had to order another oven."

Remodeling, like parenting, is a job that seems never to be done. Still, the Allahabads are happy to be here. "We want to invest something, not just in this building, but in the neighborhood," said Bishara, father of Nader. Abu Nader is a labor of love. □

**A r t s E v e n t s**

See Redressing Tradition: Hmong Clothing in Minnesota at the Guthrie Museum (University of Minnesota, 244 McNeal Hall, 1885 Buford, 612-624-7450) from June 4 through July 30. The exhibitions celebrates the 25th anniversary of Hmong immigration to Minnesota. Traditional Hmong clothing and current fashions borrowed from community members tell a story about a culture in transition. Through dress, this collection of contemporary clothing, far from being static, is fluid and dynamic and evolves in tandem with political and cultural change.

Hear Hello's annual spring concert on Sunday, June 4, 7 p.m., at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church. The concert features Bartok's Mikrokosmos, Liberios Lefter's Four on the flare, Ravel's Bolero, and Greg Therrien's Markles. Jazz tunes by Antonio Carlos Jobim, Yehouiss Monk, and Lennie Tristano also highlights the program.

The eclectic chamber music and jazz ensemble bands St. Anthony Park resident Mike Smith on the double bass and former Park neighborhood Joe Holmquist playing percussion.

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