Local legislators deal with redistricting decision

Hausman, McGuire reflect on personal, professional relationship

by Natalie Zett

While driving to work at the House of Representatives recently, St. Anthony Park resident Alice Hausman pondered the consequences of the state's recent redistricting plan. Every 10 years there is a redistricting based on census findings. Unfortunately, this one placed Hausman and Representative Mary Jo McGuire in the same newly created district. As a result, McGuire chose to resign rather than oppose Hausman, her longtime ally and colleague.

Pulling into her usual parking spot—next to McGuire's car—Hausman paused, staring at the bumper sticker on her friend's car: "So how are the children?"

Hausman said, "As I focused on Mary Jo's bumper sticker, I grieved over the loss of a voice for children and for education during a time when we need it desperately."

Rep. Mary Jo McGuire (DFL-District 54A-Falcon Heights) and Rep. Alice Hausman (DFL-District 66B-St. Paul) have been colleagues, friends and seatmates for the seven terms that each woman has served in the Minnesota House of Representatives. Throughout the years, the two have shared interests, personal histories and their work as state legislators, which for both Hausman and McGuire is as much a calling as a job.

Elected in 1988 and 1989 respectively, McGuire and Hausman are among the most senior women in the House. In an environment where seniority equals influence and where women are still underrepresented, McGuire's resignation is a blow.

At first, neither woman could believe it. "We never thought we'd be faced with a situation where we'd have to run against each other," said Hausman. Although briefs were filed, the redistricting plan was allowed to stand.

To add to the already distressing situation, McGuire's sister-in-law had just passed away, leaving behind three young children. Just two days after that loss, the final redistricting announcement was made. Since the new district would include 90

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Mary Jo McGuire and Alice Hausman discuss their personal and political futures after McGuire's decision to resign from the legislature.

Bell Museum officials consider moving from Mpls. campus

Two St. Paul campus sites considered

by Dave Healy

The University of Minnesota's Bell Museum, a fixture on the Minneapolis campus since 1939, may be headed for a new home. For the past year, the University has been exploring the possibility of renovating its existing building or constructing a new facility. Current plans favor a new building, and two locations on

be closer to each other."

Although the Bell Museum has always been associated with the University, it has a broader mission. "Many people are unaware that the Bell is the state natural history museum," said Lanyon.

An 1872 mandate by the Minnesota State Legislature directed the University's Board of Regents "to cause proper

"Facilities are a means to an end. Our goal as the state's natural bistory museum is to connect people with nature. We want to do everything we can to nurture a spirit of questioning and discovery."

-Scott Lanyon, director, Bell Museum



The St. Anthony Park Community Band is a fixture at the annual Fourth of July celebration in Langford Park.

St. Anthony Park Community Band celebrates 20 years

by James Beach

Communities all across the United States support the acoustical arts by forming performance groups that enhance the lives of adults while also entertaining and educating young minds. And though a neighborhood band may not be a novel concept, the St. Anthony Park Community Band remains distinctive for several reasons.

"We don't spend time fundraising for European concert tours or recording sessions," boasts the band's Web site. "Joining the band means playing music, not committee meetings."

Active from April through September, the St. Anthony Park Community Band rehearses Tuesday nights until June, when Presbyterian Home at Lake Johanna, Rose Point and Eagle Crest, as well as the occasional summer festival crowd, also benefit from the free concerts.

"We don't spend time fundraising for European concert tours or recording sessions. Joining the band means playing music, not committee meetings."

it begins to play weekly concerts throughout the summer at a variety of venues, including Lake Como Pavilion, Roseville's Central Park, Langford Park and Alden Square. A number of area retirement facilities, such as the St. Anthony Park Home, The idea for a neighborhood musical group emerged around 1980 among area residents who kept bumping into each other at various local musical programs. One of these people, Karen

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the University's St. Paul campus are being considered.

One site is at Commonwealth and Cleveland Avenues, where a parking lot is currently located. This area borders the "Great Lawn," a large green space facing Cleveland.

The other site being considered is at Larpenteur and Cleveland Avenues. That acreage presently includes soccer fields, greenhouses and the old Gibbs Schoolhouse.

According to Bell Museum Director Scott Lanyon, a St. Paul location would have several advantages.

"Most of the University departments that the Bell Museum collaborates with are on the St. Paul campus," he said. "There are 19 departments, 23 centers and 433 faculty located there that serve as resources for the museum. It would be nice to

specimens to be preserved for public inspection at the University of Minnesota, in rooms convenient of access and properly warmed, lighted, ventilated and furnished, and in charge of a proper scientific curator."

For many years, those rooms ended up being wherever the University had temporary space—Old Main, Pillsbury Hall, the Zoology Building. In 1939, the museum moved into permanent quarters in a newly built Art Deco building near Northrop Auditorium. A 1965 addition provided additional exhibit space, including the museum's Touch & See room, which was to become a model for natural history museums across the country.

But certainly the most famous feature of the Bell

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Como Park

There will be a groundbreaking ceremony for the new North Dale Community Center on Monday, April 29 from 4-5 p.m. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

On May 9 from 1-2 p.m. a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held to officially open the new pedestrian bridge in Como Park. The bridge crosses Lexington Avenue near the Pavilion. Dignitaries, a marching band and refreshments will be a part of the celebration.

Lauderdale

The Citywide Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, June 1 starting at 8 a.m. Residents are encouraged to register their garage sales with the city so that a map of all sales can be distributed. Call City Hall, 631-0300, to register for no charge. Free maps are available at

For those who wish to sell their items from the Social Room at City Hall, tables will be available for rent (\$10). This might be a good option for apartment dwellers or for others who have no garage. Refreshments will be available at the Social Room.

Contact City Hall by May 24 to register your sale or to rent

St. Anthony Park

The McDonald's on University Avenue has presented a new design plan for their remodeling. The new design takes into consideration concerns expressed earlier by the Community Council. The Council has seen and approved of the revised plan.

The Metropolitan Council will be making a decision this summer about mass transit options for the Central Corridor. Either a busway or light rail is being considered for University Avenue between the two downtowns. The St. Anthony Park Community Council has voted to advocate for light rail as the preferred option, with a station located within one block of Raymond and University.

In the Community Council election held in April, three delegates were elected to represent North St. Anthony Park: Chris Causey, Suzanne Garfield and Don Stryker. Victor Hanson and Nate Tracy will serve as alternates. In South St. Anthony Park, Ron Dufault and Bruce Kimmel were elected as delegates and Raymond Bryan as an alternate.

The Community Council has decided to establish a task force to explore ways to increase citizen participation in Council

Ramsey County

Ramsey and Washington Counties have finished soliciting input on public collection of solid waste. Public collection of waste is when a city, township or county provides or arranges for collection services on behalf of residential, commercial and/or multifamily housing waste generators. Materials collected can include garbage, recyclables, compostables (such as yard waste or food waste), bulky items (such as major appliances), household hazardous wastes, and tree and

The two counties have issued a report summarizing the public collection study. The report lists several ongoing problems:

- · Waste generation is
- · Recycling is stagnant or decreasing as economic incentives

to recycle diminish.

· Resources that could be put to a higher use through recycling are disposed in processing facilities or landfills.

· Key decisions are made with a focus on short-term costs or profits.

- Illegal dumping of wastes and associated environmental concerns continue in several
- Municipal concerns about truck traffic continue.
- Resource recovery costs are subsidized to compete with landfill costs.
- Resource recovery capacity is not consistently utilized.

The two counties received over 8,000 comments during the public comment period. Additional comments were recorded during various public meetings. Each voice mail, e-mail and comment card was recorded and categorized. From the public input, several contact lists were developed for people who requested feedback and follow-

Several themes emerged from public comments:

- The public strongly supports managing waste in a manner that protects health and the environment.
- · Research shows that public collection can be designed and implemented to address environmental, health and safety goals in Ramsey and Washington Counties. It can be designed to address public concerns about hauler choice, survival of independent haulers, competition, quality of service, cost, service reliability, and environmental and health goals.
- · Public collection exists in several forms in Ramsey and Washington Counties for recycling, yard waste, household hazardous waste and, in some municipalities, garbage. Public collection exists elsewhere in Minnesota and other parts of the United States, and operates to



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• Independent haulers strongly support having the Newport Resource Recovery Facility available as a place to deliver waste. However, the independent haulers oppose public collection even if it means the RRF could close.

• The waste industry is opposed to public collection but appears to be amenable to working in a public/private partnership to implement a hauler-collected service charge along with contracts and regulatory changes directed toward generators to accomplish the goals of public collection.

• The public is split on the issue of public collection.
Supporters mentioned decreasing garbage truck traffic, increasing efficiency, reducing costs, and supporting environmental, health and safety goals. Opponents expressed concerned about increased government involvement, retaining choice in selecting a garbage hauler, protecting small businesses and increased costs.

The report makes recommends that Ramsey and Washington Counties do the following:

 Move some or all current waste management service charges from the property tax statement to a new haulercollected waste management service charge, so that waste generators pay more directly for the waste they produce.

• Enter into long-term contracts with the waste industry

to assure delivery of the optimum amount of waste to the Resource Recovery Facility at a tipping fee appropriate to the market, and to create opportunities for composting source-separated organic wastes.

 Work with municipalities to adopt service standards that support the counties' goals and incorporate these into municipal policies and contracts.

 Continue to promote waste and toxicity reduction and recycling.

 Create and fund partnerships with municipalities and haulers to provide increased opportunities for disposal of difficult materials, such as bulky items and brush, in order to reduce illegal dumping and burning.

 Work with haulers and municipalities to identify violators of local mandatory collection ordinances, in order to assure that waste is being properly managed.

 Create and fund increased opportunities for households and small businesses to legally dispose of special wastes and hazardous wastes.

If these recommendations are implemented and good faith efforts in a public/private partnership result in progress toward the environmental goals, the counties do not recommend implementing public collection at this time.

However, if the counties cannot substantially achieve these recommendations, and a public/private partnership does not materialize and move the system toward the goals using these methods, public collection should then be implemented.

The "Final Report: Study on Public Collection" can be viewed at www.co.ramsey.mn.us/recovery/Public_Collection.htm.





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Writing our own stories

"Politics," we're often reminded, "makes strange bedfellows." The reverse is often true as well: Bedfellows make politics strange.

The story of fellow legislators Alice Hausman and Mary Jo McGuire vividly illustrates the strangeness of the political realm. Friends as well as colleagues, kindred spirits in the Minnesota House of Representatives, Hausman and McGuire recently found themselves potential antagonists owing to the vagaries of redrawn legislative districts.

The story could have made classic political theater: two allies forced to become opponents. Such a story would have fit well with our conception of politics as inherently agonistic. This would have been competition with a cruel twist, like sisters Venus and Serena Williams forced to do public battle on the tennis court.

But that story will have to be imagined. Mary Jo McGuire wrote a different one by bowing out of the race before it began. Instead of slipping into her role as reluctant combatant, McGuire took a page from another tale. She cast her lot with Melville's conflicted scrivener Bartleby and declared, "I would prefer not to."

McGuire's decision complicates our conception of the world of politics. We like nothing so much as a good fight, and we're accustomed to thinking of politicians as fighters. That assumption renders exquisitely ironic the story about McGuire that Natalie Zett includes in her front-page article in this issue. McGuire found herself an advocate for mixed-gender wrestling because of her reluctance to curtail athletic opportunities for young women. Yet McGuire herself refused to go to the mat against her sister representative.

The Hausman/McGuire story is a reminder that politics is a complex realm. We valorize its stereotypically masculine elements: competition, individualism, winners and losers. But politics is equally the art of negotiation, relationship building, compromise. McGuire's action illustrates that politics can even involve self-

It would be hyperbole to call this story a tragedy. Life will go on for Mary Jo McGuire. She is a versatile professional with other career options. She's not destined for the soup line. She can continue to make her mark in other spheres.

But this is a sad story nonetheless. It's saddening that our democratic political process sometimes pushes good people out of the picture. It's saddening that two capable, experienced politicians felt obliged to choose between themselves. It's saddening that the Minnesota House is losing a strong and articulate voice.

But representative government forces us to make difficult and sometimes painful choices. That's part of the price we pay for living in a democracy. And as Mary Jo McGuire would be the first to say, that's a price worth paying.

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We want to thank our community so very much for their enthusiastic support of the "Evening in Afghanistan" at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church on April 6.

St. Matthew's is a small, neighborhood church whose mission is to serve the local international community, and we are thrilled that the event was such a success. Approximately 200 dinners were served; people came from all over the city to attend.

We have heard such nice comments from people throughout our community, many of whom are not church members, as well as those who are. People said they were glad for the opportunity to learn more about Afghanistan and in some small way, perhaps, contribute to world peace.

It was such a joyous occasion! The food (from Da Afghan Express) was excellent, the Afghan music played by Nazir (a former refugee) was terrific. But most of all, we are grateful to Dr. Lakanwal for his lecture on Afghanistan and for the opportunity to learn more.

We are pleased to tell you that, as a result of this most successful evening, the church and the community were able to contribute approximately \$1400 to the Alliance for the Education of the Children of Afghanistan.

As a follow-up, we will be meeting with Dr. Lakanwal to discuss how we might interface with the Minnesota Center for Cultural Diversity. There are many ways we can learn from each other. Stay tuned!

P.S. Could this become an annual event in which all the area churches are involved? Readers, if you are interested in discussing this idea, please let us know.

> Abby Marier, event coordinator (plus many volunteers)

Hampden Park traffic changes

Susan Conner did a superb job of clarifying the sequence of actions that led to the alteration of two entrances to the Hampden Park neighborhood.

Sixty people petitioned against any changes when these alterations were first discussed. A recent survey done by an aggrieved resident shows that this opposition continues and has

Traffic counts did not indicate a clear need for the changes. Signage pollution at one entrance now obscures the charming view of St. Cecilia's Church as one enters the neighborhood. The other entrance has become a rear-end accident waiting to happen, caused by the narrowing and curving of Bayless Avenue as it meets Raymond Avenue.

If the principal concern is that some few nonresidents use Bayless Place as a shortcut on the way home in the evening, the simple expedient of making the short block of Bayless Place one way going west would suffice.

The alterations have negatively impacted the aesthetic appearance of both intersections. They have created a serious safety hazard at the Raymond Avenue site. They are an inconvenience to neighborhood residents.

The Community Council should accept the fact that this whole project is a failure and take steps to rectify the situation.

> Verna Beaver St. Anthony Park

Correction

An article last month about Embellish la Maison contained several errors. Marilyn Voigt's name was misspelled, and it was Voigt, not Lisa Wynn, who appeared in the photo that accompanied the article.

Also, the three women who started Embellish la Maison got the idea for opening a store after participating in a flea market held at the State Fairgrounds-not at the Minnesota State Fair, as the

Finally, although Embellish's tea room can be rented for special events, as the article stated, we should also have make it more clear that reservations can be made by individuals or any size group for afternoon tea, which is served at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The Bugle regrets the errors.

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percent of Hausman's present constituency, McGuire didn't have to think twice about her response.

"I decided to resign—only because I believe in Alice and have the utmost confidence that she represents my concerns too and will continue doing an excellent job."

"I didn't want her to make such a decision in the midst of grief," said Hausman.

"What I prayed for was an unagonizing decision, a clear vision," said McGuire. "And really, I was at peace with this."

"Still, we were crying and hugging each other," added Hausman. People probably thought it was about the redistricting. It was about life—and death. But I felt so responsible and so miserable. There is no joy in this."

McGuire, an attorney and college educator who also holds an M.P.A from the JFK School of Government at Harvard University, specializes in crime prevention, education policy, and family and early childhood education. Hausman, who holds an M.A. in education, also spent years in health care before becoming a legislator. She specializes in environment and natural resources policy, transportation finance and transportation policy.

"We sit together on the House floor, we support each other's areas of specialization, we park next to each other, we know each other's families and lives," said McGuire. "Alice knows more about me than probably anyone."

"We tag-team frequently. We

even finish each other's sentences," laughed Hausman. "She is passionate about the same issues that I am."

This turn of events also caused Hausman to reflect on the history of women in the Minnesota House of Representatives.

"They didn't even have a women's restroom in the building until the late 1980s," she noted. "We used to have to walk outside to another building. Before my work as a legislator, I spent many years in health care, where women held positions of power, so this was rather shocking. Although we often think of Minnesota politics as progressive, in terms of gender equity, there are other states, such as Kansas, where they've had a woman governor and women senators. Minnesota has been progressive, but we're lagging behind in gender equity.'

Hausman emphasized,
"Mary Jo's resignation is not just
a personal loss, but a loss for the
state of Minnesota. There are few
women in the House of
Representatives, and soon there
will be even fewer." (There are
currently 100 men in the House
of Representatives and 34
women.)

To give a fix on McGuire's personality, Hausman told a story:

"There was an issue that came up about mixed-sex wrestling in the schools. A woman had wanted to introduce a bill that prohibited it."

Said McGuire, "Now I have to say that I never really thought that much about wrestling."

"But Mary Jo is an athlete" added Hausman. "And she wondered if that proposition would then limit girls' options to wrestle at all."

"Well, I had to ask the question," said McGuire.

As a result, McGuire received many phone calls from young women who were involved in or cared about women's wrestling.

"Now I'm a wrestling advocate!" laughed McGuire.

Hausman pointed out, "The fact that Mary Jo asked the question in the first place shows her sensitivity to issues. You see that one person does make a difference, and the loss of this one person's voice is a loss to us all."

McGuire said, "After I announced my resignation, I got a lot of phone calls—as I know Alice would have had she made a similar announcement. I was really touched when an 82-year-old man called, saying that he'd never done anything like this in his life, but thanked me for being there, for representing him."

McGuire maintains that she sees a greater purpose in all of this. "Yes, there is life after Legislature, and I will be following my passions such as public policy and teaching at St. Kate's. I am a legal professional too and involved in national organizations."

While McGuire will most certainly stay involved and continue to promote positive changes, both women hope that people are now more aware that we need to have more women delegates.

Hausman concluded, "We can't rest on our past. And again, I hope that this situation encourages more women to throw their hats into the ring. The story's not over."





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Toastmasters helps speakers learn by doing

by James Beach

The symptoms: clammy palms, sweaty brow, quivering limbs, lost train of thought. Although these might be indicators of the flu or some other illness, they actually pertain to a more common phenomenon. The fear of public speaking causes many to feel suddenly, inexplicably and nauseatingly ill.

Public speaking can be debilitating and taxing; in fact, most performances generate some angst and trepidation. Unfortunately, no one has yet invented a cure-all for this type of phobia, though a solution does exist.

Students, business people and retirees have discovered that they can face the fear of public speaking directly by joining Toastmasters International. The 78-year-old nonprofit educational organization devoted to helping people improve public speaking skills has 200,000 members in 70 countries, with more than 200 clubs in the Twin Cities.

One such Toastmasters club, Dialoggers, meets Thursdays from 11:30 to 12:30 at the North Central Forest Reserve, 1992 Folwell Avenue, on the University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus. With gleaming paneled walls and a view of pines through a wall of windows, Dialoggers has a decidedly cozy, academic feel. Though faculty and students constitute the majority of the club's members, anyone can attend these community meetings.

Mary Barwise, recent recipient of the esteemed Competent Toastmaster Award, has been attending regularly for 10 years. "The diversity (of the international students) brings breadth and life to the group," the St. Anthony Park resident says. "The fact that members can bring their own lunches makes it financially comfortable to all."

The former English teacher says Toastmasters has taught her to speak more clearly and with better focus, which helped her earn her Ph.D. "It's the most honorable, most wholesome group I've ever belonged to," she adds.

For those with spare time in the morning, Early Words,

another area Toastmasters club, meets from 7:35 to 8:35 every Tuesday morning. Also open to new faces, they operate out of Hewlett-Packard, at Broadway and Highway 280 in Minneapolis. Comprising less than a dozen members, this group gathers around a conference table in a rectangular board room, simulating a business meeting.



Teri Heyer addresses fellow members of the Dialoggers at a recent noon meeting. Heyer's topic was "The Fabric of our Lives."

Kevin Bush, current head toastmaster of the Early Words club, says that "great speakers have a cadence and rhythm to their speech," something that can be gleaned by regular attendance at Toastmasters meetings. Elimination of "ums" and "ahs" as well as variation in sentence length are also instilled.

Three basic components constitute every Toastmasters meeting. Since on-the-spot speaking and thinking is mandatory in today's business world, a segment called "Table Topics" offers chances to engage in off-the-cuff responding. One can also present a longer "Prepared Speech" to inform, persuade, inspire and/or entertain. "Evaluations" then give the speaker positive and constructive feedback based on program objectives and personal goals. Variations on the meeting structure might include a humor segment or a word of the day, such as Early Words' latest: "propitious."

Originally conceived by Dr. Ralph C. Smedley in 1924,

Toastmasters began as a way to encourage young adults at the YMCA in Santa Ana, California to improve leadership skills. The favorable response led to the creation of similar clubs, and the idea quickly spread to neighboring cities, eventually reaching more than 3 million men and women around the globe.

Each club could be thought of as a "learn-by-doing" laboratory where a member progresses at his or her own pace using club-provided materials. Members begin by giving 10 basic speeches, honing listening and evaluation skills along the way. The advanced manuals, geared toward specific career or personal objectives, further refine public speaking ability.

Because members join at different times and progress at different speeds, each club represents a cross-section of the population, from the tongue-tied to the loquacious. Yet despite different abilities, all members share the same objective: Both the jittery newcomer and the expert old-timer want to improve speaking skills.

Toastmasters International also boosts creativity by offering a full range of speaking opportunities that encourage self-improvement and risk-taking. The mantra "practice, practice, practice" instills confidence by teaching preparation, appearance and thinking on one's feet. Through Toastmasters, one can learn how to successfully formulate, express and sell one's ideas and one's self.

Members suggest visiting several clubs before committing because each club has a different character despite similar agendas. Visitors can also attend a club more than once before deciding

Cost for membership is about \$50 a year, including materials. For more information about Early Words, contact Kevin Busch at 645-6675. For Dialoggers, call David Bengston at 649-5162. General information about Toastmasters International can be obtained by contacting Frank Mayers (488-7945 or 266-2390) or by visiting www.toastmasters.org.

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Cherrier Memorial Hall dedicated April 10 at Murray Junior High

Principal Winston Tucker spoke at the dedication of Cherrier Memorial Hall at Murray Junioir High School on April 10. Flags from 32 nations were hung in the front hall of the school in honor of Patrick Cherrier, Murray social studies teacher, who died on February 13, 2002.

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Museum has been its dioramas. These permanent displays of Minnesota flora and fauna have captivated several generations of museum visitors.

Lanyon makes it clear that the dioramas would still be part of a new museum. "Natural history museums are designed to be contemplative spaces," he said, and dioramas are consistent with that design. "The trick is how to make dioramas interactive, how to make the glass disappear."

That task would be facilitated by a more modern building, said Lanyon. He and other museum staff envision a much more flexible space. The dioramas would be more portable and would be augmented by a variety of interactive experiences integrated throughout the museum.

A new location would also enable the Bell to create some

outdoor environments, especially if the museum ends up at the Cleveland and Larpenteur site, where there would be room for several examples of Minnesota

"Facilities are a means to an end," said Lanyon. "Our goal as the state's natural history museum is to connect people with nature. We want to do everything we can to nurture a spirit of questioning and discovery. Our current building has enabled us to do that for over 60 years, but we have no room to grow and little flexibility in updating our capabilities to take advantage of new technologies and meet the public's expectations of a modern museum."

Current plans call for a building of approximately 70,000 square feet. This environmentally friendly facility would have high ceilings and moveable walls, as well as the potential for expansion. With it, the museum

anticipates doubling the number of people it serves.

So far, the museum's relocation plans have not been formally approved by the University's central administration. If that approval is made, the University can proceed to make a final site selection.

Of the two proposed sites, museum officials favor the Cleveland/Larpenteur one. That location would have greater visibility to the non-University community than would the Cleveland/Commonwealth site. It would also generate less traffic through the surrounding residential neighborhood and would more easily accommodate parking.

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Care for some salsa with those truffles, ma'am?

University Avenue boasts two new food-related businesses

by Amy Causton

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Mary Leonard owns Chocolat Celeste—French for "heavenly chocolate"—a truffle shop at 2506 University Avenue.

Leonard always dreamed of owning her own food business. She grew up in Highland Park and got a degree at the University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus in Foods in Business.

Leonard began her career working in food service, developing recipes and overseeing production. She became skilled in working with computers, which led to work in the technology field, and then she branched out into sales and management at MCI.

Meanwhile, she had begun making truffles to give during the holidays. After she lost her job at MCI, she was feeling ambivalent about taking another job offer, when someone who had tried one of her truffles asked her, "Do you sell these?" After thinking a moment, she replied, "Yes," and the next day, she incorporated.

She did about two months of research, training in advanced chocolate technology (the science of processing chocolate) and apprenticing with a master chocolatier in Vancouver. She also sampled her competitors' wares and went to trade shows.

"I bought a lot of chocolate and ate a lot of chocolate," she says. And while that might seem like the kind of research we'd all like to do, for Leonard it was hard work. You see, chocolate makes her sick, triggering her

migraines.

She initially made her truffles in a friend's commercial kitchen in Arden Hills and began officially selling them last July.

When she decided she needed her own place, she first looked for wholesale manufacturing space. When she couldn't find one she liked, someone directed her to the retail space on University, which turned out to be perfect.

"The energy of the building is really nice," Leonard says, pointing out that with all the other artisans and services in the building, including a printing shop and a basket designer, she has a built-in support network. Another reason she chose this location is that she wanted to stay in St. Paul (she lives on Cretin Avenue). She moved into the building December 1, opened to the public February 12 and held a grand opening April 19.

Leonard now has 11 people

working for her, mostly parttime. They usually do their chocolate production one day a week (currently Wednesdays); the rest of Leonard's time is spent administering and developing the business. She estimates that 75 percent of her job is sales and marketing, and adds that the hardest part of running her own business is "staying healthy; I'm a workaholic." The best part, she says, is the recognition she gets through her work.

Leonard's long-term goal is to build Chocolat Celeste into a national business. Currently 90 percent of her business comes at Christmas and Valentine's Day, but she hopes to develop a large corporate clientele for year-round gift giving. She also wants to work more with what she calls "varietal chocolates," exploring the subtle variations in chocolate much the way a connoisseur appreciates the distinctions of fine wines.

Unlike wine, which can be made from numerous kinds of grapes, chocolate is made with only two kinds of beans, which are grown mostly along the Ivory Coast of Africa and in South and Central America. The difference in chocolates comes from the processing—how the beans are roasted and fermented, how much cocoa butter is used etc.

Leonard is an authority on the different methods of creating and using chocolate. She has given classes on chocolate at her shop, and occasionally does special demonstrations to groups, as she recently did for General Mills, where she demonstrated the way chocolate is processed and packaged.

If you'd like to take a class, you can call the shop at 644-3823. Or you could stop by and sample one of the eight varieties of truffles Leonard makes: Roasted Almond, Coconut Creme, Golden Cinnamon, Irish Creme, Red Raspberry, Dulce de Leche, Key Lime and their signature flavor, Celestial Sweetie—a silky, rich filling inside a bittersweet shell. Leonard is able to achieve this silky texture because she uses fresh cream, unlike the more heavily preserved alternatives used to make shelfstable chocolates.

Chocolat Celeste is open to the public Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Another thriving food business on University Avenue is Lisa's Salsa Company, owned by St. Anthony Park resident Lisa Nicholson. Nicholson grew up in White Bear Lake and did undergraduate and law studies at the University of Minnesota.

She liked to make fresh salsa with her garden's bounty, and after being encouraged to try selling it, she loaded 120 jars into

her red pickup truck and went to the Minneapolis farmer's market, where they sold out in three hours.

That was the summer of 1992. The following year, Nicholson graduated from law school. She passed the bar but never did practice law. Her salsa business began to take over.

After plying her salsa (sold under the name Salsa Lisa) at the farmer's market for a while, demand began to grow. She expanded first into local food coops, then into Lund's and Byerly's, by offering to deliver the salsa herself, do in-store demos to support it and buy back unsold product. Eventually she found a distributor, after her outlets became so numerous that she found herself asking, "Am I a trucking company, or am I going to make the salsa?"

Nicholson originally prepared her salsa for the farmer's market in a kitchen she shared with a caterer in Columbia Heights. Her first employee was her mom, who helped her meet the rising demand. Eventually she incorporated the business, took on some private investors and built her own kitchen at 2140 University Avenue. She's been there about 10 months and finds the location ideal.

"I'm really familiar with
St. Paul and the Midway area,"
she says. "The Midway is a great
place to do business." Best of all,
the building is very convenient to
her home on Doswell Avenue,
and to her children's schools (two
attend St. Anthony Park
Elementary and one attends the
St. Anthony Park Co-op Nursery
School),

The salsa company operates on a weekly schedule. Orders come in by Friday afternoon, at which time Nicholson places orders for the fresh ingredients they'll need. Monday afternoon, the ingredients are delivered and prep work is done. Tuesday is devoted to making the salsa; if it's a busy week, they'll continue on Wednesday. The remainder of the week is spent handling business affairs and taking orders.

Nicholson feels that the best part of running her own business is the satisfaction she gets filling her orders from start to finish and getting them to stores by the end of the week.

She also enjoys creating a fun work atmosphere for her employees; she now has one fulltime employee (besides herself) and 12 part-time employees.

The hardest part of running her own business? "Having the ability to stay committed to it, week after week, year after year," she says. "People don't realize how much hard work that takes, how many hours."

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Learning to climb and climbing to learn

Former St. Anthony Park resident helps youth in Kyrgyzstan

by Dave Healy

Where do you go after you've been voted president of the sixth grade class at St. Anthony Park Elementary School? If you're Garth Willis, you keep right on climbing.

Willis, who grew up in St. Anthony Park, is the founder of the Alpine Fund, a nonprofit organization based in Kyrgyzstan that provides advocacy, education and mountaineering experience for homeless teenagers in the former Soviet republic.

Willis first went to Kyrgyzstan in 1995 to explore the possibility of an overseas teaching assignment and to try climbing the country's magnificent mountains. He found an opportunity to combine both activities.

"When I first came to Kyrgyzstan, I sensed a great deal of optimism," he says. "There was a lot of foreign aid flowing into the country, and people seemed hopeful about the future."

The longer Willis stayed, though, the less optimism he found. Foreign aid slowed, poverty increased and the Kyrgyzstanese increasingly reverted to pessimism and fatalism. Willis was especially struck by the attitudes of young people. More than half the population is under 18, and most of the country's youth have limited prospects.

After three years as a government aid worker, Willis was familiar with Kyrgyzstan's problems but frustrated with his ability to help solve them. He kept meeting kids in whom he sensed great potential but who were languishing after they finished school at age 16. In particular, Willis was taken by the plight of young people whose parents had left the country or become unable to care for their children.

"Most of these kids end up in orphanages," he says, "and they don't have a lot to look



St. Anthony Park native Garth Willis (center) and some members of the climbing club that Willis started and oversees in Kyrgyzstan.

forward to."

Willis knew that these young people needed both life skills and vocational training. He hit upon the idea of a climbing club, modeled on the successful U.S. program Outward Bound. A \$20,000 grant from UNICEF launched the Alpine Fund, which works with three orphanages and provides guided hiking trips.

The hiking experience teaches discipline and respect for nature. It can also lead to jobs as hiking guides. For example, one young women who participated in Alpine climbs is now working for the organization as a paid intern.

The Alpine Fund also has an educational component that draws on 25-30 volunteers from local universities who tutor in the three orphanages. Recently, Alpine sponsored an essay writing contest; winners got to take their essays to Parliament and meet government leaders.

Willis himself has managed

to combine education with his experience in Kyrgyzstan. The Alpine Fund formed the subject for his master's thesis in international education development at Boston University.

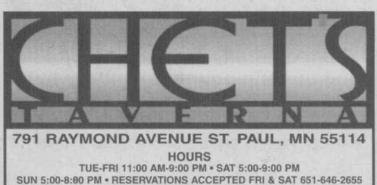
Now he's trying to decide what his future with the organization will be. "I want Alpine to be self-sustaining," he says. "But that means it has to go beyond me."

The Alpine Fund continues to build a base of financial support. "We've been doing this long enough now to have established a track record and some credibility," says Willis. "But, of course, we're always looking for contributions."

After spending several weeks in St. Anthony Park during April to finish up his thesis, Willis will return to Kyrgyzstan in May. Being home helped him focus his thoughts and recharge his

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The program will include the Midwest premiere of "Nine Episodes for Four Players," by Ned Rorem, a work commissioned in part by Music in the Park Series and the Schubert Club. Also on the program are works by Hindemith, Haydn and Poulenc.

The concert takes place at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Avenue. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door and \$10 for students. They are available at Bibelot, Micawber's or by calling 645-5699.

The Prevailing Winds Woodwind Quintet is in concert Sunday, May 19 at 7 p.m. at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Avenue. The concert features music of Klughardt, Holst and Jim Parker. Admission is free.

Members of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church will perform Once Upon a Parable, an intergenerational musical, on Sunday, May 5 at 4 p.m. at the church, Como Avenue and Luther Place.

The performance is free. An offering will be received at the door to help defray expenses. Call 645-0371 for more information.

Kindergarten Roundup

Como Park Elementary School hosts a kindergarten roundup Thursday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the school, 780 W. Wheelock Parkway.

Parents and children will be able to meet teachers, visit classrooms, tour the school and learn about the school's programs and curriculum.

Information booths will address questions about transportation, after-school programs, health care, registration and Como's Community Connections program.

Hmong interpreters will be available throughout the evening, and refreshments will be served. For more information, call the school at 293-8820.

Gardening

St. Anthony Park resident and renowned cottage gardener Judy Wehrwein will speak at the May 7 meeting of the St.

Anthony Park Garden Club. Her talk is entitled "Creating My Garden: From Vision to Reality."

The program begins at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the St. Anthony Park Library and is open to the public.

The Garden Club is organizing a Buckthorn Busters marching unit for the Fourth of July parade. If you are interested in participating, contact Ron Dufault at 647-0262.

The Garden Club is selling DIE BUCKTHORN SCUM T-shirts for \$10 as a fundraiser for this fall's buckthorn roundup. They can be purchased at the club's plant sale during the Art Fair on June 1 or by calling 644-7388.

Summer Programs

Merriam Park Community Services and the Northwest Midway Family Center host a Summer Program Information Fair Wednesday, May 1 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at 2000 St. Anthony Avenue.

St. Paul area youth and family agencies and recreation centers will be available to let families know about summer camps and activities for kids. Make-your-own sundaes will be provided. For more information, call Kris Otto at 603-6647.

Water Festival

The Capitol Region Watershed District, Black Bear Crossingson-the-Lake and the St. Paul Parks and Recreation Department sponsor a Como Lake Water Festival Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Como Lake Pavilion.

The event includes exhibits on lawn care, educational activities and games for families, fish and wildlife demonstrations, face painting, planting activities and a chance to clean up Como Lake.

Black Bear Crossings-on-the-Lake will host a free picnic lunch at 1 p.m. for those who help with planting and cleaning. Trash bags will be provided, but volunteers

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Como Park Living at Home Block Nurse Program will host a book signing and discussion on Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m.-12 noon at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 104 S. Snelling Avenue.

Pat Samples will lead a discussion and sign copies of her book, "Comfort and Be Comforted: Reflections for Caregivers." Samples has worked and volunteered with the chronically ill and their families for over 30 years. She is the editor of The Phoenix, a local wellness publication, and the author of "Daily Comforts for Caregivers" and "Self-Care for Caregivers."

For more information, call 642-1127.

Community Events

The Northern Lights 4-H Club hosts its annual pie and ice cream social Friday, May 31 from 5-8 p.m. in the parking lot of the St. Anthony Park Drive-up Bank at the corner of Como and Doswell.

St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church will host a Welsh hymn sing (Gymanfa Ganu) on Sunday, May 19 at 2:30 p.m. Singing will be in Welsh and English. Singers need not have participated in a previous Gymanfa Ganu to enjoy

The hymn sing is sponsored by the St. David's Society of Minnesota. Singing will be led by Mary Mergenthal. The church is located at Como and Hillside. Call 612-789-8923 for more information.

Sales

A rummage sale will be held at Holy Childhood Church, Pascal and Midway Parkway, on May 9 from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and May 10 from 9 a.m.-noon.

A yard sale will be held at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, 1795 Holton Avenue, on May 18 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Holy Childhood School, 1435 Midway Parkway, will hold a plant sale on May 4 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The sale includes annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs and hanging baskets.

YMCA Camp Widjiwagan and Camp du Nord will hold their annual spring garage sale May 15-18 in the Merchandise Mart building on the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. Hours are 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-noon Saturday. All proceeds go to the camps.

Como Park Conservatory holds a plant sale May 18 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Perennials and bulbs will be for sale. Proceeds support the Conservatory.

Recreation

Registration for boys and girls baseball, softball, T-ball and nearball takes place through May at Langford and South St. Anthony Recreation Centers. Cost is \$35 for baseball and softball (ages 9-14) and \$20 for T-ball (5-6) and nearball (7-8). Call 298-5765 for more information.

South St. Anthony will begin an open adult volleyball night starting Thursday, May 2 from 6:30-8 p.m.

People

At an award ceremony held April 23 at the Landmark Center, Langford Recreation Center recognized Charley Nauen and P. J. Pofahl for their volunteer efforts. South St. Anthony Recreation Center recognized Ron Dufault and Mary Lerman.

St. Anthony Park resident Deirdre Kramer has been named dean of the Graduate School of Education at Hamline University. Kramer had been serving as interim dean since June 2000 and previously served as associate dean for six years.

St. Anthony Park resident Andy Boss recently received the Legacy of Leadership Award from the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce for his outstanding public service to the St. Paul/East Metro area. Boss has been involved in a host of civic organizations for the past 35 years.

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Aging Gracefully by Mary Jo Tarasar

Since I started this column, I have asked readers for ideas on possible topics to cover. I want to thank everyone who has called or emailed. Most of the calls I have received have been from people who had very practical questions about home health care—how to set it up, costs and so forth. I will be covering this topic over the next two months. As always, if you have ideas for topics we could cover, please contact us at 642-9052 or sapbnp@bitstream.net.

Home Health Care Needs

People usually contact a home health care provider for one of two reasons:

- They have been hospitalized and require shortterm assistance upon discharge.
- They have ongoing health conditions that require regular home health care services.

This month's column covers home health care following a hospital stay. Next month we'll look at ongoing home health care services.

Getting Out of the Hospital If you know you're going to be in

the hospital, you can plan some things in advance that will make your homecoming easier.

It's important to realize that you may be unable to care for yourself as you are accustomed to after a stay in the hospital. You can plan for relatives and neighbors to assist you, but some kinds of help may not be appropriate or safe to expect from nonprofessional helpers. Some things should be done only by someone who is trained—like help walking or being lifted.

Hospital discharge planners often have huge caseloads and can't always give each person the time he or she deserves. They may assume that if you are married, your spouse can assist you after surgery. Clearly, if you are 85 and have had a hip replacement, it's unlikely that your 88-year-old husband can help you bathe, use the toilet and so forth. You should make it clear

when you arrange for your hospital visit that it is likely that you will need assistance when you are discharged.

Shorter Hospital Stay—Same Recovery Time

Hospital stays are shorter than they used to be. Ten years ago, you would have been in the hospital an average of 60 percent longer for the same treatment.

Most insurance plans will cover home health care following surgical procedures, but it's important to bring your needs to your insurer's attention before you go to the hospital. You may not need the support you line up, but it's far better to have it available to you and not need it than to need help and not have it arranged.

If you are over 65, you will most likely be eligible for home health coverage through Medicare if you are homebound following a hospital stay. Although a final determination of your status cannot be made prior to your surgery, you can be assessed at the hospital after surgery so that you won't have to wait at home without the help you need before your health condition is evaluated. Make sure to contact your insurance provider(s) so that you can keep out-of-pocket costs to a minimum.

Invest in Your Health

A surgical procedure is an investment in your future health, and you should protect this investment as you would any other. Careful planning can help. Contact your doctor's office and your hospital prior to your surgery to get their input on postoperative care. Contact home health providers that they recommend. Check to see what your insurance covers. Most of us in the home health service field would rather spend some time with you explaining your options in advance than to have you call us when you get home and be unable to assist you right away.

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A St. Anthony Park mother remembers

by Judy Woodward

Like many young parents, Dara Dokas liked to tell stories to her newborn baby. In Dokas' case, however, the storytelling didn't remain simply a fixture of baby Juliana's bedtime routine.

Juliana is now 4, and St. Anthony Park resident Dokas

has begun a new career. Her first children's book, "Remembering Mama," a picture book on grief and bereavement, illustrated by Angela L. Chostner, will be published in May by Augsburg Fortress Press. Another children's book, "Muriel's Red Sweater," has been accepted for publication later this year by

a West Coast publisher.

Remembering Mama did not originate during a bedtime story session, but Dokas explains that, in a certain sense, Juliana was the main inspiration for the book. The impulse for "Remembering Mama" arose out of a personal sense of loss that Dokas experienced.

"I haven't lost a parent," she says," but I am adopted. When I became pregnant with Juliana, I started having feelings of loss for the (birth) parent I never knew. Later, as a new parent, I began thinking, 'What if something happened to me?'"

Dokas noticed that there was very little available on parent loss for very young children, and so she crafted a story of a little girl and her father working through their grief at the death of the mother. "Remembering Mama" is a picture book, but Dokas refuses to allow it to be pigeonholed by category.

"It's geared for ages 4-8," she says, "but it's a powerful book for adults, too." At the back of the book, Dokas has added a list of concrete suggestions for dealing with grief. They're intended, she says, for children as well as family members of all ages.

Dokas, a lifelong Lutheran, did not at first include an overtly religious message in her book, but when she submitted the manuscript to Augsburg, she pointed out the subtle spiritual overtones in the story. "Augsburg rejected the book. They said the religious overtones were too subtle for them, but they invited me to rewrite it."

The final manuscript, says Dokas, contains a nondenominational spiritual message that makes the book a "nice crossover item in the religious market." Still, she does not consider herself primarily a

religious writer.

Her next book, "Muriel's Red Sweater," is the story of a duck who goes out for a walk and unwittingly unravels her bright red sweater en route. It has a thoroughly secular theme, which will, Dokas hopes, appeal to the winter holiday gift-buying

Photo by Lori Hamilton

public.

Although Dokas, 34, is a newcomer to the publishing scene, her interest in children's literature is a lifelong affair. Her initial love was drama, and you might say that her first creative work was script adaptation.

When Dara Sanders, as she was known then, was growing up in St. Anthony Park, just a block from where she lives now, she enlisted the neighborhood kids for impromptu shows, which they performed for whatever adult audiences they could recruit from among neighbors and parents. Veteran drama fans from the neighborhood may recall her star turn in a backyard performance of "Bartholomew and the Oobleck" circa 1975.

"I was the lead actor *and* the director *and* the script-writer" is how she remembers it.

Then came her first original play, "Intertwined," which she co-wrote for a school literary contest. She describes it as "an extension of 'West Side Story.' Maria was pregnant. Did you know?"

When she was in fourth grade, Dokas' family moved to Michigan. She finished school there and later attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, which is where she met her husband, Paul, a computer security expert currently working for the University of Minnesota. After college, the couple moved back to Minnesota and St. Anthony Park.

Dokas worked for the Children's Theatre and the PBS television show "Newton's Apple" for a few years, then became a teacher of English and drama at St. Paul's Open School. As a classroom instructor, she taught creative writing, and she remembers telling her students, "You have all the material for your stories already."

As a new mother looking for a creative outlet for herself, she decided to take her own educational advice. Now that her books are about to appear in print, she feels that her life has moved to a new stage. "I do feel my life has changed," she

explains. "I look at myself in a significantly different way. I realize this can be a career, and I'm treating it as a business, not a hobby."

Dokas is currently working on a novel aimed at 10-14 year-olds. She describes "Is This Paradise?" as a book about a girl's experience on a summer vacation with her family. It's set in Paradise, Michigan, a summer resort where Dokas and her family not so coincidentally

vacationed when she was in seventh grade.

As always, the book will be written with Juliana in mind. "My daughter," she says, "is my total inspiration. She thinks I write all my books for her. It will be interesting to see what she makes of her mom as a writer."

Dokas will read and sign "Remembering Mama" at 7 p.m. on May 6 at Bound to be Read Bookstore, 870 Grand Avenue in St. Paul.

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Hovland, was instrumental in getting the original group of musicians together. Later, organizing duties were taken over by longtime St. Anthony Park resident Gerald McKay.

McKay had played in the

University of Minnesota Band and was instrumental in starting the U of M Alumni Band. In addition, he had directed several bands throughout Minnesota, including the FFA Marching Band. In addition to playing the French horn in the St. Anthony Park group, McKay also managed

the affairs of the band for two decades, arranging concert schedules, initiating publicity, designing programs and seeing to financial matters.

At 93, McKay now prefers to appreciate the summer stanzas from the audience, though he'd like to play if he could. "My hearing isn't what it used to be," he admits.

In 1982 the St. Paul
Community Education Program
officially registered the
community group. Local grants
and contributions further funded
the organization, guaranteeing
the necessary equipment and
sheet music.

Members then appealed to the Roseville Park and Recreation director to help find someone to lead them. Though they had been practicing and performing for a couple of years on their own, they wanted to try more challenging material.

"Performing anything beyond a simple march needs a director," says the musically inclined Paul Husby, who heard about the St. Anthony Park band's auditions from his own band director. When offered the position of director, he gladly accepted the role.

Husby, a St. Anthony Park native, still conducts the community assemblage 20 years later, and has watched it grow from a dozen or so people to 35 enthusiastic musicians, receiving very little monetary compensation for his time.

"Directing has been a labor of love for Paul," says McKay. "The first few years he didn't receive a cent."

With an open-door policy and free membership, the Community Band welcomes anyone who wants to play in a supportive, informal setting. Over the years, architects, librarians, mechanical designers, engineers, accountants, consultants, homemakers, students, retirees and pilots have donned one of the group's signature blue jerseys.

Though mainly comprising neighborhood members, the band attracts people from all over the metro area. One player used to travel from New Richmond, Wisconsin every week to add his talent to the group. Eliminating auditions ensures the band will have ample recruits, though turnover is very low, according to Husby.

"Only about 10 percent of the members are new each year," he says. "The younger people tend to be the most mobile."

Often, family members make music together, generating some "intergenerational interaction." Teresa Anderson, St. Anthony Park resident and four-year band member, plays timpani and percussion alongside her two children and trumpet-toting husband, Joel.

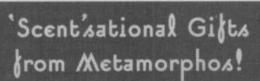
"Our music is challenging, and most of the members are adults, but we have always had some younger members," says Anderson, who co-created the band's Web site with Joel. "It's a good place for amateur musicians to make friends and play interesting music while providing a service to the community."

And what do they play?
"Mostly classical British
band literature," replies Husby.
"We also perform musical
numbers and movie scores."

With woodwinds, brass and percussion, the group is adept at many types of music, from Gustav Holst to Percy Grainger, Meacham to Seigmeister. By building a modest library over the years, the band has plenty of previously performed options, and new songs are added each season. Husby carefully selects the tunes for the eclectic playlist while keeping an ear open to repertoire suggestions.

"I know I can't please everyone all the time, but hopefully everyone will enjoy most of the music," says Husby.

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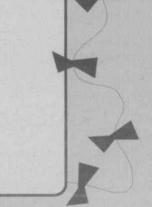
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Local family reinforces the Korean connection

by Michelle Christianson

Most of us would have no problem if a parent gave us a check to cover the cost of bringing our families to see the place where we grew up. For some, it would mean gassing up the car and driving to a nearby town. Others might have to make a short flight or even one that takes several hours. But what if the place was Korea?

Frances Homans spent the first 12 years of her life in Seoul, Korea. Her father went there as a part of the Agency for International Development and started a business; her mother worked for the U.S. military. Homans attended a Korean preschool and still has a photo of herself with her Korean classmates. She and her two older sisters, Rebecca and Nancy, spent every weekend exploring the countryside with their parents, eating Korean food, sleeping on floors (Korean-style) and finding their way along back roads.

One place the families particularly liked to visit was Chollipo Beach, a secluded nature preserve partially owned by an American expatriate, Carl Miller. Miller had bought much of the beach, developed an arboretum and moved in some traditional Korean homes in an effort to keep the area in pristine condition and save it from being developed. This was the area Martha Homans wanted her children's families to visit. She gave them the money for the trip in 1998, as she was dying.

At that time logistics were just not right for such a venture. As the years went by the idea of the trip got pushed to the back of her mind, though Homans still thought it would happen someday. Then last Christmas she received a card from Carl Miller inviting them to visit. Knowing that he had been quite ill, Homans felt it would be the last chance to see him. He suggested coming in the spring, and the trip was planned for the beginning of April. By an amazing coincidence, shortly after that Homans' daughter Martha brought home a letter from a new pen pal-who lived in Kumi City, South Korea.

Students from a private kindergarten in Kumi City had sent a packet of over 400 letters to St. Anthony Park Elementary School, inviting the kindergartners to make friends with Korean children. The principal of the Kumi school and her son, who is a law student at the University of Minnesota, had earlier visited St. Anthony Park Elementary and established a relationship with the two kindergarten teachers, one of whom is Jessica Wojcik, Martha's teacher.

Homans, knowing that the family was planning to visit the country, wrote to the principal of Kumi Kindergarten, Mrs. Kim



Martha Torstenson presents a letter to her pen pal, Seung-Hye, while Martha's sister Lisa looks on.

Dong-Chun, and they established their own correspondence. Mrs. Kim arranged for the family to visit the school during the trip, which also included visits to Seoul, Inchon and Chollipo beach. Homans' husband, Allan Torstenson, was able to get a proclamation from Mayor Randy Kelly proclaiming April 8 (the day of their visit) as Kumi Kindergarten Day. Kelly also signed and inscribed a book about St. Paul for the Kumi School.

Although Homans wrote again to Carl Miller, she didn't hear from him before the trip, but she made reservations to stay at the Beach Villa there anyway.

On April 2, Homans, her daughters Martha and Lisa, her husband and her two sisters (along with Rebecca's two children) flew to Korea. They spent two days in Seoul, where the sisters visited the DOD elementary school they had attended and looked around the army base.

"I had visited Korea briefly in 1980 on a visit to my father's former business partner and wasn't interested in going again," says Homans. "But this time it felt like a homecoming. My sisters remembered more than I did, and having them there made a big difference."

Homans was surprised both by what had changed and by what hadn't. "The people in Seoul were still interested in Westerners and made a big deal out of my children, touching their hair and taking their pictures. That hadn't changed. But there is construction everywhere! We got lost driving around the countryside—just like we did when we were children—but this time we got lost at high speeds on modern superhighways."

The children handled the attention pretty well, but the food and the toilets (a hole in the floor) were a challenge. In an unfortunate turn of events, Carl Miller died the day the family arrived so they were not able to see him, but the children enjoyed

the beach, as children always will. The "villa" turned out to be a three-story apartment building with no reception desk (and no towels). It was still an adventure that felt very familiar to the three sisters—just as they had experienced as children.

"Dinner at the Korean restaurant at Chollipo was a surprise. We had a hard time figuring out from the sign language (flapping arms) what the meal would be; then they brought out a live crab on a plate! The meal was crab soup."

Of course, the highlight of the trip was the visit to Kumi Kindergarten. Because they got lost on the way, they were 15 minutes late and had to rush into the program with no time for pit stop before sitting on the stage in front of the whole school. Children waving U.S. and Korean flags greeted them, many speeches were made, and after a question-and-answer period, Allan read the proclamation from Randy Kelly and both groups presented their gifts.

After staying the night in students' homes and eating traditional American and Korean food for breakfast, the families headed back to the school for the morning program. The girls wore their presents of traditional Korean clothing—as did the students at the school. The talent show the students put on included the flower dance that Rebecca and Nancy remembered doing as children.

"The people were so nice—they just treasure the children at that school," says Homans.
"They wanted us to come back every year and even asked us to host some visitors from Kumi City if they visit Minnesota."

One of the enduring pictures that Homans takes back is that of their children playing with the Korean children. "Children are the same the world over. They all get whiny, but they all face the world with exuberance."

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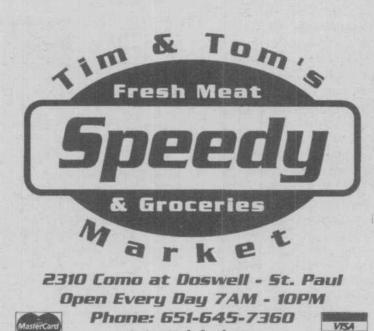
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batteries. "It lets you take a big breath," he says.

"Growing up in this neighborhood was a great way to get launched in life," Willis says. Going to St. Anthony Park Elementary, Murray Junior High and Como Senior High prepared him for pursuing a B.A. in political science at the University of Minnesota and his eventual M.A. at Boston University. His first job was washing dishes at Muffuletta.

The Alpine Fund also maintains a fiscal connection to St. Anthony Park. The organization keeps a reserve account at Park Bank.

Willis contemplates his return to Kyrgyzstan with both eagerness and apprehension. In recent months the country has become a political hot spot, and 3,000 Marines are expected in the capital city of Bishkek by June. The airport is being rebuilt for use as a military air base.

The mountainous terrain, the impoverished economic conditions, the strategic political significance of Kyrgyzstan all combine to create an environment worlds removed from the one Garth Willis grew up in. But it's a place where he has found an outlet for aspirations and abilities that were nurtured back in Minnesota.

"No matter where I live," he says, "I'll always be from St. Anthony Park."

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Grace E. Anderson

Grace E. Anderson died on February 11, 2002, at the age of 94. She was a longtime St. Anthony Park resident in two different houses on Chelmsford Street. In recent years, she lived in Venice, Florida.

Miss Anderson was born in St. Paul on June 8, 1907, the daughter of Hjalmar and Ida Peterson, who had emigrated from Scandinavia. Before retiring, she had been a secretary for 46 years for executives at Northern States Power Company in St. Paul. She was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

After moving to Florida in 1973, she resided at Harbor Lights, Bird Bay Village and Brighton Gardens in Venice. She and her sister Mildred lived together in St. Paul and in Florida and traveled extensively before moving to Brighton Gardens in 1998. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Venice.

Survivors include her sister, Mildred Anderson of Venice, and three cousins, Grace Diels of San Angelo, Texas, Kathryn Fetterman of Plymouth, Minnesota, and Elaine Bowler of Houston, Texas.

Myrl H. Bedbury

Myrl H. Bedbury, age 77, died on March 25, 2002. He grew up on Raleigh Street in St. Anthony Park and attended Murray High School with the class of 1943. After leaving school early to serve in World War II, he received his GED in the army. Mr. Bedbury was retired from the St. Paul Public Works Department.

He is survived by two sons, Hadley (Marcia) of Grand Prairie, Texas, and Curtis (Barbara) of Midland, Michigan; a daughter, Merrilee (Daniel) Carlson of St. Paul; seven grandsons, Dan, Mike, Ryan, Mark, Nick, Tim and John; and two brothers, Al Bedbury of Eugene, Oregon, and Floyd Bedbury of St. Paul. A funeral was held at Anderson Funeral Home on March 30.

John H. Hanson

John H. Hanson, a longtime St. Anthony Parkite, died on March 15, 2002. He was 89 years of age and had lived in the neighborhood for over 50 years.

Mr. Hanson retired aftrer 33 years as an airline mechanic for Northwest Airlines. He also ran a neighborhood business repairing lawn mowers and snowblowers. He was a parishioner at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Hanson; a brother, Carl; and a sister, Ellen. Survivors include his son, John "Jack" Hanson; a sister, Margaret; and many nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial took place March 21 at St. Cecilia's.

Helen Rose Latuff King

Helen Rose Latuff King died on April 3, 2002, at age 74. She was a resident of Como Park and a parishioner at Holy Childhood Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John C. King, Jr.; four brothers, Mike, Joe, Bill and John Latuff; and two sisters, Marie Nutzman and Bessie Prohofsky. She is survived by sons and daughters of John: Mike (Mary), Peggy (Greg), Ellen (Phil), Maureen Jacot, Brigid (Rex), Greg (Cindy) and Daniel; 13 grandchildren; and two sisters, Jane Behan and Alice (George) Friend. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on April 6 at Holy Childhood Church.

David O. Lindstrom

David O. Lindstrom, a resident of Lyngblomsten Care Center, died on March 29, 2002. He was 86 years old. Mr. Lindstrom was a member of Steamfitters Local #455 and Holy Childhood Catholic Church.

Preceded in death by his wife, Maggie Lindstrom, he is survived by a daughter, Kathleen; a son, David (Linda); and six grandchildren, David, Todd, Sarah, Ryan, Dennis and Amy. A Mass of Christian Burial took place at Holy Childhood Church on April 2.

Patricia L. Berry McKewin

Patricia L. Berry McKewin, a former resident of St. Anthony Park, died on March 13, 2002, at the age of 75. She had lived on both Raymond Avenue and Keston Street and graduated from Murray High School with the class of 1944.

She had lived in recent years in Minneapolis with her husband of 57 years, Robert McKewin, who also grew up in St. Anthony Park. They were members of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include her husband, Robert McKewin; three daughters, Molly Sigal, Barbara McKewin and Vivian McKewin; three sons, Daniel McKewin, Thomas McKewin and Steven McKewin; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother, Rev. Charles Berry, Jr.; and many other relatives and foster children. A memorial service was held at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church on March 18.

Helen Erlin Nowotny

Helen Erlin Nowotny, who made her home in Falcon Heights, died on April 8, 2002 at age 93. Mrs. Nowotny was a parishioner at the Church of St. Rose.

She was preceded in death in 1969 by her husband, Joseph A. Nowotny. Survivors include her daughter, Helen Ann Skogsberg of Falcon Heights; her son, Joseph C. Nowotny of Madison, Wisconsin; five grandchildren, Steven, Mark and Daniel Skogsberg, and Joseph and David Nowotny; and two greatgrandchildren, Claire and Michael. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Rose Church on April 12.

Georgia Garnet Rice

Georgia Garnet Rice, a longtime resident of St. Anthony Park, died at age 93 on March 23, 2002. She had lived in the neighborhood for over 50 years and was a member of St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church.

She is survived by three daughters, Jacquelyn Morrison,

Nancy Blader and Barbara (Thomas) Chapman; a son, Greg (Martha) Rice; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a brother, Gerald (Lila) Smith; and two nephews. Funeral services took place on March 28 at St. Anthony Park Methodist.

John C. Rowland

John "Jack" C. Rowland died on March 12, 2002, at the age of 76. He grew up in St. Anthony Park on Hendon Avenue and graduated from Murray High School in 1943. In recent years, he had lived in North Oaks.

He was known as a man who lived for his country, his family and his friends. He practiced law for 35 years in St. Paul, 29 of them at Rowland and Mertensotto. He received the Bronze Medal of Honor in World War II after the Battle of the Bulge.

Preceded in death by his wife, Bettie Park, Mr. Rowland is survived by his wife, Jean Carnes; a brother, Robert; a nephew, James Robert (Elizabeth) and their children, Alexander and Julia; two nieces, Betsy (Jeff) Lance and Jean (Keith) Storey and their children. Evan and

LaRaine H. Rydell

LaRaine H. Rydell, a Falcon Heights resident, died on April 3, 2002, her 63rd wedding anniversary. She was a parishioner at the Church of the Holy Childhood.

Preceded in death by her husband, Stanley Rydell, Sr., she is survived by three sons, Roger (Dottie) of Lancaster, California, Stanley, Jr., (Susan) of St. Paul, and Bruce (Mardie) of Hopkins; 12 grandchildren; and 17 greatgrandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Childhood on April 10.

Arla G. Smith

Arla G. Smith died on February 27, 2002, at the age of 89. She was a resident at Lyngblomsten Care Center and a member of the Falcon Heights United

Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester L. Smith; a brother, Gilbert Smith; and a sister, Florence King. Survivors include two sons, Leroy (Marion) Smith and Roger (Pat) Smith; a sister, Irma Whitaker; and a sister-in-law, Joyce Smith. Funeral services were held at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ on March 2.

Enos W. Wooding

Enos W. Wooding, a former resident of St. Anthony Park on Ludlow Street, died on April 5, 2002. He was 88 years old and had lived in recent years in Lake City, Minnesota.

Mr. Wooding was a retired St. Paul Police Department lieutenant. He is survived by his wife, Katherine Wooding; two daughters, Barbara and Mary; and a son, Stephen.

Lucille W. Ashworth

Lucille W. Ashworth, 89, a lifelong area resident, died on March 25, 2002. She had been a member of Mount Olive Lutheran Church for over 50

She was born on August 22, 1912, and grew up in south St. Anthony Park in a house built by her father and his brothers on the corner of Curfew and Franklin. She worked at her parents' grocery store on Franklin down the hill from their house and later in the payroll department at the Emporium Department Store.

In 1948, the family moved to 1493 Almond Avenue in the Como Park neighborhood, where she would live for over 50 years, taking care of the house alone after her husband, Charles Ashworth, died in 1974. In May, 2001, she moved to the Lyngblomsten Care Center, where she spent most of her final year. Mrs. Ashworth is survived by her two sons, James Ashworth and Thomas (Linda) Ashworth, as well as nieces and nephews.

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1 Wednesday

- Women's Connection, a job networking organization (651-481-6925), Hubert Humphrey Job Corps Center, 1480 Snelling, Building #1, 8 a.m. Every Wednesday.
- Leisure Center for Seniors (651-603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. Every Wednesday.
- St. Anthony Park recycling.

2 Thursday

- Tot Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), South St. Anthony Rec Center (651-298-5765), 10 a.m.noon. Every Thursday.
- Toastmasters (651-649-5162), U.S. Forest Service, 1992 Folwell Ave., St. Paul Campus, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Every Thursday.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 6 p.m.

3 Friday

- Storytime for preschoolers ages 3-5, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m. Pre-registration requested. 651-642-0411.
- Senior Citizen Fun Group (gym, bowling and darts), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 9:30-

11:30 a.m. Every Friday. (First Friday, blood pressure clinic by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program,

Falcon Heights recycling.

6 Monday

- AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church (651-644-0809), 8 p.m. Every Monday.
- Boy Scouts, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 7 p.m. Every
- Walk-in library catalog training, St. Anthony Park Library, 2-2:30 p.m.

7 Tuesday

- Tot Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), Langford Park Rec Center (651-298-5765), 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Every Tuesday.
- Toastmasters (651-645-6675), training in effective speaking, Hewlett Packard, Broadway & 280, 7:35-8:35 a.m. Every Tuesday.
- St. Anthony Park Community Band rehearsal (651-642-1559), Como Senior High band room, 7:15 p.m. Every Tuesday until June 4th.

8 Wednesday

- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave., 7 p.m.
- Leisure Center for Seniors

(651-603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. Free blood pressure clinic by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program.

9 Thursday

- Full Council Meeting, St. Anthony Park Community Council, South St. Anthony Park Rec Center. 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.
- Free blood pressure clinic and health resources by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, St. Anthony Park Library, 10-11 a.m.

10 Friday

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11 Saturday

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13 Monday

- Como Park and Lauderdale recycling.
- Walk-in library catalog training, St. Anthony Park Library, 2-2:30 p.m.

14 Tuesday

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

15 Wednesday

- Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park recycling.

17 Friday

- Storytime for preschoolers ages 3-5, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m. Pre-registration requested. 651-642-0411. Program ends for the season.
- Falcon Heights recycling.

18 Saturday

■ FARE For All food distribution and registration at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 651-644-8833, 2323 Como Avenue, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

20 Monday

■ Book talk: "The Mozart Season" by Virginia Euwer Wolff. Parents and children are encouraged to read this book together. Professor Warren Gore will lead the discussion. St. Anthony Park Library, 7 p.m.

21 Tuesday

District 10 board meeting, 7 p.m., Black Bear Pavilion, LL.

22 Wednesday

- St. Anthony Park Community Council Housing and Human Services Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 5:30 p.m. Environment Committee,
- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave., 7 p.m.
- Leisure Center for Seniors (651-603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. Free blood pressure clinic by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program.
- Slide presentation: "China Today" with Dr. Gene Young. St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m.

28 Tuesday

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

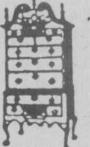
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