Berger puts running experience to work in state auditor's race

by Judy Woodward

When Dave Berger tells you that he's running—hard—for election, he's not just making a conventional political remark.

Not only is Berger running for office, he's also just plain running.

Every chance he gets, the Como Park-based Green Party candidate for state auditor does running shoes and shorts and enters another event. He runs as if crossing each finish line will somehow bring him another lap closer to elected office.

Berger says that he has competed in at least 18 foot races all around Minnesota since he first announced his candidacy last spring.

Spectators at area running events have gotten used to the sight of the lanky 39-year-old constestant and his "Team Berger" of friends, family and supporters as they take the field in everything from marathons to neighborhood fun runs.

Berger may not be the most hardy-trained, the best-funded or even the most thoroughly prepared candidate for the somewhat obscure office he seeks, but it's hard to see how anyone could be more physically fit for the rigors of the campaign trail.

Even his Web site (www.bergerauditor.com) sports a photo of Berger working up a healthy glow under the caption: "Run, Dave, Run!"

Running, however, isn't the only thing that ten Berger apart from the other candidates for the state auditor's seat.

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Emerald Gardens groundbreaking set for fall

Housing development demonstrates St. Paul-Mpls. collaboration

dave Healy

A new housing development on the city's border between St. Paul and Minneapolis has created an unusual opportunity for community groups from the two cities to cooperate in monitoring a major project through the long process that leads from an initial vision to a completed set of buildings.

This fall, developers Wellington Management, Inc., and Hugh Associates will break ground for Emerald Gardens, an urban townhome and loft development on Emerald Street, the border between St. Paul and Minneapolis. The 96 two-level townhomes and 120 one-level lofts represent a first step in St. Paul's recently declared commitment to create 5,000 new housing units in the city by 2006.

Wellington's original plan for an office park on the site eventually gave way to the idea of a housing development. The units range from one to three bedrooms, from 860 to 1358 square feet, and from $170,000-$340,000. They will have either porches or balconies, and heated underground parking.

"I don't think there needs to be competition between industrial use and housing. There's plenty of room for cooperation."

—Brian McMahon, executive director, University UNITED

According to Tanya Bell, director of acquisitions and development for Wellington Management, Emerald Gardens will provide a buffer between the two cities. "We think it will help soften the transition from a residential neighborhood in Minneapolis to an industrial area in St. Paul," she said.

Emerald Gardens is an unusual development because of its location on the border between the Twin Cities and its proximity both to a residential neighborhood in St. Paul and to the city's downtown. The project is adjacent to the University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus, and within walking distance of the light-rail transit service.

Kids Voting-St. Paul is reaching out to 70,000 students in St. Paul's public, charter and private schools this election year as it teaches and demonstrates the importance of voter participation and whole-family involvement in the democratic election process. Students whose teachers use the curriculum will learn about the electoral process at a pace that suits the grade level.

They will take the message of civic involvement home as they ask their parents questions about carrying out their voting rights and how to register to vote.

On Election Day all children can accompany their parents to the actual polling places and vote in a special Kids Voting poll using a ballot similar to the actual ballot (though theirs may include photos of the candidates). No child will be turned away from the polls. A child may vote even if his or her parent is not a citizen. Children in eighth grade and older may come to vote unaccompanied by an adult.

The Kids Voting experience is meant to replicate the real voting process as closely as possible, to connect students and parents in civic education, and to promote voting as a valuable family and community event.

"Voting is our most important right," said Kids Voting-St. Paul Executive Director Roberta Bobbi Megard. "The extension of voting rights to all citizens is a cornerstone of Kids Voting. The act of voting without regard to ethnicity, economic status, religion or gender unites us as a community every Election Day. Kids Voting assures sustained, systematic attention to civic education in the classroom, the community and the family."

Kids Voting is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots organization that was started in Arizona in 1988. The idea began when three Arizona businessmen went to Costa Rica on a fishing trip and learned that Costa Rica enjoyed a voter turnout rate of about 80 percent. This high turnout was credited to a tradition of youth visiting the polls with their parents on Election Day. Kids Voting USA was created with the goal of developing lifetime voting and citizenship habits in youth.

There is a lot to be done. The United States ranks only 139th out of 163 democracies in voter participation. Nationwide voting statistics show only a 36 percent turnout in 1998. In 2000, there was a 50 percent turnout, only 32 percent of those ages 18-24 voted.

Statistics also show that more than 50 percent of American children live in families where adults do not vote, according to Kids Voting.

Research on Kids Voting effects on the children, however, gives reason to hope.

Stanford University's Dr. Steven Chaffer found that a student in Kids Voting classes didn't just increase the likelihood of a parent's simple voting, it also seems to have increased the parent's competence as a voter in a variety of important ways. Chaffer concludes that this effect on parents is strongest among families of lower socioeconomic status. He suggests that a child's involvement in Kids Voting provides a "second chance" at political socialization for those parents who have fallen behind their peers in political participation.

In 1998, the University of Kansas study showed 18-year-old former Kids Voting participants voted at a rate 8 percent higher than that of nonparticipating peers. Kids Voting community organizations have seen their overall adult voter turnout increase from 3-5 percent.

Kids Voting began in Arizona, is now in 41 states. It started in Duluth, Minnesota in 1994 and in St. Paul in 2000. There are now 40 chapters in Minnesota. Thirty-five Minnesota school districts will be participating this year.

As a private nonprofit, Kids Voting depends on local partners, donors and volunteers.

Kids Voting-St. Paul has received help from the city, the St. Paul Foundation, Wells Fargo, 3M, Ecolab, Rotary, Liberty State Bank, St. Anthony Park Bank, Western State Bank, Minnesota DFL, St. Paul Federation of Teachers, St. Paul Schools and the Midway Chamber of Commerce. The Pioneer Press is providing an offset printing grant. Megard is seeking additional individual and corporate donations.

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COMO PARK
A District 10 community meeting will be held on October 15 at 8 p.m. in the Como Elementary School cafeteria. The agenda includes a presentation by the school’s Playground Committee.

The school recently initiated a multi-faceted fundraising campaign to replace existing playground equipment. Efforts by staff, students and parents last year netted approximately $12,500. This year the school has set a goal of raising at least $20,000, which will enable Como Elementary to solicit matching funds from district and community resources. More than $12,000 is needed to build a new playground.

Community support and approval is necessary in order to confirm fundraising plans. All interested residents and businesses in District 10 and District 6 are encouraged to attend the October 15th meeting.

Lauderdale
Julie Ward is running for the Minnesota House of Representatives in District 54A, which includes Lauderdale and most of Roseville. A Roseville native, Ward currently lives in Lauderdale with her husband, Mick, and their four children.

Ward’s legislative interests include education, transportation, natural resources and restraining the business climate. She advocates replacing the state’s Profile of Learning with grade-level standards developed by teachers.

Ward has a B.A. in biology and education from St. Olaf College and a J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School. She has helped run a small family business and has done agronomy research at the University of Minnesota. She is on the board of the Roseville Living at Home/Block Nurse Program and has served as a Park or Community Involvement Committee officer, PFA officer, and leader in ministries to women, single mothers, children and youth.

Lauderdale’s annual Halloween Party will be held on October 31 from 5-7 p.m. at City Hall. There will be a haunted maze, hot dogs and candy available.

ST. ANTHONY PARK
Children’s Home Society will begin raising the old bank building at their Como Avenue location on October 7. Mullinax Restaurant plans to rebuild the part of their building that currently connects to the old bank building. New handicapped access will be a part of that construction.

The St. Anthony Park Community Council will join the Macalaster-Groveland Council in their appeal of repair permits that allow the rehabilitation of structural elements on neighborhood billboards. Those permits conflicted with provisions of both communities’ sign plans, which had been enacted into law by the St. Paul City Council. The city issued permits after the repairs had been done, contrary to regulations of the special sign districts. The billboard on the east side of Raymond Avenue, south of Energy Park Drive, could be affected by this appeal.

The Community Council has established a task force to develop plans for integrating aesthetic improvements at the intersections of Bayless Avenue, Raymond Avenue, Bayless Place and Cromwell Avenue.

While supporting the concept of new housing on University Avenue, the Community Council opposed the specific locations identified in the University UNITED Housing Plan until comprehensive planning is done for these areas. The Council expressed specific concerns about inserting housing in an industrial area and about potential traffic issues related to high-density housing development.
Exercise center promotes health, fellowship

by Michelle Christianson

I have a new passion in my life that gets me out of the house three times a week, increases my heartbeats, and leaves me hot and sweaty. But before you get any ideas, let me tell you what it is: Curves for Women.

Last summer I had seen the signs (who could miss them?) in many towns on the way to our cabin, but really didn't have any idea what they were all about. Was it a rival to Victoria's Secret? A driving school? Recruiting stations for women's softball leagues? I was curious, but not enough to stop and find out.

Then in the fall, I noticed that several of the women I hadn't seen all summer looked slimmer, fitter than the last time I had seen them. They credited the loss inches and increased energy to Curves, a workout program just for women. Ahh! The workout plan! But I didn't feel that I needed the program. Yet.

However, when the newest area franchise opened on Larpenear and Snelling and a friend asked me to join her in a workout, I decided to find out for myself what happened in that little room. And I was hooked.

The first thing I noticed was that not everyone there was young and thin — too much variety. There were plenty of women who looked like me (and so many) and that made me feel much more comfortable than I had felt in some other places.

The atmosphere is friendly and supportive. Everyone applauds when someone has lost weight or inches, and that competitive thing about who can go fastest or longest isn't there.

The program is structured so that you take an hour a day. You get both aerobic and strength training by alternating working out on the cardio machines and running on the treadmill. As one friend put it, "it's exercise for people with short attention spans."

Just when you think, "Well, that's enough of that," it's time to move to the next station. Yet, by circling the room three times, you've done enough to feel that you've had a pretty good workout. Then five minutes of cool-down stretches and you're out the door. Forty-five minutes from the time I leave home, I'm back in the door.

Many of us tend to go at the same time of day, and so have gotten to know a bit about those I exercise with. And because we all come from the same area, I already know some of them as friends and neighbors.

There are other older women who just want to stay trim, those of us in middle age fighting the battle of the budge, young mothers who want to lose "baby weight" and even young girls who come with their mothers.

We talk about vacations, the Fair and entertainment possibilities in the Twin Cities. Some days we play Trivial Pursuit as we move from station to station. The time passes pretty quickly.

Franchise owner Vicky Fisher was one of those new mothers trying to lose weight she had gained with her first child. Kennedy a year and a half ago. After losing 9 pounds and 14 inches in four weeks, she felt "in love" with the program.

She was inspired by how much women liked to come and how supportive the atmosphere was. In short, she became so passionate about it that she wanted to help other women find the same satisfaction that she did with Curves.

But when Fisher looked up the Curves International site on the Internet, she found that the area was saturated with franchises and was unable to open a new one. So far, there are 7 franchises available in this time in all of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

However, after redistricting last January, a new territory opened up and Fisher was able to help the franchise with the help of Women Venture. The location opened in May and already has five part-time employees and 345 members. Because of the short workout time, some franchises are able to accommodate up to 1,200 members.

"We're lucky to be on the fourth-floor intersection in Minneapolis," says Fisher. This visibility, along with ads in the Roseville review and the Bugle, has helped her surpass her membership goals for the summer.

Fisher has also fulfilled her goal of helping others. She's really excited to see women "get it" when they see that it's not about how you look, but how you feel and how healthy you are. And she says, "You can see it in their eyes when they lose inches and start feeling stronger — it's a great feeling."

Curves for women is a doable program for all ages. A woman in Brooklyn Park still works out at 59, and children as young as 10 are junior members (at a reduced price). Anyone can replace body fat with muscle.

There is also a real emphasis on doing things the right way. Every eight minutes we all check our pulse rates to make sure they are within safe guidelines, and employees constantly monitor us to see that we don't hurt ourselves on the machines.

The routine is so healthy that Fisher, now eight months pregnant with her second child, can still work out at Curves three times a week.

What did you think about my body fat? Well, after the initial measure I didn't really think about inches or pounds. What I noticed is that my knees don't bother me like they used to and I can make it up fairly steep hills on my bike without stopping. And I'm pretty sure that my calves are smaller. I think.

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This land is your land, this land is my land

Paul Gruchow, who at age 55 speaks for other middle-aged Midwesterners, has written that his is the last generation to have a direct link to the farm. Those of us who are over 50 may have memories tied to real farms, but they grow more distant and more people now encounter farms only indirectly, through pictures or words. Like the narrator of Dylan Thomas' "Fern Hill," we "walk in the farm forest." Our increasing estrangement from the farm illustrates our larger relationship with the land. In a country where civic rights were once tied to land ownership, not only rights but also wealth is now less and less connected to property.

Yet we know that we are no longer tied to the land like our ancestors were. Land use continues to change large in our consciousness. Not being land owners ourselves, we take an active interest in the disposition of public land. And in so doing, we confront the implications that beset any attempt to negotiate the dynamics of shared ownership.

For example, how much public land should be protected from human interventions? This is the focus of groups such as the Nature Conservancy. Other organizations, like the Trust for Public Land, profiled in this issue, ask a different question: How can land be preserved for human use with only minimal development?

And what of development in the city? What's the right mix of industrial, commercial, residential and recreational development in a large metropolitan area like the Twin Cities? What are the consequences of transforming an industrial area to a residential one, as is being done in the Emerald Gardens development at the St. Paul-Minneapolis border?

Redeem your living room and you only have to consider the effect on your housemates. Change the landscape, though, and you affect everyone in the city.

In Austin Tappan Wright's fictional utopia "Islandia," the preindustrial Islanders never cut down a living tree without considering the effect on the surroundings. What will the landscape look like without this tree? Nor is that kind of question confined to the natural world. As New Yorkers learned last year, a city's losing a prominent part of its skyline can feel like losing part of its identity. Just whose land is it, anyway?

In "The Gift Outright," Robert Frost wrote,

The land was own before we were they were.
They were our land more than a hundred years
Before we were their people.

Frost's poem makes no acknowledgement of the Native Americans whose claim to the land long predated any by his New England forebears. The people of the city sometimes fight with each other over claims to territory, their more pervasive ethic recognized the limitations of ownership.

In the words of Chief Seattle, "How can you own the sky? How can you own the rain and the wind? The earth does not belong to us. We belong to the earth. What we do to the earth affects all those and daughters of the earth.

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Thanks for the support

Thanks to everyone who helped sponsor my participation at the 2002 Backman/DeGraaf on August 25. Through your generous contributions, my running partner and I raised $3375 for the University of Minnesota's Children's Cancer Research Fund. Although we didn't set our records, we did finish the race and are planning on doing it again next year. Again, thank you to everyone who contributed. You helped make a difference in the lives of children.

Adam Seely
St. Anthony Park

SSAP Booster Club

The South St. Anthony Park Booster Club would like to thank those neighbors who attended our Ice Cream Social on September 8 and enjoyed free ice cream, music, pony rides, story telling and magic. The turnout was what we expected, but it was so much more...a good time.

The Booster Club supports activities at the South St. Anthony Rec Center by providing equipment, funding programs and keeping the Rec Center viable. We meet four times a year to decide what projects to fund. Club members raise funds by hosting bowling tournaments and parking cars at two St. Paul Saints games.

Last year we surveyed south St. Anthony Park residents to gather ideas about what they would like to see at the Rec Center. One request was to increase the hours of operations. We have determined that being open full time rather than partial time would require an additional $30,000. That money could also be used to keep the Rec Center open in the event that the Parks and Recreation budget is inadequate for maintaining the Rec Center at its current level of operations.

We solicited donations from 53 local businesses. Each business was asked to make a pledge by the end of August so that we could go to the Council's September budget meeting and demonstrate support for the Rec Center. Sad to say, we received only one pledge.

While this attempt to raise money didn't work, the Booster Club will continue to look at other fundraising methods. Additionally, we will continue working to keep the Rec Center open as many hours as possible.

If you would like to help in this ongoing effort, please attend our next meeting on Monday, November 4 at 7 p.m. at the Rec Center. For more information, call 642-1937.

South St. Anthony Park Booster Club
Adaline Dunn, Chair

C O M M E N T A R Y

by David MacKenzie

The Job Corps program began in 1964 as a unique partnership between business and the federal government. As part of Lyndon B. Johnson's "War on Poverty," Job Corps aimed to serve young people between the ages of 16 and 24 who fell below federal poverty guidelines and who needed further training and education.

The partnership is based on a contractual relationship between the U.S. Department of Labor and private, for-profit companies that operate the Job Corps Centers for an agreed-upon dollar figure. These contracts are highly competitive, and contractors who fail to perform up to the expectations of the Department of Labor can (and do) lose the contract to another operator.

The contract is funded entirely with federal money and includes administrative costs, free room and board for students, free tuition, supplies and a food fee for the center operators. Today, there are 118 Job Corps Centers in the United States, and about 95 are operated in this manner. The rest are run by other federal governmental agencies—the U.S. Forest Service, for example, or the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

All Job Corps Centers have as their mission the training and job placement of young adults aged 16-24 whose annual income falls below federal poverty guidelines. Centers provide academic and vocational instruction, as well as social skills training in a residential setting.

A recent longitudinal study conducted by the Mathematica Corporation for the Department of Labor showed that Job Corps return 2.02 for every dollar spent—one of the most cost-effective Federal programs ever. As a result, the Job Corps program enjoys widespread bipartisan support. George W. Bush signaled his support by calling for a funding increase for Job Corps that was $75 million higher than the increase asked for by the Department of Labor. The program is currently funded at approximately $1.4 billion nationwide.

Our own Job Corps Center here in St. Paul—the Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Center—was opened in 1981, and has been operated by the Visnella Corporation continuously since 1984. Center contracts must be re-bid every five years, and the Humphrey Center is up for re-bid this year. The Humphrey Center has a student population of 290, with a staff of 108, and serves roughly 425 students during the course of a year.

For the past six or seven years, the Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Center has been one of the highest performing centers in the nation. All Job Corps Centers are ranked according to the success of their students—how many workers who were eligible received a high school diploma, for example, or how many who completed their vocational training subsequently obtained employment, at what wage and for how long. There are 11 performance measurements, and an overall score is expressed in percentages. The most recent year ended June 30, 2002, and the HHFC Center finished at 101.1 percent—good for the top in six out of the last seven years, a record only three other Job Corps Centers can match.

David MacKenzie is the director of the Hubert Humphrey Job Corps Center.

An invitation

The Board of Directors, Park Press Inc., cordially invites all Bugle readers to their Annual Meeting on October 20 at 3:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the St. Anthony Park Library. Refreshments will be served.
Local women run to aid search for cancer cure
by Antonie Young

Each year, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society organizes an athletic program called Team in Training to benefit the ongoing search for cures for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma. Athletes run or walk a marathon, or cycle a "century ride," meeting fitness goals while aiding in the goal to cure blood-related cancers.

The Society’s mission statement notes, "Team in Training is a comprehensive endurance training program . . . to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The goal of Team in Training is to increase funding to support the Society’s mission." Each trainee commits to raising a certain amount of sponsored funds for their marathon or ride, while working through a comprehensive training program in preparation for the event. Athletes who join Team in Training dedicate themselves to improving their own health as they work to assist in finding a cure for various diseases. For many trainees, however, the choice to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society stems from very personal reasons.

St. Anthony Park resident, Ginger Behe, joined Team Dublin this year, a group of about 30 members of the Twin Cities’ Leukemia and Lymphoma Society chapter who chose a marathon benefit. In November 2001, Behe’s father passed away after suffering from many forms of cancer for years. In particular, he battled chronic lymphatic leukemia, a blood-related disorder.

"It sounds harsh to call it deadly, but it is always very serious," said Behe. The week her father died, her mother began chemotherapy for lung cancer. She survived, but Behe noted, "The fall and winter were pretty dismal that year."

That January, as she was heading out to a trade show, Behe’s husband suggested she begin running to benefit causes. Behe had been running off and on for years. "The trade show was grim. Then I noticed the booth across the aisle, the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. I nearly fainted," she said.

At first, Behe thought starting training in the spring of 2002 was too early. Then, when she caught wind of the 2002 marathon in Dublin, "I was sold," Behe said. "I thought, that’s what I have to do."

In addition, she is Irish and her father was as well. "I can’t bring him back. What I can do is lace up my shoes and tell everyone about what I’m doing. It’s my way to feel positive when I start to feel helpless," she said.

The Dublin 26.2-mile race will be Behe’s first marathon, but she wants to run 10K races on her own.

Team Dublin leaves the Twin Cities for Ireland in late October, the marathon taking place October 28. The approximately 30 Twin Cities participants will meet up with the hundreds of other team runners from across the nation who raised money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Each athletic event has a specific fundraising goal for each team member. The Dublin marathon goal is $4,000 each. Currently, Behe is at $4,000. When it came to collecting money for the event, she procrastinated. "I wanted to see how well my training went. I was nervous about tackling a marathon. Once I was running 12-12 miles comfortably, I sent out letters."

Behe chose to campaign through letter writing, perhaps the most common fundraising technique. Others host benefit parties or silent auctions. The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society offers many ideas and a list of support in fundraising efforts. "It seemed daunting at first, but I’ve been surprised and humbled by the donor generosity. I’ve gotten money from people I didn’t even contact," said Behe.

Cynthia Elia is another St. Anthony Park woman participating in Team Dublin. Before beginning training, Beth and Elia did not know each other. Elia became involved in Team in Training last year, but she has run off and on all of her life. Elia is a leukemia survivor. As with Behe, a marathon seemed intimidating to Elia, but she completed last year’s Honolulu marathon and loved it. Both women feel prepared for the upcoming Dublin run.

"I can’t believe I ran 18 miles last weekend," said Behe. "It’s ecstatic! The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society has developed a true motivation to keep you going. Running isn’t a chore anymore—it has a big meaning.

Donated money to Team in Training members benefits the local chapters of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and goes towards research and patient side. Over 75 percent of funds raised by individuals goes to the Society. Anyone interested in donating to Team in Training members should contact the Minnesota Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Those who’d like to help Behe or Elia meet their fundraising goals for the Dublin marathon can contact Behe (2417 Chalmers, St. Paul 55103) or Elia (PO. Box 8128, St. Paul 55108)."
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financial watchdog position of state auditor. "I'm the only one who thinks the auditor shouldn't be neutral. I think we should have a viewpoint," he declares. "That viewpoint is based in the Green Party's populist credo."

Says Berger, "We need to tell people where their money is going. The state auditor is supposed to make sure government buys the cheapest product. But we need to know who made that product. Did it come from a sweatshop? Was it made by a child in a Third World country? Is the cheapest product undercutting low-wage jobs in our own state? We think people won't want that. The state auditor should be a watchdog for taxpayers in terms of social and environmental justice."

Berger promotes his unabashed politics of social justice with a kind of dogged enthusiasm and a good natural unwillingness to believe that the average person, when given the facts, will succumb to personal greed or public indifference. "Most Americans," he says, "don't understand how much power is against them. The distribution of power in the U.S. is skewed. I want to enlighten people in a positive way."

For those not familiar with Green values, Berger's idea of the positive way to enlightenment might appear to include one or two diehards past the gauchois. For example, his party opposes billboards on principle. "We're against visual pollution," the candidate says.

Even the Green Party, though, recognizes that it's not easy to get a candidate elected without showing his or her face to the voters. Personally, the solution is a compromise. "We're making a few exceptions for permanent structures located along main highways," is how Berger puts it.

That spirit of compromise prevails as well when it comes to the other trappings of a conventional political contest. Berger has bumper stickers, but they adhere because of static cling. Ordinary bumper stickers do too much environmental damage, he believes. His campaign flyers are fashioned from an exotic biodegradable substance called "kraft," which, he explains proudly, can be recycled seven times.

There are even campaign T-shirts, he notes, "but they're organic." Made from natural undyed fibers, they're emblazoned with slogans written in soy-based ink. "They're sold at cost and made by living-wage workers," he adds.

Berger, who's married and has a 10-year-old son, grew up in the Jordan neighborhood of north Minneapolis. He says that he was a populist from the start. "I don't doubt in elitism, so I refused to join the honor society in high school."

He might have been anti-elitist but he wasn't against education. He went on to earn two degrees from the University of Minnesota, becoming the first member of his family to graduate from college. Nowadays he stands on the other side of the lectern as an instructor of sociology, anthropology and criminal justice at Inver Hills Community College. Former students make up many of his most active supporters.

Berger jokes that much of his party's support comes from "young people with piercings and tattoos, and old hippies. The baby boomers are worried about retirement, and the young people worry about the postindustrial world. I'm the lost generation, neither a boomer nor a Gen-Xer."

He freely admits that becoming state auditor has never exactly been a cherished boyhood dream, but he points out that such Minnesota political heavyweights as Sen. Mark Dayton, former governor Arne Carlson and recent DFL gubernatorial candidate Judi Duchtel have all held the office.

Sounding for all the world like the shrewd pragmatic pol he isn't, Berger says, "I considered which office would do the most to help the party. I think that I'll win because there's no incumbent candidate, no one in the race has statewide name recognition and because I have a good organization."

One thing he doesn't have is any experience as an auditor. In the era of the Arthur Andersen/Eron scandal, Berger considers this a plus. "The state auditor doesn't audit. We hire people for that. As a sociologist, I think I can use the big picture. I see the connections between numbers and people," he says. "You can cut out the middle person, save the taxpayer money and do the right thing."
Fall festival hits Milton Square

Milton Square's annual Fall Festival will take place on October 5 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. along Como Avenue between Carter and Dowdell.

"Scotsfair at Milton Square" will feature food, music, games, free carriage rides, sidewalk sales, face painting, fresh produce sales, dancing and more.

Special exhibitions include a coffee roasting demonstration from 10-11:30 a.m., a children's art tent from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., and the Macalaster Fiddler's Club from 12:30-2 p.m. — all located at Ginkgo in the Park, Como and Dowdell.

The festival is sponsored by neighborhood businesses: Bibelet, Crescent Moon, Enuil Gustafson Jewlers, Ginkgo in the Park, Micawber's, Milton Bridal, Mufalotta, Park Hardware, Speedy Market and Milton Square.

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neighborhood (Prospect Park) and an industrial area. The 3.5-acre site is south of University Avenue between Ellis and Franklin Avenues. Though the new development is technically in St. Paul, its proximity to Minneapolis was a prime consideration for the developers of the Prospect District Community Council to extend an invitation to a Minneapolis community group, the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association (PPERRIA), to join them in early discussions of the potential impact the development could have on the two communities. A joint task force was created following an April 10, 2000 community meeting in St. Anthony Park. The task force included business representatives and residents from both Prospect Park and St. Anthony Park, plus as community members from the two neighborhoods’ councils. The Franklin-Emerald Task Force worked with the St. Paul Planning Department, the Metropolitan Council, St. Paul City Council Member Jay Benavut and Minneapolis City Council Member Paul Zebe—along with the developers—to create a plan that would serve the needs of both cities. The process—and the results—have not been without controversy. Joe Ring, a Prospect Park resident and member of both PPERRIA and the St. Anthony Park Community Council, worries about the traffic generation that will result from the new development. "We need to ask if the infrastructure is there to accommodate this kind of development," he said.

Ring has a foot in both the St. Anthony Park and Prospect Park neighborhoods. He lives in the latter, while his business, J. Ring Glass Studio, is located in the former.

Ring makes it clear that he and his Prospect Park Neighbor as well as his colleagues on PPERRIA and the District 12 Council are not opposed to the idea of development. "Emerald Gardens can be a good deal for both communities," Ring said. "But we need to be sure we keep an eye on the big picture, particularly traffic. How are we going to get vehicles in and out of the new development?"

"Success breeds success. If Emerald Gardens succeeds, what will be the cumulative effect of additional development in that area?"

—Joe Ring

Mike Klassen, who does transportation studies for St. Paul’s Public Works Department, reviewed the traffic study that was done for the Emerald Gardens project. "The study was well done, and we don’t expect any major impact to the area due to changes in land use," Klassen said. "It looks like a good exchange between the vehicle impact that was there before and that which is anticipated for the new development."

Klassen added that the potential for transit use by residents of the new development "is perhaps greater than the 3 percent suggested in the traffic study." He did acknowledge that additional development in the area would change things, but said, "Without knowing more about future plans, it’s difficult to predict additional effects." Two new streets will be added as part of the Emerald Garden development. According to Bell, the additional streets will allow each unit to have its own address, and they will create on-street parking. One of Ring’s concerns is that Emerald Gardens represents the first step in what is potentially a much larger development project in that part of the community. According to Ring, the Franklin-Emerald Task Force originally considered a 5.5-acre site, with the potential for 1500-2000 units. Already, plans have begun for a 267-unit apartment building at 2800 Larpenteur, adjacent to Emerald Gardens. According to Donna Drummond of the office of Sustainable Development, at least 20% of that project will be affordable housing.

Housing along University Avenue has been a recent focus of University UNITEID (University Neighborhood Investment Through Economic Development), a consortium of area districts and business associations. In an effort to complete its housing plan, University UNITEID cites the potential for 3,000 new units along a 5.5-mile stretch of University Avenue.

According to Executive Director Brian McMahon, University Avenue represents an important area for higher density development. He noted its strength as a transit corridor. "We’re committed to transit-oriented developments," McMahon said. "Emerald Gardens fits that category. It is close to a projected stop on the light rail line."

He added, "I don’t think there needs to be competition between industrial use and housing. There’s plenty of room for cooperation."

Joe Ring agrees that residential and industrial areas can co-exist, but he worries about telecommunications. "Success breeds success," Ring said. "If Emerald Gardens succeeds, and there’s no reason not to expect success here, then we might see the cumulative effect of additional development in that area?"

Buckthorn survey/roundup dates changed

Organizational delays have forced a rescheduling of the dates for the buckthorn survey and pickup in the St. Anthony Park community this fall.

In the August issue of the Bugle, the scheduled survey for buckthorn and other woody invasive species to be held in St. Anthony Park was announced as September 8-21. The survey will now be held between September 30 and October 13.

The scheduled roundup date was originally listed as October 12th. That date has been changed to October 26.

Watch for master gardeners and neighborhood volunteers, who will be walking down public sidewalks and alleys between September 30 and October 13. They will be looking for 'buckthorn' bush buttons and "Die BUCKTHORN SCUM" T-shirts.

If they spot buckthorn or other woody invasives on your property, they will have a flyer indicating how you can participate in this low-cost neighborhood program to help rid our public and private lands of these pests. Thank you in advance for your participation.
The Birdman of Lauderdale
by Natalie Zett

Loons on Como Lake! It couldn't be, yet for several days during the summer of 1987, Lauderdale resident, Clay Christensen, was certain he saw them. Christensen, who was working at Control Data on Energy Park Drive, would meet his wife, Jean, for lunchtime strolls around Como Lake, which was where the unusual events took place.

"For several days, right at noon, we'd see these black birds come over the treetops and out in the middle of the lake. They sort of looked like loons. I thought, 'How can that be?'" said Christensen, who presently works as a business systems analyst for the National Marrow Donor Program. "Weird remark, 'here come the loons for lunch.'" Curiosity overtook them, so they brought along binoculars and a field guide to their next walk and discovered that the "loons" were really cormorants, black water birds that are the same size as the loon but have longer necks and yellow bills.

Christensen called the Audubon Society to report the sighting and learned that although it was unusual (cormorants are normally rural), the birds are occasionally seen in the city. The Christensens just happened to be privileged on those particular days.

"That was a pretty nice sight," said Christensen. "As the weeks went on, Jean and I talked about learning more about the birds we see.

We signed up with the local Audubon Society for an owl field trip at the Eastman Nature Center at the Elm Creek Park Reserve, which involved being led by a guide through the woods and learning to spot owls. Since owls respond to imitated sounds, the guide chanted the call (best transliterated as 'who cooks for you') in hopes of attracting an owl.

"As we stood around looking at the bird feeders at the nature center, we heard something. One of the guys said, 'It sounds like a barred owl.' I looked up in my guide book and thought, 'I'd like to see one of those.' A barred owl is about 20 inches long, smaller than the great horned owl, and common in the Twin Cities area.

Although there were no owl sightings that evening, Christensen was not underestimating. "On the way home, I said to Jean, 'I'd really like to learn to do that.'"

So for the next week on his drive to work, Christensen faithfully practiced "who cooks for you?" "With the windows rolled up," Christensen added, "because I didn't want people on the freeway wondering any more about me than they already do."

The following week, the Christensens went out to the park reserve again at dusk and headed down into the woods. "We parked ourselves on a fallen log and I gave it a try," said Christensen. "I called out 'who cooks for you' and we got an answer! We looked across the clearing, and here was a barred owl standing way up in a tree, close to a trunk, looking at us and doing that swinging thing, trying to figure out where the noise was coming from. He and I— or she and I—talked to each other for a while. And then the owl turned around, emitted a dramatically and flew off."

Despite the inauspicious welcome, Christensen admitted that he "was hooked" on birds from that time forth.

After that experience, Christensen went on numerous birding field trips with Audubon and learned about all kinds of birds—not just owls. At one point, he ended up leading some of the adventures himself.

His ornithological passion has continued growing and has led him to Key West, Costa Rica and Nova Scotia—just to watch and study different kinds of birds. Despite his travels, Christensen maintains that there's nothing as amazing as what you can find in your own back yard.

One year, Christensen was involved in lining up people to participate in a Minnesota Christmas bird count—where volunteers do a bird census within a 7-mile radius—when he got a phone call. Jean said, "Somebody wants to talk to the 'Birdman of Lauderdale.'" As it turned out, it was a birding friend of his wanting advice, but the name stuck. Christensen also wrote a column for the Roseville Review, giving birding tips as well as practical advice such as how to crochet your own nest bag. "I guess it's fair to call me a bird consultant," he laughed.

In addition to doing field trips and educating the public, Christensen also does bird rescue, having taken many patients to the Raptor Center on the U of M St. Paul campus. Even if he is too late to save their lives, he's found other ways to keep their legacy going.

"Some birds tend to migrate at night and get confused by automobile lights and so on. When they get hit, I'd sometimes take them to Wood Lake in Richfield. The staff would do taxidermy on them and then use them for educational purposes."

The Christensens, who share their home with two cats and a lively, lovable cocker spaniel named Buffy (they also have three grown children and four grandchildren), agree that birds have enriched their lives. "Well, I'm more into it than Jean, although she enjoys it too. She just doesn't like getting up that early," he smiled.

"Before all this, I just wasn't attuned to birds. They were all around me, but I just didn't see," he said. "Now, though, it's something I treasure—the revelation of the unusual in the midst of the ordinary."

Christensen is available as bird consultant and also recommends the following resources:

National Audubon Society: 212-979-3000 www.audubon.org
Audubon Society, St. Paul Chapter: 651-291-2596;
www.saintpaulaudubon.org
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If you send your child to a
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When you finish a round of golf at
Como Park, you will see one of
their projects. Notice a small
green space as you cross past it in
traffic, and you may well be
looking at the efforts of the Tree
Trust.

Since it formed to repair the
damage of Dutch elm disease
back in 1976, the Tree Trust has
branched out with public works
projects across the Twin Cities
and established a statewide
presence in school curricula. It
continues to help neighborhood
groups plant trees, distribute
University of Minnesota Urn tree
grants and provide training in
tree care.

Two years ago the Tree Trust
moved its headquarters from
St. Louis Park to an office off
Hamden Avenue, selecting a
St. Anthony Park location
“because it’s in the middle of
the metro area,” according to
Development Director Dorothy
Dahlenburg. “We love it here,”
she added.

The trust ran on a budget of
just over $3 million last year, with
a year-round staff of 25 that
does 280 in the summer, plus
hundreds of temporary workers in
training.

Dahlenburg said fundraising
has been noticeably more difficult
in the slumping economy, but the
trust still managed to employ 900
youth this summer by tapping
various grants and government
funds.

Dahlenburg said even she
can’t identify the particular
trees planted by Tree Trust grantees,
although there are some along
Eustis Street on school practice
fields and some in Langford Park.

The infrastructure projects
are easier to spot. In Como Park,
for example, the bridge at the
18th hole on the golf course was
a 1995 Tree Trust project; a series
of terraces for seating above
behind the Pavilion two years
ago; and just this summer young
work groups built planters beside
the new shelters near the zoo.

Battle Creek Park in
Maplewood has a new 104-step
staircase on a hillside thanks to
Tree Trust workers, and St.
Paul’s Arlington-Ashworth Park
has a staircase in its new off-
leash dog recreation area.

Beyond the Twin Cities, the
trust helped the town of
Comfrey rebuild from tornado
damage and has helped schools
all over the state plant trees and
gardens and then use them as
outdoor laboratories for teaching
language arts, science and art.

The Tree Trust was
intended from its start as a way
to connect work training needs
with environmental needs. In
1976, “we were in hard
economic times, a little like
what we’re going through now,”
Dahlenburg said.

“Tree Trust founders looked to
the Depression-era Works
Progress Administration for a
model of a work program that
offered not only training and a
modest paycheck, but also the
satisfaction of making a real
contribution. WPA-built trails
still serve visitors in parks across
the United States.

Having started a tree
nursery and worked with a few
neighborhoods recovering from
Dutch elm disease, the trust
realized it faced a problem.

Much of its target population
was attending high school during
the seasons trees really needed to be
planted—spring and fall.

Then the city of St. Louis
Park requested a floating
boardwalk for a city park, and the
trust found its solution:
construction. “The kids really felt
a sense of accomplishment from
doing the building,” Dahlenburg
said. “We looked for more of
does those projects.”

The trust selects projects that
will keep young workers engaged
and give them the opportunity to
learn a variety of skills. “We try to
avoid just cleaning brush,”
Dahlenburg said.

The staff has the expertise and
equipment for three kinds of
construction work: timber (the
large pieces that look like railroad
tracks), dimension lumber (two-by-
fours, for example), and block.

This summer, through
Hennepin County funding,
student workers received pocket
computers and used them to
write letters, calculate the value
of their work and make a personal
budget. “The idea is to teach
basic job skills,”
Dahlenburg said, and that
includes literacy skills as well as
how to dig a hole and level a
block. The projects do move
slowly, she acknowledged,
because the young workers use
hand tools: only adult crew
leaders and supervision wield
chain saws and other power
equipment.
The host city for a Tree Trust project benefits significantly, Dahlenburg said, because workers are paid from private and government grants. The city tracts of land. By the time the Tree Trust employs youth to stabilize a lake shore, the highly specialized professionals at the Trust for Public Land may have already helped a community buy the lake and carry out the paperwork to protect it for public use for generations.

The Trust for Public Land staff—lawyers, real estate specialists, financial advisors—help communities all over the Midwest protect public green spaces and historic sites. Linked closely to the national Trust for Public Land, the Midwest staff working out of St. Anthony Park can wield national connections to help small community groups buy land from railroads and other large corporate owners and turn it into land for public use. "We get communities a place at the table," said Midwest Public Affairs Manager Tom Evens.

There are no saws or shovels in evidence at their office—just phones and computers and people coming and going. They don't use volunteers, Evens said, and it's often hard to explain the details of their work.

Communities can come to them for help, though, with enormous projects that seem insurmountable at the outset.

"If you've ever bought a house," Evens said, "and you know how complicated that was, then you can multiply that by 10 or even 100 to get an idea of the scope of a typical Trust for Public Land project.

"We need to conserve land outside a 140-acre tract of woodlands from development, and it's helping groups in Dakota County launch a $30 million bond referendum for public land conservation.

In spite of the technical nature and the grand scale of its work, Evens said, the trust is a grassroots organization at heart. For example, "The Lower Platte project is totally driven by the communities around it," he said. The project will link those neighborhoods to a 130-mile network of regional trails. Participants include the Lowertown Redevelopment Corporation, the St. Paul Riverfront Corporation, the city of St. Paul, and the Upper Swede Hollow Neighborhood Association. Bethlehem Northern Santa Fe Railroad owns some of the land, so part of the Trust for Public Land's role is to negotiate acquisition of the property from the railroad on behalf of local groups, the Minneota NRR and the city of St. Paul.

Other recent projects in Minnesota include turning a private marina into a public one in Minnetonka, purchasing 62 acres of land from a developer in

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The quartet will perform works by Haydn, Ravel and Shostakovich in its Twin Cities debut.

Tickets are $16 in advance, $18 at the door and $12 for students and are available at Micawber's, Bibedor or by calling 645-5609.

A special post-concert reception will be held opening night at Muffuletta Restaurant. For reservations, call 644-9116.

Viewpoints, an exhibition featuring nine local artists, including Falcon Heights resident Beryl Olson, opened September 21 and continues through October 19 at the Sosin Gallery/Studio, 1232 Washington Street NE in Minneapolis. The show includes painting, installation, drawing, mixed media, watercolor and monotype. For more information, call 612-378-0581.

Anodyne Airst Company will hold a Grand Opening Benefit Celebration on October 5. Anodyne is located at 825 Carleton Street in south St. Anthony Park.

The event will feature a silent auction, raffle ticketing, visual art exhibition, wine and cheese reception, music by Tim Pan Alley and the Dennis Spears Trio, and a preview of two one-act plays: "The Actor's Nightmare" and "Gate B."

The evening begins at 5 p.m. and concludes with the one-act previews at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are $45 and may be reserved by calling 642-1604.

Seniors
The Como Park Living at Home/Bloc Nurse Program sponsors several events for seniors and their caregivers.

On October 12 and November 14, a discussion group on "Caring for Your Loved One" will be held from 10-11 a.m. at Como Park Lutheran Church, 1379 W. Hoyt. Refreshments are provided. For more information or to arrange a ride, call Caryn at 642-1127.

On the first Wednesday of each month, a free blood pressure clinic is offered at Blomberg Pharmacy, 1583 N. Hamline. From 2-3:15 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month, an exercise and enrichment group meets at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, 1795 Holton Avenue. Stretching, strength and balance exercises are followed by topical speakers and discussion on health and wellness issues. To arrange transportation, call 642-1127.

The Lyndaleam Community Senior Center is sponsoring a trip to Nashville, November 21-25. Events include the Grand Ole Opry, "Festival on Ice," the Opry Mills Shopping and Entertainment Complex and a tour of the New Country Hall of Fame. Cost for the five-day trip is $589 for double occupancy or $649 for single occupancy. For more information or to register, call Geri at 632-5330.

Sales and Benefits
YMCA Camps Widenwagan and du Nord will hold their annual fall garage sale from October 9-12 in the Mercandise Mart at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. More than 250 families contribute clothing, household items, toys, books, antiques, furniture, sports equipment, etc. All proceeds go to the camps. Hours are 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-noon for Saturday's bag sale.

For more information, call 644-4725.

Como Park Lutheran Church will hold a fall bazaar on Saturday, October 12 from 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. at the church, 1376 Hoyt Avenue. Handcrafted items and baked goods will be available for sale.

A meat loaf dinner will be served from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The cost is $7 for adults and $3 for children 10 and under.

For more information, call 646-7127.

The Alumnae Society of the Olivet Seminary on the University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus will hold its every-other-year fall bazaar on October 18 and 19 in the St. Paul Center Falls Room. Seven booths with specialty foods, holiday ornaments, collectibles and more will be available for shoppers. Hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. A free shuttle from theFairgrounds public lot is provided on Friday. There is no admission.
charge. Proceeds from the bazaar fund scholarships and help maintain the house that provides cooperative living for 25 Clowia students.

Jewish Community Action will hold its second annual fundraiser, "HaKshah" (The Call), at 7 p.m. on Sunday, October 6 at the Minnesota History Center. The event will highlight JCAs accomplishments while honoring social justice leaders in the community and raising funds to continue JCAs work on immigrant rights, gun violence prevention, affordable housing, and community reinvestment. Entertainment will be provided by singer Ann Reed and comedian Susan Vass. For more information, call 632-2184.

Volunteers Como Zoo has 1,000 volunteer shifts that need to be filled for its annual Zoo Boo, a Halloween event for young children on October 19-20 and 25-27. Both consumed and nonconsumed helpers are needed. To volunteer or for more information, call 487-8297.

Wilson Middle School is seeking community volunteers to spend 30 minutes a week reading with students. Call Jen Schulz at 293-5970, ext. 113.

Reformation Festival Luther Seminary will host its annual Reformation Festival October 25-27. On-campus events take place in the Olson Campus Center, Fulham and Horden, and include the following: Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m. Concert Singer Deborah Liv Johnson by Deborah Liv Johnson. Free. Oct. 27, 5 p.m. Festival buffet. Call 641-3415 for reservations. Oct. 27, 7 p.m. Concert by the Calvary Golden Valley Expressions Choir. Free. For more information, contact Nicole Mason, 641-3451, nmason@luthersem.edu, Maria Thompson, 641-3520, mathompson@luthersem.edu, or go to www.luthersem.edu/refest.

Classes The University of Minnesota's College of Veterinary Medicine will offer a "Mini-Vet School" on six Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. beginning October 8. Classes take place on the St. Paul campus in Room 135 of the AnSci/ VetMed building. The school is open to anyone interested in learning more about veterinary medicine. Instructors will be U of M faculty. The six sessions will include such topics as physical exams, the physiology of reproduction, using x-rays, cardiology and food safety. Registration is $65 for all six sessions. To register or for more information, go to www.cvm.umn.edu/outreach/ or call 612-624-3434.

Gardening Orchids will be the focus at the St. Anthony Park Garden Club's meeting on October 1 in the meeting room of the St. Anthony Park Library. The business meeting starts at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker at 7 p.m. For more information, call 646-7173.

Coffee Grounds, 1579 Hamline Avenue, will host a ghost storytelling event on Saturday, October 26 from 7:30-10 p.m. No Northstar Storytelling League members will tell ghost stories in this event for all ages.

People For the fourth year in a row, Catherine Holtsclaw of Holtsclaw & Associates, LLC has been named a Super CPA, representing the top 4% of CPAs in Minnesota.

Richard A. Swanson has joined St. Anthony Park Bank as a vice president. Swanson was formerly with Midway National Bank.

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Council-sponsored meetings are listed each month in the Bugle Community Calendar (see page 18). Everyone is welcome!

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Denisir Lakes and turning it into a city park, adding 300 acres to Quarry Park and Nature Preserve in St. Cloud, and acquiring the last piece of property needed to make the entire lakeshores of Grand Marais public. The Quarry Park project serves as an example of the complexity of Trust for Public Land projects: Five separate transactions were needed to acquire the land. The Courts West office houses both state and regional offices, with a staff of 21 and an annual budget of $4 million for the region and another $800,000 for the state.

The staff coordinates work out of local offices in Cleveland, St. Louis and Chicago as well as Minnesota. Regionally and nationally, the Trust for Public Land aims to create "greenprint" in urban areas to improve the quality of life for residents, as well as to protect existing natural areas in suburban and rural areas threatened by development.

The trust's method is persuasion, not coercion. "We only work with willing owners," Evers said. Persuasion comes in the form of tax breaks, fundraising toward a fair-market purchase and help cutting through government red tape. A community approaches the Trust for Public Land with a vision for public use of a space, and the trust helps identify and approach owners, who may be individuals, families, corporations or other entities. Sometimes the land in question is contaminated, and the trust can negotiate a way to take care of that during the transaction.

Evers said that sometimes all that's needed is for the community groups to describe their vision in terms that their neighbors can get excited about. The trust can help with public relations to make a bond issue or other local funding politically possible.

For more information about the Trust for Public Land, visit their Web site at www.tpl.org. Both the Tree Trust and the Trust for Public Land find it easy to make connections in St. Anthony Park, connections they need in order to carry out their work. "We have easy highway access, and it's nice that the University is right here," Evers said. "It's also an affordable place for an office."

And, he noted, the proximity to highways is important for staff, whether they are only running out to the suburbs for a few hours or making a weekly trip to check on a project far from home.

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Aging Gracefully
by Mary Jo Tenero

How old are you? Do you own a personal computer? Are the answers to these questions related?

In the 1980s, a survey showed that older employees resisted the computerization of their offices. Many experienced workers felt that all the new hardware did was take something they did well and make it hard to do.

Regrettably, the results of this study led the computer industry to concentrate their advertising efforts on younger people, and the image of computers as a youth phenomenon was born.

Since then, there have been tremendous advances in computer design, and ease of use is now a major component of computer marketing. Still, many older adults resist getting a computer.

The advantages of owning a computer with Internet access are many. It is possible to communicate daily with friends and relatives all over the world. There are Web sites devoted to older adult topics and for all kinds of interests, from golf to sewing to cooking to baseball to fishing to, well, you get the idea.

For people whose physical capacities are winding down as they age, computers provide a means of intellectual mobility and a route to forming new friendships.

A home-bound widow I know with advanced Parkinson’s disease chats with or sends e-mails to 10 or more people a day who share her problems and challenges. The Internet can bring you into a world that is expanding rather than contracting.

Remember that study showing that the nuns who continued to exercise their brains well into their advanced years stayed smarter? The Internet is an unlimited library, where you can find out anything from how to transplant hibiscus to the latest theories on the expansion of the universe.

An electronics industry survey shows that older adults use computers in the following ways:

• Personal correspondence with family and friends (72 percent)
• Research on a particular topic or issue (59 percent)
• News and information (53 percent)
• Game or puzzle on CD-ROM (52 percent)
• Research vacation destinations (47 percent)
• Get weather information (43 percent)
• Do volunteer work (25 percent)

If you are interested in learning to use a computer, many community education programs or senior centers offer classes. If you take one, you can experiment before you decide whether to buy a computer for your home. You probably have a friend or relative who can show you some computer tricks, too.

In the last year, I have created personal greeting cards for friends and family, communicated with literally hundreds of people, researched college funding for my daughter, planned a family vacation, found out where to purchase videos of Eddie Cantor movies (and bought them), and written countless articles and reports, including this one. All on my computer.

My favorite thing about computers hasn’t changed since I began to use a word processor in my office in 1983. Though I now refer to it as I began to type, someone showed me how you could erase your errors before the page was printed out. Since my inebriated typing looked a little like this, I truly thought this facet of computer design was a miracle.

A computer genius friend told me that if cars had advanced as much and made as much noise as computers have in the past 50 years, they’d get 200 miles to the gallon and cost $1,000 new. So don’t tell yourself you can’t afford to get one or learn how to use one!

Staying interested in the world around you is one of the best ways to stay young at heart, and computers are a great way to stay connected.

The St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program hopes that Aging Gracefully is helpful to older adults and those who care about them. We welcome ideas and feedback at 642-9052 or saphop@ctiternet.net.

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2 Wednesday
Women's Connection, job networking organization 651-481-6975), Humble Humphry Job Corps Center, 1488 Steilweg, Building #1, 8 a.m.-Every Wednesday.

3 Thursday
Tooele Center for Seniors (651-603-9846), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. Wednesday.

4 Friday
Senior Citizens Fun Group (gym, bowling and dinner), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Crovem, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Every Friday. (First Friday, blood pressure clinic by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, 9-10 a.m.)

5 Saturday
The Great Opening Benefit, Analyte Arena Company, 825 Carlson St, 7 p.m. 642-1684.

7 Monday
AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 651-644-0809, 8 p.m. Every Monday.

8 Tuesday
Community meeting to discuss University Ave development, Model Cities, 849 University Ave, 7 p.m.

9 Wednesday
Falcon Heights City Council, 820 Crovem, 7 p.m.

10 Thursday
St. Anthony Park Community Planning Commission, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Crovem, 6 p.m.

11 November
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18 Friday
Falcon Heights recycling.

20 Sunday
Park View Inc., Park Berger Board annual meeting, St. Anthony Park Bank community room, 3-30 p.m.

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

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

26 Saturday
FARE For All food distribution and registration at St. Anthony Park United Methodist, 51-644-8833, 2323 Como Avenue, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

28 Monday
St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program board of directors meeting, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church library, 7 p.m.

13 Sunday
Music in the Park Series, Amari String Quartet, SAP United Church of Christ, 4 p.m. 645-5699.

29 Wednesday
St. Anthony Park Recycling.

31 Thursday
Lauderdale Halloween Party, City Hall, 5-7 p.m.

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Louise Schnebelf Adalid

Louise Schnebelf Adalid died on August 21, 2002 at the age of 82. She was a resident of Lyngblomsten Care Center. Born Edna Louise Schnebelf in Kasson, Minnesota, she graduated from Winona State, taught in a one-room school, then married Jeryl Adalid in 1944. Her life was devoted to her children and grandchildren. She was noted for her beautiful needlework and was a member of St. Michael's Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Adalid was preceded in death by her sister, Lorraine and an infant granddaughter. Survivors include her husband, Jeryl Adalid; two daughters, Jerilyn (Tom) Friddle and Christine (Wayne) Kendall; a son, Charles (Jane) Adalid; a sister, Pauline (Murray) Christenson; a brother, Donald (Debby) Schnebelf; and seven grandchildren, Kristin, Kathryn, Jennifer, Karahn, Kirk, Lisa and Erin. A funeral service was held on August 23 at the Lyngblomsten Chapel.

James L. App

James L. App, former professor and assistant dean at the U of M Institute of Agriculture, died on August 14, 2002. He was 66 years old.

Dr. App was born in Fairmont and graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1957. He was awarded his M.A. in 1960 from the University of Wisconsin and his Ph.D. from there in 1963. He served as Midwest agrologist for the Virginia-Carolina Corporation from 1957 to 1959.

He died in 1961, he returned to the University of Minnesota, serving as an extension specialist in farm management for two years. He served as assistant to the dean of the Institute of Agriculture, University of Minnesota from 1963 to 1971 and assistant dean from 1972 to 1973. In 1973, he moved to Bradenton, Florida, then to Gainesville in 1979, where he was a professor at the University of Florida until his retirement.

Ruth E. Williams Backus

Ruth E. Williams Backus, age 80, died on August 17, 2002. She made her home in

Lauderdale.

In his 82 years of marriage he opened her hands to many foster children, in addition to their own four children. She was a parishioner at St. Therese Catholic Church.

She preceded in death by her husband, John "Jack" Hockbein, and a brother, John (Marlene) Hockbein, and a sister, Susie (Roger) Janssen and Rose Backus. Two sons, Glen (Peggy) Backus, Jr. and Tony (Cheryl) Backus; 13 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Grace and Ann Backus; and a brother, Jack Backus. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on August 29 at St. Therese Church.

George C. Brandt

George C. Brandt, a nearly life-long resident of St. Anthony Park, died on September 4, 2002 at the age of 82.

Mr. Brandt was born on October 19, 1919 in Rochester, Minnesota. He was a graduate of Central High School and the University of Minnesota, where he was captain of the swim team, president of the M Club and a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He served as a Naval aviator and flight instructor in World War II.

An international background politician who achieved Life Master status, he also took the mountains of the world. He was past president of the St. Paul Rotary Club and a member of the Town and Country Club. His second home was on Ten Mile Lake. He was devoted to conservation, ecology and to his Norwegian heritage. For 40 years he managed C. C. Brandt, Inc.

He is survived by three sons, Rick (Pam), Marty (Diane) and Jon; two daughters, Christine (Norm) and Rebecca (Annie); five grandchildren, Kevin (Allison), Lisa, Eric, Mikaela and Grace; two great-grandchildren, Ricky and Lew; a brother, Dave (Evel), and a sister, Molly. A memorial celebration was held at the Town and Country Club on September 25.

Gloria Ann Hockbein

Gloria Ann Hockbein died on September 10, 2002 at the age of 81. She was a resident of

Falcon Heights and a member of St. Anthony Lutheran Church in St. Paul.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John "Jack" Hockbein, and a brother, John (Marlene) Hockbein and Jeff (Wendy) Hockbein; two daughters, Jennifer (Tony) Janssen and Rose Backus. Two sons, Glen (Peggy) Backus, Jr. and Tony (Cheryl) Backus; 13 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Grace and Ann Backus; and a brother, Jack Backus. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on August 29 at St. Therese Church.

Eve M. Keley

Eva M. Keley, age 92, died on September 7, 2002. She was a resident of Lyngblomsten Care Center.

Mrs. Keley was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon Keley. A funeral service was held at Bethel Lutheran Church on September 13.

Charlotte Ann Larson

Charlotte Ann Larson died on August 9, 2002. She was 81 years old.

Mrs. Larson was an elementary school teacher and reading supervisor in the St. Paul Schools.

She is survived by a sister, Lois Beninner of Covina, California; and two nephews, James and William Beninner. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Clarence R. Peil

Clarence R. "Ike" Peil, age 80, died on August 19, 2002. He was a resident of the St. Anthony Park Home. His previous home was in White Bear Lake, where he was a parishioner at St. Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church.

Mr. Peil served in the Army in World War II, where he earned a Purple Heart and several other decorations. He worked for Fluot Manufacturing for 37 years. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dottie Peil, and 16 brothers and sisters. He is survived by his wife, Claudette Peil; a son, Ron (Carol) Peil, a daughter, Tina (Kevin) Ensberg; four sisters, Sylvia Smerata, Mabel (Thomas), Veronica (Hubert) Hanke and Vangeline Johnson; and stepmother, Jane, Jeanette, Ron, Dave, Bud, Mary Dave, Dick and Kelsey. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Anthony's of the Lake on August 21.

Boyd J. Rusk

Boyd J. Rusk, age 85, died on August 31, 2002. He was a longtime resident of the Coro Park neighborhood, most recently at the Lyngblomsten Care Center.

Mr. Rusk was in the St. Paul automotive service business for many years. He was a charter member of Holy Childhood Catholic Church.

Preceded in death by his wife, Betty Rask, he is survived by four sons, Donald (Sandra) Rusk, Daniel (Martha) Rask of Lighthouse Point, Florida, Darrell Rask and Dale (Mary) Rask; and seven grandchildren, Kevin, David, Jennifer, Matthew, Brian, Joel and Lina. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Childhood Church on September 4.

Howard M. Thieis

Howard M. Thieis, a resident of Lyngblomsten Heritage Apartments, died on September 2, 2002. He was 91 years old.

Mr. Thieis was a retired employee of Northern Pacific Railroad.

Preceded in death by his brother, Clinton Thieis, a sister, Audrey Davis, and a brother-in-law, Darrell Davis, he is survived by his wife, Lillian Thieis; a sister, Jean Campbell; and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service took place on September 7 at the Lyngblomsten Chapel.

Joseph R. Urman

Joseph R. Urman, a longtime resident of Lauderdale, died on September 2, 2002. He was 74 years of age.

Mr. Urman attended Minneapolis Vocational School and was a railroad engineer with the Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railroad for 42 years. He was a charter member of Corpus Christi Catholic Church.

He was survived by his wife of 52 years, Dorothy Urman, a son, David Urman; two daughters, Cindy (Joe) Barrow and Mary (Richard) Olson; and six grandchildren, Trevor, Troy, Alex, Carly, Angie, Tommy and Nick. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on September 10 at Corpus Christi Church.

Frederick Chapman Battell

(Added to the obituary in the September Bugle.)

Frederick Chapman Battell, a St. Anthony Park resident for nearly 50 years, died on July 26, 2002, at age 91.

Born in Harriet Chapman Battell and Frederic Battell on September 26, 1910 in Missouri, he moved with his family to Ames at the age of 7. He received his bachelor's degree in forestry in 1935 from Iowa State University, where he participated in track and cross country and played the violin in the university orchestra. Upon graduation, he went to work for the U.S. Forest Service.

On September 19, 1936, he married Gertrude Smith. They enjoyed 56 years of marriage until her death on January 20, 1993. They lived in Ohio, Nebraska, Colorado, Iowa and New York, where he earned his master's degree in library science. They moved to Minnesota in 1947 and to St. Anthony Park in 1953. He was a librarian for the North Star Forestry Experiment Station and also for Minnesota and Ontario Paper Company (now Boise Cascade). He was president of the National Association of Specialized Libraries.

The Battells traveled often to Europe, especially Great Britain. He enjoyed fishing, concerts, reading and telling stories. He died on July 26 while recovering from a surgery for a broken bone.

He was preceded in death by his wife. A memorial service was held on August 7 at the University Baptist Church in Minneapolis.
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Bobbi Megard, the executive director of Kids Voting–St. Paul, has been a resident of St. Anthony Park since 1967 and is well known to local citizen for her passionate commitment to active citizen involvement. In 1972, she was one of a group of women who opened up the St. Anthony Park Association to women.

She has been active in the League of Women Voters and was District 12’s community organizer from 1985-1993. She served as City Council Member for Ward 4 from 1994-1997.

In recent years, Megard has worked to organize Scenic Minnesota and Scenic St. Paul to empower citizens to control over the billboards and advertising in their neighborhood. In 2001, she was a candidate for mayor of St. Paul. Currently, along with her work for Kids Voting, she serves on the Metropolitan Council’s Housing and Land Use Advisory Committee, the Board of the Midway YMCA, Citizens for a Safer Minnesota and Historic St. Paul.

In the 2000 election, Kids Voting had an extremely low turnout of high school students. In 2002, Megard plans to enlist the help of National Honor Societies to assess voting methods in high schools. She believes the past methods are most likely to increase voter turnout. They will use three different methods: on-line, at

the local precinct and mail-in. They will send their results to Minnesota’s secretary of state. Kids Voting–St. Paul will then lead the way in Minnesota at assessing voting methods.

Kids Voting–St. Paul provides a way for all who share a belief in the crucial importance of voting and civic responsibility to install that belief in the generations that will follow. Passionate about voting, Megard cherishes the precious method of casting a ballot. “That experience is a visible reminder of how ‘voting unites us all as a community.’ But, she says, “Times change. It is important to open the system so that it is easy for anyone to express their view by voting.” For further information, contact Kids Voting–St. Paul at www.kidsvotingstpaul.com or 228-2078.

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Sunday Schedule:
Full Worship Schedule: Beginning RALLY SUNDAY, September 8 8:00, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Adult Education & Sunday School (Holy Communion on 1st & 3rd Sundays, nursery provided.) Ride available for 11:00 a.m. worship. call the church office before noon on Friday for ride. Pastors: Martin Erickson and David Greenlund Visit Pastor: Leonard Jacobson Director of Youth and Family Ministries Amy Dorengaad Director of Music Ministry Thomas Perry

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AXIOM DENGENHUSDAY
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ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
2133 Center at Chalmers. 651-645-1016
Sunday, October 13. Rev. Grant Abbott returns from Sabah – 4:30 pm Festival Choral Service (kick-off event for the Centennial of St. Matthew’s Choir).
Sunday, October 20: Opening of Art Show "Day of the Dead" Latin American Art Sunday Services: 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 pm Prospect Hill Friend’s Meetings: Sundays at 4 pm. Communion: Wednesday at 10 am in the chapel Evening Prayer: Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. (All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion with us and no person seeking a deeper relationship with God in Christ will be turned away from our Lord’s table.)

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