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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 dons 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

contestant 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 heavily-favored, 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.berger4auditor.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 sets Berger apart from the other candidates for the

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Como Park resident and Inver Hills Community College teacher Dave Berger is the Green Party candidate for state auditor.

Program targets future voters

by Susan Conner

Kids Voting—St. Paul is reaching out to 57,000 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 school. They will take the message of civic involvement home as they ask their parents questions about candidates, their polling place and precinct.

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 one (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 nonpartisan, nonprofit, 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, though 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 homes where

adults do not vote, according to Megard.

Research on Kids Voting effects over the last 10 years, however, gives reason to hope.

Stanford University's Dr. Steven Chaffee found that "having a student in Kids Voting classes didn't just increase the likelihood of a parent's simply voting, it also seems to have increased the parent's competence as a voter in a variety of important ways."

Chaffee 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.

A 1998 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 communities have seen their overall adult voter turnout increase from 3-5 percent.

Kids Voting, begun 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 office and has given a financial grant. Megard is seeking additional individual and corporate donations.

At least 700 volunteers will be needed to assist children at the

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Emerald Gardens groundbreaking set for fall

Housing development demonstrates St. Paul-Mpls. collaboration

by Dave Healy

A new housing development on the 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, co-developers

Wellington Management, Inc. and Hunt 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.

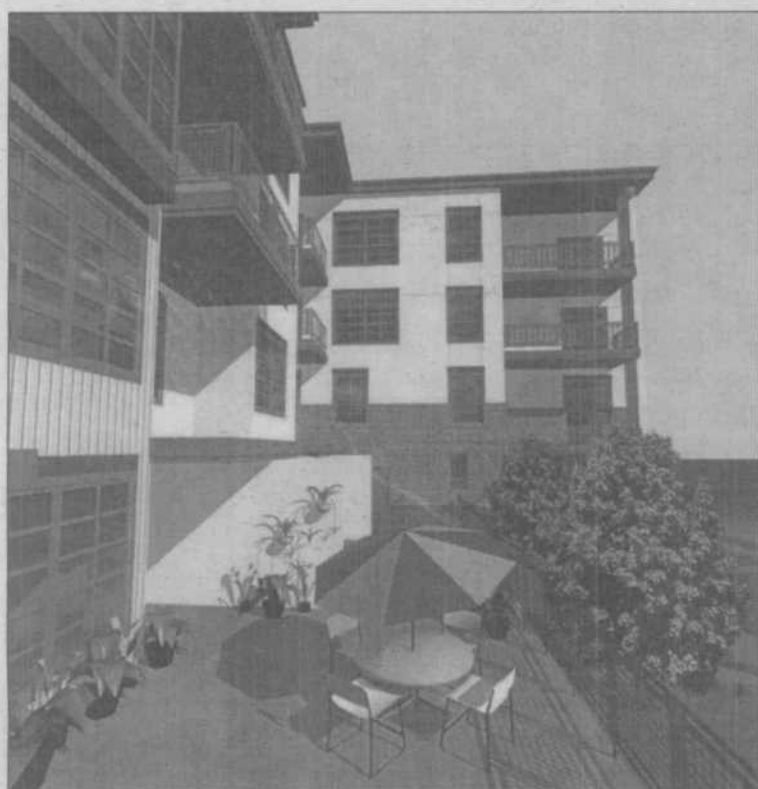
Wellington's original plan for an office park on the site eventually gave way to the idea of a housing development. The units range from one to three bedrooms, from 860 to 1582 feet and from \$170,000-\$340,000. They will have either porches or balconies, and heated underground parking.

"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



An architectural drawing of the Emerald Gardens townhome and loft development just off University Avenue on the St. Paul-Mpls. border.

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By using a flowing style fence, one that has rising and falling lines, it can become an architectural statement by itself, or an extension of the house that can tie a detached garage to it. Plantings and vines along the garage side of the fence can also help create this ripple effect.

A garden gateway can be constructed with a graceful arbor (with or without a gate), planted with some type of vine. This can create the effect of an oval picture frame if the top of the arbor is arched. A hanging lantern at the top can provide dramatic nighttime illumination.

To soften the impact of large garage doors, stretch an overhead trellis across the door(s) and entwine it with vines. Caution: be certain to keep the vines well pruned so that they do not damage roofing, gutters, downspouts or siding.

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A District 10 community meeting will be held on October 15 at 8 p.m. in the Como Elementary School cafeteria. The agenda will include 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 \$120,000 is needed to build a new playground.

Community support and approval is necessary in order to confirm fundraising plans. All interested residents and businesses from District 10 and District 6 are encouraged to attend the October 15 meeting. (Como Elementary School is in District 10 but also borders District 6.) Please enter the building at the lower horseshoe parking lot entrance at 780 Wheelock Parkway.

The annual Neighborhood Cleanup will take place September 28 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the north end of the State Fairgrounds in the Camel Lot. Entrance is from Larpenteur Avenue only, at Underwood Street.

This event is for all residents of Como Park, St. Anthony Park and Falcon Heights. Residents need to bring the flyer they received in the mail in order to enter the Fairgrounds. Gate fees will be charged according to vehicle size, and certain items (e.g., appliances, electronics, mattresses, tires) will be assessed additional fees.

For more information, call 649-5992 (District 12), 644-3889 (District 10), 644-5050 (Falcon Heights) or 633-3279.

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 nurturing 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 been a teacher, 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 Parks & Community Involvement Committee officer, PTA 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 razing the old bank building at their Como Avenue location on October 7. Muffuletta 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 Macalester-Groveland Council in their appeal of repair permits that allowed the replacement 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.

Falcon Heights

The new state representative for the Falcon Heights is Alice Hausman, who is replacing Mary Jo McGuire.

The Neighborhood Liaison Commission continues to recruit neighborhood liaisons (formerly known as block captains). They currently have 46 and are in need of 50 more. Call City Hall (644-5050) to volunteer.

St. Paul

University UNITED will hold a community meeting on Oct. 7 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss development on University Avenue. The meeting will take place at Model Cities, 849 University Avenue.

—Susan Conner

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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 heartbeat, 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 lost inches and increased energy to Curves, a workout program just for women. Aha! The mystery was solved. But I didn't feel that I needed the program. Yet.

However, when the newest area franchise opened on Larpenteur 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—not much spandex here. There were plenty of women who looked like me (and no men) and that made me 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 in just half an hour you get both aerobic and strength training by alternatively working on hydraulic resistance machines and running in place. 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 I have gotten to know a bit about those I exercise with. And because we all come from the same area, I already knew some of them as friends and neighbors.

There are older women who just want to stay limber, those of us in middle age fighting the battle of the bulge, 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 just "fell 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 she was unable to open a new one. In fact, there are no franchises available at this time in all of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

However, after redistricting last January, a new territory

opened up and Fisher was able to buy 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-busiest intersection in Minnesota," 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 99, 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.

And what 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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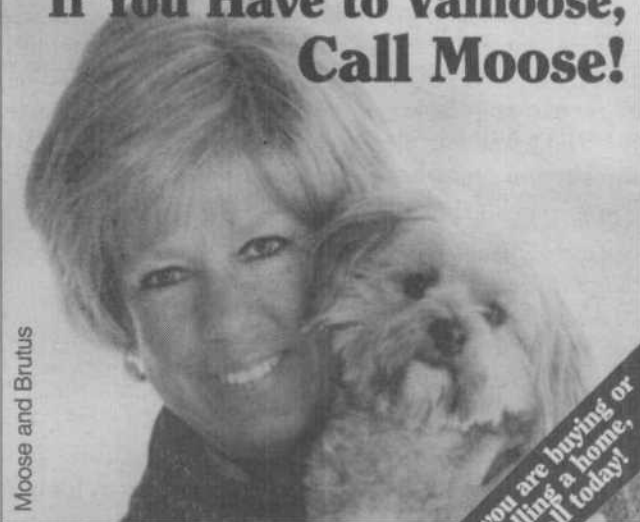


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EDITORIAL

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 a farm. Those of us who are over 50 may have memories tied to real farms, but they grow daily more distant, and most people now encounter farms only indirectly, through pictures or words. Like the narrator of Dylan Thomas' "Fern Hill," we "wake to the farm forever fled."

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 though we are no longer tied to the land like our ancestors were, land use continues to loom 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 complications that beset any attempt to negotiate the dynamics of shared ownership.

For example, how much public land should be protected from human intervention? 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?

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

In Austin Tappan Wright's fictional utopia "Islandia," the preindustrial Islandians never cut down a living tree without considering the effect on its 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 ours before we were the land's.
She was our land more than a hundred years
Before we were her people. She was ours
In Massachusetts, in Virginia,
But we were England's, still colonials,
Possessing what we still were unpossessed by,
Possessed by what we now no more possessed.*

Frost's poem makes no acknowledgement of the Native Americans whose claim to the land long predated any by his New England ancestors. Though Native peoples sometimes fought 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 buy the sky? How can you own the rain and the wind? The earth does not belong to us. We belong to the earth. What befalls the earth befalls all the sons and daughters of the earth."

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Thanks for the support

Thanks to everyone who helped sponsor my participation in the Buckman Duathlon 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 any 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 Seeley
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 wasn't what we expected, but those who did attend had 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 volleyball 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 operation. We have determined that being open full time rather than part 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 operation.

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 City 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 642-1927.

South St. Anthony Park Booster Club
Andith Duren, Chair

COMMENTARY

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 fixed fee for the center operator. Today, there are 118 Job Corps Centers in the United States, and about 85 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 and Wildlife Agency.

All Job Corps Centers have as their mission the training and job placement of young adults age 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 returns \$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 Vinnell 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 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 HHH Center finished at 101.1 percent—good for sixth place in the nation out of 118 centers. The Humphrey Center has been ranked in the top 10 in four out of the last six 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 Bethe 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, Bethe'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 Bethe. The week her father died, her mother began chemotherapy for lung cancer. She survived, but as Bethe put it, "the fall and winter were pretty dismal that year."

That January, as she was heading out to a trade show, Bethe's husband suggested she

begin running to benefit causes. Bethe had been running off and on for years. "The trade show was glum. Then I noticed the booth across the aisle: the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. I nearly fell over!" she said.

At first, Bethe 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. 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 Bethe's first marathon, but she used to run 10K races on her own.

Team Dublin leaves the Twin Cities for Ireland this 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 \$4,600 each. Currently, Bethe 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 10-12 miles comfortably, I sent out letters."

Bethe 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 lot of support in fundraising efforts. "It seemed daunting at first, but I've been surprised and humbled by the donors' generosity. I've gotten money

from people I didn't even contact," said Bethe.

Cyndi Elias is another St. Anthony Park woman participating in Team Dublin. Before beginning training, Bethe and Elias did not know each other. Elias became involved in Team in Training last year, but she has run off and on all of her life.

Elias is a leukemia survivor. As with Bethe, a marathon seemed intimidating to Elias, 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 Bethe. "It's elation! The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society has developed human motivation to keep you going. Running isn't a chore anymore—it has a higher meaning."

Donated money to Team in Training members benefits the local chapters of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and goes towards research and patient aide. 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 Bethe or Elias meet their fundraising goals for the Dublin marathon can contact Bethe (2417 Chilcombe, St. Paul 55108) or Elias (P.O. 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 natured 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 detours past the quixotic. 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 occasionally. 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 "kenaf," 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 embossed 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 believe 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 Dutcher 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/Enron scandals, Berger considers this a plus. "The state auditor doesn't audit. We hire people for that. As a sociologist, I see 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."

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Emerald Gardens from page 1

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 prompted members of the District 12 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, as well as committee 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 Benanav and Minneapolis City Council Member Paul Zerbe—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 Neighbors 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 planning for St. Paul's Public Works Department, reviewed the traffic study that was done for the Emerald Garden 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 city.

According to Ring, the Franklin-Emerald Task Force originally considered a 55-acre area, with the potential for 1500-2000 units. Already, plans have begun for a 267-unit apartment building at 808 Berry Street, adjacent to Emerald Gardens.

According to Donna Drummond of the office of Planning and Economic Development, at least 20% of that project will be affordable housing.

Housing along University Avenue has been a recent focus of

University UNITED (University Neighborhood Investment Through Economic Development), a consortium of area district councils

and business associations.

In its recently completed housing plan, University UNITED 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's 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 economies of scale.

"Success breeds success," Ring said. "If Emerald Gardens succeeds, and there's no reason not to expect it will, what will be 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.

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and neighborhood volunteers, who will be walking down public sidewalks and alleys between September 30 and October 13. They will be wearing "Buckthorn Buster" buttons and/or "DIE BUCKTHORN SCUM" T-shirts.

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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. "We'd 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 sighting," said Christensen. "As the weeks went on, Jean and I talked about learning more about the birds we see."

They 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 it 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 undeterred. "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 this noise was coming from. He and I—or she and I—talked to each other for a while. And then the owl turned around, excreted 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 suet 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's 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'd get hit, I'd sometimes take them to Wood Lake in Richfield. The staff would do taxidermy on them and then use them for

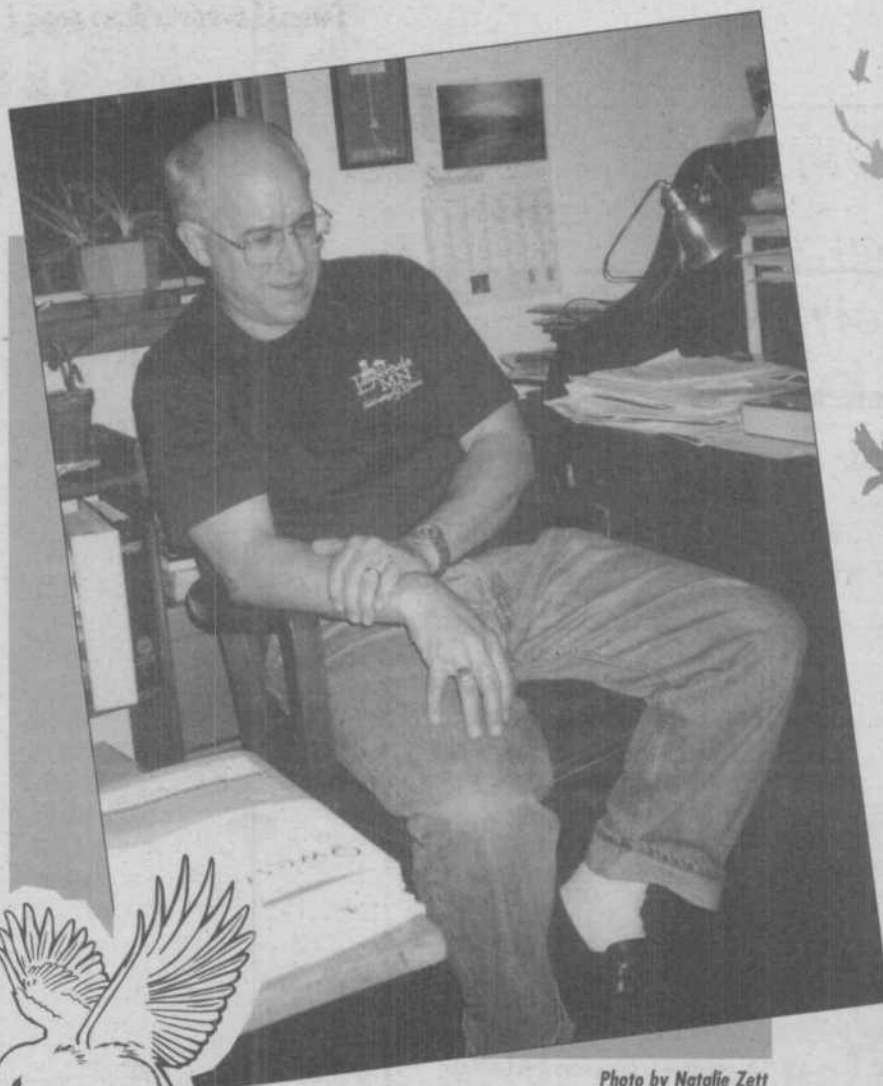


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educational purposes."

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:

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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

for people," Evers said, summing up the trust's mission. "We help communities acquire land for parks, open space, historic sites." The trust's emphasis differs from other conservation organizations such as the Nature Conservancy, Evers said, in that most of the others focus on habitats for nonhuman users. "Our focus is for the people," he said.

Two Twin Cities projects are in the works right now: a trail system in the Lower Phalen area of St. Paul (near Mounds Park), and nine community gardens sprinkled throughout Minneapolis. The gardens, already well established, were on land considered available for development, and the trust is working with the city to protect the lots as community gardens. Elsewhere in the metro area, the Trust for Public Land recently helped the city of Livonia set

gets donated labor and can build large projects for the price of the materials. Tree Trust staffers, including a mechanical engineer, also help with project planning.

The Tree Trust is now looking for projects to be completed during the winter. Park

benches, bins, even bridges and boardwalks can be built during the winter by unemployed adults and stored until communities can install them in spring. The trust also runs an outdoor home chore program serving elderly and disabled citizens in Hennepin County.

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A mile or so westward, in the busy Court West building on University, another St. Anthony Park nonprofit works in far broader strokes, buying and selling and negotiating for large

use for generations.

The Trust for Public Land staff—lawyers, real estate specialists, financial advisers—help communities all over the Midwest protect public green spaces and historic sites. Linked closely to the national Trust for Public Land, the Midwest staffers 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 Evers.

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, Evers 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," Evers 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

aside a 140-acre tract of woodlands from development, and it's helping groups in Dakota County launch a \$20 million bond referendum for public land conservation.

In spite of the technical nature and the grand scale of its work, Evers said, the trust is a grassroots organization at heart. For example, "the Lower Phalen 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. Burlington 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 Minnesota DNR 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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Arts Events

Music in the Park Series opens its 24th season on Sunday, October 13 at 4 p.m. with the Amati String Quartet from Zurich, Switzerland. The concert will be held at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Avenue.

Founded in 1981, the quartet has won numerous awards, including the Premier Grand Prix at the Evian International Competition, the Prize of the German Record Reviewers and the Choc Musique.



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, Bibelot or by calling 645-5699.

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 Betty 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 Artist 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, raku firing, visual art exhibition, wine and cheese reception, music by Tin 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 642-1684.

Seniors

The Como Park Living at Home/Block 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 Lyngblomsten Community Senior Center is sponsoring a trip to Nashville, November 21-25. Events include the Grand Old Opry, "Fantasy 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 Widjiwagan and du Nord will hold their annual fall garage sale from October 9-12 in the Merchandise 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 Clovia Sorority on the University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus will hold its every-other-year fall bazaar on October 18 and 19 in the Student Center Ballroom.

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 the Fairgrounds public lot is provided on Friday. There is no admission

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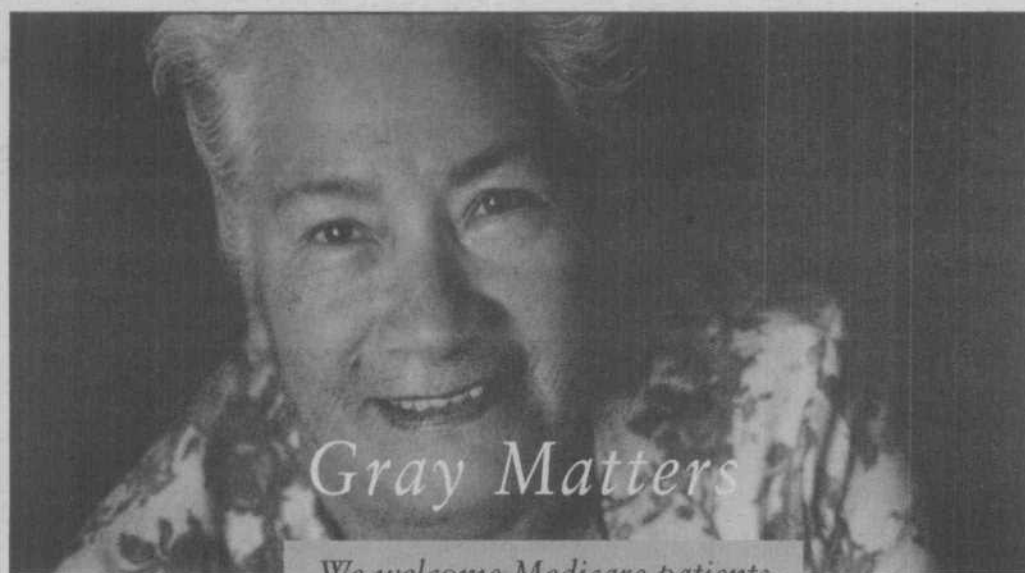
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Jewish Community Action will hold its second annual fundraiser, "HaKriah" (The Call), at 7 p.m. on Sunday, October 6 at the Minnesota History Center.

The event will highlight JCA's accomplishments while honoring social justice leaders in the community and raising funds to continue JCA's 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 costumed and noncostumed helpers are needed. To volunteer or for more information, call 487-8287.

Wilson Middle School is seeking community volunteers to spend 30 minutes a week reading with students. Call Jen Schultz 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 Hendon, and include the following:

Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m. Concert



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Oct. 27, 5 p.m. Festival buffet. Call 641-3419 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, mthompson@luthersem.edu, or go to www.luthersem.edu/reffest.

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. The meeting is open to the public.

Halloween Events

Zoo Boo, a nonscary trick-or-treating event for young children, takes place October 19-20, 25-27 from 5:30-8 p.m. at Como Zoo.

Participants collect treats as they follow an outdoor path to 13 themed areas filled with costumed characters.

Tickets are \$4/child and \$2/adult in advance through Kid's Hair, Meineke, Mobile Phone and Cinnabun locations, as well as the Zoodale Gift Shop (645-1014). Ticket cost is \$5/child and \$3/adult at the gate.

St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ will hold its annual "Spooketti" dinner on Saturday, October 26 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the church, 2129 Commonwealth Avenue.

The event features spooks,

games, a cakewalk and a spaghetti dinner. Cost is \$5 per family or \$2 per person. 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. Northstar Storytelling League members will tell ghost stories in this event for all ages.

People

For the fourth year in a row, Catherine Holtzclaw of Holtzclaw & 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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Tree Trust, Land Trust from page 11

Detroit 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 lakeshore 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 Court 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 "greenprints" 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

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Aging Gracefully by Mary Jo Tarasor

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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

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 remember as I began to type, someone showed me how you could erase your errors before the page was printed out. Since my unedited typing look 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 come down in price as much as computers have in the past 50 years, they'd get 200 miles to the gallon and cost \$1000 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 sapbnp@bitstream.net.

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1 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 Garden Club, St. Anthony Park Library, 6:30 p.m.

■ St. Anthony Park Writers, Black Bear Crossings, 831 Como Ave., 7 p.m.

2 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.

3 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.

4 Friday

■ 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, 9-10 a.m.).

■ Preschool story time, ages 3-5, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m. Pre-registration requested, 642-0411. Every Friday.

■ Falcon Heights recycling.

5 Saturday

■ Milton Square Fall Festival, Como Ave. between Carter and Doswell, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

■ Grand Opening Benefit, Anodyne Artist Company, 825 Carleton St., 5 p.m. 642-1684.

7 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 Monday.

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

8 Tuesday

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

■ Local author Robert Barclay discusses small press publishing, St. Anthony Park Library, 7 p.m.

9 Wednesday

■ Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 Larpeur 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.

10 Thursday

■ Free blood pressure clinic and health resources by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, St. Anthony Park Library, 10-11 a.m.

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

■ "Preventing Breast Cancer," Holly House staff, St. Anthony Park Library, noon-1 p.m.

13 Sunday

■ Music in the Park Series, Amati String Quarter, SAP United Church of Christ, 4 p.m. 645-5699.

14 Monday

■ Como Park & Lauderdale recycling.

■ Book talk on David McCoullough's "John Adams" led by Warren Gore, St. Anthony Park Library, 7 p.m.

15 Tuesday

■ District 10 board meeting, 7 p.m., Como Elementary 780 W. Wheelock Parkway.

16 Wednesday

■ Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7 p.m.

■ St. Anthony Park recycling.

18 Friday

■ Falcon Heights recycling.

20 Sunday

■ Park Press Inc., Park Bugle 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 Cromwell, 5:30 p.m.

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

■ Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 Larpeur Ave., 7 p.m.

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26 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.

28 Monday

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

■ Como Park & Lauderdale recycling.

■ Book signing and interview with MPR's Connie Goldman, author of "Gifts of Caregiving," St. Anthony Park Library, 7 p.m. Co-sponsored by Micawber's.

30 Wednesday

■ St. Anthony Park recycling.

31 Thursday

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

Items for the November Community Calendar must be submitted to the Bugle office by 6 p.m., Friday, October 18th.

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This exciting project signals the continuing maturation and diversification of the Foundation. In addition to grants targeting deserving organizations, we'll also support significant initiatives

essential to maintaining our community's vitality.



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Louise Schnebeli Amdahl

Louise Schnebeli Amdahl died on August 21, 2002 at the age of 82. She was a resident of Lyngblomsten Care Center.

Born Edna Louise Schnebeli in Kasson, Minnesota, she graduated from Winona State, taught in a one-room school, then married Jeryl Amdahl in 1941. 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. Amdahl was preceded in death by a sister, LaRiene, and an infant granddaughter. Survivors include her husband, Jeryl Amdahl; two daughters, Jerilyn (Tom) Frislie and Christine (Wayne) Kendall; a son, Charles (Jane) Amdahl; a sister, Pauline (Murray) Christenson; a brother, Donald (Delores) Schnebeli; and seven granddaughters, Kristin, Kathryn, Jennifer, Karalyn, Kira, 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's 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 1961. He served as Midwest agronomist for the Virginia-Carolina Corporation from 1957 to 1959.

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 1975, 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.

Mrs. Backus and her husband, Glenn, had opened their home to many foster children, in addition to their own four children. She was a parishioner at St. Therese Catholic Church.

Preceded in death by her husband, Glenn Backus, she is survived by two daughters, Sue (Roger) Janssen and Rose Backus; two sons, Glenn (Peggy) Backus, Jr. and Terry (Cheryl) Backus; 13 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Grace and Ann Bursaw; and a brother, Jack Bursaw. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on August 20 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 backgammon player who achieved Life Master status, he also skied the mountains of the world. He was past president of the St. Paul Rotary Club and a member of 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 George C. Brandt, Inc.

He is survived by three sons, Rick (Pam), Marty (Diane) and Jon; two daughters, Christie (Norm) and Rebecca (Annie); five grandchildren, Kevin (Allison), Lisa, Eric, Mikaela and Gracie; two great-grandchildren, Ricky and Leo; a brother, Dave (Evie); and a sister, Molly. A memorial celebration was held at the Town and Country Club on September 29.

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 Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Paul.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John "Jack" Hockbein, and a brother, Gus. Survivors include two sons, John (Marlene) Hockbein and Jeff (Wendy) Hockbein; two daughters, Jennifer (Tony) St. George and Jenelle (Butch) Zamyslowski; 13 grandchildren, Steven (Ann), Melissa (Michael), John (Elizabeth), Scott, Stacy (Wayne), Judy (Brian), Lori, Raina, Kari, Colleen, Mary, Anna and Laurel; six great-grandchildren, Eric, Kaylee, Jacob, Mitchell, Brianna and Abby; and a brother, Gaylen (Dolores). A funeral service took place at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on September 13.

Eva M. Keeley

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

Mrs. Keeley was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon Keeley. A funeral service was held at the Lyngblomsten Chapel on September 9.

Charlotte Ann Larson

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

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

She is survived by a sister, Lois Bennison of Covina, California; and two nephews, James and William Bennison. 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 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 Huot 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 granddaughter, Tina (Kevin) Enberg; four sisters, Sylvia Smetana, Mabel Thieman, Veronica (Hubert) Hanke and Vangelina Johanson; and stepfamily, Mike, Jeanette, Ron, Debbie, Ryan, Mary, Dave, Nick and Kelsey. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary of the Lake on August 21.

Boyd J. Rask

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

Mr. Rask 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) Rask, Daniel (Marsha) Rask of Lighthouse Point, Florida, Darrell Rask and Dale (Mary) Rask; and seven grandchildren, Kevin, David, Jennifer, Matthew, Brian, Joel and Lisa. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Childhood Church on September 4.

Howard M. Theits

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

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

Preceded in death by his brother, Clinton Theits, a sister, Audrey Davis, and a brother-in-law, Donald Davis, he is survived by his wife, Lillian Theits; 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 7, 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 is survived by his wife of 52 years, Dorothy Urman, a son, David Urman; two daughters, Cindy (Joe) Barron 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.

Frederic Chapman Battell

(Addition to the brief obituary in the September Bugle)

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

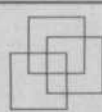
Born to Harriet Chapman Battell and Frederic Battell on September 26, 1910 in Mediapolis, Iowa, he moved with his family to Ames at the age of 7. He received his bachelor's degree in forestry in 1934 from Iowa State University, where he participated in track and cross country and played the violin in 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 Central Forestry Experiment Station and also for Minnesota and Ontario Paper Company (now Boise Cascade). He was past 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 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.

—Compiled by Ann Bulger



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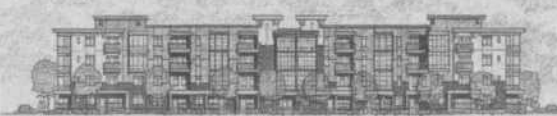
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Bobbi Megard, the executive director of Kids Voting-St. Paul, has been a resident of St. Anthony Park since 1967 and is well known to local citizens for her passionate commitment to active citizen involvement. In 1972, she was one of a group of women 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 have 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, seeking to learn which method is most likely to increase voter turnout. They will use three different methods: on-line, at

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