Warehouse Nightclub generates complaints

by Dave Healy

Recent problems with the Warehouse Nightclub, located at 2554 Como Avenue (just west of Highway 280), prompted a July 10 crime prevention meeting sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Community Council. According to Emily Farrell, District 12 community organizer, the council initiated the meeting because of concerns from neighbors about the nightclub. At the meeting, Meredith Vogland, crime prevention coordinator for the St. Paul Police Department (SPPD), distributed copies of an incident report for the department's Grid 1, which includes the 2554 Como address. The report indicated that during the first six months of 2003, police reported 21 incidents at that address, including robbery, aggravated assault, auto theft, theft from auto, vandalism and drunkenness. Vogland noted that if three or more nuisance calls are received within 30 days for a particular property, SPPD flags the property as having managed "excessive consumption of police services." Nuisance events include loud and boisterous conduct, activities that disturb the peace, fighting or use of obscene or inflammatory language, public drunkenness of two or more people, activities that create traffic congestion or parking problems, use and display of illegal drugs and indecent exposure or lewd conduct.

Kristina Schweinert, a license inspector with St. Paul's Office of License, Inspections and Environmental Protection (LIEP), said that concerns about the Warehouse Nightclub prompted LIEP to issue a list of recommendations to improve conditions at the facility. These included installing better lighting in the parking lot, adding security cameras inside and outside the building.

Businesses, institutions react to new gun law

by Susan Connor

On April 28, 2003 the Minnesota legislature passed and the governor signed into law Senate File #842, officially called the Minnesota Citizens' Personal Protection Act, popularly known as the "conceal and carry" law. Since its passage, communities, county and state agencies, institutions and businesses have been formulating their responses to the requirements of the law. In doing so they have had to grapple with their own views of the law, the effect the law will have on them, responses that are available to them and the possible impact of those responses on the public.

One option available to businesses and institutions that do not want guns on their property is to post a sign, meeting certain specifications as to language and size and type of lettering, that bars guns on the premises.

For this to be considered a "reasonable request" under the statute, the requester must also personally inform patrons of the posted request and demand compliance (see S.F. No. 842, lines 28.11 through 28.18). Some local businesses and institutions have made visible responses to the law; others have not. The owners of Spooky's, a bar on Summit Road, have not put up a sign. They have not put up a sign, according to owner Ned Weenberg, because "we don't own the property." Said Pam Glass, owner of the Quality Inn, "we don't want to be a metal detector." The St. Anthony Park Bank has no signs posted. "We decided not to post signage because we think it creates anxiety in customers," said Rick Besson, bank president.

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A new gun group has been established in Lauderdale, and some residents are upset about how the process was handled.

Art Peterson, a resident of Lauderdale for 76 years and neighbor to two doors south of the group home, said he didn't find out about it until he saw a man working in the yard during the first week of July. Peterson walked over and asked the man if he was his new neighbor.

According to Peterson, the man replied that he was working on the property for the new owners, a company called Dunganre, which manages group homes. This was the first that Peterson, or any of the neighbors, had heard that what was formerly a residential rental property was now going to be a group home.

Peterson's son, Art Peterson, Jr., lives directly south of the new group home. He said he was

St. Anthony Park resident Krish Carrs Rogers, the Science Museum of Minnesota's curator of paleontology, really digs dinosaurs (and fossils of all kinds). Check out Krish's new dino column, "No bones about it," on page 18.
CITY FILES

Como Park
Citizens may volunteer to help the District 10 Environment Committee and the St. Paul Parks Division with weeding and planting around Como Lake. Come to the pavilion on Thursday, August 7 and/or September 11 from 6-8 p.m. Bring gloves and small hand tools for weeding. Call committee chair Susan Jane Cheney with questions at 489-6452.

The city has been installing information signs in some of the newly planted areas around Como Lake. The native plant gardens and the rain gardens both have such signs of explanation.

Falcon Heights
Falcon Heights will hold its annual Ice Cream Social on Thursday evening, July 31. Things get underway at 6 p.m. at the Falcon Heights Community Park, Roselawn and Cleveland. Enjoy food, entertainment, contests and family activities.

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Anyone over 18 who has a valid driver's license and lives or works in or near Falcon Heights is invited to attend training sessions on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 p.m. at the city hall, 2077 Larpenteur Avenue West. For more information, call 644-5575.

St. Anthony Park
The St. Paul Bill of Rights Defense Committee made a presentation to the District 12 Community Council and requested support for a resolution opposing federal laws, directives and orders that they believe infringe on citizens rights and liberties—specifically, the USA Patriot Act of 2001 and the Homeland Security Act of 2002, along with various executive and military orders as well as Justice Department directives.

The council agreed to discuss the matter in August and to look for someone who would be able to present the federal government's position regarding the need for these measures.

As a part of reauthorizing the Federal Transportation Act, the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Work is proposing a weakening of environmental and historic protections.

They seek to alter or eliminate section 4(f) of the act, which requires the secretary of transportation to use "special effort(s) to preserve public parks, recreation lands, wildlife and waterfowl refuges and historic sites in the development of transportation plans and programs.

Specifically, this section says, "It is the policy of the United States Government that special effort should be made to preserve the natural beauty of the countryside and public park and recreation lands, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites."

The Community Council passed a resolution supporting renewal of the act with no changes or deletions to section 4(f).

Hampden Avenue between Raymond and Henley will be repaired this summer. The Executive Committee passed a resolution to send to St. Paul's Public Works Department requesting bike lanes be added if that would not require the removal of parking.

The St. Paul Port Authority has been invited to the August council meeting to talk about current and future plans and projects in St. Anthony Park.

There will be a wine and cheese art auction fundraiser for the Community Council held in mid-October.

---Susan Crouse

St. Anthony Park Community Council
NEWS

Council-sponsored meetings are listed each month in the Bugle's Community Calendar. Everyone is welcome!

Join your neighbors for National Night Out, Tuesday, August 5th. If you would like help organizing a potluck or celebration please contact Emily Farrell (SAPCC Crime Prevention Coordinator)

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Micawber's reopens Aug. 1 under new owners
by Judy Woodward

Between them, Hans Weyandt and Tom Bienberg have more than three decades of experience in the book business. They're the new owners of that St. Anthony Park institution, Micawber's Books. Once founder Norton Stillman decided to retire earlier this summer, Bienberg and Weyandt seemed like naturals to take over the 30-year-old business.

But it might not have happened at all, especially if Weyandt's sister, Maura, had decided to live somewhere else, quite far away.

"I was 26, he worked at Ruminator Books in St. Paul for the past three and a half years, before that, he grew up in Falcon Heights and graduated from St. John's University in 1999. He remembers happy childhood visits to the Milton Square area, but he never thought he'd end up owning a neighborhood landmark. "I always thought in ten, maybe fifteen years, I'd start my own bookstore," he says. "But I wasn't on the lookout to buy right now. However, my sister Maura lives upstairs from the store, and I found out about Micawber's going on the market from her.

He wanted to be involved in the community and to have a bookstore, but he knew he needed some advice. That's when he called Tom Bienberg, a 51-year-old book buyer at Ruminator and a man whose experience in the book business stretches back to the 1970s. Bienberg's response was more than positive.

Weyandt reports that Bienberg told him, "I don't want to step on your toes, but I'm interested in coming in on this." Weyandt adds, "Tom is one of the most experienced book buyers in the state. His partnership gave the two of us a real sense of legitimacy."

Bienberg says that he realized the advantages of buying an established business like Micawber's: "It's an existing bookstore in a great neighborhood. A bookstore is pretty hard to start from scratch.

The partners plan to reopen Micawber's on August 1. The name, the telephone number and the parking lots and restrooms—including the weathered planks of the hardwood floors, which give it its characteristic "squeak" during quiet afternoons—will be largely unaltered. Members of the store's Loyalty Club for frequent buyers will not need to re-register. Returning customers will notice a few changes, nonetheless.

"It won't be the same inventory as before," says Bienberg. "We're going to have more magazines, we'll add more used books and remainders. Many independent bookstores are now combining new and used books."

Weyandt notes that new and that the partners hope will even the daunting odds that face any independent bookstore in a world increasingly dominated by chains.

"It won't be easy," says Bienberg, "but it's what we want to do. We think there's still room for a good independent bookstore that finds its niche."

One way to discover that niche is to develop a good relationship with the neighborhood.

Weyandt says, "We can be a community center in a neighborhood like this. A small store can function at a profit if you provide your audience effectively and accommodate. Friendly and knowledgeable service shows people that you're part of the community."

Weyandt, who was in charge of special orders at Ruminator Books, intends to continue Micawber's emphasis on personal service.

"I like turning people on to new things," he says. "A lot of my own favorite authors are people that customers have recommended."

Both Weyandt and Bienberg are looking forward to talking with customers about their own reading choices.

Weyandt says his favorite authors are novelists A. L. Kennedy, Tim O'Brien and poet Li-Young Lee. Bienberg, who has a degree in history from Macalester, enjoys Greek and Roman history and relaxes with detective writers like Robert Parker.

As opening day approaches, the partners have been absorbed in the sort of start-up logistics details that consume the energies of all small business owners. "You didn't think this was about books," jokes Bienberg.

Starting in August, though, they look forward to returning to what they love most. "After 27 years in the business," Bienberg says, "I still get excited about seeing the books come out of the boxes. Connecting books to the reader—that's the best thing about running a bookstore."
City roads take me home

The city is hot. Townhouses and condominums are sprouting in downtown St. Paul and Minneapolis. Mayor Kelly has on record as wanting to add 5,000 new housing units in St. Paul. University Avenue, formerly Steve Cannon's "boulevard of broken dreams," is suddenly primed for real estate, with one new development (Ricebird Garden/Berry Street) in the works and another (Metro Platz plan for the Johnson Brokers site) on the drawing board.

In nearby Falcon Heights, a face-lift at the southeast corner of Summit Avenue and Welby Street means more than 50 senior apartments and 14 town homes. In settled residential neighborhoods like Como Park and St. Anthony Park, with convenient access to both downtowns, housing prices have gone up dramatically in recent years. A one-bedroom apartment at the corner of Afton and Ely in 1992, a single-family house in St. Anthony Park increased $100,000. For many urban dwellers, these are welcome developments. A bit essential of the suburbanization of America, of those who live in and near cities have chafed at the impression that we are geographically one, pathetically clinging to an outmoded street-and-avenue lifestyle in a late-and-early era. We've seen St. Paul's population steadily decline, while the Woodbury's and Eagan's and Lakeville's of the world have burgeoned.

City dwellers of a certain age remember Eric Burdon of the Animals singing "we gotta get out of this place" and Donna Summer's dance trick. "Faster and Faster to Nowhere" and Bobby Bare's rueful "Detroit City." We recall Virginia Lee Burtritt's story of the little country house that watched in helpless despair as the city grew up around it, blotting out the sun and moon and filling the air with dust and smoke. The message from these popular culture sources was clear: The city is a terrible place to live. We're tired of the gloom and the doom, the jams on the asphalt jungle. The city had a bad rap for long enough, we say. It's about time the tide has turned. Vive la ville!

But as any celebrity will tell you, being popular has its price. Ricki Lake's pay for housing is nice, but if she's selling the Tommy/Tori trying to buy, it's become a sad joke among long-time homeowners that "I could never afford to buy my own house." Most of us enjoy living near people like ourselves, but what if people like us can't afford to live here?

If an outer-ring suburb wants to expand, all it has to do is sprawl. In urban neighborhoods, on the other hand, building new housing means tearing something down. Usually what's torn down is not something in commercial-industrial property, and until all of us operate out of a home office, losing commercial-industrial space means losing places people work. Between 1953 and 2002, St. Paul's Midway said goodbye to 2,400 manufacturing jobs.

Presumably, one reason people want to live in the city is to avoid the long commutes facing their suburban counterparts. But ironically, in city living becomes more popular and the demand for housing increases, jobs are lost to the suburbs, which means more urban residents have to hit the road to get to work.

Another result of the city's popularity is that people who live here don't want to leave. As they age and their houses empty, they tend to stay put—especially if there are local services to help them stay in their homes, such as the Black Nurse programs in Como Park and St. Anthony Park. That means those neighborhoods have more older, housing as single-family homes stay occupied by one or two people rather than being sold to growing families.

Popularity turns out to be a mixed blessing, but most of us who live here are willing to live with the consequences. We take heart from the Biblical drama, which begins in Genesis with a foreboding picture of urban life (the first city builder, Cain, was also the first murderer) but ends in Revelation with a glorious image: heaven as city.

Let's hope the place has some affordable housing.

Not just a great nation

The United States must not be merely a great nation but a great nation, not only a provider of justice but a creator of conditions in which justice can expand and grow. Becoming a full participant in the United Nations will help the U.S. achieve those ideals. The collapse of the dream of Arafat and Erdal's message to more than 80 people at a June 30 community potluck organized by St. Anthony Park Neighbors for Peace. Erdal is a former state representative and secretary of state in Minnesota, American Congresswoman, Peace Corps administrator and president of the Minnesota United Nations Association.

The United Nations was established after World War II with the understanding that national ambitions must be constrained by a collective will. While in need of some reform, the U.N. has so far fulfilled its basic mandate of preventing a third World War. Furthermore, it has served the world by controlling diseases, improving agriculture and educating children.

But lately the United States has not been a fully responsible member. We have withheld dues needed for U.N. functions. Erdal is disappointed that the present administration refused to support the International Criminal Court, the treaty to ban land mines and the Kyoto Treaty which addresses global warming. Erdal reminded listeners that the United States is founded on the principle "of the citizen as sovereign." Our elected officials are not rules but rather servants of the people. Most armed conflicts can be prevented by removing the causes of war. Our personal dream is that the budget of billions of dollars our country spends on military campaigns will in the future be spent on international development and justice.

Biotech developments a boost

The unanimous vote by the St. Paul HRA to purchase part of the nearby Westgate property for a biotech incubator should be broadly applauded by anyone who believes that high-paying jobs and cutting-edge economic development are critical to St. Paul's continued success.

The project is a huge boost of energy for the Midway area and will be a key element for added vitality and economic health for existing businesses. By reacting the region's stakeholders and investors and by reaching out to the governor, Mayor Kelly showed the leadership and vision to get things done. The City Council is right to support these efforts. The momentum is gaining.

Richard B. Beem, president St. Anthony Park Bank

Commentary by David Y. Merrell

Strolling down Como Avenue, past the shops, the restaurants and the library, it is hard not to notice the simple beauty of St. Anthony Park. Granted, I live here only two months of the year, but maybe that gives me a perspective many in the neighborhood miss. I do not take it for granted and so am able appreciate it more.

What strikes me most about St. Anthony Park is the sense of separation. It feels different from the rest of St. Paul. Here is an anchorage—a separate, close-knit neighborhood inside a metropolitan area of millions of city people. An anchorage, to be sure, but a welcome one. In times of urban sprawl, with suburbs stretching dozens of miles from every city center, it is refreshing to find an urban community asserting its independence.

Nowhere is this more evident than at the Fourth of July parade and the following festivities. In many places the local community parade is dead, supplanted by big city displays, but not here. The Fourth in the Park, with its volleyball and tennis tournaments, old-fashioned food and live music, provides a wonderful throwback to the past and offers an appealing alternative to commercial urban patriotism.

Another great thing about the neighborhood is the public parks. Either Langford Park or College Park is within walking distance for most north St. Paul residents, and they give people a chance to be outside and see some green. Both have tennis courts, a playground and a large stretch of grass ideal for a friendly toss of the Frisbee. In the summer, these great places release some of the stress of everyday life.

Besides the parks, another major contribution to the livability of the neighborhood is the local public library. The St. Anthony Park Library is definitely one of the best things about living here. It offers the community a very fruitful fountain of knowledge and access to the city's entire library system. With it's free Internet access, computerized card catalogue and a large collection of CDs and movies (on both DVD and VHS), it is a great place to stop.

Being a New York boy, it is especially interesting to spend time in this neighborhood. Summers spent here represent a break from the daily grind of life back the East. St. Anthony Park is one of the last vestiges of a dying culture, one that's already passed into the history books in most areas. While other neighborhoods lose their individuality and conform to what suburban America should be, St. Anthony Park remains both an icon of the past and a hope for the future.

During the school year, David Merrill lives in Independence, New York, where next year he will be a high school junior. His family spends summers in St. Anthony Park, where his father grew up.

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St. Paul's Farmers Market has several satellite locations in addition to the main market in Lowertown. This year the market that used to be at Har Mar Mall moved to Falcon Heights, near City Hall. On a recent Tuesday morning, LaQuita Roll, of Roll's Produce in North branch, had help bagging strawberries from her granddaughter Madison Roll.

The annual “Fourth in the Park” features several forms of competition, including a distance race, volleyball, horseshoes and novelty races. This year’s gunny sack races, a Fourth of July tradition for many years, drew one of the largest groups of participants ever.

Another annual local event is Lauderdale’s “Day in the Park.” This year’s version included a giant water slide, which proved especially popular among younger residents. Here Amanda Lieder shows onlookers how to keep cool.

St. Anthony Park’s annual Fourth of July celebration is the only such event in St. Paul that includes a parade. Among the many marchers at this year’s event were members of the St. Paul Police Band.

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New book targets parents of special babies
by Michelle Christianson

You’ve seen those sweet little baby books with fill-in-the-blank spaces for all the “milestones.” There’s the first smile, the first steps, the first word. Como Park resident Rhonda Delboh-Insko thought she would be filling in those blanks when she brought her first child, Leah, home from the hospital seven years ago. Leah was a beautiful baby, but she had a very difficult first two weeks. Eventually, she was hospitalized and diagnosed with Trisomy 18, a chromosomal disorder that causes severe retardation along with many health problems and that leaves children with a life expectancy of about a year. Although Leah lived beyond her life expectancy to almost three years, she remained basically a baby. She never took that first step or said that first word. Every time Rhonda went to fill out the baby book, she was overwhelmed with sadness. About a year before Leah died, Rhonda began to write her own baby book designed for parents of children with special needs. Now, five years and two children (Simon, 5, and Lila, 2) later, Rhonda has finished her book. It’s called “A Very Special Baby Book,” and she hopes it will be a tool to help parents celebrate the life of their child, even if that child is not the child they expected.

She wants the book to give parents a way to look at their baby positively. “I hope it will help them look at their baby through new eyes,” she said. The hard-bound book is divided into sections that can be removed or rearranged as needed. There are sections for the hospital, diagnosis and coming home, as well as a growth chart and places to record things about mums, daddys, pets and siblings. The book is illustrated with the author’s own drawings and is constructed more as a journal than as a form to be filled out, with many places to fill in what a typical day is like. In this way, parents can see even incremental advances their child makes. The book can also be used as a grieving tool if the child should die. It’s a category dice for a particular situation, the section can simply be removed. Delboh-Insko, who was an advocate for nursing home residents before having children, was so determined to help other parents that she is publishing the book herself. She received a grant from the Samacali Foundation of Stillwater that will cover graphic design expenses, but she needs to raise some money for the first printing. This is where others can help. On August 5 from 6-9 p.m. an ice cream social/craft sale will be held at Holy Childbirth Church, 1435 Midway Parkway. The ice cream is being donated, and many of Delboh-Insko’s friends have contributed goods and services. She hopes to collect more arts and craft items for auction at the event and, of course, will accept cash donations.

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Mongolians bring their culture to St. Paul

by Anne Holzman

Among the many languages spoken on the streets of St. Anthony Park, Mongolian is a little unusual. But English classes at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church brought two Mongolian citizens together this year, adding to the neighborhood's linguistic and cultural mix.

Purev Sanj, a former dean of Mongolia's Agriculture University, now writes fiction full time and dreams of having his work translated. He arrived in February for a one-year visit with a daughter, who lives in Minneapolis.

Erdenechimeg Halburhu, another St. Matthew's student, who goes by the nickname Chimege, to make things easier for her English-speaking friends, has been born in the United States for 12 years and plans to apply for citizenship soon. An acrobat originally brought to this country to tour with Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey, she now teaches at Circus Joventus in Highland Park and freelances as a performer. She lives in Minneapolis.

Both say that while English is now commonly taught in Mongolian high schools, they have had to struggle to learn it as adults. Until the Soviet Union broke apart in 1991, all Mongolians learned Russian as a second language. Sanj and Chimege both speak it fluently.

“I always wanted to go to school for English,” Chimege said, but instead, “I learn by talking.” Classes at St. Matthew's have helped her progress, but it’s hard to find time for coursework given her job and other demands.

She served as translator for Sanj during their interview.

Sanj said his visits here have given him the opportunity to write about this country for an eager audience back home. This is his second time to visit. He has two daughters, the other one of whom lives in San Francisco.

“America is a dreamland” to many Mongolians, he said. His daughters fulfilled the dream by coming here for education and then settling down. The daughter in Minneapolis has completed dental school, and her daughter will be a graduate in the fall.

Sanj said his previous articles about travel in the United States ran in 10 different Mongolian newspapers. He finds that Americans know very little about Mongolia, but that Mongolians devour information about the United States. “The Mongolian people know America. People love it,” he said of his travel writing.

Sanj, 61, grew up in rural western Mongolia and moved to the capital, Ulaanbaatar, for college. He stayed on to teach at the university, eventually moving up to dean, then retiring six years ago.

He began writing fiction during college and has published 23 novels and short story collections. His dream is to see them translated for a broader audience, but so far that hasn't happened, he said.

He writes about the Mongolian countryside, and about “young people’s dreams... of course, love stories.” One of his recent titles is roughly translated “A Goodhearted Girl from the Countryside.”

Sanj said he has won many writing awards in Mongolia, including the Mongolian Writers Award in 2000. The Mongolian Writers Union sponsors an annual writing competition, in which he has placed in the top three every year for the past 10 years, he said.

Chimege explained that much of Mongolia, which has a population of 2.5 million spread over an area of 640,000 square miles (a little larger than Alaska), has hardly been affected by human habitation and is “big, empty, beautiful.”

Whereas Sanj is only a visitor to the Twin Cities, Chimege has decided to stay. She closed a house in South Minneapolis in August, and her son will move here from Vermont, where he has been teaching and performing in a circus, to attend South High School as a senior this fall.

One of seven children born to an accountant and a truck driver, Chimege started learning gymnastics when she was eight years old. At 16, she entered circus school, which is a four-year college program in Mongolia. She specialized in acrobatics but learned many other circus skills, such as juggling.

She's grateful for the broad training she received there, she said, because while she performs as an acrobat, “I have 13, 14 different kinds of classes I’m teaching.”

After graduation, Chimege worked in the Mongolian state circus for five years, touring Europe and Asia. Then came a big break.

“One day Ringling Brothers circus came,” she said. “All of a sudden, Americans come and want us.” Circus officials said they would hire four acts out of the dozens in the Mongolian state circus. Chimege was one of the four.

Chimege and her five-year-old son began touring North America, living on the circus train. After fulfilling a two-year commitment, the other Mongolian performers went home, but Chimege was offered a contract extension and decided to take it.

Life aboard a train eventually became comforting. “The first three years were good, seeing everything,” she said, “but then I can’t take it any more.” Vermont had some circus opportunities, so she settled there for a while.

About a year ago, she moved to the Twin Cities to join her boyfriend, Eron. Last summer she took him and her son to Mongolia so that Eron could meet her parents and the couple could ask them for permission to marry.

Chimege was thrilled to find work here with Circus Joventus, as well as plenty of freelance opportunities for performances at parties and events. She expressed amazement at the local interest in circuses.

Joventus has almost 500 young performers enrolled for this summer’s camp, she said. Their next show, “Taroq,” opens August 7 at the Circus Tent on Big Top, 1270 Montreal Avenue in St. Paul.

While it does bother her that her son doesn’t speak Mongolian, Chimege said, “I’m happy that I’m here. My son is getting a

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environment for anyone, employee or customer, in any of the facilities," Heath Partners is currently in the process of "developing procedures for staff to follow in more specific situations," McBe added. The St. Paul Saints will also be sporting such signs. General Manager Bill Fanning described their dilemma. "We leave from the city of St. Paul. We asked them what we can do to eliminate the possibility of guns in the stadium. They are still in the process of deciding. We decided that since we are a private business, we will go ahead and put up signs that guns are not allowed in the ballpark." The Minnesota State Fairgrounds does not yet have a response. "We’re working on it," said Brian Hadalla, operations director, noting that "we still have a bit of time.

"The library, like many city departments, is concerned but also needs to follow the law. We are working closely with the police department," said Steve Nelson, public relations officer for the St. Paul Library. "As a public building we can not put up a sign forbidding guns." Neither can St. Paul’s recreation centers, according to Hal Holkamp, director of the Langford and South St. Anthony centers. "The directive from the downtown office is to call 911 if we see any type of weapon. The police will come and check the situation out," Holkamp said. The U.S. Post Office, on the other hand, has a prominently posted sign warning that possession of firearms and dangerous weapons in federal facilities is prohibited by law. This has not been changed as a result of Minnesota’s new statute.

Local churches and Luther Seminary have also been struggling with the law and their possible responses. They are weighing pragmatic considerations, how a chosen response affects their worship and study environments, whether they should take the opportunity to make a statement of their theological understanding, as well as the larger issue of the state’s rights to control what churches may require on their own property.

At this time Luther Seminary has modified the antiviolence policy they already had in place, according to Howard Ostrom, vice president of administration and finance. They have changed it to include a prohibition against bringing firearms on campus.

At the end of the policy Luther includes a statement that firearms are permitted in the parking facilities due to the fact that the law does not allow the seminary to prohibit them. They have not yet posted any signs. "We hope that it won’t be necessary," Ostrom said.

The St. Michael’s Lutheran Church Council decided that a sign would not be a detriment to anyone determined to bring a gun into the building. On the other hand, posting a sign could make a theological statement about their worship community. The church decided to trust that anyone coming then knows that "bringing a gun into God’s house is both unnecessary and inappropriate," according to Pastor Roland Hayes. "We just completed a series on peace issues," he added. "Violence is not who we are. Anyone coming here knows that. What kind of hospitable presence would signs create?"

Both St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ and St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church are considering joining other Minnesota churches in a lawsuit against the state of Minnesota, led by Edina Community Lutheran Church.

SAPUCC members have received a mailing about the lawsuit and will be holding a congregational meeting in August to discuss their church’s response to the law. They have posted no signs, according to Sue Grove, child and youth coordinator.

St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church has had signs made but at this point none are posted, according to Jon Schumacher, president of the congregation.

Schumacher said that they are in touch with those bringing the lawsuit and share some of the same concerns. "As soon as it makes sense, there will be a congregational meeting to determine our response," he said.

To see the text of Senate File 842 go to www.house.mn. Click "Bills," then enter SF842. To see the text of the lawsuit brought by the Edina Community Lutheran Church against the state of Minnesota, filed by former U.S. Attorney David Lillega, go to www.edl.org.

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Raptor Center makes one proud to be a bird

by Clay Christensen

St. Paul is a good place to be a bird, especially the particular kind of bird called a raptor, or bird of prey. The University of Minnesota St. Paul campus is home to the Raptor Center, located on the corner of Fisch and Norton Avenues. The $2.5 million, 23,000-square-foot facility was donated by Don and Louise Gabbett and was first occupied in 1988. It is the only facility of its kind in the world.

The mission statement of the Raptor Center is “to preserve biological diversity among raptors and other avian species through medical treatment, scientific investigation, education, and management of wild populations.” The center focuses on birds of prey including eagles, hawks, owls and falcons, but is also involved with other bird species.

Dr. Gary Duke and Dr. Patrick Redig established the Raptor Center within the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Minnesota in 1974. Since then, the facility has treated more than 13,000 birds, expanding its annual caseload from 100 birds to more than 800.

The staff has grown from one person to 20 full-time equivalents, including veterinarians, rehabilitation technicians, educators, communications professionals, fundraisers and administrators. In addition, 900 volunteers contribute more than 25,000 hours annually to the Raptor Center.

The Raptor Center is internationally known for pioneering and perfecting orthopedic and anesthetic techniques for birds. In addition to a clinic—complete with x-ray, anesthesia, and surgical facilities—an in-house laboratory enables the center to run diagnostic tests on their own patients as well as those from other clinics nationwide.

In 1985, the center developed a sensitive and accurate diagnostic test for aspergillosis, the most common fatal disease of raptors. Birds have been sent to the Raptor Center from 40 states and three countries. The Raptor Center is also involved in a variety of conservation and field studies. Bald eagles: Since 1999, the center has been engaged in a study of lead poisoning in bald eagles along the Mississippi River.

Peregrine Falcon: The Raptor Center was instrumental in the restoration of the endangered peregrine falcon, beginning work in 1982 with the Midwest Peregrine Falcon Restoration Project, a venture involving nine states. More than 130 pairs of peregrine falcons are now nesting in the region, and the bird was removed from the Endangered Species List in 1999. The Raptor Center continues to monitor and study the population.

Owls: In 1995, the center began placing satellite telemetry units on owls in order to study their migration habits and learn about their wintering areas. In 2002, the tracking project was determined to have reached its objectives, providing valuable and sufficient information about owl flyways, and it was then discontinued.

California Condor: Raptor Center Director Pat Redig is a veterinary coordinator for the Condor Recovery Team, an effort coordinated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to help the California condor, another endangered species struggling to make a comeback. At the opening of the 2002 breeding season, a census revealed 182 live condors, including 101 in breeding facilities, 19 in field pens being held for release and 62 free-flying wild birds.

The Raptor Center’s public education programs feature live birds of prey and reach 250,000 people each year. In addition to conducting hundreds of on-site presentations and tours, the education staff travels nationwide. In 1993, Manual of Omaha’s Wildlife Heritage Trust awarded the Raptor Center a special citation for exemplary efforts to educate the public about the need for conservation.

The Raptor Center is a valued resource for veterinary education, providing residencies and internships for veterinarians, veterinary students and wildlife rehabilitationists from throughout the United States and the world.

In a joint effort with the Science Museum of Minnesota, the Raptor Center produced Hunters of the Sky, a 5,000-square-foot bird of prey exhibit currently on nationwide tour. This award-winning project was funded through a grant from the National Science Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

In 1996, the center created the Eagle Spirit Kit, a program in partnership with Healthy Planet Productions. Those who purchase a kit, sold nationwide, choose one of six eagles to sponsor and then receive updates via a quarterly newsletter. A portion of the proceeds from the kits is returned to the Raptor Center.

The Raptor Center is funded through private donations (50 percent), income earned from educational programs, endowment investments and professional services (38 percent); and university allocations (12 percent). The annual operational budget is approximately $1 million.

Raptor Center surgeons operate on an injured bald eagle.

The center does not expect to be dramatically affected by potential cuts to the budget of the University of Minnesota, which supplies grounds-keeping and facility maintenance services as its primary contribution to the center’s operation.

For further information about the Raptor Center, contact Sue Kirchoff, communications manager, at 612-624-3781 or visit their Web site at www.raptor.cvm.umn.edu.

Libraries weigh options following Supreme Court’s anti-pornography ruling

by Amy Causton

In a controversial decision last month, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA), which requires that libraries receiving federal funding for Internet technology install anti-pornography filters on all public access computers.

While some have applauded the decision as a way to protect children from inappropriate material online, others claim that it will infringe on the rights of library users to access information.

How have local libraries responded to the decision? “Right now, nothing has been decided for sure,” said Linda Wilcox, public services manager for the St. Paul Library System, which includes the St. Anthony Park branch. “We don’t have filters, but we feel we have a very good Internet policy.”

The library is currently part of a library policy that displaying pornographic sites on a library computer is not permitted. “The staff is alert,” Wilcox said. While librarians try to respect patrons’ privacy, as they go about their business “they keep their eye on the monitors,” she added.

A person found viewing pornographic sites is given a warning. A second offense results in being banned from the library for six months. Wilcox said this has not proven to be a problem for the St. Paul libraries.

One frequent complaint of those opposed to filters is that they may filter out too much. A person looking up information on safe sex or sexual health topics may find relevant sites blocked by the filter.

Filter proponents argue that these provisions could have the filter removed or turned off, but opponents say that even if that were possible, it would take too much of the library’s time and possibly infringe on patrons’ privacy.

Another issue for libraries, especially in times of cutbacks, is the cost of installing filters on their computers. “It would be our first choice not to use filters,” Wilcox said.

Currently, many library systems are waiting to decide how they will be going to proceed. The Minneapolis Public Library System is considering forging both the filters and the federal money tied to their use.

As for St. Paul, Wilcox said, “We’re paying close attention to what’s going on and we’re deciding how the St. Paul Libraries will respond.”

She pointed out that ultimately the decision lies with Mayor Kelly and the St. Paul City Council. The Ramsey County Library system, which also has no filters, is in a similar state of flux, Laura Johnson, public relations programming manager for Ramsey County Libraries, said.

“At this point, we have not taken any action,” Johnson said, adding that their library board is awaiting the results of research being conducted by the ALA, which the board will then review with the county attorney’s office before making a decision.

Both the Ramsey County and St. Paul Library systems are also working with the Metropolitan Library Service Agency, which coordinates programs for Twin Cities memoir-area libraries.

“We’re hoping maybe we can do something as a larger group,” said Wilcox.
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At a May 6 forum in the St. Anthony neighborhood, community leaders heard a report from Minneapolis Regional Planning and Development Agency that summarized the re-appraisal of residential property values. The report indicated that the value of homes in the neighborhood had increased significantly, with a median value of $250,000.

To shed further light on the issue, the St. Anthony Park Bugle assembled four professionals from the business community to discuss the impact of the re-appraisal on the neighborhood.

Kimmel: This is a complex issue, and it's important to understand the implications of the re-appraisal. The value of homes in the neighborhood has increased, but the market has also gone up.

Watters: This trend is happening across the country, and it's not just affecting the St. Anthony neighborhood. The market is not going down, and it's not going up.

Mathews: It's too hard to think about the re-appraisal in terms of the current market conditions. The market is not going down, and it's not going up.

Kimmel: The re-appraisal has affected the neighborhood, and it's affecting the businesses in the neighborhood. The market is not going down, and it's not going up.

Watters: This trend is happening across the country, and it's not just affecting the St. Anthony neighborhood. The market is not going down, and it's not going up.

Mathews: One perspective is that the market is not going down, and it's not going up. This trend is happening across the country, and it's not just affecting the St. Anthony neighborhood. The market is not going down, and it's not going up.
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Watters: I think the perception in some other neighborhoods is that a 50-50 split like we have here is negative. That high a percentage of rental units, it's assumed, will drive down property values or increase crime. Clearly, we haven't seen that in St. Anthony Park, where the even split has held pretty steady for many years. I think our renters are a positive addition. Also, some people rent here, maybe as students, and they want to come back.

Kimmel: In my experience working on the Franklin-Emerald Task Force, I came to realize that many people like living near a commercial-industrial area. It's another set of eyes on their property during the daytime.

Mathews: It's really an old-fashioned crime-prevention model: residents watching commercial properties at night and industry being there during the day. It actually works very well.

Watters: Yes, there's a vitality generated by having different property uses in the same area. And it isn't just the Midway area. We need a balanced economy throughout the city. If all our jobs go out to Rosemount, then what happens in the core city?

Sparr: We've seen what happens when cities like Minneapolis and St. Paul turn their backs on commercial operations, while the suburbs give them sweetheart deals to move out there. Then we find out that we have a public transit system that feeds people into downtown and up and down University Avenue and Lake Street, but there are no jobs to speak of there anymore. So everybody has to drive a car, and the freeways clog up.

Mathews: Two housing developments in my neighborhood—Franklin-Emerald, and the Metro Plains plan for the Johnson Brothers site—would double the small St. Anthony Park population. If we put in another 800 units of housing, I worry about what kinds of stress that will place on what's already here—transportation, parking, etc.

Kimmel: If the Johnson Brothers project does happen, I will be very excited about enhancing what we already have in the Raymond-University area. It's tricky because if things go too fast and too well, some current business owners may be priced out of the area. But I think if it's done well, new businesses can complement what we already have.

Does St. Anthony Park need more housing?

Watters: One area where we really lack is senior rental housing. We have the Seal high-rise, but there's a huge demand throughout St. Paul for senior housing.

Mathews: I agree that we need independent living with services or housing that's accessible. Many seniors can't live in the upstairs of a duplex or in some walk-up apartment buildings. The life cycle of a community is very much tied to housing. If you want to get more first-time home buyers into the community, you need to provide opportunities for seniors who want to stay in the neighborhood and who would be willing to sell their home if there were other housing options.

Watters: I think St. Anthony Park could also accommodate some additional affordable housing.

Mathews: Yes, especially bigger units that would accommodate larger families—say a new immigrant family, that traditionally has more children, or an extended family living together. I'd also like to see us explore something that other cities have done—cooperative housing arrangements that are more demographically mixed and where people might share other things, like a car.
Neighbors for Peace
St. Anthony Park Neighbors for Peace will host an evening of music on Sunday, August 3 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Langford Park. Neighbors are invited to gather near the handstand and bring a picnic, blanket and lawn chair. Music will be provided by Debbie Smith and Nick Jordan (traditional/folk), Michael Keyes (jazz guitar) and Linus Kangas and band (rock).
In case of rain, the event will take place in the Langford Rec Center gym. Langford Park is located behind St. Anthony Park Elementary School, a block south of Como and two blocks west of Raymond.

Activities include games, face painting, cake walk, crafts, tug of war and other contests. Refreshments include root beer floats, ice cream novelties, cake and beverages. Entertainment will be provided by Red Bean and Rice.

Recreation
Registration has begun for fall soccer at Langford and South St. Anthony Rec Centers. Practices start mid-August and games in early September. Stop by the centers Monday-Thursday 1-9 p.m., Friday 1-6 p.m. or call 298-5765 for more information.

Langford Rec Center will offer a golf class in August for kids 6-12. Tentative dates are Mondays and Wednesdays, August 4 & 6, 11 & 13 and 18 & 20 from 7-8:30 p.m.
Instruction will be offered in driving, chipping and putting. The class will conclude with a round of golf at a nine-hole par 3 course.
The registration fee is $25. To register, call 298-5765 or stop by the Rec Center.

The Twin Cities Fire Soccer Club will hold a soccer day camp August 18-22 at South St. Anthony Rec Center. Camp runs from 9 a.m. to noon for ages 4-9, and from 1-4 p.m. for ages 10-13.
The day camp fee is $100, which includes a soccer ball and T-shirt. Register by August 8.
The Twin Cities Fire Soccer Club PO Box 50816 Mendota, MN 55510.
For more information about the camp, contact Aaron Talen at 485-5901 or tfsoccer@adl.com, or visit www.twin-citiesfire.org.

Concert
Ticket To Brasil, a seven-piece ensemble that plays bossa nova, samba, and Brazilian jazz, will perform with vocalist Selma Areu on Friday, August 8 from 7:30-9 at the Como Lakeland Pavilion, 1360 N. Lexington Plwy, in St. Paul.
The concert will feature music from the group's recently released CD. Tickets are $8 at the door. $5 in advance. For ticket information, call 308-2746 or visit www.ticketronbrazil.com.

Fundraisers
An ice cream social and craft sale will be held on Tuesday, August 5 to assist in publishing "A Very Special Baby Book" by Como Park resident Rhonda Deboogh-Innok. The book was written for patients of babies with special needs and is being self-published.
The event takes place from 5-9 p.m. at Holy Childhood Catholic Church, 1435 Midway Parkway. Admission is $5 for adults and $3 for children. For more information, call 642-1796.

Local residents Adam Seeley and Adam McNish will compete in the Buckman Challenge, a fundraiser for the Children's Cancer Research Foundation, which funds research and training for the prevention, treatment and cure of childhood cancers as well as quality-of-life programs for pediatric patients and their families.
The event consists of a one-mile off-road run, a six-mile mountain biking course and a four-mile street run.
Last year Seeley and McNish raised over $3,500; this year their goal is $5,000. Donations are tax-deductible and may be sent to:
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Interviews begin in August. For more information or to request application materials, e-mail cmatusow@mmaa.org or call 292-4895.

The Minnesota Museum of Art is located in the Landmark Center, 75 West Fifth Street in downtown St. Paul. It features a diverse collection of American art from the 19th century to the present.

The Ramsey County Community Human Services Department is looking for adults (age 16 and over) to serve as a lobby monitor. Observe children who are waiting with their parents in the lobby and offer activities such as reading, coloring, etc. To volunteer or for more information, call 266-4009 or e-mail volunteer@rco. Ramsey mn.us.

Vacation Bible School

Mr. Olive Lutheran Church will host Vacation Bible School August 4-8 at the church, Pascal and Almond near Como Park. This year’s theme is the “Amazing Praise Band.” VBS runs from 9-11:30 a.m. and is open to all children from age 4 to those having finished fifth grade. A daily snack will be provided. Transportation is provided as needed. Preregistration is strongly encouraged. Call 645-2575 to register or for more information.

People

St. Anthony Park resident Karen Eckman was named Volunteer of the Year by the Friends of the Parks and Trails at their annual meeting on June 18 at Bald Eagle/Other Lakes Regional Park. Eckman was honored for her work to protect and promote the Kasota Pond area in St. Anthony Park. She has been the primary organizer of annual Kasota Pond cleanups for 13 years. This year’s event attracted a record 60 volunteers, who collected over 70 bags of waste.

Eckman has also co-authored two DNR grants (Conservation Partners and Metro Greenways) used to enlist local residents in completing a natural resources inventory in St. Anthony Park, and in planting native vegetation, removing invasive species, enhancing nesting sites and controlling road runoff. An earlier project involved creating a map and inventory of all park and boulevard trees in St. Anthony Park.

St. Anthony Park resident Ingrid New was recently named President of the Year by the Northcentral Schools/Lacrosse Association. Ingrid graduated last spring from Roseville High School and will attend Gustavus Adolphus College this fall, where she plans to play hockey. She is the daughter of Leon and Alice Neve.

Recollecting News

During early July, St. Anthony Park residents had a chance to vote on a name and personality for one of Eureka Recycling’s new biodiesel trucks. The winning name was “Archimedes.” Named after the great Greek scientist, the new truck is said to be worth its weight in gold because of the precious resources it hauls.

Archimedes is one of 14 new trucks owned and operated by Eureka Recycling, St. Paul’s nonprofit recycling partner. The trucks, which run on a cleaner-burning blend of biodiesel fuel, have been collecting recyclables since April. All of the trucks are being named at neighborhood festivals throughout the summer. To nominate a name, visit www.eurekarecycling.org.

Gibbs Museum

Special events in August include the following:

August 3: Archaeology Day Search for artifacts in a mock archaeology dig.

August 17: Wedding Traditions Celebrate a turn-of-the-century country wedding. Dance to traditional folk music, view vintage wedding dresses, and sample cake and ice cream.

August 24 & 31: Picnic Day Visitors pay a reduced admission if they bring a picnic lunch.

Designation renewed and received a five-year $177,000 grant to support its research. The Cancer Center is one of only 39 institutions worldwide to hold this designation, awarded by the National Cancer Institute.

Earlier this year, Kersey received the 2003 Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Society of Blood Marrow Transplantation for, among other things, his research on using monoclonal antibodies to treat leukemia.

Celebrate Maroon & Gold Day at the Fair!

Sunday, August 24, 10 a.m.—4 p.m.

Celebrate the University of Minnesota’s Maroon and Gold Day at the State Fair. Stop by the University of Minnesota building on Dan Patch Avenue between Cooper and Underwood Streets.

10 a.m.—2 p.m. University stage Test your knowledge of University trivia and win prizes by playing “Know Your U.”

2 p.m. Maroon and Gold Day parade Cheer on the U’s 300-piece marching band at the Maroon and Gold Day parade.

Show your pride in the University by wearing maroon and gold. See www.umn.edu/statefair for more information about Maroon and Gold Day and other University activities during the State Fair, August 21—September 1.

Discounted admission tickets for the State Fair are available at the U Bookstore in Coffman Memorial Union and at the St. Paul Student Center. Call 612-625-6000 for hours.

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increasing security personnel, checking all patrons at the door for weapons and eliminating music that "glorifies violence or antivirus behavior."

The night club's manager, P.J. Augustyn, said that he considered some of the recommendations unreasonable. "We didn't think it was necessary to implement all of the recommendations seven days a week," he said. "It doesn't make sense to have a metal detector or pat down customers in the restaurant."

Schweinert responded that LIEP's recommendations are not intended to be implemented selectively. She also noted that of the 185 bars in St. Paul, Warehouse is in the top three as far as generating complaints and police calls.

St. Anthony Park resident Bob Munson said that for as long as he has lived in the neighborhood, he's been aware of problems at the Como 290 property. Ward 4 City Council Member Jay Benavaz added that Warehouse is the most troublesome bar in his ward. SPD Officer Linda Wilson noted that many of the calls the police receive about the Warehouse Nightclub are for serious offenses. She also said that officers have seen evidence of gang activity in the bar's parking lot.

Mort Leder, who co-owns the building in which Warehouse is located, said, "Compared to Minneapolis, you don't have anything to complain about. This is like a Sunday School picnic."

Benavaz objected to that characterization. "I doubt that's the case," he said. "Besides, our goal isn't to be compared to Minneapolis. My goal is for the businesses in this ward to be safe places."

Both Schweinert and Benavaz said that bars which generate the most complaints are those that promote special 18- and-over nights. "It's the younger crowd that causes problems," Schweinert said. Asked if he would consider suspending the 18+ nights—currently held on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday evenings—Augustyn said that would put the bar at a competitive disadvantage.

"Every business needs to find a niche that distinguishes it from its competitors," he said. "Our 18+ nights are one of the ways we do that."

Augustyn noted that on weekends, when bar attendance approaches 400 patrons, he has up to 20 security personnel on duty, including four off-duty police officers in the parking lot at closing time.

Augustyn observed that because the bar is the only place in the area that's open on evenings and weekends, some complaints logged to that address, such as traffic stops, may actually reflect incidents in nearby areas. Schweinert responded that any alarm calls are generated by specific alarms, which are assigned to a particular alarm permit holder.

Community Council member Suzanne Garfield, who chaired the July 10 meeting, said later that she anticipates the council will hold another meeting on the issue, adding that she hopes two people who were not at the first meeting will attend the second one: Steve Parsons, the police officer who has worked most closely with the Warehouse Nightclub, and Warehouse owner Steven Fox.

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Chingige said that some things have ceased in daily life since Mongolia turned away from communism and opened its markets. Until recently, "you can stand in line for two hours" and find that there's nothing left to buy. Now there's always something to buy, but many people still can't afford modern conveniences. For example, her mother and sister still wash clothes by hand.

Chingige admin that she was homesick once, but she said she is content now with biannual trips to Mongolia to visit family and reconnect with her homeland. At first, "it was really hard living in a different country," she said. "I'm thankful for friends helping me."

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1 Friday
• Senior Citizens Fun Group (five, ten, and three cents), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Every Friday.
• Falcon Hodges recycling.

3 Sunday
• St. Anthony Park Neighborhood Dinner, meeting of music, Lowland Park, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

4 Monday
• AA, St. Anthony Park/Lincoln Church (651-644-0909), 8 p.m. Every Monday.
• Falcon Park & Audubon recycling.

5 Tuesday
• Ice Tea (for 5-8 years old), Lowland Park Rec Center, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
• Falcon Hodges recycling.
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7 Thursday
• Ice Tea (for 5-5 years and younger), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
• Falcon Hodges recycling.
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11 Monday
• Park Pals Inc., Falcon Park Board meeting, St. Anthony Park Rec Center, Community Room, 7 p.m.

12 Tuesday
• Falcon Hodges, City Council, City Hall, 1:30 p.m.

13 Wednesday
• Falcon Hodges, City Council, City Hall, 2:00 p.m.
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14 Thursday
• Falcon Hodges, St. Anthony Park Rec Center, Community Room, 6:30 p.m.

15 Friday
• Falcon Hodges recycling.

18 Monday
• Falcon Park & Audubon recycling.

19 Tuesday
• District 1 Board Meeting, Falcon Park, 7 p.m.

20 Wednesday
• Falcon Hodges recycling.

22 Friday
• Falcon Hodges recycling.

26 Tuesday
• Falcon Park, City Council, City Hall, 8:00 p.m.

27 Wednesday
• Falcon Hodges, City Council, City Hall, 2:00 p.m.

31 Saturday
• Falcon Park, City Council, City Hall, 2:00 p.m.

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The old line "We're from the government and we're here to help you" is supposed to draw a smile, maybe even a few chuckles. But there is nothing funny about the current legislation in Congress that claims to be designed to "improve" Medicare.

After years of false starts and bitter partisan debate, Congress may finally be ready to enact a prescription drug benefit for Medicare beneficiaries. The House bill was crafted solely by Republican leaders, with a big hand from President Bush.

Although the Senate legislation is more bipartisan, both it and the House version would rely on private insurers to deliver the drug benefit.

Each body approved its own version on June 27 and will have to negotiate a compromise if a final bill is to go to the president.

Public interest groups have expressed concern about how provisions in each of the bills might adversely affect the people they are supposed to be helping. The most glaring problem in both bills is that their heavy reliance on private insurers means that costs and benefits will be even more uncertain from year to year than they are under the current system.

There is ample evidence that increased privatization will threaten the stability of health care that seniors receive. Since 1997, on 2.4 million occasions, Medicare beneficiaries have been forced to find new providers when their HMO opted out of the Medicare program. This is as opposed to traditional Medicare, which has never dropped a single enrollee.

The House bill would also force seniors to pay more for traditional Medicare than for HMOs or PPO-based care. This is significant because people who opt for traditional Medicare often do so because they have serious, complex health conditions. So, the sicker you are, the more you would pay.

Supporters of the proposed legislation point out that if the coverage it mandates proves inadequate, the regulations can be changed by Congress in the future to provide for more coverage. But the other side of the coin is that if coverage is deemed too costly, the regulations can also be changed to provide for less coverage.

What would be difficult to overturn is the increased role of private companies in care decisions. This is a disturbing trend since recent studies have determined that HMOs and PPOs show a pattern of withholding information about available treatments that are not covered under their plans.

What I find frustrating in all this is that with all the hue and cry about "cost containment" when it comes to medical care for seniors, CEOs of the very same private companies to whom we owe our health care future is being sold continue to pull down astronomical salaries. It seems odd indeed, not to mention unethical—that regulations can be devised to mandate a cap on health care treatment costs but not on administrative salaries.

The advocacy group Public Citizen has argued that "Medicare should continue to provide all eligible people a guaranteed set of benefits at a known price," according to Frank Clemente of Public Citizen's Congress Watch. Why should that be a radical idea? As we age, the last thing we need is more stress created by worries about health care conventions unique and unethical—that regulations can be devised to mandate a cap on health care treatment costs but not on administrative salaries.

I recently saw a bumper sticker that read "Managed Care Is Neither." It is a sad commentary on what we value that health care has become a commodity to be traded on for profit.

The St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program hopes that Aging Gracefully is informative for older adults and those who care about them. We welcome ideas and feedback at 642-9052 or sapnurse@home.net.
Group Home from page 1

upset that there was no notification by the city or anyone else that the house in question was being turned into a group home.

After learning about the group home plans, the Peterson's - Rick Genschow, city administrator, and his wife, went to the city council meeting. Genschow said he explained to the Peterson's that city law states that the county does not notify the city or the neighbors of a group home when one is being turned into a community.

Peterson, Jr., said that "all I felt it (notification) would have been the right thing to do." Genschow said he took the Peterson's provided with them a list of contacts and numbers they could use for follow-up beyond his own efforts.

On July 8, about 15 neighborhood residents appeared at a city council meeting, Tim Hammond and Dale Johnston, contract managers for Ramsey County Community Human Services, were there to answer questions from the council and the public.

Johnston explained that since fewer people have mental or developmental disabilities are institutionalized, more are being placed in single family residential homes. No special notification is provided to the city or neighborhood because that has been deemed discriminatory, he said.

Resident Lani MacLean, who with her husband, John, is building a new house on the property just north of the group home, expressed displeasure with the lack of response from the city council.

City Council member said that she had not received a council member on the street and explained her concerns about the group home coming in next to her property. She said she was told by the council member that she had nothing to do with it.

"She just waved her hand and walked away," MacLean said. She added that one of her main concerns is the potential loss in resale value of her home, before she is out of the house.

At the July 8 meeting, Hammond said that group home residents have the same rights as anyone else to live anywhere they want.

Since Minnesota no longer has state hospitals, he added, some people who formerly would have lived in such a facility now live with their families. This presents problems as their parents age. Group homes provide a place for people to live in a neighborhood setting.

Hammond reiterated that the county provides notification when a group home moves into a neighborhood. In fact, real estate agents and others involved in the transaction
discern the fact that a group home (or related management company) has bought a house.

Hammond said that there has been no study done proving that property values drop when a group home enters a neighborhood. Indeed, he said, there have been some very successful relationships between group homes and their neighbors.

If people in the group home are disruptive, Hammond said, that would be a problem. But he stressed that problem homes are the exception. He invited people with complaints or concerns to call him at 651-266-4337.

According to Timothy Madden, president and CEO of Dunganin, Inc., the St. Paul-based company, established in 1975, manages group homes in 12 states, including 91 locations in Minnesota. Dunganin serves primarily
developmentally disabled persons. Their homes are staffed by at least one person 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. At times two or more staff people are on duty to help with meals and preparing for the day's activities.

Madden said that the four residents at the new group home in Laudebolde have lived together for many years. The two men and two women range in age from 40 to 60.

Dunganin honored an open house for the neighborhood at the group home on July 14.

Several city council members, city staff and a dozen neighbors were given a tour of the home and got to meet some of the residents and staff.

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