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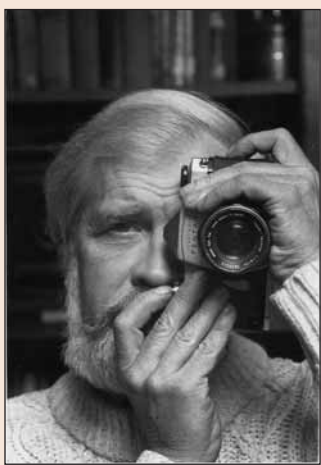
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West Midway Study

Tenants, residents, businesses, property owners look at zoning issues in St. Paul's largest industrial area

By Anne Holzman

As Central Corridor light-rail construction draws near, truckers worry about access to Highway 280, property owners keep an eye on values, and officials see opportunities to bring well-paid jobs to St. Paul.

These are some of the considerations for a West Midway Study task force convened by the St. Paul Planning Commission that has brought together tenants and land-owners, residents and businesses, to hammer out recommendations for the next few decades.

The West Midway area, roughly bounded by University Avenue, Highway 280, Energy Park Drive and Transfer Road, is St. Paul's largest industrial area. (A detailed map, along with many other documents related to the study, can be found online on the West Midway Study page of the city's website, www.stpaul.gov.)

Many see the opportunity to bring jobs to the area—the question is, what kind?

"I think part of what makes a good neighborhood is good access and good proximity to jobs," said task force member Pat Connolly, who lives on Como Avenue near Highway 280 and also serves on the city's planning commission.

Because some of the rezoning

from industrial to residential or commercial will happen along the light-rail line, "there was concern that with the industrial area that's left, we make the best use of that," according to task force member Sandy Jacobs, who owns and manages a mix of properties in the study area.

A study document also notes that Burlington Northern Santa Fe

(BNSF) Railroad wants to expand its shipping volume through the Twin Cities. BNSF owns the inter-modal facility (for container transfer between trucks and trains) at the east end of Capp Avenue near Pierce Butler Route.

A related Northwest Transportation Study that includes state officials may identify "the potential for a north-south connection" for

trucks to the BNSF yards, city planner Luis Pereira said.

Task force member Gregg Richardson, who also serves on the St. Anthony Park Community Council's Creative District Task Force, described a three-way balance between nurturing the

West Midway to 6



Autumn reflections

Como Park golf course in mid-October makes saying goodbye to summer a little less hard. As philosopher Albert Camus said, "Autumn is a second spring where every leaf is a flower."

Photo by Lori Hamilton

City releases draft plan of Park and Recreation system overhaul

Citizens can respond at 5 community meetings

The St. Paul Parks and Recreation Department has released a preliminary draft plan for overhauling the current parks and recreation system. You can see the draft plan at www.stpaul.gov/DocumentView.aspx?DID=14609.

Citizens will be able to review the plan and comment on it at five community meetings in November. The city is looking at closing some recreation centers and enhancing others. North Dale and Langford are on the list as centers that will shift from being youth- and sports-focused facilities to more community-oriented places, which the plan says will "respond to neighborhood as well as citywide needs."

South St. Anthony recreation center is on the list of centers that could be divested from the system. Northwest Como is listed as a center that will be partnered with the city and school district to provide out-of-school

programming.

The preliminary plan also says the city is looking at "rethinking" the Grand Rounds route through the northwestern part of the city.

The process for these changes began in the spring, when the department hosted five community meetings seeking public input on what city residents want in their parks and recreation facilities. The full draft of the plan will be available Nov. 3. The final plan will be completed in December.

Citizens may attend any of the community open houses and comment on the draft system plan. Each open house will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. There will be no formal presentation, so residents may come at anytime. Staff and consultants will be on hand to answer questions.

The dates and locations for the open houses are:

• **Nov. 3:** Hillcrest Recreation

Center, 1978 Ford Parkway

• **Nov. 8:** Phalen Recreation Center, 1000 E. Wheelock Parkway

• **Nov. 9:** Wellstone Community Center/El Rio Vista Recreation Center, 179 E. Robie St.

• **Nov. 15:** Oxford Community Center/Jimmy Lee Recreation Center, 270 N. Lexington Parkway

• **Nov. 18:** North Dale

Recreation Center, 1414 N. St. Albans St.

The content will be the same at each of the meetings, so community members can attend any meeting that fits their schedules. The plan may change based on input from these open houses, and a final plan will be presented to the St. Paul City Council for approval in December.

—Kristal Leebrick

Park Bugle Annual Fund Drive

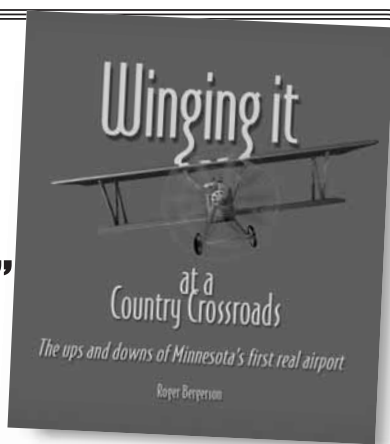
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Como Park

Residents want permit parking, reject parking lot proposal

Concerns about the city’s delay in allowing permit parking in residential areas near Como Regional Park and a possible new parking lot at Hamline and Arlington avenues spurred District 10 residents to vote against some of the 47 recommendations in the **Como Regional Park Transportation Implementation Plan**.

In a 153 to 3 vote at the District 10 annual meeting Oct. 19, residents approved an action item written by the Neighborhood Relations Committee that encourages the immediate implementation of permit parking—which was petitioned for in 2009—formation of a long-term transportation advisory committee and the preservation of “the quality” of the park green and open spaces, trees, lake and neighborhood livability. The District 10 board voted 10-0 in favor of the action item.

The action item lists “cars” not “visitors” as the chief problem at the park. It says the city and park need to develop methods to bring visitors by transportation modes other than cars and lists shuttles, mass transit, bicycles and by foot as examples. Other recommendations were approved or were made to delay, move up or table them, pending receipt of further data.

The board will draft a letter outlining the vote and the district’s recommendations to the St. Paul City Council before the plan is brought to the council Nov. 17.

The Como Streetcar Station was packed with residents who expressed concerns about the lack of parking in front of their homes and the loss of green space if the Hamline/Arlington lot is built. Residents are planning a **Stop the Lot rally** for Saturday, Oct. 30, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the corner of Hamline and Arlington to show people where the proposed lot will be and to have citizens sign petitions against it.

The Transportation Implementation Plan is the result of a seven-month study by consultants Kimley-Horn and Associates to come up with a plan to alleviate

traffic congestion in and around the park. You can find out more about the transportation plan and District 10’s response to it at www.district10comopark.org.

Residents elected **new board members** to the District 10 Community Council. Those elected include Panod Klongtruatroke, vice-chair; Penny Spence, treasurer; Barbara Clark, subdistrict 1 representative; Matt Streit, subdistrict 3 representative; and Chris Harkness, Betsy Wehrwein and Jody McCardle, at-large members. The council still has an opening in both subdistricts 2 and 3.

—Kristal Leebrick

Falcon Heights

The Falcon Heights City Council is considering changing its \$55.50 quarterly fee for **sanitary sewer services** to a consumption-based system.

Under the proposed plan, each household would be charged a base fee to cover overhead costs like pipe maintenance and repair. The rest of the fee would be based on the amount of water used. The City Council will hold a public hearing on this new structure at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27. If approved, it will take effect in February 2011. Contact City Hall at 651-792-7600 or justin.miller@falconheights.org with questions.

Falcon Heights’ **new recycling program** will move collections to weekly pickups (they will remain on Fridays) and to “single sort,” meaning residents will be able to put all recyclables in the same container. The city has contracted with Tennis Sanitation. The new program will begin in 2011. The new contractor will deliver a 65-gallon cart to homes before the end of the year. Residents may continue using the blue recycling bins, or Tennis Sanitation will recycle them if placed in the new recycling cart or placed upside-down next to it on recycling day. Tennis Sanitation will deliver more information to residents in the coming months.

Absentee-ballot applications are available at City Hall, on the city

website and on the Ramsey County elections website. You may also call Ramsey County Elections at 651-266-2171 to have the application mailed to you. The city will not accept completed absentee-ballot applications or absentee ballots at City Hall. You may mail the application and absentee ballot to Ramsey County Elections, P.O. Box 64098, St. Paul, MN 55164-0098.

You can vote in person before Election Day at Ramsey County Election headquarters, 90 W. Plato Blvd. in St. Paul. Extended hours are Oct. 28, 8 a.m.–8 p.m.; Oct. 29, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.; Oct. 30, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.; and Nov. 1, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Regular voting will continue to be at the usual polling places in Falcon Heights.

Volunteers are needed for **Fall Clean-Up at Curtiss Field**, 1551 Iowa Ave. W., at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 30.

Lauderdale

Lauderdale’s **Annual Halloween Party** is Sunday, Oct. 31, from 5 to 7 p.m. All ages are encouraged to join the fright fest at Lauderdale City Hall. Donations make this event possible; consider dropping off a cash or candy contribution at City Hall by Thursday, Oct. 28.

Parks and Recreation Program Guides for Roseville, Falcon Heights and the University of Minnesota are available in the lobby of City Hall.

The St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program will sponsor a free **senior exercise class** every Thursday, from 2 to 3 p.m., at the City Gables Apartments Clubhouse, 1611 Pleasant St. Call 651-642-9052 for other free exercise classes.

St. Anthony Park

A Home Energy Squad Workshop will be held Thursday, Oct. 28, from 6:30–8 p.m. at Children’s Home and Family Services, 1605 Eustis St. Email pa.vang@sapcc.org with questions.

The Creative Enterprise Zone Placemaking Workshop will be held Nov. 10 at 6 p.m. at South St. Anthony Recreation Center, 890 Cromwell Ave. The workshop will explore the future of South St. Anthony Park and the roles and co-existence of industry, artists, residents, retail, research enterprises, services, nonprofit groups and major transportation infrastructure. A light meal will be served at 6 p.m. Participants are invited to engage in a series of creative planning, discussion and art-making activities to spark new thinking about the neighborhood and its future.

The Backyard Talk Winter Biking will be held Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at 2458 Como Ave.

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St. Anthony Park, Como Park homes see rise in burglaries

By Judy Woodward

The two crimes shared an eerie similarity. In both cases, a teenage girl came home after school to find that an intruder had entered through an unlocked door onto an enclosed porch, forced open a window and ransacked the family's home while the occupants were gone during the day.

Both break-ins took place within the last month on quiet streets—one in North St. Anthony Park, the other in Como Park—where crime rarely intrudes. In both cases, the items stolen were minimal and the homeowners' biggest loss was likely their peace of mind. But perhaps the most disquieting aspect of the crimes was that they happened at all.

The neighborhoods in the Bugle readership area like to think of themselves as gentle, friendly places where people cultivate the old-fashioned habits of looking out for their neighbors. But recent events, including a bank holdup with a kidnapping and a rash of less violent—but unsettling—thefts and home break-ins, have area residents asking if the area is changing. Is crime on the rise here?

"Everyone on the block was stunned" when her Como Park house was broken into, Deborah Allan said. It was the first time in 22 years in her home that her family had been targeted by an intruder. "[The robber] took a camera, what little cash we had in the house and my daughter's ballet shoes."

The theft of that last item was especially creepy, noted Allan. The thief paid particular attention to the family's personal possessions, such as underwear and photos. "The feeling of going into your bedroom and finding drawers pulled out, everything dumped out ... it definitely makes us feel more vulnerable."

Although overall crime stats

have been falling for several years in St. Paul, as in other cities, there has been a recent rise in burglaries in Districts 10, 11 and 12, which represent the St. Anthony Park, Como Park and the Hamline-Midway areas, according to senior commander Todd Axtell of the St. Paul Police Department's Western District. The three districts reported a total of 43 residential burglaries in August and September, more than a 33 percent increase over 2009 burglaries for the same two-month period. Axtell stressed that, in general, this is a "great area" of the city, but he added, "we're not happy with a 30 percent increase, but is [this] an alarming trend? No."

It's of little comfort to reflect on crime rates generally if yours is the house that's been robbed, but statistically, the Como and St. Anthony Park neighborhoods remain among the safest in the city.

The other two communities in the Bugle distribution area, Lauderdale and Falcon Heights, have seen a slight decrease in burglaries, according to Capt. Dominic Cotroneo of the St. Anthony Police Department.

Careful not to draw conclusions about the specific causes of individual crimes, Axtell explained there are circumstances that can cause a temporary spike in crime. Juvenile offenders can cause a rash of offenses before time brings the onset of maturity—or at least a change of locale. Then there's the factor of the career criminal to consider. "Very few people commit most of the burglaries," Axtell said. "We've seen burglaries spike when a particular individual gets out of prison." Fortunately, many such crime sprees end with a speedy return to custody. When the career burglar is once more out of circulation, burglary rates return to their

normal, lower levels.

In the meantime, what can a homeowner do to protect his or her property? Diane Hilden is crime-prevention coordinator of District 16 in the Summit Hill neighborhood, a locale similar to the Bugle area. Detached garages, houses that stand empty during the day and residents who tend to leave their doors unlocked are among the factors she cites as making the area attractive to prospective burglars.

"Any house can be robbed if the intruder is determined," Hilden said, "but a lot of crime is crime of opportunity." And homeowners in these neighborhoods often create golden ones each time they come home. "They plunk down their purse or wallet and keys by the back door when they come in from the garage." If the back door is then left unlocked, the house can be successfully burgled in less than five minutes.

"My advice has always been: Get to know your neighbors ... become more suspicious and aware of your surroundings," Hilden said, noting that in most cases common sense will prevent crime: Lock your doors and windows, even if you're gone for only a short period; trim the shrubbery; make sure your house is well-lit; never leave valuables in visible locations in your car or garage. While familiar warnings, they often go unheeded.

"A couple of juicy crimes" make people temporarily careful, she said, "then it all goes back to normal after three months."

Not if Allan and her family can avoid it. "We've reinforced the porch door," Allan said. "We're going to keep it locked. We want to make things secure."

Writer Judy Woodward is a frequent contributor to the Bugle.

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Developers withdraw offer for Sholom site

A proposal to redevelop the former Sholom Home East at 1554 Midway Parkway as an apartment and retail complex has been dropped.

Jon Knox, chair of the District 10 Como Park Community Council, said he had been assured

by a representative of the Sholom Community Alliance, the site's owner, that the Alliance is actively seeking a suitable buyer for the property and continues to heat and maintain it. The buildings have been vacant for nearly two years.

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EDITORIAL

The Bugle needs you more than ever

What a gem you have in your hands. The Bugle has been telling the stories of our neighborhood—Como Park, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale and St. Anthony Park—for more than 35 years.

I know I took it for granted, assured this free, monthly newspaper would always show up on my doorstep with news, commentary, local events, history, personalities and surprises. Our family refers to it often throughout the month: checking the ads and calendar, looking for familiar names and faces, having a laugh. It's educational, insightful and the community connector.

But the Bugle isn't really free. And like all newspapers and nonprofit organizations, it's facing tough times. The Bugle needs you more than ever. Last year, ad income was down, and only 4 percent of Bugle households made donations. We need to raise at least \$35,000 this year to supplement ad revenue.

On the plus side, the Bugle has received a lot of support and advice from community leaders. We have an interim editor and two new ad reps who are responding to the times and building on a solid 35-year foundation. A long-range planning task force is making recommendations to

look beyond immediate needs. The all-volunteer board is creative and hard-working.

The recent reader survey reflects a lot of appreciation for the Bugle. Respondents said it's the best way to get local news, and they want it in print. Many of their suggestions for improvements—more business news, people profiles, school news and sports, photos and crime reports (the latter is now online)—are already being implemented. Watch for more to come.

If you've donated to the Bugle in the past, thank you; please consider giving more this year. If you've not given, now is the time. You will make it possible for the Bugle to keep telling our stories for another five, 10 or 35 years.

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—Karen Lilley
President, Park Press, Inc.

LETTERS

Permit parking should be implemented in Como Park

The much-awaited draft of a plan to tackle parking and traffic problems associated with Como Regional Park is creating quite a buzz among residents on the west side of the park. Over the years, we've seen our once-quiet streets become flooded with visitors' cars from May through September. This is a real change from when I moved into the neighborhood 36 years ago, when there were only three busy week-ends each year (Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day).

But Como Park has changed a great deal, especially in the last decade, and the number of visitors each year now exceeds 3 million people. In fact, visits to Como Park have gone up by 1 million in the past five years alone.

Residents have become increasingly concerned that the constant stream of traffic impairs our neighborhood's safety and livability. We've learned that our streets are viewed, by Parks and Recreation and by the managers of the Como Campus, as the overflow parking lot for Como Park.

Tired of the noise, litter, constant traffic and parking, and the inability to use our neighborhood for at least five months each year, we decided to use the permit parking process offered by the city to protect residential areas from intense nonresidential uses.

We got the petitions signed, went to all the required meetings and hearings, and gained approval from the City Council last February for a parking plan that will make ours a livable neighborhood once again. The council resolution sets up a permit-parking zone on five streets, meaning that only residents with permits may park on them from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. from May through September.

The council delayed the start of permit parking until May 2011 to see what recommendations came out of the parking and transportation study. It's worth noting

that no other city neighborhood has had to wait for permit parking once they got their petitions signed. What's creating the buzz is the consultants' recommendation that our neighborhood wait another two to four years before parking by permit is back on the table. The stated reason is to give time for the shuttle system to become more successful. To add insult to injury the report refers to the streets where we live as part of the "parking supply" for Como Park.

We don't see ourselves as living in a parking lot, and we're quite certain that visitors will continue to park on our closest-to-the-park streets, even with a shuttle, unless there's a parking restriction.

The City Council resolution states that permit parking will begin in our area in May 2011, and that's what we're counting on.

We recognize that Como Park is a huge attraction and the Como Campus is adding new features almost yearly. We don't want to turn back the clock, but we would like to have our neighborhood back. Permit parking, which St. Anthony Park residents enjoy, is the answer. I hope the City Council recognizes that fact when they meet again to discuss parking associated with Como Park on Nov. 17.

Val Cunningham
Como Park neighborhood

A beautiful day for a home tour

Oct. 9 was an incredibly beautiful fall day to be enjoying the St. Anthony Park home tour, visiting with neighbors, and seeing some of the most interesting and beautiful homes that St. Anthony Park has to offer, thanks to the generosity of eight homeowners, the Emily Program and Gibbs Farm, more than 60 volunteers, the photographer extraordinaire Lori Hamilton and the fabulous organizer of wonderful events, Rose Gregoire.

I thank and commend all

involved in St. Anthony Park home tour—truly a wonderful day in the neighborhood.

Amy Sparks, executive director
St. Anthony Park
Community Council

Thanks to Park and Rec for help with buckthorn removal

Thanks to the St. Paul Parks and Recreation Department for its assistance Oct. 2 at College Park when volunteers from the garden club, resident families and students from the University of Minnesota assisted Meghan Manhattan, the parks natural resource technician, and the Conservation Corps of Minnesota crew in hauling and stacking invasive woody plants.

Cider provided by Speedy Market and fresh-baked goods provided by garden club members helped energize the volunteers during the three-hour effort.

Then, on Columbus Day, the St. Paul Parks Forestry Department removed dead wood from oak trees and other trees that were damaged during the straight-line windstorm several years ago. The piles of invasive plants were picked up at this time.

We still need assistance with the removal of burdock at College Park. Before winter arrives, our plan is to have all the burdock seeds collected and removed from College Park. If you would like to assist, call Mary at 651-644-7388 and leave a message on line 3.

Again, thanks to the St. Paul Parks and Recreation Department for all the help.

St. Anthony Park Garden Club

Thanks for the help with the Bugle birthday bash

The Park Bugle owes a big thank you to a number of people and businesses that helped us with our 35th birthday party Oct. 9.

Michele Slifer and Clare

Caffrey were the backbone to the whole affair, and we thank Jon Schumacher for hosting our Name that Tune contest and Julie Swanson, Jerry Sedgewick and Ruth Weleccki for their help, too.

We thank The Lyric at Carleton Place, which let us use The Lab for the event. We also thank Sharrett's Liquors, the Little Wine Shoppe, Micawber's, Swank and Schneider Drug for their contributions.

Park Bugle board members

Reader backs Bostrom

An excellent candidate is running for Ramsey County sheriff. He has his doctorate in public administration and 28 years in law enforcement, rising to one of the top administrators in the St. Paul Police Department. His name is Matt Bostrom.

The impressive thing about Matt Bostrom is that he is not only an excellent administrator but is also a careful planner and a person who watches the bottom line. Unlike the present sheriff who has been over budget many, many times, Matt has a track record of 28 years of excellence and many years as an administrator who has kept spending in check and stayed within his departmental budgets. I encourage you to consider Matt Bostrom for Ramsey County sheriff, not just for his deep public-safety background, but also for his very able administrative and planning skills.

I first came to know Bostrom while attending Farnsworth Elementary School, on the St. Paul's East Side. I have followed Matt's career since that time and his good character is unwavering.

Jacqueline Richards
Psychology student
Metropolitan State University

“Fun-raiser” kicks off fall fund drive

There were a lot of fashion *don'ts* at the Park Bugle's Oct. 9 birthday party: a couple of leisure suits, wide headbands, letter jackets and more polyester than has been seen this side of 1975. The Bugle and many friends were celebrating the paper's past and future.

The Bugle began publishing as a nonprofit monthly newspaper 35 years ago and, despite the odds in this tough economy, is still publishing every month.

The party marked the beginning of the Bugle's annual fund drive. As board fundraising chair Emily Blodgett told the attendees: “This spring, when big financial issues were staring us full in the face, we sent out a survey to see if our readers still wanted us to continue. The answers showed a resounding yes. You want the Bugle, you need the Bugle, and you believe the Bugle is a critical part of who we are as a community.”

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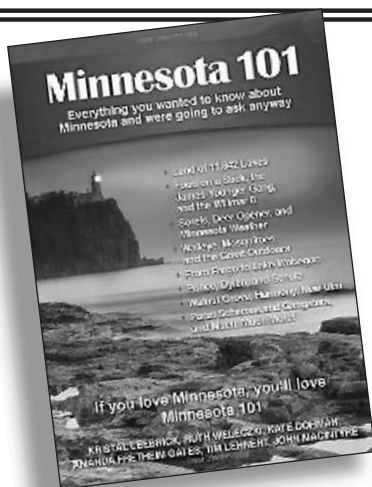
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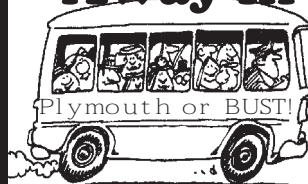
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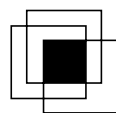


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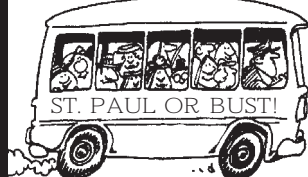
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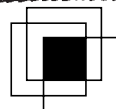
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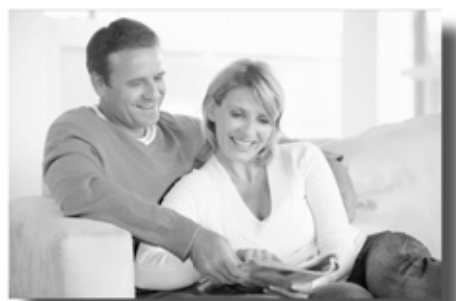
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established and growing community of artists in the low-rent old industrial buildings, attracting jobs that people can live close to, and providing housing stock to support both.

"The different needs and perspectives in the neighborhood need to be taken seriously in order to make this development good for the neighborhood," Richardson said.

Connolly, who is the housing development director at Lutheran Social Services and has held similar posts, said "safe, decent-looking buildings" and other residential amenities are needed without getting too onerous about building setbacks, parking, landscaping and other requirements that would scare industry away. "I want to have companies with good jobs close to where I live, in an environment where it's attractive for residential uses as well," Connolly said.

Task force co-chair Jon Commers lives in St. Anthony Park, has an office on University Avenue and is serving his second term on the city's planning commission. He said the addition of light rail represents an opportunity to build on the rare mix of residential and industrial uses in the West Midway, to create well-paid jobs in a place that is accessible by car, light rail and bus transit, freight rail and truck, he said. "There's an optimism on the task force that the West Midway is positioned very well as a mix of neighborhood and industrial."

The task force is trying to understand better what industrial uses are going on in the project area now, Commers said, and how residential and industrial use of the area can co-exist. At a recent task force meeting, a labor economist talked about trends around industrial uses and manufacturing and "where we are going as an economy," Commers said.

"Industry is not what it was in 1950 when our zoning code around industry was structured," Commers said. Though the area is home to businesses that "we typically think of as industrial [such as printing and recycling], some of it is not what we think of as industrial [artists' studios, for example]." A microchip manufacturer could exist near residential areas, where a tar plant can't, he said.

One potential flashpoint is the need or threat, depending on your point of view, of a westward extension of Pierce Butler Route that would connect warehouses on the south side of the railroad yards with Highway 280 via Robbins Street, wiping out the St. Anthony Park Community Gardens and possibly changing the character of housing on nearby blocks.

Jacobs, whose holdings include properties near that area, said it has to happen. "I personally think it's going to be important to have a connection onto Pierce Butler if you want University [Avenue] to be friendly to pedestrians," Jacobs said. The reduced street width will make some of the current turns between the warehouses and the University

Avenue entrance to Highway 280 impossible for semi-trailers, she said, adding that large-truck traffic won't mix well with increased pedestrian and bike use.

Properties along Capp Road, adjacent to the tracks, are "outdated," Jacobs said, but "if all of a sudden there was a connection to Minneapolis, some of those properties might get developed," increasing property values and contributing good jobs.

Richardson, who lives near the gardens, said some neighbors are determined to keep that from happening.

And if it does happen, the concerns aren't limited to noise, smell and safety issues around trucks, he said. "That creates a source of more through traffic, not just serving the industrial area," he said, noting that it would be one more barrier to pedestrians, bikes and local traffic passing between the housing and small businesses in North and South St. Anthony Park.

Studies have limited power to control development, Connolly cautioned. "We can paint the prettiest picture we want, but it happens one pixel at a time," he said.

Richardson is hoping that neighbors, instead of glazing over at the barrage of information, will "educate themselves about the opportunities this creates" and help plan the changes that light rail will inevitably bring. District councils are the best place to start, he said. "This district can be a model for how the rest of the city should be developing."

Commers encourages people to come to the meetings, which are held the second Tuesday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. at South St. Anthony Recreation Center, 890 Cromwell Ave., and will continue through late spring or early summer 2011.

Anne Holzman is a freelance writer who lives in St. Anthony Park.

Urban renewal threatened neighborhood

South St. Anthony Park once fought for survival

By Roger Bergerson

Today it's light rail construction, but 40 years ago the residents of South St. Anthony Park faced disruptions associated with urban renewal. A major difference: back then, the very future of the neighborhood seemed in doubt.

In the book, St. Anthony Park: *Portrait of a Community*, published in 1987, author David Lanegran recounts how South St. Anthony Park lost dozens of homes to the construction of I-94 and Highway 280 and the development of industrial land in the 1960s. When federal funds became available late in that decade, the area was one of several targeted for projects by St. Paul's Housing and Redevelopment Authority. It had become a mixture of commercial and industrial properties, intermingled with residential pockets.

To generate citizen input, the agency helped organize the South St. Anthony Project Area Committee. Committee members quickly became convinced that business interests and city officials were intent on increasing the tax base by converting still more residential property to industrial use.

"We were clearly on the wrong side of the tracks, so to speak," recalls Steve Flink, who initially was a member of the committee and later became its full-time employee. "The neighborhood seemed to be in decline. We'd lost two churches and Baker Elementary School was an outmoded facility. We felt vulnerable."

Led by its president, Elizabeth Clark, the committee produced a document, "Battle Plan for Survival: Let's Beat the Industrial Bulldozer (The Neighborhood Strangler)."

Clark died in 1976, but her daughter Kathy remembers that the idea that the neighborhood might be consigned to oblivion really energized her mother. "She learned a lot about the issues and really had a knack for getting people involved," Kathy Clark says. "She used to say, 'Stand for something or you'll fall for everything.' People respected her. Later, I think she felt that they may not have won all their battles, but they won some and the neighborhood is still here."

Flink feels that the repurposing of the Baker School building, the establishment of the Hampden Park Co-op and the building of the Seal High-Rise and Hampden Square Apartments were important factors in preserving and revitalizing the neighborhood.

The South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center is dedicated to Elizabeth Clark and Flink recalls her speaking eloquently of the value of the neighborhood and its right to survive: "It's as good for housing as it is for industry," she'd say. "I wish she were alive to see things like the housing developments on Franklin Avenue (Emerald Gardens) and on the old Johnson Brothers warehouse (Carlton Artists Lofts) site."

"With the light rail station at Raymond and University coming in," Flink said, "I think you're going to see a growing vibrancy in and around South St. Anthony Park."

Roger Bergerson is a former newspaper reporter and Como Park resident who enjoys researching and writing about local history.

How to protect your trees, shrubs from pest damage this winter

By Frances Ann

How can you successfully protect your woody plants from the feeding forages of the local gangs of rabbits and mice this winter?

Metal—heavy metal! (And I don't mean Led Zeppelin.) Go to a nearby hardware store and purchase enough 1/4-inch hardware cloth to surround the plants you need to protect. Last year, for plant protection, I purchased 10 large rolls of 36-inch-wide hardware cloth, two packages of metal wire stake flags (like the utility companies use to mark lines) and several packages of cable ties (not the short ones) to close the metal cloth securely.

Wrap the hardware cloth around the plant to determine how much is needed, then cut it with tin snips (wear gloves while doing this and make sure your tetanus shot is up to date). Overlap the hardware cloth and use several cable ties to close the circle of hardware cloth around the plant. The metal fences must be installed before the ground freezes. Here are some pointers:

- It is important to push the fencing into the ground as far as possible so that mice cannot penetrate the interior.

- Push in several wire flags through the base of the fencing so they penetrate the entire length of the wire. The colored flag will be visible at the base of the fencing. It's a good idea to install three or four wire flags with each fenced-in plant. The flags will secure the fence for the winter.

Ideally, the fences should be installed before the ground freezes. Post-freeze, you can haul pails of hot water to the plant and dump them where the wire flags are to be installed, and then quickly slide in the flags before the soil freezes again.

Some plants will require you to apply a cover of hardware cloth over the circular fence, as the rabbits and deer can easily reach the plant once snow levels rise.

Rabbits seem to favor azalea, Canadian hemlock, junberry, hydrangea, witch hazel, crabapple

and willow. But, you'll know from experience what plants need protecting in your yard.

Once protected, you can enjoy the winter knowing that your plants will not be stripped to the ground. In the spring, simply remove and store the flags, pull out the fence and flatten it for storage in your garage until next fall.

Frances Ann has gardened for more than 20 years in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood and has a degree in horticultural science from the University of Minnesota.

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The Transplanted Baker

Too much free time and a longing for the comfort foods of home inspire expatriate to bake and blog from the west coast of Norway

By Michelle Christianson

Photos by Bent Are and Siri Iversen

When Siri Iversen, daughter of local decorators Jim and Rachel Larson, went to Norway in 2003 for her college semester abroad, she had no intention of staying more than the few months it would take to learn about that country's social welfare system for her urban studies major at the University of Minnesota. But then, she didn't plan to fall in love with Bent Are Iversen, a photo-journalism student.

After a two-year trans-oceanic courtship (and several trips back and forth from Minnesota), Siri and Bent Are married in December

2005. They lived in Minnesota for two years, but a job opportunity at the Norwegian regional newspaper *Firda* presented itself to Bent Are and they moved to Forde, a beautiful little town in Sogn og Fjordane on the west coast of Norway.

Without a job, and missing some of the comfort foods not available in Forde (like bagels, apple pie and pumpkin bread), Iversen turned her creative energies to baking. With the help of her mother's recipes and others that she found on the internet, she was able to satisfy her craving for "home-style" food. From there, she branched out to Norwegian specialties such as *eplekake* and *rosinboller*.

But a woman can't bake all day, so Iversen started a blog about her baking (and her life) called "The Transplanted Baker." (She describes herself as a pie-lovin', bread-risin', apron-wearin' expatriate living the good life on the west coast of Norway.) She enjoys writing, and her humorous and conversational approach makes for an interesting



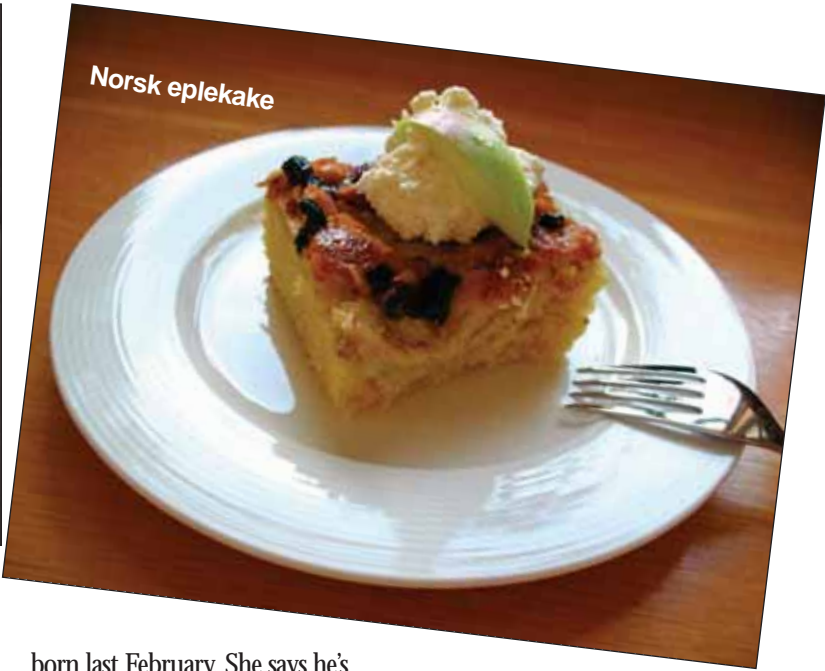
Siri (Larson) Iversen

read. Add to that the wonderful photographs she takes (she has a good advisor) and, of course, the recipes, and the result is a charming glimpse into her life in Forde.

Iversen often begins her articles by relating the food to a childhood memory or recent event in the family (which includes baby Lasse, who she refers to in her blog as her 10-pound bun because that's how much he weighed when he was

born last February. She says he's now tipping the scale at 24 pounds).

Her readers are an eclectic group, encompassing both friends and family from Minnesota and people who found her by Googling about food or through links from other writers. Some of the latter have become good friends, even though they may live as far away as



London or Anchorage.

Thanksgiving was a challenge the first few years in Forde, as Iversen didn't know where to buy a turkey and ingredients for other recipes. She had her mother send pecans for pie and two chickens substituted for the bird. Now she knows where to find a turkey, yet mom still has to send almond extract, cream of tartar, mayonnaise and Reese's Pieces. (Some things you just can't do without.)

Living far from one's hometown can be hard; flights are expensive, so the Iversens only make it back here about once a year. Because the dollar is not so strong, it is costly for Siri's family and friends to visit Norway very often, too. But Bent Are's parents are within driving distance and his brother lives in Forde, so there is family nearby.

Iversen says she's still adjusting to living in Norway after two and a half years. "I love living in the middle of such incredible nature," she says, "but it has been difficult getting acquainted with people there since they are much more reserved than Minnesotans."

There are benefits to living there, she says. Iversen appreciates the wonderful family traditions that the Norwegians have—baptism and church holidays are much bigger deals there than they are here. She likes the regional diversity of the foods; every area has its own recipes for specialty and everyday foods. And the government-supplied benefits are great—health care is universal, and if she decides to go back to school, it will be paid for.

Still, she misses American food: "slow-roasted meats, the variety of produce you can get in the States, a slice of apple pie, and a decent burger."

Find Iversen's blog at our website: www.parkbugle.org. Click on Blogs, then Other Blogs, then The Transplanted Baker.

Michelle Christianson is a piano teacher, musician and writer who lives in St. Anthony Park.

Siri Iversen's Norwegian Apple Cake (Norsk eplekake) Makes 6 servings

1 cup granulated sugar	1 1/2 tsp. vanilla sugar (or 1 tsp. vanilla extract)
2 sticks (1 cup) butter, at room temperature	2 large, or 3-4 small, crisp apples, peeled, cored and sliced into thin "boats" (as you would for apple pie)
3 eggs	1 tsp. cinnamon
1 cup all-purpose flour	
2 tsp. baking powder	

optional:
 1/4 cup almonds, finely chopped
 1/4 cup raisins, soaked in warm water for a few minutes, then finely chopped
 A handful of pearl sugar

1. Preheat oven to 375 F. Butter your favorite baking dish (I used a 13x9x2 oval dish, but I think any dish roughly that size will do, it will simply adjust your baking time a bit).
2. In a large bowl, cream the granulated sugar and butter together. Fold in the eggs, one-by-one, until well blended.
3. Sift the flour into the mixture, along with the baking powder and vanilla sugar. If using raisins, blend them in now.
4. Using a spatula, pour half of the batter into the baking dish. Layer half of your apple boats over the batter. Pour the remaining batter over, then lightly press the remaining apple boats into the top of the batter, preferably in an attractive design.
5. Sprinkle cinnamon over the top (and optionally, sprinkle the chopped almonds, pearl sugar and any extra raisins, if desired).
6. Bake for approximately 45 minutes, checking with a toothpick for doneness. Serve with either fresh whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.

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Como Park’s Chili Cook-off

By Kristal Leebrick

If you like that new chili on the menu at Java Train, 1341 N. Pascal St., you’re not alone. So did most everyone who participated in the Como Park Chili Cook-off Sept. 25. Uncle Rick’s Chili, made by District 10’s safety coordinator and technology specialist, Josh Witte, was the people’s choice.

The prize? Witte’s chili is being featured this fall at the restaurant where the cook-off took place.

The judges’ first-place pick was Nicky Napierala’s Chocolate Chipotle Chili. Second place went to Wendy and Greg Madsen, and third place went to Angie Husnick.

State Sen. Ellen Anderson said taste-testing the chili was one of the most fun responsibilities she’s had as a senator, but St. Paul City Councilmember Russ Stark found the task

surprisingly difficult. “The cook-off was a great community-building event,” he said, but “the judging wasn’t easy because the chili was all really good.”

The third judge, Ramsey County Commissioner Janice Rettman, agreed: “The chili was fantastic and choosing No. 1 was hard.”

The event, which was a fundraiser for the Hamline-Hoyt playground, came on the heels of the neighborhood cleanup day at the State Fairgrounds, where dozens of volunteers and hundreds of residents recycled, sorted and disposed of their unwanted stuff.

Here are the people’s choice and first-place recipes from the event.



Como Park Chili Cook-off winner Nicky Napierala shows off her award. She’s pictured with judges (from left) County Commissioner Janice Rettman, City Councilmember Russ Stark (with his daughter, Abbey) and Sen. Ellen Anderson.

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1 small can of jalapenos (do not drain)
2 small yellow onions; chopped
1 1/2 T minced garlic
Italian seasoning, chili powder, salt, pepper to taste

Preparation

Chop onions and add to a pot with a little oil. Add some of the garlic along with the Italian seasoning, chili powder, salt and pepper. Sauté these while you chop the steak into bite-size pieces. Add steak and cook over medium heat until steak is brown. Add the chili beans, jalapenos and diced tomatoes (draining one of the cans). Add the rest of your garlic at the same time. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat, cover and let simmer for 45 minutes. Taste and adjust seasonings.

First-Place Winner Chocolate Chipotle Chili

Makes 8 servings

Ingredients

Cooking spray
2 cups diced onion (about 1 large)
1 cup chopped red bell pepper
1 tsp. minced garlic
1 1/4 lb. ground turkey breast (or ground beef)
3 T brown sugar
2 T ancho chile powder (*Cook’s note:* easy on this stuff. I usually use only 1 T because my kids are not spicy eaters. Taste after 1 T and judge for yourself.)
1 T unsweetened cocoa
1 tsp. ground cumin
1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
1/4 tsp. salt
2 (15 oz.) cans pinto beans, rinsed and drained
2 (14.5 oz.) cans diced tomatoes, undrained
1 (14 oz.) can fat-free, less-sodium chicken broth
2 chipotle chiles, canned in adobo sauce, minced (*Cook’s note:* Make sure you seed these little hotties. I substituted the juice in this can for the ancho chile powder since I couldn’t find it in the store.)
2 oz. unsweetened chocolate, chopped
1/2 cup light sour cream
Chopped green onions (optional)
Shredded semi-sweet chocolate (Napierala says she used dark chocolate for the chili that won that contest.)

Preparation

Heat a Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Coat pan with cooking spray. Add onion, bell pepper, garlic and turkey to pan; sauté 8 minutes or until turkey is browned and vegetables are tender. Add sugar and next 9 ingredients to pan, stirring to blend; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer 15 minutes or until slightly thickened, stirring occasionally. Add chocolate, stirring to melt. Ladle 1 1/4 cups chili into 8 bowls; top each serving with 1 T sour cream. Garnish with green onions and a little semi-sweet or dark chocolate.

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Children's Home Society and Family Services (CHSFS) is selling its Toogood Building at 2230 Como Ave. to the **Emily Program**, which is headquartered one block away. The Emily Program plans to turn the building into an eating disorders treatment center for adolescents and families by June 2011, including a 10-bed residential program and outpatient treatment services. CHSFS staff and programs will move to the CHSFS headquarters at 1605 Eustis St. This is the third building the Emily Program has purchased in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood. The program also operates at 2265 Como Ave. and at the Anna Westin House at 1449 Cleveland Ave.

Pea Pods, a natural-toys and baby-care retail store, which has been located at Snelling and St. Clair avenues for the past few years, is changing locations and moving into St. Anthony Park. Dan Marshall and his wife, Millie Adelsheim, have purchased the hardware store at 2290 W. Como Ave. and plan to open at the new location by January or February. The store specializes in wood toys, locally made children's goods, baby carriers, clothes and cloth diapers.

When **Java Train Café's** food manager and chef Katie Carpenter made a batch of Whoopie Pies in October, they proved so popular she's decided to keep baking them. The pies, which are popular on the East Coast, consist of two round cookie-shaped pieces of cake held together by a layer of frosting in the middle. Carpenter's interpretation uses pumpkin cake and ginger frosting. They sell so fast, she says, that the folks at Java Train, 1341 N. Pascal St., have coined the phrase "selling like whoopies." Carpenter plans to make seasonal varieties; she's also working on a gluten-free version.

St. Anthony Park resident **M. Catherine Daly** (Kate) published two manuscripts in the 10-volume *Berg Encyclopedia of World Dress and Fashion*, edited by Falcon Heights resident Joanne B. Eicher. Daly's pieces, "Afghan Clothing" and "Afghan Jewelry," were the result of 16 years of research in an Afghan community in the United States and in Pakistan, where she taught under a Fulbright Award at the National College of Art in Lahore.

State spotlights Como's AP program

By Kristal Leebrick

Oct. 11 to 15 was AP Week in Minnesota and the staff and students at Como Park High School were celebrating. Como was one of four high schools in the state being recognized for their success in bringing under-represented students into the rigorous academic program.

AP, which stands for Advanced Placement, offers college-level courses to high school students throughout the United States and Canada. The College Board, which is based in New York and runs the program, offers 30 AP courses. Como offers 18.

Nancy Plagens, AP coordinator at Como, said the school has the most comprehensive AP program in St. Paul Public Schools. It started in 1985 with a small number of students in three or four courses, Plagens said. Now, a third of the student body of 1,450 students takes pre-AP or AP classes. About 250 students take the exams each spring. Those who pass often get college credit for the courses.

Alice Seagren, commissioner of education, visited the school Oct. 13 to find out just what Como Park High School is doing right.

Como Park and South High



Minnesota Education Commissioner Alice Seagren (far right) visits Kathy Kahn's ninth-grade, pre-AP biology class during AP Week.

School in Minneapolis "have done an extraordinary job of enrolling minority students in Advance Placement courses," Seagren said.

Seagren toured classes at the school along with St. Paul school district and College Board representatives. When she visited Kathy Kahn's ninth-grade pre-AP biology class, Seagren talked with students and encouraged them to continue to take more rigorous coursework while in high school.

"Students who have taken AP classes just glide into college," she said.

The school's program has done well because the teachers and students "work very hard," said Como Park Principal Dan Mesick.

Each spring, the College Board recognizes students who have passed a certain number of tests and received specific scores. Ten Como students were recognized last spring as National AP Scholars. This means the students received an average score of at least 4 on all AP exams taken and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. The exam scores are graded 1 to 5. A student must receive a 3 to pass the test.

The mother of a recent graduate who went on to Brown University in Rhode Island wrote Plagens a letter saying her daughter's acceptance into the Ivy League school had a lot to do with the amount of Advance Placement classes she had taken at Como and the fact that her daughter had received the National AP Scholar award.

The school prepares students by offering pre-AP courses in ninth and 10th grades, Plagens said. "I think it's a culture of encouraging and expecting students to be in these classes," she said about Como's AP success. "Counselors encourage the kids. The AVID program [which helps teach middle-performing students how to succeed in a rigorous curriculum] is very helpful. It teaches the skills kids need."

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The College Board has announced the **AP Scholar Awards for 2010**. Como Park Senior High School has 59 students from the classes of 2010 and 2011 who have earned these distinctions, including the highest number of National Scholars (the highest award category) in the school's history.

AP Scholars are Jonathan Aslani, Samantha Brown, Geneva Cole, Carolyn Croce, Miriam Dennis, Alexander Derosier, Hayley Frederick, Virginia Godfrey, Shawn Halvorson, Andrew Hanson, Evan Hanson, Daniel Heuer, Kathy Hoang, Holly Marple, Margaret Moberg, Lauren Nelson, Michael Olheiser, Paul Quach, Kaitlyn Rose, Joanna Swenson, Jonathan Tetlie, Leif Vandersteen, Emily Watson, Kaila Will, May Yang, Vang Yang and Zachary Zippel. AP Scholars with Honor were Madeline Berger, Laura Burnes, Britta Linstrom, Sydney Marshall, Mary Scott and Nicholas Sveiven. Advanced Placement Scholars with Distinction are Zoe Bartholomew, Stefan Brancel, Matthew Buechler, Mara Chin-Purcell, Philip Condon, Christopher Dale, Collin Davis-Johnson, Andrew Fate, Amelia Kahn, Rachel Lee, Robert Maniak, Steven Mantell, Justin Miller, Hannah Nauen, Sean O'Connell, Theodore Olsen, Michael Peterson, Robert Porter, Chelsea Preiner, Leah Roth, Erik Sateren, Jane Schumacher, Haley Van Cleve, Adrian Wackett, John Wolf and Alex Wondra. Advanced Placement National Scholars are Stefan Brancel, Mara Chin-Purcell, Philip Condon, Amelia Kahn, Rachel Lee, Hannah Nauen, Theodore Olsen, Leah Roth, Jane Schumacher and Adrian Wackett.

Eleven Como Park students joined six others from Central and Great River schools in St. Paul at the **Hold Back the Snow ultimate Frisbee tournament** at Assiniboine Park Winnipeg, Manitoba, Oct. 15 to 17. The team, which calls itself CAU (Como Area Ultimate), is a mix of players who combined forces with the two other schools so they could compete in the tournament.

Murray Junior High

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The Murray Site Council meets Monday, Nov. 1, at 4 p.m. in the school conference room. The Murray Parent Association is hosting a **Parent Forum on Peer Pressure** that evening at 7 p.m. in the school library. School counselors will discuss the unique physical and psychological developments that

happen in adolescents that can create challenges in junior high.

Seventy-two students will attend a weeklong leadership retreat at **Wolf Ridge** the week of Nov. 8 along with teachers, parents and administrators. Besides the standard adventure ropes, rock climbing, environmental classes and team problem solving, students learn about each other by doing activities and games that build cultural awareness. Eighth-grade student leaders teach classes on four of the major cultures represented in our school.

There is **no school** on Friday, Nov. 12, and Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25-26.

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Sixth-graders, teachers and parent chaperones spent a week of perfect weather Oct. 11-15 at **Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center**. Wolf Ridge, a 2,000-acre "classroom" in northern Minnesota, is located on a forested ridge overlooking lakes, rivers and Lake Superior. Students took classes in geology, animal studies, orienteering, stream studies and Ojibwe Heritage, among others.

On Oct. 29, the school community will celebrate the **Fall Festival**, an annual fundraising event. There will be square dancing, pizza and taco-in-a-bag, crafts, a photo booth, a pumpkin patch and a silent auction.

Another fundraising effort that makes a difference at SAP Elementary is Target's **Take Charge of Education** program. Thanks to members of the community who shop at Target with a RED card. One percent of every dollar spent at Target is donated to a designated K-12 school. SAP Elementary receives several thousand dollars every year. This year, the money will go toward supporting books in the classroom.

The school is recruiting volunteers for the **tutoring program**. An SPPS Foundation VISTA member is on staff coordinating and training volunteers. If you're interested in working with kids, call the school and ask for Lindsay.

The school is grateful to the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation. As sponsors of the annual **St. Anthony Park Community Fall Festival**, funds were raised in October that will enrich the school's band program. Instrumental music lessons for students are now offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays as part of the redesigned after-school program. Extended Day Learning (EDL) now includes enrichment activities for all students in addition to academic support for those who need it.

The school site council meets Nov. 8 at 5 p.m. **Parent teacher conferences** are Nov. 10. Coffee and conversation with the principal and other parents is Nov. 11 at 9:15 a.m. There is no school Nov. 12, 25 or 26. SAPSA meets Nov. 16, and second-grade Family Science Night is Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m.

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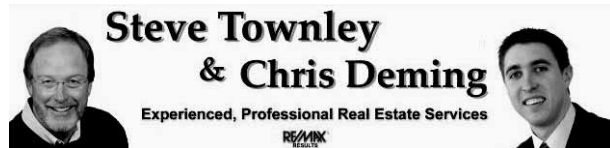
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The Dow houses many established artists, including four octogenarians who are still producing work. During the art crawl, women's drum group Drumheart will perform and give demonstrations.

Pirates of Penzance at Como Park High School

"The Pirates of Penzance, or The Slave of Duty" will be performed at Como Park High School Thursday and Friday, Nov. 18 and 19, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors.

Come and see if Frederic will betray his sense of duty and leave the pirates to wed Mabel. Or if the constables can save Major-General Stanley's many daughters from the matrimonial clutches of the pirates.

Local 10/10/10 march focuses on climate change

A march from the St. Anthony Park Branch Library to Hampden Park Oct. 10, was just one of more than 7,000 events scheduled in 188 countries dedicated to raising concerns about climate change.

The idea of designating 10/10/10 a day of political action came from Bill McKibben, founder of the organization 350.org. That name refers to the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere that many scientists consider to be the safe upper limit: 350. Some scientists say it's now at 390 parts per million.

The event was sponsored by the Energy Resilience Group, a subcommittee of the St. Anthony Park Community Council.



Photo by Ruth Weleczki

The 10/10/10 march to Hampden Park was one of more than 7,000 events worldwide addressing citizens' concerns about climate change.

Central Corridor affordable housing discussions continue

The Affordable Housing and Equitable Work Group of the Central Corridor continues to meet to discuss the critical housing issues along the new light-rail corridor. In September, a staff member from the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy presented a demographic overview of the corridor. In October, the group prioritized housing issues to focus their efforts. In November, the group will assign tasks for work group members on those issues. For more information, contact Bill Lerman at 651-644-7388 or billlerman@gmail.com.

Weavers Guild has annual sale

The Weavers Guild of Minnesota is hosting its 36th annual sale Nov. 12-14 at the Textile Center, 3000 University Ave. S.E., Minneapolis. The sale will feature work from more than 50 artists and run from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, and noon-4 p.m. Sunday.

Spring Awakening at Hamline

Hamline University Theatre will present "Spring Awakening" Nov. 5-6 and 11-13. Tickets are \$2 to \$8 and are available at the Hamline University Theatre Box Office, 651-523-2905 or tickets@hamline.edu. The adult content of the play may deem it inappropriate for children.



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2 TUESDAY

Baby storytime, 10:30 a.m.,
St. Anthony Park library.

Block nurse exercise program, 3:15 p.m. every Tuesday and Friday,
St. Anthony Park library.

3 WEDNESDAY

English conversation group, 4 p.m. every Wednesday, St. Anthony Park library.

St. Anthony Park Book Club, 6:30, St. Anthony Park library. *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski.

5 FRIDAY

Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m.,
St. Anthony Park library.

Block nurse exercise program, 3:15 p.m. every Tuesday and Friday,
St. Anthony Park library.

6 SATURDAY

Internet, email, Word and Excel, 2 p.m. every Saturday, St. Anthony Park library.

9 TUESDAY

St. Anthony Park Garden Club, 6:30 p.m. meeting, 7:15 p.m. program by Jeff Gillman, "The Truth About Organic Gardening," St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

Jazz Night with Christine Rosholt, 6:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park library.

10 WEDNESDAY

"Unspeakable Things: The Wandrei Brothers and Sandbox Theatre," 7 p.m., St. Anthony Park library.

11 THURSDAY

"Digging for Victory, Victory Gardening in World War I and World War II," by Sandra Kelsey. 1 p.m.,

St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church. Call 651-644-7388, line 3, to RSVP.

"Walter J. Breckenridge, His Life in Natural History," 6:45 p.m., Fairview Community Center. Free.

19 FRIDAY

Preschool story time, 10:30 a.m.,
St. Anthony Park library.

21 SUNDAY

Sunday Afternoon Reading Group: *Fordlandia* by Greg Grandia, Micawber's Books, 2:30 p.m.

Contact information:

Fairview Community Center,
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Micawber's Books, 2238 Carter Ave., 651-646-5506

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L I V E S L I V E D

Former Park Bugle photographer, Truman Olson

For many years, the Park Bugle pages included photos by St. Anthony Park resident Truman Olson. He shot both news and human-interest photos. Olson died unexpectedly Oct. 7 of natural causes.

Truman worked as a medical photographer at both the Charles T. Miller and United Hospitals in St. Paul. After years of shooting live photos of surgeries, hospitals moved to electronic cameras and he lost a job. He continued to do freelance photography.

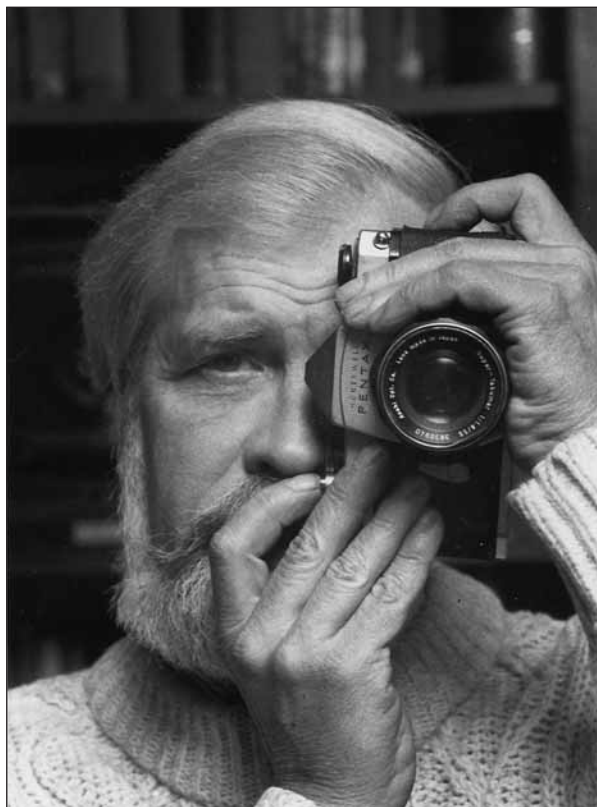
Truman Del Olson was born Aug. 15, 1937, to Arnold and Ellen (Swenson) Olson. He was the oldest of three children. He grew up in Lauderdale and graduated from Alexander Ramsey High School in 1955. After high school, Truman enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps for four years, serving in Okinawa and California.

On Aug. 6, 1966, Truman married Elizabeth Peterson, of Almelund, Minn., at the Lutheran Student Union Campus Chapel on the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota. The couple made their home in St. Anthony Park until recently, when they moved into a senior apartment in the Como Park area.

Truman was quite artistic and enjoyed wood carving and painting. He also grew a wonderful garden. After retirement, he worked as the custodian at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church for a year until ill health forced him to resign in 1999.

He was preceded in death by brother-in-law, Gary Pfaffendorf, just six months ago, and his brother Jerry, six weeks ago.

Truman is survived by his wife of 44 years; daughter, Lisa (George) Sigstad; son, Jeffrey; two



Truman Olson
Photo by Jeff Olson

grandsons, Alexander and Sean Sigstad; and sister, Rachel Pfaffendorf.

His memorial service was held Oct. 11 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church with burial at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Margaret Aiken

Margaret M. "Pat" Aiken, 87, died Oct. 3. Pat grew up in St. Paul's Highland Park neighborhood and then lived for more than 50 years in Falcon Heights.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Myles. She is survived by her children, Mary Jo (David) Nelson; Nancy (Michael) Kaproth; Fran (Joseph) Macdonald; Therese (James) Picha; and Myles "Butch" (Nancy); 14 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 6 at Holy Childhood Catholic Church in Roseville, with inurnment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Joel Bloomfield

Joel I. Bloomfield, 88, died on Oct. 6 at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Minneapolis. Joel was raised in St. Paul and married Arlene Olsen on Dec. 4, 1946, at Como Park Lutheran Church. Joel lived in Falcon Heights for some time. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and Korea. He was employed by Honeywell, Univac and Control Data.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Arlene (Olsen), in 1968; a sister, Frances (Philip) Hamm; a brother, John (Virginia); a great-grandson, E.J. Sauer; and sons-in-law, Bruce W. Anderson and Keith J. Goar. He is survived by two

daughters, Susan (Rick) Pearson and Janet (Jerry) Anderson; three sons, Todd (Kate); James (Steve Collard); and Steven (Jose Gonzalez); four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and his former wife, Mary Anne Scott.

There were no services at his request.

Dorothy Forster

Dorothy M. Forster, 87, a lifelong Lauderdale resident, died peacefully Oct. 10. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, four brothers and one sister. She is survived by her daughters, Dolores (Lanny) Fankhauser and Judy (Mike) Wallraff; a son, Steve (Sue); 10 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandsons; a sister, Adelaide Christenson; and sisters-in-law, Joan and Helen Jensen. Dorothy's funeral service was held Oct. 13 at Peace Lutheran Church in Lauderdale, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery in Roseville.

David Hughes

David W. Hughes, 76, of St. Paul, died Oct. 5. He was a member of the Murray High School Class of 1953.

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