University Avenue Avenue merchants wary as first phase of light rail construction begins

By Roger Bergerson

If there's one thing that everybody involved with the Central Corridor light-rail transit line can agree on, it's that 2011 will not be a year of business-as-usual on West University Avenue.

Preliminary utility work has provided a taste of what it will be like when heavy construction begins in a couple of weeks, starting on St. Paul's western border at Emerald Street and moving steadily eastward, reaching Hamline Avenue by year's end.

The Metropolitan Council, the agency managing the project, said that work will start on the south side of University, with one lane open in each direction on the north side. Vehicle and pedestrian access is promised to all businesses. Nevertheless, it seems inevitable that the hubbub associated with such a massive undertaking will complicate the task of moving through the zone and shopping in it.

"We've told businesses that construction can be disruptive, and that they need to prepare for that disruption," said Laura Baenen, Central Corridor spokesperson for the Metropolitan Council.

Biggest project ever

There are still a few hoops to jump through before the federal government commits to paying for the first half of the Central Corridor project, but the light-rail line clearly has momentum going for it. Some $145 million already has been spent on design, property acquisition and construction.

By the time the nearly $1 billion line is up and running in 2014, it will have become the largest public works project in Minnesota history. However, some University Avenue business owners contacted by the Park Bugle aren't so sure they'll still be around when the first train goes gliding by.

At least two businesses moved away from the avenue well in advance of construction: Finn Sisu, a cross-country ski store, moved several miles north to Larpenteur Avenue in Lauderdale, and Chocolat Celeste moved from its location on University Avenue near Highway 280 to Transfer Road about a mile east.

Chocolat Celeste owner Mary Leonard says the upcoming light rail to 6

Como 2030 plan heads to City Council

Increased senior housing a goal of proposed rezoning

By Anne Holzman

The St. Paul City Council will soon be asked to consider a small-area plan that would change zoning along Como Avenue in St. Anthony Park to encourage more retail and multifamily housing, while keeping growth manageable in terms of traffic, parking and neighborhood character.

Task force leader Jon Schumacher said the vision is for modest residential growth of 10 to 15 percent, plus a few more retail options, adding up to "an area where you can kind of get everything" within easy distance of more varied housing options.

The proposal is a result of several years of surveys, meetings and design workshops, including sessions in which neighbors were invited to redesign three specific properties along the stretch and then see the economic viability of their proposals analyzed by computers.

The areas that would be affected are within 150 feet of Como Avenue between Highway 280 and the University of Minnesota Transitway, plus the M puts Square parking lot.

The plan makes liberal use of St. Paul's recently adopted "traditional neighborhood" zones, which allows for more flexibility in mixing business and residential uses than the old zones did. Even so, the proposed zones are something of a patchwork.

"We tried to be very careful to ensure that we did not create any nonconforming uses at existing properties," task force member Roger Purdy noted. "The goal is to create different possibilities if and when a property is sold."
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7:00 p.m. Night Prayer, with dinner at 5:00 p.m.  
March 4: “Find & Join” for a “Spring Fund” dinner and circling in for all ages: 5:00 p.m.  
$15.00 per family, all proceeds benefit Acts 2 Fund for families in need  
March 9: Ash Wednesday service at 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., followed by soup supper  
March 12: Holy Cross Lenten Retreat with Dcn. Sue Johnson. 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m  
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Jessica Brock is the new Director of Community Ministry and coordinator.  
The 2008 University of Wisconsin-Madison graduate has a bachelor’s degree in journalism and mass communications. Brock worked in the banking industry before coming to District 10.

District 10 is still looking to fill vacancies for subdistrict 2 and subdistrict 3 board positions. This is a great way to be a voice in your neighborhood and play a part in fostering a friendly, active, and safe community. All residents and business owners in subdistricts 2 and 3 are eligible to serve. For more information, contact District 10 at district10@district10comapark.org or 651-644-3898.

Volunteers are needed to organize the ArtCrawl, an event that will be held during the Como Stayscation, which is tentatively set for Saturday, July 16. You do not need to be an artist to get involved with this event. If you would like to participate, contact Andrea Lynn Johnson at 651-283-9165 or dreamscott@yahoo.com.

**St. Anthony Park**  
It’s not too late to save money and energy this heating season. Come to a workshop to learn about the Energy Squad and sign up for a visit. Area workshops include: Saturday, March 12, 10 a.m. to noon at the St. Anthony Park Senior High School library or Thursday, March 21, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Central High School auditorium. RSVP to the workshops at lauren@sapcc.org or 651-649-5992.

Run for the St. Anthony Park Community Board of Directors this April and work with neighbors on local issues and be involved in decisions that affect your neighborhood. Applications are due March 14. Download a copy at www.sapcc.org. The election will take place on Tuesday, April 12, with ballots at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library and Hampden Park Food Co-op.

You can sign up to receive light-rail construction updates via email at the Metropolitan Council website, www.metrocouncil.org. Click on Transportation, then under Transways, click on Central Corridor light rail. On that page, you can sign up for construction updates. You can also call the Central Corridor Construction Hotline at 651-602-1404.

The Green on the Screen film series will feature The Great Transition: An Inspiring Eco-tour on Tuesday, March 22, at 6:45 p.m. at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hilda Avenue.

The movie shows how individuals, groups and communities are participating in the transition to ecological, low-energy living. Green on the Screen is sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Community Council’s Energy Resiliency Group.

Anderson, Haasman and Leb to hold town meeting

Sen. Ellen Anderson, Rep. Alice Hausman and Rep. John Lesch will hold a town meeting on Saturday, March 19, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Lakeside Pavilion on Como Lake. The event will be held on Como Lake and will be adjacent parking (entrance at Lexington Avenue). An elevator inside the building goes to the third floor, where the meeting will be held.

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An American in Japan, Parts II, III and IV

In this chapter the graphic novelist learns his brush is mightier than his pen.

By Ruth Weleczki

In the time it takes Lars Martinson to draw one page for his graphic novel series Tonoharu, you could read the four-book collection. It is judge Parker’s pace may seem at odds with the hurry-up, technology-saturated culture that surrounds him, but it makes sense when you know that he draws each three- to six-panel page by hand.

Tonoharu is a semi-auto-biographical illustrated account of Martinson’s three-year teaching experience abroad. In 2003, armed with a passion for travel and a graphic design degree, Martinson left for rural Japan, where he taught English to 1,800 students, ranging in age from 6 to 16. The new college graduate, who didn’t speak the language and had no training or education as a teacher, realized he had a story to tell.

“I draw heavily from my own experience, but ultimately it’s work of fiction,” the Lauderdale resident says. “Some of the characters were sort of based on people I knew, but even then there were pretty fictionalized.”

He spent seven years on the first two Tonoharu volumes (Part Two was released last fall), and Parts Three and Four won’t make it to your neighborhood bookstore until 2015, a fact that Martinson regards as “dramatically slow.” Still, seven years is remarkable if you consider the staggering number of illustrations that make up Tonoharu. In Part Two alone, there are more than 550 intricately detailed, hand-drawn illustrations. (Martinson would like to note, with Partial T three underway, he’s closing in on the 1,000-page mark)

“I usually manage to finish between one to two pages a week, as long as I get to work on them every day,” he says. Depending on the complexity, however, one drawing—there are at least three and as many as six on one page—can take a few hours or a couple of days to finish. Sometimes longer.

“Tonoharu Part 3, Page 4 don’t, I’m going at the breakneck pace of a page a month,” Martinson twittered on Feb. 16. “His past month has been unusual, both in terms of the complexity of the panels I’ve had to draw, and other obligations taking away from work time,” he later explained.

$10,000 springboard

Martinson had help getting his self-published project off the ground. In 2007, the Xeric Foundation awarded Martinson a $10,000 grant—“a substantial percentage of the expenses,” he explains.

To n o h a r u: Part 3

Sometimes longer.

In 2008, just as Martinson was leaving on a two-year Monbusho-kagakusho Research Scholarship to study East Asian calligraphy at Shikoku University, he sees calligraphy as a natural extension of cartooning. “Line drawing is synonymous to cartoon drawing,” he says. “Lines dominate cartoons.”

More than a hobby of writing pretty letters, calligraphy is a highly revered art form in Japan and takes years to master. “I really just...”

Graphic novelist to 10

Children’s Home Society event celebrates children’s birth cultures

By Natalie Zett

When Billie Gray was dating her future husband, she agreed to marry him with one stipulation: that their family would be made up of two biological children and two adopted children.

“ ‘So were at three and counting!’ said Gray, who lives with her family in St. Anthony Park.

“ ‘When I was a kid, I read Orphan Train, which was based on the orphan trains that came through the United States between the late 19th and early 20th centuries,’ “ Gray said. “And now, we have two biological children—boys—who are 9 and 6. When the youngest was 18 months old, we embarked on the adoption experience through Children’s Home—there’s how my family adopted my sister—that part of the circle.”

Gray is part of a committee that is planning the Children’s Home Adoption Celebration on Saturday, March 5, at the University of Minnesota Field House in Minneapolis (see more information at the end of the article). There will be an open house and will feature cultural events and entertainment. People can explore customs and traditions of Central and Eastern Europe, China and Southeast Asia, Ethiopia, Korea, Latin America, Nepal, India, Russia, Ukraine and the United States.

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POET S. Elliott might have said April was the cruellest month, but the view from here shows April as bright light at the end of this winter tunnel.

It's hard to think of April asalmighty when you've just spent a long, federal-holiday weekend shoveling out from another foot of snow.

At press time, the Twin Cities had seen 74.5 inches of snow fall this winter. And it's not over yet.

We're crying under.

So, dear readers, we think we all need a diversion, a group project to help us shop our way through March, the time of the year to vote (by March 15, the date on which the school board will vote) simply is too short to allow for genuine delivery of accurate information about the plan or an exploration of what it will mean in reality for the people involved in it.

The administration's attempt to present us with a fait accompli was clear. It was also clear that the plan was developed without the input of those who will be most affected by the school children and the parents who are the stated purpose of the plan to create "strong communities" is ironic given the way the plan was developed and is being quickly forced through.

Instead of acknowledging and listening to the expertise of the community, the decisions were made by the SPPS administration and announced to parents and teachers at the board meeting.

Throughout the meeting, educational research was cited as the basis for the decisions being made. Research has its place in informing such plans, but genuine engagement with members of a community is the most effective way of strengthening community and developing a sustainable plan.

It is a huge mistake for the school board to hastily push this plan through. The board should immediately postpone the March 15 vote and take more time to inform and consult with those who have a right to improve the design of this plan and who could greatly improve its chances of succeeding.

Interested parents can talk on Facebook at Voices of SPPS Parents.

Amanda M. Cormick, Robbie Ramirez, Marilyn Alvar, Annie Killy Berg, David Sik, Carla Belardi

Sixth grade should stay in the district's elementary schools

Among the changes being considered by the St. Paul school system is a shift of sixth grade from elementary to middle school. The rationale offered for this change is that students need an additional year in middle school to develop a stronger connection to the school. This, it is suggested, will improve student achievement.

Unfortunately, this is not born out by research. The research points to numerous negative outcomes from moving sixth-graders out of elementary schools and into middle schools, including lower on-time graduation rates, lower academic achievement and increased behavioral problems.

According to the district’s figures, 73.1 percent of St. Paul Public Schools students are economically disadvantaged. The research shows that the negative effects of moving to middle school is greatest for lower-socio-economic-status students. Given the evidence, the proposed shift is precisely the wrong approach.

Cornin Kruze
St. Paul

Human geography is key to understanding our world

From the price of corn flakes to eating your way around the world on University Avenue, human geography is key to understanding our world.

Take the price of corn flakes. In the coming months the price of cereal is likely to soar in grocery stores. The reason? A drought in Russia and flooding in Pakistan, China and Australia have created a world shortage of corn, wheat and soybeans. It is not just our kids who need to be reminded of how important human geography is to understanding our world; adults also need a gentle reminder.

Take University Avenue in St. Paul. A person could essentially eat his or her way around the world. Why? When entrepreneurs from around the world look for growth opportunities, this is the kind of culture they create: a place where they share their food. Westworld migration, culture and something called relocation diffusion, which explains this restaurant phenomenon.

Let's remember human geography: it's key to understanding our world.

Stephanie M. McCrory
Human Geography teacher
Como Park Senior High School

LETTERS

April is the coolest month

Here are the particulars:

April can take any form you choose. (We dare you to try a villanelle.)

The subject of your work is this winter, this spring or the transition between them. Submissions must be received by March 14. Send them to Editor, P.O. Box 8126, St. Paul, MN 55108, or to editor@parkbugle.org.

There will be one winner, but we'll try to publish more than just the winning poem in the April issue of the Bugle. We'll publish all entries on our website. There will be a prize. We just don't know what it is yet, but we promise it will be nice.

Get out those pens. On your mark, get set, compose!

Your committee:

More on starlings

Thirty years ago I read in King Solomon’s Ring, by the naturalist Conrad Lorenz, that starlings make the best pets of any bird he knew. Because of their intelligence, sociability, and that with the right food, their singing can be heard all day long, I was immediately sold. And I might add, beauty (in the detail). And because they’re not “native,” legal.

But, with the help of SAP, and the Village, Billy Kidd, adopted three baby starlings, literally abandoned on the steps of the nature center where he worked. A wonderful adventure, feeding them by chopsticks, all lined up on my arm, teaching them to fly, living in their first song. While still fairly young. Bewitched died tragically; Bothered and Bemildred I let go beside another flock of his brethren.

These days I might hesitate to interfere with the “natural” course of things, and of starlings, but that was then.

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“Poetry contest”

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COMMENTARY

Who pays for tax-free online shopping?

By Mary Hamel and Jeff Warner

Economists might argue whether recovery has begun from the Great Recession, but no one can dispute our state’s current budget challenge; the biggest in decades. Minnesota projected a midyear budget shortfall of $209 million forcing local governments to decrease essential services, such as policing, firefighting and education.

Yet, Minnesota loses the bulk of its sales dollars of online purchases by allowing remote online retailers with a significant business presence in our state to ignore their obligation to collect sales tax. This omission is a significant competitive advantage over in-state businesses, which shouldered the additional cost of sales tax at a time when the state’s budget situation worsens.

So, either you’re going to pay it, or someone is going to collect it from you. Who makes the decision about what is, or is not, a taxable sale to an online retailer from out-of-state? Though our state has done little to enforce the collection of use tax from residents, as the technology is available, the state has a legal obligation to submit the sales tax to the state. The real question is who should collect this tax: the consumer as a customer or the out-of-state retailer? Though our state has done little to enforce the collection of use tax from residents, as the technology is available, the state has a legal obligation to submit the sales tax to the state. The real question is who should collect this tax: the consumer as a customer or the out-of-state retailer?

Taking advantage of our state’s unwillingness to enforce sales-tax laws during the best of times is egregious, but during a recession, however, it’s an affront to every business and citizen in the state. On an economic level, it makes no sense.

Retailers who operate sales-tax equity cite fiscal responsibility. But how can fiscal responsibility be public policy that subsidizes out-of-state retailers while punishing in-state, tax-paying businesses and residents? Does fiscal responsibility demand that our state government burden residents and businesses with higher taxes and fewer services to placate out-of-state retailers that only take from our state and provide nothing in return?

Yet that’s the current stance of many of our legislators. It’s that working out for us? The current budget shortfall tells us the answer is not so good.

Legislators who oppose sales-tax equity cite fiscal responsibility. But how can fiscal responsibility be public policy that subsidizes out-of-state retailers while punishing in-state, tax-paying businesses and residents? Does fiscal responsibility demand that our state government burden residents and businesses with higher taxes and fewer services to placate out-of-state retailers that only take from our state and provide nothing in return?

We’re not calling for a new tax, but an out-of-state retailer does not have a new resident in the state, shoppers are already required to pay use tax. Why not require retailers that only take from our state and provide nothing in return? We’re not calling for a new tax, but an out-of-state retailer does not have a new resident in the state, shoppers are already required to pay use tax. Why not require retailers that only take from our state and provide nothing in return?

Finally, concern that sales-tax equity would harm online businesses in the state is misguided. Most online retailers, including Wal-Mart, Barnes & Noble and Sears, already collect and remit sales tax for purchases made by residents in Minnesota if the retailer maintains a physical presence in our state (that is, a warehouse, office or sales agent in the state).

Amazon.com and other online giants use thousands of affiliates in Minnesota, who earn a commission when a product sells through the affiliate’s promotion, making Amazon a sales agent by definition. The legal presence of these online mega-retailers in our state should require them to collect sales tax.

Consumers undoubtedly enjoy this so-called advantage and often shop at out-of-state retailers to avoid paying sales tax. But who is footing the bill for these tax-free purchases? Neither online affiliates nor remote retailers.

And it’s not just a few dollars flowing out of-state every year but an annual loss of hundreds of millions of dollars, to our first responders, local communities and tax burden. This money is flying out of state to remote retailers and their affiliates that pocket the cash, while taxpayers subsidize the use of our in-state services, our roads and their very businesses.

Hans Weyandt, co-owner of Micawber’s Books, 2238 Carter Ave., says the issue of taxation is important to all retail stores. “The idea isn’t so much about fairness as it is about what is, in effect, being stolen from communities,” he says. “E-commerce depends on not having to pay state sales tax in order to pad their discounting. And with budgets tight everywhere, it seems more prudent than ever to make sure all retailers pay the percentages due.”

The law is clear: during a recession, every shopping dollar is critical. The idea isn’t so much about fairness as it is about what is, in effect, being stolen from communities, and how can fiscal responsibility be public policy that subsidizes out-of-state retailers while punishing in-state, tax-paying businesses and residents?

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Posting your comments: Please post your comments on our Park Bugle Facebook page or send them to info@parkbugle.org. You can also mail them to our office at 2303 Como Avenue/Box 8126 St. Paul MN 55108. There are other great Park properties in all price ranges coming on the market soon. Call for more information.

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Dr. Calvin DeWitt, Professor of Environmental Science, Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison
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disruption, elimination of already-limited street parking and difficult delivery access played a major part in her decision. “There was just too much uncertainty and a retail store without parking isn’t viable,” she says.

Parking squeeze looms
“For the next five years, the issue will be parking,” says Jack M. Cacc, president of the University Avenue Business Association (formerly Business) Association. He is a partner in a company that owns eight buildings in the Raymond and University area, including MIdtown Commons at 2324-2334 W. University Ave.

M.Cacc advocates creating “pocket” parking lots that businesses can share. “I think there could be meters to pay for it, on-street parking is the most popular after all,” he said. “If a business owner can say, ‘Well, at least customers can park on this block,’ the vitality stays. The last thing this area needs is a whole lot of ‘for sale’ or ‘for rent’ signs.”

Although the city may seek funding for parking projects from the Metropolitan Council, there’s no money to do anything at this time, said Craig Blakely, senior planner, Planning and Economic Development. Meanwhile, a set of recommendations for better management of parking in the corridor is moving through the city process, including the dedication of parking to commercial use on the side streets. one block north and south of University.

Attitudes vary
The business owners who have their parking lots tend to feel a lot more positively about light rail than those that don’t.

The Egg and I, restaurant, for example, has a small lot it can use on the northeast (University Avenue) side of the Court International Building, just west of Hiawatha 280. And even if that lot is blocked, says “Egg” owner Eric Crowlock, there’s plenty of parking on the east side of the building. “I envision that things will be O.K. but I worry about businesses that rely solely on on-street parking,” he said.

“I honestly, I’m not too concerned, although I may be naive,” said Bruce O’Brien, owner of Twin City Animal Hospital, a store that also has a parking lot. “We’re not a Starbucks; we don’t have a lot of competition and none close by. We may lose the tentative shopper, but I guess we’ve just got to deal with this. It’s called progress.”

The outlook is far less sunny for a few doors west at Shantyt’s Liquor Store, which has no off-street parking. “I’ve been in conversations with the city to see if some accommodation can’t be made, especially on Raymond Avenue,” said Dana Rose, co-owner of Shantyt’s. “It’s stopping to be a business, because most of our trade drives to us and deliveries coming in are going to be trouble.

Children’s Home Society from 3

contracted through the state to help find adoptive families for children in foster care.

“We also work with international organizations, and help support orphans around the world,” Heman said.

Gray wanted to adopt an older child with special needs, the said, so she and her husband worked with the Waisting International Children program through CHSFS, which, among other things, seeks homes for children with medical conditions and special needs. Gray’s 5-year-old daughter, who was adopted from China at 18 months old, had a cleft palate and had not received treatment until coming to Minnesota.

“I’m an advocate for special-needs kids,” said Gray. “If people realize how seamlessly they can fit into their families, they’ll be amazed. In our case, we visit the surgeon, the speech therapist, and then we have the usual bucket of kids’ activities dropping kids off at school, taking them to karate and so on. ‘What do we do?’

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“We decided to have one big event where all families who have been brought together through adoption can come together,” Heman said. “The event will feature food and crafts from families from around the world that the society does adoptions.

“Thirty years ago, when I was growing up with my adopted Korean brother, he wanted to know about his culture,” said Kip Herman. “Children’s Home Society obtains information from the United States and his birth country.”

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“We decided to have one big event where all families who have been brought together through adoption can come together,” Gray said. “Nowadays, there’s an awareness that adoption is a lifelong journey. Right after we returned from China with our daughter, I looked at her and thought, we changed her nationality and she had no say in that! That’s why it’s important to maintain ties to her birth culture.

One of the goals of the Adoption Celebration is to raise funds for orphanages in the countries where families adopted their children, Herman said. For example, CHSFS assists a foster program in China, an orphanage in Russia, a school in Ethiopia, and a children’s shelter in Latin America and a children’s medical facility in Korea. Herman invites the public to the celebration. “For as many adoptions as we do, there are some children who are never adopted,” Herman said. “We want to serve those kids as well and make sure they thrive, are healthy and have access to opportunities. That, along with educating adoptive children and their families, is the reason for the event.”

If you want to go

The Children’s Home Society Adoption Celebration will be held Saturday, March 5, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the University of Minnesota Field House, 1800 University Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

Cost is $12 for adults and $7 for children ages 2-18. If you register at chfs.org/adoptoncelebration in advance. Admission at the door is $15 for adults and $10 for children ages 2-18. Infants are free.

For more information call 651-255-2316.

Natalie Zett is a frequent contributor to the Park Bugle.
Mimi Jennings

By Judy Woodward

Rosemary “Mimi” Jennings, 68, retired in 2006 from a 30-year career as a high school French teacher. She spent her last years at Central High School in St. Paul. The St. Anthony Park resident’s work as a political and community activist continues.

Jennings had intended to major in math in college [at St. Catherine University in St. Paul], but the main math teacher was on sabbatical. Mimi was picked up on her ancestors’ air. I picked up on their ancient culture. [but I realized there are] certain things about American society I won’t give up. [in America, I can] sit cross-legged on a tall stool while talking to students, couldn’t do that in France. There’s a rigidity in that culture.

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In 1985–86, I won a Fulbright requirement. It was water on parched ground. I like the ability to communicate in another language

So much has changed since I came into teaching in 1966. In my first job, there was a dress code for teachers. I couldn’t wear colored hose. My first job, there was a dress code for teachers. I couldn’t wear colored hose. You take part, you show up. In 1968, I participated in a movement called Transition Towns. It’s an environmental movement that has to do with showing up. In 1968, I participated in a movement called Transition Towns. It’s an environmental movement that has to do with...
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borhood. "It's going to cause a
little bit more uniformity—with
character," he said. "There's still a lot
of opportunity for creativity."
And it will be attractive to
developers looking for opportunities,
Townley said. "Now there's something
that somebody could look at and
say, 'I have some opportunities.'"
The St. Anthony Park Commu-

nity Foundation commissioned
the study and paid for the design
consultants.

Schumacher, the foundation's
educator's director, said the city's trend
toward centralizing services means St.
Anthony Park needs to maintain its
population numbers in order to
retain schools, libraries, parks and
other services within walking distance.
The 2000 census showed a
decreasing population in the previous
decade, as duplexes were converted
to single-family homes and children
grew up and moved away.
St. Paul city planner Allan
Torstenson, who lives in the
neighborhood and served on the task
force, said the 2010 census
information isn't available yet, but he
doesn't expect significant changes in
those trends.
Meanwhile, empty-nesters can't
find single-family homes in the neigh-
borhood, Schumacher said.
"There are neighbors who want
to find smaller places to live," Schumacher said, "I hope people are
taking their time, their talent and
their buying power to other
communities."
The plan calls for increased
housing options for seniors within walking distance of the
neighborhood's "downtown." That could
mean some sites may see taller
towers.
The zoning changes would
allow that along parts of Como Avenue. The plan suggests that
the city consider allowing mixed-used
development proposals that exceed
the current guidelines listed in the Como 2030 plan.

The likeliest short-term result
will be opening up some of the
Luther Seminary property at Eustis Street and Como Avenue to allow
a mix of commercial and higher
density residential uses, Schumacher said. The St. Anthony Park
United Methodist Church parking lot at
Hillside and Como has also been
central to the discussion, he said, as a possible site for development.

To find out more about the
plan, you can download the docu-
ment, "An Addendum to the S.Paul
Comprehensive Plan," at
www.stpaul.gov/Documentview.aspx
?DID=14746.

Affected property owners will
be notified of a City Council hearing in
the coming months, Torstenson said.
Hearing notices will also be published in local newspapers.

Townley expressed confidence
that Como 2030 will enhance the
neighborhood, while remaining
"sensitive" to concerns about too
much growth.
"The long-term goal is
managing the inevitable change that
will occur in St. Anthony Park," he
said.

Anne H. ozman is a freelance writer
who lives in St. Anthony Park.
Father and son explore the Gulf Coast by land and sea

By Kristal Leibrick

Take two kayaks, two bicycles, a 34-foot-long boat and a mix of video equipment, drop it down on the Gulf Coast and you’ve got the right ingredients for a local father and son to explore (and document) the barrier islands, estuaries and other unique coastal environments between the Mississippi Delta and the Florida Panhandle.

That adventure began in January when John and Nat Shepard fired up the twin 350-horsepower engines of their rented boat, the Boudreaux, and launched 3rd Coast Connect, a multi-media project that follows their exploration of life—both human and animal—along the coast.

John Shepard is an associate professor and multimedia producer at Hamline University’s Center for Global Environmental Education (CGEE). 3rd Coast Connect is his semester-long sabbatical project. Media gathered during this trip will be used in CGEE’s Waters to the Sea educational programs, which explore water issues in various parts of the country, including the upper Mississippi River basin, the Chattahoochee and Apalachicola rivers in Georgia, and the Trinity River area in Texas. The programs are used in grades four through eight in various school districts, Shepard said. The Dallas-Fort Worth Independent School District uses the Trinity River program in its seventh-grade curriculum.

The original CGEE program, The WTTS: Upper Mississippi, was piloted at St. Anthony Park Elementary School and Murray Junior High in 1999. It explores how human land use has impacted water quality throughout history in the Upper Mississippi watershed. The program uses historical characters, animation and interactive simulations.

Nat Shepard was in fifth grade and his sister, Anna, was in seventh grade when it was piloted. John was an active parent at both schools at that time. “I was involved in the PTO and in supporting environmental education and service-learning programs at the schools,” he said.

When the elder Shepard asked his son last fall to join him on 3rd Coast Connect, Nat didn’t hesitate. A recent graduate of the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash., he was washing dishes in a restaurant in Tacoma and hadn’t found a full-time job.

“It didn’t take much pulling once he let the line out,” Nat said. “I almost immediately said yes without being very certain about the details, because at that time he hadn’t even secured a boat.”

The trip began in Pensacola, Fla., where on the first day, the two adventurers encountered a pod of dolphins that swam within inches of the stern of the boat. They continued to interact with dolphins on the first leg of the trip. Whenever they saw a pod rising to the surface in the distance, John Shepard said, the dolphins almost always came by the boat “to surf our wake and check out what we’re doing.”

The Shepards are maintaining a blog that chronicles their journey. In one post John Shepard describes the brown pelicans they’ve seen peering at them from pilings and buoys. Another post was written after a visit to the oyster beds in Mobile Bay, an area that is indirectly but “catastrophically” impacted by last year’s BP oil spill.

The “wealth of wildlife” has been the highlight of the trip, John Shepard said. “A hermit life has been constant, wintering loons—like us, snowbirds from the north—plus wonderful pelicans, egrets, great blue herons and lots of ducks.”

The project has been broken into two trips. “We started in Pensacola and went east along the Florida panhandle and slowly made our way back,” he said. In mid-February, John returned to Minnesota, while Nat stayed behind to work with a filmmaker his dad knows.

“I’ll be getting more video- graphy experience and an idea of how to put together multi-media projects,” Nat said. “I don’t have much formal training.”

Father and son will launch the Boudreaux one more time this spring to explore the Mississippi Delta.

“I’m excited about that because CGEE has focused a lot on the Mississippi River,” John said. “So much of what people do in the Twin Cities and the agricultural areas in the Upper Mississippi has a huge impact on water quality in the delta. There are strong connections between our lives in Minnesota and the Gulf Coast. It’s something most people don’t think much about or aren’t aware of.”

The Shepards will be on the coast until sometime in May. You can learn more about the project at thirdcoastconnect.wordpress.com.

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Graphic novelist from 3

scraped the surface,” Martinson says. Still, the discipline and control he learned has added depth to his drawings, he says. “Calligraphy really opened my eyes wide. It has redefined how I think of lines.”

Martinson is a master of line work and his skills will be used sparingly. On his paper, he’s committed to maintaining a consistent tone throughout his projects. He’s watched the line work is lively; it’s more intricate than conventional drawing tools, but “it’s incredibly versatile and worth the effort.”

The line work is lively; it’s gorgeous. It’s an incredible art of adventure, says Martinson. If he had a do-over, he would scale back the number of pages and do more on a consistent tone throughout his projects.

From then until now it’s been more than two years since Martinson studied abroad. And though easy to use his calligraphy skills, he’s committed to maintaining a consistent tone throughout his projects. So until the ink dries on Volume 4, Martinson plans to put his graphic-novel skills to work on an introductory, how-to East Asian calligraphy guide. He’s got the script (modeled written); he just needs to work on some pictures.

“I’m hoping to draw it in a much looser, quicker style than Tonoharu, so I hope to finish it within a year or two after Tonoharu is done,” he says. “But I have a pretty distant track record for keeping to deadlines, so well see what happens.”

Hindsight is always . . . insightful.

Looking back, Martinson says, he was naïve about the amount of time needed to produce a project as elaborate and complex as Tonoharu. If he had a do-over, he would scale back the number of pages and consider using ballpoint pen to move things along, he says.

“I envisioned a 200-page book that I’d finish in two years . . . my plan didn’t work out. If I could go back, I’d make it 128 pages and be done with it.” But he can’t. And that’s good.

Because, like the soap-opera-style comic strip Judge Parker, he will tell history in the fullness of time. Ruth Wodzicki is a frequent contributor to the Park Bugle.

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Volunteering Matters

Group gives immigrant girls tools to apply to and finance college

By Kristal Leebrick

Before Bue Vang moved to the United States from a village in Laos, she was told that straight dark hair and an eye injury would get her into trouble. “They said girls coming to America had to have curly hair like American people or they would hit you with a car,” said the Como Park High School senior.

That hair story wasn’t the only tall tale Vang heard before immigrating to the United States. Once she began her life here, she learned quickly that Americans don’t feed their infants wild rice, everyone isn’t rich and everything is not always beautiful and nice, she said. One thing Vang had counted on is that is true. She could get an education here.

And when she graduates this spring from Como Park Senior High School, Vang plans to continue her education at one of the six colleges she has applied to, thanks in part to the help she received through Girls Getting Ahead in Leadership (GGAL), one of several programs offered by the Women’s Initiative for Self-Empowerment (WISE).

WISE is a nonprofit organization founded in 1995 to help Asian, African and Latino immigrant women and girls succeed in Minnesota. GGAL’s goal is to teach low-income immigrant high school girls what they need to know to get into college and how to finance their education.

The group holds Saturday-afternoon workshops for 11th- and 12th-grade girls throughout the school year at its University Avenue offices. There are 25 students enrolled in the program this year and 15 mentors. Most of the girls come from high schools in the St. Paul school district; the mentors include college students seeking school credit and young adults who simply enjoy the work, said Sarah Gerdes, GGAL coordinator.

Vang’s mentor, Andrea Moeen, fits into both of those categories. The GGAL mentors Beth Blankenheim (far left) and Samawada Issak (grade 12, Harding High School) and Robudui Woyele (grade 12, Como Park High School) as they learn about college scholarships, grants and loans. Photo by Kristal Leebrick

University of Minnesota elementary education major joined GGAL last fall for a course that requires its students to earn credit for volunteering. She stayed on in the mentorship.

“I wanted to continue at least until the end of the school year to help these girls get into college,” Moeen said. “I want to see who gets in where and be excited for them when they do and help them look at alternatives if they don’t. I want to see how it all panned out with them and continue to support them.”

The 2008 Highland Park High School graduate said her parents helped her apply to colleges. The girls in GGAL don’t get that help at home, she said. “A lot of their parents don’t know anything about applying for college,” Moeen said.

Moeen hadn’t considered working with an immigrant population before GGAL, she said. “It’s very eye-opening, how much they’ve been through. A lot of people look down on immigrants and refugees, and then they tell you their stories and how they didn’t know any English and started the school very next day after they arrived. It’s crazy to hear about it.”

Being a mentor helped Moeen see “how badly these girls want to become more literate.” So she started a book club to help them with that. Right now they are reading a chapter of the book A Step from Heaven by An Na, the story of Young Ju who immigrated from Korea to the United States at the age of 4.

The girls read one chapter a week together after the GGAL workshop. Moeen of any of the girls “are very anxious to learn English better and become better at speaking in front of people,” Moeen said. She has them take turns reading each week’s chapter out loud. “A lot of them are self-conscious about speaking in front of groups and I felt like reading would help them with that; learning new words, reading in front of each other, discussing the book.”

When Vang moved here four-and-a-half years ago, she could read and write in Hmong, but she knew no English. Two years ago, Vang transferred from St. Paul’s LEAP High School, a program that serves new arrivals to the United States or those who have limited English skills, to Como Park Senior High School to be with more English-speaking students.

Vang relates to the protagonist in A Step from Heaven, she said. In fact, Young Ju was told that same curly-hair story.

To find out more about GGAL, or to volunteer to be a mentor, contact Sarah Gerdes 612-646-3266. You can also learn more at www.womenofwise.org.
St. Cecilia’s to host parish dinner
The Church of St. Cecilia, 2357 Bayless Place, will host its annual road turkey dinner on Sunday, March 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the church basement. Tickets are $8; children ages 8 and under eat for free.

The ever-popular raffle is back. Prizes include an Apple iPad, Xbox 360 with Kinect, a $250 gift certificate from the Minneosta Bird and Breakfast Association and a $150 gift certificate to Heartland Restaurant. For more information call 615-644-4502.

Pine Wood Derby in March 12
St. Anthony Park Cub Scout Pack 22 is holding its annual Pine Wood Derby on Saturday, March 19, at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave. Check-in begins at 8 a.m. and racing beings at 9 a.m.

Any kindergartner-to-fourth-grade boy is welcome to build a car and race with the pack. Boys can attend a workshop on Saturday, March 5, at 9 a.m. at the church and receive a free car kit and help building a car to race in the derby.

For more information, contact Clay Helmer at 651-603-6987 or Chris Jacobsen at 651-649-1660.

Theatre Pro Rata performs Dido, Queen of Carthage at Gremlin
Theatre Pro Rata will open Dido, Queen of Carthage by Christopher Marlowe at the Gremlin Theatre, 1601 West Larpenteur Avenue, on Saturday, March 5. The production runs through March 20. For more information, call 612-874-9321 or email info@theatreprorata.org.

Ginkgo hosts dinner performance with songwriter Richard Shindell

There are only 50 seats available for the evening. Attendees can choose dinner and performance for $47.50 or dessert and performance for $38.50. Call 651-645-2647 for more information.

Zion Lutheran Church seeks artists and crafters for sale
Zion Lutheran Church, 1697 Lafond Ave., will hold a spring craft and bake sale Saturday, March 19, and Sunday, March 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The goal of the sale is to raise funds through booth rentals and concessions to help renovate the church. Local artists and crafters are encouraged to reserve a booth and sell handmade products at the church. Bakers are also encouraged to donate goods for the sale.

To find out more, contact Barb Mark at 651-327-0207 or carol202696@yahoo.com.

Audubon program looks at human impact on Mississippi River
“Two Centuries of Human Impact on the Upper Mississippi River” will be presented by Daniel Engstrom, director of the St. Croix Watershed Research Station, Thursday, March 10, at 7 p.m. at Fairview Community Center, 1910 W. County Road B, Roseville.

The public is invited to this free St. Paul Audubon Society program. A social time with refreshments begins at 6:45 p.m. For more information, call Val Cunningham at 651-645-2530.

Library offers gardening programs
Experts from a variety of gardening fields will share their insights and know-how at St. Paul Public Library branches on Wednesdays in March. All events are free.

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Book of Faith jubilee set for April
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Four keynote presentations will be given by Nadia Bolz-Weber, pastor, House for All Sinners and Saints, Denver, Colo.; Craig Koester, pastor, House for All Sinners and Saints, Denver, Colo.; and a member of the trio W.Cry.Cry.Cry with Dar Williams and Lucy Kaplansky.

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Four keynote presentations will be given by Nadia Bolz-Weber, pastor, House for All Sinners and Saints, Denver, Colo.; Craig Koester, professor of New Testament, Luther Seminary; John Roberto, president and founder of LifelongFaith Associates, and Jessica Duckworth, associate professor of Christian formation and teaching, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C.

Registration is open. For more information or to register, visit www.luthersem.edu/jubilee or call 651-641-3416.
Chelsea Heights Elementary will participate in the On Saturday, March 5, 45 students able to select books to take home as of Harry Potter books, a geographer’s a 2005 edition on the Worldbook be eligible for door prizes, including and snacks on Wednesday, March 2, night of reading activities, storytelling attended parents and family members and devise original solutions to their teams will be tested on their ability to School. The seven Chelsea Heights’ tournament at Harding Senior High Students and families are invited to supporting the Chelsea Heights Elementary School PTO during Applications for St. Paul Public made the event successful. Our self-defense classes teach awareness of self and families to fuel up on after all their Company provided apples for “color your poses, sprints and chair sits. Simply they completed jumping jacks, yoga physical education teacher Joyce they completed jumping jacks, yoga physical education teacher Joyce they completed jumping jacks, yoga physical education teacher Joyce
Evelyn Briggs

Evelyn Rose Briggs, 91, died Feb. 11. She was born April 30, 1919, in St. Paul, Minn. She was the daughter of William and Sarah (nee Kidder) Rose. She moved to Minneapolis at a date to be determined.

She was born and raised in Minneapolis. In 1938, she met Clark Briggs at the Marigold Ballroom and two years later they were married. She was preceded in death by her husband, her sister, Pat. She is survived by her son, Richard (Kim); her granddaughter, Sarah; and a great-grandson.

A celebration of Evelyn’s life was held at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ on Feb. 19.

Mark Eberhart

Mark A. Eberhart died Jan. 22 at age 94. He graduated from Murray High School in 1937 and attended Hamline University and St. Cloud State University before serving in the Navy from 1941 to 1945. He is survived by his brother, Howard Eberhart; his sisters, Mary, Veronica and Elizabeth; his children, Kim (Scott) Shipley and Terri (Eugene); 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 19 at St. Anthony Park Catholic Church, with interment at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery.

Hazel M. Garcia

Hazel Garcia, 87, of Falcon Heights, died Feb. 3. She died peacefully in her sleep at her home.

She is survived by her husband, her brother, Harold Rose; and sons-in-law, Bob (Mary) and Craig; three daughters, Sue, Judy and Julie (Eugene); 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and siblings.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 19 at St. Anthony Park Catholic Church, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery.

Karl Nitsch

Karl Nitz, 98, of St. Anthony Park, died Feb. 12. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert; a son, Robert Jr. (Susan); two grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 18 at Church of Corpus Christi, with interment at Roseland Cemetery.

Adelheid Price

Adelheid (Adele) Fadden, born Sept. 30, 1912, lived in St. Anthony Park for many years. She died suddenly, but peacefully, Feb. 6. She was born in Le Sueur County, Minn., to Nels and Ida (Zibellin) Arthur. She was a graduate of Le Sueur High School and the University of Minnesota. She was the widow of Lt. Co. Victor Fadden, U.S. Army (retired). She is survived by her sister, Helen Boldt; daughter, Vidi Guttenkunz; son, Bill; daughter-in-law, Jane; and one grandson. Her service will be held at University Baptist Church in Minneapolis at a date to be determined.

Margarita Glass

Margarita Barmadatte Glass (nee Leitner) was born June 9, 1916, the youngest of 10 children. She died peacefully Feb. 12, four months from her 100th birthday.

She lived a full life with a family, her husband of 51 years, who died in 1989. Her grandson, John, also predeceased her in death. Together, Lyle and Marge had seven children: Jack (Teresa), Peggy, Lyle Jr. (Linda), Eugene (Suzanne), Bob (Toni), Terri (Michael) (Frank) and Mary Kay (Quade) (Doug).

Marge was a true and faithful friend, maintaining her friendship with Margaret for more than 80 years. She loved going to casinos with Kaye, traveling with her family group and Don, family holidays and playing cribbage with them.

Marge and daughter Peggy co-hosted dinner parties all over the years for her 10 beloved grandchildren. She is also survived by three great-grandchildren of her husband and nine years for her 10 beloved grandchildren. She is also survived by three great-grandchildren of her husband and nine great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Feb. 15 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

Dorothy Wallner

Dorothy J. Wallner (nee Adames) died Feb. 14. She was preceded in death by her husband, her sister, Donald; and two grandchildren.

Her funeral service was held Feb. 17 at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, with interment at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery.

Darlene Vogel

Darlene A. Vogel, 73, of North St. Paul, died unexpectedly Feb. 8. She had worked at Park Maw Bank for about 25 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy, and her daughter, Debbie. She is survived by her children, Kim (Scott) Shylock and Todd Vogel; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Her funeral service was held Feb. 17 at Sandy Park Funeral Homes, with interment at Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

Dorothy Wallner

Dorothy Wallner (nee Adames) died Feb. 14. She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell, and three siblings, Frank Adams Jr., Roger Adams and Ruth Johnson. She is survived by her children, Jennifer (William) Nejahr and Russell Wallner; two grandchildren; and a brother, Clifford A. Wallner.

Her funeral service was held Feb. 17 at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, with interment at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery.
Classifieds

The best way to place a classified ad in the Park Bugle is to send it to editor@parkbugle.org or P. O. Box 8126, St. Paul, MN 55108. You can also call 651-646-5369. Ads are $5 per line. Enhancements are $10. Classifieds is a good place to celebrate life’s accomplishments. You can purchase a business-card-size display ad to mark an anniversary, birthday, wedding or a job well done for $40. The deadline for the April issue is March 16. The paper comes out March 28.

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Local gallery marks 25th year
The Raymond Avenue Gallery, 761 Raymond Ave., has moved its main gallery from its basement location to a street-level space in the same building. That move coincides with the gallery’s 25th anniversary and the opening of its new show, The History of Architecture. Paintings and drawings by Margaret Schmitt and Kim Toshira Petters, which opened Feb. 19 and runs through March 31.

The street-level gallery had been used to show the work of gallery owner Joseph Brown, a sculptor and potter. Over the last month, Brown’s work has been moved into the lower level. Brown plans to exhibit the work of new artists on the first floor.

Brown’s work is also on permanent display at Weisman Art Museum in Minneapolis, where he is the founder of the Reuben and Eva Brown Ceramics fund.

Schmitt and Petters’ work explores architecture and memory. Petters has worked as a photographer and in her paintings has outlined buildings with as few details as possible. Viewers can see a grain elevator or a house on a palette of only black, gray, white and blue. Schmitt’s paintings are based on memories of buildings from her life, specifically the Oak Grove school in Ojai, Calif., where she was educated. “I tried depicting them as well as I can,” she said. The buildings are incomplete, symbolizing how memory doesn’t have a complete picture. The brush strokes are what she remembers, she said.

Brown’s work is on display in the lower-level gallery, and he says he’ll continue to add new work as time goes on.

The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.—Robert O’Connor

Something to smile about
Dr. Louis Thomas Austin and his staff at Austin Family Dental, 1360 Energy Park Dr., have been providing oral health care to children from low-income families free of charge. Dr. Austin. The event was a success and something the office will do again next year, Austin said.

Dr. Louis Thomas Austin and his staff at Austin Family Dental, 1360 Energy Park Dr., participated in the M Innesota Dental Association’s “Give Kids a Smile” event on Feb. 4. The group provided 28 children with dental cleanings, X-rays, sealants, fluoride and exams at no cost to their families, according to Dr. Austin. The event was a success and something the office will do again next year, Austin said.