Block nursing gains wider notice

by Terri Erekosl

The success of St. Anthony's Park's Block Nursing Program, which provides at home nurs-
ing and other support services to elderly persons in the neighborhood, has attracted citywide and even international attention.

As a result of an article that appeared in the St. Paul Dis-
patch, District 12 community organizer Copeland Byrd received about 20 calls from around the city. The calls have come from persons who want to receive care, from others who would like to participate in the program and from those who would like to see similar programs set up in their areas, Copeland said.

"And that doesn't include the calls from people in the neighborhood who wanted more information about the program," she added.

Copeland also came to the attention of a Japanese film crew in the Twin Cities filming a documentary on nursing care. "I received a noma-

nally ill. David Martinson, hus-
band of Block Nursing board member Mr. Martinson, told the crew about the program and, as a result, they spent two days in the neighborhood film-
ing a "mock" board meeting and a home visit to a patient.

The attention the program has received has come at a
time when its funding is in a transitional stage. The original start-up grants from H.B. Fuller Company and Medtronics Cor-
poration will expire at the end of November, and a grant application to the federal Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) for $250,000 was denied in November.

"(HCFA) has encouraged us to reapply in January," Copel-
land said. "They wanted us to rewrite a portion of the grant proposal.

Both Copeland and Marjorie Jamison, director of nursing for the program, said they were optimistic the program would receive the HCFA grant. How-
ever, Copeland said the board of directors was pursuing other grant alternatives from local businesses and foundations.

The success of the block nursing concept has been due to its neighborhood approach, said Martinson. The local focus gives the block nurse staff and volunteers a different attitude, said Martinson.

"You feel differently when it's your neighbors you're tending," said Martinson. "Also, our patients feel less suspicious because the person coming into their home lives close by."

The program offers three types of care: basic nursing services, counseling and com-
passion provided by volunteers who are trained by per-

sons who have gone through the University of Minnesota's Peer Counseling Program, and neighborhood church volun-
teers known as "befrienders" who are recruited and trained by the Wilder Foundation.

The program also provides a variety of support tasks such as transportation, bathing, errands and chores, physical therapy.

The existence of the pro-

gram has meant that elderly persons who are unable to care for themselves have been able to remain in their homes, instead of having to go into a nursing home. According to recent figures compiled for the program the cost of caring for a patient under the block nurse program has been about $320 per month, while nursing home fees average about $1500 to $1800 per month.

Patients are charged for block nursing services based on their need for care, depending on their ability to pay. Services are arranged for and supervised by a "primary block nurse," a neighborhood resi-

dent who is on the staff of the Ramsey County Public Health Nursing Services. The primary block nurse is a certified pub-
lic health nurse with 60 hours of special training in care for the elderly.

"It's a holistic, individualized approach," Jamison explained. "We try to maintain the privacy of the individual and we include the family by educating them about the physiology of aging.

The combination of medical and emotional support services is an important part of the program, explained Joanne Rob-

richt, one of the supervisors of volunteers.

"Nurses find that the needs of the patients aren't only med-
ic concerns," she said. "They may also be dealing with a new illness that requires adjustments, or other situations that require their attention." Block nurses to 18

Lauderdale offer to buy park contingent on grant fund approval

by Diane Dufty

The city of Lauderdale has offered $98,320 to the Rose-
ville school district for the purchase of Lauderdale Park. The offer, however, is contingent on the final approval of a LAW Con (Land and Water Conservation) grant expected in March of this year. Lauderdale has applied for LAW Con grant funds to purchase the park.

The offer states that Lauderdale would need to receive a minimum of $50,000 plus "improvements" in grant funds to complete the sale.

Lauderdale officials were approached this year about purchasing the land after the school district was also going to dis-
pose of the property.

Village council members are undecided as to whether to keep the park, but reservations were expressed over the mea-
sures taken to acquire the land at the November council meeting.

Council member Roy Ben-

son commented on using grant funds to acquire the park.

"I think we should pay for our park ourselves," he said.

Council member Craig Dachter expressed concern over the amount of money Lauderdale was willing to pay for the park.

Dachter told the council that he thought that the eight-acre park site had originally been donated to the school district.

"It was a 100 percent donation to the school board and I think that property should be returned to the peo-

ple," he said.

Dachter said that the school board had made no investment and had never provided funds for the upkeep of the park.

Records in the Ramsey County records office show that the land was deeded to the school district in June, 1951, from Harry and Lula Baker, former area landscape nursery owners.

Lauderdale Mayor David Nel-

son said that he was unaware of the history of how the school district had acquired the property.

Dachter declined to com-
ment further on the matter.

Nelson said that no appraisal of the property had been made in two years of Lauderdale in determining the amount offered in the proposal.

"We all know pretty much what it is worth," he said. Nel-

son said that the offer, which amounts to approximately $9,000 per acre, is what the land is worth to us.

Lauderdale has held a rent-

free lease with the Roseville School District since 1956 and has made improvements, including a tennis court, hockey rink and warming house, and playground equip-
ment. Lauderdale had been pro-

vided for maintenance of the park.

Rezoning okay goes go-ahead for Luther Place housing plan

by Mollie Holben

St. Paul City Council has approved a request by Luther Place Housing Corporation to rezone property on Luther Place to permit construction of multiple family housing on the site.

With the rezoning question settled, the corporation, a nonprofit organization created by the St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, will proceed with development of site plans for the 19-unit condominium it proposes to construct for elderly people.

The council voted on the rezoning request Nov. 22, two and a half weeks after the vote originally had been scheduled.

Opposition by several neighbors when the question first came before the council led fourth ward council member Bob Fletcher to ask that the vote be postponed while he tried to mediate the differences between the housing corporation and the

neighbors. Those opposing the plan were six households in the blocks of Grantham Street and Downstreet Avenue that back onto the site. There are 15 households in the two blocks.

St. Paul planning commis-

sion staff found the rezoning request consistent with the city's land use plan, which encourages construction of moderate density housing on empty land, and recom-

mended approval, as did the District 12 Council.

Opponents detailed their objections to the project at a City Council public hearing Nov. 17. Those included safety of small children whose homes back onto the alley that comes off Luther Place, the size and aesthetic impact of the proposed build-

ing, and concern about prop-

erty values.

The proposal represents

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Highway 280 upgrade meeting topic

District 280 residents will have a part in the planning of this project. They also mentioned a number of concerns such as noise. Lack of access points for entering the highway and increased traffic generated by the completion of Energy Park and the intersection of the new interchange in the construction of the new interchange in the area.

The park and the new interchange are scheduled to be opened for replacement in 1986. This is expected to be a huge advantage in the area. The planning board has approved a development agreement and is now waiting for the federal agency for funding. Because some residents move or report vehicles abandoned on city streets now, before the snowplow plows the streets. A vehicle to be towed and impounded, the total cost for towing, ticketing, for the parking violation, and administration cost is $450. This includes a daily $10 fee for cars stored at the impound lot.

Snowy walks could draw fines; District 12 has list of shovelers

Owners of unshoveled sidewalks may face a $100 fine and shoveling fees of between $25 and $50 this winter. St. Paul Public Works Department will enforce a city ordinance requiring property owners to shovel sidewalks within 24 hours of snowfall. Property owners will receive a warning notice giving them 24 hours to clean the sidewalk or risk being fined. Shovelers interested in being listed should send name, address and phone number to the District 12 Council Office. The City of Minneapolis is asking Interagency Office will take calls about unshoveled walks.

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Recycling adds to pickup list

After Dec. 1 automobile oil and batteries, mixed paper, office paper and even tele- phone books can be left at the curb on the Fourth Friday of the month for the recycling pickup in District 12. All of this is in addition to the usual clear and colored glass, metal and aluminum cans and newspapers that are regularly picked up by Recycling Unlimited. Automotive oil must be in plastic containers with tight fitting caps. Batteries must be clean and tight with caps. Telephone books must be set out separately from other paper products. Separate bundles or brown paper bags should be used for newspaper, corrugated cardboard, colored paper or white office paper.

Cans should be rinsed clean with paper labels removed and the cans flattened. Aluminum and tin cans do not have to be separated. Glass should be clean with metal rings or labels removed. Paper labels may be left on. DO NOT break glass.

Recycling Unlimited has received a federal grant of $250,000 to purchase additional trucks and equipment that will allow them to expand their recycling service to the whole city. After Dec 1, recyclables should be at curbside by 7 a.m. on the fourth Friday. In months with five Fridays, the recycling pickup in District 12 will always be on the Fourth Friday.

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Recycling Unlimited trucks will be marked with the company's logo. No one other than the designated firm is to pick up the materials. Anyone seeing a scaven ger taking items is asked to get a description of the person and vehicle and the license number and call 644-8119. St. Paul residents generate 2.75 pounds of refuse per person per day. Because Ramsey County is so small and so densely populated, all of this solid waste has to be trucked to landfills in other counties. Those landfills are nearly at capacity so that the state of Minnesota is requiring each county in the Metropolitan area to have a landfill abatement plan. Recycling is a major component in the Ramsey County plan.

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Literacy has been funded by a number of area foundations and corporations to provide a central contact for adults needing literacy help. Information is available on programs leading to a GED diploma, learning English as a second language, literacy remediation, and offering one-on-one tutoring.

Highway 280 upgrade meeting topic

District 12 residents unable to attend the January 11 meeting will have a chance to participate in the planning process. Copies of all letters received will be given to the MDOT project manager and also kept on file at the District 12 Office.

District 12 Town Meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 1984, in the community room of the St. Anthony Park Library.

Minnesota Department of Transportation (MDOT) staff will be at the meeting to answer questions from local residents. Businesses have in regard to the highway.

Gregory Zak, MDOT project manager, appeared before the District 12 physical planning committee in November to explain the procedures and timeline for the project.

This highway was designed and built nearly 30 years ago, "he said. "Some of the lanes currently use obsolete and the road is over capacity." Highway 280 now carries over 50,000 cars daily.

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District 12 will again maintain a list of snow shovelers. Call 644-8884 to have the list sent to you. Shovelers interested in being listed should send name, age, address and telephone number to the District 12 Council Office. The work for the winter will be between the property owner and the workers.

The St. Paul Police Department is asking shovelsers to be aware of their surroundings and report any suspicious activity.

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A marriage made in Seal high rise
by Ed Newman

Bill Hilger no longer has to go next door to have drops put into his eyes each morning. On Oct. 1, he married the retired nurse who captured his heart.

The traditional wedding took place at First Trinity Methodist Church in St. Paul. The bride wore a real blue crepe dress with an orchid and a splash of baby’s breath. The groom wore his best midnight blue suit with a white carnation.

The wedding of Gladys Martin and Wilfred Hilger was a memorable occasion for all who were able to attend.

The newlyweds are excited about their new life together, and their stories are rich with the enthusiasm of youth. "After I got used to running in single harness for a while," Bill said, "I decided it wasn’t any good. I’d run double too long." He had been married for 52 years.

"It was one of those things that was supposed to be," Gladys said. "I told my kids when I moved out of my apartment to come here (to the Seal high rise)." Boy, there’s a lot of widows in that building. I shouldn’t be alone too long.

"So I moved in with rowing eyes," Gladys added. "And I was right there.

Since the wedding, both have had birthdays. She turned 77, and he is now 76. He has broken the latest developments in stride.

Gladys insists that adjustments have not been difficult. "From the start, I felt like he was the one. Perhaps the biggest adjustment for the bride has been to learn the names of 22 new grandchildren."

If marriage is made in heaven, this one has all the markings of a set-up. Gladys is cancer-free after having made it a matter of prayer. "I had the need for someone, and the desire, and I prayed about it and I felt the Lord answered," Bil said. Bill moved in to the high-rise about a year ago. Gladys, the former nurse, lived in the apartment next door. She was handy at putting drops in his eyes each morning, and the flames were fanned.

When asked if it started her to begin lighting the flame again after all these years, she quickly replied, "Are you sure the flame ever went out? No! It didn’t start me."

Apparently it started a few others, however. "Are you crazy?" one friend said when she learned of the news. Her pastor, who has the appropriate word for every situation, turned speechless upon hearing the news.

"There was dead silence," Gladys says with a smile. "I thought maybe he’d hung up or something. Finally, he came back and said, ‘Well, this is going to require a little marriage counseling.’"

When her son asked why she had waited until now to remarry (her former husband died 25 years ago) she could only reply, "Nobody asked me."

But that changed, and the Hilgers are both glad for that. "It would have been another long cold winter alone for both of us if he hadn’t asked me, kid," Gladys said.

Bill sat up many nights wondering how he would propose before finally popping the question in August. "He asked me out of the clear blue sky if I would marry him, and I told him that I would have to think about it. She smiled to tell it. ‘I knew them that I would.’ And they are both glad that they did.

Neighbors

Ann Wynia of St. Anthony Park was one of eight women honored last week by the St. Paul YWCA for outstanding achievement in their fields. Wynia is in her fourth term as state representative from District 62A. She has authored and supported legislation concerned with handicapped housing accessibility, maternal and infant health care and legal services for the poor. She teaches politics and government at Northrop-Baptist Community College.

Willard E. Anderson, Lauderdale, was honored recently as a Distinguished Alumnus of South Dakota State University. One of six recipients of the award, Anderson was selected by a committee of faculty, staff and alumni, representing the SDSU Alumni Association.

Anderson is a long-time Lauderdale resident and has served as president of the Lauderdale Civic Club and as Planning and Zoning Commissioner.

Harlan G. Copeland, St. Anthony Park, received the Outstanding Teacher award from the Minnesota Association of Continuing Adult Education at its annual meeting in November. Copeland came to the University of Minnesota in 1974 to create the graduate program in adult education.

Not listed last month. Robert A. Hausman and son Jonathan, age 16, were among the finishers from St. Anthony Park in the Twin Cities Marathon held in October.

Jim Nelson, Ascension Prairie, who lived 37 years in the Park, also finished the race.

Barbara Lukeman, Falcon Heights, has been reappointed to the Metropolitan Council’s Metropolitan Health Planning Board.

Lukeman is a teacher and senior fellow at the Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota. The Health Planning Board works to help improve the quality of health care in the region and to reduce health costs.

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Round up the family and come join us at our Holiday Open House on Sunday, December 4th, from 1PM to 6PM at the main bank. Refreshments, music, and lots of old and new friends will be on hand to greet you. Several other Park businesses are planning to hold an open house on the same day. Make it a round of parties and get to know your neighbors. Get in the Park holiday spirit on Sunday, December 4th.

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You may want to clip and post this schedule of holiday banking hours in a place where it will be noticed. The bank will be closed Saturday through Monday, December 24th, 25th, and 26th. Regular banking hours will be observed on Saturday, December 31st, but the bank will be closed January 1st and 2nd.

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Just a reminder that you may park in the parking spaces at the back of the main bank building. Entrance to this parking area is on Commonwealth Avenue.

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Co-ops in danger of losing identity

by Florence Chambers

“There’s certainly a lot less politics in the co-ops than there used to be,” said my friend.

We’d run into one another near the bins of rice and millet, and we fell to reminiscing. It’s been a season of reminiscence, come to think of it—TV shows about Sadat and JFK and movies like “The Right Stuff” and “The Big Chill” lead our minds back to the 1960s and ’70s.

Those were years not only of the astronauts and charismatic politicians, but also of consciousness-raising in all the hitherto “invisible” groups of people: blacks, native Americans, women, low-income people, consumers. The resurgence of consumer cooperatives was a natural outgrowth of “people taking control of their own lives.”

Twelve years ago the first food co-op was established in Minneapolis. Now there are more than 30 in the Twin City metropolitan area. And they’ve made a difference. I doubt whether the supermarket managers have monitored even a blip on their profit and loss sheets that could be attributed to competition from the co-ops, but I do see changes in retail marketing over the past ten years that show their influence.

Witness the bits of health foods at Applebaum’s, the bag-and-carry-your-own policy at Cab and Rain- bold, and the bins and two-tiered grater package for the shopper to select two or 20 apples, onions, or what have you. A few years ago, you had to buy at least five potatoes or bagged potatoes, and the bananas for sale at Hove’s were divided into little bunches, set into cardboard trays, and then swaddled firmly in plastic wrap. The impetus that spawned the food co-ops was not just the goal of saving consumers money by removing the profit and substituting shared work and responsibility. The people who started the co-ops taught me, and plenty of others like me, that the importance of eating unprocessed natural food—free of additives and chemicals and excessive sodium long before that information turned up in the daily paper.

Education is one of the basic tenets of the cooperative movement, and has been since its beginning in 1844. We weren’t educated only about nutrition, we also learned how to operate a business on democratic principles. Not always the easiest or most efficient way to go, but by all odds the most lively and stimulating.

I remember the heated and passionate debates about by-laws in the early years of SAP I and II food co-ops. We cared and we discussed at length issues like management and, especially, the limits of space and sustainability, “What shall we carry in the store?”

The co-op paper was tacked up by the board of directors so that members could express their opinions when they came in to shop. “Shall we support the United Farm Workers and boycott lettuce and table grapes? Yes—No…”

One such poll concerned packaged breakfast food such as corn flakes (“requires too much shelf space for minimal nutrition” was the final verdict), and at the bottom of the sheet was scrawled an indignant “NO” and get the “Y” bacon out of here!” Suddenly unanimously one could raise one’s consciousness and lower one’s cholesterol.

Chambers continues on 6. Also:

Dimitri Tselos on election reform and Catherine Ballman on the transway.

 seemed so right that we could hardly imagine changes in the making.

We’ve made some changes in what the Bugle looks like. The time seemed right.

The past ten years, the Bugle’s content has changed and expanded, but the newspaper’s basic appearance and format have not.

In third-rate redesign campaigns, the goal has been to reflect more accurately the character of today’s Bugle: a newspaper that has achieved a level of professionalism that makes it a standard for excellence among community newspapers, while remaining firmly rooted in a specific community and tradition. We wanted an image that proclaimed the pride we feel in this publication and the community it portrays. We believe that our new design, created for us by graphic artist Sherree Riley, a former Bugle staff member, meets our goals, with style.

We recognize that to change the familiar is never going to be not exciting but also a bit disorienting. The newly painted house or the rearranged room takes a while to get used to. It may be the same with the redesigned Bugle. But underneath the fresh paint the house is still the same familiar home, and under the fresh design, the Bugle is still the same trusted newspaper.

Some 280 friends of the Bugle have contributed just over $4900 to the Bugle’s 1985 development campaign. We are over $100 away from reaching our goal of $5,000.

This generous support reaffirms the valuable role the newspaper plays in our community and will help ensure that the Bugle continues and strengthens that role.

Since the last issue, 29 more people have made contributions, including the following friends of the Bugle. To join them, send your contribution to the Bugle.

Memories

Having lived in “The Park” from 1930-1962, it’s been fun following today’s happenings in that part of the city.

Recently I was in San Antonio and visited with two other former residents, J. T. Bull (now a retired Air Force colonel, living in San Antonio) grew up in the family home at 2157 Commerce, and Dave Ivens, who lived for years on Dowzell, happened to be in Texas en route to his family’s winery home on Padre Island.

We had a great visit about the old days in the Park, and a few were interested in who of the old timers still show up in your news column. Gale Frost must be one of your resident historians, having lived in the Park all his life.

James S. Fish

Get involved

South St. Anthony Park Association is recruiting individuals for can- didacy in the April 1984 District 12 elections.

As a representative of South St. Anthony Park, you would be part of the decision-making body dealing with various issues that affect your community. This is an exciting and rewarding opportunity to serve your neighborhood and its residents. Would you like to be part of our nominating committee or like more information? Call Kathy Clark, 644-9686, or Aggie Higgins, 644-3120 or Sandy Berglund, 644-7664.

Sandy Berglund

Thanks

Victory House, 2300 Wycliff, is celebrating its first year in the St.

Anthony Park neighborhood.

The staff and residents wish to express their deep appreciation to the St. Anthony Park neighbors for the kind acceptance and support of the Victory House program, which has resulted. It was this acceptance and support that helped make this past year the most successful one yet in the eleventh year of the Victory House program.

J. Dennis Vincent, Manager
Bandana Square retailers expect future growth

By Mollie Hoben

Bandana Square retailers expect future growth.

Despite the advantages the development promises, the decision to move was not an easy one.

"I think we have a lot of courage to do this," Jaranch said, noting that Europa is probably one of the smallest businesses moving into the square.

The partners hope that by next May they'll have an idea of how the move is working out, but they added that it really takes about two years for a business to get firmly settled in a new location.

Europa Unlimited is the only St. Anthony Park business currently planning to move to Bandana Square. Several others, including the Bibelot Shop and Ledervine, were also approached by the developer, AHF Corporation, an arm of the Anheuser H. Wilder Foundation, but decided against it.

Several Grand Avenue stores are also planning to move into Bandana Square. Some, like Europa, will close their present stores and open new ones in the square; but just Grand, a women's specialty clothing store in Victoria Crossing, will open a second shop there.

As was true for Jaranch and Rajar, Just Grand owners Kadei DeMay and Dunny Priehard hadn't been considering a location in Energy Park when they were approached by the developers. But what they heard about Bandana Square "sounded right."

The sense of history appealed to them. The 100-year-old buildings had housed the Cono Shops, a repair facility for the Burlington Northern, and before that the Northern Pacific Renovation plans sought to preserve the original feel of the structures.

"We walked into that building and we could hear the history," DeMay said. "We are a forward-looking business, but I feel that unless you respect where you've been, you can't do justice to where you're going."

Like Jaranch and Rajar, DeMay predicts a bright future for Bandana Square. "I believe the center eventually will be the place that visitors can't leave the city without seeing," she said.

For now, however, getting Bandana Square open has not proceeded as planned.

The opening date had been pushed back several times this fall, and the square's grand opening, originally scheduled for October, is tentatively set for next spring.

For the first tenants, the delays in the building's readiness have made plans difficult. While recognizing the tenants' frustrations, Tim Hilger, AHF project director for the Energy Park Historic District, said that such delays are typical in developments like this one.

He emphasized AHF's long-term commitment to the project. "We didn't rush into it," he said of the building restoration. "We didn't do a half-baked job."

The corporation expects to spend $500,000 to promote Bandana Square in the next three years, Hilger said. "We're working to get people into the building. After they've come once, he said, the "good mix" of tenants will bring them back, even now, when the number of tenants is small.

Of some 60 spaces in the complex, only 13 were leased by November. Hilger predicts "50-60% occupancy by spring, with close to 100% occupancy within a year."

Hilger attributes the lower-than-expected occupancy in part to the project's own criteria for tenants.

"We're looking for small, unique retailers," he said. These retailers typically don't have ready access to the capital needed for such a move, he pointed out, and arranging financing can take a long time.

Hilger calls Bandana Square St. Paul's "first specialty shopping complex." As such, he predicts, it will complement, rather than detract from, the Como Avenue shopping area in St. Anthony Park.

People will go to Bandana Square for different reasons than to Como Avenue, he said. "St. Anthony Park will stay attractive to people." Bandana Square's St. Paul location appealed to both DeMay and Jaranch.

"St. Paul is our home," DeMay said. "The community has been good to us, and we'd like to be good to the community."

In addition, DeMay said, "We didn't want to be seduced into feeling we hadn't arrived until we were in Minneapolis."

"We wanted to keep the store in St. Paul," Jaranch said.
The cooperative mode is the operative mode: An interview with George Latimer

By Jim Brogan

George Latimer, like everyone else, has been affected by the high cost of gas, but he differs from many of the rest of us, however, in that the two sides of him seem perfectly compatible with each other.

The personality of the man apparently is not influenced by the responsibilities of his office, and it frequently pops out in a burst of laughter or an off-hand remark. At such moments it is difficult for an observer to distinguish between George Latimer, the private individual, and his honor, the Mayor.

On a Friday afternoon the Bugle editors met with Mayor Latimer in his office for an interview on the subject of Energy Park. Although we had been scheduled for only 45 minutes, our interview lasted almost twice that long.

Several times we were delayed by other business—telephone calls, staff members stopping in to talk for a minute, and finally by Congressman James Oberstar, who had the appointment following our own. Actually, we were poaching on Oberstar's territory, having gone well past our limit by the time he arrived.

"Gee," said the mayor for our benefit, when an aide informed him the congressman was waiting outside, "that goodness he's twenty minutes late!"

Then, with an instinct for diplomacy we began to see as second-nature, he asked if he could invite Oberstar to join us. For once, he said, he wanted the congressman to listen to him make a speech.

Obviously, the mayor was in good spirits, and later congratulated us on what he called our good timing. He happened to be in a mood to talk.

Our interview focused on Energy Park, but was not confined there. We also talked at length about how St. Paul functions, the roles played in city management by neighborhoods, private industry, government and the mayor himself.

Latimer took pains to emphasise the importance of others in the success he and his administration have enjoyed. Without really denying his own significance, he spoke of partnership, cooperation and coordination as essential to the completion of any civic project, large or small.

We began by asking the mayor to evaluate the success of Energy Park so far.

When the idea was first hatched in early 1979, it was intended by the city—along with three other massive undertakings: district heating, Lower-town, and the Mississippi River corridor developments—to address problems typical of older cities throughout the country.

According to literature put out by the Department of Planning and Eco-

nomic Development, St. Paul's population had been declining for many years, primarily because of migration to the surrounding suburbs. Consequently, the number of city jobs had declined as well.

As a result of these and other trends, the housing stock and the tax base in St. Paul were deteriorating, and at the same time the costs of providing city services were moving upward dramatically.

To what extent had these problems been solved, we asked the mayor, either by Energy Park itself or by all four projects together?

Latimer was uncomfortable with the terms of our inquiry.

"The word you use in your question is 'solve,'" he objected. "That's a word I hardly ever use. To say we're going to erase evil or solve problems totally is unrealistic."

Nevertheless, he informed us that Energy Park had served to mitigate, if not erase, the problems it addressed, and that conditions in St. Paul had improved somewhat as a direct result of work going forward there.

A major irritant on the problem of job-lost, yes," he declared, estimating the number of jobs either added or saved by Energy Park at around 2,000.

"The housing opportunity," he said, "well, that speaks for itself. Some 300

Latimer returned to our discussion of Energy Park. "Now, you may get increased sales taxes for the state (from the project), but I think it will be years before the real estate tax is substantially affected, because it's a tax-increment district."

He went on to say that individual property taxes in St. Paul could not be expected to decrease significantly as a result of Energy Park or the three other urban developments.

The geographical boundaries of the city have long since been established, he explained, and the city itself is already highly developed, with a tax base in excess of $1.7 billion. "It takes a

eral," he said piously. "I'm not taking any calls, but this happens to be the only important one. I got a ticket for the football game tonight if you're interested."

The Vikings were preparing to play Denver at the Metrodome.

"The reason I ask," he continued, "is that it's Fair Day, and none of my kids will go with me. Yeah. Well, think about it, and if you're interested, leave word."

"I'd like to know before I leave at 5, or whenever I'm leaving."

Spannaus, if that's who it was, would call back to accept the mayor's invitation shortly before our interview was completed.
ent and get the various participants—federal agencies, state agencies, private investors and the city—working together to accomplish specific goals.

We asked the mayor why St. Paul had been selected as one of only three cities that received a national recognition (Columbus, Ohio, and Gary, Indiana) to take part in the NIS.

"I don't know," he said. "There were a number of criteria that were involved in the selection, perhaps the most important of which was our proven ability to bring its re-

sources together and get things done. For St. Paul, said the mayor, "the NIS was a large number of hocks—thick I'm very happy about."

The funds came from a number of different sources.

First, and perhaps most importantly (a very large number of dollars), said the mayor, was an Urban Develop-

ment Action Grant (UDAG). In addi-
tion, the city received help from the Minnesota Development Agency (MDA—virtually disabled under the Reagan administration), the Depart-
ment of Energy, the Department of Racial and Urban Development and the Energy Policy and Planning Office.

This infusion of federal dollars was a good start. Latimer insisted, a kind of windfall that hadn't happened to him since the time he was president of the state legislature when the city was the test of the city's ability to get things done. He said, "That's how things work in the NIS."

Therefore, "That idea is far more false than it is true."

"There is truth in it in the sense that if my job is to pave the streets, then we ought to do that in the best, most effi-
cient manner possible."

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"And the CEO, but rather as the broker," Lati-

mer suggested. "The mediator. The social and economic catalyst. The con-

tractor, the supplier, the community."

"The fact is that something you put down on a balance sheet."

The number of people, their needs, their feelings toward their hardships, their hopes, their talent and all of it. And that's why the public/private partnership is a far more apt description of what's about the chief executive of a corporation."

"When people come in here and say, 'We would like to build something,' he begins to take shape as he thought of all the people who had contributed to this enterprise."

Without a tremendous amount of quality input, he continued, "without imagination, without Wilder Founda-

tion, without the Carnegie Foundation, we wouldn't be able to create it, the whole synergism that occurs. Without Council-16 playing its role of conscience, of shepherding it, of building relationships, of being there and the environment and all the rest..." his voice trailed off. "It's such a great partnership," he said.

"If President Reagan," he said, "had withdrawn the commitment and sup-
pport made previously, I don't know how we'd be able to, to acquire and join land, and improve it, and we had not had the financial strength and standing on Wall Street to issue bonds..."

He paused, letting the thought com-

"So it really is no false modesty at all on my part," he continued, "when I say that although a great deal has been pushed along it and made it happen, it is equally true that there are a hundred people out there—neighbors, groups and individuals—whose vision, tolerance, fairness, energy, commitment, skill and money were absolute essentials to it."

"That's really the way I view life," he concluded. "And I'm very comfortable with that analysis. Because it makes life a lot easier than to imagine that if George Latimer didn't do it, it's not going to get done. I don't believe that."

The credit is out there to be secured."

Latimer does not subscribe to the view that likens a mayor to the chief executive officer, or CEO, of a private corporation.

"It's so of a cliché that you have to rate city like a business," he said. "That idea is far more false than it is true."

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bolts stuff. That's our $10.5 million annual appropriation of capital improvement, budgeting, and a Community Develop-

ment Block Grant (CDBG) budget of $68.5 million, in addition. That's almost $20 million more."

"Overwhelmingly," he said, "those allocations are made based on the judgment of people meeting in the neighborhoods and making tough, hard judgments about where to put the resources of the city."

"I think one of the most fantastic fas-
tastic stories that we have to tell the world," he said, "has nothing to do with me at all. It has to do with the ordinary people, and their stateanstlike approach to that job."

"It started in the mid-seventies," he said, "the work of a lot of neighbor-

hood groups. One of the oldest commu-

ity groups was the St. Anthony Park Association—their work, Merriam Park, the Lexington Avenue, the old Railroad Island group, folks all over the town side. Folks all over."

"They called it 'community develop-

ment districts'—which have a harsh and artificial sound about them—are in many cases," said the mayor, "an organic outgrowth of what have been historic gatherings of people that had a far more personal way of improving their neighborhoods."

"When the federal and local struc-
tures started reacting," he said, "those neighborhoods were ready to move. When they gathered together as a collective task force, where they saw all that hard work of devising districts—remember?—I inherited all that, all of the planning, all of the work that majors, Larry Cohen and before him, Tom Byrne, had done in neighborhoods. Urban-renewal and planning work, an

awful lot of that was in place."

Here Latimer gave particular credit to Tom Byrne, who was in fact appointed from the legislature in 1967 a multimillion dollar capital improvement budget. Three years ago, said the mayor, his own administration consolidated the capital planning effort with the neigh-

dborhood group effort, elevated that to such high-ticket, but in his mind essen-
tial, undertakings as the Thomas/Dale sewer project.

"Those huge appropriations," said Latimer, "starting from that level all the way down to the $68.5 million for open space that's opened in my neighborhood, in Lin-

wood Park, reflect, basically, judgments made in the last four years by community organizations."

He nodded in the direction of Dis-

treek, "a concrete example of how it works."

"The composting effort put together in your own neighborhood," he began. "What did they do? They went to Bur-

lington Northern and got some prop-

erty. The U.S. Army had some property—I didn't even know the army had property out there. They got the city to agree, they bought it. They put in their sweat equity. They got pub-

clic works to help with some of the hauling of the compost at the
"When people come in here and say, 'We thought we would come to the top,' I say, 'Well, you came to the wrong place.'"
Kasota traffic to Energy Park won't affect Como business, retailers say

By Terri Eerdekens

Como Avenue retailers are confident that their businesses will be largely unaffected by a plan to improve and extend Kasota Avenue, in south St. Anthony Park, to provide better access to Energy Park.

Kasota will be extended from Highway 280 to Norling Avenue, where it will link up with Energy Park Drive.

According to an environmental assessment prepared by the St. Paul Port Authority, 3,000 additional cars per day are expected to use Kasota Avenue, while 500 fewer cars per day will use Como Avenue.

"Nothing but good can come of the development of Kasota," said Stewart McInerney, owner of Park Hardware and president of the St. Anthony Park Business and Professional Association.

McInerney said he believes that people who come to the Como Avenue area to shop intend to be there. He added that fewer cars on Como will mean easier access for shoppers.

"Once traffic patterns have been established it will be much easier for our customers to get in and out of the neighborhood," said McInerney.

Pete Mihalos of Mihalos said he's "not sure how much the plan will affect us. We're a destination restaurant. Obviously, less traffic will affect us, but I don't think it will have much of an impact."

Bikeit owner Renata Freese and Jim Nelson of Muncher's also said they didn't feel that reduced traffic on Como would affect their business much, if at all.

"I think this neighborhood is stable enough—people driving by are a small part of the business," Freese said.

When asked what effect he thought the Kasota Avenue plan would have on Como Avenue businesses, Mayor George Latimer told the Bugle: "Let me suggest, at least as far as St. Anthony Park is concerned, that the people who go there to shop intend to go there. They're not there by accident."

Bandana from 3 echoed. Energy Park will become a "community shopping place," he foresees, in comparison to a development like Riverplace in Minneapolis, which will be more of a tourist stop.

The Europa store in Milton Square will remain open through the Christmas season.

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AT ENERGY PARK

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Como students gain honors, plan concerts

Steve Fleeder, senior at Como Park Senior High, was featured on Channel 11 TV recently. Steve is a three-time cross-country runner and one of seven senior boys at Como with a straight-A average throughout the high school years.

The program also showed the honors physics class at Como, and interviews with teachers Gary Whipple and Gerry Line.

Another Como runner, senior Martha Hotchkiss, finished twelfth in the girls state meet. Hotchkiss' time of 11 minutes, 46 seconds, was 37 seconds behind the first-place winner. This is the fourth consecutive year that she has made it to the state meet, the first time being when she was a high-school freshman. Hotchkiss now switches her energy to the basketball team at Como.

Como students took three of the top four places in a regional computer contest. The goal in the contest was to get an object through a maze on the computer in record time. Tuan Le took first place in 3 minutes, 21.25 minutes. Chinh Huynh finished second in 4 minutes, 5.25 minutes. The third-place winner needed 15 minutes to finish. Fourth place was won by the Como team of Peter Martinson and Richard Smith.

Tuan goes on to the state contest.

Two winter concerts will be given at Como on consecutive Thursdays in December. On Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m., chorus will perform, and on Dec. 22 at 7:30 p.m. the band will be featured. Both concerts will be in the school auditorium. The band is making plans for a trip to Florida in April. They hope to raise $30,000 to finance the trip.

Correction

A reader with a good memory caught a typographical error in our article last month on memories of St. Anthony Park. The "Means Cafe," at the corner of Raymond and University avenues was actually the Means Cafe, whose slogan, the reader informs us, was "Meeks Meals Make Mighty Men."

Parents get students-eye view of Murray day

by Ann Bulger

"It's been a long time since I sat in a classroom," said one mother as she squeezed into a seventh-grade desk at Murray Magnet Junior High during American Education Week, Nov. 13-18.

Some 500 parents visited their children's classrooms on Tuesday evening to hear teachers sum up their curriculum. A smaller group of 50 parents experienced the real thing on Thursday by attending actual classes.

Some vignettes of the day:

"Murray parents care... and that makes it easier for teachers," beamed science instructor Johnny Bland. Wearing a powder-blue lab coat over his jeans, Bland strolled around his earth science classroom, his eyes twinkling while he lectured on atoms and molecules.

All eyes were riveted on Bland while he fit a folded paper and let it burn nearly to his fingertips. He handed the ashes to Cassell McClure. "Can you give me back the paper I had before? No! That's a chemical change," Theresa Zottola's mother Martha commended, "Fascinating teaching techniques."

Maggie McGregor visited her daughter Kelly in Leroy Eliason's German I class. "It's really interesting to see the class in action," she said. Meanwhile, in the next room, Howard Hathaway, the district supervisor of world languages, was teaching a Spanish I class. "Everyone look at Derek Howard. Together, class, Derek estas bien, Derek estas fantastico."

Derek grinned. "Hey, I like this!"

In English 8, teacher Doreen Johnson sat in the back row while students explained their collages cut from magazines to interpret the novel, "The Tenderer," a story of the black ghetto in Harlem. Of 23 students in the class, 7 are minorities.

Greg Davenport had scenes of boxers, with the letters BLOOD, Ora Peeples put words on hers: "Hard times, love, food, cocaine, streets, New York." Mike Crenshaw's father verified that Mike's college was left on the breakfast table, but Mike stood up with a blank piece of paper and told it from memory. With imagination he pointed, "Here's a picture of a staircase. Here is says 'one more chance.' The class applauded his effort.

Ann Kesey visited son Charlie's creative writing class, taught by Deidre Hagstrom. "It's a great experience for Charlie. He takes English, too, but a bit of overlap won't hurt." Next she went to Home Ec with daughter Meg. Teacher Lucy Kirshner cautioned the girls and boys to measure carefully as they made their first muffins. "Don't overbeats." They smelled delicious. The strings class was preparing for next month's concert. Long-term sub Irv Schlick has come out of retirement to take over the class. Twelve students include some from special ed. They played "America the Beautiful," "What about that last note? Someone is flat. Try again. That's better."

Parents agreed that visiting a working classroom gave them a real feel for their children's school day. "It's one thing to hear the kids or teachers tell what they do. It's something else to be there while it's happening and experience the interaction between kids and teachers," said one parent at the end of the day.
Computer fair draws big crowds
by Midge Huffman and Ann Bogler

Over 400 people attended the St. Anthony Park Elementary Computer Fair on Nov. 19, despite the gloomy weather. The gymnasium was packed with fargons busily pushing buttons, cogitating, reacting and creating personal "masterpieces."

Neighborhood volunteers: Marlene and Marcello Guevara, Mary Krick, Ray Berlett, Jeff Rohr and Gary Rutes. They demonstrated computer uses from word processing to writing programs for the family budget. There were also merchants and professional demonstrations.

The fair was planned by the school's Computer Task Force. Members are Principal Chuck Weldon, Mark Guenther, Bernie Lancette, Jack Sheldon, Steve McCormick, Wells Anderson and Virgil Larson.

The highlight of the day was the presentation of a $600 Atari 800 computer, donated by Team Electronics' Rice Street store. The computer was won by Alyce Holmes of St. Anthony Park, whose son had been begging for a similar machine. Another local resident, Fritz Steimann won a $100 gift certificate, compliments of Bit by Bit Computer Resource Center.

Alyce Holmes (left) accepts the Atari 800 computer she won at the St. Anthony Park Elementary School computer fair. David Schroeder (second from left) and Tom Schroeder (right) represented Team Electronics, Rice Street, which donated the computer. Watching were Holmes' son James and Mark Guenther, a teacher at the school.

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School board freshmen aware of local interest

by Ann Bulger

What effect will the changes on the St. Paul Board of Ed-

cation have on our neighbor-

hood schools? In January, three newly-
elected members, Margo Fox, George Janisch and Al Oert-
wig, will replace Robert Lowe, Catherine Piccolo and Roslyn Carroll on the board. Incumbent Bill Magnuson was re-elected, while all three of board members Eleanor Weber, Dan Bostrom and Jim Griffin continue for two more years.

All four of the victors are aware of the high turnout of St. Anthony Park residents at the three candidate forums sponsored by Citizens for Excellence in Education, a group that began here and spread citywide.

New board members also know that CEE will continue to monitor board affairs. As important as the issues formally discussed at the forums, were the informal chats with individuals before and after those sessions.

Of the three newcomers, Janisch is the most familiar in this neighborhood. Over the past 15 years, he has taught English and journalism at Murray, Como and Central. Janisch will be the first teacher on the board in many years. Although a member of the teachers’ union, he claims that “No one has Janisch in his pocket,” and that he can be objective in bargaining for
teachers contracts. He says that schools must provide for “that which is common to all students and that which is unique.”

Al Oertwig has also served on a number of district committees. He has been the education writer for the Highland Villager. His campaign was pointed at defeating Roslyn Carroll. In fact, he and Bill Rosenblum, another candidate, filed a lawsuit accusing Carroll of being instrumental in centralizing the secondary curricula without consulting the citizens’ Planning, Evaluating, and Reporting Committee.

The lawsuit, coupled with verbal barbs at Carroll, irri-
tated some voters, but Oertwig narrowly defeated Carroll at the polls. He plans to improve the policy setting process and to address prob-
lems of staff morale.

Bill Magnuson has been particularly supportive of Murray Magnet Junior High in the past. Accused by the St. Paul board of being an abra-
avive board member with an “acerbic” tongue, he says that he is proud of it and of his record as a board member.

In all, the new members know that citizens in this area have a high interest in educa-
tion, and they should at least be willing to listen to con-
cerns from parents and resi-
dents here.

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The Bugle has a new logo, which appears on page 1 and on the cover of this issue. Over the newspaper’s ten year history, its logo has changed three times before this.

Bugle’s new type chosen to reflect community

by Sherrill Riley

Since a newspaper is com-
mposed mainly of type, nothing affects and reflects its charac-
ter as much as its typefaces. And since the Bugle is a re-
fection of its community, so should the design of the paper reflect the character of the community. aware of its his-

tory, yet modern and progres-
sive.

The Bugle’s body type fac-
type is a serif face called Gara-
mont, after Claude Garamond who designed it in the mid 1500s. Unlike many trendy
typefaces that quickly disap-
ppear, Garamond has survived the centuries—with some modifications—because it is a substantial, well designed typeface. It was the first typeface to have an italic face designed as its companion.

The Park Bugle logo is com-
poused from a typeface called

Optima, designed in the 1960s by Hermann Zapf, an interna-
ationally respected designer.

Although it is a sans serif type-
face, it doesn’t have the stark geometry of many sans serif faces, but instead derives its inspiration from classical,

Roman letter forms and their characteristic thick-thin varia-
tions. It melds the progressive with the traditional, retaining the best qualities of both.

The Bugle has been striving to do just that, and hopes the new design will function to make the paper more respon-
sive to the needs of its readers. Sherrill Riley created the Bugle’s new design, which we are inaugurating in this issue.
When you buy your next car, make sure the financing is running smoothly.

Whether you're looking for a new car or a used car these days, one thing's for sure: It's probably going to cost a lot of money. So today it makes sense to shop for financing as carefully as you shop for cars.

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So when you're ready to buy your next car, stop in your First Bank for one of our Easy Payment Auto Loans. And just hope that your car runs as smoothly as the financing does. Working together.
The idea itself is scarcely four years old, yet already so familiar to us as to be almost tiresome. We have seen the full-page ads showing what it will look like five or ten years from now, with high-rises, handball courts, a trolley line and all the trimmings.

We have seen maps and charts and diagrams. We've seen photographs of the energy-efficient condominiums. We've read explanations of the complex central heating system and announcements of the imminent grand opening of Bandana Square. Some of us may even have taken Energy Park to 2
Park from 1
Park Drive off Snelling or Lexington avenues to have a first-hand look at the construction. But the question persists, do any of us really know what Energy Park is? Or does it remain, after all the publicity, a kind of noise emanating from the space lot next door, the significance of which has not quite sunk in to its neighbors in St. Anthony Park?

It occurs to the editors of the Bugle that to date most of what we’ve heard about Energy Park has necessarily been from the perspective of its promoters. There is nothing wrong with that. Control Data naturally has an interest in the technology it hopes to spawn in its energy tech center. Bandana Square naturally has an interest in attracting retail shops and customers to its commercial facility. AF&W Corporation, in its capacity as the housing developer, naturally wants people to purchase homes in MacLaren Hill and move in.

All these organizations are businesses, after all, which have invested a lot of money in the project on the assumption that it’s a good idea. From the point of view of St. Paul, for its part, has a vested interest in some energy Park project and so becomes something of a promoter itself as far as the project is concerned. But like any institution, has to look out for its own best interests.

All the same, the Bugle would like to provide a different perspective on Energy Park, one which does not automatically assume that everything about it is marvelous and that what we have just to the east of our own community is a 228-acre parcel of paradise.

It is not paradise. It is an undeniably ambitious and comprehensive one, certainly and one which has progressed with remarkable speed, but still a thing of this world with its complement of problems, delays, miscalculations and uncertainties. It is not so magnificent an enterprise as to have gone beyond human scale and human concerns.

Along with the massive destruction and construction, along with the armored divisions of heavy machinery transforming the landscape, along with the thousands of man-hours and millions upon millions of dollars invested in bringing Energy Park to its present state of readiness, there is the more accessible—because more immediate—matter of individual involvement.

It is the human dimension of Energy Park which the Bugle wants to present to its readers. To that end we have talked with a number of individuals who are, in one way or another, personally involved with the development.

First, we have talked with Mayor George Latimer at considerable length in order to see Energy Park from the point of view of the one man who probably more than anyone else saw it through from idea to practical reality.

Second, we interviewed the first people to move in to MacLaren Hill, in an effort to see what it’s like actually to live in Energy Park from day to day.

Third, to bring the significance of Energy Park closer to home, we have talked with local merchants about the impact it is likely to have on St. Anthony Park. Will the completion of Kascia Avenue between Raymond and Snelling, for example, have any appreciable effect, either positive or negative, on businesses along Como Avenue?

Finally, we talked with the owners of local and neighboring businesses who have decided to re-locate in Bandana Square.

Bandana Square, we should say, has fallen behind schedule. Its grand opening was originally slated for Oct. 1, then the date was moved back to Nov. 2, and now it has been moved back again to sometime in the spring of next year. The developers hope to get about a dozen stores going before Christmas.

It is fair to say that Energy Park as a whole is an unfinished business at this point. Rather than a dream that has been realized, it is something both more and less than that. It is an ongoing concern, a nascent community of human beings trying to do the best they can. It is far too early to tell whether it will prove successful or not.

What follows is a few voices addressing one part of the future. This is what Energy Park seems like, to a few individualists with a stake in it today. Tomorrow, who knows? We are looking at things as they are just now. —Jim Brogan

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First residents settle into Energy Park housing

By Jim Brogan

"We don't have the drapes yet," apologized Joyce Barton, nodding toward the bare windows in her new home. "And we have a garage and basement full of boxes that still haven't been unpacked. But it will all get done someday.

Ray, her husband, Ray, and the youngest of their six children are the first tenants to move into the new housing in Energy Park.

They have purchased a 3-bedroom "cluster san home," or townhouse, as they prefer to call it, one of 32 such units in the Macalen Hill development, along Energy Park Drive. It is taking the Bartons a while to get settled. Both work full-time, she as a service repair technician at 3M and he as creative director of an advertising agency in Blaine.

While their children were growing up, the Bartons lived for 18 years in a split-level, single-family home in Roseville. In 1977, with most of their children gone, they moved to Shoreview and gained what Ray Barton calls "a good taste of townhouse living."

It was a relief, they discovered, after 18 years on one-third of an acre, not to have to worry about mowing the lawn or making certain the gutters were clean.

"On a day like this," he pointed out, "I might take the MG out of the garage and take a drive to Wisconsin."

Their move to Energy Park, as it happens, amounted to a kind of homecoming for both of them. Ray Barton grew up in the Midway area on Stinson Boulevard, and Joyce Barton lived in the area for three years, while attending art school in downtown St. Paul, and for short time after they were married, the Bartons lived in a house near St. Agnes Church.

"We still have the Midway area so much," she says, "we always did. We feel like we're right back home.""A particular appeal of Energy Park to both of them is its connection to the railroad. Bandana Square, the architectural centerpiece of the housing and retail development, is located in buildings once used by the Northern Pacific and, more recently, the Burlington Northern, as repair shops.

Developers have maintained the theme of railroading in a number of ways. A Soo Line caboose and other railroad cars are used to unify the project visually. An old-time wooden water tank has been constructed just off Energy Park Drive and serves as a signpost for the retail redevelopment.

In addition, the architects of Macalen Hill have consciously employed the repair shops as a pattern for their housing design. The style of the old buildings is carried through to the residences, especially in the larger, atrium condominiums, which the Bartons can see out their back windows.

Finally, Energy Park is bounded on the north and the south by working railroad lines, a fact which both Bartons consider an advantage. They used to travel by train frequently, and her father worked for the Northern Pacific as a car builder for 42 years.

"It's great to wake up and see the trains," she says.

The Bartons are aware that not everyone will share their nostalgic appreciation for the railroad. Nor will the housing in Energy Park necessarily suit other people as well as it does them.

Some of their friends, as a matter of fact, were puzzled by their decision to move there.

"Energy Park is not for everybody," acknowledged Ray.

New homeowners Ray and Joyce Barton look out their back balcony at atrium condominiums.

Photo by Jim Brogan

Old habits die hard. Ray Barton hoses down his driveway.

"Some people, for example, like big yards or like lots of privacy. Macalen Hill as a whole, he believes, "is not particularly geared toward young families." There are no playgrounds, he pointed out, leading him to suppose that "it's set up more as an adult community."

Having already raised their own family, the Bartons fit into the category of "empty-nesters," which in recent years has made up a significant portion of the market for condominiums.

They expect many of their neighbors will be in circumstances similar to their own. In addition, they expect to be joined by a significant number of young people, many of them single or married, without children.

It is a guessing game at this point, however, since only about 25% of the units have been sold, and only two of them are occupied.

Nevertheless, the Bartons suppose their neighbors, when they move in, will be for the most part professional people, somewhere in the middle-income range rather than at the high or the low end. Precisely for whom the housing in Energy Park has been constructed is an interesting question, and one which hasn't been resolved even within the Barton family itself.

A daughter visiting from the University of Wisconsin, where she is a graduate student, was not sure that affluence is a prerequisite.

"You can't live here unless you're pretty well off," she argued, during a conversation in the living room. "Oh, no, that's not true, Kathy," replied her father. "Well, I guess it depends on how you define 'pretty well off.'"

For the record, according to the sales staff at AHW corporation, project developers, prices for townhouse units start at $96,500 and reach almost $120,000 for a 3-bedroom unit with glassed-in sodarium.

Among the atrium condominiums, prices range from $50,000 for an efficiency to..."
That it was time to put an end to our interview. Apparently, he had his date for the football game. "Hello," he said, brightening again at the change in subject. "Good. Sure. Want me to pick you up?"

He listened at the phone for another few seconds, and then answered with a laugh. "No, it's not a good box. It's just up there with the peanut vendors."

It sounded like a good place to be.

**Bartons from 7**

$130,000 for a large 3-bedroom home. In addition to the house payments themselves, residents pay "association fees" to cover insurance, maintenance, heating and cooling, and a reserve fund for capital improvements. Electricity is not included.

Association fees vary according to the size of the home, and range from $71 to $222 per month.

The Bartons, for their part, have been more than satisfied with their new townhouse. "I personally like this house better than I thought I would," said Ray Barton, noting that the architects have just won an award for the overall design. He particularly likes the way the project has carried the style of the railroad shops through into the housing. There is room in their basement which he would like to finish in a style consistent with the MacLaren Hill development as a whole. He mentioned some old railroad photographs that might look nice on the walls and in an idea he has of installing an old pull-chair toilet to recapture the era when railroading was in high style.

"I'm going to tackle that room from a design standpoint," he said. "I can't wait to move it to the house."

In the meantime, the Bar- tons, like everyone else, are waiting to see what sort of community Energy Park will be when it's completed. Will it be a real neighborhood? Barton doesn't know, although he supposes it will—someday, at least.

"Obviously, it isn't one now," he says, "but I would hope there is one—a neighborhood feeling."

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Baker alumni tour restoration, share memories of old school

by Arthur Helland

Over 100 people, alumni of Baker School and their spouses, gathered Oct. 30 in Baker Court to renew acquaintances with former classmates and to see how the former school has been converted to house offices and a restaurant.

The group met at Mama D's, a recently opened restaurant in the building. The reunion began at 12:30 p.m. with dinner at 2 p.m., which allowed time for greetings and reminiscences, as well as touring the remodeled building.

The old familiar greetings were heard: "Hi! Long time no seen." "Isn't that really you?" "My, you haven't changed a bit" (oh yeah). "Remember our "9 th grade teacher—Miss Fagan?" Remember—remember.

The senior among the group was "Dad" Wareham, who graduated in 1915. Other old timers included Charles Selley, 1920; Lester Reams, 1921; Leo Webb, 1922; and Robert Slater, 1918. Many students at old Baker barely missed the draft in World War I. Several made the attempt to enlist by conveniently stating they were of draft age, but were unsuccessful—couldn't fool the Board.

The Baker School has a very interesting history. When the original Baker School was built in 1894, it was known as School District No. 17 of Ramsey County in Rose Township. The school was named after Judge D.J. Baker, an early public school teacher in St. Paul and Ramsey County and one of the first county school superintendents.

Judge Baker moved to Rose Township about 1867 and lived on a farm south of University Avenue and west of Pelham Boulevard. He had owned the land on which Baker School was built. He was a member of the Rosestown School Board, as were Daniel Hunt and John Ware.

Because the nearest public school was located in the region of Snelling and St. Anthony avenues, erected in 1869, Mr. Hunt conducted a private school in the old Huld home (861 Raymond Ave.). After the original Baker School was built, Hunt's building was moved to Territorial Road across from the Hunt home.

Before it burned down, it was used as a private dwelling. The Hunt's hired man and team took out the trees and graded the land for the original Baker School building. Mr. Hunt brought the brick from Coon Creek.

Erected in 1884 on Raymond Avenue and Territorial Road, the original Baker School was a two-story brick building of four rooms. A four-room addition was opened in September, 1903. The school year 1909-10 saw the original Baker building moved away from the first addition on to Ellis Avenue. A second addition was built in front of the first, where the original building had been, and opened in 1910. It had eight rooms with the entrance on Raymond Avenue; Baker now was a 12-room school.

In 1924 there were 450 students enrolled at Baker; by 1954 the enrollment had decreased to 200, and thereafter steadily declined until 1975 when the school finally closed its doors as an educational institution.

Anyone wishing to become a member of the South St. Anthony "Old-Timers" Club, and is 55 years and older, may do so by calling Harold Nymoen, the president, at 644-1280, or by writing him at 969 Cromwell Ave., St. Paul 55113.

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‘Sense of urgency’ spurs local women’s peace actions

Dietl arrested at Honeywell
by Mollie Hoben

"It’s not a comfortable thing to be arrested," said Jane Dietl recently, reflecting on her participation in the Honeywell Project’s demonstration Oct. 24 at Honeywell’s Minneapolis headquarters.

Dietl was one of 577 people arrested while protesting the company’s role in United States weapons production.

"I don’t like breaking the law," the St. Anthony Park resident said. "It’s not a step I took lightly."

"Why, then, did she do it?"

"I have a sense of urgency," Dietl said. "I don’t feel more secure because of more weapons—I feel very insecure."

Dietl views Honeywell Project actions as educational and hopes her involvement will help stimulate people’s concern about the arms race.

"I don’t like the notoriety of having been arrested," she said. "Yet, I like people’s interest. I like to think that maybe they are thinking about (the arms race) when they hear I was arrested."

Dietl said she has been surprised by the support she has received for her action: "People have stopped me on the street, have called me up," to express support, she said. She received an unexpected letter from the St. Paul YWCA, congratulating her on her action. "That gives me hope," she said.

When asked if she plans to be arrested again, Dietl said she would rather not. "I’d love to see twice as many people arrested next time—all new people, who haven’t been arrested before."

It’s a possible goal, she believes. The reason she decided to participate in the Oct. 24 arrests was her worry that not enough people would volunteer to be arrested. As it turned out, 577 persons were arrested, exceeding the organizers’ goal of 550 arrests. About 150 arrests were made at a similar demonstration last spring.

Dietl said she has a day-dream in which all the people who go to a Vikings game would show up instead at a protest against the arms race. "That would be very powerful," she said. "That would change things."

But, she asked, "How do we get people to think about it— to put down their rules on a beautiful autumn afternoon and go demonstrate?"

Photos by Terry Johnson-McCaffrey

Jane Dietl.

Betsy Ellis.

Ellis demonstrates in Germany
by Terry Johnson-McCaffrey

The peace movement is not just an American phenomenon. Falcons Heights resident Betsy Ellis knows from experience. Ellis and three other women witnessed the European peace movement firsthand when they traveled to Germany during Action Week Oct. 16-22. The week was planned by German peace groups to call for an end to plans to deploy Pershing II and Cruise missiles in Europe. Demonstrations occurred over the whole country, involving about two million people over the one-week period.

Ellis, who speaks fluent German, recalled two Action Week events which stood out for her.

The first was her participation in a human chain that stretched, twisting and even doubled up in places, from Stuttgart to Ulm—about 60 miles. "Everywhere you looked, it was a sea of humanity," she said.

Ellis learned that while this demonstration took place around Ulm, a demonstration of support was taking place in Ulm’s sister-city, New Ulm, Minnesota.

The second event was a large outdoor church service during which clergy served communion to 20,000 people. Ellis noted that this was the first time the official German clergy (the German Evangelical Lutheran Church) gave public support for the peace movement in such numbers. Ellis found that the Germans she encountered were eager to learn about the peace movement in the United States. Even though the demonstrations were against the deployment of American missiles, she said, it was often stressed that the Germans are not against the Americans as a people.

In comparing the American and German peace movements, Ellis found some differences. The American movement is concerned with a nuclear freeze and also issues such as MX missiles, U.S. military presence in South America, and the draft.

In Germany, however, the primary and almost sole issue is the deployment of Cruise and Pershing II missiles, Ellis said.

Peace activists there also have a greater sense of history than their American counterparts, she believes. Remembering the Hitler era, one woman told Ellis, "I didn’t speak then, but I must now."
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A young visitor to the Commonwealth Healthcare Center holiday fair (left) isn't sure if the bearded figure really was Santa Claus. (right) Beret Jorgenson, daughter of Dick and Carol Jorgenson of St. Anthony Park, gets out some of her Christmas treasures.

Wanted: 'Changes'

As we approach the Bugle's tenth anniversary, we're thinking about the changes this newspaper has undergone in those ten years. We're also interested in the changes our communities and neighbors have experienced through the decade. In the January issue, we'll be printing contributions from readers about how they perceive the changes in their lives or the lives of their communities. We invite you to share your reflections with our readers—in the form of brief essays, poetry, short fiction, drawings, photos. The deadline is Dec. 9. Send your contributions to the Bugle, 2380 Hampden St., St. Paul, 55114, or call the editor, 646-8884.

Cookbook coordinator has many pans in fire

by Martha Saul

Elaine Christiansen of Falcon Heights wears many hats. She is a free-lance home economist, the Communique Service Bake-Off manager for the Pillsbury Company, manager of the 4-H cafeteria at the state fair, and mother of four sons, ages 19 through 26 years. At Christmas time, she and her sons sell Christmas trees grown and harvested on the family tree farm.

One hat Christiansen recently removed is that of coordinator for "More Cooking in Minnesota," published in October by Twin City Home Economists in Homemaking, a branch of the American Home Economics Association. A long-time member of the organization, Christiansen has been responsible for the production of two cookbooks, "Cooking in Minnesota," which came out in 1979, and the new book.

Both books were developed to raise scholarship funds for home economics students. Over $590,000 has been earned from proceeds of the first book, with over $32,000 awarded in scholarships. Proceeds from the second book have been earmarked for research in home economics as well as scholarships.

Christiansen admits that her work on the cookbooks was a major undertaking.

"A family gives a great deal when the wife and mother takes on this kind of responsibility," she said.

But the effort was worth it, she believes. "Our first cookbook was so well received. Working on it has bonded our home economics organization into a very close-knit group, with a great sense of pride and accomplishment. And, with the revenues raised, we are able to help many deserving students."

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Judith Guest reads work at library

by Dan Koeck

Edina author Judith Guest drew a number of area residents to the St. Anthony Park Library last month to hear a reading from her latest book, "Second Heaven."

Guest, whose debut novel, "Ordinary People," received wide acclaim, also autographed her novels and talked about books and writing at the event, which was sponsored by the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library.

Guest told the audience that she wrote her latest book to illustrate the consequences of false personal images and the need to face up to personal shortcomings. "Second Heaven" is the story of a divorced woman, a divorced man and a troubled adolescent boy who join forces to challenge the boy's abusive parents in juvenile court.

Many people at the reading praised the vivid character descriptions and the candid expressions of emotion in the author's work. "Her writing is brutally honest. It allows her characters to be themselves," said Irene Hoehet.

University English student Kathy Klein said readers could easily identify with Guest's characters because they were so recognizable. "She does have a gift," said Barbara Dyball. "She makes you live the book."

Guest explained to the group that writing is an act of therapy for her and other writers. "Writers write to explain the world around them to themselves more than anyone else," she said. "In the end they hope their world is real to readers."


The concept of evil in "Second Heaven" matches the concept put forth by Peck in "The People of the Lie." Guest believes with Peck that evil people attack others instead of facing their own failures.

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Merchants seek city grant funds to help spruce up Como Avenue

by Robin Nelson

Making the St. Anthony Park business district a prettier and safer area is the objective of a Neighborhood Partnership Program (NPP) grant being sought by the St. Anthony Park Merchants and Professional Association.

The proposal seeks to enhance the business area by providing pedestrian lighting, curb access for the handicapped, bus shelters, and street furniture, such as trash receptacles, planter boxes and benches.

The proposal, which will be submitted in early December, asks for $150,000 from the city-funded NPP Program. In order to receive the money, the commercial area must match the grant with private dollars and with volunteer time to be invested in improving the area.

According to Stuart McKibbon, president of the merchants' association, there are three main reasons for the improvements: to make it easier for residents to use the business area, to provide better lighting to encourage area businesses to expand their business hours to increase the security of the area in general.

Speaking Briefly

Transitway meeting

St. Anthony Park residents concerned about the proposed University of Minnesota transitway will meet with University officials Dec. 7 to discuss their concerns.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. in the St. Anthony Park Library community room and is open to interested residents, according to Martha Marchand, one of the organizers.

Chloean Hewin, vice-president for physical planning, will represent the University at the meeting.

Holiday concerts

Two holiday concerts are planned at Murray Magnet Junior High. Both will be at 7 p.m.

in the school auditorium, with admission $2 for adults and $1 for students.

On Dec. 15, the choir and string ensemble will perform, and on Dec. 20 the beginners' band, the varsity band and the concert band will have their concert.

Sing the Messiah

The choir of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church invites all in the community who enjoy singing Handel's "Messiah" to join in an informal presentation of the Christmas portion of the oratorio on Dec. 18, 10 a.m. Bring your own scores if possible. Soloists will be Dorothea Fevold, Norma Harnish, Roxanne Nelson and Robert Boyd. For further information, call Kadyrn Moore, director, 644-6931.

Recycling pick-up

Recycling Unlimited, a non-profit organization, has begun a pick-up service in Laderdale. Curbside pick-ups of newspapers, glass, aluminum, and other recyclable items will be made on the fourth Friday of each month.

An effort is underway to enlist the support of Laderdale residents who would serve as "black captains," placing signs in their front windows at appropriate times of the month as reminders for their neighbors.

Christmas customs

"Christmas in Many Lands," a 3-hour language workshop for parents and children (ages 5-12) will be offered Dec. 10 and 17 at St. Anthony Park Elementary School with basic skills, call Judy Probst, 644-4992.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to help children in kindergarten and first grade at St. Anthony Park Elementary School with basic skills. Call Judy Probst, 644-4992.

Book signing

Jim Gilbert, author of "Jim Gilbert's Nature Notebook," will autograph copies of his book at Micawber's on Sunday, Dec. 11, 1-3 p.m. The book was edited by Elaine Frost, St. Anthony Park resident. Proceeds will go to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.

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1 Dec.
District 17, physical committee, 2380 Hampden, 5 p.m.
District 12 human services committee, 2380 Hampden, 7:30 p.m.
St. Anthony Park Writers' Group, 1305 Raymond, call 644-6090.

2 Fri. Southern Lights 4th Club, 1450 Hennepin, 4 p.m.

3 Sat. League of Women Voters Branch, Landmark Center, 8:45 a.m., cost $3.50. Topic: "Women and Work." Call 644-0492 for information and carpool.
Recycling Unlimited pick-up at St. Anthony Park Drive-In Bank and First Security, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

6 Tues. St. Anthony Park Association board, 7:30 p.m.

7 Wed. Leisure Center, Methodist Church, 10 a.m. Christmas gifts and craft items for sale. Open to public 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

11 Sun. Advent Compline Service, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 4 p.m.

12 Mon. Cub Scout caroling, Commonwealth Care Center, 5 p.m.

13 Tues. St. Anthony Park Association, United Church of Christ, 5:45-8 p.m.

14 Wed. Leisure Center, Methodist Church, 10 a.m. Christmas Luncheon with Pastor Phil Hoerner speaking. No meetings Dec. 21 or 28.
District 12 Council, 2380 Hampden, 7 p.m.

15 Thurs. Murray Christmas concert, school auditorium, 7 p.m.

17 Sat. Recycling Unlimited pick-up at St. Anthony Park Drive-In Bank and First Bank Security, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

19 Mon. Murray Christmas concert, school auditorium, 7 p.m.

23 Fri. Recycling Unlimited curbside pick-up, north and south St. Anthony Park, Lauderdale.

Items for the Community Calendar should be submitted to Mary Mergenthal, 644-1650.

Block nurses from 1
they may be newly widowed ... suddenly isolated by their illness.

Robiehrich said the use of volunteers who are the same age as the parents provides additional friendship, support and stimulation. "It really helps (the patients) to have someone their own age to work through their needs and problems," she said.

For more information about the Block Nursing Program, contact Ann Copeland at District 12, 566-8984.

Housing from 1
"inappropriate use of the site and is unacceptable from a neighborhood-impact standpoint," said Paul Nakanishi, who charged that the housing corporation has not adequately considered the impact on the neighborhood and that financiers and marketability are the corporation's priorities.

Corporation vice president Cynthia Alghran denied this charge. "We remain open and flexible to working on issues on which we can negotiate," she told the Council.

She pointed out that the organization has met nine times with neighbors to discuss the project.

"Finances is not a top priority with us," she said, noting that all the corporation members and officers are working on the project as volunteers and that the corporation has held the number of units at 15, even though it could legally build as many as 27 units.

Fletcher held three lengthy meetings with the two sides, but the opponents continued to disagree on the proposal, despite what Fletcher described as "significant improvements, in the corporation's plans.

In moving for approval of the rezoning request, Fletcher told the City Council, "I think the corporation has dealt with the community much better than any other developer I've seen. But the neighbors don't see this, because they don't deal with developers as we do."

Gayle Vance noted that the proposal "has been difficult—it has caused divisiveness between neighbors and friends."

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