



Possibility of waste facility in Park stirs debate

by Diane Nelson

How would you like to have a hazardous waste facility in your neighborhood? The question is not academic for St. Anthony Park residents these days.

The Minnesota Waste Management Board (WMB) is in the process of selecting "preferred areas for hazardous waste processing facilities." Two such preferred areas are in St. Paul, and one includes large portions of St. Anthony Park (site A).

Both sites are being considered as locations for transfer/storage facilities that would temporarily house waste materials or for waste processing facilities.

Once an area is zoned for a waste management facility, however, a private firm still has to come into the area, buy the land, secure permits from the state, federal and local governments and be screened by the WMB. Just because an area is zoned doesn't mean there will be a facility in that area.

District 12 Community Council passed a

resolution in March asking that the residential parts of St. Anthony Park be excluded from site A. Akiva Pour-El, member of the council, spoke in favor of the resolution at a WMB public hearing April 11.

"What we are trying to guard against," Pour-El said, "is that one accident in a million—that one chance in how many we don't know—when something will go wrong. And if something does go wrong, we shouldn't have it go wrong close to a residential area."

Statistics gathered by the WMB show that an estimated 200,000 tons of hazardous waste is generated by 2,500 industries per year in Minnesota. About 75 percent of that waste is generated in the metropolitan area.

Larry Christensen, who works for the Pollution Control Agency as the head of compliance and enforcement in the division of solid and hazardous wastes, said that some industries are currently mismanaging their hazardous wastes.

He said his division has trouble with electroplating industries, certain kinds of recycling facilities and producers of



Seen on the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota. Photo by Jim Brogan.

paint sludges and solvents. "These kinds of places," Christensen said, "are the reason we need a decent facility."

"What are we doing with hazardous waste now?" asked Charles McCann, a Midway area businessman and also a member of District 12 Community Council. "It is being handled incorrectly and haphazardly, thrown out in the yard or in the alley. That's why it's important to get something going."

McCann said he wasn't sure St. Paul had

a site that was proper, but he said, "I don't think we can just say we don't want it in our neighborhood either."

Bill Huestis, another Midway area businessman and District 12 council member, said he thinks people are unnecessarily threatened by the words "hazardous waste."

"When people hear that term," Huestis said, "they think of something enormously devastating or life threatening."

Christensen said that most of the acci-

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City Council committee considers repair/deduct ordinance

by Tom Krogstad

It appears that renters in substandard housing in St. Paul may have to wait a while—in more ways than one—before they are able to deduct the cost of some repairs from their rent.

The first wait may well be during the process of ratification by the St. Paul City Council.

Following a 4-hour public hearing March 29, the city's proposed rent repair/deduct ordinance was assigned to the city development and transportation committee to iron out disagreements about the proposal.

That committee is chaired by Bob Fletcher, council member for the fourth district, which includes St. Anthony Park. Fletcher is considered the key vote on the issue. Others on the committee are councilmen William Wilson (who introduced the ordinance) and John Galles.

Both proponents and opponents of the legislation are sitting on their hands waiting to see what

the committee will do with the ordinance. The committee may amend the bill, table any action or send the ordinance back to the council.

In its current form, the ordinance would allow renters to make repairs to their rental units if a city inspector confirms that a code violation exists. The procedures established for this in the bill, however, is a complex and lengthy one, and renters would have to wait at least 40 days after making a complaint before they could proceed with approved repairs.

The proposal's supporters claim that the reason for the ordinance's existence is to put some "enforcement teeth" into current building code statutes.

Opponents say the complexity of the ordinance would exacerbate confusion and strained relationships between management and renters and would cost rental unit owners money.

At the public hearing, a law professor from the University of

Minnesota said approximately half of the states in the United States have repair/deduct laws already in effect. In many of these laws, the process the renter has to go through to correct the substandard situation is much easier than in the ordinance proposed for St. Paul.

Yet, City Council members said there had been a strong negative reaction to the ordinance from their constituency, particularly recently.

Sherman Eagles, former co-chair of the District 12 Council, and current chair of the District Councils' Forum, was one of the more than 30 persons who spoke at the hearing. He reported support for the ordinance from 14 of 17 community councils, but several council members questioned the firmness of some of those endorsements.

District 12 Community Council voted in December to support the ordinance.

Eagles said the process of coming to a consensus at the district

level on the repair/deduct bill had already taken several years. He hoped a decision would be made soon at the city level.

David Lanegran, representing the city Planning Commission, agreed with Eagles. He told the council the repair/deduct ordinance was the culmination of a directive the Planning Commission received several years ago from the council to find a way to preserve low-income housing in St. Paul.

Fletcher appeared concerned that

all sides might not have had their complete say. There was some heated discussion about this towards the end of the session between council members. Wilson maintained that there had been thorough discussion of the ordinance, but others were not so sure.

While Wilson opted for a three-week time period to digest the new information offered at the hearing, the council opted instead to assign the ordinance to transportation committee for further study.

School carnival set for May 6

by Ann Bulger

The annual St. Anthony Park School carnival will be held Friday, May 6, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the school. The community is invited.

In 1956 the school PTSA was looking for a major fund-raiser for the new St. Anthony Park School, and Bob Hahnen started the first carnival. It has been held

on the first Friday of May ever since and has been a big event for students, parents, alumni and neighbors. Proceeds have bought equipment for the school and paid for field trips which otherwise would not have been funded.

Peter Mann is chairing the planning committee this year. Dave Laird has solicited donations from local merchants for door prizes.

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Raymond Ave., Langford Park top capital funding list

District 12 gave projects on Raymond Avenue and at Langford Park top priority for 1984-85 Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) funding.

Redesign of the Raymond/Hampden intersection ranked first, with replacement of the Raymond Avenue bridge rated second. Expansion of the Langford Recreation Center building placed third.

District councils are asked to rank all projects proposed within their areas for CIB funds. The district council recommendations are forwarded to three city-wide CIB task forces which review all projects proposed by city departments, district councils or other neighborhood groups.

After review each project receives a numerical score based on how well it meets certain set criteria and also the priority assigned to it by the district council and the city department concerned.

Thirteen projects were ranked by District 12 for the 1984-85 budget cycle. Six were submitted from District 12 and seven came from city departments. Projects in priority order selected by the Council are:

1. Raymond/Hampden Intersection Reconstruction
2. Raymond Bridge Reconstruction
3. Langford Recreation Center Expansion

4. Como/Cleveland/Raymond Intersection Reconstruction
5. Langford Park Recreation Center Site Improvement
6. Kasota Ave. Construction (Gibbs to Snelling)
7. Raymond Ave. Bridge Bikeway Approaches
8. Kasota Lighting (Gibbs to Snelling)
9. College Park Erosion Control
10. St. Anthony Park Storm Sewer (west of 280)
11. Fire Station 20 Acquisition/Rehabilitation
12. Fire Training Class/Administration Building
13. Fire Training Live-Fire Building

There is no guarantee that any of the 13 projects will be funded in 1984 or 1985. Projects submitted compete for available funds during a two-year cycle. Each project is assigned to one of three task forces—community facilities, street and utilities, or residential and economic development.

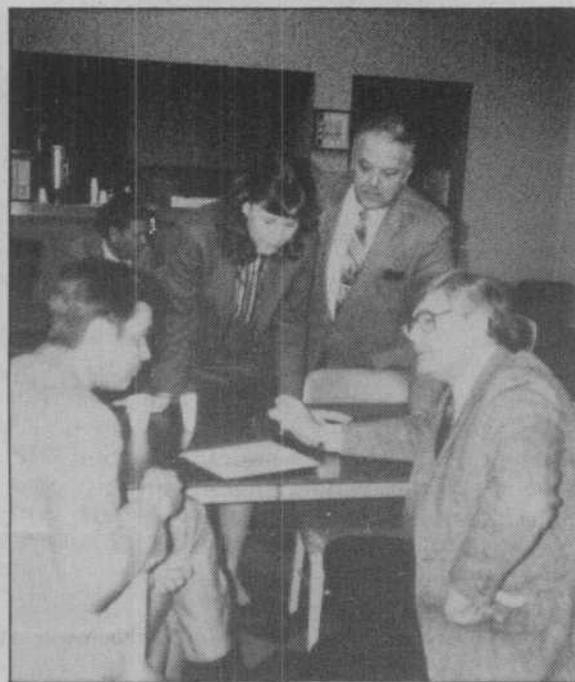
Each task force is composed of representatives from all 17 district councils and one or two members of the citywide CIB committee. A task force reviews all projects assigned to it and ranks them in the order it believes they should receive funds.

Reports from the three task forces are combined by the CIB committee into a priority list which is sent to the mayor. He, in turn, makes his recommended list and forwards it to City Council which has the final decision. There are public hearings before each group.

District 12 residents serving on the various levels are: CIB committee, Joseph Michels; community facilities, Tom Ruddy and Malcolm MacGregor (alternate); residential and economic development, Gertrude Gordanier; streets and utilities, Dennis McGovern.



(Left) Carlton Qualey and JoAnne Rohricht have time for laughter after concluding the serious business of the District 12 human services committee. Rohricht chairs the committee which deals with "people" issues as opposed to issues of land use and physical planning. Both Qualey and Rohricht are members of the north St. Anthony Park delegation.



(Right) Three members of the Midway commerce and industry delegation to the District 12 Council discuss recent Energy Park developments with Ken Dzigan from the Port Authority. Left to right are Dzigan, Jody Lofstrom, Bill Huestis and Charles McCann. Lofstrom joined the Council in March as an alternate. Huestis, one of three Council co-chairs, has served for five years. McCann is beginning his fourth year on the Council. Photos by Ann Copeland.

Garden plots available

A limited number of garden plots are still available for those residents who are interested. Applications may be picked up at the library, St. Anthony Park Bank, Park Hardware or District 12 Office.

The plots will not be available for planting until after May 15 since the weather in April prevented the final grading and site work by the Air Force Reserve Civil Engineering Unit.

Plots are 15 x 20 feet and cost \$11 for the year. Applications should be mailed to the District 12 Office.

Task force studies parks

One result of last year's brouhaha over potential closing of recreation centers in St. Paul was a charge to the Planning Commission to develop a new parks and recreation plan as part of the city's comprehensive plan. A planning commission task force will prepare the new plan by early December.

The task force will include representatives of the Planning Commission, district councils, parks and recreation staff and some at-large members who have expertise in or are concerned about parks and recreation in St. Paul. The task force will look specifically at the areas of recreation programs, passive park space and open space in St. Paul, playgrounds and special facilities such as Como Park and the Conservatory.

The plan will address such questions as what are minimum levels of service and what additional services is it possible to fund? What are budget projections for the next five years and are there other ways, such as user fees, to fund services? What should be the role of volunteers and of neighborhood partnerships?

Citizens interested in serving on the task force should contact the District 12 Office.

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Uram's 45-year teaching career ends at Breck

Story and photo
by Karen Andersen

Michael Uram, a St. Anthony Park resident and teacher at Breck School for 45 years until his 1982 retirement, is clear about the purpose of his chosen profession.

"Motivation is the primary thing on the part of the teacher. If he can motivate these kids, that's 90 percent of it. My philosophy was, if you've got a 90 I.Q., get a performance of at least a 90 I.Q."

What about teacher burnout? Uram said it wasn't a problem for him. "I always had capable students. I got a thrill over the years to see the progress they made. As a teacher, this is what you want to see."

Uram's 45-year career at Breck is the longest of anyone in the school's history. "That's characteristic of any Uram," he said. "We hold jobs for a long time." Uram's father was a life-long streetcar worker for the Twin City Lines.

Uram began his career at Breck in 1938 as a language teacher: Latin, primarily, as well as Spanish, English and German. He also coached JV football, varsity hockey and golf and taught driver's education. In 1974 he became the school's director of transportation.

"I had a natural tendency toward Latin from high school and enjoyed it," Uram said. As a teacher, Uram believes, one can "make Latin interesting, dynamic



Mike and Marian Uram.

and varied, and then it's not dry."

Latin is called a dead language, he noted. There was a period when Latin was dropped from the curriculum at Breck. But two years ago the school picked it up again, and by next year a full Latin program will again exist.

As Uram said, "The pendulum swings back again" in education as in all of life.

When he began teaching at Breck in 1938, it was a military school for boys located at Como Avenue and Hendon Street, in the buildings that are now Luther Northwestern Seminary's Aasgaard Hall and Stub Hall. There were 75 students. Today, Breck, now located in Golden Valley, is a coed, college preparatory school with 994 students.

Uram and his wife Marian have lived in St. Anthony Park since 1948. He was born and raised in

Minneapolis.

Uram attended the University of Minnesota, working seven days a week at the old Stadium Cafe on Oak and Washington to meet expenses. He had classes in the morning, studied in the afternoon and worked at night, usually until midnight.

Uram remembers, "One day I saw this girl come in and apply for a job, and I looked and saw she was in a German class with me. She was going to school and got a job in the same place." That was how he met his wife.

In January, Breck honored Uram's 45 years of service. Many people associated with the school, past and present, took part in the program. He was presented with an album of memorabilia which included numerous personal letters from students and staff expressing appreciation, and even cartoons which aptly portrayed him.

Festival, arts fair planned for June 4

by Mary Winget

The annual St. Anthony Park festival and arts fair is planned for June 4 this year.

More than 100 artists and craftspeople will display their work at the arts fair. Evelyn Sonnack, arts fair chairman, reported that painters, wood carvers and potters will make up the majority of the exhibitors, but there will also be 30 to 40 boutique tables with macrame, stuffed animals, doll clothes and pillows.

The art fair is sponsored by the Library Association, which receives 10 percent of all sales. The association also sponsors a sale of used library books in conjunction with the arts fair.

The festival is sponsored annually by local merchants. This year there will be ethnic dancers, theater groups, gymnasts, a one man band, a full size band, an attic sale at the Methodist Church and a variety of food booths, according to Robin Lindquist, co-chair of the festival with Jill Smith of Micawber's.

Josephine Ristau, from H. B. Fuller, is in charge of publicity. Mary Wiatros, program chair and Pamela Carlson, finance chair, are from the St. Anthony Park Bank, and Linda Maschwitz, representing the Arts Forum, is organizing the attic sale.

Persons interested in exhibiting in the art fair can get an application at the library. The deadline

for submitting applications is May 15.

"The St. Anthony Park Arts Fair is a favorite among local artists," according to Janet Quale, "because of its cozy atmosphere and the reasonable exhibitor's fee of \$3."

People willing to volunteer to work for a two-hour period are asked to leave their names in the library.

To volunteer for any of the festival committees or to get information on setting up a booth, call Robin Lindquist at 647-0131 during banking hours.

Also, hope for a sunny day.

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give the festival a helping hand

If you're one of the many who have enjoyed the annual St. Anthony Park Festival, you can enjoy it even more this year by helping out in the planning. Just contact Robin Lindquist at the bank. The more, the merrier!

local music in the park

The New York Times calls her "superb...with gripping dramatic instincts..." And now you can hear the young, nationally acclaimed, mezzo-soprano, Katherine Ciesinski, at the "Music in the Park" concert on Thursday, May 5th at 8PM at United Church of Christ. Ms. Ciesinski will sing "From The Diary of Virginia Woolf", written by local composer, Dominick Argento. She will also give the premiere performance of a song cycle by Minnesota composer, Libby Larsen. Tickets, at \$5 and \$7, are available at Micawber's Book Store and the Bibelot Shop.

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Editorial

Hazardous waste: a proposal

The debate about what to do with hazardous waste is an explosive one because it hits us where we live. No one wants to drink poisoned water; no one wants the children to go swimming in a pool of acid; no one wants to develop cancer from contact with toxic substances.

All we know for certain about hazardous waste is that we don't like it. We don't want it dumped in our front yards. We wish it would go away.

Unfortunately, our emotional consensus in this matter does nothing to solve the problem, and in fact makes it worse. The roughly 200,000 tons of hazardous material generated each year in the state of Minnesota has not receded one inch or diminished one ounce because of our fears or our hatred of it. For every hour we spend haggling about whose it is or where it should go, we have another 20 tons to worry about.

Frightening as it is, however, the problem is surely one we can solve, if only we can bring ourselves to confront it directly, address it the way we ask a child to address 2+2 and other matters of fact, and find the correct answer. The waste must be "managed" in the literal sense of putting our hands on it and starting to work.

As long as we turn away from this material, fear it, "violently oppose" any contact with it and try to send it somewhere else, we are evading our responsibility. Let's not kid ourselves. We are asking someone else to do our job.

The Waste Management Board estimates that fully 3/4 of Minnesota's hazardous waste is generated here, within the metropolitan area. Obviously, it isn't fair, nor is it practical, to ship it outstate, or outside the state altogether, and say to someone in rural Minnesota or Illinois, "Here. You take it. Try to clean it up if you can. We don't want anything to do with it."

Perhaps it is time for someone—why not us?—to take the lead in solving this problem, not by suggesting that someone else do it, but by volunteering to do it ourselves. As it happens, 1 of 16 land areas in the greater Twin Cities under consideration by the Waste Management Board as a site for processing facilities lies partially within the boundaries of our community. It is called Site A, and consists of some 2,000 acres of land extending from the city limits on the west to 35E on the east along the Burlington Northern railroad tracks.

Why not here? Surely it is possible to work out among ourselves, in conjunction with all the relevant agencies in the city and state, the best possible location within this area, the best possible method, the best facility and, in short, the best solution to a difficult but manageable problem.

We have in our community an abundance of vital resources, not least of which are the problem-solving people who live here. We have architects; we have biologists; we have soil-scientists; we have chemical engineers, city planners, doctors and lawyers; we have investors, enlightened businessmen, bankers, elected officials, governors; and finally we have an alert and involved citizenry. What more do we need? Is there another community in St. Paul or anywhere in the state as capable as this one to seek and to find the best means of dealing with hazardous waste? If anybody can do it, we can.

Oddly enough, there would be benefits from placing the facility in our immediate area. First, it would guarantee our attention and concern. Waste materials are far less likely to get out of hand if we are monitoring them constantly. Second, it would put the problem nearby the people with the ability and the desire to solve it. Finally, it would set an example of courage and leadership, all too lacking in the debate so far.

Jim Brogan

Bugle dates

Staff meeting, May 3, 2380 Hampden, 6:30 p.m.
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Letters to the editor

Chapel won't disrupt

I am a student at Luther Northwestern Seminary and have been reading in the *Bugle* about the neighborhood opposition to our new chapel/commons building.

One item worth noting is that the food service will have more storage space than we have now at Bockman Hall. This will permit us to receive larger deliveries, and reduce the number of trucks bringing supplies. That means less noise, less wear on the neighborhood streets, and less disruption of everyday life in St. Anthony Park.

Russell Myers

Honoring Merritt

In 1981 the St. Anthony Park community lost a friend who had spent thirteen years teaching English and coaching debate at Murray High School. In 1981 George Merritt lost his battle with cancer.

I taught with George at Murray during his final year at that school, and I always felt that his sincerity, his unselfish dedication to his students, and his teaching ability were attributes quite reassuring in my profession. My feelings were shared with my other colleagues in speech and debate.

To honor George and the ideals he believed in, the St. Paul speech and debate coaches recently in-

augurated a speech tournament named after him (this is an event distinct from the St. Paul junior high school debate meet that also is named after him).

The first George Merritt Speech Tournament was held at Highland Park Senior High School on March 19. Forty-two senior high schools and 575 students registered for this initial event. George was eulogized by Eleanor Weber, St. Paul school board member, in an address preceding the awards presentation. The outcome of this contest was highly satisfying, and we look forward to continuing this as an annual event.

Steve Egyhaz
Debate Coach
Johnson High School

Neighbors in the news

Chris Stout, a 13-year old St. Anthony Park resident, is the youngest fencer in Minnesota's history to receive a national competitive "C" classification.

Stout's classification was earned by winning the men's foil event at the 4th annual Southdale Open in March. Stout beat the former record set last year by teammate **Miles Phillips**, also of St. Anthony Park, who received his "C" classification in foil at age 15.

Stout's victory at Southdale came one month after his exceptional performance at the National Junior Olympic Fencing Championship held in Tampa, Florida. In his first trip to the junior nationals, Stout placed second in the under-16 epee event and 14th in the under-16 foil event.

Both Stout and Phillips are members of Minnesota Excalibur, a fencing club coached by Park resident Robert van der Wege. Van der Wege will be coaching at the National Junior Summer Camp for foil in Madison, Wisconsin, the first Minnesotan asked to join the national junior fencing coaching staff.

Lynnette Westerlund was one of 120 supporters of the Minnesota Nuclear Freeze Campaign who went to Washington D.C. in March to lobby for congressional passage of the Nuclear Freeze Resolution.

Westerlund, a St. Anthony Park resident, is office coordinator for the Minnesota Freeze campaign.

A delegation of Minnesota freeze backers met with Congressman Bruce Vento, one of the initial cosponsors of the resolution, as well as with other members of the Minnesota Congressional Delegation.

April 29.

Copeland was one of those recognized at last year's dinner for her contributions to her community in recycling.

Ann Copeland, District 12 community coordinator, will be one of the models in a "back in style" fashion show at the second annual Recycling Recognition Dinner at the St. Paul Hotel on

Eleanor Weber, St. Anthony Park resident, spoke on "How to Evaluate Your Superintendent" at the National School Boards Association conference in San Francisco, April 24.

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HEADWINDS

by James Wesley Brogan

News, weather, no sports

Having lived in San Francisco before I moved to the Twin Cities a few years ago, I had forgotten how the weather in this part of the country is frequently more interesting than the news. There, during my tenure, the media occupied themselves with stories like the Patty Hearst kidnapping, the Zebra murders and gay riots on Halloween. They didn't bother with the weather, perhaps because it usually stayed between 40 and 70 degrees no matter what season it was, and never rained except during the winter when it rained all the time.

Here, it's a different story. Mass murders and other bizarre occurrences have to be shipped in by wire from the coast, while local television news departments get a full week's programming

out of Dr. Bill Lone and his gang of basement waterproofers.

I don't mean to belittle the depravity of criminals in the Twin Cities, but it seems to me that in San Francisco a man like Dr. Bill Lone, even after his arrest, trial and conviction, could easily have gotten himself elected to the municipal board of supervisors.

It wasn't long after I left that one of the members of that organization—a man named White—shot and killed one of his colleagues—a man named Milk. In company like that a swindler would have offered a degree of political stability. Con-men, after all, are the backbone of San Francisco's business community.

But if news is flashier in the Bay Area than it is in Minnesota, certainly its weather lacks the element of terror and brutality that you find here almost all year round. This year has been an exception, it's true, with California getting battered by storm after storm while we sailed through one of the milder winters on record.

In general, however, there is a far higher incidence here of weather-related atrocities. At the moment I am skulking in a crevice between worrying about my heating bill and wondering how to keep the grass from growing. With the spring we've been having so far, I begin to suspect that sometime in May or June I'm going to be shoveling snow off the sidewalk and mowing the lawn on the same day.

I used to think that the one great advantage of midwestern winters was that they made spring seem like a season in heaven. Everybody, including the trees, is so happy to get out that it's enough just to stand still in a parking lot and let the breezes fool with your hair.

In recent years, for some reason, that sense of suspension is harder for me to find. Spring has become task-ridden, a time to get busy putting my winter tools away and preparing to use my hot weather tools. Storm windows to screens, and you know what they means.

More bad news from the weatherman.

Familiarity brings its own illusions

by Susan Barker

The four women gathered on the Muffuletta's steps were talking about wanting to do the neighborhood.

Obvious first-time visitors to our foreign turf, they would proceed that afternoon to visit the quaint shops, shop at the bakery for a French baguette, take a spin through the winding streets and marvel at the handful of Victorian homes. The way they were exclaiming, you'd have thought they had stumbled onto Shangri-la.

Overhearing them recently, I marvelled at their naivete, then realized for the first time the oddly-skewed mental picture this eight-year St. Anthony Park resident carries in her own mind. It is a picture a lot like the maps kids draw of their neighborhoods—magnify some parts, distort others, eliminate what is of no concern.

The St. Anthony Park of my mind is a dreamy landscape of green parks and trees, of bug houses and yards. It is Sunday brunch at Muffuletta, cones at Bridgeman's, and Fourth of July in the Park. It is trim joggers, golden retrievers and appealing family groups. The St. Anthony

Park of my mind is all movers

and shakers, all doers who set the community wheels in motion. It is a blissful place, not merely a neighborhood, but, as the ad copy reads, a way of life.

In the St. Anthony Park of my mind, there is no Seal highrise, no Commonwealth Healthcare Center, no Linnea home, no student housing, no raised voices, no addictions, no crime, no average folks, no single mothers struggling against poverty to raise their kids.

The St. Anthony Park of my mind is unfazed by census statistics. No matter that the numbers show our community of 6,800 to be of low and moderate income (\$10,125-16,467), to be more renters than homeowners (48 versus 52 percent), to be a large contingent of students (30 percent).

My St. Anthony Park is all stage set, with a kind of wall around it to keep safe that shimmering jewel of refuge at the end of a disconcerting ride down Franklin Avenue past its aimless unemployed, the black women huddled on the corner of Portland trying to round up a few bucks from what's left of their already-meager household goods, the wandering Southeast Asian kid no more than five years old who tries to make his way through traffic.

Not here, I think. No not here. The St. Anthony Park of my mind is all fantasy and charm. It is a dreamy picture that flinches at the periodic jolts—the unemployed man full of despair overheard at Key's Restaurant, the folks seen scouring the dumpsters behind the Kasota food warehouses, the kids down at school who can't afford an inexpensive outing, the man of great courage heading, step by hard-won step, with the aid of his walker toward Speedy Market.

Then, for an instant, my mind's configurations are rearranged. What emerges is a larger picture of real people and real needs. It is a picture of wholeness. For an instant, my imagination stops playing its tricks of diminishment.

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Dist. 12 plan reflects Cleveland's view of Park

by Terri Ezekiel

In 1873, Horace W.S. Cleveland was employed to design an attractive residential area of country estates. Cleveland detested "blind adherence to geometric rules" and . . . designed the streets to follow the natural contours of the land. People who built homes here were attracted by the parklike qualities of the area and the chance to get away from the two growing cities nearby. Thus, the first development of St. Anthony Park began.

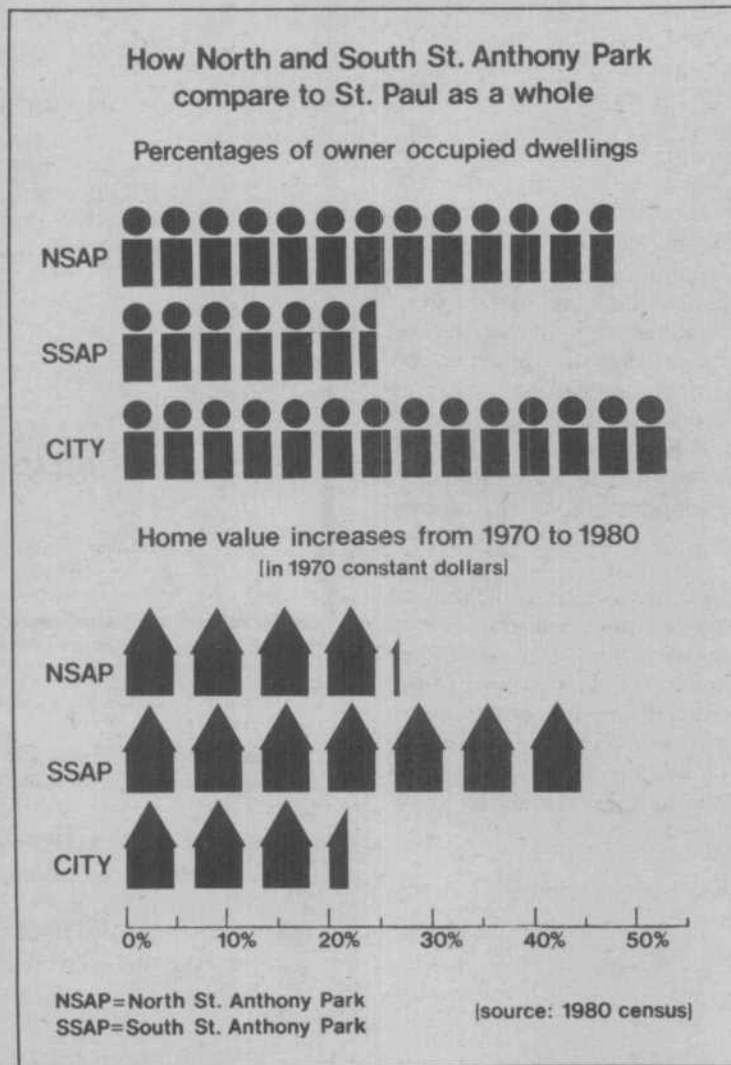
—District 12 Plan, 1983

A good deal has changed since Cleveland began his work, but the plan that the district 12 Council has prepared to guide its work, reflects a desire to preserve the spirit of Cleveland's original plan for St. Anthony Park.

If Cleveland took a walk through St. Anthony Park a few years from now, he might find these changes, if District 12 is successful in implementing its recommendations:

- New housing (medium- to high-density) between Highway 280, Raymond Avenue, and the two major east-west railroad lines.
- The completion of the Kasota Avenue and Transfer Road extensions.
- Redesign of Raymond Avenue in south St. Anthony Park and at Cleveland Avenue.
- New housing west of Baker School and on the east side of Fifield Street between Brewster Street and Como Avenue.
- Alleviation of parking problems.
- Improvements in sidewalks, boulevards, signage, lighting, landscaping, etc.

These are among the improvements recommended in the 35-page plan, which was approved at the District Council's February meeting after review by the neighborhood and the city.



Sherree Riley

The District 12 Council, the report states, "will use this plan as a resource for dealing with the problems identified." The result, it continues, "is to have the parties responsible for action make commitments to fulfill the recommendations."

The council expects the plan to give continuity to its efforts. "Community leaders will undoubtedly come and go," the plan states, "but it is hoped that this plan will

prove useful for at least several years."

The previous District 12 plan was prepared in 1978. Among the more visible accomplishments from that plan are the rehabilitation of Baker School; the building of townhouses on Ellis and Brewster streets; partial repaving of Hampden Avenue; Langford Park improvements; and the initiation of an experimental parking program in North St. Anthony Park.

"Artseries" at elementary school

"Artseries," a Minnesota Museum of Art program, has been held at St. Anthony Park Elementary School during April, with Allyson Hakes, local artist, as teacher.

Since there were no art teachers in the school this year due to citywide cuts, the parents' group voted to spend \$1000 to fund the

"Artseries" project. Marge Avoles has chaired the program. Student art will be on exhibit at the Celebration of Talent on May 26 at the school.

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Portrait of St. Anthony Park
(Source: 1980 Census)

| | North St. Anthony Park | South St. Anthony Park | St. Paul |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Population | 5671 (down 7% from 1970) | 1140 (down 21% from 1970) | 270,230 (down 13% from 1970) |
| Housing units | 2067 (up 7% from 1970) | 643 (up 16% from 1970) | 110,872 (up 3% from 1970) |
| Median household income (1979 dollars) | \$16,467 | \$10,125 | \$16,029 |

Keim, Linden, Runyon to vie for two spots on District 623 School Board

by Cari Kamin

Roseville voters will elect two new representatives to the District 623 school board on May 17. Douglas Keim, Dennis Linden and Lois Runyon are vying for the two, three-year terms.

Keim, 1622 Bruce Ave., said he is concerned about preserving quality education while the district is experiencing declining enrollments and budget restraints. He said, "I don't want to lose the basic, quality education. I want to explore new ways of delivering this."

He is also interested in ways in which the district can utilize high technology, through cable TV or computers.

Keim has been a dentist for 16 years, and was active in legislative proceedings for the Minnesota Dental Association. He says this experience has give him skills needed as a school board member. "I'm comfortable around legislative proceedings," he said.

His experience in district 623 includes chairing the 1981 levy referendum committee and membership in the advisory committee for community education. Keim's sons attend Brimhall Elementary School and Parkview Middle School.

Linden, 1942 Snelling Ave., is employed by the Agricultural Research Center on the University of Minnesota St. Paul campus.

Linden is a member of the Brimhall and Parkview PTAs, a member of the district wide legislative and finance committee of the PTA, and was chairperson of the school district's citizens task force on school finance, which met last summer and fall to study school financial matters.

"The experience of working on the task force with citizens throughout the district was a rewarding and invaluable experience," he said. "I feel very aware of citizens' concerns for maintaining quality education in spite of the difficult problems of declining enrollments, persistent inflation and the need to maintain a reasonable tax structure."

Linden has lived in Roseville for 10 years. His two children attend Brimhall Elementary School and Parkview Junior High School.

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dents people read about in the paper really aren't hazardous waste spills, but spills of raw materials.

"I think people are kind of missing the boat," Christensen said, "because they don't realize there are hazardous things all around us, and it isn't hazardous just because somebody calls it waste."

"Why wasn't proximity to a residential area given a higher priority?" Pour-El asked.

The WMB chose areas to consider for hazardous waste processing facilities based upon a set of criteria. Some of the criteria were nearby compatible industry, industrial development zoning, access to sewer and water facilities and access to transportation routes.

Also considered were proximity to residential areas, buffers between facilities and residential areas, city wells, water supplies and parks.

According to Sharon Decker of the WMB, there is no area that meets all these criteria. "The idea," she said, "was that the board was trying to compare all areas and then to select those areas that best met the criteria."

However, according to St. Paul City Councilman Fletcher, the criteria themselves are a problem.

"The WMB hasn't given the city or the

communities any specific criteria to help find a site," he said. "Obviously, a buffer between residential areas and sites is important, but what is a good buffer? What does it take to make a site a good one?"

This is one of the reasons, Fletcher said, why St. Paul opposes zoning for hazardous waste facilities in the city.

Fletcher said St. Paul doesn't have any ordinances to control hazardous waste, and with them a private firm could buy any land within a zoned area and build.

"The city would like more control over defining where in an area a facility would go," Fletcher said.

"We view hazardous waste as a regional problem," he continued. "And if the WMB is evaluating sites comparatively, based upon their merits in themselves, our sites are not as good as others."

According to Fletcher, Districts 11, 6 and 3 are violently opposed to any zoning within their districts. He said District 12 was the only one that would consider being zoned for a hazardous waste facility.

District 12 did, however, object to some of its land being considered for a hazardous waste facility, and asked that the area along the railroad tracks between north and south St. Anthony Park, and the area between Highway 280 and the city limits be eliminated from the list of possible sites.

Pour-El said this is a minimum amount of land that District 12 wants eliminated from WMB consideration. "Really, our desire is to eliminate the whole plan A," he said. "It is running, like a cord, between residential areas."

Christensen said that with new regulations, hazardous waste facilities are actually safer than industries using hazardous products. "If somebody has spent solvents, and they're storing them," he said, "their regulations are stricter than somebody who is storing new solvents."

Christensen also said he thinks people remember some of the old inadequate facilities and confuse them with what the new facilities are like.

"People are so afraid of hazardous waste," he said. "That even the good facilities are catching static. I think that's a shame, because some of the good companies that could set an example are afraid to do anything. They don't want to get blasted in the paper."

Pour-El, however, doesn't trust industry, based on its record of mismanagement. "We don't have forced inspection or legislated inspections," Pour-El said. "Therefore, we are left to the mercy of industry, which up to now has been very lax, and we cannot trust them."

The WMB will make a decision on July 1 based on a hearing examiner's report and testimony from numerous public hearings.

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Editor: Sue Stegmeir, 644-3848

Mayor Latimer To Visit SAPA

On Tuesday, May 10, Mayor George Latimer will speak to SAPA members and friends. He will address issues relating to Cable TV, the Rand study, the civil service system and other current concerns in our city government. Bring your questions and hear the Mayor's views on these important issues. The program will be promptly at 6:30 P.M. Election of SAPA officers for next year will follow. PLEASE NOTE: SERVING will begin promptly at 5:45 due to the early program. Please

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SAPA Board To Meet

On Tuesday, May 3, SAPA Board members will meet at the home of Mary Warpeha, 1460 Hythe, at 7:30 P.M.

Rec Center News

Jerry Esboldt reports that there are still openings at several grade levels for softball and baseball. Openings exist for spring soccer at the kindergarten level only. There will be a "Spring Warm-up" for baseball pitchers and catchers in the 3rd through 8th grade levels.

Weather permitting, there will be coed softball activities for grades 5-8 weekday afternoons at the Rec Centers. Check with Langford (645-9985) or South St. Anthony (644-9188) for details.

Deceased Members Honored

St. Anthony Park Association members who have passed away in the past year will be recognized by the presentation of a book to the St. Anthony Park Branch Library in their memory. Those to be honored this year are the Rev. C.H. (Jack) Berry, Sr., Vilmar Bose, Esther Cunning-

Con Overgard Award To Be Given

Two students will again be chosen to receive the Con Overgard Memorial Award. One 8th grade student from Murray Junior High and one senior from Como Senior High will be awarded the honor for excellence in English and Social Studies.

The students are selected by the counselors at school and presented a plaque. They will be recognized at the May SAPA meeting.

The award is given in memory of a member of SAPA who died accidentally while working on the Open School renovation in the early 1970s.

Booster Club News

Booster Club members are in the process of presenting proposals for expansion and improvement of the Langford Park Recreation Center. Response from District 12 Council has been encouraging, and they now await response from the City Capital Improvement Council.

On Campus For You: SPCSC May Events

- May 5: Conservation Fair
- May 13-15: Minnesota Jazz Dance Theatre 8 P.M.
- May 16-June 3: Paul W. Larson Gallery—Photo Exhibit
- May 25: U of M Symphony 8 P.M.
- May 25: U of M Dance Student Concert 8 P.M.

Residents hear Lutheran housing plan

by Pam Fields

Architects from the firm chosen to design a senior-citizen housing project for the St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church spoke to about 45 people at a public meeting at the church April 10.

The firm, Val Michelson and Associates, located in the Midway area, will present plans to the church's housing committee later this month. The church plans to build the housing on the church-owned lot on Luther Place.

Mary Vogel-Heffernan, one of the architects at the meeting, spoke about the special concerns that older people have and how this affects the type of housing they need.

She said older people need to be able to express individuality, to pursue interests such as gardening and to have space for prized possessions.

A primary issue according to Vogel-Heffernan is how to make the housing equipped to accommodate health changes. She emphasized the importance of doing this without having "an institutional design."

"I'm not sure how to accomplish

that," she said.

The greatest challenge, Vogel-Heffernan said, is making the building compatible with the single family homes in the area.

"We don't believe it should be more than two stories high," said Dan Feidt, another architect from the same firm.

Glen Skovholt, housing committee chairman, said the committee will "move aggressively in the next few weeks." He said they intend to present a plan for final approval sometime in May and hope to begin building this fall.

Skovholt said he is sure the housing would not be restricted to congregation members. The toughest problem, according to Skovholt, is deciding whether the housing should be rental or owned property.

He also said there is a question of whether or not the church should maintain ownership of the land after the housing is built. Many people at the meeting seemed to prefer that the church maintain ownership.

People at the meeting asked questions such as "What kind of exterior will it have?" "How much land will be left after the building

is up?" "Will there be one building or several?" "Will they be separate or connected?"

Vogel-Heffernan said it is likely that "there will be one building." Feidt affirmed that and said "this would make it easier to build underground parking—making only one elevator necessary instead of several."

Though empathetic to questions and concerns posed by people at the meeting, Feidt answered few of them. He said, "The plan is too premature."

Feidt said he hopes these and other questions will be confronted at the next meeting when he plans to present different options and alternatives for people to discuss.

Alma Christlieb, who lives at 1401 Grantham, said, "I am very much in favor of building housing for older people, but I hope our concerns will be remembered. I am living in the house built in the neighborhood in 1937. What's been said about our neighborhood having the conveniences of a city with a small town atmosphere is really true. We have a lot of pride in our neighborhood. I don't want that to change."



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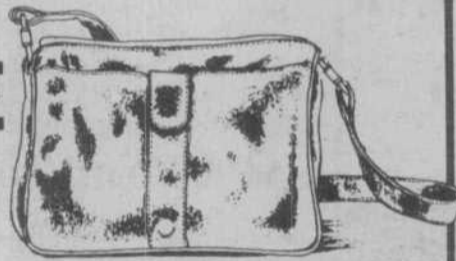
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Song cycle premiere, May 5 at concert in Park

The "Music in the Park" series will feature New York mezzo-soprano Katherine Ciesinski in a premiere performance of the song cycle, "Traveling in Every Season," at its concert May 5.

Ciesinski will also be singing Dominick Argento's Pulitzer

Prize-winning song cycle "From the Diary of Virginia Woolf" as well as a Mozart Cantata and songs by Robert and Clara Schumann.

The concert is presented by the St. Anthony Park Arts Forum, in conjunction with COMPAS,

through a grant from the C.S. Mott Foundation and the Schubert Club. Tickets are available in advance at The Bibelot, Micawber's, and the Schubert Club. The concert will take place in the United Church of Christ, Commonwealth Avenue and Chelmsford Street, at 8 p.m.

Composer and poet collaborate on original music

by Beryle Williams

Music and poetry, historians tell us, were born as the same creature in the chants of primitive cultures. Even the ancient Greeks still described both poet and singer with one word, "aoidos." As literacy developed, however, the two were split apart through attempts to capture this word-music in written symbols.

In his book, "Unsuspected Eloquence," James Anderson Winn describes the historic relations between poetry and music as "intimate" and "productive," but including "episodes of jealousy" and attempts to control one another. Nevertheless, he contends, "the frequent separations in their history lead to equally frequent reconciliations."

It is one of these "reconciliations" that we will hear on May 5 as part of the St. Anthony Park Arts Forum's "Music in the Park" series, directed by Julie Himmelstrup.

A song cycle titled "Traveling in Every Season," based on poetry by Katherine Greene Lewis, composed by Libby Larsen and performed by mezzo-soprano Katherine Ciesinski, will be premiered.

The cycle had its beginnings in 1982 when Pat Hart, a Schubert Club board member, personally commissioned Lewis to write poems and Larsen to write the music for a song cycle in honor of her daughter's graduation from high school.

Lewis, a school teacher and award-winning poet, said that she "read up on song cycles and found that, traditionally, many of these talked about feelings and nature but a lot of them employed corny poems."

She wanted to write poems that would be appropriate to the song cycle and in artistic balance with the music, yet stand on their own as poetry. At times, she found herself writing to music of her own, which in this case she had to subdue.

Although Lewis said she would like some day to set some of her poems to her own music, she finds the collaborative process

intriguing and senses that the final work this time is definitely "in sympathy with the words."

Wishing to express the conflicting, nebulous feelings that go along with growing up, Larsen and Lewis searched their pasts for images held in common. Each



remembered an attachment to nature—a tradition in song cycles—so it was used abstractly to express mood and feelings. While Lewis wrote, Larsen began to look for a cycle among the poems.

Larsen says she finds art-collaborations stimulating and likes to work with fresh, contemporary writing. She has previously collaborated with playwright John Olive, writer Patricia Hampl and on a libretto with Vern Sutton. An acclaimed composer, and one of the managing directors of the Minnesota Composers Forum, Larsen is intrigued with this song cycle.

It is the first work she has done for voice since experiencing what she describes as a style-change in her work in the past couple of years. This change has been explored in compositions for instrumental music, but the song cycle is "different, very fluid," she explains.

The Schubert Club's executive director, Bruce Carlson, known for his artist match-making, had heard and been impressed by singer Katherine Ciesinski and arranged a meeting. Larsen flew to New York for a casual audition in Ciesinski's apartment and was very impressed.

"It was more like a command performance! She was singing these wonderful arias—it was like a good dream—and she's a fabulous sight-reader!"

Peter Davis, in the New York Times, has described Ciesinski as a "singer of rare communicative presence" whose "voice is a lovely instrument in itself—

warm, dark, rich and flexible."

Ciesinski has won top honors in international competition in Paris and Geneva and gained further operatic recognition through performances at the Spoleto Festival and with the Lyric Opera of

Chicago. Accompanied by pianist Jeanpierre Faber from Germany for this performance, she will also sing a Mozart Cantata, songs by Robert and Clara Schumann, and a song cycle by Dominick Argento entitled "From the Diary of Virginia Woolf."

ELECTION

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Lois Runyon, 3046 LaBore Rd., advocates better and more effective communication between the school board, administration, parents and community. She said that by using better communication, "Parents would know when a decision was made and understand what the decision means."

She also suggests using community resources when making decisions. As an example, she said, she would have urged the district to use community members who are experts in the computer field when the district was exploring computers in the schools. She said, "It behooves the school district to take advantage of these (community experts)."

Runyon has had 10 years experience in the district as a volunteer. She is the current chairperson of the PTA coordinating committee, comprised of PTA presidents from each school in the district.

Runyon's three children attend Kellogg High School, Capital View Junior High School and Little Canada Elementary School.

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Victory House, located in south St. Anthony Park, was recently awarded \$26,082 by the Emergency Care Fund of the St. Paul Foundation.

This is one of 19 grants, totaling \$258,561 made to organizations meeting basic human needs in Ramsey County.

The funds will assist Victory House in providing shelter and meals for needy persons during the next year.

The University of Minnesota **Intra-Campus Child Care Consortium** recently received a grant of \$18,000 from the Northwest Area Foundation for training and program enrichment.

Consortium members are Community Child Care Center in Commonwealth Terrace Cooperative, Como Community Child Care in Como Student Community, U of M Child Care Center on the West Bank and its satellite family day care program

Family day care providers are being recruited and screened for membership in the consortium.

An informational meeting on becoming a licensed provider will be held Thursday, May 5, 7 p.m. at the Community Child Care Center.

Merchants in the Como Ave. shopping area in St. Anthony Park have agreed to coordinate evening shopping hours, with most planning to be open Thursday evenings until 8 p.m., reported Stew McIntosh, Park Hardware, president of the **St. Anthony Park Merchants and Professional Association**. Other association officers are Marvin Chapple, St. Anthony Park Bank, treasurer; Liz Borich, Design Concepts, secretary.

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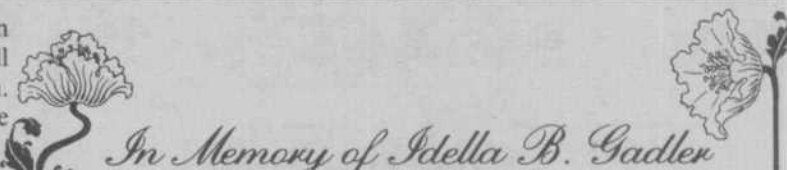
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Gentle Dell requested that her remains be consumed by the fiery chariot and her ashes to be scattered in the Black Hills. She wanted no mourning, no funeral, no flowers, since flowers she said are for the living. She wanted only a simple service. Dell believed in the song of the universe, the beauty of nature and the rhythm, and in this respect she donated her eyes to the Lion's Eye Bank.

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Demise of tree removal funds lamented by state legislators

by Mary Winget and Mollie Hoben

The days of state allocations for tree removal and reforestation probably are gone forever. Although removal of diseased trees is mandated by state law, state funds are no longer allocated specifically for that purpose.

Due to the state's extremely high deficit, both State Senator Neil Dieterich and State Representative Ann Wynia said the Legislature has a problem financing even basic services.

"The state is in no position to provide aid as it has in the past," said Dieterich. "We just couldn't do it under current circumstances," he said.

"Allocating money is a matter of setting priorities, and programs for education and health care have to come first," Dieterich stated. He also said that the Legislature as a whole was trying to move away from allocating money for specific purposes, preferring to let local governments choose their own priorities in terms of spending.

Wynia said she had always been a defender of the tree program but that it was not a very popular one with non-metro legislators and therefore very vulnerable to cuts. The program was a city priority, but not a rural one, and Gov. Rudy Perpich did not include it in the budget. Even when money was available, she said, "you're put in the position of having people say 'you think trees are more important than people.'"

Wynia said there was a question

of equity involved with the elimination of state funds for the tree program. During the program, tax money was used to help cities assist homeowners remove diseased trees. With the elimination of that assistance, she noted, individuals have to absorb the entire cost even though their tax money previously helped diminish someone else's cost for tree removal.

The problem of equity was not unique to this program, Wynia said. "This is what happens," she said, "when it is suddenly decided that what had previously been viewed as a community problem becomes an individual problem."

She compared funding for the tree program to funding for the arts, noting that many arts organizations are barely surviving. "Still," she said, "many people could easily cut arts funding; other people think it's essential."

Wynia pointed out that there was no organized lobby for the urban forest, although the program was initiated in response to public interest. While Dieterich agreed that a lobby might help, he felt that currently the money simply was not available.

Dieterich also said that cities do lobby as a whole and it is up to them to set their own priorities for the use of state aid. He favors an assessment procedure through which financing can be spread over a period of years.

Dieterich and Wynia agreed that continuation of a tree program was important and said they hoped that cities will be able to maintain a tree budget.



St. Paul city tree trimmers have been at work in St. Anthony Park since early April. They are trimming every boulevard tree, a job that will keep them in the area until about mid-May.

Fairly extensive trimming is needed in St. Anthony Park because of damage from the 1981 tornado, according to crew foreman Jim Tholey. The city's current tree-trimming schedule aims at trimming all city trees every six to eight years. Photos by Sue Broussard.

State \$\$ to fight elm disease is gone; cities continue battle with reduced funds

by Mollie Hoben and Evelyn Eller

State funding for fighting Dutch elm disease has been eliminated, but the beetles that produce the disease have not been.

This means that local governments now have only local money available for continuing their efforts to control the disease. When local budgets are being cut, deciding how much money to allocate for trees can be a tough decision.

Removal of diseased trees is required by law. But a sound disease-control program—early detection, speedy removal and proper disposal—is not.

Abandoning these efforts now, however, would be a false economy, believes David French, a noted expert on Dutch elm disease and professor of plant pathology at the University of Minnesota.

"A community would be foolish not to try to find a way to continue a tree management program," he said. "Elm tree losses would climb again."

French cited his own experience in Falcon Heights, where he directed inspection efforts. In 1977, when he did his first inspection in the community, over 500 elms were marked and removed. Last year, only 52 trees were removed. He credits the city's tree management program with this slowing of the disease.

If diseased elm trees are not found and removed quickly, he noted, the infection spreads to other trees, which then also have to be removed. Moreover, if new trees, planted to replace lost trees, do not receive proper maintenance, they may not survive either.

Not doing what it takes to control the disease will end up costing communities more than the cost of a good maintenance program, French contends.

Both St. Paul and Falcon Heights are continuing their tree maintenance programs, but with reduced resources.

St. Paul's total budget this year for the 80,000 trees the city maintains is \$1.5 million, down about \$250,000 from last year. The parks and recreation department, which maintains the trees, has had to reduce the number of tree crews working this year from three to two.

Falcon Heights has allocated \$33,725 to its diseased-tree program this year, down from \$35,650 last year.

In St. Paul, elm trees and oak trees will be inspected several times during the growing season, according to Jim Tholey, foreman of the city crew that has been trimming trees in St. Anthony Park during April.

The trimmers have been checking elms while they trim, but until the trees leaf out, it's diffi-

cult to find the diseased trees, Tholey said.

Tholey expects to see an increase in the disease this summer because of the mild winter, which the disease-producing beetles probably survived well.

Ed Olsen, city arborist, predicted that more than 2,000 elms will be lost this year, compared to 1,600 last year. The city anticipates planting about 1,150 new trees. "We're losing ground," Olsen said.

The 1983 planting budget is \$100,000; in 1978, when state assistance was available, the city's planting budget was \$2 million.

Increase in elm disease could have repercussions for the health of the urban forest as a whole, Tholey and Olsen agree.

If the number of trees to be removed increases, maintenance activities will have to be decreased, since the two city tree crews do both removal and maintenance.

This concerns Tholey. Reduced maintenance could be especially dangerous for young trees, he said, which should be trimmed every three to four years. The city's trimming schedule is now on a six to eight year cycle.

"The city has made such an investment in replacing trees," Tholey said. "But now they don't want to spend money on maintenance."

If you plan to plant a tree in St. Paul on the boulevard, you need a permit, which you can get free by calling the city forester's office.

The purpose of the permit is to give the city some control over what kinds of trees are planted on land where the city does maintenance, said Ed Olsen, city arborist.



When tree trimmers cut down a tree in the small park at Hendon Avenue and Branston Street recently, they left a happy face for the children.

Como students take honors

by Ann Bulger

Six Como Park High School students won top awards in the Metro II region for the annual statewide computer programming contest sponsored by the Minnesota Educational Computer Consortium (MECC).

This is the first year that Como Park students have entered this contest, and they won more awards than students from any other school in the region. The region consists of about two-thirds of the schools in the Twin City area. Thirteen Como students competed.

Peter Martinson, a junior, won first place in the recreational computing category, and his program will go on to the state level. His entry is a complicated simulation of a card game with graphics.

Chinh Huynh, a ninth-grader, won second place in the math category and also a chance at the state level. Junior Bryan Kile took third in the math category.

Wendy Gertjansen, a sophomore, took third in the social studies-language arts category with a German program. Hers is unique; it is totally in German.

Nick Schaefer and Taun Le received the only two honorable mentions given in the contest.

Como Park High School's math team had four firsts and two seconds out of six multiple-school meets this year. In the final meet at Macalester College, involving 12 metro area high schools, the Como team came in second behind Minneapolis South.

Como students Rick Trierweiler, Noah Wallace, Niels Pedersen, Paul Benning and Steve Floeder received awards for being among the top scorers in the league. Wallace is the only senior; the others are all juniors and will be back to compete for Como again next year.

Upcoming events at Como include the AFS International Weekend May 5-8; the Spring Fling Dance at the school on Friday, May 6, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.; presentation of the musical "Gypsy" on Thursday and Friday, May 19 and 20, at 7:30 p.m.; senior honors night on Tuesday, May 24, at 7:30 p.m.; spring band concert on Thursday, May 26, at 7:30 p.m.; and yearbook day on Friday, May 27.

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Music, debate: coming events at Murray

The Murray Magnet Junior High bands will present their spring concert May 17, at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.

On May 24, at 7 p.m., the Murray choir will perform "An Evening of Music: From Then to Now," a cabaret concert in the

school gym. The audiences will be seated at tables and served punch and cookies. The concert will include selections from many eras and will be presented in a variety of settings: solos, small groups and full chorus. Several numbers will be choreographed.

Admission for both concerts is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

The second annual George Merritt Memorial Debate Tournament will take place at Murray May 25. Junior high debate

teams from throughout the city will take part.

The contest is sponsored by a committee composed of former students, parents and co-workers of the late George Merritt, English and debate teacher at Murray for many years. Merritt died of cancer in November, 1981, after serving as an inspiration to his students during his illness. Under his direction, his classes made a filmstrip on cancer which is shown to entering patients in local hospitals.

Speaking briefly...

Talents celebrated

"A Celebration of Talent" will be held on May 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park Elementary School. All interested community members are invited. The celebration will include performances by the school band and orchestra, songs by children in grades K-6, a physical education demonstration and displays of children's art work, sewing, stories and poetry, musical manuscripts and photography.

A display of student arts and crafts will be open to the public May 23-26 in the school library.

Gymnasts sell peanuts

The St. Anthony Park Gymnastic Club will hold its annual Peanut Fundraising Drive April 25-May 13. Proceeds will be used for equipment purchase and repairs.

"Touch"

A free public performance of the award-winning theatrical piece, Touch, will be presented on Thursday, May 12 at Como High School auditorium from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

By using language and stories that children in kindergarten through eighth grade, is presented by the Illusion Theater.

Log architecture

Scandinavian log architecture will be the topic when the Minnesota Chapter of the Society of Architecture Historians meets at Muskego Church on the ground of Luther Northwestern Seminary April 28, 7 p.m.

The meeting will be free and open to the public. After a tour

of the log church, the meeting will move to Gullixson Hall for a presentation on Log Architecture in Folk Museums of Norway, Sweden and Finland.

Muskego Church, a two-story church built of hand-planed red oak logs, was erected in 1844 at Muskego, Wisconsin, and moved to its present location in 1904.

Tutors needed

Tutors are needed at Murray Magnet Junior High School. Interested persons should contact Suzie Tjernlund at 645-9474.

Community archives

The St. Anthony Park Association Archives is now able to receive contributions of manuscripts such as diaries, letters, narratives, autobiographies, biographical sketches and neighborhood histories. Pictures, photographs and audio-visual materials will also be accepted.

All items must have some relationship to the history of St. Anthony Park or to the St. Anthony Park Association.

For information call Carlton Qualey at 645-6857 evenings.

Kasota pond clean-up

A clean-up day at Kasota Pond has been scheduled for Saturday May 14 by Cub Scout Pack 22, which last year adopted the pond as a pack project.

The scouts will pick up trash, plant buffalo grass and clean out bird houses and duck boxes they installed last year.

The pond, located just west of Highway 280 and Kasota Avenue, is a natural wetland protected by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

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Rand reports worst case budget to city

by Terri Ezekiel

St. Paul's financial illness is chronic, but not acute, according to a Rand Corporation report issued in mid April.

Rand is conducting a two-part study, at the request of Mayor George Latimer, that will evaluate both how St. Paul collects money and how the city spends it, with the goal of developing alternate ways of financing St. Paul's growing deficits.

In the preliminary report, Rand projects that if the city's budget policies remain unchanged, the gap between revenues and costs will increase until it reaches a high of \$13 million in 1988.

To dramatize the potential impact of such a deficit, the report outlines some possible responses to close that deficit, again, if city budget policies remain unchanged.

These are not recommendations, the report stresses, they are illustrations of the extreme actions

Rand group to meet here

by Jo Anne Rohricht

As the Rand Corporation's study of St. Paul's budget and services moves into its second phase, the citizens' Responsive Services Task Force, which is monitoring the study, will be meeting in St. Anthony Park on May 4 at 7 p.m. in the library's community room.

The important issue of what is an essential service and what is a responsive service for which a fee might be charged will be the focus of this meeting's deliberations.

The citizens' task force is comprised of representatives of the 17 district councils, labor groups, business groups, the League of Women Voters and the Citizens League. Its purposes are to attempt to distinguish between workable and unworkable Rand proposals and to solicit community response regarding the Rand study in general.

District 12 Council members Jo Anne Rohricht and Bill Huestis serve on the Task Force. They encourage the community's participation in this meeting so that St. Anthony Park's questions and concerns regarding the outcome of the Rand Study may be raised while it is still possible to influence the city's response.

the city might be forced to take if no other alternatives are found.

• **Raise property taxes**—Currently, property taxes are capped, that is, they cannot be raised beyond a certain limit. According to Rand's projections, a 58 percent increase in property taxes would be required to finance the 1988 deficit, a 30 percent increase over the maximum currently allowed under the capping legislation.

• **Limit wage growth**—Labor costs represent the largest single outlay in the city budget. Rand projects that a ceiling of four percent would have to be set in labor negotiations, meaning that wages would not keep up with inflation.

• **Cut services**—Rand estimates that service cuts, translated into employee layoffs, would have to reach 250-300 in order to close the deficit. That figure represents

about 15 percent of the total city work force, or 40 percent of the work force if public safety, or "essential" services, are excluded.

The next phase of the Rand study will focus on how the city allocates money and who derives benefit from city services. From this analysis, Rand will generate alternative ways of financing city services. One possibility that has already been proposed is a system of user fees for non-essential services.

The Rand Corporation is a private, nonprofit agency that studies public issues. The money for the study was raised from private sources.

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Residential burglaries reported to St. Paul police.

| | Feb. 25-Mar. 25 | Mar. 25-Apr. 15 |
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| Grid 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Grid 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Grid 21 | 0 | 0 |
| Grid 22 | 0 | 0 |
| Grid 61 | 0 | 0 |
| Grid 62 | 0 | 1 |

Other crimes reported to St. Paul police, Feb. 25-Mar. 25.

| | Grid 1 | 2 | 21 | 22 | 61 | 62 |
|-------------------------|--------|---|----|----|----|----|
| Theft from auto | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 3 |
| Auto theft | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Other thefts, robberies | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| Vandalism | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Assault, not aggravated | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

LWV meeting

The St. Anthony unit of the St. Paul League of Women Voters will meet May 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Eleanor Weber, 2417 Chilcombe Ave., 644-1550.

Florence Swanson dies

Florence Swanson, former resident of St. Anthony Park, died February 20 in Teaneck, New Jersey.

Swanson was an active member of the St. Matthew's Church and served as secretary of the Library Association.

She left the area in the early sixties and settled in San Francisco, where she worked for years as housemother in a home for retarded women.

Swanson was 72 when she died. She is survived by her daughter, Margaret Swanson Cryer of Teaneck, and three grandchildren. Margaret Swanson is a profes-

sional dancer; her husband David Cryer currently is playing the role of Juan Peron in the Broadway production of Evita.

Memorials may be sent to The Helpers Home for Mentally Retarded, 2626 Fulton St., San Francisco 94118.

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Italian student: U.S. is "another world"

by Robin Nelson

Sergio Salucci is a 17-year-old student from Italy who is living at the Joseph Bianchi home in Falcon Heights and attending Alexander Ramsey High School. For Salucci, going abroad was an exciting challenge. "I thought it would be a very good experience for me. The United States is another world, he said. "I'm the kind of person who is not afraid of new experiences. I didn't have any problems once I got here. I'm a very adapting person."



Sergio Salucci. Photo by Diane DuBay.

When Salucci's friends heard he was going to the United States, they asked him if he was going to New York. New York, he said, is the state most Italians have heard about.

There are other things that come to mind when they hear the word America. "America is where most of our movies come from. The music we listen to is typically American music like the Rolling Stones, Neil Young, and the Eagles," he said.

"It's just like when Americans hear the word Italy," he added. "The first thing they think of is Mafia or pizza."

Although Salucci wanted to come to the United States, he had no choice of where he could live for a year. He said he didn't know much about Minnesota before he got here.

"I knew it was a place where the Mississippi was. It had flat ground with some hills." He then added, "I see here, people know mostly about America, not much about Europe and other places."

Salucci has noticed many things since he's been here. The United States is technologically ahead of Italy, he believes. "We have the same things in Italy but microwaves, for example, are still very expensive."

He also has noticed the prosperity in the United States. "The

average American has more goods than the average Italian," he said.

"But on the other hand, Minnesota is more conservative than Italy. Religion is still a cultural thing here but in Italy, religion is not as popular."

Salucci also noticed the amount of free time available for young people to have fun in the United States. In Italy, he attends school from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Saturday. "If you don't study the whole day, you don't pass."

Salucci will be leaving for home the end of June. "I think I will tell my friends and relatives that it (U.S.) is a different world but it is an everyday life that people lead. It is not a magical place."

He added that living in this country has been a good experience for him. "If you always live in the same place, you think the world is always like that. But going different places you increase your vision of the world. Every people, every culture has good and bad things. It is good to know about another culture."

"Before I came here, I was disappointed about Italy and the stupid things Italians don't do. I came here and I realized how good my own country is too."

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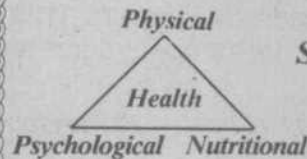
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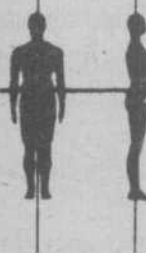
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Music in the Park concert, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 8 p.m.

Thursday-Sunday/5-7

American Field Service (AFS) international weekend, Como Park Senior High

Friday/6

St. Anthony Park Elementary School carnival, 5-8 p.m.

Spring Fling Dance, Como Park Senior High, 7:30-11 p.m.

Rummage and book sale, St. Anthony Park Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday/7

Rummage and book sale, Methodist Church, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

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

Tuesday/10

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

Wednesday/11

Leisure Center, Methodist Church, 10 a.m., Prof. Irvin E. Liener, Dept. of Biochemistry, U of M, "Naturally Occurring Toxic Factors in Foods"

District 12 Council, 2380 Hampden, 7 p.m.

Saturday/14

Kasota Wetlands clean-up, Scout Pack 22, 10 a.m.

Sunday/15

Youth musical, United Church of Christ, "Cool in the Furnace," 10 a.m.

Youth musical, Lutheran Church, "Babble at Babel," 1 p.m.

Monday/16

League of Women Voters, Unit 8, 2417 Chilcombe Ave., 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday/17

Band concert, Murray Junior High, 7 p.m.

Wednesday/18

Leisure Center, Methodist Church, 10 a.m., May birthdays & Elizabeth Vrchota, audiologist. Program on hearing loss.

Thursday/19

Musical, "Gypsy," Como Park Senior High, 7:30 p.m.

Friday/20

Musical, "Gypsy," Como Park Senior High, 7:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday/24

Musical, "Gypsy," Como Park Senior High, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday/21

Recycling Unlimited pick-up, St. Anthony Park Drive-In Bank, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Tuesday/24

Honors Night, Como Park Senior High, 7:30 p.m.

Choir concert, Murray Junior High, 7 p.m.

Scout family roller skating, Skatedium Rink, 7 p.m.

Wednesday/25

Leisure Center, Methodist Church, 10 a.m., Gerald McKay, Windjammer Cruise slides

2nd annual George Merritt Debate Tournament, Murray Junior High, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Thursday/26

Celebration of Talent (band, orchestra, vocal music, art), St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Band concert, Como Park Senior High, 7:30 p.m.

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


Scouts gain first for Expo booth; race pinewood cars

Cub Scout Pack 22, St. Anthony Park, received a first place ribbon for its booth at the scout Expo held April 9 at Har Mar Mall.

Six members of the pack competed in the pinewood derby. All pack members made cars out of pine wood and raced them in March.

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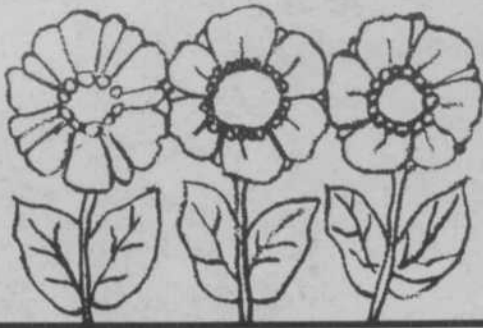
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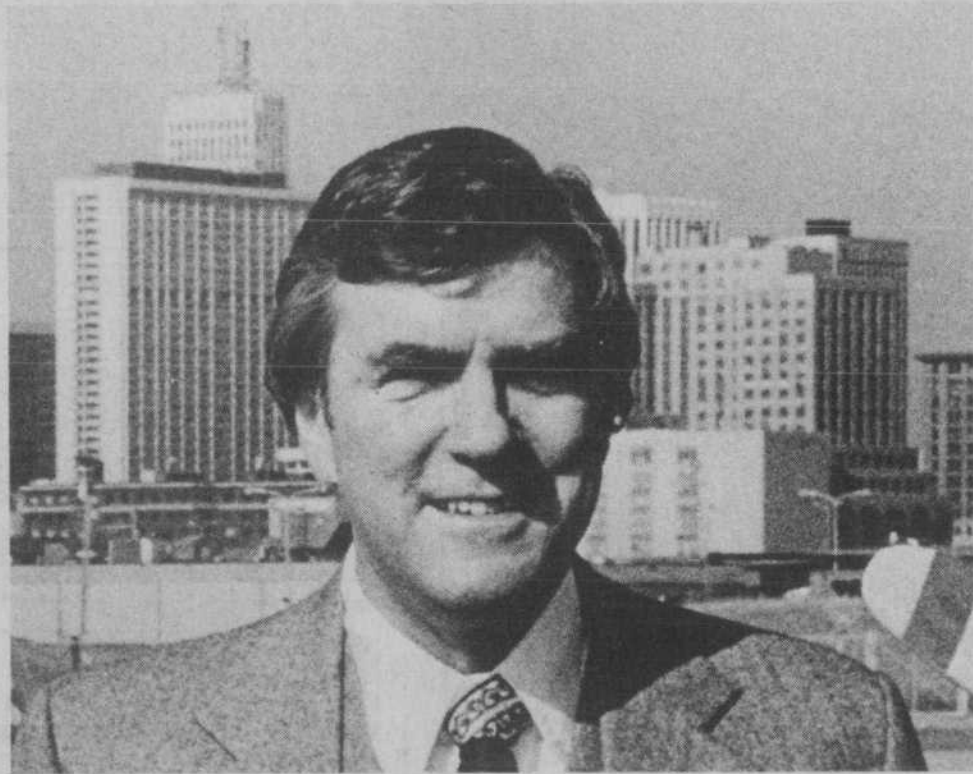
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