At the time; my uncle had worked there as an auto mechanic, so there wasn’t much else for me to do. I didn’t get into doing oil changes and tire changes until I was about 15 or 16. I worked four hours a day, six days a week, and worked 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Mike went to auto technician classes in high school, but it was kind of funny because he knew more than the teacher did. Mike would correct him daily on things the teacher would tell the class. Every time the teacher would start talking about the certain subject concerning the car, Mike would raise his hand, and the teacher would say, “Put your hand down; I know what you are going to say.” At first, Mike was probably his best student, then the teacher started not to like him because he would correct the teacher all the time.

The students in the automotive class used to work on the teacher’s and faculty member’s cars, and the teacher would give Mike the absolute worst jobs on cars that were done in school. Of course, Mike didn’t get the “A” he deserved because the teacher didn’t like him. Mike went to North High School, in North St. Paul, but the only automotive class available at that time was at Tartan High School, so he had to drive over to Tartan every day for two hours for auto class. Auto repair was in Mike’s blood, and he worked on many cars when he was young.

It just made sense that Mike would start his automotive maintenance business with his dad as his mentor. He started by taking parts out of cars and studied how the parts went back together at his father’s gas station.

See Roy, page 7

Roy’s Service — 67 Years in Dayton’s Bluff
Mark Gallagher

In 1952, Roy Voss started working at a gas station on 3rd Street and Maria Ave. in Dayton’s Bluff, and in 1956, the owner of that gas station offered to sell it to Roy. He bought it and renamed the gas station Roy’s Service. That unpretentious gas station has been a fixture in Dayton’s Bluff for many years since Roy, and eventually Roy’s son Mike, became its owner. When Mike Voss was only six or seven years old, he told his dad that he wanted to stay at the station until his dad got done with his work, which was sometimes not until nine or 10 p.m. Mike would just hang out with the neighborhood kids or crawl through the stacks of tires that were in the loft. “I would get dirty crawling and getting into everything as a little kid,” Mike said. “I learned a lot of stuff! I learned how to weld and use oxygen and acetylene torches before I was probably 10 years old. I made go carts when I was 12 years old. I welded them together, attached engines to them, and thought in my head how they should work. They were built from scratch, and they worked, so I made a lot of stuff like that. When I was 12 years old, I started working at the gas station and getting a paycheck. I swept the floors, emptied the trash, cleaned windows, and vacuumed the cars we had in there for service. I’m not sure, but I think I started pumping gas in cars at about 12 or 13 years old. We had a plenty of people working here

Revitalization Efforts Blossom as Neighbors Rally for Community Gardens at Mounds Park Recreational Area
Cultivating Unity, Nature, and Fun in the Heart of Saint Paul
Nate Barber

Just east of downtown, up the steep Kellogg Road and tucked away in a pocket of Dayton’s Bluff, is one of Saint Paul’s best-kept secrets: a lush green park known as the Mounds Park Recreation Area. Today, the facility primarily serves as a hub for the Saint Paul Parks Department, supporting service vehicles and municipal operations. However, remnants of the park’s original attractions still linger.

Within its boundaries, you’ll find an old tennis and basketball court and two baseball diamonds, their tall baseline fences now overgrown with vines. Overlooking the park’s perimeter are a series of towering metal poles adorned with rusty clusters of stadium lights. Lately, residents of the vibrant Mounds Park neighborhood have been rallying together with a shared goal: to breathe new life into this cherished green space.

Leading this community-driven initiative is the proposal for a large community garden.

Neighbors envision the park as a revitalized space where people can grow their own fruits, vegetables, herbs, and flowers, all while giving back to the community with fun and informative events, and fresh, healthy produce. The proposed community garden also has the potential to be an oasis of relaxation, outdoor exercise, learning, and fun — a valuable greenspace inviting individuals and families to reconnect with nature in the heart of our city.

The project also holds significant ecological importance. In addition to fruits and vegetables, the team behind the garden plans to cultivate native plants to preserve and enhance a rich habitat for local pollinators.

“It’s about building a stronger, more connected, and equitable community.” Mr. Barber stated that among the top benefits of a garden is the potential to host a series of engaging activities and events, including: Informative Workshops: Master gardeners, landscaping enthusiasts, and other experts will help do-it-yourselfers of all levels to hone their skills in a range of fulfilling pastimes. Community Gatherings: Events featuring potluck meals, hostid competition, and musical performances can bring neighbors closer in a spirit of celebration and sharing. Cooking Demonstrations: Friends of the garden will get a chance to learn delicious ways to turn their garden’s bounty into tasty and healthy meals. Local History: Presentations from local storytellers and historians can deepen our understanding of the creative heritage of Dayton’s Bluff. Artistic Expression: Performances from local musicians and artists, showcasing the talent within our community.

Key details about the proposed Community Garden:
Location: Mounds Park Recreational Area, between Mounds Street and Earl Street, McLean and Burns Ave. Time-line: While specific dates are subject to approvals for permits, insurance, leasing, and access to water, the project envisions sign-up and division of garden plots in late winter of 2024, construction of the garden in late winter of 2024, and planting commencing in spring 2024.

The people of Dayton’s Bluff are looking forward to what a shared garden may bring to their neighborhood. Mr. Barber noted that in addition to making a local greenspace more useful and inviting with free food and fun events, this project could actually bring people together.

“When people have a common hobby or a shared goal,” stated Mr. Barber, “there’s a greater chance they’ll establish new and unexpected friendships.” Whether the proposed garden creates new bonds within the community or strengthens old ones, it will be interesting to keep an eye on what comes of this intriguing project.

For media inquiries, or if you are interested in helping bring this project to life, please contact: Nate Barber, 360-510-3085 or barber.nate@gmail.com.
A Letter from Jane Prince

Knocking on doors with Pa Der, I am impressed with how genuinely she connects to neighbors of all ages and backgrounds. As a social worker and a policy expert, she understands why voters feel overtaxed and underserved. She is committed to evaluating expenditures to more efficiently deliver city services like street maintenance and public safety to make our East Side more secure and more livable.

I am supporting Pa Der because she cares deeply about the East Side and she will be a knowledgeable, hard-working, present city council member.

On October 27, 28 & 29: Real Haunted Tours. Walk and learn historical information and stories about our resident spirits! Tours begin at 7:30, 8:30 (no stairs/main floor only), 10:00 and midnight on Oct. 27 and 28. 7:00, 8:30 and 10:00 pm tours are one-hour long. Midnight tours are three-hours long. There are kid-friendly “Sunset Tours” at 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 28 & 29. Tickets: $50 adults for midnight tours, $25 adults for all other tours, $15 (kids only) for “Sunset Tours.” Purchase tickets online or at the door if still available. Check website for more details.

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Vote Cheniqua Johnson

My name is Cheniqua Johnson. I’m a community philanthropist, policy advocate, and the DFL-endorsed Saint Paul City Council candidate for Ward 7. I became a first-time homeowner here in Ward 7 because I love the sense of community and pride on the East Side. As a City Council Member, I will ensure we have a community that is deeply invested in and representative of the people who call it home. The East Side deserves access to affordable, quality housing, strong economic investments, a responsive public safety system, quality roads and infrastructure, and strengthened community resources and accessibility.

I’ve made it my mission throughout my decade of public service to work directly with community members to create policies and ideas that reflect the interests of our communities. I’m proud to be building the most diverse coalition of supporters in Ward 7 made up of residents, labor unions, faith leaders, elected officials, public safety personnel, and community leaders. Saint Paulites deserve to be at the table. Together, we will bring Ward 7 residents into the conversations that will shape policy making decisions.

I’m proud to call Saint Paul and the East Side home. My commitment to my neighbors in Ward 7 and to the people of Saint Paul is that I will always be a leader who shows up and who speaks out for you. I will always work alongside you. I hope I have earned your first choice vote on or before November 7.

Cheniqua Johnson is a candidate for Saint Paul City Council Ward 7. Learn more about her at cheniquajohnson.com.

As your Councilwoman, Cheniqua will work for a City that services us all.

Endorsed by: Attorney General Keith Ellison, Saint Paul Mayor Melvin Carter, Congresswoman Betty McCollum, City Council President Amy Brendmoen, Former Ward 7 Council Member Kathy Lantry, St. Paul Federation of Educators, SEIU, Teamsters Joint Council 32, & more!

Safe and Stable Homes for All
Housing is my #1 issue! Access to quality, affordable housing is a fundamental human right. In a Ward of renters, homeowners, landlords, seniors, youth, and families, deeply affordable housing is vital to move our community forward. I will champion strong anti-displacement policies that preserve affordable housing stock and addresses cost, rent, and your property taxes.

Safe Streets - Safe Communities
As a person who served on the Saint Police Chief Examining Committee, I care about our community and our safety. We have a new Chief! We need a comprehensive community safety system in our city that meets the many needs of our community in crisis, invests in east side family stability, and ensures we work with our local officers, community organizers and Ward 7 residents to make sure we are protected.

Climate Action and Sustainability
I care about climate & our green space! Our part of Saint Paul is poised to be among the most impacted by our global climate. We must accelerate implementation of the City’s Climate Action Plan, focusing on ways to reduce carbon emissions that will also help families reduce utility bills and transportation costs. We need to make it easier to walk, use transit, and bike within the East Side and the city.

Economic Justice & Investment In East Side Businesses
I care about businesses coming and staying on the East Side! Our small businesses are a critical part of what makes our neighborhoods great places to live. Supporting our entrepreneurs is key to building wealth and creating jobs in our community. I will advocate to make it easier to open or expand east side businesses. I will work to keep the east side dollar on the east side.

I would be honored to earn your first choice vote.
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~ quote by Dolores Huerta
Pa Der Vang is the most qualified candidate for the St. Paul City Council seat that will be vacated by Ward 7’s Jane Prince. She’s a seasoned St. Paul resident, tenured professor, and community social worker who has volunteered on St. Paul’s East Side for more than 22 years. Vang is the daughter of Hmong immigrants who escaped Laos a few months before she was born in a Thai refugee camp. On arrival, her parents rapidly assimilated to the U.S. They immediately took English-language classes, taught their children to blend into their new community, to help others as much as possible, and to strive to become part of a vibrant and healthy society. Pa Der Vang has followed their example in every way she's done.

She earned masters and Ph.D. degrees in social work and now teaches students at St. Catherine’s University about the complex interplay of state and local programs. She cofounded the Minnesota Hmong Social Work Coalition. She’s published books and scholarly articles. For decades, she’s served families in crises, often intervening in situations involving mental illness and domestic abuse. She’s worked with troubled students, guiding them through personal trauma and into productive lives. The list of her achievements goes on and on.

Of significant importance to residents of Ward 7, current St. Paul City Council member Jane Prince has endorsed Pa Der Vang for the seat she's vacating. A longtime DFL stalwart, Prince endorses Pa Der Vang even though another candidate received the DFL endorsement at the party’s convention.

In her announcement of support, Jane said: “While I had intended not to endorse in this race, I have concluded that far too many residents of Ward 7 at the party’s convention.

Response column that Prince is the one person on the council he can count on to respond about what’s happening.

She’s known in her district for responsive constituent service. People don’t hesitate to contact her for problems they’re having with the city, whether it’s street maintenance concerns about crime, questions on neighborhood traffic or livability — whatever they’re worried about, Jane Prince is responsive.

Voters also remember that Jane Prince was the person who publicly addressed widespread neighborhood fears when the city moved a fire engine and ladder truck out of Station 7 in Dayton’s Bluff in 2018. It was the only fire engine the station had. She vigorously campaigned for the return of that fire truck, which the city had replaced with an ambulance, pointing out that the area of old, wood-frame houses was left vulnerable by moving fire fighting equipment to another station much further away, significantly increasing the time it took to respond to a fire.

The city eventually came around to her thinking, even echoing her thoughts in the mayor’s public statement five years later: “This is the part of our city that has the most wood-frame homes and this is the part of our city that has incredible density, lots of families, lots of young families, who absolutely deserve above all else first-rate fire services that our fire department provides every single day.”

St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter said at the time of groundbreaking for a new station that will include space for five fire department vehicles.

People in Ward 7 nodded and said to each other: That’s Jane. She works behind the scenes, even if other people get the credit. The point is that she’s right behind the scenes, and she won’t let up until a problem is fixed.

Imagine then the concern in Ward 7 now that Jane Prince is leaving her job on the city council.

People are saying: we need someone with real-life experience to take her place. We can’t afford a council member who will just go along with whatever the city administration wants. We need the kind of analysis and thoughtful critiques that Jane brought to bear.

The bottom line in Ward 7 is that, with five people running for the seat that Jane Prince is leaving, far and away the best choice is Pa Der Vang.

— Jean Walterkens

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Want to write about something that interests you? We want to hear it! Submit your stories and articles to the email above.

Opinions expressed in contributed articles may not represent the views of the Forum.

Deadline for the December issue of the Forum is November 10, 2023.
Vote on November 7
for
Pa Der Vang
Saint Paul City Council
Ward 7

Pa Der Vang is a seasoned professional with over 23 years of experience working with families, policy making, and leadership. She is an associate professor of Social Work where she teaches social policy for social justice with an emphasis on how cities can better take care of their residents from all walks of life. She has a deep understanding of the needs of families regardless of race, economics, gender, ability, age, and immigration status. She wants to keep people in their homes, and ensure that all residents who want to buy a home can do so. She knows residents worry about community safety and crime. She will work with police to ensure that our neighborhoods are safe and there is positive relationships with officers. She is invested in ensuring efficient use of your precious tax dollars and prioritize areas that impact you the most such as street repair, community safety, parks and libraries, and transportation. She will work with legislatures and other policy makers to explore additional funding to pay for street repair and facility maintenance so that we aren’t continuously raising taxes on our residents. As a social worker, she is deeply committed to information and resource transparency so that all residents get to use city services and supports available to them. She intends to be continuously engaged in the community and be a positive voice for all.

www.paderstpaulcitycouncil7.com

The East Side of St. Paul deserves more and better than it’s getting in local government. The entire city deserves more and better, but the East Side in particular has been treated for far too long as a “poor cousin” to affluent neighborhoods.

That’s why, in the race to represent Ward 7 on the St. Paul City Council, I feel the need to speak out in favor of Pa Der Vang, the candidate whose maturity, experience, and character will help us allocate precious tax dollars with greater care and for the common good. She’ll put people ahead of party.

A longtime social worker, Pa Der has spent decades solving the problems of children, families, and seniors. She knows that our East Side neighborhoods are being short-changed. Governor Walz appointed her to chair the Minnesota Board of Social Work because he recognized her insight into seemingly intractable problems like the ones we face in infrastructure and public safety.

I hope voters can see the sharp difference between her decades of knowledge and the relative inexperience of every other candidate. My intention had been not to endorse, to stay on the sidelines during this race.

But too much is at stake for the future of Ward 7, the direction of the East Side, and the integrity of the City of St. Paul for me to remain silent.

I strongly endorse Pa Der Vang.
Jane Prince, Ward 7 City Council Member
What's Happening at Dayton's Bluff Library?

What's on Your Ballot? Come into the library to find out who is on the ballot for you to vote for, where you should go to vote, and how Ranked Choice Voting works. This year Saint Paul residents are voting for new City Council and School Board members, as well as on a proposed Sales Tax increase.

Check out the refreshed children’s area with all its amazing books, toys, and interactive rugs galore. There are under-cabinet lights to brighten up the bookshelves along the wall. With more interactive rugs in the space, which one will be your favorite? Also, there are rotating toys and new scavenger hunts and displays every month so there is always something new to see and play with. Stop in for Storytime on Wednesdays from 2:30 – 3 p.m. or anytime we are open.

Dayton’s Bluff Book Club is a great fit for folks who love reading a variety of diverse books by local authors and discussing them with a group of dedicated readers. The Dayton’s Bluff Book Club is a collaboration of the Metropolitan State University Library and the Dayton’s Bluff Branch of Saint Paul Public Library whose members live, work, or attend classes on the East Side. We prioritize titles written by Minnesota authors, those that have a local setting, or books that are written by people of color and other diverse authors. Book discussions usually include issues related to social justice, equity, and anti-racism. We encourage book club members to use both the university and public libraries in pursuit of lifelong learning and the joy of reading. Discussions are frequently facilitated by authors, Metropolitan State faculty, or other guests from the community. For more information on how to join, please visit: libguides.metrostate.edu/dbbc.

Dayton’s Bluff Library Hours
Mondays & Wednesdays 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Fridays & Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Current hours are available online at sppl.org/locations/DB or call 651-793-6999.

All Saint Paul Public Library locations will be closed Friday, November 11th; Saturday, November 11 in observance of Veteran’s Day and Thursday, November 23 in observance of Thanksgiving Day (we will be open the day after Thanksgiving).

Dayton’s Bluff Library, 645 East 7th Street, is a public library branch located inside the Metro State University Library and Learning Center. We are open six days a week offering books, movies, music, internet stations, programs, and services for all ages. The outdoor book drop is always open.

A Letter from Pa Der Vang

Dear Ward 7 residents,

This is Pa Der Vang. I hope to have your vote for city council by November 7. I love the East Side of Saint Paul. I chose to live here because of the sense of community we have here. My family lives here and my daughter goes to Johnson High. As a social worker and seasoned policy maker, I will fight for the residents of the East Side to ensure that we have the resources we need to live our everyday lives. The city council has to make hard decisions about ways to spend your tax dollars. I will prioritize the things that matter to us: community safety, street maintenance and plowing, affordable housing, and community and business development. I have 23 years of professional experience doing this work, and I am ready to represent you, and advocate for you.

Please vote at your polling place on November 7, or at 90 Plato Blvd in Saint Paul on or before November 7. Every voice counts. Your vote matters.

Sincerely,
Pa Der

Pa Der Vang, Ph.D. Candidate for St. Paul City Council Ward 7
Rank me as #1 in November 2023.

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Interested in hiring an applicant to assist our neighborhood group, Friends of Swede Hollow, with occasional managing of our web site and Facebook page sites.
Please email Michel at taylor672@comcast.net

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An Editorial and a Hope

Steve Trumble

Were you aware there is a danger to the tennis courts, the playground, and the picnic shelter in Indian Mounds Park? That they will be torn down and replaced with oak plantings? I am writing this because many people in the Mounds Park neighborhood are not sure what is going on and are not sure what might be happening in the future.

True, there have been some meetings a few years ago, but the city has primarily contacted and worked with a variety of the Dakota groups, Minnesota and other indigenous groups from Wisconsin and far as away as Kansas were involved. Nothing like this was suggested in any of the few public discussions. After many months of seemingly secret meetings, the city and indigenous groups have been making the decisions. Now don't think I don't like what is going in the park in general. I supported the park, containing the sacred Indian Mounds, being designated as a cemetery. I'm ready to make most of the suggestions of getting rid of some of the old signs and take out some of the parking areas at the end of the Overlook at the western end of the park and get rid of the “Echo” Point. I could go along with taking out the 1929 “Airway” Beacon. However, I believe that the historic fixture should be preserved at a historic fixture should be preserved at some other nearby site.

After being in many, I just took time to read Indian Mounds: A Sacred Place that is in a cultural landscape study submitted to the city of Saint Paul.

According to the study, the site is linear in form with its northern boundary being Mounds Boulevard and the southern side by the bluff. And somehow the plan decided that an upper middle area should also contain land above the Boulevard and made suggestions about things there. However, there is a difference here because the land that is north of Mounds Boulevard never contained any woods. Why are they included in an Indian Mounds plan?

There were times when Roy's Service had to install new crankshafts, pistons, and oil pumps. He did some engine changes with other motors but didn't do any valve jobs, worked on a lot of timing adjustments, and the benefits of having this tire store over there. But it was mostly concerned with treating the customer right.

So, they taught us a lot about how to treat people. Mike said, “how to be good to people, the customer is always right, don't sell the customer something they don’t need, and don’t take advantage of the customer. It was all about customer service, and it should still be that way, but unfortunately people don’t see it that way. When cars came in for any kind of service, we were trained to clean every window, check the oil and tires, vacuum the front and back seats, and provide whatever service the customer needed, including travel.

“We had a Travel Center here, and we offered free maps, and Standard Oil even had a slogan AS YOU TRAVEL, ASK US. It was all about customer service. Every pump island had water, an air hose, a squeegee bucket, and squeeze bottles that an attendant would spray on the windows. We had a paper towel rack on every pump, and we washed and dried every window on every car that came in for gas or service.”

“When you have customers coming in every day, and there are 10 cars waiting in line. They fill up synthetic Amoco stations around the metro area. It was about sales, and there was usually some talk about new tire services, and the benefits of having this tire store over there.

I am going to get in touch with some other local leaders and hope some changes in the site will be made in the plan with more public input, and I hope some of you readers will do the same thing. Join me in contacting Mayor Carter, Council member Jane Prince, and other council members, and Andy Rodriguez, head of the Saint Paul Parks & Recreation Department.

“Save the tennis court (or a pickleball court), the kids’ playground, and the family picnic shelter!”

The playground that is in danger of being removed at Indian Mounds Park.

Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Recommended for Everyone Age Six Months and Older

Ramsey County

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends everyone 6 months and older get an updated COVID-19 vaccine to protect against potentially serious illness this fall and winter. Updated COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna will soon be available at more pharmacies, health care providers, and clinics. Find a COVID-19 vaccine at vaccines.gov.

If you have not received a COVID-19 vaccine in the past 2 months, get an updated COVID-19 vaccine to protect yourself this fall and winter. Vaccination remains the best protection against a COVID-19-related hospitalization and death. Vaccination also reduces your chance of suffering the effects of Long COVID, which can develop with any infection and last a long time.

Friends of Swede Hollow

If you have a passion for history and preserving nature, please join us for our monthly meeting on the third Tuesday of every month. Our meetings are held at the historic William Hamm’s mansion, 668 Greenbrier St. In the spirit of the area’s past we serve Hamm’s beer along with other beverages and snacks. The meeting starts at 6:30 and is an excellent resource for park updates and events.

For more updates email taylor672@comcast.net or call Michel at 651-442-3366.

Read our paper online at daytonsbluffdistrictforum.org
**East Side Eating**

*Trimble’s Taste Trek*

Forum contributor Steve Trimble has set out to eat at every locally-owned, sit-down restaurant on the East Side. He hopes to get the word out to Dayton’s Bluff about the eating options here on our side of town.

There are more restaurants than there is room for in the monthly paper, but at least 60 may now be found online at daytonsbuffdistrictforum.org. Click on “East Side Eating” at the top of the home page. Steve Trimble can be reached at daytonsbuffdistrictforum@gmail.com.

**Dao Thai Pho**

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Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Closed Sundays

I talked with Kyi, the adult daughter of Dao and Sar, the Karen owners of the restaurant. She spoke of how they fled Burma because the Army coup seized control of the country and frequently at-
tacked Karen villages. They stayed for a few years in Thailand. They then went to
Minnesota and have lived in Minnesota for about eight years and currently live in Roseville. They opened their restaurant on September 21, 2023. They made the
taste of the menu along with some of their ingredients. I don’t have all of the
tings on the restaurant’s menu, for lack of

Appetizers: Spring roll, containing
ground pork, shrimp and mint. Vegetarian egg roll, with carrot, onion, cabbage noo-
dle and mushrooms. Cream cheese won-
tons, Spicy fish cake, and others.

Fried Rice: Regular rice with egg, basil and onion, pineapple fried rice featuring egg and onions. Pad Ra Pow fried rice
with long bean, onion, and bell pepper.

Green curry has bamboo, bell pepper, eggplant. Red Curry has bell pepper, onion, green bean. Pineapple Curry Panang—kaffir lime leaves, and lemon grass.

Noodles: Pad Thai with bean sprouts, egg, green onion, Lo Mein including cab-
bage, carrot, onion, and green onion. Red Curry made with bell pepper, onion, green bean, and other ingredients.

Noodle Soup: Boat Noodle, choice of meat, green onion, cilantro, fried onion. Tomyum Noodle made with pork meat-
ball, ground pork, pork, cilantro, green onion, and peanuts.

Entrees: Pad Cashew has cashew nuts, onion, carrot, green onion, Chinese celery. Sweet and Sour made with onion, green onion, bell pepper, cucumber, and tomato. Steamed Tilapia with lime sauce, bell pepper, lemon grass, kaffir lime leaves. Sliced Spicy Chicken including onion, bell pepper, broccoli, Chinese cel-
ery. Orange chicken, chicken chunks, onion, bell pepper, broccoli, featuring orange peels. Steak with some vegetables.

Salads: Papaya salad, Thailand Apay with fermented fish sauce, and Thai egg-
plant. Beef Larb, onion, green onion, cilantro, mint, bell pepper. Glass Noodle that has ground pork, green onion, and cilantro.

Soups: Tofu Soup, onion, mushroom, fried onion, green onion and celery, Gao Lao. Beef Meathall, stew meat, sliced beef, bean sprouts, green onions, and fried onion.

Beverages: Thai Ice-Tea, Coke, Sprite, Fanta, and lemonade. They serve water in a glass for no charge.

Desserts: Mango with sweet sticky. Rice ice cream-vanilla, chocolate strawberry, mint or cookies and cream.

Boba Tea: There is a choice of many fla-

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