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Spent your Fourth in the Park

By Kathy Walters

Community spirit is alive and prospering in St. Anthony Park, and no event proves this more than the annual Fourth in the Park celebration. This all-day event includes such activities as a grand parade, volleyball tournament, petting zoo, barbeque picnic and raffle drawing. The celebration will take place at Langford Park.

Chairperson Charlie Townsend said the day's activities are funded through donations by Park residents and raffle sales. The money also contributes some money, but it is the community that truly supports this special event.

"We never have trouble getting volunteers because everyone supports it," Townsend said. "This community is unlike any other community in the city in that it really works well together to bring activities to the people. The 4th of July celebration is a good example of this."

Park resident Bob Hahnen has been a supporter of the celebration for more than 25 years. He's in charge of the essay contest which involves sixth graders at St. Anthony Park Elementary School. Hahnen said he had 41 entries, from whom as many winners will be selected to march in the grand parade. First prize is $10, second prize is $5 and third prize is $2. Ten honorable mentions will be given.

"For seven years I have been in charge of this essay contest," Hahnen said. "I felt the 4th of July was getting a bit dull, and I wanted to get the kids involved. It's a kid's day, and it seemed this contest was a good way to make it.

Assembling for the grand parade begins at 11 a.m. with the Langford Distance Races. Divisions include men, women and masters for the 4-mile race; divisions for joggers and juniors represent the 2-mile race.

Recycling Unlimited faces loss of contract

By Pamela Field

The Ramsey County Board decided June 17 to give Recycling Unlimited an additional seven weeks to provide a $50,000 performance bond or face loss of its contract with Ramsey County, according to Richard Ragan, who handles solid waste management for the county.

Ragan said the recycling issue "has become very complex and the issue of Recycling Unlimited has become a legal one — we need to get back to what is important and this is providing recycling," he said.

He said that as far as he knows no performance contract has been provided by Recycling Unlimited to the county. He also cited managerial problems as a major issue for the company.

Ragan said, "Personally, I like Recycling Unlimited and they have provided a service for a long period of time. I believe the death of Joanne Nelson, who was an integral part of the business, has weakened the managerial aspect of the business and so far no one that I know of has been found to replace him.

Joanne Nelson, president of Recycling Unlimited, said she was unaware of the board agenda "until a newspaper reporter called me at 2 p.m. that day.

"For being such an important issue, this does not seem to be the way to handle it," she said.

Nelson said a managerial plan with a proposal for a project manager has been submitted from the firm's attorney to a county attorney, but added that "without funding it's difficult to provide."

Nelson cited a long history of dealings with county officials of what she perceived as a lack of follow-through on promised funding. She said that in April the firm borrowed money to move to the new building on 775 Rice St.

"Then on April 18 city officials came in and took half the equipment without warning and closed the old building at 308 S. Victoria Ave. saying it was infested. If that is not terr-r-rifying what is?" she said.

Recycling to 9

He may be the oldest square dancer, but he's young at heart

By Barbara Thomske

"Grab your partner and do-si-do" has been a sweet command to 88-year-old Ray Dufrene's cars for the past 47 years; he's the oldest known square dancer in Minnesota. On June 15, Dufrene received the Young at Heart award at the 34th annual convention of the Square Dance Federation of Minnesota at the St. Paul Civic Center.

Dufrene began square dancing in the '50s when he and his wife Ella started fortifying the cold Minnesota winters for Florida. When he saw people square dancing, he said, "I couldn't keep my feet quiet. I knew then and there that I wanted to dance. But I didn't know how."

So, as soon as he returned to Minnesota, he enrolled in square-dance classes.

Dufrene soon became a high-level dancer, able to perform 125 different square-dance steps. Two heart attacks later; he became a low-level dancer. And after the death of Ella, he stopped dancing for a while. Six years later, he relearned the steps from a book. He was back on the dance floor in no time.

Now he puts on one of his western-style shirts and a pair of trousers to square dance about three times a week, usually with the Twin Town Twirlers or the Fairview Dufrene to 12

By Steve Probst

The recycling storage shed behind St. Anthony Park Foods on Cleveland Avenue has been full and overflowing recently. According to Sage Passi, a store coordinator, that's because "neighbors have been bringing their new-fangled materials here since Recycling Unlimited cut its curbside pick-ups. We surely hope they get back on the job soon."
Volunteers needed for paint-a-thon

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Call block nurses about early discharge

"Early discharge."

"DIG." Both phrases are now part of the health care jargon, but what do they really mean to someone who is hospitalized? What will happen to someone who is discharged from the hospital earlier than has been the custom?

Very often the doctor will order that a patient receive care at home from a nurse. That nurse could be an employee of the hospital, of the public health system, or of a profit-making home health agency.

Residents of St. Anthony Park are fortunate to have the Block Nurse Program for anyone over the age of 65 who needs a nurse or nursing assistant to help in the home. If someone you know is soon to go home from the hospital, and home care is necessary, call 298-4588 and ask for a block nurse. Or, if you want more information, call 646-8884.

Infrared home inspections available

The home of a St. Anthony Park Block Nurse client has been submitted for infrared home inspections, as part of an Energy Conservation Plan or Energy Audit Update. The inspections assess home insulation or pollution control when insulation is installed.

The service is offered by District 12 Community Council and the Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium.

Any resident who has attic or walls insulated by specially trained contractors can have the infra-red and smoke detectors installed. Inspections are conducted by contractors who are not affiliated with the resident's health care provider or their insurance carrier.

Inspections are conducted on the exterior of the home and in the attic area. Photos taken with the camera show areas of high heat loss as white and well insulated areas as dark. Any damaged or misaligned insulation is noted and pointed out to the contractor.

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Complicated and sometimes controversial aspects of the Ramsey/ Washington County Waste-to-Energy Plant led to lively discussion at the June District 12 Council meeting.

"This is part of the project minimizes the public risk," Mary Richardson, project manager, said. The area was turned into a "green" color. Richardson noted that the Northern States Power's credit so NISP is responsible for the bonds. Also NISP has a large number of tax-deductible income. There are several financial penalties if the RFD goes to landfill. (Those penalties have never been imposed before.)

The fairness and method of collection of a proposed additional $25 per household yearly fee was questioned by Council members. "My heater has already raised his rates," one resident complained. "Now the county is adding another fee."

Richardson said that the additional costs to haulers would not go into effect until the plant is in operation. She also said that a user fee per ton would be thought to be the fairest way to collect the additional money that will be necessary to pay the service fee guaranteed to NISP.

"It bothers me that you are collecting the same fee regardless of the amount of trash generated," Sherman Eagles told Mayor Johnson. It seems to be a negative incentive for recycling.

Richardson pointed out that recyclable materials are specifically identified in the ordinance, and if the designation mandate or mandates delivery of Ramsey County trash to the energy plant. In addition, the state will offer regular delivery to residents, NISP pledged that ferrous metal, glass, and aluminum will be removed. Before the trash is burned. Business owners at the meeting were told that they would be charged on a volume basis rather than the $25 per household system. Hazardous waste or construction debris will not be allowed at the plant. Ramsey County residents will pay a fee for the service, but not the entire fee, as the county taxes are intended to collect. There is a ton of glass and aluminum as well as household hazardous waste. After the waste is processed into an RDF known as "fluid" it will be taken to NISP plants at Red Wing or Mantak and burned to generate electricity. The part of the subsidy is necessary since the cost to burn RDF is higher than to burn coal. Ramsey and Washington Counties begin working on the project five years ago while looking into the technology for landfills, the project was delayed due to an abatement. State legislation has mandated that by 1990 nothing can go to a landfill without being processed in some way to reduce its volume. Ramsey County has no additional landfills because there are no landfills in the county so all waste must be sent to surrounding counties.

In replying to questions Richardson said that a burn plant was ruled out because the capital costs are four times as high as for the RDF plant. This operation will not be included in NISP's rate base because it is not a regulated plant. The operation is based on the NISP plant that is modeled on a plant built in Baltimore, MD.

Questioned on by-products from the operations compared to coal, she said that they do not appear to be a problem. NISP will burn coal with the garbage to ensure a temperature high enough to burn away dioxins.

Ground will be broken for the plant on July 10 in Newport. It is expected to be in operation in early 1988.

Richardson's presentation was requested by District 12 Council members in order to learn more about county government and its effect on residents and businesses in the community. A discussion on issues surrounding St. Paul Hospital was scheduled at a late summer or early fall Council meeting.
Compromise on Lido
After months of bickering, Falcon Heights residents and the owners of the Lido Italian Restaurant have reached a compromise over the expansion plans of the restaurant.

The Lido proposed an expansion plan last October, providing a new bar, expanded banquet room and additional parking for the restaurant. The plan, especially the parking portion, met with disapproval from nearby residents, who opposed the destruction of a house at 1700 St. Mary Ave. The day before the final vote had been proposed by restaurant owner John Labaldesta to make room for more parking space.

Residents feared that the restaurant expansion would pave the way for additional business and commercial development in the neighborhood.

Now it appears that Falcon Heights City Council members have worked out a compromise between Labaldesta and the neighbors. Labaldesta will not remove the house but will receive 86 feet from the lot to be used for additional parking spaces and an outdoor patio. The council will turn the end of St. Mary Avenue into a cul-de-sac with a one-way exit onto Larson Near Avenue for use by the block’s residents.

—Mary Mergenthaler

Bob and Linda Fletcher picx up the pieces

By Denis Woulfe

For most people, the story of Bob Fletcher’s resignation from the St. Paul City Council began the morning of July 17, 1984—the day he started the process of removing a room full of shocked reporters, staff, and Council colleagues.

"I haven't really been able to keep the balance between my private and public life very well," said Fletcher to his stunned audience. "I found myself spending TV and someone would say something and I wouldn’t hear them.

While the verbal text of the resignation dealt with Fletcher’s intro style of representing Ward 4 on the City Council and the incredible amount of stress of the job, in the back of Bob’s head that morning was his wife, Linda, and their relationship.

A relationship, Bob and Linda now say, was crumbling.

"There were a couple of factors that led to that imbalance that we didn’t feel comfortable in discussing publicly," Bob says today.

In April 1982 Bob made Council history by upsetting DFL incumbent George McMahon with a two percent margin of Ward 4 vote, surprising many political observers who thought the newcomer, a 27-year-old cop with a boyish grin, didn’t have a chance.

Not only did he win the support of Ward 4 voters, but Bob quickly developed a reputation on the Council for being a leader, a man who could put together a coalition on the Council. Bob was known for doing his own research, coming to meetings well prepared for his opponents, and even taking on Mayor George Latimer when the two disagreed.

But in June Bob contracted a strange disease, not unlike rheumatoid arthritis, where his joints swelled up. The disease put him on crutches, forced him to take anti-inflammatories. It was the next two years, and left him in a severely weakened condition for the first four months.

At this time, though, his doctors didn’t know if his disease would worsen, or if he would ever walk without crutches again.

Then, only 18 months after his election, when the city switched elections from the spring to the fall, Fletcher threw down the challenge of DFLer Jo Ann Enos to be re-elected to his second term of office.

"It went relatively smoothly," Bob says now. "But you never know. You’re being judged for the first time on your performance. You have to be very careful that you don’t read your own newspaper clippings too many times.

Things seemed to be going pretty well for the Fleckers. Until December 18, 1983.

It was a week before Christmas and the temperature had plummeted before zero. Bob was home that afternoon working on his computer in the den. Linda came into the den and said "Give me a kiss, I'm going over to John Fabrics at Midway Center." Linda needed some "ods and ends" to finish up some Christmas gifts she had been making. That was shortly before 4 p.m.

Fletchers to 9
Recycle recycling

There was a day, not so many years ago, when the idea of recycling cans, bottles and newspaper suddenly became a possibility. Somewhere around the end of the ’60s, the possibility became a reality. It was then that those of us in the recycling business as our little way to help the threatened environment loaded our cars with former trash and set off to journey around the city in search of a place to take the stuff. For this journey, I took considerable persistence, to say nothing of nerve. At the ever-changing recycling depots, we parked near enough to carry the bundles and sacks hoping we were also far enough away to avoid flat tires.

Last week I set off with the VW wagon packed to the hilt with the bottles and cans and paper of several households. As searched for Recycling Unlimited’s new plant at 775 Rice St., I recalled the persistence and effort it used to take to be a recycler. I couldn’t find the wonderful new plant, partly because it was poorly marked. When I decided that the building in front of me resembled the one I’d seen in a newspaper photo, I didn’t find anyone to help me, or even to assure me that I was at the right location. Then I discovered that the employee I finally located was working without the benefit of a computer, to say nothing of full staff and equipment.

Something smells worse than the decaying food in unwashed tin cans about a situation where an apparently successful route of curbside pickups and bank pickups is suddenly stopped without notice. Something seems to be missing in the claims of both the city and the firm that the other side is to blame.

Mary Mergenthaler  
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What is so good?

The Climax schools are good because they are small and the custodians keep them clean. The Arlington schools have good food. The Pierz schools are good because everyone cares. And the Anndale schools—where I attended—are good because there’s plenty of community support and the buses don’t run off the road. All of this is from a fascinating tome released by the state Department of Education, What’s So Great About Minnesota Public Education, Anyway? And What’s Been Done to Keep Them That Way? Although the unwieldy title would keep this 260-page epic off the best-seller lists, the subject matter isn’t too hot, either: educators, parents and students tell why their schools are good.

Superficial in tone and material, it’s hard to imagine that anyone would take this book seriously. The success stories are short and sweet, as illustrated by the Roseville school’s entry:

“What’s so great about the ROSEVILLE schools, compiled by the school board and Loyal Tofte, Superintendents of.

1. Teacher career opportunities.
2. Instructional effectiveness program.
3. Academic learning standards.
4. Advanced placement program.
5. Computer literacy.

Curiously, the St. Paul schools are not included in this book, although the Minneapolis school district is. More than half of Minne-

sota’s school districts were included, however.

Kevin Reichard  
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Maintaining mobility while cutting costs

By Todd Leffo

The ability to go where we want, when we want and how we want is basic to our sense of freedom and well-being. We all have limited abilities for total mobility, based upon income, age and physical condition. For many elderly and handicapped, mobility becomes a daily struggle for access to work, food, mail and social contacts.

The Regional Transit Board is examining the current Metro Mobility service with recommendations on changes expected by September. We began with a basic philosophy: "If it isn’t broke, don’t fix it."

The system ‘ain’t broke, but it faces major problems which need to be addressed. Problems include costs of the service and capacity being reached by many of the providers.

Many depend upon the Project Mobility lift-equipped vehicles in Minneapolis. St. Paul and adjacent suburbs, the shared ride taxis for those not requiring lift-equipped service, the non-profit Suburban Paratransit, and several other private operators such as Mordel Bus Company in St. Paul suburbs. All of these services together are termed Metro Mobility and provides between 40,000 to 45,000 rides per month.

Increasing numbers of elderly and handicapped are requiring service, but the system has limited funds. The issue for our community is how to expand service to more people in a larger geographical area, with increased quality and efficiency.

This becomes more than just a pragmatic issue of livability, but one of philosophy. Whom shall be served at what cost, for what purposes and shall this be done by the public or private sector?

With funding limitations come questions of trip priority. Should social trips be given priority over medical or educational trips? Is there a limit on the length of trips or how many times one individual can use the service?

These are not easy questions. By limiting trips, we are determining who shall go to work, see their friends, go to the grocery or have a psychological sense of being a part of the community.

Trends are not encouraging. Ridership increased from 412,400 trips in 1983 to 486,000 in 1984, an 18 percent jump. The system is currently near capacity, while ridership is expected to grow.

Now, 10,800 are certified to use Metro Mobility service. Only about 50 percent of those certified have actually used the service. It is estimated that about 3 percent of the population, or 50,500, within the Transit Taxing District are transportation handicapped, excluding nursing home residents.

The number of potential users is increasing rapidly. Within the seven-county metropolitan area, there are 205,450 persons over the age of 65 in 1985. This number will grow by 21 percent by the

year 2000.

What would we do if those currently certified wish to use the system? What if all those eligible wish to be certified and what do we do when the numbers and pressures increase within the coming years?

Many within the Twin Cities are not served by Metro Mobility, but seek service for their areas. For others, service has not been reliable or responsive to their travel needs.

The issue of cost, both for the rider and for the overall system, is crucial to any discussion. The cost to rider does not reflect trip length, quality of service or actual cost of service. Metro Mobility passenger fares are approximately 6 percent of the total operating costs. Every passenger on Project Mobility receives an average subsidy of $13.50, on Suburban Paratransit, a subsidy of $510.96, and on Mordel, $4.78. Taxi service is subsidized at an average of $4.01 per passenger. Thus, major differences exist between the MTC-provided Project Mobility and other providers.

Project Mobility provides 57 percent of the rides, but receives about $4 percent of the total budget.

Changes in present programs would have major financial implications for the system. Some have suggested that a shift to private providers with lower costs would allow a major expansion of the service for the same amount of money.

Operating costs for Project Mobility rose 15 percent from 1984-85. At the rate of 15 percent per year, Project Mobility operating costs will double from $2.9 million to $8.9 million in five years.

The issue of quality has been raised. Is there a substantial difference between the public Project Mobility and the private and non-profit services that would justify the additional costs? Discussions are currently underway on this subject.

In contrast, taxi rates have remained stable for the last three years and the Mordel Bus Company still provides services at its 1982 rate. Competition within these areas has provided cost controls, which might be adapted for other services.

The key issue remains how to provide the best service for the lowest price. The Regional Transit Board has determined that service quality and levels must be maintained, with every attempt being made to expand the geographical areas to be served.

The issue is basic and central for many people: do they remain a member of the community or are they denied access? It is an issue which is long overdue for solution.

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Letters

Thanks from Robin

The St. Anthony Park Festival is history. This annual event has brought people together to shop and to be entertained. The festival gave those who live and work in the area an opportunity to pull together to promote the area and to give it visibility in the city.

It is because of the efforts of the St. Anthony Park business community that this event is possible. Contributions from local businesses pay for all day entering.

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Independence Day

The Fourth of July is, without question, the finest holiday on the entire calendar. It beats Christmas. It's better than Thanksgiving. It puts Memorial Day and Labor Day to shame. It even surpasses my birthday, which is no small feat.

The reason that the Fourth of July is the champ among holidays doesn't really have anything to do with the birth of our nation, though I don't wish to demean that achievement. I shall be forever grateful to our forefathers (and foremothers) for providing us with the best holiday of the year.

My feelings for the Fourth of July have nothing to do with fireworks, or parades down Corno Avenue, or bands playing in Langford Park, or even hot dogs and fried chicken. All of these are wonderful traditions. And they make good memories and great snapshots with the family Instamatic. But they are not the reason for celebration; they are merely the way we celebrate.

The reason that the Fourth of July is the best holiday of the year is extremely simple, but astonishingly significant: NO GIFTS.

Let that sink in for a moment.

Think about how you felt last December 25. It makes you break out in a sweat just thinking about it, doesn't it? The panic that accompanies Christmas can easily take the jingle out of your bells.

Birthdays, of course, are practically defined by presents. It is ingrained in us in childhood and just never goes away.

Anniversaries are in the same category as birthdays, but the pressure is a lot greater. The gift that one spouse gives another on an anniversary is supposed to be a symbol of the degree of affection that exists between the two kickheads. If you choose the wrong gift on your anniversary, you've committed an error of major proportions.

Actually, Valentine's Day is like the whole country having an anniversary on the same day. And each year, at about 5:00 on February 14, the whole country converges on the Bibb-ly Shop to buy just the right card.

Then, of course, there are the Hallmark Holidays—those occasions which seem to grow more important every year because the commercials tell us so. Mother's Day, Father's Day, Grandparent's Day, Uncle's Day. With every passing year there seems to be yet another relative that deserves a special card, and, if not a gift, then at least a real nice card.

And it's not just greeting gifts that have taken the relax-...
Urban gardeners: beets, cauliflower and asphalt

By Linda Johnson

Urban gardening doesn’t present many options for green-thumbed city dwellers, who usually face a dilemma—whether to tear up some valuable yard footage to put in a small (and usually shaded) plot, or venture a mile or two from home and rent some land. Most serious area gardeners with a small yard take advantage of the three community gardens in the area: the District 12 Community Gardens (Raymond and Anvil Aves. in South St. Anthony Park), the Gibbs Farm Museum gardens (Cleveland and Larpenteur Aves. in Falcon Heights) and a spot at the end of Lindig Avenue in Falcon Heights.

Some people even have plots at home and at a community garden, such as Bob Bacon, chairman of the District 12 Garden Task Force. Having “picked up” his interest in gardening “over the years,” Bob and his wife Mary have rented a plot in the gardens since their inception. Starting with 18 plots in 1981, the grounds have expanded to 60 plots and will eventually grow to 80. Bacon said, 50 people have rented plots this year. They rent for $11.

Other people rent plots as family projects. Meg Davis, Laura Mulchow and Colleen Healy split up a plot at Gibbs Farm, to fulfill a 4H gardening project. Of course—as any mother of a 4Her will tell you—they aren’t cultivating on their own.

“I’ve been helping out somewhat,” said Kathy Mulchow, Laura’s mother. “I put in the poles, but Laura planted the beans herself. We go every other day to water if there’s no rain.” Colleen’s mother, Ellen Healy, said her daughter enjoys the project so much that “for Colleen’s sake, we’ll rent a plot next year, too.”

And there’s the life-long farmer who can’t get black soil out of the system. “I grew up on a farm,” said Ralph Wayne of St. Anthony Park. “My father was a dairy farmer. So I became interested in living things at an early age.”

He now rents two plots on private land at the end of Lindig Avenue. Since he “likes to see things grow,” he goes “once a day” to watch in prime gardening season.

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1:5 p.m. Petting Zoo and Pony Rides. South side of Langford Park.

1:15-2:15 p.m. St. Anthony Park Community Band. At the bandstand.

2 p.m. Horseshoes. Registration at 1:45.

2:30-4 p.m. Races, Contests and Special Events. Kids of all ages. Near bandstand in Langford Park. Ribbons for all participants. Prizes for winners. Family events too!

5:30 p.m. Igor Rasskazoff's Band. Music furnished by the Music Performance Trust Fund through the cooperation of Local 30, St. Paul Musicians Association.

4:30-5 p.m. Drawings for Door Prizes. You must be present to win. Prizes for children and adults. One Grand Prize for each. Bicycles, tickets, gift certificates and many more prizes.


7 p.m. Evening Program. The Rockin' Hollywoods return by popular demand for an encore performance.

8:30 p.m. Raffle Drawing—Grand Prize: $500 Bill. Plus other prizes. Tickets available throughout the day. You don't have to be present to win.

Sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Association, the Department of Parks and Recreation, area residents and YOU! Your Donations Are Very Much Appreciated. Drop them off at the information desk at St. Anthony Park State Bank.

A tradition: chicken on the Fourth

There'll be chicken on the Fourth again this year. For more than 20 years the chicken barbeque has been a tradition at the Fourth of July celebration at Langford Park. As always, master chef Ben Sand has, assisted by two more generations of Pomeroyos will serve chicken and the fixings.

For $4 for adults and $2.50 for children 12 and under, diners will get chicken and will contribute to Como Park AFS and Isabella Committee of St. Anthony Park Elementary School.

Barbeque profits assist with the foreign exchange program of the American Field Service at Como High School. Short-term exchanges in which 10-15 Como students spend a week at another high school in a neighboring state, and the fall visit of 140 fifth and sixth-graders to the Environmental Learning Center near Isabella in northern Minnesota.
Neighbours

Dr. Lewis H. Pierce, who has been practicing dentistry in St. Anthony Park for 18 years, has announced a change of directions in his dental career. He will be returning to graduate school at the University of Minnesota in the fall to pursue a dental specialty. Dr. Paul Kierkegaard will be taking over his practice August 1. The public is invited to an open house to honor Pierce on July 29, 5-7 p.m. at the office, 2278 Como Ave.

Aaron Larson, St. Anthony Park, recently won first place in the 110-meter high hurdles at the state track meet. Earlier he placed first in the city conference in the 500-meter hurdles and second in the triple jump. Larson, son of Gaye and Dan Larson, is a recent graduate of Como Park High School.

Marjorie Jamison, St. Anthony Park, has been named chair elect of the University of Minnesota School of Nursing Zeta chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the national honorary society for nursing. Jamison is involved locally with the Block Nurse Program.

Evelyn Halverson has been named administrator for Lyngsomen Care Center. Halver-son has been employed at Lyngsomen since 1977. She replaces Wallace Hauge, who will serve as president of the Lyngsomen Corporation.

Irene and Ronald Stone will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary with friends, family and residents at Common-wealth Healthcare Center, where she resides. Following a ceremony of renewal of their marriage vows, a luau will be held to honor all couples whose spouses reside at Commonwealth. Included in that celebration will be Eleanor and Barney Berntsen, St. Anthony Park.

Speaking Briefly

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July 3 fireworks
Billed as the "85 Fireworks Festival," St. Paul's Division of Parks and Recreation will launch the state's largest, longest and loudest holiday spectacular July 5 from the infield of the State Fair Grandstand starting at 9:45 p.m.

This eighth-annual mid-summer celebration will offer a stage show, parachute jumpers and a few of the appliances at the "Child's Play, Woman's Work" exhibit at the Goldstein Gallery.

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As she approached the doorway to Juleson Fabrics she saw a man with a ski mask—what, considering the weather, was not at all unusual.

"Well, Cathy, hi, what are you doing down here? Are you doing some shopping?" the man said to Linda.

"As I got closer I thought he was just mistaking me for someone else. I said, 'Yes, I'm doing some shopping, but I'm not Cathy.'"

At that point the man with the ski mask pulled a knife on Linda. He wrapped his arm around Linda with the knife-blade precariously near her stomach as he led her back to her car. With the knife to Linda's throat, the man drove Linda out to Rosemount, out in the country, to a testing ground for the University of Minnesota. There, Linda realized it was not the car the ski-masked man was after.

It was there that he raped Linda. Afterwards, Linda saw the opportunity for her escape. When the man had first forced Linda into the car at Midway Center, he was unable to push down the inside door lock of the late model car—it snatched, so he gave up. In retrospect, Linda says that stubborn door lock might have been her salvation.

Because they had been out in a sparsely populated area, it took Linda a while to walk to the nearest home, which was the equivalent of several blocks away.

Linda called Bob, who by this time had simply assumed that Linda had become caught up in a shopping spree.

The assault, needless to say, had a significant impact on her lives and their relationship.

"It was a while before I wanted to go anywhere by myself," Linda says now. Linda recalls times shortly after the assault that she would be out shopping at the grocery store with Bob, suddenly lose sight of him, and go into a panic.

Bob had become understandably more protective of her after the assault, even renting a car so he would be able to keep a closer eye. Linda was at all times. Finally, Linda actually rented Bob's overly protective measures and finally told him to go alone at night shopping without him as a bodyguard.

Then in January Linda was laid off from her job working in real estate. It "seemed like one punch after another," Bob says now.

In April Linda miscarried for the second time in two years.

"After everything that had happened it was a minor disappointment compared to the first time," Linda says.

But still, Linda was depressed and frustrated. "I needed a lot of reinforcement about my worth," she says now.

"I felt like I had no control over my life."

She went back to Lamond's in St. Paul where she had worked prior to her real estate job, but wasn't happy with what she was doing. She wanted to find something that would fulfill her own sense of self-worth.

"I was thinking in my mind that everything was okay," Bob remembers. "We had our vacation in Florida, Linda's back to work, it's been three or four years since the assault, we're back on track."

Bob then wrapped himself up in his work, giving his usual 110 percent," as he calls it.

"But we had never seen a counselor for it," Bob says. "And in retrospect, that was a big mistake."

"Linda had some other needs, and I was trying to bury myself back into my job."

"I wanted to hear from Bob whether he still found me attractive, still loved me as much, still glad he was married to me," Linda said.

"The problem was that we stopped communicating," Bob said.

"We weren't talking about it anymore, mainly because it was hard for me to talk about. It was like the earlier miscarriage when I didn't want to take her anywhere because there were little children because we didn't want to go through the pain or smile that it had caused us.

"I wasn't very sensitive to her needs at the time. Maybe I never feel some self-worth. I think that's the bottom line to this whole story: I didn't see it. The self-image aspect of a woman after she's been assaulted is tough, and it's still difficult for me to understand why."

"I wasn't getting much support from Bob," Linda said. "It was more like 'I'll believe it when I see it.' And just infuriated me. I was so angry that he didn't think I could do this, and that made it worse."

"Quite honestly, once we had some knockdown, drag-out discussions of what the real problems were," Bob said. "I really felt that the only way we were going to make the relationship work was to take a couple steps back and say, 'Hey, let's put 110 percent into our relationship and make it work.' And I knew that if I didn't do that, this thing was going to go on the amount of time I was putting in on the City Council. I wouldn't do a good job with either."

In early July 1984 Bob decided that he would resign from the council, doing it in enough time so that a special election could be held to allow Ward 4 to have a representative for the remainder of the term, just over a year left.

Fletchers to 14

Recollecting from 1

Nelson said that barrels and pallets were taken out one day, either that day or the next, and Nisbet had no record of it.

He had asked the city attorney for a written document, but the attorney had refused, saying "I do not know of any formal answer given to them," he added.

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Former Ramsey principal Curtis Johnson passes away

Curtis Johnson, the first principal of Alexander Ramsey High School, died suddenly on June 16 at 2 p.m. His passing is a legacy of educational leadership. Visitation was held at the Holcim-Henry Funeral Home on June 18, and funeral services were held at Como Park Lutheran Church on June 19.

Johnson built Alexander Ramsey High School from "scratch." Not the bricks and mortar part, but the school with its students, teachers, support staff and parents. He was the first principal at Ramsey when it opened in 1953 and served for 20 years until his retirement in 1972.

"Before his retirement, Curtis Johnson had set an outstanding example of leadership for high school principals not only in District 623, but across the state and the nation. As the principal at Ramsey, he made an impression on the students who attended his school during the 1950s and 1960s that they will carry with them all of their lives," commented Superintendent of Schools Lloyd Niehen.

Johnson was born on May 24, 1908, in Sherman, South Dakota. He attended St. Olaf College, and earned his B.A. degree from Augsburg College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He earned his M.A. degree from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, and attended the University of Minnesota and Iowa State Teachers College.

He began his teaching career in ER Point, South Dakota, as a social studies instructor and athletic director from 1934-36. He taught industrial arts and served as athletic director at Hawarden, Iowa, from 1936-37, and was an instructor, assistant coach and assistant principal in Mankato, from 1937-1945. From Mankato, Johnson went to St. James to take the position of principal of the junior-high school from 1945-52.

He joined the District 623 staff in 1952 as principal of Alexander Ramsey Junior-Senior High School.

Emmett Williams, former superintendent of the Roseville Area Schools, was quoted when Johnson was running for president of the National Association of Secondary School Principals: "Curtis Johnson has been employed for a year before the completion of the building and did a marvelous job of organizing a program for the school and of selecting necessary equipment and supplies for an effective school program. He is a master administrator and a keen student of educational programs. I feel that he has done an outstanding job at the Alexander Ramsey High School in the Roseville District."

Johnson was recognized for his educational leadership on a national level when his colleagues voted him president of the National Association of Secondary School Principals in 1969.

As a member of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, he participated in the NASP Convention Programs for eight years, was the NASP representative on the High School College Relations Committee, was the State Delegate to the National Conference on Secondary School Athletic Administration in Washington D.C. and was the representative of NASP for the Regional Conference for the Committee on Staff Accounting for Local and State School Systems.

On the state level, Johnson was a member of the Board of Directors, Public Relations chairman, vice president and president of the Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals from 1948-1962. He also served on several State Advisory Committees, including the Committee on Foreign Languages, the Committee on Teacher Education, the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and the Governor's Task Force on Higher Education.

As a principal, Johnson was also a teacher, serving as a guest instructor at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, and the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. He also was a consultant for a faculty workshop on curriculum in Rochester, Minnesota. Johnson also authored several articles for the "MEA Journal" and NASP and NASP Bulletin. He contributed a chapter to the book, "The Three Rs Plus."

He was very active in the Retired Educators Association of Minnesota, serving as state president, state director for the National Retired Educators Association and legislative chairman. He and his wife, Bernice (née Bus), have also been very involved in the American Field Service program since his retirement. He was an avid traveler, according to his wife, and a trip to Sweden last summer to visit cousins was a highlight.

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Students

(That's that time of the year again, the time for honors and graduations. What follows is what we at the Bugle have heard about students at all levels this past month. If you have news about other students and wish to share it, write the Bugle at: 2380 Hampden Ave., St. Paul, MN 55114.)

Graduations

From the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis: Thomas Wald, Falcon Heights (B.S., College of Biological Studies); Dale Carlson (B.A., College of Liberal Arts). Scott Herbst.

Lauderdale (B.A., College of Liberal Arts); David Lu Hay (B.S.E.E., Institute of Technology).

From Gustavus Adolphus: Martha Bergstrom (B.A. in English), Lisa Buschmann (B.A. in political science and criminal justice), St. Paul.

From Augsburg College: Timothy Gentz (B.A. in biology) and Peter Erding (B.A. in political science), both of St. Anthony Park.

Dean's Lists

At the College of St. Thomas, Joan Flecker, Nicholas Scharfer and Nancy Brian, all of St. Paul.

Admissions

To the University of Minnesota: Andrea Bodley, daughter of James and Margaret Bodley, St. Anthony Park.

To Concordia College, St. Paul: Meara Jamieson, daughter of Robert and Marjorie Jamieson, St. Anthony Park.

Top Ten

At Central High School: Jonathan Gaiser and Gregory Stout, St. Anthony Park.

At Como Park High School: Andrea Bodley, Kathleen Flecker and Peter Warner, all of St. Paul.

Honors

The Darwin Cox Memorial Sportmanship Award: John Zupfer, St. Paul.

Dufrene from 1

Seniors

Three years ago, Dufrene met Irene Fitzgerald, '74, of Roseville, just after she completed her square dance classes. The two have been partners ever since. Dufrene says they keep up with the latest dance steps because, he said, "It's got to be perfect for my lady friend! She doesn't like to make boo-boos."

It was Fitzgerald who secretly nominated Dufrene for the "Young at Heart" award. So Dufrene said he was pretty surprised when he was notified of the award.

Dufrene said he enjoys square dancing for many reasons. He has made many new friends because "everyone is so friendly." And, when asked what he does when he gets tired of dancing, he replied, "I don't get tired. He said most people don't believe he's 88. It's no wonder. His active lifestyle, quick-step and thick white hair disguise his 88 years well.

He said, "My ticker is better now than when I was 66. My blood pressure is normal, and I don't pay attention to my bad knees."

When he's not dancing, Dufrene enjoys reading, gardening and going to shows or out to eat with Irene. And he can't keep up with the tomatoes, corn, kohlrabi, broccoli and strawberries in his garden.

Dufrene was born in Minneapolis on March 10, 1907. He attended Hamilton School until he went to work on a farm when he was 15. On January 20, 1929, he married Ella. Their one son, Roland, died in a crash as a test pilot in World War II after graduating from the University of Minnesota with a degree in aeronautics. He likes the St. Anthony Park area, because he said, "This is the best doggone neighborhood in the country. The kids are good and it's right between the two cities. When I first moved here, the streetcars were handy, and I could walk to work."

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Fletcher's from 9

Even from the two weeks between his decision and the announcement of his resignation on July 17, Fletcher felt a burden lifting off his shoulders. He says now he wasn't as diligent about his council responsibilities, but what both Linda and he noticed was an improvement in their relationship.

There was a night-and-day difference in the amount of time that we could put in together," Bob said. "Not just time, but the quality of the time, because I wasn't preoccupied."

Shortly after he resigned, Bob returned to his job with the police department, Linda and Bob spent much more time together as a couple, and Linda started seeing a Christian psychologist.

"Things started to improve pretty dramatically," Bob says. "I honestly feel, to this day, that I'm on vacation...that I'm on an extended vacation."

He looks back on his departure from the city council philosophically.

"The Lord led me into this field in the first place," Bob said, "and I feel that my resignation was sort of paying the price for getting my personal life out of perspective."

Gradually, Linda and Bob's life together regained that much-needed balance: "We're both stronger as individuals," Linda said. "And we're much stronger as a couple."

Now that, Bob says, things are significantly behind the Fletcher's as far as the trials of the past are concerned, Bob is considering his future and whether he should attempt to return to public office.

"One of the positive sides is that Linda's even more excited than ever about me getting back into government," said Bob. "But there are a number of different possibilities."

One of them may be running against DFI State Senator Neil Dieterich in 1986. But Bob ruled out a challenge against Mayor George Latimer.

"I've said many times I wouldn't run against Latimer," Bob said. "By and large he's doing a good job...and there's the additional factor that he's very nearly impossible to beat." Regardless, Bob says, "I won't be a candidate this fall."

Bob also said that he would adopt a new attitude toward holding public office. "I would prioritize a lot more. And I think it's important to recognize...that you're not going to change the world."

Will the public be understanding of Bob's resignation and the ordeals that Bob and Linda had to endure? Will they vote to return him to public office?

"I am certainly hopeful that people will be understanding," Bob said. "But I'll put it in God's hands—he'll put the understanding in people's hearts."
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