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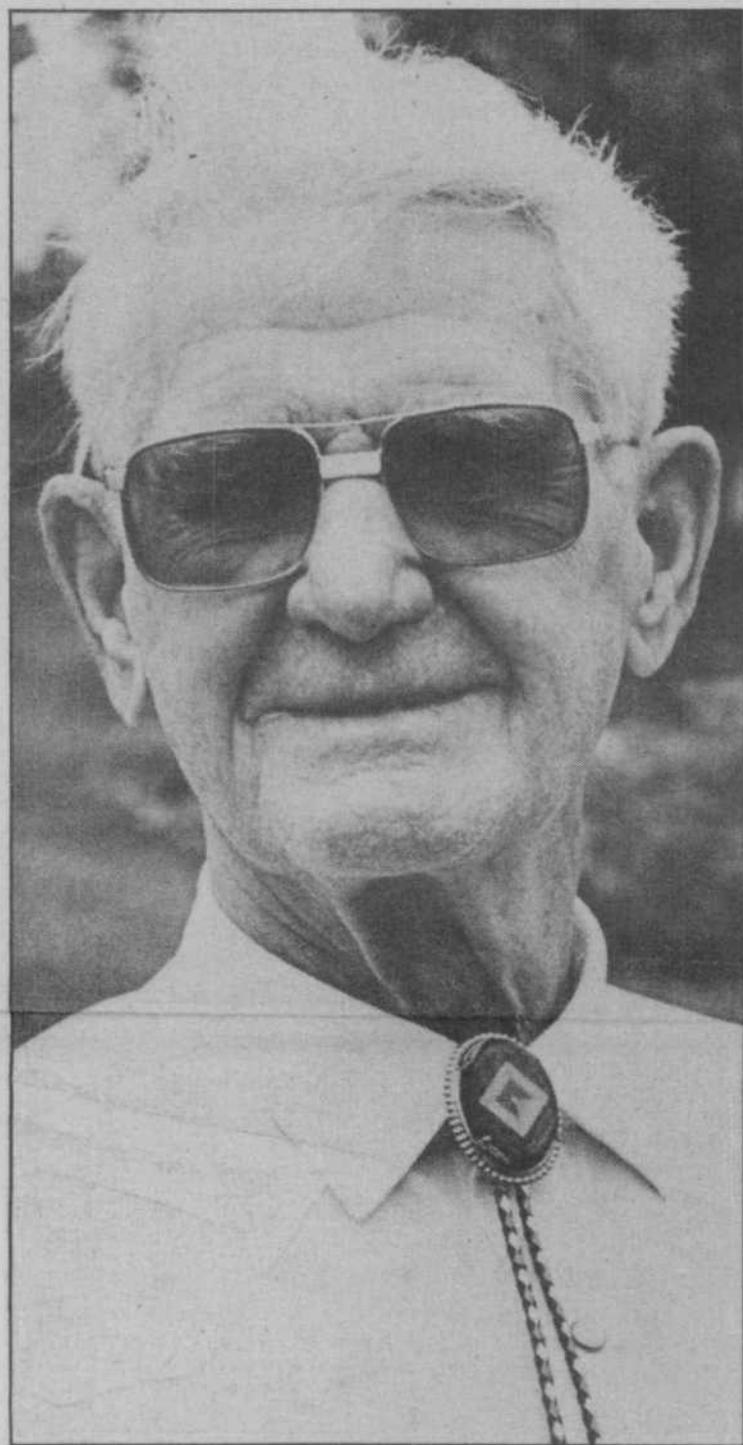


Photo by Terry Johnson-McCaffrey

Ray Dufrene: "My ticker is better now than when I was 60. My blood pressure is normal, and I don't pay attention to my bad knee."

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

By Barbara Thoenke

"Grab your partner and do-si-do!" has been a sweet command to 88-year-old Ray Dufrene's ears for the past 27 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 forfeiting 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

## Spend 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 city 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, three of whom as 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 \$1.

"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 that."

The Fourth in the Park begins at 8:30 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. Assembling for the grand parade begins at 11 at Luther Place and Como Avenue. At 12:15 the opening ceremony takes place. Mayor George Latimer, Councilmember Kiki Sonnen, Representative Ann Wynia and State Senator Neil Dieterich will participate. Later, a chicken barbeque pic-

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## 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 Carroll 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 offi-

cials 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 terroristic what is?" she said.

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Photo 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 recycling materials here since Recycling Unlimited cut its curbside pick-ups. We surely hope they get back on the job soon."

# District 12 Community Council NEWS

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Edited by Ann Copeland.

## Call block nurses about early discharge

"Early discharge."  
"DRG."

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 298-4548 and ask for a block nurse. Or, if you want more information, call 644-4524.

## Block nurse contributions

Contributions topped the \$5700 mark in May as returns continued from the Block Nurse fund appeal to District 12 residents. Recent residential donors included Meg Layese, Karen & Erling Jorgensen, and the United Church of Christ Women's Society. There has been a total of 224 donors.

Returns are just beginning from an appeal to businesses in District 12. Donors to date include Viking Industrial Center, Inc.; Ankeny, Kell & Associates; St. Anthony Park Barber Stylists; National Mower Co.; and Todd Grossmann, D.D.S. The Bibelot; Ray Gerst, D.D.S.; and Park Bank contributed to the residential fund appeal.

The District 12 Community Council is a group of 21 citizens elected to serve the District 12 area of St. Paul, including residents of north and south St. Anthony Park, commerce and industry. It is one of 17 citizen participation councils in the city.

The council meets the second Wednesday of every month. All meetings are open to the public. Check for location.

Robert Bacon, Michael Baker, Timothy Bertsch, Sara Brandon, Paul Braun, James Christenson, Kathleen Clark, Jane Dietl, James Dommel, Jean Donaldson, Hal Dragseth, Sherman Eagles, Quentin Elliott, David Ericson, Judd Fulford, Bill Kidd, David Liset, Charles McCann, Gail McClure, Joan Osgood, Craig Parker.

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## Volunteers needed for paint-a-thon

Paint was here, Paint was there  
Paint was everywhere  
On our clothes and on the lawn  
But the "Pru Crew" painted on...

Volunteers in the 1984 Paint-a-Thon were inspired to poetry by their joint efforts in painting 84 homes for older residents of the Twin Cities. 1200 volunteers from corporations, churches and neighborhoods worked all day and then celebrated with a picnic in Minnehaha Park.

The home of a St. Anthony Park Block Nurse client has been submitted for painting in the 1985 Paint-a-Thon on August 17. District 12 is looking for 15 or 20 volunteers who would be willing to help one of their neighbors fix up her home. Paint for the event is furnished by Valspar Corporation. In case of rain,

painting will be done on August 24.

The project was initiated and coordinated by the Chore Services Coordination Project, a program of the Division of Aging Services of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. A number of groups joined in sponsoring and planning the 1984 event. In all, 34 local organizations contributed to the project and 62 groups provided volunteer teams.

The 1984 volunteers worked in groups of 5 to 35 to clean up, scrape down, prime on and paint over the houses. As one commented, "It was a labor of love that went far beyond spreading a little paint!"

Homes chosen for the Paint-a-Thon have to meet certain requirements as to age and income of the owner. Homeowners who have a group committed to working on their home have a greater chance of being chosen for the 1985

event. Persons willing to help with the one-day effort are asked to call District 12, 646-8884, as soon as possible.

If no one is in the office, please leave name and telephone number on the recorder and state that you are a Paint-a-Thon volunteer. If you have ladders or equipment that could be used, please include that information.

District 12 volunteers will also be invited to the post-painting picnic. 1984 volunteers were served fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans and chocolate cake at the Minnehaha Falls Park Pavilion. Music was provided by a Dixieland band.

And grateful thanks were provided by the owners of the homes. One termed it "A Christmas present in August! To me the greatest gift."

## Infrared home inspections available

Inspections with an infrared camera and a blower door are available to District 12 residents who do work on their homes as part of an Energy Conservation Plan or Energy Audit Update. The inspections assure quality control when insulation is installed.

The service is offered by District 12 through its membership in the St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium.

Any resident who has attic or walls insulated by specially trained contractors can have the infra-red and blower door inspections. If deficiencies show up, the contractor has pledged to return, free of charge, to correct the work.

An infra-red camera can detect areas of heat loss in walls or attic. Photo taken with the camera show areas of high heat loss as white and well insulated areas as dark. Those areas with missing insulation are noted and pointed out to the contractor.

The blower door is fitted into a door opening of the home and the house is pressurized to determine where there is air leakage. Cracks, invisible attic by-passes, windows and other areas that allow substantial heat loss show up because of the air currents.

As part of the Energy Plan, residents receive an on-site energy audit of the home, a list of qualified contractors help in preparing bid specifications and determining what work should be completed plus assistance in obtaining low-interest financing. Inspections of the finished work are also included.

All those on the contractor list have attended training sessions on the latest techniques in sealing attic by-passes and insulating homes. Each also signed a contract with the Energy Consortium that guarantees the work and agrees to the infra-red and blower door inspections.

All households can receive the services

although the Energy Plan is targeted towards households with incomes below \$26,400 for a family of four. The Energy Plan is an extension of the energy audit program already conducted by District 12. It carries the same \$10 charge to the resident.

Those who have already had an energy audit may be interested in the Audit Update program which includes some elements of the Energy Plan such as the contractor list and inspections.

The Energy Plan and Audit Update programs have been developed by the St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium. The Consortium is a coalition of eight neighborhood organizations that provide energy conservation programs in St. Paul. District 12 is a charter member of the Consortium. Council members Joan Osgood and Jane Dietl are on the Consortium Board of Directors.

## Waste-to-Energy plant explained

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

"Two aspects of this project minimize the public risk" Mary Richardson, project manager said. "The \$27.7 million in industrial revenue bonds are based on Northern States Power's credit so NSP is responsible for the bonds. Also NSP has guaranteed they will use the RDF (refuse derived fuel). There are severe financial penalties if the RDF 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 hauler has already raised his rate citing the County actions," 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 household was thought to be the fairest way to collect the additional money that will be neces-

sary to pay the service fee guaranteed to NSP.

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

Richardson pointed out that recyclable materials are specifically exempted from the designation ordinance that mandates delivery of Ramsey County trash to the plant. In addition to voluntary source separation by residents, NSP pledged that ferrous metal, glass, and aluminum will be removed before the trash is burned.

Business owners at the meeting were told that they will 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.

Parts of the operation will be very labor intensive since there will be hand-picking to remove glass and aluminum as well as household hazardous waste. After the waste is processed into an RDF known as "fluff" it will be taken to NSP plants at Red Wing or Mankato and burned to generate electricity. Part of the subsidy is necessary since the cost to burn RDF is higher than to burn coal alone.

Ramsey and Washington Counties began working on the project five years ago while looking into methods for landfill abatement. State legislation has mandated that by 1990 nothing can go to a landfill without first being processed in some way to reduce its volume. Ramsey County has additional problems 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 NSP's rate base since it is not a regulated property. It 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. NSP will burn coal with the garbage to insure 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 Ramsey Hospital will be scheduled at a late summer or early fall Council meeting.



646-8884

# Digest

**Compromise on Lido**  
After months of battling, Falcon Heights residents and the owners of the Lido Italian Ristorante 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 derision from nearby residents, who opposed the destruction of a house at 1700 St. Mary Ave. The removal of the house had been proposed by restaurant owner John Labalestra 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 Labalestra and the neighbors. Labalestra will not remove the house but will receive 38 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 Larpentour Avenue for use by the block's residents.

—Mary Mergenthal

## Bob and Linda Fletcher pick up the pieces

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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 resigned in the presence of 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 at home watching TV and someone would say something and I wouldn't hear them."

While the verbal text of the resignation dealt with Fletcher's intense style of representing Ward 4 on the City Council and the incredible demands of the pressures 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



Photo by Terry Johnson-McCaffrey

### No volleyball?

Some Langford Park neighbors are upset because they weren't consulted about the installation of a sand volleyball court in the park. A petition was circulated, but after a meeting between interested parties it's not known (at press time) how this action might affect the volleyball tournament slated for the Fourth in the Park celebration. Ann Copeland, District 12 coordinator, reports that although the conflict has been reported to her, there have been no public meetings scheduled.

### Sonnen runs for reelection for City Council

Kiki Sonnen recently announced her bid for reelection for the 4th Ward St. Paul City Council seat. Sonnen has held the office since November 1984 when she was elected to the City Council in a special election.

"I've really enjoyed serving our community on the City Council," Sonnen said. "Meeting so many neighbors and

being able to help the residents has been the most rewarding experience of my life," she added.

At the present time, Sonnen is unopposed.



Bob Fletcher in office.

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 Latiemer 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-inflammatory drugs for 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 thwarted 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 careful that you don't read your own newspaper clippings too many times."

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

It was a week before Christmas and the temperature had plummeted below 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 JoAnn Fabrics at Midway Center." Linda needed some "odds and ends" to finish up some Christmas gifts she had been making. That was shortly before 4 p.m.

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# Editorial / Commentary

## 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 who saw recycling 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 deposit the stuff. Often this journey took considerable persistence, to say nothing of nerve. At the ever-changing recycling deposits, 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 I 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 couldn'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 electricity, 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 Mergenthal  
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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 Annandale 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 Being Done to Keep Them That Way?* Although the unwieldy title along 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 schools' entry:

"What's so great about the ROSEVILLE schools, compiled by the school board and Lloyd Nielsen, superintendent:

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 Minnesota's school districts were included, however.

Kevin Reichard  
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## Maintaining mobility while cutting costs

By Todd Lefko

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, medical and social needs.

The Regional Transit Board is examining the current Metro Mobility service with recommendations on changes expected by September. We begin with a basic philosophy: "If it ain'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 in Minneapolis suburbs or the private operators such as Morley Bus Company in St. Paul suburbs. All of these services together are termed Metro Mobility, which 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 not only a pragmatic issue of delivery, but one of philosophy. Whom shall be served at what cost, for what purposes and shall this be done by the public or private sectors?

With funding limitations come questions of trip priority. Should social trips be given priority over medical or work trips? Should there be limits on 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 requests continue 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 50,380, 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 become 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 account for approximately 6 percent of the total operating costs. Every passenger on Project Mobility receives an average subsidy of \$13.56; on Suburban Paratransit, a subsidy of \$10.96; and on Morley, \$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 37 percent of the rides, but receives about 54 percent of the total budget.

Changes in provider mix 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 \$5.8 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 Morley 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 largest number at the best 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

To the editor:

The St. Anthony Park Festival is history. This annual event brings people together to shop and to be entertained. The festival gives 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 those businesses pay for all-day enter-

tainment, as well as marketing our area through advertising.

As festival chariperson, I'd like to thank those merchants who contributed financially. Thanks are also in order to volunteers who worked on the event and on the Arts Fair. Last, but certainly not least, thanks to those who came to support the festival and arts fair despite the rain.

Robin Lindquist

## Home Words

### 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 Como Avenue, or bands playing in Langford Park, or even hot dogs and fried chicken. All of these things 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 astoundingly significant: NO GIFTS.

Let that sink in for a moment.

Think about how you felt last December 23. 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 lovebirds. If you choose the wrong gift on your anniversary, you've committed an error of major proportions.

Valentine's Day is like the whole country having an anniversary on the same day. And each year, at about

5:00 on February 13, the whole country converges on the Bibelot 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 day, and, if not a gift, then at least a real nice card.

And it's not just *giving* gifts that has taken the relax-



Illustration by Warren Hanson

ation and joy out of most of our holidays. There is a tremendous responsibility associated with *getting* gifts as well. Who among you has not forced a smile and some horribly insincere expression of gratitude upon opening a gift that has made you absolutely cringe? The pencil holder made of popsicle sticks. The match-

ing fuzzy rug and fuzzy toilet seat cover. The reproduction of the Last Supper made entirely of seed corn. Every one of them required a nice smile, an enthusiastic statement of appreciation, and a thank-you card.

Then along comes the Fourth of July. The celebration of the Fourth of July is not for your wife, or your mother-in-law, or for anyone in particular. The Fourth of July is a celebration for the whole country. And, even if you wanted to, it would be hard to give a gift to the whole country. Besides, most people have set aside April 15 to bestow gifts like that.

Memorial Day and Labor Day, of course, are no-gift holidays too, but they are unimportant enough that we feel we can move them around, like the worn out furniture in the rec room, to suit our convenience. Consequently, they bring the pressure of the three-day weekend, during which we feel the obligation to squeeze in as much fun as we can possibly stand, while pulling a boat behind the station wagon.

The Fourth of July is still important enough that we haven't moved it to a Monday. The Fourth of July can happen on whatever day it darn well pleases. So if it happens to fall on a Thursday, as it does this year, we just accept it on its own terms, take the day off without any lavish preparation or last minute dashes to Rose-dale for gifts, and celebrate a genuine holiday.

This year on the Fourth of July, I'm going to sleep late, read the *entire* newspaper, stroll down to watch the parade, spend the afternoon in the park chatting with friends, enjoy the music and fireworks in the evening, and go home. And not once during the entire day will I wrap or unwrap even one gift.

Now that's what I call Independence Day.

Warren Hanson

### Parting shots

This is perhaps the ultimate indulgence an editor can take: a final column.

There are a few ways to go about a final column. You can either write a weepy farewell, lamenting the loss of such a good job. Or you can spew venom on those you're leaving, throwing a Molotov cocktail on the bridges you're crossing.

This will be neither.

When I resigned as managing editor of the *Bugle*, it was assumed within the staff and by me that I would write this final epic, a last look at the position I've held for the last year. I feel obliged.

And I'm also stalling.

So here's the truth of the matter: editing the *Bugle* was great fun. Really. The people were great, the readers were great. Everyone was great.

I'm stalling again.

You expect me to say everything was great. This area is a little like Camelot: the sun shines all day and everyone is happy. To a large extent, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale and St. Anthony Park are nice places because people willed them as such.

This column is something they never prepared me for in college: There was never a "Final Column 501" at Hamline, so I need to go on what I've learned through osmosis about parting shots. I've always had the philosophy that the *Bugle* should

have as many names as possible, a sense of the small town while maintaining a professional demeanor. I think we've succeeded: as of late the number of submissions to the Neighbors column had been higher than in the past. The number of letters to the editor has risen. And lately people have been contacting the *Bugle* about contributing to the editorial pages, something which rarely happened in the past.

So, operating under "the more the better" philosophy, this final column will have a lot of names. First off, I'd like to thank the people who sent me unexpected cards: Joanne Martin and Joan Urbanski, you know who you are. And I'd like to thank those of you who have expressed regret at my leaving the *Bugle*: you know who you are.

But I will take this space for a little self-indulgence and thank a group of people who rarely get recognized. Mary Mergenthal, Kathy Magnuson and Karol Throntveit are the ultimate in professionalism. Bonnie Fournier was always a delight to work with. And, despite all the late nights looking through the garbage for lost type, Jim Hemming is as fine a keyliner as you'll find in Lauderdale. Our typesetters are very, very understanding people. And if there's a typo in this column, you can blame it on our proofreader, Elaine Frost.

Also on this list is the most opinionated group of people to be found in this area: I should know,

Magnet Jr. High next year. He's a potential free-lance photographer.

Kevin Reichard, for the past month, has been lame-duck editor of the *Bugle*.

Kathy Walters is a St. Paul free-lance writer.

#### Bugle dates

July 2: Bugle staff meeting, 2380 Hampden Ave., 6:30 p.m.

July 11: Park Press, Inc., annual meeting. See note.

July 18: Display advertising deadline.

July 22: Want ad and news deadline.

July 31: August Bugle printed.

since they are my bosses. There would be no *Bugle* without the diligent attention paid it by the board of Park Press, Inc., the *Bugle's* parent corporation.

Of these board members, I'd like to single out one: President David Laird. He helped me attain many personal and professional goals, and his calm demeanor in the face of warring factions guided the *Bugle* through a few rough spots.

So there. As a final column, I'd give this a six on a scale of 1-10. It's not weepy, and I didn't attack anyone—you know who you are, anyway—but I mentioned a lot of names. And that's what community journalism is all about.

But there are still a few more names to mention. I'd like to thank by cats, Geisha and Spike, for all the support they've provided...

Kevin Reichard

#### This month's contributors

Ann Bulger is a resident of St. Anthony Park and a regular contributor.

Pam Field of Minneapolis is a regular *Bugle* writer.

Warren Hanson of St. Anthony Park is a regular *Bugle* columnist. Most people know him as an illustrator, but deep down he's a writer.

Terry Johnson-McCaffrey is the regular *Bugle* photographer.

Linda Johnson is a free-lance writer from Como Park.

Todd Lefko is a regular contributor to the *Bugle* editorial pages.

Mary Mergenthal is assistant editor of the *Bugle*.

Steve Probst will be a seventh-grader at Murray

#### Correction

Murray Junior High seventh graders on the "A honor roll" were inadvertently listed as eighth graders in the last issue and the names of eighth graders receiving all A grades were omitted. Those students were Wendy Cheung, Donna Floeder, Kelly MacGregor and Christine Swanson.

#### Annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Park Press, Inc., Board of Directors will be held July 11 at 7 p.m. at the Arnold and Robin Lindquist residence, 2185 Carter Ave. The public is welcome.

# Urban gardeners: beets, cauliflower and asphalt



Bob Bacon at the District 12 Community Gardens.

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 Malchow 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 Malchow, 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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(Above) Ralph Wayne at the Lindig Avenue gardens. (Below) Colleen Healy, Margaret Davis and Laura Malchow at the Gibbs Farm gardens.



#### Fourth from 1

nic will be held and the Rockin' Hollywoods will perform at 7. The evening will conclude with a raffle drawing—with the grand prize a \$500 bill.

The Leo Johnson Drum Corps is a new addition to the activities this year. The drum corps will march in the grand parade and later break dance. According to Townsend, the corps is very popular at the Aquatennial Parade in Minneapolis.

Overall, Townsend sees little change in the Fourth in the Park over the next few years. However, he said the St. Anthony Park Association Fourth of July committee is always open to suggestions for something new or better.

"This celebration is a family event, a good mixture of kid's stuff and adult stuff," said Townsend. "Certain parts of spectacular fireworks on July 3, Park residents are content to watch instead of trying to compete with their own. And what better area to watch the free Fairground fireworks than St. Anthony Park?"

"This celebration is a family event, a good mixture of kid's stuff and adult stuff," said

Townsend. "Certain parts become more popular over the years such as the Rockin' Hollywoods, but I think everyone can get something out of our celebration."

What about the fireworks? Due to the Fairgrounds' spectacular fireworks on July 3 Park residents are content to watch instead of trying to compete with their own. And what better area to watch the Fairground fireworks than St. Anthony Park?

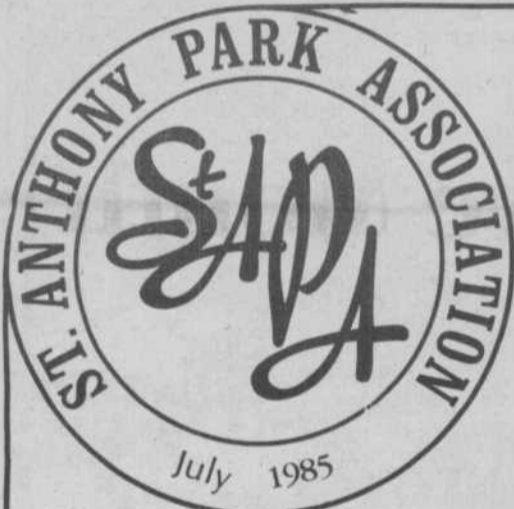
"We just walk over to the St. Paul campus and sit with the rest of our friends to watch the State Fair fireworks," Townsend said. "It's a great view and a great way to kick off the Fourth."

## 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 Pomeroy, assisted by two more generations of Pomeroy's 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 assists 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.



Editor: Catherine Furry, 647-1869

#### 8:30 a.m.

##### Langford Distance Races.

Registration near the tennis courts (small fee). Races start at 9. Four miles: men's women's and masters' (40 and over) divisions. Two miles: joggers (men and women) and juniors (15 and under). Family award too!

#### 11 a.m.

##### Grand Parade Assembles.

Children, bikes, trikes, baby buggies and wagons assemble at the Park Mobil Station. Bands, teams, vehicles and other marching units assemble at Luther Place and Como Avenue. Members of athletic teams are encouraged to wear their Langford uniforms.

#### 11:30 a.m. Grand Parade Begins.

Como Avenue, from Doswell Avenue to Langford Park. There will be a drum corps, dancers, bikes, trikes, baby buggies, wagon floats, antique and classic cars, Langford athletic teams, VIPs, Color Guard and more!

St. Anthony Park Association Officers 1984-85: President: Tom Frost; 1st Vice-President, Nancy Haley; 2nd Vice-President, Margot Monson; Secretary, Jan Nicodemus; Treasurer, Dale Tennison; Directors: Mary Warpeha, Tim Wulling, Verna Mikesch. Committee Chairpersons: Athletic, Stu Peterson; Arrangements, Bob Beck; Commercial, Mary Wagener; Community Information, Catherine Furry; Education, Gail Dennis; Historical, Carlton Qualey; July 4th, Charlie Townsend; Membership, Andy Kline; Program, Nancy Breneman; Public Affairs, Dave Allen.

# THE FOURTH IN THE PARK

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#### Noon.

##### Refreshment Stand Opens.

#### 12:15-1:15 p.m.

##### Opening Ceremony.

Bandstand in Langford Park. The Leo Johnson Drum Corps from Minneapolis will present a concert and break dancing in the park.

#### 1 p.m. Volleyball Tournament.

Registration at 12:30. There will be two tournaments: a "power" tournament and a recreational tournament. You may sign up individually, by group or team in either one.

#### 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.

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#### 5-6:30 p.m.

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#### 4:30-5 p.m. Drawings for Door Prizes.

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#### 5-7 p.m. A.F.S./Isabella Chicken Barbeque Picnic.

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#### 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.

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Emily Savage ended her kindergarten year at St. Anthony Park Elementary School by running for the finish line at the school's annual field day.



Donelle Kleman as Abby Hutchinson and Linda Steen as Rhoda Hutchinson are two featured performers in the Hutchinson Family Singers, a professional vocal ensemble which portrays the 19th-century Hutchinson Family. Steen is a resident of St. Anthony Park.

## Neighbors

**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 300-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 Jamieson**, 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. Jamieson is involved locally with the Block Nurse Program.

**Evelyn Halverson** has been named administrator for Lyng-

blomsten Care Center. Halverson has been employed at Lyngblomsten since 1977. She replaces **Wallace Hauge**, who will serve as president of the Lyngblomsten 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.



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July 12: Minneapolis Pops Orchestra

July 19: Minneapolis Chamber Symphony

July 26: Barbary Coast Banjo Brass

### Friday Free Times

Friday Free Times are sponsored by the Falcon Heights Park and Recreation Depart-

ment. All kids are welcome to attend.

July 12: Wear something that can get wet, because it's Water Day. Squirt guns and bottles are allowed; battery powered squirt guns aren't.

July 19: Write your own book. The cost for this program is \$5.00.

July 26: It's clean-up day, complete with kickball and watermelon.

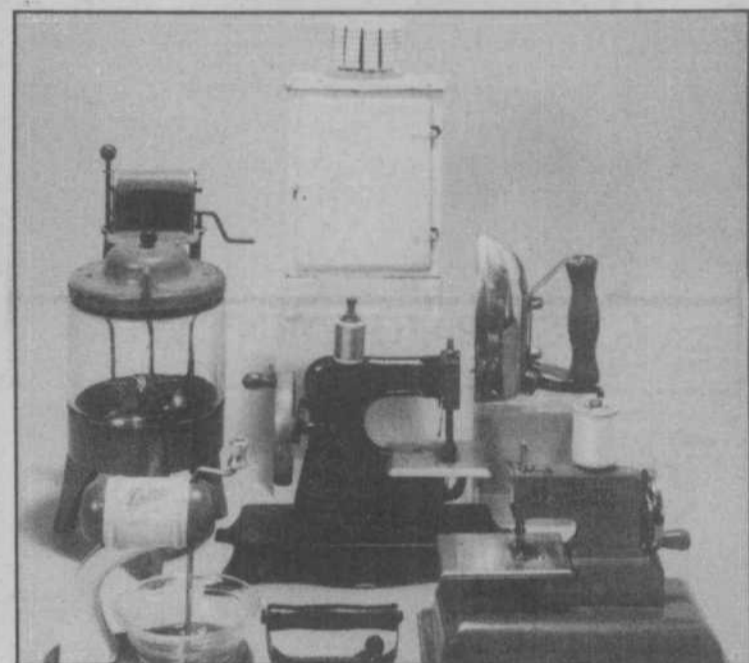
All programs start at 1 p.m. at the Falcon Heights Learning Center, 1393 Garden Ave., or 10 a.m. at the Community Park, corner of Cleveland and Rose-lawn aves.

### July 3 fireworks

Billed as the "85 Fairgrounds Fireworks Festival," St. Paul's Division of Parks and Recreation will launch the state's largest, longest and loudest holiday spectacular July 3 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

Briefly to 11



A few of the appliances at the "Child's Play, Woman's Work" exhibit at the Goldstein Gallery.



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## Fletchers from 3

As she approached the doorway to JoAnn Fabrics she saw a man with a ski mask—which, 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 pressed to 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 stuck, 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 their 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 after the assault, even renting a pager so he would be able to know where Linda was at all times. Linda gradually resented Bob's overly protective measures and finally insisted that she would go out 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 Liemandt'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 months 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...it led to tears. It was like the earlier miscarriage when I didn't want to take her around to places where there were little children because we didn't want to go through the pain or strife that it had caused us."

"I wasn't very sensitive to her needs at that time. Making her feel some self-worth. I think that's the bottom line to this whole story, as I look back on it. The self-image aspect of a woman after she's been assaulted is tested, although 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 that 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 knock-down, drag-out discussions of what the 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, if I just tried to cut back 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

## Recycling from 1

Nelson said that barrels and pallets were taken to the landfills that day and not returned. She became so tearful during the interview that at times she was unable to continue talking.

She added, "We have not registered a complaint, because we are hoping they will decide to help us financially. So far they have discredited the program."

Assistant Ramsey County Attorney David Fortney said he believes a formal request for money owed by the city has been submitted by the attorney of Recycling Unlimited to the county. "I do not know of any formal answer given to them," he added.

Fortney said he believed equipment had been locked in. At the site mentioned by Nelson, but that they had been released to Recycling Unlimited.

The firm reopened June 7 after officially shutting down May 10.

It is operating Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and from 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays, said Nelson; however, curbside service has not been resumed. Recyclables can be dropped off at the 775 Rice St. site, she said.

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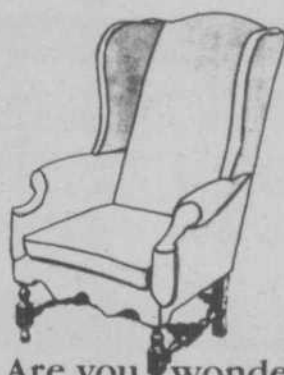
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# Former Ramsey principal Curtis Johnson passes away

Curtis Johnson, the first principal of Alexander Ramsey High School, died suddenly on June 16 at 2 p.m., leaving behind a legacy of educational leadership. Visitation was held at the Holcomb-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 that school during the '50s and '60s that they will carry with them all of their lives," commented Superintendent of Schools Lloyd Nielsen.

Johnson was born on May 24, 1908, in Sherman, South Dakota. He attended St. Olaf College, and earned his B.A. degree from Augustana 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 Elk Point, South Dakota, as a social studies instructor and athletic director from 1930-34. He taught industrial arts and served as athletic director at Hawarden, Iowa, from 1934-37, 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-senior 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 was 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 NASSP Convention Programs for eight years, was the NASSP 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 NASSP 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 MASSP and NASSP Bulletins. He contributed a chapter to the book, *The Three R's 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 Berniece (Bea) 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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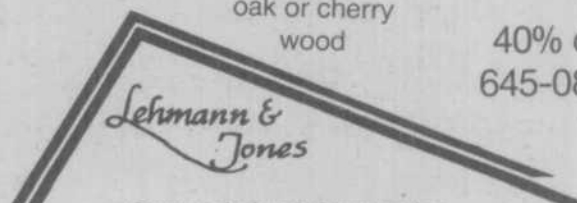
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Tickets will be on sale June 24-July 2 at St. Paul's Municipal Stadium ticket office, 1771 Energy Park Dr. (west of K-Mart off Snelling Avenue) from noon until 6 p.m. On July 3 tickets will be sold at the main Snelling Avenue gate of the Fairgrounds, starting at 10 a.m.

#### Child's Play

"Child's Play, Woman's Work: An Exhibition of Miniature Toy Appliances" opened June 12 at the Goldstein Gallery in McNeal Hall on the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota.

The exhibition features almost 200 operable miniature appliances used between 1890 and 1970. The show's centerpiece is a collection of toy sewing machines, manufactured by such leading sewing machine companies as Singer, Necchi and Brothers. The sewing machines were given to the Goldstein Gallery by Holly Schrank of Purdue University.

The sewing machines and a variety of miniature domestic appliances—stoves, refrigerators, ironing devices and laundry equipment—will be displayed with a child's viewing level in mind; no wall will exceed four feet in height. Some full-size appliances will be incorporated into the display area. Promotional literature, instruction manuals and booklets will emphasize the historical setting from which the appliances evolved, as well as their sociological implications.

"Child's Play, Woman's Work" explores the important effect toys have had in the formulation of attitudes and in the expression of a traditional gender model for girls. It highlights the role that material culture plays in the representation and transmission of values.

Timothy Blade, design professor and curator of the Goldstein Gallery's decorative arts collection, is the curator for

this exhibition. The show runs through September 29; Goldstein Gallery hours for this exhibit are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 1 p.m.-4 p.m. on Sundays.

For group tour and general information contact Fred Smith, assistant director of the Goldstein Gallery, at 373-0797.

#### New novel

St. Anthony Park resident Marjorie DeBoer has a new novel on the market. She'll be reading from the work and autographing copies of *The Whitbourne Legacy* July 14, 5 p.m., at St. Anthony Park Branch Library. The event is co-sponsored by St. Anthony Park Writers' Group and Micawber's. Copies of the novel will be available at Micawber's.

#### Band concerts

The St. Anthony Park Arts Forum will sponsor two free outdoor "rug concerts," presented by the St. Anthony Park Band on Sunday afternoons, July 21 and August 18 at 4 p.m. on the lawn in front of the library. Bring a blanket, beach towel, or lawn chair to sit on and enjoy an hour or so of lively band music *al fresco*.

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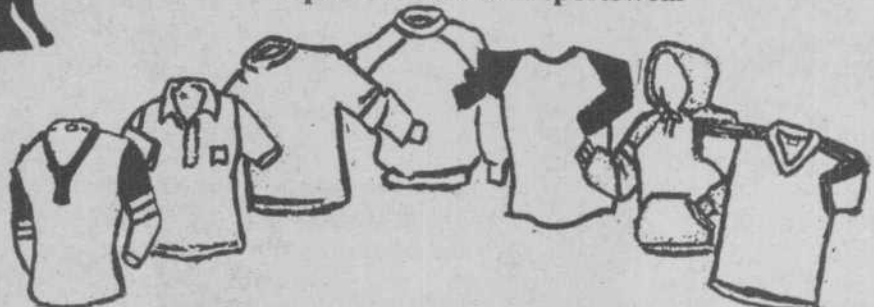
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*(It's that time of the year again, the time for honors and graduations. What follows is that we at the Bugle have heard about students at all levels this past month. If you have news about other students and wish to share it, write the Bugle at: 2380 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 Huy Thao Luu (B.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: Anthony Genia (B.A. in biology) and Peter Fardig (B.A. in political science), both of St. Anthony Park.

### Dean's Lists

At the College of St. Thomas: Joan Floeder, Nicholas Schaefer and Nancy Bruan, 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: Miriam 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 Floeder and Peter Warner, all of St. Paul.

### Honors

The Darwin Cox Memorial Sportsmanship 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 tries to 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 60. My blood pressure is normal, and I don't pay attention to my bad knee."

When he isn't 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, 1897. He attended Hamilton School until he went to work on a farm when he was 15. On January 20, 1920, 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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**1 July**

STAP 100, St. Anthony Park Centennial committee, 2380 Hampden, 7 p.m.

**3 Wed.**

Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park Methodist Church, 10 a.m.

**4 Thurs.**

July 4th Celebration, Langford Park. See article for details. AFS-Isabella Chicken barbecue, 5-7 p.m. Langford Park.

**6 Sat.**

Langford Running Club, 2219 Knapp St., 7:30 a.m. New members welcome. Held every Saturday.

**8 Mon.**

Falconers Senior Club, Falcon Heights Community Center, 1 p.m.

**10 Wed.**

Leisure Center, Methodist Church, 10 a.m.

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

**14 Sun.**

Publication reading and autographing of new novel by Marjorie DeBoer, St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 5 p.m.

**17 Wed.**

Leisure Center, Methodist Church, 10 a.m.

**21 Sun.**

Outdoor "rug concert" by St. Anthony Park Band, lawn of St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 4 p.m.

**22 Mon.**

Falconers Senior Club, Falcon Heights Community Center, 1 p.m.

**24 Wed.**

Leisure Center, Methodist Church, 10 a.m.

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"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, as Bob said, things are significantly behind the Fletchers 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 DFL 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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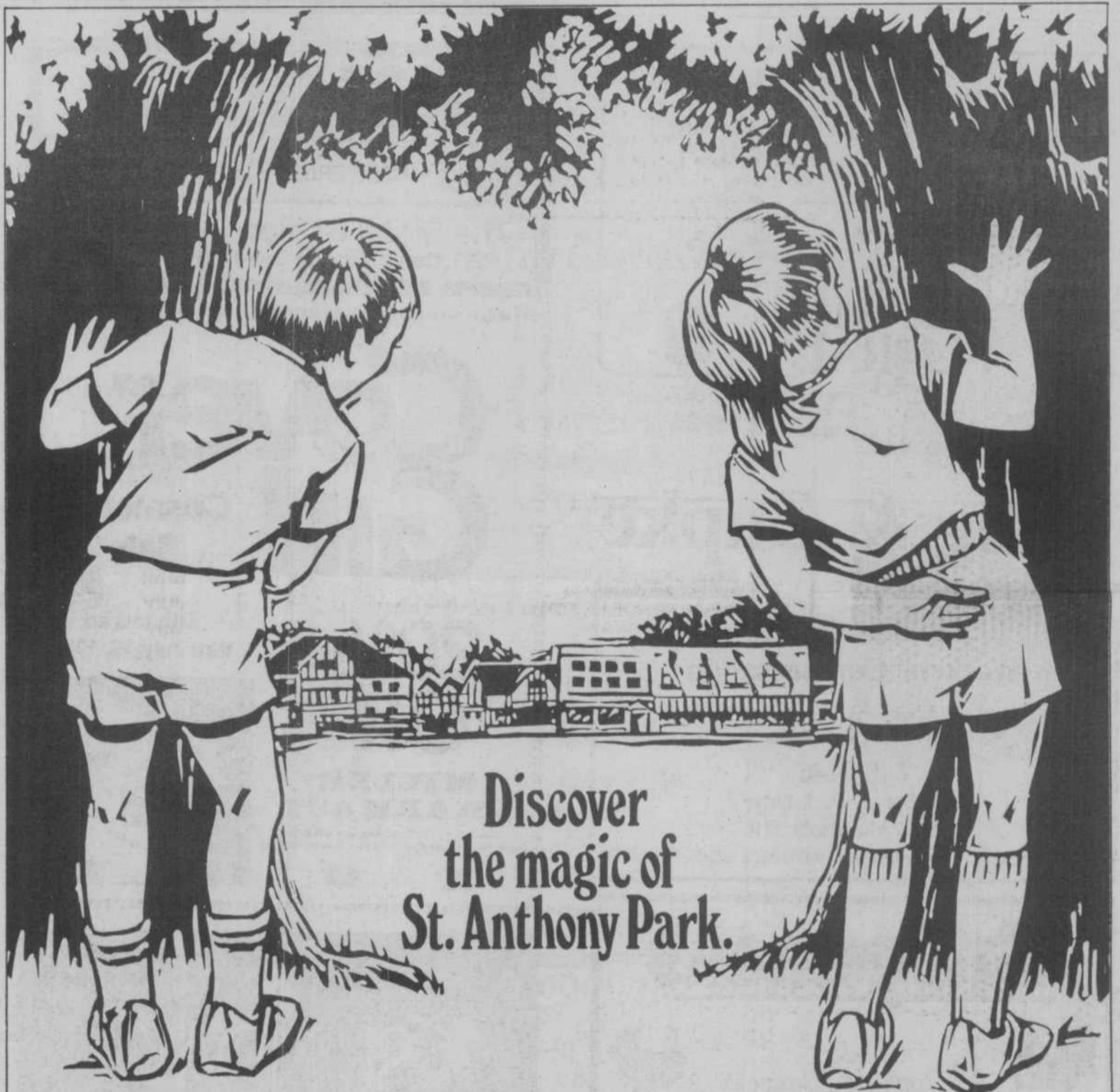
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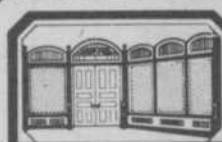
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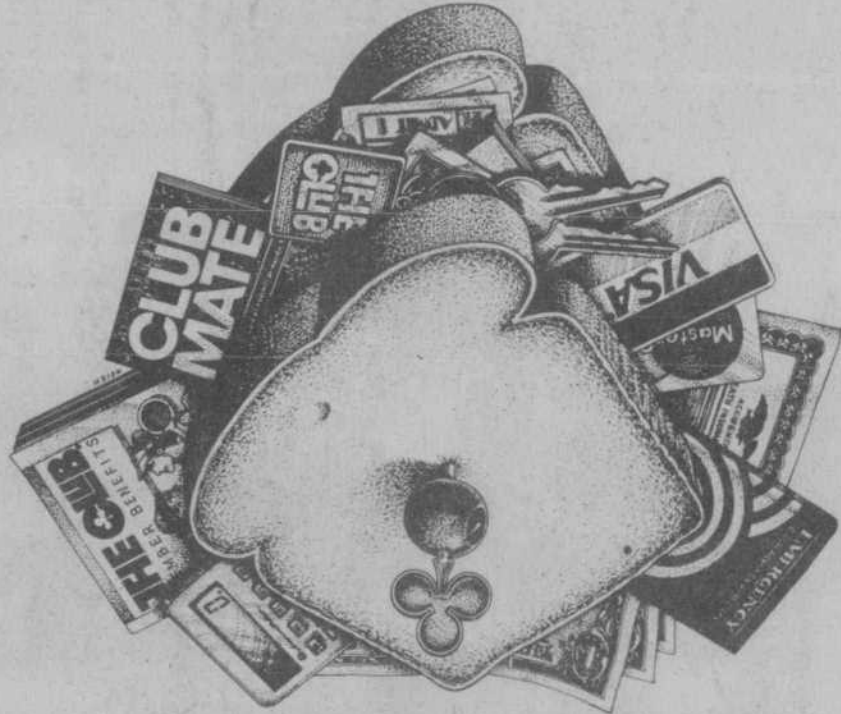
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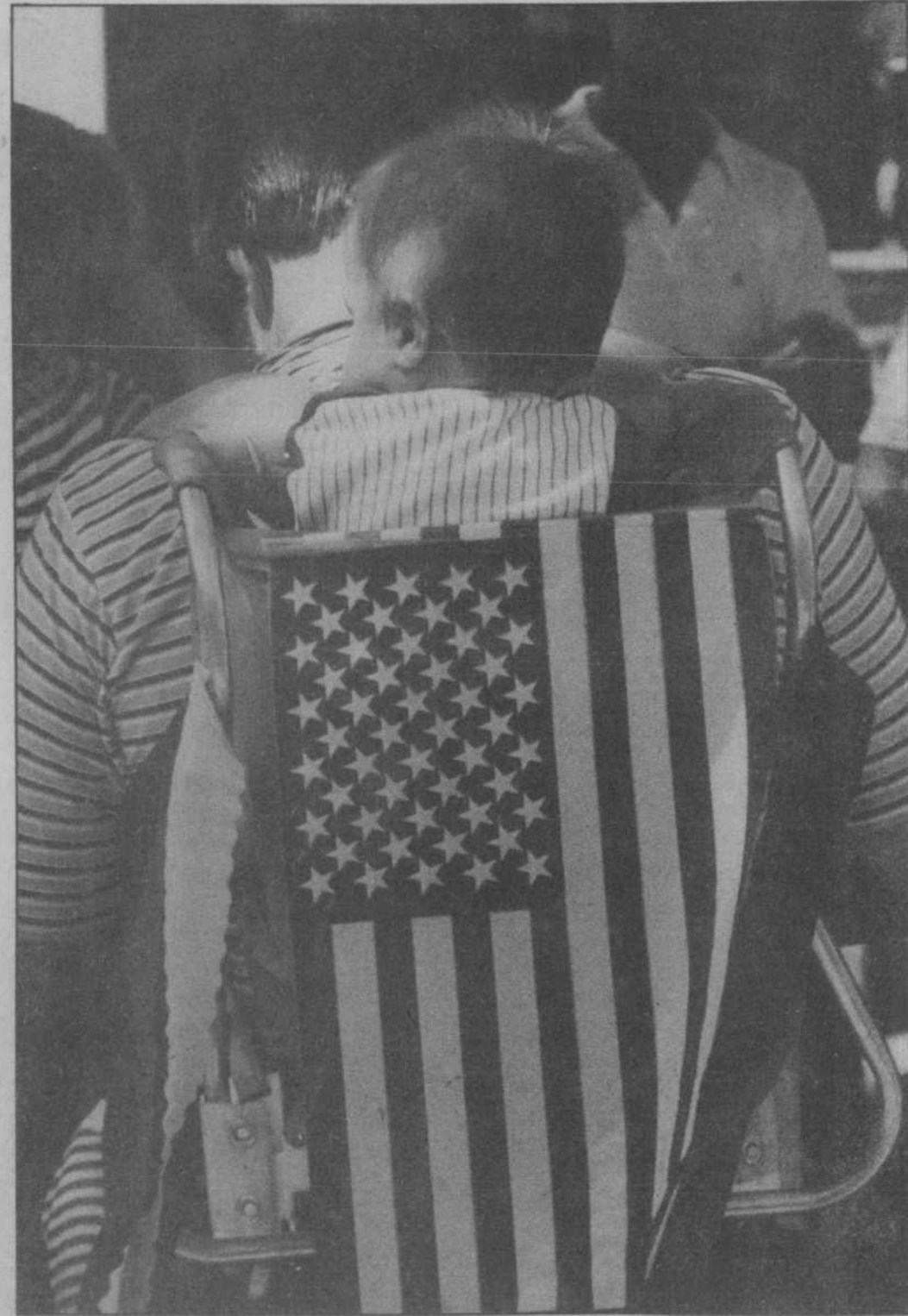
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