

## Break-ins put Como Avenue businesses on guard

By Judy Woodward

Allyson Tarnowski, general manager of the Muffuletta, isn't likely to forget the date of the recent break-in at the Milton Square restaurant.

"It was the morning of Friday the 13th, of all days," she reported, when staff arriving to open the restaurant discovered that intruders had been there first.

Fortunately, internal security measures prevented any serious losses at the restaurant, but Muffuletta became the latest Como Avenue site to suffer in a series of incidents that have put St. Anthony Park businesses on alert.

Ellen Watters, executive director of the St. Anthony Park Business Association, confirmed that police were called on four separate occasions involving Como Avenue merchants in the last six weeks.

Most seriously hit was the Como Station Post Office, which lost over \$14,000 in stamps during an overnight burglary in late September. The Bibelot Shop and Emil Gustafson Jewelers also were apparently targeted, but the thieves appeared to have been deterred by the businesses' alarm systems.

Commander Mike Smith of the Western District, St. Paul Police Department, acknowledged that commercial burglaries have risen in the past few months, even as the rate of violent crime in the city declined.

"We believe that small groups of people are responsible [for these incidents] at several pockets throughout the district," Smith said.

Smith pointed to a section of the Grand Avenue area and a couple of stretches along Uni-

versity Avenue, in addition to the St. Anthony Park commercial area, as target zones.

He added, "There is likely a relationship between these groups."

Smith also said that the criminals, although possibly quite young, are hardly rank amateurs since, "It takes some sophistication to get into a commercial building illegally."

Both Smith and Watters agreed that commercial crime in the Park seems to follow a cyclical pattern, with several years of little or no trouble followed by a rash of episodes like those experienced lately.

Watters complimented the St. Paul Police on their willingness to add extra patrols to the area. She also urged businesspeople and residents of the area to aid in crime prevention. "We want people to be extra alert," Watters said. "We're fortunate to live in [St. Anthony Park], a community with probably the lowest crime rate in the city, and we want to keep it that way."

Suzanne Fantle, owner of Emil Gustafson Jewelers, took confidence from the strong security defenses that apparently foiled a break-in attempt at her store, but she recommended that people be more vigilant.

"Don't be afraid" to report suspicious activities or license-plate numbers to the police, she advised. "Don't worry about seeming nosy. Take the time to be responsible to your neighbors and your community."

Fantle also offered a word of warning to those who might try to take advantage of the community: "Just because St. Anthony Park has the reputation for being quaint and charming, it doesn't mean we're stupid!"

## Incoming Falcon Heights mayor strives for community-based method of governing

By Judy Woodward

The new mayor of Falcon Heights hopes to put her fellow citizens to work.

Sue Gehrz, who will be sworn in on Jan. 10, said she wants to involve as many residents of the community as possible in the decision processes of government during her administration. She stressed that her political philosophy strives to involve citizens because government makes the best decisions with the most input.

"People can count on me to ask them to be involved in the work of government," said Gehrz, who garnered 75 percent of the vote in November's election.

Gehrz began her political career by responding to the call of citizen participation in neighborhood issues.

Susan Lucille Gehrz grew up in the western suburbs of the Twin Cities and she admitted she didn't have much interest in politics. The Twin Cities seemed too big an area for the individual to have much impact, she thought.

That attitude began to change when Gehrz moved to Laramie, Wyo., when her husband became a professor at the University of Wyoming. "Laramie," she said, "is such a small community that you couldn't avoid getting to know the political issues and people. The experience demystified politics for me."

In 1985, the Gehrz family, which by then included son Alex and daughter Andrea,



After sweeping into office with 75 percent of the vote, Mayor-elect Sue Gehrz of Falcon Heights is looking forward to preserving the city's status as one of the area's most desirable suburbs.

moved to Falcon Heights, when Gehrz's husband accepted an appointment as professor of astronomy at the University of Minnesota.

The family settled in University Grove, where Gehrz became active in the Grove Homeowners Association. She quickly advanced from block captain to secretary to vice president, then

president of the organization.

Gehrz is a firm believer in the value of neighborhood associations. "Through my neighborhood Association, I got my beginning [in politics]," she said. "I think that's often the case. People run for office because they get involved in a local issue."

**Gehrz to 11**

## Lauderdale town meeting participants ponder comprehensive plan

By David Anger

With an eye toward boosting its tax base and maintaining its civic independence, over 40 people participated in a town meeting on Nov. 20 at Lauderdale's city hall, where residents learned more about the city's comprehensive plan.

"This is a vision for our city," said Mayor Jeff Dains, who opened the meeting. "This plan might appear to be a maze of ideas, but behind every maze is a very well-planned idea."

As mandated by state law M.S. 473.851-872, Lauderdale's comprehensive plan will be advanced to the Metropolitan Council.

The Metropolitan Council must receive Lauderdale's plan by 1998, but the plan must first be adopted by the city council.

City administrator Tim Cruikshank remarked that the final comprehensive plan will guide the community for the next 15 to 20 years.

Cruikshank said this holistic approach to planning considers such broad issues as community characteristics, land use and tax base, public utilities, housing, transportation, park and public services and the environment.

In addition, the city administrator said that the plan can be handed down through political and administrative changes.

The highly detailed plan was developed by the planning and zoning task force, which began meeting in March of 1994. Last December, the task force hosted a town meeting about the plan.

Daniel Gumnit, chair of the planning and zoning task force, stressed that the current comprehensive plan is a *draft* that will be further refined, following the community's input.

After the 45-minute presentation by city officials, citizens visited kiosks—equipped with charts and visuals—that detailed the seven different issues.

The town meeting illuminated several issues that Lauderdale faces. For instance, the city

hopes to improve its rental properties and forge a central business district, said planning intern Patrick Hollister.

Then, too, this city of 2,700 people hopes to benefit from the redesign of Highway 280, which might create the space for taxable enterprises.

At the end of the evening, Lauderdale residents cast their votes for the comprehensive plan.

The grass-roots town meeting reflected Lauderdale's unique character.

"Perhaps no other town in Minnesota can claim to be so close knit yet so close to the amenities of city life," said Hollister.

The comprehensive plan includes seven goals, which are followed by an abundant list of policies.

**Community Characteristics:** Maintain a strong sense of community, maintain Lauderdale as an independent community and ensure public safety in Lauderdale.

**Land Use and Tax Base:** Expand the city's revenue, tax and employment base, create land use laws and city ordinances that are easy to interpret and consistent with Lauderdale's goals, and maintain and improve the character and quality of residential areas.

**Lauderdale to 2**



## St. Anthony Park Community Council News

### Council actions at a glance

At its November 11 meeting, the council:

- Heard a report from the Parking Task Force. The Executive Committee will appoint a Task Force to look at permit parking and a Town Meeting in January will be held on the issue.
- Voted not to oppose the request for variance from Alarm Products to move its loading dock from the Territorial Road entrance to the Charles Street entrance.
- Voted to support the 1996 work plan for the Neighborhood Energy Consortium.
- Voted not to hold Christmas tree pickups any more because the equipment at NSP for converting the trees to fuel is now working well. Haulers will be notifying residents of arrangements. Usually there will be no charge.
- Held lengthy discussion on a proposal for allowing natural landscaping on private property and another proposal on allowing boulevard planting.
- Moved to request signage, mirrors and striping on Raymond Avenue under the Soo Line Railway and the U of M Transitway to address the difficulties of accommodating both pedestrians and bicyclists.

### Community Council fund drive under way—thanks 1995 contributors:

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St. Anthony Park Home  
St. Anthony Park Barber  
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Todd Grossmann, dentist

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Council-sponsored meetings are listed each month in the *Bugle* Community Calendar (see page 21).  
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## Como Park Community Council (District 10) changes its bylaws

By Bill Claussen

After months of discussion and debate, the District 10 board of directors voted to approve new bylaws, which continue to allow area residents to vote at community meetings.

However, residents who wish to vote must now also register at least three days in advance of a District 10 community meeting.

This change reflects District 10's status as a nonprofit entity, which requires that membership must be registered with the organization.

For instance, Minnesota state law Chapter 317A, Section 439, requires that a membership list

for meetings be posted "beginning two business days after the meeting notice is given."

Once residents have registered with District 10, they are eligible to vote at meetings until they move out of the area or remove their name from the membership list.

Because only District 10 council members can vote at board of directors meetings, the organization moved to separate board meetings from community meetings.

Previously, District 10's agenda alternated between board and community issues. This created confusion. However, District 10 anticipates holding community and board of directors meetings

back-to-back.

Nonetheless, District 10 council members stressed that public comment is always welcome at board meetings.

Residents may register to vote at the District 10 office or by mailing their name, address and phone number on a signed and dated letter.

All registrations must be received three days in advance of the scheduled meeting.

District 10's office is open from 4 to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Its mailing address is: 1556 Como Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108.

## Lauderdale town meeting ... from page 1

**Public Utilities:** Promote and maintain a healthy and efficient system for disposing of the city's wastewater, ensure a safe, efficient and adequate water supply for all residents, and provide for efficient and safe drainage of storm water in the city.

**Housing:** Maintain and improve the quality of single-family detached housing stock, maintain and improve the quality of existing rental housing units.

**Transportation:** Improve the city's roads and related infrastructure, maintain them in good, safe condition and promote safety on all streets for all modes of transportation.

**Park and Public Services:** Maintain and improve Lauderdale's public facilities to provide recreation and community development opportunities, provide efficient public services to Lauderdale residents, and provide and maintain intergovernmental relationships.

**Environment:** Protect the environment within Lauderdale.

People attending the town meeting prioritized these goals. Citizens were strongly committed to retaining the community's characteristics. Twelve

people voted to maintain a strong sense of community, while 11 thought that it is important to maintain Lauderdale as an independent community.

Land use and tax base issues also received much attention. For instance, 12 people believed that creating land use laws and city ordinances that are easy to interpret and consistent with Lauderdale's goals is vital.

People attending the town meeting were less committed to public utilities. In terms of ensuring a safe water supply, for example, only two voters identified it as a critical goal.

In contrast, housing goals appeared to be a broader concern as eight people believed that maintaining and improving the quality of single-family detached housing stock is important.

Similarly, transportation concerns caught many people's attention. For instance, 12 people felt that improving the city's roads and related infrastructure in good condition is a worthy goal. However, only six thought that promoting safety for all modes of transportation is important.

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vices, 18 people identified promoting and maintaining intergovernmental relationships as a critical goal.

In addition to identifying important goals, voters were given the option to select policies that they opposed.

Maintaining the city alleys in the best and safest possible condition gathered the most negative votes: 11 people opposed creating and paving alleys.

After considering citizen input, the planning and zoning task force intends to refine the comprehensive plan. At the same time, the city staff will be devising an implementation plan.

A vote on the final plan by the city council is approximately five months away.

A copy of the comprehensive plan is available at the Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., or by calling 631-0300.

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## Megard's victory nears a landslide

By David Anger

Despite a huge campaign war chest and the blessing of Mayor Norm Coleman, challenger Teri McLaughlin was handily defeated by incumbent city council member Bobbi Megard of St. Anthony Park, who ran with DFL endorsement.

Megard carried 57 percent of the votes over McLaughlin's 42 percent.

The incumbent's support was solid throughout District 4, winning in all but two precincts. McLaughlin carried Precinct 11 in Hamline/Midway by three votes and Precinct 19 in Mac/Groveland by 35 votes.

Megard ran extremely well in St. Anthony Park's precincts 2, 3 and 6. In North St. Anthony

precincts 2 and 3, the council member won by 337 and 220 votes, respectively. In South St. Anthony's precinct 6, Megard carried the ward by 85 votes.

Megard narrowly carried precincts 4 and 5, representing Northwest Como. In precinct 4, she won by 21 votes, while edging out her opponent by 15 votes in precinct 5.

During her two years on the council, Megard frequently challenged the mayor's proposals. Her opposition led him to back McLaughlin, who also ran for the seat in 1993.

The Twin Cities Reader reported in its Nov. 15 edition that McLaughlin will have outspent Megard by over \$10,000.

However, final election reports are not due until Dec. 8.



St. Paul Fourth Ward City Council Member Bobbi Megard was reelected.

### St. Paul City Council Fourth Ward

Bobbi Megard	4,626
Teri Walker McLaughlin	3,446

## Falcon Heights election returns

### Mayor

Sue Gehrz	718
Robert Uhler	236

### City Council/unopposed

Sam Jacobs	619
Jan Gibson Talbot	760

With only a contested mayoral race, Falcon Heights' city election was a sleeper.

Mayoral candidate Sue Gehrz sailed by Robert Uhler, who garnered 25 percent of the vote.

Before running for mayor, Gehrz had served on the city council. See story on page 1.

Incumbent city council members Jan Gibson Talbot and Sam Jacobs ran unopposed for two four-year seats.

Gibson Talbot was the city's most popular vote getter, gathering 760 votes.

—David Anger

## Three DFL'ers and one conservative elected to St. Paul School Board

By David Anger

In the race for St. Paul school board, three DFL-endorsed candidates—Neal Thao, Greg Filice and Al Oertwig—were voted into office, while conservative incumbent Tom Conlon was reelected.

Thao ran first in all area precincts. St. Anthony Park voters favored DFL-endorsed candidates, such as Filice, Jay Fonkert and Oertwig.

Voters in Northwest Como were more conservative, opting for Conlon, Julie Glanz and Tom Snell.

Conlon's support was strong throughout the area with the exception of North St. Anthony, where he placed fifth.

Several conservative candidates sought to dismantle Out for Equity, a privately funded support group for gay and lesbian youth that meets in the St. Paul schools.

Conlon, Glanz and Warren Grantham opposed Out for Equity.

### St. Paul School Board

Neal Cheng Thao	24,254
Greg Filice	20,604
Al Oertwig	19,210
Thomas J. Conlon	18,172
Julie Glanz	15,786
Jay Fonkert	14,435
Tom Snell	12,278
Warren D. Grantham	10,659

## Lauderdale voters favor incumbents

By Barbara Claussen

Following a lively and contentious campaign, the Lauderdale electorate returned Mayor Jeffrey Dains and two incumbent council members, Jack Barlow and Karen Gill-Gerbig, to office.

Denise Hawkinson was successful in her unopposed bid for the two-year council seat.

Mayor Dains received 66 percent of the vote with 310 votes, while Homer Lambrecht captured 34 percent with 162 votes.

The final results in the four-year council races were: Karen Gill-Gerbig 311 votes, Jack Barlow 247 votes, Julie Medbery 199 and Daniel Gumnit 159.

Denise Hawkinson received 406 votes.

Gill-Gerbig was appointed by the city council in April to replace former council member Gene Ohman, who resigned in March. She filed for the four-

year position. Council Member Susan Bardill did not run for reelection.

"People are definitely emotional and passionate about the issues," said City Administrator Tim Cruikshank. "It seems to me that there are a lot of people who care about the community," he observed. "If there was indifference, that would be something to be concerned about."

Cruikshank also views the choice in this election as positive. "It's always good to have a lot of candidates running. The electorate had options in the mayoral race and the four-year council seats."

Voter turnout, 475, was slightly less than the last city election in 1993, when 493 residents voted. Lauderdale has 1,524 registered voters.

"It was a 30 percent turnout, which is very consistent," Cruikshank commented. "When the election is not in conjunction with a gubernatorial or

presidential election, the turnout is lower."

"The city council along with the community will be deciding what the future holds in terms of improvements in sanitary sewers, storm sewers and roads," Cruikshank said. "These are the issues coming up."

### Lauderdale Election Results

<b>Mayor</b>	
Jeffrey Dains	310
Homer Lambrecht	162

<b>Council Member, 4 year</b>	
Karen Gill-Gerbig	311
Jack Barlow	247
Julie Medbery	199
Daniel Gumnit	159

<b>Council Member, 2 year</b>	
Denise Hawkinson	406

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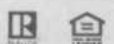
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# Editorial

## Shop till you drop — locally

So, this is Christmas, we hope you have fun. The calendar is packed with holiday this and that. A box of Christmas cards sits on the desk, screaming "Write me, mail me." And for the near and the dear ones, gift lists seems longer and more challenging than ever.

It is indeed a marvelous season of bright lights, great fellowship and food, glorious food. The Bugle's arts calendar features a carousel of holiday performances. And our center section highlights an array of gifts for the person who has everything. But as writer Barbara Claussen so poignantly records on page 24, the time of joy and mirth far too often descends into the season of madcap craziness.

Unplug the hysteria of the season by shopping locally. The benefits are enormous. Skip the hectic "I-can't-stand-Christmas-shopping" trip to the mall, where finding a parking space is about as difficult as drawing a winning lottery ticket. Worse yet, upon leaving these vast consumer emporiums, many people are overwhelmed with a sense of great dissatisfaction. Shopping bags may be bursting, but hearts are often aching. And does anybody really want a chia pet?

Instead of enduring this defeating chaos, patronize our area businesses, many of whom faithfully advertise in this newspaper. Here—whether on Como and Carter, University and Raymond, Snelling and Larpen-teur—you will encounter shorter lines, smiling employees and unique merchandise. There's a virtual A to Z of consumer choices from artwork to zoom lenses.

These are our neighbors and their livelihoods depend on your support. There are environmental advantages too. By skipping the 30-mile round trip voyage to that leviathan called the Mall of America, we save gas and our air is happier. Better still, weather permitting, many businesses are within walking distance of your front door. Chances are, along the way you'll see a neighbor dashing by, so be certain to say:

Have a very Merry Christmas!

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## Letters

### To every space there is a purpose

I had a disturbing experience the other day which has caused me to do some thinking. I write in the possibility that others may consider the issue and possible solutions.

It was a Friday afternoon. I was happily on my way home and stopping to do some errands in the St. Anthony Park shopping area. I do as much as possible there to support the local businesses. I like running into people I know, recognizing and being recognized by people who work at various establishments, and the feeling that I am a part of the neighborhood community.

So, in that glowing frame of mind, I walked into the drive-in bank building and suddenly felt as though I'd been punched in the stomach. There were stacks of the garish "JOB KILLER" literature in two places and "JOB KILLER" literature was taped on the window. It was, as they say, "in your face." It was as though the bank was telling me how to vote. I felt angry. I felt oddly threatened. I felt unwanted.

I stood there and tried to be rational. I thought, "This is a private business, remember that. This is not a service to you. This is not a public space, much as it may feel like one. Well, what's to stop the owner from putting up other campaign literature, other position papers? Nothing. It's his business, not yours."

I had no recourse at that moment. I thought briefly of taking all my money out of the bank, but that's not a decision I'll make so quickly.

This experience is similar to one a few years ago when Park Service was promoting a petition on a city issue. I've enjoyed my interactions with people at Park Service and I greatly respect the work they do, but I resented having the petition lying there as I paid my bill, imagining, as I did, that whatever side of the issue I was on mattered to the owner of the station.

As I mull over the issue, I can't help but think how

very difficult it would be to be an employee of one of these businesses when the owner or management makes a decision to promote their opinion in the workplace. At least I can leave the premises.

It seems to me that the business owner is taking unfair advantage of the fact that they "own" the space when they use it to promote a political opinion or candidate without equally representing the other side. They forget that they depend on my business as much as I rely on them.

So, here's a solution: Let all the businesses keep political literature out of them so that we neighbors and customers can shop without feeling compromised. Then, to promote dialogue and to give a place for such things, let the businesses and neighborhood association create an area for just such material. This would be an area where every side could be represented.

It could be a political kiosk, or a kiosk with seats nearby to encourage dialogue. Who knows, if we do it, someone may commission an artist to design a soapbox! Wouldn't that be fun?

**Susan Conner**  
St. Anthony Park

### Norm for governor?

It is interesting to me that Mayor Norm Coleman plans to run for governor, a position that becomes available in 1998. He presumes that St. Paul voters will reelect him in 1997, only to have him turn around and throw his hat into the gubernatorial ring.

Mayor Coleman reminds me of another popular politician whose ambitions got the better of him. As a governor who appointed himself U.S. senator, Wendell Anderson learned the hard way that it is necessary to plot one's political career one election at a time.

Norm's ambition should be his problem, not St. Paul's. We need a full-time mayor, one who will spend his time governing, not plotting strategy to carve the next notch in his political belt.

**Richard Brown**  
St. Anthony Park

### Report on Bugle's annual meeting

On Sunday, Oct. 29, I had the privilege of attending the annual meeting of Park Press, Inc., the community organization that owns and manages the Park Bugle.

I was impressed with the achievements reported in the meeting conducted by chairman Kent Eklund and wanted to share some of my observations with our readers. I think they'll be interested, too.

The Park Press board of directors is playing an important role in seeing that we have a good community newspaper that fills a niche not met in any other way. As residents of the neighborhood, we should be willing and glad to serve on the board if asked. Further, we all can support our Park Bugle staff financially in the fund drives and other activities including its advertising services. And we can get in touch with the editor when significant community issues and concerns develop.

The board has efficiently organized its monthly meetings into 55-minute sessions at 7 a.m. Our editor, David Anger, was welcomed and was complimented on the recent issues. The Bugle business manager, advertising representatives and others on the staff all had good reports.

As one of the original incorporators of the Park Press and a member of the first board, I have an abiding interest in the Park Bugle. It is helping and will continue to help St. Anthony Park live up to its reputation of being one of the best places in the city to live.

The annual board meeting was a model of good organization. Members of the board and staff deserve our thanks. To find out who they are, look at the bottom of the editorial page when you finish reading this.

**Gerald McKay**  
St. Anthony Park

### No generation gap here

Thank you for printing the great article about Across Generations written by Christopher Wurst in your September issue. The story really helped convey RSVP and Fresh Force's commitment to building a strong collaborative relationship between seniors and teens and our mutual commitment to community service. Wurst's story was creative and helped capture different dimensions of the program.

We appreciate your support in encouraging awareness about this opportunity to increase intergenerational understanding and cooperation. Thanks again for your interest.

**Sage Passi**  
Across Generations

### The Park is great

Possibly the main reason those of us who live in the Park like it here is the great people. Yes, there are the other advantages—the shops, the library, the quiet, the beauty, the convenience, the culture, etc. However, these attractions would be diminished without the great people.

This was really brought home to us when the quick reactions of several of our neighbors interrupted an attempted burglary and the intruders suddenly left, empty-handed. One afternoon when we were gone for a few hours, our front door was kicked in and our house ransacked. Two neighbors called 911 immediately. Another followed the car to the Speedy parking lot and was able to call in the license number. Four people were able to give accurate physical descriptions to the police.

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**Jack & Marge Christensen**  
St. Anthony Park



*Happy Holidays from the Bugle board and staff!*



## Cults-R-Us

I was watching TV when a news flash interrupted a regularly scheduled program. Nine hundred people, part of a strange religious group in South America, had committed mass suicide. This was November 1978. The news wasn't just horrifying. It was incomprehensible. I later discovered that this was where my college friend, Valerie, had died. The main question from most people was, "How was such a thing possible?" I understood perfectly how it happened.



I met Valerie in 1971 in Ann Arbor during our first year of college. Valerie, originally from England, grew up in Hong Kong. We immediately liked each other and were inseparable. We shared not only the same interests, we were also, for lack of a better description, spiritual seekers. We wanted something more than our respective religious backgrounds had offered. We were searching for meaning.

The late 1960s and early 1970s yielded a bumper crop of alternative spiritual groups claiming to provide the Ultimate Answer. Ann Arbor had more than its share, including Hare Krishnas, Children of God, various covens and Charismatic Catholics. Valerie and I often attended these groups' meetings. The summer before we said goodbye, I told her that I had found a group located in Detroit's inner city. The members lived communally and yet were also part of a respectable mainline church denomination, which seemed unconventionally conventional. Valerie joined another group in California, one that concocted its own religion. As Valerie and I were acclimating to our respective settings, we lost track of each other. Living in community, as they called it, meant adjusting to extended household life and learning to survive in inner-city Detroit.

Early on, I learned to push Valerie and anything else that was my life before community onto the back burner. They were not my family, declared the community leadership, which demanded total commitment.

They arranged our daily lives in such a way that facilitated that metamorphosis. I arose before dawn each day to make breakfast for 12. Then I headed to my full-time outside job. (Each member's paycheck from his or her outside job was given to the community's common pot.) Later I returned home to more cooking and housework. In the evenings we had to attend regularly scheduled community meetings that often continued for hours.

Yes, this pace seemed a little insane. Nevertheless, I eventually adapted to the community's rules and regulations. "Normal behavior" was dictated to us by the leadership—and that changed regularly, without notice. Initially, I was too exhausted to challenge this. Later, I would stay up late into the night to sort out my feelings and record my concerns in my notebooks. This was often the only time I had any privacy (a rare commodity in this lifestyle).

Yet, I often found the grueling pace a challenge and enjoyed rising to the occasion. I learned how to cook in quantity, care for kids (also in quantity), repair cars,



**Natalie Zett**

**BUGLE COLUMNIST**

restore houses and assorted other feats, great and small. I was also part of our community's traveling music outreach. I grew to appreciate the structure and discipline that were absent in my upbringing.

Still, severe problems plagued our common life. They often manifested themselves during community gatherings, such as our "house meetings" where the theme was "walk in the light." This amounted to one or more people being forced to confess perceived "transgressions" before other household members who chastised them further by hurling additional accusations. After the accused crumbled in a heap of shame, he or she was declared forgiven and welcomed back into the fold.



The community was headed by a group called "elders." New elders were chosen when the existing ones determined that someone had "an anointing." What this was, and how they could see it, was anyone's guess. Once, a highly paid professional came around to pursue one of the community women. He didn't know it, but he was about to get more than he bargained for. The elders took one look and saw something even more desirable than his tremendous salary. He had natural leadership skills and a great deal of personal charisma (though no religious background or inclination). He married the woman and was immediately named an elder. Though he successfully spearheaded projects such as purchasing apartment buildings, he also had an obvious weakness for the many young, attractive community women. To me, it was obvious what was happening. When I raised concerns before the elders, I was summarily dismissed.

If that wasn't enough, the leader of the household in which I lived experienced continual bouts of rages that she attributed to "demon possession." At those times she physically, emotionally and verbally abused anyone in her path. I once witnessed this diminutive woman sucker punch and knock out a man who was trying to calm her. When several of us beseeched the leadership to get outside professional help for this woman, we were admonished for not trusting in God for her healing.

It took a few years until I could emotionally detach from the place and see things in perspective. By that time I was worn down by my household leader's frenzied outbursts and fed up with the elders. At the same time I had acquired a number of useful skills and was coming into my own. As a result, I felt confident and believed that after surviving this, the outside world would be a piece of cake. No longer the aimless 21-year-old who arrived four years before, I learned to trust myself. I also knew that the longer I stayed, the more emotional damage I would sustain.

A series of events caused me to end up in the hot seat during one of our infamous house meetings. By that time I was no longer buying into the rhetoric. When accusations were flung at me, I shot them back without

a pause, aiming for a few jugular veins. Amazingly enough, the leaders backed down—momentarily. Then one of them grasped for the old "Satan possession" straw. I stopped the meeting cold with a flip comment: "Did you know that Satan in Greek means, 'I accuse'? I'd take the hint if I were you." I got up and walked out. The next day I announced I was leaving the community. I packed what little I had including the notebooks. Unlike many before me who tried to leave, I was given no resistance.



That was nearly 18 years ago. Other than a few articles here and there (where I was actually quite kind to them because they are still doing vital work in inner-city Detroit), I've not said much publicly. I put it behind me and "got a life." I finished a couple of degrees, took up writing and music again and returned to my religious roots.

Then last year I heard the founder of our community had died. Prior to his death he had been accused of, and admitted, sexual misconduct. There were several others accused of similar misdeeds. I wasn't shocked at this revelation as much as amazed that my intuition at that time was so accurate.

At that point, former community members began contacting me. Conversations revealed that many had internalized the guilt and shame that was heaped on us when we were there. One woman concluded that, "I didn't measure up." I told her emphatically that, "None of them measured up!" The worst account was that one of my closest friends, who was supposedly "cured" of his sexual orientation by the community, died of AIDS. I sadly discovered that he's only one of many.

It was time for me to look at my life in community again. Through my research I inadvertently stumbled across some information about characteristics of cults that certainly applied to my community experience. Though my group was not a cult in the strictest sense, it certainly shared enough cultist attributes. Our community yielded a number of personal casualties—though nothing as dramatic as the Jonestown mass suicide. The community often practiced the relentless assault on the human spirit that leads to such large-scale destructive acts.

As I investigated this phenomenon, I found that cults, sects and intentional communities have a long history in the United States. In reality, they are as much a part of the American tradition as apple pie. Then, so is the right to dissent and the right to free speech. Fortunately, my clinging to the latter two saved me.



It seemed time to chronicle my experience—to write the book that I always said I would. So I dug out those notebooks that I kept in community and have begun. Will it change anything? I doubt it. Many people, after all, suffer worse things in their families of origin than I did in community. Yet people need to know that we were there and, for the sake of Valerie and others who cannot lend their voices to it, it's all the more important.



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## Falcon Heights neighbors develop friendships

By Bill Claussen

Falcon Heights is hoping to find a little more *harambee*. Not that it has none already. On the contrary, it has enough to want a little more.

The Swahili word, referring to people in a community pulling together, is one of the guiding principles of a new group trying to develop and preserve the strengths of their neighborhoods. It is especially interested in creating more opportunities for people to get to know their neighbors better.

The group is called the Keeping Connected Team, and members will meet on a monthly basis in cooperation with the Falcon Heights City Council.

The team of 11 volunteers responded to an open letter written by city council member John Hustad this summer. The letter was distributed around local shops and printed in local papers.

"We are looking for 10 creative, energetic, and interested citizens to come together in the spirit of *harambee*," the letter read, "to discover ways to keep our community connected, safe, and friendly." Though the council originally sought 10 citizens, all 11 who responded to the invitation were included.

Jean Ann Coon was one of the first volunteers to respond. Like Hustad, she came to the project with a particular concern for young people in the area. She said it seems particularly difficult for teenagers in the area to meet up with positive peer groups.

"I would like to see a place where they can go, which they don't have in Falcon Heights or Roseville, besides the mall," she explained. "I am interested in coming up with something in an

existing building perhaps, to give them a new recourse."

Preserving a positive community for neighborhood kids to live in is also an emphasis for Hustad.

"When parents know each other they are more likely to look out for each other's kids," he said. "I'm convinced that it's not so much elaborate social engineering that makes a difference but these more basic things that make for good, safe communities."

In addition to *harambee*, he noted that Keeping Connected was inspired by another African

**"I would like to see a place where [teens] can go ... besides the mall."**

—Jean Ann Coon

tradition as well, the proverb that states, "It takes a whole village to raise a child."

Bruce Mielke is a team member who, as a neighborhood watch captain, appreciates the value of neighbors getting to know one another. He looks forward to facilitating neighborhood activities that will lead to friendlier relations between neighbors. He thinks the team will come up with some good ideas to spread about the community.

"I see us trying to promote ideas like catching a neighborhood teen doing something good, and just remembering the value of things like smiling at your neighbor," Mielke said.

Outgoing mayor Tom Baldwin thinks the team will be a good way for the city to capitalize on its unique strengths. While door-knocking, he had noticed that "people keep saying they love the small-town atmosphere and uniqueness of the area. When asked where that uniqueness came from, however, I got a lot of vacant looks. One thing the team will hopefully do is track down the qualities that create this uniqueness and find ways to capitalize on them."

But the council has been careful not to define any specifics for the team. The idea is to entrust this to the volunteers, who are all new to government. After their specific objectives are developed, they will likely need help from other volunteers to carry them out.

The group welcomes married and single people. In addition to long-standing residents, many are relative newcomers to Falcon Heights.

The other team members are Maureen Blustein, Ann Gustafson, Wendy Hockbein, Reid Grano, Therese Rothman, Connie Thompson, Michael Tracy, Lynnanne Warren and Ken Winters.

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The Family English Program teaches new immigrants vital language and survival skills that help participants endure the hardships of life in an unfamiliar country.

## Falcon Heights UCC is home to the Family English Program

By Laura F. Lee

The room is decorated in bright colors. Different activities are set up at various tables. The teachers are ready. But this scene is a little different than the typical classroom in Falcon Heights. The objects around the room are labeled—table, chair, window—and the students are of all ages from all over the world.

The Family English Program offers classes in English and parenting for immigrants and their children. The program, which started in the Roseville School District, expanded and relocated to Falcon Heights United Church of Christ.

"The English program was a need that had to be met," said Sharon Buechner, manager of the Roseville Area Family Collaborative. "The diversity here has grown in the last 10 years. It is a good way for parents with young children to get out and improve social skills and reduce isolation. They can get coping skills to better improve their abilities to function in our society."

Currently, there are nine families in the program. The participants are Vietnamese, Hmong, Hispanic and Romanian families, and sometimes the extended family is included as well. They meet Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings for two hours of classes.

The program consists of four components. For the first part, the parents and children spend time together. They sing songs, practice English vocabulary and participate in crafts and other activities for 45 minutes. Diann Neumann, the children's teacher, said, "We promote family literacy. The mothers work with their children and we help them to realize that they are the children's first teacher."

Next, the families separate. While the children play and improve their social and emotional skills, their parents have classes. One part of the

class is English. English as a Second Language the class is split into two different levels.

The lower level group concentrates on the alphabet, numbers and simple personal communication. The advanced level chooses topics of interest and has focused on American history, newspapers, pronunciation and vocabulary.

The second part of the classes consists of parenting concerns. "The parenting class runs a wide gamut," said Buechner. "One example is a class on parent/teacher conferences. We explain why it's important and explain the process so they are not afraid of it."

Some classes discuss taking the public bus, banking, talking to the insurance company and other daily activities that can pose problems to people in a new country. "We educate families so they have confidence, English skills and they know how to survive in this community," added Buechner.

Mari McLaughlin, the parenting class teacher, said, "We talk about how children learn, discipline and even toilet training." The parents can also bring up issues. "If they get something from the school district that they don't understand, we talk about it," said McLaughlin.

"We don't discourage their own language," McLaughlin said. "Ours isn't the only way. Children need to have a strong native language before learning a second language, so we encourage the parents to read to them in their own languages. We also share traditions."

To be eligible for the program the families must be permanent residents, live in the Roseville School District and have children under the age of 5. Families with older children have different options available to them through the Family Collaborative, which has been formed with help from a Minnesota state grant.

Focus groups revealed that

there were community needs not being met. Out of this discussion, the Family Collaborative and the Family English Program were created. "We want to serve the family in a more holistic, user-friendly way," Buechner said.

Those involved with the Family English Program have been in the U.S. for various lengths of time—from two months to several years. The parents don't all speak the same native language, but they find ways to communicate in English or with gestures.

"It's a broadening experience for everyone to find that others around the world aren't so different," McLaughlin said.

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# J Michael Compton: Church music is the most sublime expression of faith

By David Anger

If you know St. Anthony Park, then you know St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. And if you know St. Matthew's, then you must know J Michael Compton.

As the choir director and organist at St. Matthew's for 12 years standing, the sandwich-bread-thin man with an enthusiastic panache for sacred music is a familiar figure in St. Anthony Park and beyond.

During his tenure, St. Matthew's choir participation has increased dramatically—"We're out of chairs," sighed the director—and he has developed Evensong, a far-reaching concert series held monthly at the church on Sunday afternoons.

Compton's road to church music was accidental, not incidental. But, then again, it wasn't exactly a crash landing.

"I fell into church music," remarked Compton, "but I didn't fall into music."

Nowadays, Compton is a steadfast believer in the importance of ecclesiastical music.

"As a professional musician, I believe that the works of the famous composers are the most sublime expressions of faith and they were written for churches," Compton said. "It isn't often that you hear fine music in church. Of course, you can find it in concert halls, but that's really limiting for many people. So, our challenge is to present quality music."

"For example," continued the choir director, "Mozart's 'Ave Verum' is the most wonderful piece of music and it lasts for all of two or three minutes."



J Michael Compton directs the St. Matthew's choir on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m., featuring "Magnificat" by Pergolesi.

Raised in Bloomington, Minn., Compton started playing the piano at age 7. His family attended a Church of Christ congregation that lacked a strong music program.

During Compton's high school years, the musically savvy student suggested that the church choir take on Handel's famed "Messiah." When the choir director rejected Compton's request, he went shopping for another house of worship.

After high school Compton continued his musical studies at Boston University, where he set his ambitions on becoming an orchestral violinist. At the same time, his roommate was studying the organ, an instrument that Compton had yet to master. In Boston, Compton's love of church music was further nurtured at a Unitarian church, where he performed as a paid vocalist.

Before arriving at St. Matthew's, Compton sang in the choir at St. Mark's, the cathedral

church perched on the southern edge of Minneapolis' Loring Park. There, he became enchanted with Anglican traditions. Three trips to Britain followed. It could be said that Compton is a certified Anglophile, holding a passion for things English from tea to music.

"I'm always planning a trip to England," Compton revealed.

Through Compton's visits to Britain, he developed an unqualified appreciation of the English cathedral tradition. This ancient arrangement blends young and mature voices, which forges a singularly high-pitched treble sound that is uniquely Church of England.

"Somehow adult sopranos don't grow on trees," remarked Compton, who is training his choir in the English cathedral tradition.

In addition to his work at St. Matthew's, Compton is a free-lance musician, performing as a singer and violinist. He

also holds down a non-musical job—the inevitable plight of a creative person—by working as a bookkeeper for a local doctor.

A downright iconoclast in a techno world, Compton's office is a veritable antique treasure trove. For instance, there's a threadbare rug covering the cold cement floor and a manual typewriter sits prominently atop his desk.

Then there's the question about his name: J Michael Compton *without* a period after the J. According to Compton, he went to court to remove his seldom-used first name, which began with a J, but he kept the letter because he liked the way J Michael Compton sounded.

Some people have spotted the high-energy Compton walking from his apartment on Oak Grove Street in Minneapolis to work in St. Anthony Park. Their eyes were correct. Every Wednesday, Compton makes the journey on foot. In addition to being good exercise, it is a considerate move that allows his partner, who works a different schedule, to attend choir practice by car.

"Churches are concerned about staying alive into the 21st century," said Compton. "There's a lot of discussion about the music. And yes, many are correct that the church has to change, but we don't need to forget about our musical traditions."

"A lot of people are asking for mindless pop music, which is junk," concluded Compton with characteristic frankness. "One of our biggest asset is the churches' rich musical heritage."

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# Fast times at J.T.'s Feathered Denims

By Tony Grundhauser

Sometimes when you pass a storefront, the shop name or a striking image on the sign in the window makes you wonder what could possibly be inside. Looking at J.T.'s Feathered Denims' sign, I wondered, what exactly is a feathered denim?

Images from my own junior high school days in the '70s invaded my mind like a bad dream starring Shawn Cassidy or Leif Garrett. Farrah Fawcett feathered hairdos. Bonnie Bell lip gloss—Dr. Pepper or bubble gum flavor—strung around girls' necks. Nike sneakers—the kind with the red stripe if you were cool. Oversized plastic combs sticking out from everyone's back pocket as you walked down the hall. And, of course, the dreaded silk shirt guys wore unbuttoned to their waist.

I opened the door and was greeted by the slow, Southern drawl of the owner, J.T.

"Howdy! Welcome to my store," he beamed. A curly-haired former school teacher and social worker from the Ozarks, J.T. looked happy to have his own place.

J.T.'s Feathered Denims is actually a used clothing store in the basement beneath The Coffee Grounds at 1583 Hamline Avenue in Falcon Heights. Even though the '70s are back in style with today's misled youth, there was not a silk shirt in the place. J.T. does, however, have a large stock of bell-bottom jeans.

"We do get a lot of the kids from the schools and colleges in the area that are going to '70s parties," he said.

Leading me through the labyrinth of theme rooms—boots, jeans, flannels, suits and ties, women's, children's, and vintage, to name a few—I realized this was no

dumping ground for people trying to clean out their closets.

"People like this place because it's organized and it's clean," he said of the store that in only one year has expanded from one room to about 10.

There are no barrels of wrinkled shirts or piles of shoes thrown into a corner like you will see at some used clothing shops. Everything is organized by size and type. Customers walk into the boot room and can easily identify a pair of size 12 Tony Lama's, if that's what they're looking for. The jeans are neatly piled by size and easily accessible.

J.T. also only deals with quality brand names such as Levi, Lands' End and Pendleton.

"You have to get here early for a good flannel shirt," he said. "They go the quickest."

With winter coming, J.T.'s is also a good place to pick up a winter jacket for yourself or a growing child.

"All right," I had to ask after the tour had nullified my preconceptions, "What the heck is a feathered denim?"

J.T. laughed and pointed to a pencil drawing on the wall depicting eagle feathers. "Part of it comes from my art and the other part is that feel you get from old jeans after they've been worn for a while. They feel like a feather."

Satisfied, I decided if it's the 1970s you want, go to the video store and rent "Fast Times at Ridgemont High." If you're after quality used or vintage clothing, drop in on J.T. and he'll be glad to oblige.

For store hours and directions, call 649-1452.



J.T. welcomes customers to his used clothing store on Hamline Avenue on the northern edge of the St. Paul city limits, just into Falcon Heights. Bargains abound in several rooms inside the year-old enterprise. "You have to get here early for a good flannel shirt," J.T. says. "They go the quickest."

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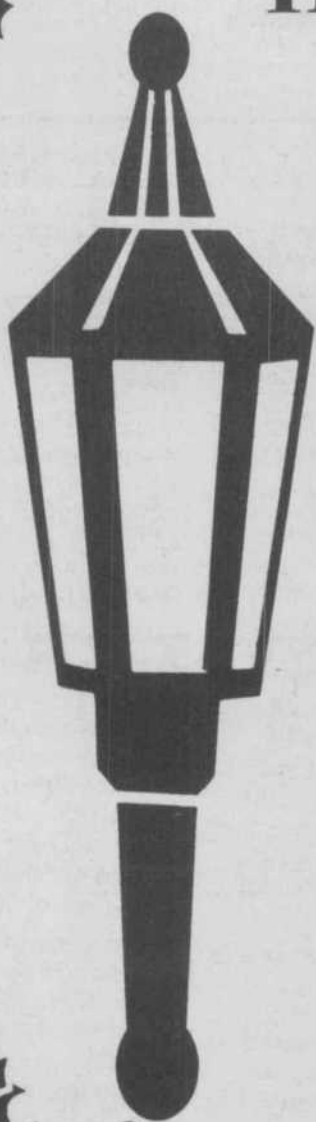
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## ParkBank Diamonds enjoy journey to Door County, Wis.

By Gerald R. McKay

Seventeen St. Anthony Parkites spent four days of the last week in September on a delightful bus tour visiting the Door County peninsula in east central Wisconsin. The trip was organized by Marvin Chapple of St. Anthony Park State Bank, who directs the ParkBank Diamonds program for seniors. This program, which has included a number of other events, was started about a year ago.

Those in the ParkBank Diamonds group included Marguerita Billings, Jane Bose, Ann Brey, Marvin Chapple, Ethel and Laurence Cutkomp,

Margaret Engene, Gladys Hansen, Gerald and Mary McKay, Verna Mikesch, Marie Nodland, Dora Soine, Dorothy Swanson, Leonard and Sherley Unger and Louise Love. A few others outside the Park completed the busload.

Door County makes up the last 65 miles of a 90-mile-long peninsula extending from the city of Green Bay out into Lake Michigan. The west side of the peninsula is the east edge of the water of Green Bay. The county averages only about 10 miles in width except at the south end, where it is 10 to 15. The south entry point of Door County is approximately 300 miles from the Twin Cities, an easy day's bus ride.

The two days we spent in Door County itself were filled with exciting activities, including a fish boil, seeing new cherry picking equipment, a trip to Washington Island beyond the end of the peninsula, a visit to Sturgeon Bay, a shipbuilding center, and a visit to a winery.

The fish boil awaited us on our first night there, a very traditional feature of everyone's first visit to Door County. A wood fire heated water in a large kettle to boiling. In this was placed a steel wire basket of potatoes with the skins on, a few large onions and a generous amount of salt. After a few minutes of cooking, several large pieces of freshly caught whitefish were placed on top. The final touch was to throw about a quart of fuel oil on the fire to create an intense heat for a couple of minutes. To say the fish was delicious would be an understatement.

At another location we saw a demonstration of a newly invented mechanical cherry picker. The machine, mounted on a tractor, would clamp onto the trunk of a loaded cherry tree and shake the tree so the cherries would fall on a conveyor belt, which would take them to a packer. Door County pro-

duces between six and ten million pounds of cherries annually. The common variety is Red Tart Montmorency.

We spent one day visiting Washington Island (by ferry), a few miles beyond the tip of the peninsula. Before the beginning of this century, Washington Island was the home of several Native American tribes.

This island, with a permanent population of about 650, is almost entirely a tourist center now, although a few farms are still operating. The island is approximately seven miles square and has many beautiful summer homes as well as a number of tourist accommodations. Commercial fishing is important for those who live on the island.

At the Door Peninsula Winery, we saw wines being made from cherries as well as from other traditional fruits—grapes, pears, raspberries and strawberries. The building itself had been remodeled from an old schoolhouse. Wine tasting and some purchasing wound up our visit there.

Sturgeon Bay, the county's major city, with a population of about 10,000, is primarily a manufacturing center. Through its history, shipbuilding has been a key industry, but in recent years other forms of manufacturing have replaced some of the shipbuilding.

Although cherries are Door County's main cash crop, apples are important and generate a good share of income. Livestock farming, particularly dairy, also is a stable income producer in many parts of the county.

Serving tourists is of main interest in Door County, however, and after enjoying their hospitality and beautiful accommodations in eating, sleeping, sightseeing and interest centers, the 17 St. Anthony Parkites who spent the last part of September there would heartily agree. We all enjoyed the trip.

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# Great reading with local appeal for the hungry bibliophile

By David Anger

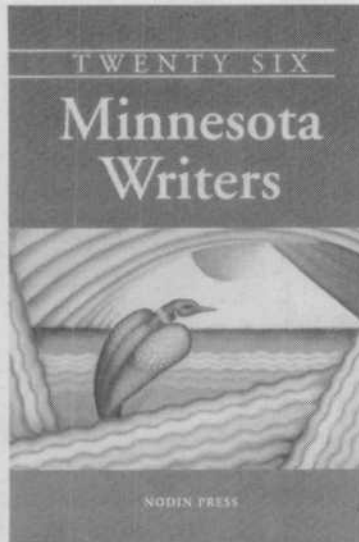
Similar to the flood of Hollywood movies that hit the screen on Thanksgiving Day, book publishers release a mass of titles aimed at capturing our holiday shopping good book. Everyone loves a good book, especially if it speaks to our local landscape.

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Throughout his remarkable career, architect Edwin Lundie created over 300 buildings, including four homes in University Grove. Lundie's first contribution to this academic village appeared in 1931 at 2273 Folwell.

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• **"26 Minnesota Writers"** edited by Emilio and Monica Drealan DeGrazia (Nodin Press)

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The great Lutheran theologian Gerhard Frost's writings endure in this collection of poetry, carefully edited by his daughter, Naomi. Steeped in Christian thought, Frost's works are insightful, warm and anything but dogmatic.

• **"Abandonings: Photographs of Otter Tail County, Minnesota"** (Clark Publishing)

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Walk over to Minneapolis for Jane Pejsa's insightful biography of progressive Gratia Countryman, who forged the Minneapolis Public Library system and influenced libraries nationwide.

## Sue Gehrz breezed into office in Falcon Heights with 75 percent of the vote ... continued from page 1

Gehrz thinks local issues are especially important as political springboards for women candidates. "Very competent women often don't run for office," she remarked, "because they don't think they can. Sometimes all it takes is for one person to say to a woman, 'I think you could do it.'"

In Gehrz's case, she was encouraged to run for higher office by several of her fellow members of the homeowners association. She was first elected to the Falcon Heights City Council in 1990 and reelected in 1992. She has two more years left to her term, but Gehrz will resign her council seat when she is inaugurated as mayor.

Residents who are looking for some dramatic changes of political course under a Gehrz administration will be disappointed. Gehrz says she plans to continue many of the projects that "we've worked hard on." Chief among those is what she terms a "planning stance."

As a fully developed city, Falcon Heights has the option of taking long-range views and inviting maximum citizen participation in the planning process, Gehrz said. "We're not like newer communities," she said, "where so much of the energy of government gets wrapped up in land-use decisions."

She does admit to some differences of style with her predecessor, Tom Baldwin. "I'm not the philosopher that Tom Baldwin is," Gehrz remarked. "He frequently commented on proceedings during city meetings. My meetings will move pretty fast."

Gehrz believes her approach is more pragmatic, but she was quick to praise her predecessor as a "really good mayor."

One tradition Gehrz is eager to preserve is the nonpartisan

nature of Falcon Heights politics. She has never sought political party endorsements, saying that the role of organized political parties is not relevant to local issues. She said that in Falcon Heights city council meetings, "You can't predict in advance how people will [vote], and that's how it should be. It means people are making decisions on the issues, not because of personal or political allegiances."

When asked about the anger and bitterness that seem to typify politics at higher levels, Gehrz answered with relief that such divisiveness doesn't play much of a role in Falcon Heights. She remarked, however, that she is saddened by "the level of distrust" that many people feel toward government in general. She hopes that as mayor she'll be able to make herself available to combat cynicism about politics.

In addition to holding elected office, Gehrz—who has degrees in psychology and counseling—works full time for a federal program designed to promote chemical health and drug prevention. Her job involves dealing with many community groups, and she believes her psychology background helps her in her work.

Perhaps it's her training in counseling that fuels her enthusiasm for creating awareness of what she termed "neighbor-to-neighbor" issues. Working together with a committee of volunteers called "Keeping Connected," Gehrz hopes to generate ideas for "positive alternatives to adversarial code enforcement," such as barking dogs and weedy lawns. "They appear small, but can loom large in people's lives. People don't want to confront their neighbors about these problems. They contact city hall


instead. Then what happens is alienation between neighbors."

Gehrz hopes that city hall can encourage people to contact each other directly and communicate in a respectful manner to help resolve problems. But, she added, "People should always be aware that the city is there to back you up."

Between her work and her political activities, the mayor-elect doesn't have much time for leisure. Free time is likely to be devoted to her 80-year-old mother or to a family outing to watch her college-age son play football.

"I don't cook," Gehrz said, "so that saves time. Luckily, my husband, Bob, enjoys cooking, and he's good at it." When she gets the chance, Gehrz reported, "I enjoy doing things with my hands."

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By Rebe

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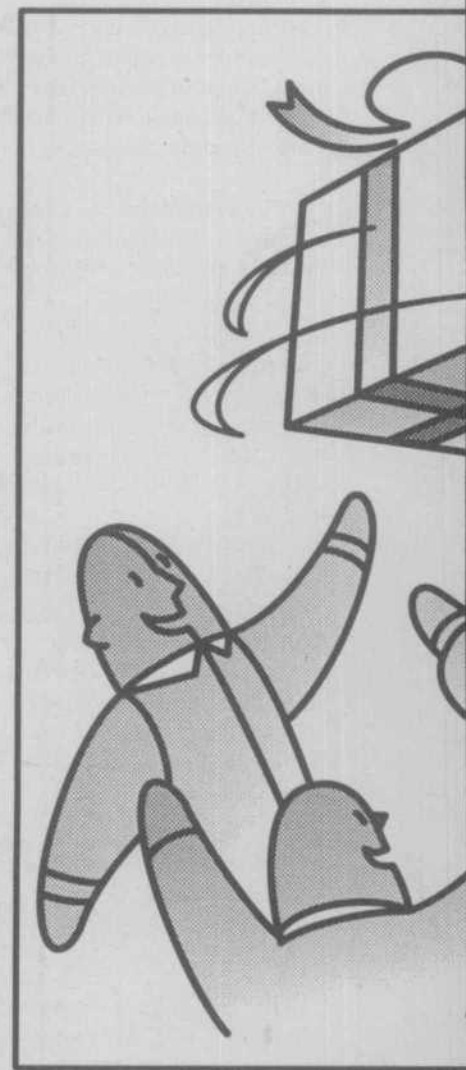
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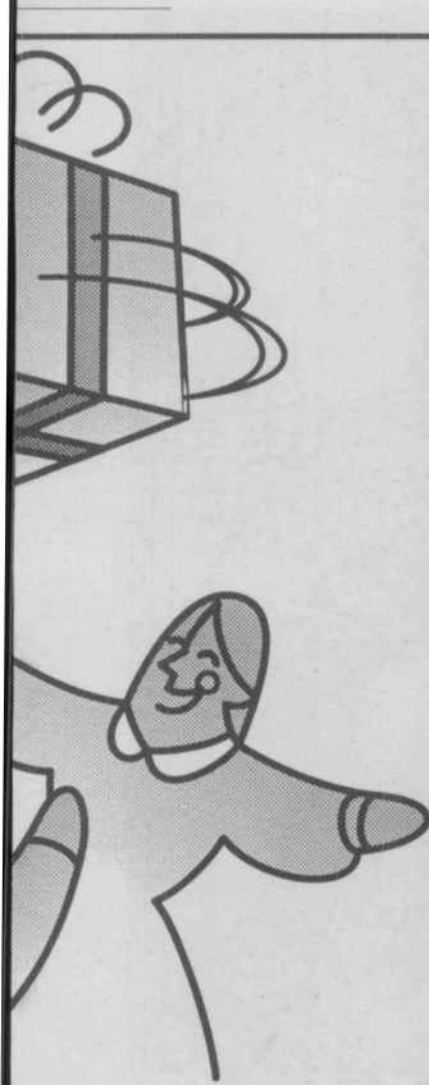


Illustration by Warren Hanson

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# Skilled ceramic artist Denise Tennen enjoys sculpting beautiful objects

By Amy Causton

To many, ceramics is a hobby to study at community ed classes. But for local artist Denise Tennen, ceramics is a lifelong passion.

Tennen creates all kinds of clay works, although she said, "I think of myself more as a sculptor." St. Anthony Park residents may have seen her "Cuppa tea" earrings sold at Hampden Park Co-op—tiny, glazed ceramic teapots and teacups.

The idea for the earrings came from a miniature tea set Tennen made about a year ago for a friend's 4-year-old daughter's dollhouse. Tennen's son Ari loved it, so she made some more. When she showed the tea sets to Hampden Park Co-op coordinator Kathy Vaughan, Vaughan suggested making them into earrings. Tennen has also sold the earrings, as well as pottery, at The Bibelot Shop.

Tennen has had relatively little formal instruction in ceramics. She began working in clay when she was 15 and she participated in the ceramics club in high school. She enjoyed claywork, but left it in 1976 to go to architecture school.

Though she tried to keep up with her ceramics, even setting up a studio in her dorm, her architecture career relegated it to the back burner. In 1988 she quit architecture to work on

ceramics full time; that was also around the time she moved to St. Anthony Park.

While she has worked with a potter's wheel, the traditional tool for claywork, Tennen believes her strength is in sculpture. She says she used to feel she had to create "useful" things until she took a seminar that taught her that "objects of beauty had utility without being utilitarian." She has created many sculptures since then and says her dream is "to install a large piece on a wall in Italy or Japan," two countries whose styles of design she most admires.

Tennen has shown her work at the St. Anthony Park Festival for several years, as well as at other art exhibits in the Twin Cities. She has considered working with art dealers, but she says she prefers to deal one-to-one with her buyers.

"It's almost like the sculptures are alive to me," she said. "I just want to know where they are." She also has been commissioned to do pieces for homes, an arrangement she enjoys: "I like that collaborative process. I guess it's the architect in me."

Tennen crafts her work at a studio on Front Avenue. The studio is owned by Mary Jo Schmith and Kevin Bangsund, partners in Stoneware Specialties, a company that fills large orders for specialized ceramic items for over 250 retailers. They also do special design

work, including designing dinnerware sets for individual customers. Walk into the studio and you see hundreds of mugs, jars and dishes waiting to be glazed and fired. Tennen is one of four artists who rents studio space from Stoneware Specialties. Occasionally the artists do combined sales under the name Front Avenue Clayworks.

Tennen is working on a series of sculptures representing different goddesses. The works are for an art exhibit she is organizing called "Liquid Tales, The Ebb and Flow of Myth in Everyday Life," which will open at the Tweed Museum in Duluth in the fall of 1996.

Tennen says she tries to strike a balance between these bigger pieces and the more "readily-accessible" ones like the tea sets and earrings. Add her responsibilities as a mother of a young son, and it's quite a juggling act. However, when asked what she enjoys most about ceramics, Tennen's answer is simple and succinct: "I like making stuff."

Ceramic enthusiasts are eagerly anticipating the Front Avenue Clayworks studio open house on Friday, Dec. 1 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The studio is located at 895 Front Avenue, between Lexington and Dale, in St. Paul.



St. Anthony Park ceramic artist Denise Tennen, whose work will be exhibited in a forthcoming show at the Tweed Gallery in Duluth, is looking forward to welcoming people to her Front Avenue Clayworks studio on Friday, Dec. 1, and Saturday, Dec. 2.

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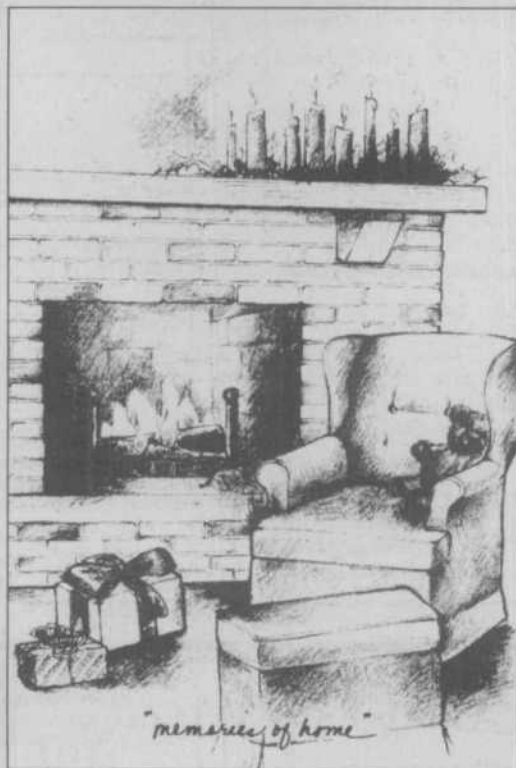
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The Cloquet, Minn., resident is a former St. Anthony Park neighbor.

The **St. Anthony Park Writers' Workshop** will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m., at 2116 Skillman Avenue W. in Roseville. For further information, call 639-9465.

## Dance

**"Winter Lights,"** a holiday program of modern dance performed by **Young Dance**, brightens the stage of the St. Paul Student Center Theater, 2017 Buford Avenue, on the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota, on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m.

The performances feature

Larry Lee VanHorne's **"Winterlights,"** the revival of the favorite **"Dance for Dinah,"** and dances choreographed by company members.

Tickets are available through the University of Minnesota Arts Line, 624-2345.

## Drama

**Falcon Heights United Church of Christ** presents **"The Clown of God"** on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m.

This dramatic adaptation of the classic tale of a juggler who discovers the true nature of his giftedness will be presented as a special holiday gift to the community. The production includes juggling, mime, slapstick comedy and storytelling, a suitable and visually enjoyable treat for the whole family.

Falcon Heights United Church of Christ is located at 1795 Holton Street. There is no charge for admission.

## Music

Popular singer and ragtime pianist **Max Morath** opens the **Candlelight Concert Series** on Thursday, Nov. 30, at the University of Minnesota in the North Star Ballroom of the

St. Paul Student Center. Morath presents a musical glance at an earlier America, blending humor, music and satire into his affectionate backwards glance.

The evening includes cabaret-style seating, a served dinner consisting of an appetizer of black linguine with white clam sauce and black caviar garnish, a salad of white asparagus with black walnut vinaigrette, goat cheese croutons on pumpernickel and black mushrooms, an entree of sea scallops or chicken in black bean sauce over rice, and a dessert of poached pears in a dark chocolate sauce.

Tickets may be purchased through the University of Minnesota Arts Line at 624-2345 or at Northrop Auditorium. Individual tickets for Morath's concert are \$26 for center section seating and \$22 for side section seating.

The **Lyra Concert** continues in 1995-96 "season of superlatives" with **"Musica Festiva,"** a special program to open the holiday season, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, at Luther Seminary's Olson Campus Center.

Natural trumpet virtuoso Fred Holmgren and Baroque oboist Stanley King are soloists in an extravagant suite by Telemann



**Christian Explainers**, one of the top gospel groups in South Africa, is set to perform at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at the Chapel of the Incarnation in the Olson Campus Center at Luther Seminary. There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering to benefit the school will be taken during the concert.

and in Vivaldi's **"Gloria in D Major"** with sopranos Maria Jette and Lisa Habeck, mezzo-soprano Lisa Drew, and the Lyra Chorale. Veteran Dick Hensold also performs Giuseppe Sammartini's beloved **"Recorder Concerto in F Major."**

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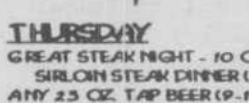


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The members of **Central High School bands and orchestra** are staging their winter concert on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. The varsity band, concert band and concert orchestra will perform.

The program includes works by Jenkins, Sousa, Mozart, Schubert and Mendelssohn.

The performance also includes special guests, the Halama Wind Octet, playing with the Central Wind Octet.

Central High School is located at 275 Lexington Parkway North.

Readings, hymns and anthems by local church choirs will highlight "**O Emmanuel—An Advent Service of Preparation**" at Luther Seminary's Chapel of the Incarnation in the Olson Campus Center on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 3 p.m.

Master of sacred music degree candidates will lead the service, which they have planned under the direction of Anton Armstrong, conductor of the St. Olaf College Choir.

The service is free and open to the public. For more information, call 641-3451.

The **Music in the Park Series** and the St. Anthony Park Home will present a free family concert featuring jazz pianist **Butch Thompson** in his popular Christmas "**Yulestride**" program on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 1:30 and 3 p.m.

The St. Anthony Park Home, 2237 Commonwealth Avenue, hosts the event—the second annual holiday gift to the community. Music lovers of all ages are invited to join the St. Anthony Park Home staff and residents for a performance of traditional holiday music enhanced with Thompson's classic jazz repertoire, a visit by Santa and refreshments.

Seating is limited. Tickets are free, but required, and are available at Micawber's Bookstore and Shepard Designs, both on Carter Avenue in Milton Square, and at The Bibelot Shop on Como Avenue. For information call 644-4234 or 646-5266.

**Visual Art**

"**New Directions: The Development of Contemporary Design in Southwest American Indian Jewelry**," is on display at the **Goldstein Gallery** until Dec. 17.

The exhibition showcases the work of contemporary American Indian artists of the Southwest. It also honors the memory of Lovenia Ohl, Phoenix art



**Music in the Park Series** presents pianist **Butch Thompson** and his popular Christmas program "**Yulestride**" at St. Anthony Park Home on Dec. 10.

gallery owner, who helped stimulate the emergence of these contemporary art forms.

The Goldstein Gallery is located on the second floor of McNeal Hall on the St. Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota. McNeal Hall is on Upper Buford Circle, adjacent to the St. Paul Student Center.

The museum is open Monday–Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

An exhibition of pottery by **Jan McKeachie** and **Randy J. Johnston** is on view at the **Raymond Avenue Gallery** through Dec. 15.

Johnston studied ceramics at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, where he received the master of fine arts degree. He also studied in Mashiko, Japan, under Shimaoka Tatsuzo, who was a former student of Shoji Hamada.

Johnston teaches ceramics at the University of Wisconsin, River Falls, where he is an assistant professor. He has also taught at numerous workshops and was the sabbatical replacement for Warren MacKenzie at the University of Minnesota.

McKeachie studied ceramics at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and the University of Minnesota. She has taught at numerous workshops, including

ones at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and the University of Wisconsin, River Falls and Madison. She has been the guest artist at the Kansas City Art Institute in Missouri and at Webster College and the Craft Alliance Gallery, both in St. Louis.

The Raymond Avenue Gallery is located at 761 Raymond Avenue. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For further information, call 644-9200.

The beauty of Minnesota's wilderness and the grandeur of its urban landmarks as depicted by a Minnesota photographer and a Minnesota author are on display in the Luther Seminary Campus Center.

"**Minnesota: Images of Home**" is a collection of 38 black and white photographs by **Jim Brandenburg** and accompanying captions by **Paul Gruchow**.

The exhibit is on display in the board room of the Olson Campus Center through Dec. 15. The Campus Center is on the corner of Hendon Avenue and Fulham Street in St. Anthony Park.

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## Broderick elected to coaches hall of fame

By Michelle Christianson

When he was told that the Minnesota State High School Coaches Association had voted to induct him into its Hall of Fame, Bernard (Bernie) Broderick didn't believe it. After all, he reasoned, he didn't even belong to the association. Never mind that he had brought six teams to the state hockey tournament and was the first coach to bring teams from two different schools.

Broderick, who was born to U.S. citizens in Canada and grew up in Winnipeg, was the self-described "runt of the litter" in his family. Weighing only 115 pounds at high school graduation, he had never played team sports when some friends at St. Cloud State suggested that he join the hockey team. He played for all four of his years there and after graduating with majors in math and industrial arts he took a job teaching in Warroad, Minn., where he also accepted the position of hockey coach.

"I never had any training in coaching, so I read books and subscribed to a Canadian coaching magazine to learn how to do it. I was just fortunate to have teams with a lot of talent," Broderick said.

Broderick had been at Warroad for only one year when World War II erupted. He joined the Navy and served as a communications specialist for three and a half years. After the war, he taught at Thief River Falls for a year and then another seven years at Warroad, bringing three teams to the state tournament



where they were twice runners-up and once the third-place finisher.

In 1953, Broderick replaced Al Sandberg as hockey coach at Murray Senior High School.

"In Warroad all I had to do was coach, but at Murray I was in charge of everything from building the boards to maintaining the ice. I had great kids on the teams, though, and they did most of the work," he said.

The rink was located on the site of the present gymnasium and "new building." Hockey pucks often went through the windows of the library and were returned at the end of the season by the good-natured librarian. After the addition was built on the school, the team practiced at a rink at what is now Murray Field.

At this time Broderick also taught math and industrial arts and agreed to coach cross country in addition to hockey,

although he had no training in that sport, either. He later coached tennis and volleyball.

During his tenure at Murray, Broderick brought teams to the state hockey tournament in 1958, 1959 and 1963. He credits the success to "sincere, coachable athletes" and states that he was just "in the right place at the right time."

Broderick stayed at Murray until the high school was moved to Como Park. Then he retired after a few months at Como, but was asked to work in the math lab at Inver Hills Community College, where he worked for nine more years.

Although now retired, Broderick keeps up a busy pace with volunteer activities. He works for Project for Pride in Living, doing property management at rental units. He also volunteers for the city of Falcon Heights, picking up deliveries, and at the Little Brothers organization doing building maintenance and helping with dinners.

Broderick has been honored before, receiving the District 15 Coaches Recognition Award, the Minnesota Hockey Coaches Meritorious Service Award, the Minnesota Cross Country Coaches Recognition Award, the Murray High School Appreciation Award and, in 1994, induction into the Minnesota Hockey Coaches Hall of Fame.

Broderick received his award at a dinner on Nov. 11. A statement from a neighbor and fellow coach, Roy Magnuson, sums up Broderick's achievements: "He is one of St. Anthony Park's most respected neighbors, coaches and teachers."

## People

St. Anthony Park resident **Lisa Letourneau**, an occupational therapist at Phoenix Service Corporation, and recent graduate of the College of St. Catherine, was one of 48 speakers chosen to make a presentation at the annual conference and exposition of the Minnesota Occupational Therapy Association.

The presentation, titled "A Fieldwork Model for Non-Traditional Community Practice," was especially relevant given this year's conference theme: "Occupational Therapy—Pathway to the Community."

**Julie Allyn**, who grew up in St. Anthony Park, graduated cum laude from the law school at the University of Minnesota last May. Following the bar exam, Julie commenced a one-year law clerkship for U.S. Magistrate Judge Ann Montgomery in Minneapolis. After the clerkship, Allyn will become a special assistant attorney general in the Minnesota attorney general's office in St. Paul.

St. Anthony Park businesswoman **Sheryl A. Brutlag** received a master of business taxation degree from the University of Minnesota in October. Brutlag joined Bane, Holtzclaw

and Company, a public accounting firm, one year ago.

Common Cause Minnesota presented **Sen. John Marty** with an award honoring his work for government ethics reform.

Roseville Rep. Mindy Greiling was also honored.

Sen. Marty and Rep. Greiling have authored and co-sponsored legislation to mandate fair ethics regulations.

David Schultz, president of Common Cause Minnesota, was pleased to announce the presentation of the awards. "I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize Sen. Marty and Rep. Greiling with this award," Schultz said. "The people of Minnesota have benefited from these representatives' continued leadership in the area of ethics reform."

The Minnesota Bankers Association (MBA) announced that **Richard B. Beeson, Jr.**, president of St. Anthony Park State Bank, was elected to the MBA board of directors.

Beeson will serve a three-year term, beginning in June 1996. He will represent MBA District 3, which includes the counties of Chisago, Dakota, Ramsey and Washington.

The College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sci-

ences, University of Minnesota, recently honored **Leanne Matthiesen** of Falcon Heights with a scholarship sponsored by the John Williams Fund.

This fund was established in 1969 with a gift from Robert H. Tennant dedicated to John G. Williams, who served as a Regent of the University of Minnesota. Because of Williams' great interest in agriculture, these funds were designated as scholarships for students with at least two years of previous college work who are pursuing degrees in agriculture.

**Greg Peterson** was elected president of the Langford Park Booster Club.

The Volunteer Center recently recognized board members **Judie Russell, Dan Mott, Peter Doyon** and **Bonnie Sipkins** and volunteers **Lois McArdell, Liz Heaton** and **Sandy Kiernat**.

The St. Anthony Park-based Volunteer Center of St. Paul is a referral and resource center where information can be obtained about a variety of volunteer positions in a wide range of organizations.

**Marjorie Jamieson** of St. Anthony Park is the new president of the Twin City Linnea Home's board of advisors. Jamieson has served on the board since 1991. She succeeds James Pederson.

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#### La Leche League meets

Nutrition and weaning is the topic of the next monthly meeting of the Como-Midway La Leche League. Mothers-to-be, mothers, babies and toddlers

are invited to attend the meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m.

La Leche League meetings provide breast-feeding information and support on an informal, mother-to-mother basis. A lending library on a wide variety of related topics is also available.

For meeting location or more information, call Jeanne at 644-0302 or Faye at 489-6356.

#### Holiday recycling change

Because of the Christmas holiday, the city of St. Paul will not be picking up recycling on Monday, Dec. 25. Instead, recycling in the Como Park neighborhood will be picked up on Friday, Dec. 29.

Please have materials out before 7 a.m. on this day. Any questions or concerns can be directed to 644-SORT (7678) or our TTY line (for the hearing impaired) 649-3005.



During the royal couple's official visit to the United States in October, Queen Sonja of Norway visits with Olive Leonard, who lives in The Heritage apartments at Lyngblomsten.

#### District 10's holiday potluck

District 10 is hosting a holiday potluck on Dec. 12, at 8 p.m., at Como Lakeside Pavilion, following the monthly community council meeting.

Everyone in the community is welcome to attend, provided they bring a dish to share. Please RSVP to the District 10 office at 644-3889.

#### Conservatory's 80th year celebration continues

The annual poinsettia show dominates the sunken garden with shades of red, white and pink. Decorated trees showcase natural ornaments.

Events featuring live music and storytelling are scheduled during December:

"Sunday's Live," from 2-4 p.m. features Classic Brass, Inc. on Dec. 3; The Oxford Carolers on Dec. 10; and Greenwood Tree on Dec. 17.

"Children's Story Time" on Saturday, Dec. 16, 9:30 a.m., presents "The Shoeless Storyteller."

"Music for a Holiday Afternoon," 1-3 p.m.: Wednesday, Dec. 20, harpist Laurie Leigh; Thursday, Dec. 21, Lydia Holsten and Kathleen Abel; Friday, Dec. 22, Baroque Trio.

"Holiday Open House," 4-7 p.m.: Wednesday, Dec. 20, Sono Trio and Twin Cities Flute Ensemble; Thursday, Dec. 21, Church of God in Christ Gospel

Chorus; Friday, Dec. 22, Oxford Carolers.

Admission to "Sunday's Live" and "Holiday Open House," is \$1 each time; children under 11 are admitted free. Regular admission (50 cents for adults, 25 cents youth and seniors) will apply for "Music for a Holiday Afternoon" and "Children's Story Time." For recorded information, call 489-1740.

Como Park Conservatory is located at 1325 Aida Place (just west of the intersection of Lexington Parkway and Estabrook Drive South) in Como Park.

#### Understanding grief during the holidays

For most people, the holidays are a joyous time of celebration with family and friends. Unfortunately, there are those who view the coming season with trepidation and despair. It is for these people who may have experienced loss or major life changes that Lyngblomsten offers "Holiday Joy, Holiday Grief," with the Rev. Bob Albers.

The workshop takes place from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9 in the Lyngblomsten Chapel, 1415 Almond Avenue. Albers, professor of pastoral care at Luther Seminary, explores our sadness amidst the season's joy and helps us gain an understanding as to why we feel as we do.

For more information, call Lyngblomsten's Chaplaincy Services at 646-2941, ext. 668 or 661.

#### Seniors needed to play with kids

Ten senior volunteers are needed to play with children ages 6 through 12 at the S'More

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For more information, contact Scott Hvizdos of RSVP at 221-2820.

#### LAUDERDALE

#### Property tax hearing set for Nov. 30

The Lauderdale city council is hosting a public hearing on its budget and property tax proposal on Thursday, Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m., at City Hall, 1891 Walnut St.

#### Lions donate new park benches

Upon noticing that the benches in Lauderdale Community Park needed repair, the Lions Club of Falcon Heights and Lauderdale donated two new benches.

The new benches can be found near the ball field in the southeast corner of the park and are a welcomed addition.

The city of Lauderdale and the city council recently sent a letter to Ken Wielinski, president of the club, thanking the group for its efforts.

#### Snowbird parking remains in effect

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## Delinquent payment hearing on Dec. 12

A public hearing to assess delinquent payments—including utility bills, false alarms and fire inspection fees and so on—owed to Lauderdale will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m., at City Hall, 1891 Walnut St.

## FALCON HEIGHTS

### 55 Alive driving refresher classes

Falcon Heights is hosting a 55 Alive class on Dec. 5 and 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur Avenue.

To register, please call 644-8204 on Tuesday mornings only between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

### League of Women Voters honors elected officials

The League of Women Voters serving the communities of Falcon Heights, Roseville and Maplewood will hold its annual VIP coffee for elected officials on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Falcon Heights City Hall.

For further information, contact Florence Sprague at 779-0349.

### Public hearing on city budget

The Falcon Heights City Council will hold a public hearing about the proposed 1996 budget on Thursday, Dec. 7, 7 p.m., at City Hall.

In September, the city council adopted the proposed budget. The total budget is \$2,792,054, which is a 5.7 percent decrease from the 1995 total budget.

Citizens are invited to attend the budget presentation, which will be followed by a question and answer session.

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9 am Handbell Rehearsal  
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5:30 pm MEAL for everyone (Adults \$3, kids 15 years and under \$2, not to exceed \$10 per family)  
6 pm Choir School, Joyful Ringers  
7 pm Confirmation, CPLC Choir, God's Giants (Adult Ed)  
Friday Schedule  
6:45 am Men's Breakfast Fellowship at CH Brown in Har Mar  
Advent Vespers 7 pm Dec. 6, 13, 20  
Sunday School Program Dec. 17; 7 pm  
Dec. 24 Worship Schedule  
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Sun. Dec. 17, 7 pm  
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Dec. 23 regular schedule  
Dec. 24, 9:30 Mass only  
Christmas Masses 5 and 11 pm. Carols 10:30 pm  
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Dec. 30 and 31 regular schedule  
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Dec. 25 Christmas Day Service 9 am  
Sunday Education Hour 10:30 am

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Sunday School 11 am  
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Dec. 24 Worship 9:30 am. No Sunday School.

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Sunday School and Adult Education 9:50 am  
Search Bible Study Tuesdays 10 am and 7 pm  
Quilters Thursdays, 9 am  
Men's Prayer Group 1st and 3rd Fridays, noon  
Men's Advent breakfasts 8:30 am Dec. 2, 9 and 16  
Handbell Concert by Choir from Como Park Lutheran 7 pm  
Dec. 5 sponsored by WELCA. All women in the community invited.  
December 8 Hanging of the Greens 6-8 pm  
December 10 Sunday School Program, 2:30 pm prelude, 3 pm program. Refreshments following.  
December 24 Sunday Services 8:45, 11 am. No Sunday School.  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 4 and 11 pm  
December 25 Christmas Day Service 10 am  
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Fellowship 11:45 am  
Wednesdays  
9 am - 1 pm Leisure Center with noon lunch  
7 pm Choir Rehearsal  
Fridays  
7 pm Youth Activity Night  
Saturdays  
Dec. 9, 2 pm Fitness and Fellowship. Walking at Como Lake.  
Dec. 16, 6:30 pm Fitness and Fellowship.  
Bowling at Student Center  
Dec. 3, 4 pm Hanging of the Greens  
Dec. 10, 10:45 am Choir Service  
6:30 pm Fiction and Fellowship. Bring a favorite Christmas book  
Dec. 24, 5 pm Christmas Eve Service

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Daily Mass: 7 am at the Parish Center  
Holy Days Mass 7 am, 12:05 noon, 5:30 pm at the Hi-Rise  
Dec. 12, 7 pm Penance Service  
Dec. 23, 5 pm, 4th Week of Advent  
Dec. 24, 8:30 and 10 am Service for 4th Sunday of Advent  
Christmas Eve Service 5 pm  
Dec. 25 Christmas Day Service 8:30 am at the Hi-Rise and 10:30 am at church

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8 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:15 am Eucharist Rite II  
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9:15 - 10 am Education Hour for All Ages  
Christmas Choir Concert Dec. 15, 7:30 pm  
Dec. 24, 8 and 10:15 Eucharist  
Christmas Eve Family Eucharist 4 pm  
Festival Service 10 pm  
Dec. 25 Christmas Day Chapel Eucharist 10 am  
The Rev. Grant Abbott, Rector  
The Rev. Lynn Lawyer, Deacon

### WARRENDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday Church School: 9 am  
Dr. Robert Bailey, Minister

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## Bugle Neighborhoods

### FALCON HEIGHTS

#### Advent festival

Start out the Christmas season

by attending the Advent Festival at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ. The festival will be held on Sunday, Dec. 3, from 4 to 7:30 p.m. See the Christmas crafts, the special room where children can make gifts for their parents and teachers, and enjoy cider and cookies, with candy canes for the children. There will be a potluck supper, hanging of the greens, carol singing and stories.

Falcon Heights United Church of Christ is located at 1795 Holton Street.

### ST. ANTHONY PARK

#### Lay school courses

The dynamics of depression, the synoptic gospels and the relevance of Luther's Large Catechism are the three courses offered by the Lay School of Theology at Luther Seminary during the winter quarter.

"Out of the Depths," taught by Bob Albers, professor of pastoral care, examines insights provided by the faith tradition, medicine and psychiatry and discuss resources for individuals and families suffering from depression.

An exploration of the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) focuses on the way each gospel communicates a distinctive understanding of God in Christ. "The Richness of the Gospel Tradition" will be taught by David Fredrickson, associate professor of New Testament.

Walter Sundberg, professor of church history, addresses faith and life issues as seen through the model of Luther's Large Catechism as a guide for fundamental Christian beliefs and a manual of Christian practice.

The classes will meet on five consecutive Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. in Northwestern Hall on the corner of Hendon Avenue and Fulham Street. The session will run from Jan. 8 through Feb. 5. Registration is \$35 per course and must be received two weeks before the first sessions begins.

For more information or registration materials, contact the Lay School of Theology at 641-3517.

#### Langford/South St. Anthony Recreation Centers

Langford Park and South St. Anthony will hold a "Supper with Santa" on Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 6:30 p.m., at Langford Park. Please call 298-5765 to register by Dec. 13.

The St. Anthony Park Winter Carnival preliminary is set for Thursday, Dec. 28. This event is held for girls and boys in grades 7-10 who are interested in representing St. Anthony Park at the 1996 Winter Carnival Junior Royalty Coronation.

Langford Park is currently seeking adult volunteers for the instructional hockey program (ages 4-6), which begins in January.

The registration period for winter quarter activities is from Jan. 8 through 19. Activities at Langford include chess club, figure skating, pencil drawing, tot time, and tumbling. Activities at South St. Anthony include parent-child play group, the senior program and adult volleyball.

Upcoming field trips sponsored by Langford and South St. Anthony include a Big Ten women's basketball game, Minnesota vs. Ohio State, on Jan. 12 and the Minnesota Timberwolves vs. Sacramento on Jan. 15 at the Target Center.



After outgrowing its home on Raymond Avenue, Dorothy Swanson's beloved 27-year-old pine tree can be found in Hamm Plaza in downtown St. Paul, where it is bedecked for the holidays. For years, it was decorated by Murray High students.

The Langford Park Classic features a 10U and 12U girls' basketball tournament in addition to the 11U and 13U hockey tournament. It will be held on Jan. 9, 11 and 13.

Langford Park's annual Winter Sports Days will be held Jan. 20 and 21. A complete schedule of activities will be available on Jan. 13.

An early reminder: Registration for youth volleyball will be held Jan. 29 through Feb. 9. Girls ages 9-14 may participate.

For more information about these activities, call 298-5765.

#### Linnea receives \$450,000 gift

The Twin City Linnea Home received its largest gift when Ethel Barton's estate donated \$450,000 to the St. Anthony Park-based nursing home.

Ethel Barton was the daughter of Bertha Berg, a Swedish immigrant who lived at Linnea during the 1950s.

"Ethel Barton's gift was a tremendous surprise," said Linnea administrator Susan Loechler. "It is an acknowledgment that makes us proud of those who combined hard work and care for Linnea residents for many, many years."

#### Holiday dinner a big success

The fourth annual St. Anthony Park Business Association Holiday Lights Dinner and Silent Auction, held Nov. 18, was by all measures the best ever. A record crowd of 95 people, 25 percent more than last year, enjoyed the evening and helped raise \$4,450 for the Business Association.

Members of the St. Anthony Park community joined members of the business association

for this festive gathering, including representatives of the St. Anthony Park Library Association and the St. Anthony Park Association, who turned out to support the business association.

This year, 131 items were available at the silent auction, including a vintage 1942 Philco radio, a chef's dinner for six at Muffuletta and a wine and hors d'oeuvres party for eight. While many guests were able to get good deals on the auction items, a few folks ended up paying much more than the item was originally valued.

Dane Bane, a partner in Bane, Holtzclaw and Company, a CPA firm, bid \$250 for the golf package at the Town and Country Club donated by St. Anthony Park Bank. The package was valued at \$135.

Another hotly contested bidding war erupted over the honorary bat boy or girl package donated by the St. Paul Saints. Rick Beeson, president of St. Anthony Park Bank was the top bidder with a bid of \$205.

Organizers say planning is already under way for next year's event, which will be Nov. 23 at the Como Lakeside Pavilion.

#### Advent forums

St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church will feature advent topics during its Adult Forum sessions in December. The forums are held Sundays during the education hour, 9:50 to 10:50 a.m., and the community is invited to attend.

Speaking will be: Dec. 3, Wendell Frerichs, "Advent in the Old Testament"; Dec. 10: Roy Harrisville, "Advent in the New Testament"; Dec. 17: Todd Nichol, "A Lutheran Advent."

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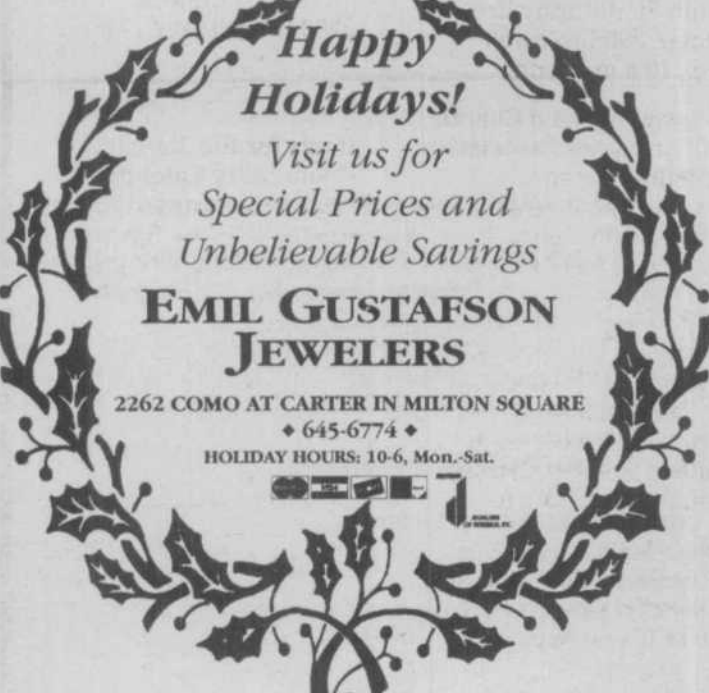
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# Community Calendar

## DECEMBER

### 1 Fri.

Falcon Heights/  
Lauderdale recycling day.

Bookmobile at Seal  
Hi-Rise, 825 Seal St.,  
11 a.m.-noon.

Youth Activity Night,  
St. Anthony Park United  
Methodist Church,  
2200 Hillside Ave., 7 p.m.

### 2 Sat.

League of Women Voters  
VIP coffee, Falcon Heights  
City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur,  
9:30 a.m.-noon.

### 4 Mon.

AA, St. Anthony Park  
Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.  
Call 647-9446 or 770-2646.  
Every Mon.

Boy Scout Troop 17,  
St. Anthony Park United  
Church of Christ,  
2129 Commonwealth Ave.,  
7 p.m. Call 644-2561.  
Every Mon.

### 5 Tues.

Toastmasters, Hewlett  
Packard, 2025 W. Larpenteur,  
7:30 a.m. Call Greg  
Fields, 649-4265.

### 6 Wed.

Leisure Center,  
St. Anthony Park United  
Methodist Church,  
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Midway Mid-day Toast-  
masters, Huntingdon  
Engineering, 662 Cromwell  
Ave., noon-1 p.m.  
Call Dave Bredenberg,  
646-4061.

### 7 Thurs.

Parent-child playgroup,  
South St. Anthony Rec  
Center, 890 Cromwell  
Ave., 10 a.m.-noon.

St. Anthony Park  
Community Council  
Physical Planning  
Committee, South  
St. Anthony Rec Center,  
890 Cromwell Ave., 5 p.m.

Falcon Heights City  
Council public hearing on  
1996 budget, City Hall,  
2077 W. Larpenteur, 7 p.m.

### 8 Fri.

Youth Activity Night,  
St. Anthony Park United  
Methodist Church,  
2200 Hillside Ave., 7 p.m.

### 11 Mon.

Como Park recycling day.

Park Press (Park Bugle)  
board meeting, ParkBank  
community room, 7 a.m.

Falconeers Senior Club,  
Falcon Heights City Hall,  
1-3:30 p.m. Call 488-3361  
or 644-0055.

### 12 Tues.

Toastmasters, Hewlett  
Packard, 2025 W. Larpenteur,  
7:30 a.m. Call Greg  
Fields, 649-4265.

Como/St. Anthony  
Park/Midway MOMS Club  
(Moms Offering Moms  
Support), Como Park  
Lutheran Church, 1376 W.  
Hoyt, 10 a.m. RSVP Kim at  
489-3338.

District 10 Community  
Council meeting, Como  
Lakeside Pavilion, 7 p.m.,  
followed by holiday  
potluck. Call 644-3889 to  
RSVP.

Delinquent payment  
hearing, Lauderdale  
City Hall, 1891 Walnut,  
7:30 p.m.

Como-Midway La Leche  
League, 7 p.m. For meet-  
ing location call Jeanne,  
644-0302 or Faye,  
489-6356.

St. Anthony Park Associa-  
tion, St. Anthony Park  
United Methodist Church,  
Como at Hillside, social  
hour 5:45 p.m.; dinner  
6:15 p.m.; program 7 p.m.

Lauderdale City Council,  
City Hall, 7:30 p.m.

### 13 Wed.

St. Anthony Park  
recycling day.

Leisure Center, St. Antho-  
ny Park United Methodist  
Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Bookmobile at Hamline  
& Hoyt, 12:30-5:30 p.m.

St. Anthony Park  
Community Council,  
Lutheran Social Service  
Building, 2485 Como Ave.  
Room 10, 7 p.m.

Falcon Heights City  
Council, City Hall, 7 p.m.

### 14 Thurs.

Parent-child playgroup,  
South St. Anthony Rec  
Center, 890 Cromwell  
Ave., 10 a.m.-noon.

### 15 Fri.

Falcon Heights/  
Lauderdale recycling day.

Bookmobile at Seal  
Hi-Rise, 825 Seal St.,  
11 a.m.-noon.

Youth Activity Night,  
St. Anthony Park United  
Methodist Church,  
2200 Hillside Ave., 7 p.m.

### 16 Sat.

FareSHARE distribution  
and registration for  
January at Holy  
Childhood Church,  
1435 Midway Pkwy.,

9:30-11 a.m. Call 644-7495;  
or St. Anthony Park  
Lutheran Church,  
2323 Como Ave.,  
8:30-10:30 a.m.  
Call 644-8833.

Lauderdale "500" Club,  
Lauderdale City Hall,  
1 p.m.

### 19 Tues.

Toastmasters, Hewlett  
Packard, 2025 W. Larpenteur,  
7:30 a.m. Call Greg  
Fields, 649-4265.

Supper with Santa,  
Langford Park, 6:30 p.m.  
Register by Dec. 13.

### 20 Wed.

Leisure Center, St. Antho-  
ny Park United Methodist  
Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Langford Booster Club,  
Langford Park, 7:30 p.m.

Midway Mid-day Toast-  
masters, Huntingdon  
Engineering, 662 Cromwell  
Ave., noon-1 p.m.  
Call Dave Bredenberg,  
646-4061.

### 21 Thurs.

Parent-child playgroup,  
South St. Anthony Rec  
Center, 890 Cromwell  
Ave., 10 a.m.-noon.

Midway-Highland Chapter  
930, American Association  
of Retired Persons,  
Lyngblomsten Senior  
Center, 1298 Pascal St.,  
1 p.m. Call 699-7457.

### 22 Fri.

Last day of classes,  
St. Paul Public and  
Roseville Area Schools.  
Winter Holiday Classes  
resume Mon., Jan. 8.

Youth Activity Night,  
St. Anthony Park United  
Methodist Church,  
2200 Hillside Ave., 7 p.m.

### 26 Tues.

Toastmasters, Hewlett  
Packard, 2025 W. Larpenteur,  
7:30 a.m. Call Greg  
Fields, 649-4265.

### 27 Wed.

St. Anthony Park  
recycling day.

Leisure Center, St.  
Anthony Park United  
Methodist Church,  
9 a.m.-1 p.m. Book  
discussion.

Bookmobile at Hamline  
& Hoyt, 12:30-5:30 p.m.

### 28 Thurs.

Parent-child playgroup,  
South St. Anthony Rec  
Center, 890 Cromwell  
Ave., 10 a.m.-noon.

### 29 Fri.

Como Park recycling day.  
Note change of day  
because of Christmas.

Bookmobile at Seal  
Hi-Rise, 825 Seal St.,  
11 a.m.-noon.

Youth Activity Night,  
St. Anthony Park United  
Methodist Church,  
2200 Hillside Ave., 7 p.m.

**Items for the January  
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early deadline because  
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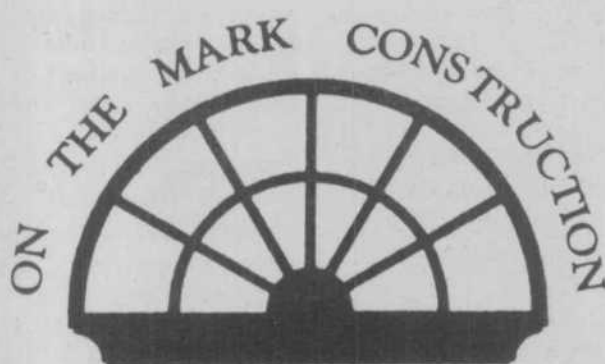
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## Obituaries

### Edith Holmsten

Edith Quick Holmsten died on Nov. 8, at the age of 97. She was a longtime resident of Como Park, having lived at Pascal and Hoyt for over 50 years. In recent years, she resided at the Bethany Covenant Home in Minneapolis.

Holmsten was born in St. Paul on Sept. 19, 1898. She grew up near Seminary Street and Grotto, attending Jackson Elementary School and Central High School.

Holmsten was a charter member of the Elim Covenant Church on Como Avenue in 1913 and continued her association throughout her life. It was through this church that she met her future husband, and both were involved in the activities of the congregation.

Preceded in death by her husband, Bertel, she is survived by her son, Richard Holmsten of Roseville; two daughters, Marion Fladeland of Temple, Texas, and Carolyn Oliver of Marion, Iowa; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

### Mary Lustig

Mary C. Lustig, age 86, died on Nov. 9. She was a resident of Falcon Heights.

Lustig was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Lustig, Sr., and is survived by four daughters, Lorraine Iverson, Jan Brodie, Pat Henke and Kathleen Lustig; two sons, Raymond Lustig, Jr., and Mark Lustig; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

### Virginia Sohre

Virginia Gillespie Sohre died on Oct. 17. A resident of St. Anthony Park for over 50 years, she was 95 years old.

She was born at Spencer, Iowa, on Sept. 23, 1900. Sohre attended the University of Minnesota and graduated from Miss Wood's Kindergarten and Primary Training School.

She taught at Good Thunder, Minn., for five years and met her future husband, Walter Sohre, there. They were married on June 16, 1925. In 1928 they moved to Wood Lake, Minn., where Mr. Sohre was cashier at the bank.

In 1943, the Sohres moved to St. Paul, where Mr. Sohre worked during World War II for the federal government. They made their home on Chelmsford Street. Walter Sohre opened his own accounting firm on Doswell and Como, where he practiced for 20 years. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1975, a year before his death.

Sohre was a member of Wood's Alumnae, Lydia Alden Chapter of D.A.R., and a charter member of both the Science Museum and the Friends of the St. Paul Library.

### Philippe Verbrugghen

Philippe Verbrugghen died at age 93 on Nov. 16. Born July 25, 1902, at Colwyn Bay, Wales, he lived in St. Anthony Park for over 50 years. He was the second son of Henri Verbrugghen, conductor of the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra from 1923 to 1931.

Educated in Scotland and in Australia, he worked as a stockman in Australia for seven years. After coming to the U.S. in 1929, he owned and operated Kangaroo Ranch with his brother Marcel in northern Minnesota from 1930 to 1939. He married Lois Hopkins of Cronulla, Australia, in 1933. He established the Braemer Camp for Boys on Long Lake at Park Rapids.

In 1942, Verbrugghen joined the faculty of Breck School, then located on Como and Hendon. He was the athletic teacher in the primary school and the horseback riding instructor to the whole school, where he was known affectionately as "Sir." He retired in 1968.

Preceded in death by his brothers, Adrien and Marcel, and his sister, Gabrielle, he is survived by his wife, Lois; his son, Henri; his daughter, Denise McFarland; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

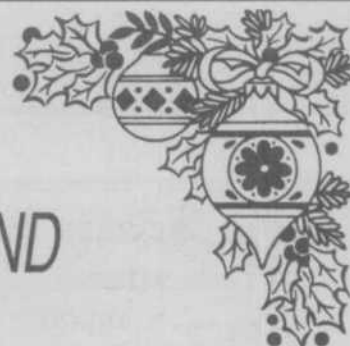
A memorial service will be held at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church on Dec. 16 at 11 a.m.

*Compiled by Ann Bulger*



A memorial service for Philippe Verbrugghen (shown here in 1988), son of Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra maestro Henri, will be held on Dec. 16 at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church at 11 a.m.

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## Commentary

# Almost happy holidays ...

By Barbara Claussen

We had just finished a long discussion in my parenting class about avoiding stress at holidays.

The teacher suggested that we should start early and keep it simple. I smiled smugly. It was two weeks before Christmas and I had already purchased two gifts. I only had 14 to go.

"Start early and keep it simple," I repeated to myself. Since I had a new baby, I thought this was wonderful advice.

I turned down several invita-

tions to plasticware parties and creative stitchery demonstrations. I decided to invite only 18 people for Christmas dinner and serve pies from Rainbow Foods without feeling guilty. I skipped the Advent wreath project and I successfully resisted the temptation to have my daughter's school picture retaken.

Then I found myself rushing around wildly. I had to drill Anne, my oldest, on her lines for the Christmas program. I stamped 50 holiday cards and rushed them to the mailbox. I suffered the worst possible

humiliation—my cookies for the cookie exchange failed. I had to deliver them in a disguise.

I planned a craft project so that my children could experience the joy of giving. I spent countless hours driving all over the city looking for fabric crayons and white dish towels.

On the eve of the school party, I triumphantly assembled all the materials in the kitchen and announced to my children that this year we were going to make gifts for our teachers. My oldest looked me in the eye and said, "I don't want to." Two hours later I was offering them money to draw a nice design on a dish towel. So much for my noble ideas about combating commercialism and inspiring creativity.

I drove to five stores in a 20-mile radius to find the perfect gift for Uncle Don—my last gift. I sped to the post office to mail my Christmas packages. I struggled to the entrance with an armful of carefully wrapped and labeled brown boxes just as a man was locking the door.

I knew things had gotten out of hand when I found myself sobbing hysterically after Anne asked me, "Mom, when are we going to get our Christmas tree?"

My husband asked me to iron his gown for the choir concert. After dressing the kids, buckling them into the car and driving eight miles to the church, I realized

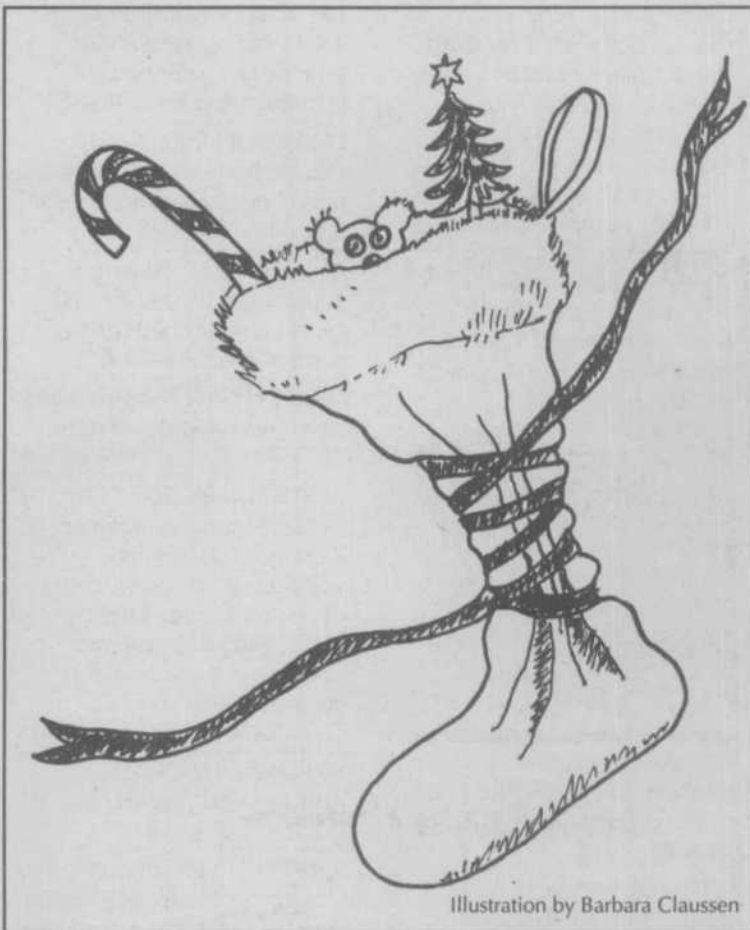


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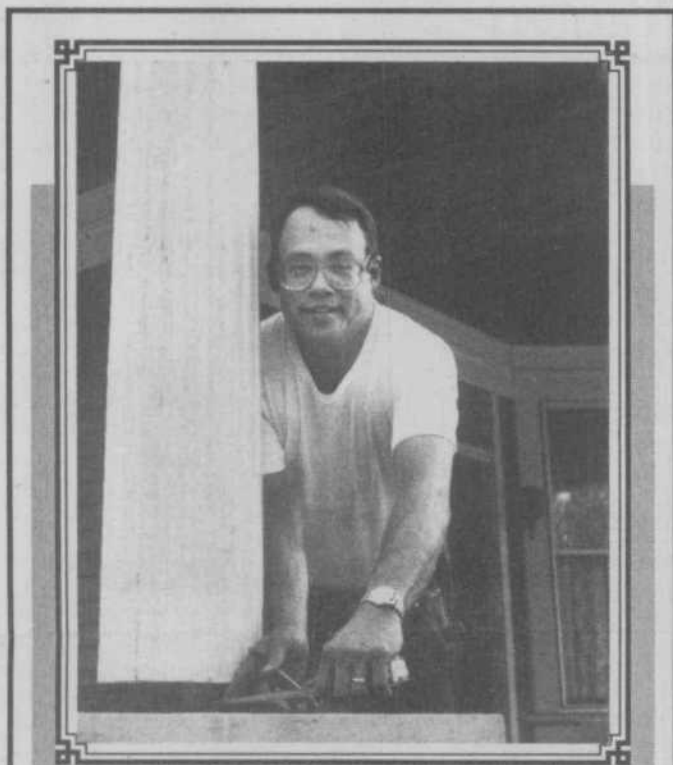
ized that his choir robe was hanging next to the ironing board at home, neatly pressed.

I finally found my tickets to the "Nutcracker" buried under a pile of wrapping paper and tangled in ribbon. After spending two hours dressing up in our best clothes, we rushed off to the auditorium and discovered that we had arrived on the wrong day. There was an icy silence in the car on the way home.

We attempted to take our annual holiday portrait. Nobody was smiling.

One of my friends later asked, "Why was your Christmas letter so incoherent this year?"

It was probably because I resolved to start early and keep it simple.



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