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Armed robbery at Speedy Market

Crime troubles the usually tranquil and safe neighborhood

by Judy Woodward

Police have made no arrests in the armed robbery which shattered the ordinarily neighborly atmosphere of Tim & Tom's Speedy Market on Como Avenue last month.

While emphasizing that the investigation remains open, St. Paul Sgt. Bob Winger said, "The problem is that none of the witnesses can make an identification of the robber. Without positive identification, we don't have a whole lot to go on."

Speedy clerk Mary Grotberg was wiping off the ice cream case near the front door of Speedy Market just before 10 p.m. on Friday, May 23, when a masked man ran in the front entrance of the store. Grotberg reported that the intruder immediately yelled an obscenity-laced command to open the cash register. She remembered the man said, "If you don't give me the money, I'm going to shoot."

Grotberg described the robber as white, around six feet tall and stocky. He wore a dark blue sweatshirt, jeans and white athletic shoes. A green, red and white bandanna was tied around his head, so only his eyes were visible. Witnesses cannot determine his age.

The robber crouched below video camera range during the entire episode.

During the robbery two customers entered the store. The robber ordered them to lie on the floor and, while his attention was distracted, Grotberg silently summoned help from two other

only the second time that he could remember a holdup at the store. He added that the robber got away with little cash, since clerks had dropped most of the day's take at the bank one hour earlier.

The thief took off on foot, several minutes before the police arrived. He ran around the back of the store and down Luther Place, said Grotberg. She speculated, however, that he must have had an accomplice with a car waiting, because police tracking dogs lost his scent abruptly a few blocks away from the store.

As the miscreant fled through the store's parking lot, he narrowly missed barreling into a third customer who had remained hidden in the back of the store during the robbery and had stealthily exited through the back door of the market.

Ironically, this third customer inadvertently provided the only light note in the whole incident when he escaped still bearing the frozen pizza he had intended to purchase.

Demonstrating a spirit of integrity which Speedy workers no doubt wish were universal, the customer returned the next day. He insisted on paying for the pizza that he'd carried off the night before. So far, it's the only restitution that has been made for the evening's losses. ■

Photo by Truman Olson



store employees, who remained out of sight. One of the workers was able to press the silent alarm, which called the police.

Grotberg recounted that, because of nervousness, "It took me like eight tries to open the register." Grotberg, a mother of a 17-month old, said she wondered if she were ever going to see her son again. She explained, "I took a night job at Speedy so I can stay home with my baby during the day. But I never bargained for something like this robbery."

Several weeks later, Grotberg remained shaken by the incident, but said that she has one wish, "I hope to God I get to see that robber one more time, because, boy, I have some things to say to him. He didn't need to call me those names."

Tim Faacks, co-owner of the Speedy Market, said that this was

Photo courtesy the Minnesota State Historical Society



Whatever happened to Henrik Ibsen?

by Mason Riddle

An art theft in Como Park? Sad but true — and few people know about it. Fifteen years ago this month a bronze bust of the revered Norwegian playwright and poet Henrik Ibsen (1828-1906) was reported missing.

Created by the acclaimed Norwegian sculptor Jacob H. Fjelde, the Ibsen bust was originally acquired by the Norwegian Society, Nordcap Lodge #8. The Lodge donated the sculpture to the City of St. Paul which, in 1907, mounted it on a 7½ foot tall rough granite pedestal in Como Park. Like a sentinel, the Norwegian writer overlooked the intersection of Lexington Avenue, Kaufman Road and Sterk Drive for 75 years, partially surrounded by trees and shrubs. However, one day the plinth was suddenly empty and the famous personage was gone, never to be seen again.

Thankfully, there is a silver lining to this sorry tale of theft. In 1993 a bronze bust of Ibsen was spotted in a Robbinsdale video store — dressed in a T-shirt and hat — by an astute Augsburg College art history student who was a volunteer for Public Art St. Paul's SOS! Save Outdoor Sculpture program. She wisely brought this discovery to the attention of Kristin Anderson, Augsburg professor of Scandinavian art, who now has the work in the safekeeping of that institution's art history department.

Of course, the burning question is whether or not this Ibsen bust is the same one stolen from Como Park. The statue's condition is good, and it shows few signs of corrosion — pit marks, nicks or a green patina — which would characterize a work that weathered the elements for 75 years. Then again, the bronze Ibsen could have been lovingly restored by a professional conservationist, erasing its former identity. According to St. Paul police the video store owner, who has since sold his store and disappeared, bought the bronze bust from a California antique dealer in about 1987, who, in turn, had purchased it from a St. Paul antique dealer a few years earlier. Supposedly,

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WCCO ranks Lauderdale #1

by Barbara Claussen

Proud Lauderdaleans such as Kim Phipps believe that the city of 2,700 residents deserves the honor of being named "Best Hometown" in the seven county area by WCCO TV.

"You have a small town atmosphere with the big city advantages," said Phipps. "That's what I like about it the most." A low crime rate, accessible parks and excellence in education rank at the top of her list of priorities.

Reporter Alan Cox evaluated life in 92 communities and he considered eight factors: the economy, affordable housing, taxes, crime, transportation, education, parks and diversity. Neighboring Falcon Heights placed fourth, while Shoreview came in second, Dayton third and Eagan fifth. Cox gathered information from tax records, police reports and the 1990 census before pronouncing

Lauderdale the best place to live in the metro area.

All eight factors were given equal weight in the study. Points were awarded based on the strength of the economy, the risk of being a crime victim, commuting time to work, money spent on schools and chances of meeting people from diverse backgrounds. Parks were assessed on percentage of land acreage, not on lakes. Statistics on taxes were based on medium value homes in each community in 1996.

Phipps thinks Cox and WCCO were right on the money about Lauderdale. With three small children Phipps relishes being able to walk to the park from her home. "I didn't want my children to be afraid to go out at night," she said about her decision to buy a house in the city. "People here tend to watch out for each other."

Phipps also extolled Lauderdale as a very involved

community. "We have several annual picnics. We even have one in the middle of the winter. There's always something to do to get together with your neighbors."

Freedom from class distinction rates as another plus, added Phipps. The suburb contains houses priced at the high end of the value scale and

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St. Anthony Park Community Council

NEWS

At the June 11 meeting of the St. Anthony Park Community Council many new items were discussed. The newly hired Executive Director, Heather Worthington, was introduced to the Council. Please feel free to stop by the office and introduce yourself, or call Heather at 292-7884.

In other action, the Council:

- Received a report from Bruce Haggerty of Hubbard Broadcasting on the progress of expansion efforts at KSTP-TV on University Avenue.
- Moved to oppose a noise variance request by the St. Paul Saints Baseball Club for concerts on June 28, 29 and July 17, 1997.
- Moved to support the work of Citizens for a Better Environment (CBE) in writing grant proposals for Rain Gardens in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood.
- Moved to request consistent, weekly police patrols of the Kasota Pond area.
- Reported on the success of Tree Trust in planting 95 trees throughout the St. Anthony Park neighborhood. The Council wishes to thank the many volunteers that took the time to plant trees.

Fire Safety and Crime Prevention Program offered

The St. Anthony Park Community Council is hosting a Fire Safety and Crime Prevention Program presented by the St. Paul Fire and Police Departments on Monday, August 4 at the South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center. This event coincides with the National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5. Mark your calendars!



Tree Trust Committee looking for sites

The Tree Trust Committee of the SAPCC is currently looking for locations for the 1998 planting season which begins next spring. Please call the Council office at 292-7884 for an application or more information.

Masthead contest for the Networker

The SAPCC announces a contest to design a new masthead for the *Networker* newsletter. Art should be camera ready, 8 1/2 x 11 format, and have the title of the newsletter incorporated into the masthead. Please submit your designs no later than August 1, 1997 at noon to the Council offices at 890 Cromwell Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55114. Include your name, address, and phone number. The Council will choose a winner at its August meeting.

Council-sponsored meetings are listed each month in the Bugle Community Calendar (see page 13).
Everyone is welcome!

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Members: Bob Arndorfer, Emma Beyer, Kenneth Chin-Purcell, Ron Dufault, Terrance Gockman, Ken Holdeman, Deborah Kuehl, Nowell Leitzke, Alice Magnuson, Carole Mannheim, Jack McCann, Suanne Olson, Jim Snaxell, Ellen Watters and Carol Weber.

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Kasota Pond — Remnant of vast wetland

by Pete Keith

Nobody sees it from Highway 280. Cars on Kasota Avenue zip past it in a blur. It's not noticeable from the rail complex to the south. But right there amidst the rush of autos, the rumble of trains, and the aroma of tortilla chip manufacturing is a surprisingly vibrant wetland community surrounded by the infrastructure of urban civilization.

It is Kasota Pond, which lies just to the southwest of the intersection of Highway 280 and Kasota Avenue. Kasota Pond is actually two pond remnants of what used to be a much larger pond. The original Kasota Pond, in turn, was but one pond in a series of connected wetlands that stretched from Health Partners and Goodwill south to the Westgate development. Now, efforts are under way by the St. Anthony Park Community Council's Environmental Committee to protect what remains of this wetland community.

Over the years numerous developments have encroached upon the original shoreline of Kasota Pond. Among them are rail lines, Highway 280 and most recently industrial park land, which split the pond into two segments.

Despite these impacts, Kasota Pond has proven to be quite resilient, harboring numerous plant and animal species. The larger eastern pond contains tiger salamanders, snails, mollusks and a species of shrimp. The western pond is deeper and harbors fish and numerous crayfish.

Karlyn Eckman, who heads the environmental committee's Kasota Pond Task Force, has observed numerous bird species at the site, including warblers, bluebirds, pheasants, belted kingfishers, hawks and green herons, as well as the more common wetland birds.

Surrounding the ponds are small woodlands and a prairie remnant. This remaining

fragment contains cone flowers, wild roses, bergamot and big bluestem, all native prairie species. Fox, opossum, skunk and the occasional deer have also been sighted here.

Eckman is encouraged by the presence of two other species — duckweed and common toads, each of which, she said, is a very good sign that indicates ecosystem health.

Eckman began recognizing the biodiversity of Kasota Pond several years ago when she was teaching a class at the university. "The class was about

adjacent woodland and prairie remnants. Although there are many property owners, Eckman is pleased with their interest level and cooperation so far. "We are striving to develop a protection plan that will address individual issues for the property owners and give maximum protection to Kasota Pond."

Besides legal protection of the site, Eckman and the task force have several enhancements proposed. Site cleanup is the first priority, to remove the garbage left from past transient camps. Other improvements include walking paths and benches to encourage day use, and barriers along the railroads to discourage transient use of the site.

Habitat enhancements could encompass a combination of tree planting in and near the wooded areas and prescribed burning in the grassy areas to help re-establish more native prairie vegetation.

One way to improve

the pond itself would involve the use of "big-logs" or "aquatic benches." These are essentially bales of fibrous organic material placed along the shoreline. Native shore plants are planted in them, creating vegetation along the edge which slows erosion and provides habitat for aquatic animals.

A number of further enhancements to the area could include the rerouting of Skonard Spring into the pond. Re-establishing the flow of this clear spring water would certainly improve the water quality in the pond.

If the protection and enhancement measures being initiated by Eckman and others come to fruition, Kasota Pond will be a place which people can enjoy and where wildlife can thrive, not just today but in the future.

If you are interested in protecting and improving Kasota Pond, please contact the community council at 292-7884. ■



Karlyn Eckman surveys Kasota Pond near Highway 280 and Kasota Avenue. Photo by Truman Olson

the environmental impacts of economic development, and we began using Kasota Pond as a field site," she explained.

Kasota Pond illustrates that while significant degradation has occurred to our urban natural areas, the fragments that remain can still contain thriving communities of life and are therefore worthy of protection from continuing degradation.

The Kasota Pond Task Force hopes to both protect and enhance the natural qualities of the ponds and surrounding environs. According to Eckman, "The largest challenge to protecting this area is in the complexity of working with the numerous property owners of the site." Among the property owners are MN/DoT, Union Pacific Railroad, MT Properties Railroad and several commercial property owners.

The goal of the task force is to seek conservation easements for the seven-acre site encompassing both ponds and



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Megard gains citywide base through her mayoral bid

by John Marino

"It may sound strange," Bobbi Megard said, "but I don't feel as if I've lost here. I feel I have gained a citywide base and I will continue to speak out on the issues and holding my mayor accountable."

Calling herself "always an optimist," Megard recently spoke about her attempt to win the DFL endorsement in St. Paul's mayoral race. The endorsement went to state Sen. Sandy Pappas at the party's convention in May. But it took five ballots before Megard acknowledged defeat.

The campaign was that close. On the convention's first ballot, Megard fell just 12 votes short of Pappas for a 48.5 percent tally. A candidate needs 60 percent to win the party's endorsement.

But to the dogged Megard — Ward 4's rep on the City Council — failing to gain DFL endorsement for an electoral run

against Mayor Norm Coleman isn't the end of the political line.

It may be the beginning of a new career track once her current two-year term ends in January. "I would like to find some citywide effort to get involved in, like the community schools effort," Megard said, "or working on sprawl issues."

Megard and Coleman, of course, don't share the same agenda. For instance, "Affordable housing has not been on this mayor's agenda," said Megard, who was the community organizer for District 12 before being elected to the council in 1993.

"We have 600 vacant lots. We don't have a mayor who is pushing neighborhood development. We're tearing down houses in this city and that is eroding the tax base. We're going to have to add housing density and we have to have leadership pushing for density."

Megard said that the Coleman

administration has consistently taken the position that St. Paul needs greater economic development downtown in order to create a larger citywide tax base that would in turn eventually create tax relief for homeowners.

"How long is it going to take?" Megard asked. "We have a bankrupt tax increment account downtown and we've been doing this for the last 30 years. We are in a deficit situation downtown. The downtown district is not paying its debt service and we just refinanced it." On top of that, she added, "We're not getting the 1/2 percent sales tax to the neighborhoods like we're supposed to. It's being held in order to get interest to finance a new arena."

Such a situation underscores Megard's continuing theme that there isn't a balance between downtown and neighborhood needs. "The strength of St. Paul is in our neighborhoods, and that has

not been addressed by this current administration."

Because Megard has pushed her activist agenda for all four years on the council, Coleman backed her Republican opponent in the 1995 election. Many of Megard's supporters had hoped that she would bypass her mayoral run and run for her "safe seat" on the council.

"I'm grateful to the people in my ward," she said. "They are very generous in their support and in their praise. But I also knew that I couldn't expect to continue to serve under Norm Coleman and get my agenda advanced."

"She's very committed to her ideals," said Bob Arndorfer, co-chair of the St. Anthony Park Community Council. "As long as I've been on the council, working with Bobbi and her office has been an asset."

"She's a born leader," said Ellen Watters, the executive director of the Midway Chamber

of Commerce. "It's too bad that we're not going to have the benefit of her leadership in the short term. Hopefully, she'll find something."

No doubt, Megard will find her proper niche. "I learned a lot during the campaign," Megard said. "Discovering that there is a citywide base is a nice thing to know. It's wonderful to hear about how much people care about their city. They care about where they live. For me, that is real gold, that we as a city council need to look at."

It's a vision thing. "She can see detail and the big picture about issues simultaneously," said Alice Magnuson, delegate to the St. Anthony Park Community Council. "Bobbi always knew that in order for democracy to work, you have to give it time. Her style was to work with every board member and she expected a lot. Initially, that could be overwhelming, but in time, it's to her credit." ■



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| 8:30 a.m. | LANGFORD PARK DISTANCE RACES Registration at 8:30 at the Recreation Building (small registration fee). Races start at 9:00. 4 miles: Divisions for men, women, masters (40 and over). 2 miles: Divisions for joggers and juniors (15 and younger). |
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EDITORIAL

Winning towns

WCCO TV recently named Lauderdale as the most livable hometown with Falcon Heights placing fourth. Hats off and congrats. The prize-winners first tier suburbs share much in common with their neighboring city boroughs of Como Park and St. Anthony Park. All are eminently livable communities, where people can walk to the corner store, bike to nearby parks and catch the bus on that skeleton called the MTCO. Through their ambitious and commendable downtown and riverfront development scheme, city planners trumpet the very values that make the Bugle's neighborhoods so enviable. Here, sidewalks, two-way streets, on-street parking, alleys, housing and retail mix, and green roadways rule. Let's remember these endearing and enduring qualities whenever our neighborhoods have the opportunity to shape the urban landscape. ■

True patriot

During this patriotic flag-waving month, our conversations wander back to the country's early patriots from Paul Revere to William Penn. These forefathers endowed America with its rich democratic tradition of public service. Now, with the Watergate scandal a quarter century behind us, it's easy to dismiss politicians as self-serving. Too often people fail to boost those public servants who are accessible, ethical and intelligent. Bobbi Megard, who has served St. Anthony Park since 1985, first as community organizer and next as city council member, deserves special tribute. Even if you don't share her politics, her efforts for affordable housing, fair property taxes, human rights and neighborhood equity are stellar. Now after losing the DFL endorsement for Mayor she's taking a graceful bow. Hopefully not for long. ■

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LETTERS

Warning signs needed to protect dogs

This is a plea to my friends and neighbors. Would those of you who spray your lawns kindly leave warning signs up on a permanent basis. My dog is sensitive to these chemicals, and I need to avoid your lawns and sidewalks.

Please be aware that the chemicals you are

introducing into the environment are poisonous. In the short term they can make even a large dog ill on contact. What their long term effects on plants, animals and humans may be, none of us can say for certain. Nevertheless, your concern and courtesy for others is appreciated.

— Jennifer Goodman
University Grove

From the Bugle archives:

20 YEARS AGO . . . City council ponders plan to build domed stadium near Highway 280 between University and Kasota avenues . . . Lois Anderson covers Bugle's annual meeting: "The Bugle is fighting for its life" because of an \$8,500 deficit . . . South St. Anthony Park neighbors form distinct community group . . .

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Q & A

What are your plans for July 4th?



Warner

We'll either be up at our cabin on Cass Lake, or we'll be at the Park parade.

Gail

I'm going to go out of town to Tennessee. We have a family reunion there.



Hal

We're moving, but we have told the people moving in all about the 4th in the Park.



Jeffrey

I plan to go down to Langford Park.



Photos and interviews by Jonathan Skovholt.

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The Bugle is entering the high-tech world. Now, readers can e-mail letters-to-the-editor and announcements. Don't be shy, the newspaper welcomes mail. Of course, the Bugle still honors mail sent the old-fashioned way — through the post office.

A special thanks to Grace and Keith Dyrud for implementing our e-mail.

C O M M E N T A R Y



The Nest

by Warren Hanson

A mother robin has built a nest on top of the porch light over our front door. Throughout the summer she will sit there and watch our many comings and goings, as her youngsters are born and grow up and leave the nest.

Many of the comings and goings she will witness will be those of our daughter, just turned 18, as she fills to overflowing each minute of her last summer at home before heading off to college in the fall.

I remember when we put that porch light up. We have a picture, somewhere, of our daughter, all dressed up and ready for her first day of kindergarten, posing on our front steps, the new light just visible overhead. In that picture, she wears an expression of nervous eagerness as, her whole life in front of her, she looks straight ahead into her own future.

We have a more recent picture of the same scene. You can see the nest, in the shadows under the eave, perched on top of the porch light as our daughter stands, happy and proud, dressed to the nines, ready to go off to her last high school prom. She looks all grown up, poised on the threshold of our front door, and that same look of hope and promise is still in her eye.

Each evening throughout the summer, as the sky begins to darken, I will switch that porch light on. It will keep the robin and her chicks warm during the chilly midnight hours. And it will serve as a beacon to guide our girl safely home, long after her parents have gone to bed.

In the spring, when I first noticed the nest being built, I wasn't sure I wanted it there. It's kind of a nuisance. There is always a mess on our front steps. The chicks chirp noisily at the most inconvenient hours. And I always worry about the little birds' safety, exposed as they are to the harsh and harried world outside our front door. But it is worth the worry and the noise and the mess to witness the miracle of life, of growth, of maturity and independence. The chicks grow up quickly. They change from day to day. And from their cozy nest, built with such care just a few short weeks ago, the little birds will all too soon have grown, taken wing, and left for good. By fall, the nest will be empty.

But I'll leave the porch light on all the same . . . ■

Rethinking the Death Penalty

by Karen Westhausen

Last week Timothy McVeigh received a death sentence. Then, I began thinking about my stand on capital punishment. In April at the National Catholic Education Convention, I was privileged to hear Sister Helen Prejean, who wrote *Dead Man Walking*, speak about her experiences ministering to the inmates on death row. Her book became the basis for the movie by the same name starring Susan Sarandon and Sean Penn, and directed by Tim Robbins. Sister Helen's book is about many themes: love, hate, vengeance, man's inhumanity to man, redemption, among others. It is also a passionate entreaty against capital punishment.

As Sister Helen spoke, she painted a vivid picture of the young man who, with his brother, killed a young man and his girl. The crimes were heinous and grisly. She spoke of the redemptive power of love as she visited the young man over a period of time and, finally, walked with him on his path of sorrows to the death chamber. Urging him to look at her, she whispered before the execution that the last thing she wanted him to see on this earth was the face of love.

Furtively sniffing and wiping my eyes, I thought no one could possibly walk away from this testimony believing in capital punishment. The cold rational facts about the death penalty seemed to support my feelings. I was aware of the number of innocent people who had been executed, the disproportionate number of poor and minorities who had been given the death sentence, the cruelty of killing a human in such a cold, methodical

manner and, finally, the question of whether we should further "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" philosophy.

And, yet, what about the victims? At this my heart stopped and my mind raced. What if this same young man had abused and murdered my grandson? I could see his sturdy, 7-year-old body marching in front of me at "Toys R Us" explaining to me that the "R" should be an "are," looking with awesome wonder at all the colors and shapes of the toys on the shelves. His entire world was just beginning to unfold before him. I cringed as I saw in my mind's eye those trusting blue eyes begin to fill with fear, puzzlement and tears. I heard him scream and cry in terror. I had to stop thinking about it because a murderous rage shot through my body and I knew I could and would kill, choke with my bare hands, anyone who harmed this precious child. Now, what about capital punishment?

Would killing his murderer bring back that child? No. Would it make me feel better having avenged his death? For a while, yes. Would the fact that the taxpayers would be saved the expense of supporting a murderer the rest of his life comfort me? Not really. At that point money would have little interest or value for me. I believe the fact that I would be a part of the cold, methodical plan to kill another human being would weigh on my heart and soul more than any short term vengeance would comfort me. If that person had no right to take my grandson's (or anyone's) life, I do not have that right either. Nor can I give that right to others in that society in which I live. As I would not be a victim, neither could I be a murderer. ■

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that dealer had purchased it from Fjelde's granddaughter. This story seems to have little merit.

For Minnesotans the Henrik Ibsen sculpture is laced with both aesthetic and cultural significance, since it is a masterful likeness of a famous writer and its creator was one of the most prominent 19th-century Norwegian sculptors. In 1885, before leaving his native land for America, the talented young sculptor cast the bronze bust from a plaster original, which was cast directly from Ibsen. The eminent Ibsen scholar, Francis Bull, referred to the Fjelde bust as "absolutely the best bust of Ibsen that has ever been made." Resting on a base of stacked tomes, the Ibsen bust, with its high straight forehead, flowing hair and mutton chops projects a regal countenance.

Born in Alesund, on the west coast of Norway, Fjelde began working with his hands early on. In 1877, at age 17, he studied in Christiania under Norway's pre-eminent sculptor, Brynjulf Bergslien. This was followed by a three-year period of study at the Royal Academy in Copenhagen and two years of studying classical masterpieces in Rome. In 1887, at age 29, he emigrated to Minneapolis with his wife and probably brought the Ibsen bust with him.

Both talented and ambitious, Fjelde created numerous works during his brief nine-year sojourn here, where he died at the age of 37 on May 5, 1896 from exhaustion and an untreated ear infection. At the time of his death, Fjelde was working on a statue of the famous Norwegian violinist Ole Bull which stands in Loring Park. The large bronze statue was unveiled one year after his death, with great fanfare, to a crowd of 25,000 on Norwegian Independence Day.

Fjelde left a wife and four children, who soon resettled on a homestead in Burleigh County, North Dakota. However, the creative energy of the Fjelde family did not stop with Jacob's death. His son Paul became a recognized sculptor who taught at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York. His grandson, Rolf, who also became a member of the Pratt faculty, is a renowned Ibsen scholar, founder of the Ibsen Society of America and is himself a dramatist and poet.

Public Art St. Paul intends to solve this mystery and return a cast bronze bust of Ibsen to its original location in Como Park. Should you have information on the theft or a solution to our situation, please contact Public Art St. Paul at 290-0921. ■

Lauderdale . . . from page 1

the low end, yet "no one treats anyone like they're any better."

Asked about negative aspects of Lauderdale, Phipps responded, "No. We live right in the middle of the big city with access to everything — medical facilities, shopping centers. You have the freeway within seconds. You can take a bus to downtown Minneapolis or downtown St. Paul. I haven't found any negatives."

"Lauderdale is a nice little community. You either know exactly where it is or you don't know it exists."

Bernadette Mennie, a 28-year resident, said, "It's super! We love it here." She echoed Phipps' analysis — quiet, peaceful, secure. "We raised one son in Lauderdale. It was nice to be in a safe place."

The central location rates high on Mennie's list of positive aspects. "It's

convenient to get anywhere."

Mennie likes having a variety of nationalities in her neighborhood. She claims that despite diversity there are not racial or ethnic barriers.

Mennie was not surprised that Lauderdale was selected. "I think it's beautiful here."

Asked if there was a down side to Lauderdale, she responded adamantly, "No. I just love living here. There's nothing negative about it."

Eloise Cermak, a 29-year resident, also gave a glowing report on Lauderdale living. "It's comfortable. It's quiet. We never really worried about some of the problems of the big cities." ■



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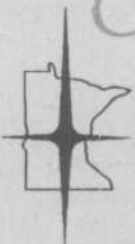
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GOOD WORKS

Another kind of patriotism

Local women lead peace and freedom group

by Judy Woodward

Nowadays, when Democrats vote to reverse decades of social spending and some Republicans muse aloud that big government is downright un-American, even left-of-center politicians are hesitant to use the dreaded 'L' word. Are there any liberals left?

"Of course I'm a liberal," roared 78-year-old Eleanor Otterness, longtime volunteer for the Women's International League for Peace & Freedom (WILPF). "What else would I be? Liberals are the only ones who believe in tolerating others."

There are those who might say that it's not that easy a task tolerating Otterness. Aging Vietnam hawks, for example, and some of those for whom the great ideological battles of the '60s were never resolved. Otterness dates her opposition to the U.S. involvement in Vietnam back to 1955 — or at least a decade before most Americans had even heard of the place. She remembered, "I was nursing my first child when I read in *Time* magazine about the French withdrawal from Vietnam which predated U.S. involvement. Even President Eisenhower opposed us going in there. So I organized a group to speak out against it on the State Capitol steps." In 1955, mind you.

Otterness is a great tree of a woman in her late 70s with short white hair who clearly makes no concessions to anything so trivial as the pursuit of current fashion. She was dressed in a denim skirt and a plain oxford shirt whose only ornamentation was a pink post-it note which had been pinned above the pocket in order to remind its wearer of an upcoming meeting. She has been marching for peace for more than 40 years, and if her sensibly shod feet are sore after all this time, she isn't letting on. These days, though, she spends much of her time at WILPF's cluttered headquarters on the second floor of the Security Office Building in South St. Anthony Park.

Although WILPF claims members who range in age from teenagers to nonagenarians, a visitor gets the sense that the heart of the organization lies with volunteers like Otterness. Her domain is centered on a large, pamphlet-strewn table in a back office amid piles of antiwar handouts, with peace banners casually leaned up against the walls. On a recent afternoon she rolled out her knitting (rag wool socks for her grownup sons) and, with the assistance from her long-time colleague, Elizabeth Shippee, prepared to fill a newcomer in on the history of the state's oldest peace group.

Thirty years ago, when WILPF led the crusade for peace in Vietnam, the group already had a long-standing presence in the

ranks of pacifism. Otterness and Shippee explained that the organization began during World War I in London when an international group of women's suffrage advocates united to protest the terrible battlefield slaughter. WILPF came to Minnesota in 1922 when members of the First Unitarian Church established a local chapter.

"The first thing Minnesota WILPF did was try to stop ROTC

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— ELEANOR OTTERNESS

at the University," reported Otterness. "It didn't work." That was the first defeat of many. The U.S., after all, is no closer to dropping military solutions to international problems than it was in 1922. But WILPF tends to take the long-range view. As Shippee said, "Around the world, there have been about 120 wars since World War II. But the atomic bomb hasn't been used in any of them."

St. Anthony Park has played a part in the organization since the earliest days. Several of the charter members of WILPF were residents of the Park, and the group's offices have been located here for more than 15 years.

Shippee, a white-haired woman with a gentle voice, is a long-time St. Anthony Park resident. A retired dean at Metro State University and the former proprietor of a local antiques store, she said that pacifism was her birthright. "I always had the attitude, from my background, to question military spending." Shippee's mother was a social worker and a leader in the women's movement in the early part of the century. Her parents were married by Norman Thomas, perennial Socialist candidate for President and, incidentally, an ordained Presbyterian minister.

When asked if the end of the Cold War hasn't made groups like WILPF a little irrelevant, Shippee

was quick to disagree. Militarism and economic issues are still intertwined, she explained. In many parts of the world, according to Shippee, large international corporations, backed by groups like the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, are fighting economic wars which victimize women and children as surely as any shooting war.

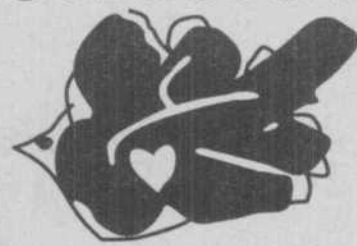
Both women agreed that, ironically, sometimes it takes a peace group to reveal the true face of war to a generation whose experience of battle is drawn more from hit movies than from real life. Shippee's voice rose for emphasis as she analyzed public reaction to the horrors of the Oklahoma City terrorist bombing. "People are so outraged by the suffering there, and rightly so, but don't they realize that these are the kind of injuries inflicted on civilian populations when there is wartime bombing? This is what war means. This is what war does. It happened in Oklahoma City, but it also happened during the Persian Gulf War when American planes bombed civilian targets in Iraq."

Old campaigners that they are, Shippee and Otterness have known each other for a lifetime of protest. "I was there every march, every peace rally, even when I had to push my kids in strollers," reminisced Otterness. Like old comrades, they've worked out a division of labor. Otterness is the firebrand, while Shippee provides the temperate voice. "All institutions are innately conservative!" proclaims Otterness with a rhetorical flourish. Shippee temporizes, "Eleanor is a lot more radical than I am."

But on the main points, they're in agreement. "How can we let ourselves be discouraged about the cause of peace?" asked Shippee quietly. "There is no one but us to do what needs to be done." Jokingly, she gestures to the blue-and-white WILPF placard with their stenciled doves of peace, "Have banners, will march."

And with women like Otterness and Shippee to carry them, long may those banners wave. ■

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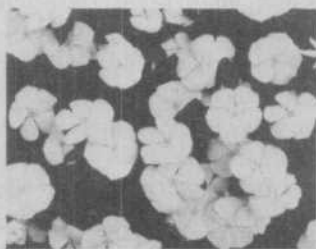
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NEIGHBORS IN GARDENING: THE MINNESOTA STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

by Laura Pritchett

Have you ever wanted to see Claude Monet's garden? The medieval castles and gardens of southern England? Native Minnesota wildflowers? Then look no further than your neighbor, the Minnesota State Horticultural Society. Because whether it's touring the famous garden which inspired so many of the French artist's paintings, enjoying the local fauna, or advising vegetable growers, the society has a bit of green thumb for us all.



Gardening is the leading hobby in the U.S., and with the special conditions Minnesota poses for its inhabitants, the Minnesota State Horticultural Society keeps busy in its mission to encourage and improve the practice and science of northern horticulture. The roots of it all date way back to 1866 with a few apple growers at the

State Fair, which was then held in Rochester. One apple grower arrived with a huge variety of apples — an uncommon medley at that time. The other apple growers were so impressed that by the end of the fair, they had decided to form a group to share growing tips. And so this commercial fruit growing organization was the foundation of what is now the largest state horticultural society in the country, boasting a membership of nearly 20,000.

Since then the Minnesota State Horticultural Society has promoted home and community gardening. The society was located on the University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus from the 1920s to 1993, and then moved to its new building, which is aptly called the Center for Northern Gardening.

The building itself, which is located at 1755 Prior Avenue North in Falcon Heights, has wonderful resources, as well as a few fun gifts, ranging from shirts to books, cards, hats, and "poopets" — cow-manure fertilizer shaped in farcical forms of rabbits, ducks, and pigs. There are more serious resources as well, including a wide range of books with titles such as *How to Grow Cool-Weather Vegetables* to *Saving Seeds*. But perhaps the most useful resource is the library, crammed with books and over 200 video tapes and slides on gardening, which is open to the public.

Still the Minnesota State Horticultural Society's boundaries extend far beyond their building. They sponsor all types of gardening classes and local excursions, such as garden tours and "wildflower weekends." The society also organizes longer tours to view the gardens of afar — in the past they visited Monet's garden, this summer they will be going to London and Stratford-on-Avon, England, and next summer they'll be visiting Scotland.

They also manage the rooftop garden at Channel 4 (Rebecca

doesn't do it all!) and maintain a booth at the State Fair — although nothing will be sold on a stick. The society also sponsors "Minnesota Green," a community gardening program which has supported several greening projects in the St. Anthony Park area as well as across the state.

All this is organized by a few staff and a cornucopia of volunteers — over 800 of them — many of whom are from this area, and some of whom will be helping with the upcoming St. Anthony Park Garden Tour. C will be going on at the Center for you haven't had a chance to check Society out yet, this is the perfect used horticulture book and garden nice, cool place to rest and enjoy. Tips? Executive Director Do

1997 GARDENING PROMISES

by Tod

Mary Maguire Lerman and Ron D. Latin, actually—and what the Plants in the front yard, plants in the

This time of year, Lerman and than usual, since they're the organ Garden Tour, set for July 5 from 11 to 12. They'll be touring neighborhood gardens in 11 to prepare. Besides, they're in the

The St. Anthony Park Garden Tour will be standing by to welcome visitors to fifteen gardens on the tour, and some guests who visit them; there are rum displays of garden sculpture, and on the University of Minnesota Display Trail guides available all day. And our own will be on site to tell about their work.

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BROWN THUMB REPORT

What I know about gardens and gardening can be contained in a thimble. Not that I don't appreciate them. I love the flora and fauna concoctions in people's yards. I admit, though, complete ignorance on the subjects of flowers and plants.

According to one of my friends, the reason for my total lack of interest in this area is because I've lived in an apartment dweller. He sees this as an affront to everything he holds near and dear, especially gardening. He has various ploys to enlighten me.

Each year, he and his wife spend the ephemeral Minnesota summer adding a new piece to their already existing mission entailed building a Japanese-style garden, complete with pond and water lilies.

Recently, I helped him load bricks that he collected from an old farmhouse to use to build the pond. "I want to get a house and do this yourself," he said as the sweat streamed down his face. "It's the greatest thing I've ever done. Blood and dirt from his hands. 'Yeah,' I said smiling at my friend, 'Go figure!'"

He convinced me a few years back to add house plants to my apartment. These Trojan horses harbored various plants that danced all over my coffee table and floor. The plants died soon after I got them, but the bugs remained — a lesson learned.

That's as close as I want to get to gardening. So I'll continue admiring my friend's house, helping him schlep bricks, soil, and other botanical things. I'll visit the Garden Market in the summer if I want some fresh flowers and vegetables.

Will I ever come around to my friend's point of view? I doubt it. In terms of gardening, I will always remain a friend and others like him, gardening is a means of expressing passion, realizing dreams, and a great excuse to be outdoors.

The final result is that our corner of the world is vibrant and beautiful, for which I will always be grateful.

PIECE

in your garden grow



Library in Center for Northern Gardening's library offers people in Zone 7 advice about creating triumphant gardens despite the cold.

day of the tour, July 5, events Northern Gardening as well. So if Minnesota State Horticultural Society. They are sponsoring a book sale, as well as offering a lunch or a break.

Johnson has several timely

ideas. She said that the weeds will really be growing by the end of June, so weed well once and then add mulch to save time later. If you have a vegetable garden, your lettuce will most likely be harvested about now, so consider using the same area to plant beans or carrots. Viney plants grow quickly in early July, and Johnson suggests that the vines with fruit, such as cantaloupe and tomatoes, be grown on a trellis — it's been shown that such plants produce cleaner and more abundant fruit (because there are more chances for pollination) if they're off the ground. Also, remember to add fertilizer to your hanging baskets and containers — all that watering washes out the nutrients, which need to be replenished. Finally, visit other gardens, either on formal tours, or stroll through local areas. This helps engender good ideas of the new plants that have been developed for northern climates, whether they be hardy azaleas, shrub

roses, or red bud trees.

Here in the north, one of the leading advocates for gardening is right around the corner. Whether it be touring famous gardens or providing helpful hints, our neighbor has something for everyone. ■

Photos courtesy the Minnesota State Horticultural Society and Wayside Gardens Co.

GARDEN TOUR
A VARIETY

in Boss

talk a lot of gibberish. Usually talking about is plants. The yard, and plants in the back. The host are talking Latin a little more of the 1997 St. Anthony Park tour. From 1 to 4 p.m. Five hundred people to Lerman and Dufault have a lot themselves.

more than just gardens. Gardeners and serve as hosts in each of the preparing entertainment for the accordion music and bagpipes, potting demonstrations. Plus, the gardens will be open with student from St. Anthony Park's courtyard landscapers year's tour. If you run the gamut,

you'll visit a terraced garden, a container garden, annual and perennial gardens, decks and patios, and British formal-style gardens as part of the mix. The tour is normally held every two years, but in 1995, due to transitions in leadership, it didn't happen. So, 1997 presents an almost entirely new list, including many first-time hosts.

Lerman and Dufault illustrate the variety among the gardeners. Lerman likes tall plants in her sunken, woodsy backyard. "I never met a tall plant I didn't like," she said, but quickly added, "except Giant Ragweed." Dufault is more the artist when it comes to placing plants in his garden. He looks for unique containers — a bedpan, a tuba, and hockey helmets among the lot — to bring a horticulturalists viewpoint to the concept of recycling.

Tickets are available from Rosa Mundi flower shop in Milton Square: \$8 for adults and \$4 for young gardeners ages 6-17. After July 5, the price of adult tickets rises to \$10, so it pays to buy early. Allow eight hours or so for the entire tour. Maps are available on the library lawn at 9 a.m. on the morning of the tour. Ticketed guests are invited to visit gardens on their own at random throughout the day.

Money raised by the tour helps fund the St. Anthony Park Association's small grants, which in turn support block nurses, teen nights, tree trusts, the music series, and other important Park events. In 1993, a year when springtime in Minnesota saw endless days of rain that turned Lerman's sunken garden into a mess yielding only a single bloom, the tour still managed to raise \$1,200 for the grant program.

The St. Anthony Park Garden Club, only in its second month, has already attracted 50 members. Lerman and Dufault encourage anyone interested to sign up. An event is scheduled as well: the club plans to tour Green Value Nursery & Botanical Gardens' 1.5 acres of over 800 varieties of unusual and hard-to-find plants, giant waterfalls, and troll caves. That event takes place on July 1, departing from the library at 6:30 pm. ■



To volunteer during the 1997 St. Anthony Garden Tour or Garden Tour, call Ron Dufault at 647-0262 or Mary Maguire Lerman at 644-7388.

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LAUDERDALE

Expanded Day in the Park celebration set for July 27

Lauderdale's annual Day in the Park attracts ordinary citizens, politicians and lots of kids. This year's event is set for Sunday, July 27, from 2 to 6:30 p.m., at the Community Park on the corner of Roselawn Avenue and Fulham Street. There's also a new attraction — local artists will be displaying their creations on the hockey rink.

For the fifth consecutive year, Day in the Park is featuring Twin Picks, a bluegrass band comprised of Nancy Read Hendricks and Lon Hendricks, a Lauderdale couple, and Gene Walton, a Minneapolis musician.

The group is performing from 5 to 6 p.m. Other activities include the ever-popular kiddie parade at 2:30 p.m., followed by games, including a water slide. Hot dogs, brats, baked beans and

chips will be sold beginning at 3 p.m. For information call City Hall at 631-0300.

— David Anger

COMO PARK

Zoo fun

Como Zoo's family education department is presenting a talk by Nancy Gibson, who will speak about the recovery efforts of wolves in the West, on Tuesday, July 8, 7 - 8:30 p.m., at the Lakeside Pavilion. Then, everyone is invited to family night on Thursday, July 10, from 5 to 8 p.m.

La Leche League meeting

"Baby Arrives: The Family and the Breastfed Baby" 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, July 8, at 7 p.m. For information, including location, call Jeanne at 644-0302 or Faye at 489-6356.

Conservatory renovation

The Como Park Conservatory is renovating its front veranda and viewing overlook. Construction is expected to be complete in November. During the



Suzanne Fantle and her son, Joel, welcome customers to Emil Gustafson Jewelers' cozy and new curbside location at 2278 Como Avenue next to the Biblot Shop. Previously located in Milton Square, the shop showcases watches, rings and trinkets plus appraisals. Photo by Truman Olson

conservation process, the main entry is through the McKnight Garden. The Japanese Garden is accessible through the conservatory too.

NW Como Rec Center bids Angela Mens farewell

On June 18, the Northwest Como Recreation Center bid a fond farewell to outgoing Director Angela Mens. Over the past four years, Mens has exhibited a tireless energy and creative spirit in spearheading a variety of programs for the area children and adolescents. Among some of her innovations were: Teen Lock-In; Holiday Pageant; trips to see the Minnesota Thunder soccer team, the Timberwolves and the St. Paul Saints; Pumpkin Patch; Fairway Foundation golf; S'More fun; and the family bonfire. Mens will be missed at the Rec Center. Meanwhile, at the same farewell event, which was an ice cream social, the center welcomed incoming Director Tom "Gos" Goswitz, who is coming over from Battle Creek Community Center.

— John Marino

FALCON HEIGHTS

Schoolhouse open at Gibbs Farm

Youngsters can enjoy an old-fashioned schoolhouse experience at the Gibbs Farm Museum on Tuesday to Friday from July 8 through August 8. Here, kids can spend the day in



Micawber's Bookstore invites you to a reading to be given by Robert Lacy on Thursday, July 17th at 7:30 PM.

Mr. Lacy will be

reading from his new collection of short stories entitled *The Natural Father* published by New Rivers Press. *The Natural Father* is a winner of the 15th annual Minnesota Voices Project. Mr. Lacy currently reviews books for the Minneapolis *Star Tribune*.

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Welcome Heather Worthington to St. Anthony Park — District 12's new executive director. The Michigan State graduate brings nonprofit experience to the job, including work at the Minnesota Historical Society, Minneapolis Institute of Arts and the Summit Hill Association. Worthington looks forward to building awareness about the community council and encourages people to call her with concerns. The Macalester-Groveland resident enjoys reading, sewing, writing for the Preservation Alliance newsletter, volunteering at the Minnesota Transportation Museum and spending time with her husband, Chris.

Photo by Truman Olson

the museum's authentic one-room schoolhouse and recreate a 1900 school experience by reciting from 19th-century readers, using slate boards, competing in spelling bees, playing Victorian games and hunting for unique artifacts. While not required, kids are encouraged to wear turn-of-the-century clothing. Sessions are held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and cost \$12 per student. Call 646-8629 to register.

Union, Minnesota International Health Volunteers, Amnesty International, Minnesota Project on Ethnic America, NAACP, the St. Paul-Nagasaki Sister City Committee and the St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

Soccer registration

Registration for fall soccer — open to boys and girls ages 5 to 14 — begins on July 14 and concludes on August 1 at Langford Park Rec Center. Call 298-5765.

Brush drop-off

St. Paul residents can dispose of brush on Tuesday, July 15 from 3 to 9 p.m. at St. Timothy's Church parking lot located at 1465 North Victoria Street. Cost is \$5 per car, \$10 per truck. ■

ST. ANTHONY PARK

Hoyle wins St. Olaf award

Robert Hoyle, executive director of the International Institute of Minnesota, won the distinguished alumnus award from St. Olaf College. He is an active member of the United Nations Association of Minnesota and USA, the American Civil Liberties



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Carolyn Collins — Ambassador of the arts

by Michelle Christianson

Late in the year 1882 a group of society women met to form St. Paul's first organization dedicated to "promote the art of recital music through education and performance and to maintain a high standard of excellence." The group is the Schubert Club, which recently elected Carolyn Collins president.

Collins, who lives in University Grove, became associated with the Schubert Club as a member of the Metro Artists committee (which schedules performances by local artists) and has been on the board of directors for six years.

As president she will conduct all board meetings, attend as many Schubert Club activities as possible, work with executive director Bruce Carlson on long and short range plans and help represent the club for grant presentations. She is



excited about assuming her responsibilities.

The Schubert Club spotlights a three-pronged program. The concert section includes Metro Artists and International Artists Series, which presents acclaimed performers in recital and, because of a commitment to featuring new artists, has premiered such musicians as Vladimir Horowitz, Isaac Stern, Leontyne Price and Mstislav Rostropovich in the Twin Cities. The Student Section encompasses the spring competition (in which students

compete for monetary prizes), student recitals in homes and community settings and Project Cheer and Musicopolis, which provide free music lessons for those who may not be able to afford them otherwise. The Schubert Club Museum contains a collection of historical keyboard instruments, the Kugler collection of historical instruments from around the world, and the Gilman Ordway collection of musical manuscripts, letters and autographs.

Collins leads an interesting and varied life. Born in Union, South Carolina, she received her B.A. in French Education from Samford University and a M.A. in library science from the University of Minnesota. She is married to Andrew Collins, who teaches child psychology at the University of Minnesota, and has two grown children. She did research for several corporations

and ran her own business before settling in on her present occupation, which is writing companion books to children's classics, including the *Little House* books, *Anne of Green Gables* and *Little Women*.

In these companion books Collins presents historical information and expands upon what has already been written in the older books. For instance, she may give a recipe for an uncommon food and tell how to make a type of handicraft. To research her books, she travels to libraries across the country and has visited the Green Gables house as well as the site of every house in the *Little House* series. She has two new books coming out at Christmas: *The Little House Christmas Craft Book* and *The Anne of Green Gables Christmas Treasury*. Future projects include companion books to the Narnia stories and possibly to the Betsy Tacy books.

Besides writing, traveling and attending Schubert Club functions, Collins enjoys

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31 MONDAY

■ AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. Call 770-2646. Every Monday.

■ Boys Scouts, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 7 p.m. Every Monday.

1 TUESDAY

■ Canada Day

■ St. Anthony Park Community Band rehearsal, Como High School band room, 7:30 p.m. Every Tuesday.

2 WEDNESDAY

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

■ "Bon Jour Minnesota" host Georgette Pfannkuch plays French-Canadian songs with the Canadian consul on Fresh Air Radio, 90.3 FM or 106.7 FM, 4 to 6:30 p.m.

3 THURSDAY

■ Parent-child play group, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell Avenue, 10 a.m.-noon. Every Thursday.

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

■ Lisa Norris performs at Melodious Lunches, Terrace Cafe at St. Paul Student Center, noon.

4 FRIDAY

■ Independence Day

■ St. Anthony Park Fourth of July celebration. Parade 11:30 a.m.; games and music at Langford Park all day.

5 SATURDAY

■ St. Anthony Park Garden Tour, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 647-0262 or 644-7388.

7 MONDAY

■ Como Park recycling day.

8 TUESDAY

■ La Leche League meeting, 7 p.m. Call Jeanne, 644-0302, or Faye, 489-6356, for location.

■ Nancy Gibson talks about wolves at the Como Lakeside Pavilion, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

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

9 WEDNESDAY

■ St. Anthony Park recycling day.

■ St. Anthony Park Community Council, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7-9 p.m.

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

10 THURSDAY

■ Grant Johnson performs at Melodious Lunches, Terrace Cafe at St. Paul Student Center, noon.

■ Family Night Out, Como Zoo, 5 - 8 p.m.

11 FRIDAY

■ Youth Night, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside, 7 - 11 p.m. Every Friday.

13 SUNDAY

■ "Ink Clouds: The Calligraphy of Jin Seien" opens at The Goldstein Gallery, 244 McNeal Hall at the University of Minnesota, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

14 MONDAY

■ 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.

15 TUESDAY

■ District 10 Como Community Council. Call 644-3889 for location.

■ Lauderdale Planning Commission, City Hall, 1891 Walnut, 7:30 p.m.

16 WEDNESDAY

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

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

17 THURSDAY

■ Gary Joyner performs at Melodious Lunches, Terrace Cafe at St. Paul Student Center, noon.

■ AARP, Midway-Highland Chapter, Lyngblomsten Senior Center, 1298 Pascal St., 1 p.m.

■ Robert Lacy reads from his new collection of short stories at Micawber's, 7:30 p.m.

18 FRIDAY

■ Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling day.

19 SATURDAY

■ Full Moon

21 MONDAY

■ Como Park recycling day.

■ St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program board of directors, St. Anthony Park Library, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

22 TUESDAY

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

23 WEDNESDAY

■ St. Anthony Park recycling day.

■ St. Anthony Park Community Council Housing & Human Services Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 5:30-7 p.m.

■ St. Anthony Park Community Council Environment Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 7-9 p.m.

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

24 THURSDAY

■ Krystal MacKay performs at Melodious Lunches, Terrace Cafe at St. Paul Student Center, noon.

■ Falcon Heights Ice Cream Social, Community Park, Cleveland at Roselawn, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

28 MONDAY

■ Como Park recycling day

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

■ St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program board of directors, St. Anthony Park Library, 7:30 p.m.

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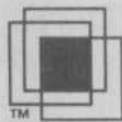
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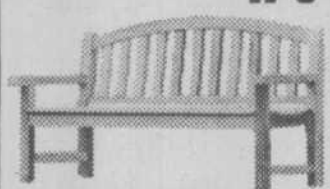
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O B I T U A R I E S

Marjorie Beck

Falcon Heights resident Marjorie L. Beck died on May 20. She was 72 years old. Beck was a member of Como Park Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, Leonard Nagel. Survivors include her husband, Robert; her son, Steven; grandchildren, Scott and Andrea; her mother, Bernice Nagel; and brother, Richard Nagel.

Margaret Draves

Margaret L. Draves died on May 23. She lived at St. Anthony Park Home and was a member of St. Louis Catholic Church.

Preceded in death by her husband, Edward, Draves is survived by her sisters, Rose Fournelle and Mary Sisson, and her nephew, Thomas.

Leona Gilbert

Leona L. Gilbert died on March 7 in Mesa, Arizona. She lived in Como Park. Gilbert was a member of the Falcon Heights United Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Harry; four daughters, Sandy Schroeder, Linda Jones,

Diane Olson, and Patty Hoppe; son, Roger; nine grandchildren; two sisters, Grace Osgood and Barbara Pittelkow; and a brother, Forest Henderson.

Catherine Gundale

Catherine M. Gundale, age 82, died on June 1. She lived at Lyngblomsten.

After graduating from the Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis, she married the Rev. Einer Gundale. During their 50-year ministry, she and her husband served five parishes in Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota and Wisconsin.

Gundale is survived by her husband, Einer; children, Grace Nyhus, Evangeline Hagfors, John, Stephen, Ruth Hillebrand, and Philip; 15 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Jack Klinkenborg

Jack H. Klinkenborg, a former resident of St. Anthony Park, died on June 5. He was 72 and lived at the Hastings Veteran Home.

Preceded in death by his wife, Cynthia, son, Bobby, and parents, Jack and Genevieve; he is survived by daughter, Jill Eckert; sons, Scott, David, and Jon; six grandchildren; and brother, Doug.

Dorothy Pass

Dorothy B. Pass, age 86, died on June 4. She made her home in Como Park and was a member of Como Park Lutheran Church.

Preceded in death by a sister and two brothers, she is survived by her husband of 65 years, Melvin; sons, Brad and Roger; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Ruth Hoxie Rutford

Ruth Hoxie Rutford died on May 19 at the age of 98 years.

A resident of St. Anthony Park on Commonwealth Avenue

for over 50 years, her home was the former train depot, which was moved to Commonwealth from its former location by Langford Park. Rutford lived at Lyngblomsten Care Center.

She was a longtime member of St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ. She spent her early years in Duluth, where she is being buried.

Rutford was preceded in death by her husband, Skuli, her brother John, and her parents, Kinney Hoxie and Mary Bridges Snow. Survivors include her daughter, Mary Covert; sons, John, Dave, Robert, and Kenneth; 18 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Elvera Takala

Elvera Takala died at 90 years on June 7. She was a resident of Lyngblomsten since 1989.

Takala was born in Finland and emigrated to Minnesota when she was two. She taught in St. Louis County and Long Prairie before coming to the Roseville district in 1955. She retired in 1971.

Her husband, Arthur, died in 1946, and she reared their son John alone. John died in 1981. She is survived by her brother-in-law, William; daughter-in-law, Lisa; and granddaughter, Monika.

James Zauner

James Zauner, a resident of Como Park, died on May 17. He was 64 years old. Zauner was a member of Holy Childhood Catholic Church.

Preceded in death by daughters, Pamela Zauner and Kim Horwitz, he is survived by his wife, Sandra; daughter Rita and three grandchildren.

— Compiled by Ann Bulger

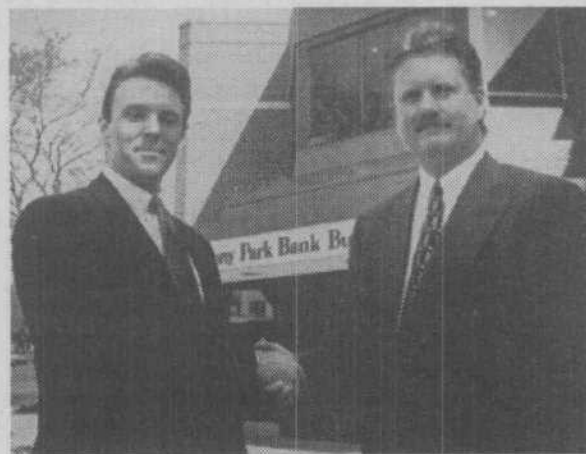
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Nina Archabal — director of the Minnesota Historical Society — sits on the 30-member Board of Overseers at Harvard University. Archabal, a St. Anthony Park resident, is a 1962 graduate of Radcliffe College. She also holds a master's degree from Harvard and a doctorate from the University of Minnesota.

Barbara A.B. Keith holds a master's degree from Hamline University's Graduate School in Education.

Find copies of *Closer than Home and Other Poems* by **Todd Boss** at Micawber's. The limited edition book features photographs by his wife, Amy Grove.

Here's a list of Mounds Park Academy graduates from St. Anthony Park, who are off to college in the fall. **Chas Beck**, Kenyon College; **Megan Bridges**, Mills College; **Heather Budd**, Beloit College; **Katie Steffes**, University of Chicago; **Kimberly Zapfel**, Vassar College.

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gardening, reading (she reads three daily newspapers as well as belonging to a book club) and keeping up with acquaintances she has met through her research. She also attends St. Paul Chamber Orchestra performances and other concerts.

Although she has just begun her tenure as Schubert Club president, Collins has definite ideas about what she would like to do. She hopes to encourage board members to participate in more events and plans to give much moral support to the various committees. In addition, Collins wants to encourage more student participation in competitions and recitals. She would like to develop a local composers event akin to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts' Art in Bloom, substituting musical works to interpret art instead of flower arrangements.

Collins is glad to be a part of the long tradition begun by those determined ladies in 1882. "The Schubert Club has so many different aspects that really enrich our community," she concluded. "I am pleased to be its ambassador." ■

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