

Crime challenges area's serenity

National Night Out offers opportunity for healing and solutions

by David Anger

National Night Out usually comes and goes around here without much fanfare. Sure, people participate plenty — flying balloon bouquets on the front lawn and mixing up the ubiquitous bowl of potato salad. Even so, crime for many neighbors seems like an abstract concept, something that happens elsewhere.

Until now.

The crime spate that recently swept through St. Anthony Park, Lauderdale and Como Park is making people uneasy.

"I'm more nervous about crime than before," admitted a St. Anthony Park woman outside of Speedy Market, which was the site of an armed robbery on May 23.

Before that, in March, a Lauderdale man was stabbed in his apartment by an intruder. And last month a child narrowly escaped abduction in Como Park.

Then, there were three murders in St. Anthony Park within six weeks. The common thread between these tragedies is that all victims held intimate relationships with the alleged murderers.

Robert Stack, a prominent and giving citizen, was killed on June 26 and the police arrested his son, who suffers from mental illness. Then, on July 15, a

44-year-old man was shot to death in his home and police charged a 30-year-old boarder in connection with the slaying. Earlier, a resident of the Catholic Charities halfway house in South St. Anthony Park was allegedly

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— HEATHER WORTHINGTON
ST. ANTHONY PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

strangled to death by his roommate.

This tragic statistic exceeds the number of murders in the entire city of Minneapolis, once sarcastically dubbed *Murderapolis* by the popular press, during the same time frame.

Consequently, this high profile crime clump is prompting greater awareness of violence and, subsequently, the approaching National Night Out on August 5.

"I've had several calls about the murders that took place, particularly neighbors of the victims," said Heather Worthington, executive director of the St. Anthony Park Community Council. "I sense a tremendous amount of concern."

Still, Worthington cautioned, "These murders were not random acts and overall St. Anthony Park is a very safe place to live, where

people walk freely during the evening." She added, "We should be concerned for the families that are affected, and we should be concerned as neighbors about each other."

In Worthington's view National Night Out offers neighbors the opportunity to challenge crime, particularly property crimes.

While National Night Out tends to focus on crimes committed by strangers, such as property crimes, it's less attendant to issues of domestic violence.

"Communities need to talk about domestic violence, which is especially difficult in our country where privacy is paramount," said Carol Arthur, executive director of the Domestic Abuse Project.

"There are red flags to watch out for — people who are absolutely obsessed with a person and ignore orders to stay away from that person, as well as people who have either threatened suicide or homicide. They have nothing to lose."

Ultimately, the universal message of National Night Out is about neighbors helping neighbors.

So, "The most important thing people can do is when they hear or see arguing and fighting report it," said Arthur. "Silence is accession. By intervening you are helping prevent violence and building safer communities." ■



Story of an American Quilter — Jean Humenansky

by Todd Ryan Boss

The photographer whom *Better Homes & Gardens* sent last year to capture the essence of Jean Humenansky's Country Peddler Quilt Shop was nonplused by its picturesque setting and interior charm. "We sure can't do anything for you," he told her, and then he photographed it just as it is.

Better Homes' most recent *Quilt Sampler* magazine featured Humenansky's shop among its 10 favorite quilt stores coast to coast and printed photos full-color in a lavish spread. So now quilters all over the country are shopping at the Country Peddler in our own Milton Square, calling to ask about things they see in the glossy pictures of the store's displays and wanting to know how they can come to take a real-life tour of the shop.

But the first page of the story begins 25 years ago, when Humenansky's mother, Jeanette Michel, opened the Country Peddler in the space that is now Micawber's children's book room. *Quilt Sampler* calls it "one of the country's pioneering quilt shops," as there were few stores devoted solely to quilting in 1972. Because of the resultant scarcity of marketed materials available at that time, Michel designed her own patterns and sold custom-made quilts. Humenansky calls her the Peddler's "founding mother."

The Country Peddler had 12 bolts of fabric on inventory then. Eight years ago the Peddler boasted 2,000 bolts. Today there are over 5,000 choices, from flannels to calicos, baby fabrics to Christmas fabrics, arranged simply by color and style throughout the maze of rooms she occupies off the central courtyard in Milton Square. People come from far and wide to get a piece of the very thing that differentiates the Country Peddler from large warehouse chains like Northwest Fabrics.

"My specialty and focus help me stay competitive," Humenansky explains. "I can make quicker decisions about new merchandise, trends, and the latest designs than they can with their bureaucratic centralized buying systems."

The big chains are also responsible for what she recalls as the shop's most difficult period. There was a Sunday in the early '80s when Northwest Fabrics opened in the Twin Cities and held a price war

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National Night Out activities on Aug. 5

by John Marino

"After I finished getting mad, I organized a block club," said Collette Miller, a mother of three and the crime watch organizer in Lauderdale.

What got Miller angry was an attempted burglary of her home back in 1993, in broad daylight.

While she was at home.

"I was home with my baby," she recalled, "and if the dog hadn't gone berserk, we would have been a victim. I was scared and angry for a long time."

Then she took action. That same year she organized the first crime-watch block in her town and she just kept going.

For the second year in a row, Miller has been the main organizer of Lauderdale's big National Night Out party, which will be held at the City Park on August 5 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Nationwide, community organizers will raise awareness of crime issues by simply getting neighbors to meet and greet one

another. Como Park, Falcon Heights, and St. Anthony Park are holding related events.

"We'll have music and free refreshments," said Miller. "The fire department will make a grand entrance with sirens and lights at about 6:25 p.m."

"We had a very good turnout last year," Miller added, "and we hope more people come out this year. And if there's bad weather, we'll be in City Hall. We're getting a lot of support from the St. Anthony Police Department and our area businesses."

To help with the celebration, call 641-1452.

FALCON HEIGHTS

"St. Anthony provides police protection for Lauderdale and Falcon Heights," said Carla Asleson, administrative assistant for the city of Falcon Heights.

Rather than throw a big party at a central location, Falcon Heights vigorously encourages residents to organize block parties. This is a great way to meet and get reacquainted with neighbors.

"We provide the barricades to block streets," said Asleson, "and we publicize it."

Apparently very well, too. "Last year, there were so many individual block parties that we ran out of barricades. We pretty much had to ask them to use saw horses."

Whatever works.

Like calling up the fire department and asking if it would drop on by your very own block

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St. Anthony Park Community Council

NEWS

At the July 9 meeting of the St. Anthony Park Community Council, the Council:

- Received a report from Kathy Mostrom, Executive Director of the Kelly Institute on plans to move their facility into a space on University Avenue. Moved to support the Kelly Institute and recommended that they also make contact with the Prospect Park Community Council as well.
- Received a report from NOSHAMS! group on proposed metal shredder sites in St. Paul. Moved to support the ban on metal shredders in the City of St. Paul because dismantling is more environmentally benign, and shredders are incompatible.
- Moved to approve the institution of an Environment Internship in conjunction with the University of Minnesota.
- Moved to recommend stricter enforcement of parking in St. Anthony Park.
- Moved to approve and adopt Merriam Park's resolution regarding billboards.
- Moved to accept the resignation of Carol Mannheim and the appointment of Joann Benesh to the Council.

Paul Paulos hired as Crime Prevention Coordinator

The SAPCC is happy to announce the hiring of a new Crime Prevention Coordinator, Paul Paulos. Paul can be reached at 292-7884 if you have questions or concerns relating to Crime Prevention in St. Anthony Park.

Fire Safety and Crime Prevention Program presented August 4

The St. Anthony Park Community Council will host a Fire Safety and Crime Prevention Program presented by the St. Paul Fire and Police Departments at 7 p.m. on Monday, August 4 at the South St. Anthony Recreation Center. This event coincides with National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5. Please plan on attending this valuable information session!

National Night Out is August 5

National Night Out is August 5. If you would like a lawn sign, posters, or door hangers to publicize your block party, please call 292-7884, or stop by the office to pick up a supply.

Masthead design sought for Networker

The Council is still accepting admissions for a new masthead design for the *Networker Newsletter*. Call the office for details at 292-7884.

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

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July storm damages Milton Square shops

by Pete Keith

The strong thunderstorms on July 1 took their toll on a St. Anthony Park institution—Milton Square. All of the lower level shops suffered extensive storm damage when storm water poured into the building, to a level of three to five feet. The powerful storm's signatures are the high water marks on the walls, and the strong musty smell permeating the courtyard of the retail center.

The shops affected include Taste of Scandinavia, Rosa Mundi, Kimly's Tailors, Debbie's Custom Hair and Ark Products. Many are closed pending their clean-up.

The marks left by the water may be high, but the spirits of the shop owners seem even higher—not completely dampened by the storm damage. Taste of Scandinavia will re-open on August 8. And the owner's of Rosa Mundi, Charlotte Milstead and George Zilligen, have been working almost non-stop since the storm. They will also open for business on August 8.

Milstead and Zilligen, their flower and giftware shop open since just February, were alarmed to discover the damage to their

store. Shortly after the storm ended, Milstead said, "We arrived and saw about four feet of standing water in the store." The water destroyed virtually all of the merchandise, as well as furnishings in the store. They did find their records, although they were all soaking wet. One of their difficult tasks is to peel apart records that are stuck together so they can determine their next tax payments.

One fortunate thing did happen for Rosa Mundi's owners. Because the water filled the stairwell entrance so quickly, it actually blasted open the door. A neighborhood resident, Kent Schnetzler, who came to survey the damage, went into the store and turned off a large appliance that was in the path of the rising water and beginning to spark and smoke. "If it weren't for him, we could have had a fire here as well as the storm damage," said Milstead. "He was an angel of mercy." Schnetzler provided a sump pump to help hasten the water removal from the shop.

These and other good deeds by neighbors and neighboring businesses have helped Milstead and Zilligen cope with this huge

setback to their business. "We want everyone in this community to know how much we appreciate their concerns and support," she said.

The St. Anthony Park Business Association has been involved in seeking help through many sources, including the mayor and the city of St. Paul. "We are interested in helping these businesses recover and return to doing business as quickly as possible," said Sue Davern of the business association. "They are a critical part of the retail sector located in St. Anthony Park."

Mary Ann Milton, president of Milton Investment Co., the building's owner, is also helping the businesses get back in business. "In the 40 years we've owned the building, we've never seen anything like this." Milton has provided for the cleanup of the shop space. However, the losses that each shop suffered are the individual store owners' responsibilities.

One thing that is not clear at this time is whether any of the shops will receive coverage from their insurance. ■

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High costs delay library construction

by Judy Woodward

Construction of the planned addition to the St. Anthony Park Branch Library will be put out for a second round of bidding because initial contractors' bids came in several hundred thousand dollars over the \$810,000 which had been budgeted for the project. The decision to go to a second round of bidding was agreed on by the library design committee and project architect Philip Broussard at a recent meeting.

The group has made several modifications to project specifications. They hope the changes will ensure that the second round of bids will come closer to the targeted cost.

Chief among the changes was the call for what Broussard termed "alternative technologies" for exterior construction. The group specified that "molded panels" be used in place of architectural precast concrete, and that pre-manufactured panels substitute for conventional wood frame construction. Broussard emphasized that neither alternative would affect the integrity of the design nor the quality of the

construction.

Broussard said the group also hoped to realize savings by postponing the completion date of the construction. He said that contractors are busiest in the summer, "but every contractor would like winter work." By pushing back the completion date for the project until as late as next summer, said Broussard, the group hoped to attract lower bids in the second round.

If second round bids also fail to fall within the budgeted costs for the project, the group has a fallback position — but it's one they're reluctant to use. Design plans call for a round children's reading room to be added to the existing structure. If the plans changed to a more conventional design, construction costs would be considerably reduced. "Nobody wants to change from the round children's room," said Broussard, "but if we have to put it out to a third bid because the second round of bids also turns out to be unacceptably high, we can always change to a rectangular design."

The library design team, which consists of library staff and neighborhood members besides Broussard, has one other option

that it is considering. If the second round of bids, which are due at the end of August, come back only slightly over the budgeted figure, they will try to raise money in the community in order to bridge the shortfall. "If the winning bid is \$20,000 to \$30,000 over the budget, we might be able to raise funds by donations," explained Broussard.

The library addition, which has been several years in the planning, will consist of the new children's room, relocated restrooms and circulation desk, and additional storage. Handicapped access will be added to the building, and the new children's area will be connected to the main structure by a light-filled reading corridor for adults. One of the major concerns in the planning process has been finding a design which preserves the architectural integrity of the original library structure, especially the facade.

Listed on the historic register, the 80-year-old community landmark is one of the last remaining Carnegie libraries in the nation still in use. ■

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Cappuccino anyone?

Snickerdoodle cookies, parmesan-cheese bread, red roses and cappuccino — these are the frills that make the world go round. Then, when you suddenly can't get them, everything goes plop and there's no icing on life's often bittersweet cake. Don't despair, readers, Taste of Scandinavia and Rosa Mundi — which were almost swooshed away in the Canada Day flood on July 1 — are set to reopen on August 8. Lesser souls might have walked away from their businesses, but the shopowners of Milton Square showed determination as well as commitment. So, once our good coffee house and flower shop are open, be certain to order up a cappuccino and a dozen roses and say a generous, "Thank You." ■

Streets are for people

Hate to nag, but the approaching Doswell-Chelmsford street paving project offers a rare opportunity for civic improvement. Traffic-calming ideas run from adding stop signs and traffic police to building bumpouts and traffic circles, even narrower roads. Some think making the streets slimmer is nuts, saying it's costly and unsafe. They're correct about the pricetag, but off-base about the rest. Narrower streets prompt drivers to slow down. Besides, there's a historical precedent — the Nicollet Mall, a 30-year-old curvilinear wonder called by its designer Lawrence Halprin an "urban dance." Halprin made Nicollet for people, an idea advocated by writer Jane Jacobs, by returning to the liveliness of the medieval street. Instead of the customary 60 feet for traffic, the Nicollet Mall used only 24 feet and the rest was for pedestrians. If narrower streets seems more farfetched than build bumpouts. They create a room-like atmosphere on the block, enclosing people and, yes, cars in a safe haven. Let's not do road construction as usual and forge an even better neighborhood. ■

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LETTERS

Dogs in owners' yards

As a home owner, where people walk their dogs several times daily and let their dogs and cats deposit in my yard and neighbors' yards, I got a chuckle out of the writer in last month's issue regarding signs needed to protect her dog.

We need some protection. I do not mind if people like their dogs and cats, but for goodness sakes, it is a good idea to keep them in your own

yard. Yes — your concern for courtesy toward others is appreciated, so it might be well not to walk your dogs by people's yards. Thank you.

— Tiny Johnsrud
St. Anthony Park

SAP Association is great

Before memories of the recent Fourth of July celebration fade, our community must take an opportunity to formally thank the St. Anthony Park

Association and those in it who gave leadership to what had to be one of the best celebrations on the 4th in our association's 50 year history.

Under the leadership of coordinator Sandra Kelsey, past president, and her "right hand," Cindy Vik Thrasher, literally dozens of members of the association worked on committees which planned and conducted a full day of exciting activities from the 8:30 a.m. pancake breakfast to the 8:30 p.m. drawing of grand prizes.

Celebrating our nation's birthday, the program included a 30-unit parade, athletic events for all ages, music, patriotic essays by sixth graders, pony rides, a revived treasure hunt, and a chicken barbecue which brought together scores of family units for reunions.

Other features included recognition of

local and other public officials and of past St. Anthony Park Association presidents. With the help of beautiful weather, a large crowd enjoyed the day.

A *Star-Tribune* story said "Thousands turned out" — a good share of St. Anthony Park's 6,000-plus residents.

This celebration is only a part of the SAP Association's annual contribution to the community.

So, when you receive a letter from the Association's membership chair next spring, please keep this background in perspective. St. Anthony Park has been, and is, a delightful place to live and raise a family, in part, because of things the association has done here.

Say "Thank You" through our continued support.

— Gerald R. McKay
Association president 1949-50

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From the Bugle archives:

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7 YEARS AGO . . . University Grove residents narrowly vote to keep the enclave open to University of Minnesota faculty and staff only. . . .

Q & A

What is your favorite thing to do at the State Fair?



Mel

Going to the memorabilia in Heritage Square, and then eat dinner at the old Hamline Dining Hall. I also like going to the forestry building.



Arlene (left)

I love to go to the Creative Arts Building and look at the home arts. I also like to go to the barns.

Lily (right)

I like to eat after going on the rides.



Mark

I like to watch the people at the Sling Shot, and I like to eat.



Marli

Going to the building with all the displays, quilts, and crafts. The Creative Arts Building, I think.

C O M M E N T A R Y



The hometown birthday party

by Barbara Claussen

Several years ago the *Star Tribune* reported that my hometown was a "Dying Minnesota Community." I remember looking at the front-page photo of the old Kee Theater and recognizing Main Street. My parents owned a department store there for over 30 years right next to the theater. I spent a lot of time at that theater when I was growing up. In a small town it was one of the places to hang out, along with the pool hall and the bowling alley. When you were old enough to borrow the family car you could "cruise Main Street."

On June 1 I drove back to my hometown, a farming community near the Iowa border. A sign outside town read "Population 670." I hadn't been back for 13 years, since my parents retired and moved to another small town in northern Arkansas.

Despite the hot, muggy day the community celebrated its 95th birthday with class. A 150-unit parade dotted with American flags transformed Main Street. An all-school reunion attracted alumni from all over the country. A dinner for 1,200 in the middle school gym was followed by a commemorative program. An ecumenical church service with an all-community choir contrasted with two lively street dances.

I wandered through my old elementary school building, now mostly unused and empty. Sunlight glinted off wide expanses of battered wooden floors. The blackboards had been stripped off the walls, leaving unpainted spaces where learning used to occur. I was surprised that I could remember the name of each teacher and where my desk was at each grade level. I half expected to find the teachers in their rooms, still maintaining a watchful eye.

I later reminisced with the retired high school principal over the only time I was called into his office — for failing to clean out the popcorn machine after a basketball game. I could still recall the names of the two other student council members

who were my fellow offenders.

I graduated in 1968 with 47 other students. The school has since consolidated twice with two other schools in the county. The community weathered many changes common to rural areas after I left for college on a fall day so full of promise.

On this bright summer day the citizens of this town proudly honored the graduates of their school, who have made contributions in many fields of endeavor. Some of their names are easily recognized and some aren't. I lingered after the catered dinner and talked to Tim Penny, a former member of Congress. He graduated with my younger sister. Darryl Garvick died in Vietnam. He was in my class.

The normally quiet street next to the Legion Hall swelled to a crowd of hundreds for the street dance, a drama played out against a backdrop of towering grain bins. The band's neon sign flashed as nostalgic songs resonated across the deepening dusk. Tiny knots of people mingled in the twilight, glad that this celebration reunited them with family members and old friends.

A new grocery store and shopping mall graced Main Street. The theater was refurbished. Despite the struggles of the last two decades, vitality characterized this party.

Once labeled "dying," this small town looks forward to many more birthday bashes. I want to be there to watch her turn 100. ■

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Dog days of August — read while walking pooch

by Judy Woodward

Some people might think of Mark Johnson as a guy who likes to read so much that he even takes a book along when he walks the dog. Johnson himself might respond that he's figured out a



way to give the dog some exercise while he (Johnson) catches up on his reading. On one end of the leash is Maggie, the black Scottish terrier; on the other end is Johnson, eyes bent to the open page, walking — and reading. And Johnson isn't alone.

Sharp-eyed passersby in St. Anthony Park might notice that more and more of their neighbors seem to have adopted a unique, you might say novel, approach to giving the family pet its daily exercise. Michael Rogness has been spotted deep in an issue of the magazine *Britannia* while returning from walking his dog. His fifteen-year-old neighbor, Thomas, favors Robert Jordan's multi-volume fiction series, *The Wheel of Time*, during daily

excursions with Abby, the family's black Lab. Fortunately for Abby, Jordan's books are VERY long.

Johnson, on the other hand, is made of sterner stuff. A recent graduate of Luther Seminary, he favors, for the most part, suitably scholarly volumes, which reflect the tastes of an aspiring Lutheran pastor. In recent months he and Maggie have plodded, side-by-side (except when Maggie slips her leash), through Alexis de Tocqueville. They've trudged as one through the works of German World War II theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer. In lighter moments they've ambled through W.H. Auden's *Letters from Iceland*. Then there was their totally uncharacteristic detour into a book about the late Ernie Kovacs. Maggie, an animal of unusual dignity, has no comment on that one.

High summer has brought changes. Maybe it's the Dog Days of this time of year, maybe it's because short-legged Maggie can't keep up with the brisk intellectual pace set by Johnson; but in recent weeks Johnson has actually been sighted carrying a novel that he describes as a "love story."

No matter. Like summer itself, Johnson's and Maggie's days of reading and walking through the Park are coming to an inevitable end. For one thing, Johnson hopes he will soon get the call to his first congregation. For another, says Johnson, "I can only read down to about 40 degrees. I have to give it up for winter."

Johnson and Maggie. Dogged reader and bookish dog. Coming soon down a sidewalk near you. ■

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P E R S P E C T I V E

Inventive traffic-calming measures

by David Anger

A sign outside the hardware store on Como Avenue warns pedestrians — CAUTION CARS COMING.

Ever wonder if there was a sign on the opposite side saying — CAUTION PEDESTRIANS COMING?

Nope and that's regrettable. More importantly this small slice of sidewalk life illustrates how cars rule our communities. Drivers zoom down streets like rockets en route to Mars, fuming when they — heaven forbid — have to slow down for an approaching walker or biker. In this catch-me-if-you-can world, about the only recourse non-drivers have against the big bad automobile is the All-American lawsuit.

There are, however, non-litigious ways of making our roads for people too. A group of residents in North St. Anthony

Park are using the impending Doswell-Chelmsford residential street paving project as an opportunity to reimagine their streets. And they've organized under the Traffic Calming Committee banner.

The motivation behind their good work is largely safety, but aesthetic and environmental issues play a role too. At their July gathering several neighborhood traffic issues and solutions were discussed.

Good ideas for stemming the number of cars and their speed run the gamut from bumpouts and traffic circles to narrower streets and better signage. Others demand more police patrol to ticket speeders, but this seems, in the long run, an expensive route and an ultimately poor use of precious police-force time.

The better approach involves placing architectural barriers to inhibit traffic violations and to engender greater courtesy toward

pedestrians, bikers and playing children.

Funny thing about our beautiful curvilinear roads is that they were designed with the automobile in mind. This was back when St. Anthony Park was a garden suburb and affluent St. Paulites took refuge here from the crowded and polluted city core.

It was also the romantic age of the automobile, when motoring was a pastime and a

novelty. Here, before the time of power steering and brakes, the roving streets were actually easier to navigate than the traditional grid affair. There were fewer stop signs for drivers to obey. Still, the pace was slower. 35 miles per hour would have been considered zippy fast.

The architecture of the neighborhood's roads can change.

It's been done in other city enclaves, particularly the Wedge and Lowry Hill districts in Minneapolis. Like St. Anthony Park these neighborhoods are traffic stressed because of institutions, businesses and commuters.

After a recent street upheaval, the Wedge — a sliver of a community between Lyndale and Hennepin, Franklin and Lake — now features an innovative series of bumpouts and speed humps.

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This bumpout at 22nd and Bryant in Minneapolis calms traffic and increases green space.

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Thank you to those people listed, to those who volunteered without recognition and to all who celebrated our 50th year of festivities at Langford Park. **Chair:** Sandee Kelsey. **Coordinators:** Anita Kangas (Environmental Education Center Chicken Barbecue Dinner), Mary Ann Bernard (Insurance and Permits), Alice Duggan (Marching Band), Joe Germain (Games and Park Set-up), Bob Hahnen (Patriotic Essays), Mark Hansen (Recycling), Tom Lister and Gail Weig (Parade Posters), Sandee Kelsey (Door Prizes), Rita LaDoux (Treasure Hunt), John Magnuson (Distance races and power volleyball), Langford Park Booster Club (Concessions), Sandy McClure (Raffle), Kathy Young (Parade), Stu Peterson (Financial), Judy Probst (Parade), St. Anthony Park Elementary School Environmental Studies Program—parents, students and family (publicity mailing and chicken barbecue), Blaine Thrasher (Park Decoration), and Cindy Vik Thrasher (Publicity and Afternoon Music Program). **Special Thanks to the Environmental Education Center (formally ELC) for doing their annual 4th of July Publicity mailing and for their annual Chicken Barbecue Dinner!** **Past St. Anthony Park Association Presidents parade participants:** Gerald R. McKay, Benjamin S. Pomeroy, Alvin F. Weber, Paul P. Savage, Wayne H. Hanson, Laurence Cutkomp, John Rutford, Jack Pearson, Ann Copeland, Joan Dow Styve, Tom Frost, MaryAnn Bernard, Mel Boynton, Christine Brown-Mahoney, Sandra Kelsey, Jan Meyer, Thomas Roricht, and Steve Wellington. **Thank you to the volunteer members of the St. Anthony Park Independence Day Marching Band!** **Thanks to the Adam Granger Band for a second year of toe-tapping entertainment.** **Afternoon Music on the Bandstand:** St. Anthony Park Community Band; Burna Krugler, Bill Hammond, Michael Keyes, Jim, and Nick Jordan; Teresa, Joel, Liz and Norris Anderson; Dave Douglas, Trygve Throntveit, and Hobby Weiss; and Igor Razskazoff and his Oompa Band. **Park Decoration:** Bill Bromaghin, Mietek Glowka, Kathy Magnuson, Colin McAllister, Paul Swedenborg, Blaine Thrasher, and Dave Vik. **Ticket Sales/Information Booth/Afternoon Program:** MaryJane Addison, MaryAnn Bernard, Andrea Ball, Mel Boynton, Barb Groves, Luke Lozier, Sandy McClure, Jon Schumacher, John Seltz, Gary Sparr, Nancy Teufert, Sue VonBank, Norrie Waalen, Nevin Young. **Booster Club Concessions Volunteers:** Grant Abbott, Teresa Anderson, Jeff Babineau, Alain Baudry, Bill Bromaghin, Barb Burk, Becky Comstock, David Comstock, Katie Comstock, Sunny Comstock, Rose Gregoir, David Hansen, Ev Hansen, Kip Hansen, Mark Hansen, Victor Hansen, Sally Huht, Rita LaDoux, Karen Lilly, Tom Lister, Bill Lorimer, Carl Lorimer, Louisa Lorimer, Nancy Lorimer, Kathy Magnuson, Kim McCallum, Sandy McClure, Stewart McIntosh, Kathy McIntosh, Charlie Nauen, Dorothea Ofstedal, Paul Ofstedal, Ron Olson, Irene Opsahl, Dan Plagens, Nancy Plagens, Jesse Rise, A.J. Schumacher, Jon Schumacher, Judy Schumacher, Tony Schumacher, Erik Steen, Paul Swedenborg, Karol Throntveit, Mark Throntveit, and Linda Zelig. **St. Anthony Park Businesses donated cash, in-kind help and door prizes:** All Seasons Cleaners, the Bibelot Shop, Bruegger's Bagel Bakery, Country Peddler, H.B. Fuller, Emil Gustafson Jewelers, Hermes Floral Co., Holly House, Micawbers Bookstore, Movie Shelf, Muffuletta Restaurant, Noll Hardware, Park Service Inc., Parkview Cafe, Rosa Mundi, St. Anthony Park Association, St. Anthony Park State Bank, Don Scherbert Printing, Speedy Market, Taste of Scandinavia, and the 4th of July Committee. **Many thanks to our coordinators and volunteers of the July 5th SAP Garden Tour:** **Coordinators:** Ron Dufault and Mary Maguire Lerman. **Reade Adams, Mary Jane Addison, Cindy Anderson, Dody Bemrick, Ann Brey, Paul Brey, Chris Call, Curt Call, Phyllis Carlson, Nancy Christen, Maureen Colleen, Sharon Creamer, Stant Crist, Alice Duggan, Jeanette Dumas, Dunquin Group (Judith Eisner, Don Ladig, Sherry Ladig), Barbara Dunsmore, LaVerne Dunsmore, Oknyo Duron, Priscilla Elwell, Dean Engleman, Gary Erickson, Adele Fadden, Amy Ferman, Sue Fortner, Rachel Goligoski, Joan Gordon, Warren Gore, Barb Groves, Norm Hansen, Bob Harvey, Ellen Healy, Connie Heath, Carol Herman, Peg Houck, Dean Hubbard, Dorothy Johnson, Nick Jordan, Anita Kangas, Kyoko Katayama, Sandee Kelsey, Micheael Keyes, Jim Krans, Verena Larson, Virgil Larson, Bill Lerman, Char Menzel, Lydia Midness, Charlotte Milstead, Minnesota Horticultural Society, Linda Mix, Ardys Moen, Gitta Mohr, Carol Mulroy, Sue Nevin, Mark Nolan, Sally Nyberg, Jenny Offt, Paul Olson, Joan Osgood, Jackie Pendergast, Priscilla Porter, Jeanne Rasmussen, Jeanne St. Clair, Arla Savage, Russ Smith, Jeff Soholt, Paula Soholt, Jackie Soule, Annie Spring, Laurie Stromme, Eric Stull, Deb Sylvestre, John Thomas, Anna Lisa Tooker, Susan Webber, Judy Wehrwein, George Zilligen, Lamar Zollinger, and Pat Zollinger.**



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What I'd like you to do is journey back with me to a time outside the boundaries of your own personal associations, and examine and reflect upon what the fair was like at the beginning of this century. We are afforded a unique insight into that long ago epoch thanks to the discerning eye of the picture postcard.

NEXT TO THE FAIR

It's the last week in August. The summer is gone.
 And people are trying to park on my lawn.
 Arriving each morning, so eager and bright,
 They return looking wasted and spent every night.
 In between they have been through the wringer, you betcha,
 Proving just where those rides on the midway will getcha.
 Yes, I know all the symptoms, 'cause I've done that, been there.
 It's the same thing each year, living next to the Fair.

Mother Nature has given us too few defenses
 Against this late-summer assault on the senses.
 The smell of the grease, frying cheese curds and donuts,
 And the diesel from all of those rides makes me go nuts!
 But there's one smell that just makes me feel like expiring:
 The aroma of ten thousand people perspiring.
 These odd odors and fragrances foul the air.
 I have no common scents, living next to the Fair.

Yet the smells I can handle, though they might make you sick.
 But what I just can't take is that dang country music!
 Willie and Randy and Reba and Dwight.
 It is twang after twang, and it's night after night.
 And they all play so loud, it just shakes every rafter.
 But it's nothing compared to the fireworks after.
 From the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
 I'm surprised I'm not deaf living next to the Fair.

The *raison d'être* of these annual flings
 Is so folks from the country can show off their things.
 Their quilts and their jellies and lace-fronted blouses.
 Their sheep, pigs and cows, big as cars, trucks and houses.
 I can't help but wondering why in the devil
 You'd want to see bulls' private parts at eye level.
 But how could I possibly know why they're there?
 I'm a dumb city slicker living next to the Fair.

— Warren Hanson

Postcard M

Put into context one must understand that in 1914 this country had an unbridled love for the picture postcard. Although the picture postcard was introduced in the American scene at the Exposition. After that epic fair they came to be considered a status of a cultural icon. At a time when infancy postcards were utilized as a way of communication on a daily basis, and while they were in vogue to collect and display them. In big markets where there was frenzied competition between postcard artists, one can readily understand why so many cards in the decade preceded.

Looking at the State Fair cards from the early 1900s, one characteristic is the almost bucolic like quality. Like today, the grounds were flawless, with a profusion of flowers, but what one didn't see were the unpaved streets because back then no one had a means of transportation to get to the fair. The number of cars was minuscule that anyone in a car would have had to park on the grounds and park directly adjacent to the fairgrounds. While there was a railroad line station near the grandstand most fairs were evidenced in the accompanying view of the grounds along Como Avenue. Surprisingly however, the fair from

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PIECE

memories of the State Fair

by Robert J. Stumm

in the years from 1904 to the now humble postcard. In the 1890s it really was almost overnight to the telephone was still in its infancy. Communicate with someone on the other side of the state seemingly everyone wanted to be there. In the Twin Cities there was a fair, and given its unrivaled popularity the State Fair was featured in the World War I.

It was the one prevailing theme of the entire fairgrounds. Cured and there were plenty of people. A glut of parking lots for automobiles was so crowded anywhere on the fairgrounds they wanted to deliver passengers to a streetcar terminal at the south

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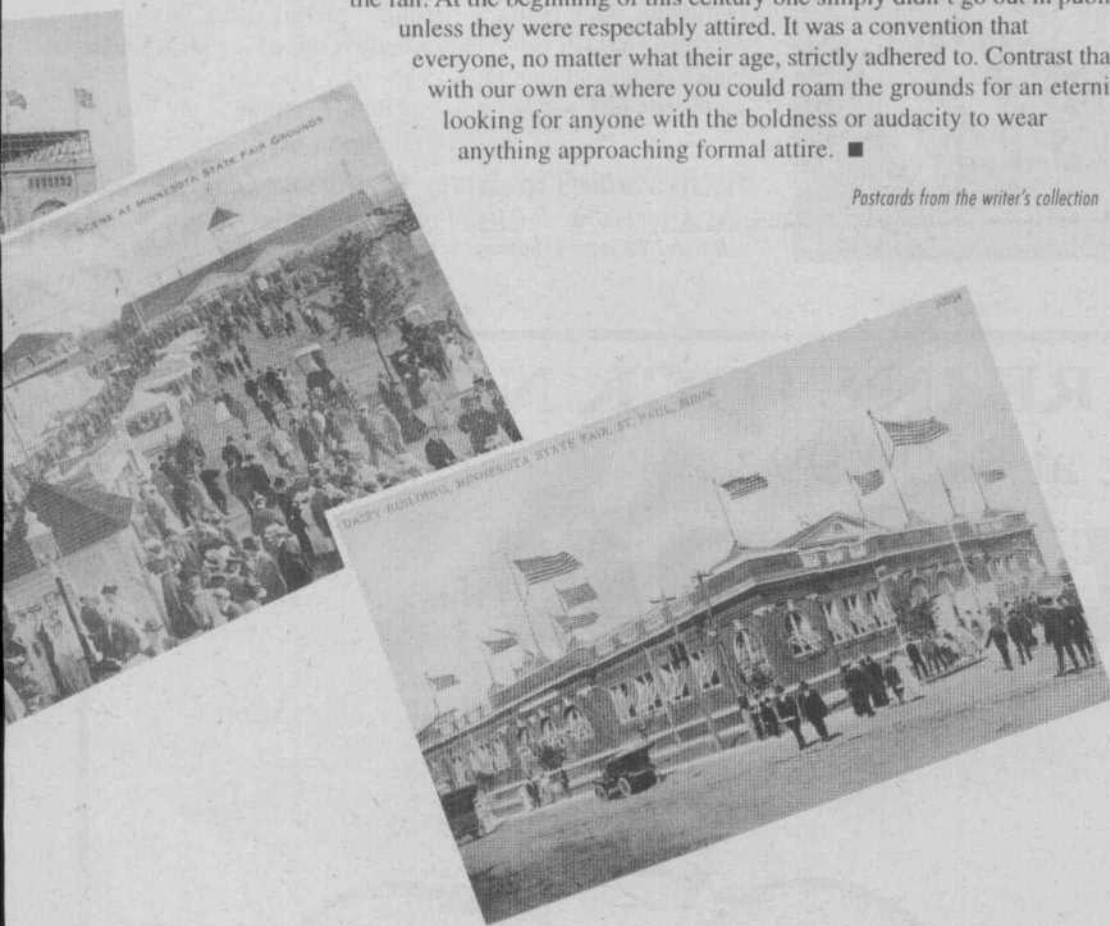
already assumed much of its present character. Machinery Hill, which only recently was phased out of existence, was a mainstay and the much maligned but always seductive Midway was growing in fits and starts at the southwest perimeter, but nothing can quite compare to the staying power of the fair's preeminent landmark, its grandstand. Replacing a wooden grandstand that had been declared unsafe, this venerable old structure was built in 1909 at a cost of \$275,000. To justify such an enormous expenditure, fair officials came up with a design that enabled it to double as an exposition building.

The fairgoer of 1909 associated the grandstand with two things, the show stopping nightly fireworks display and racing. A tradition established at the fair of 1899, the fireworks show of that era like its modern counterpart, was the final act on the evening show bill and it was far and away the state's best pyrotechnic production.

The turn-of-the-century State Fair had a very full and varied menu of racing. This was the era of the bicycle and competition between cyclists had been a regularly contested event at the fair since the 1890s. In 1907 marked the inaugural debut of auto racing at the fair, and while it was taking the country by storm, in 1909 harness racing was still the State Fair's most prestigious and anticipated competition.

Above and beyond everything else, the single most obvious distinction between the fair in these old postcard scenes and the fair as we know it today is that back in that bygone era virtually everyone came dressed up to the fair. At the beginning of this century one simply didn't go out in public unless they were respectably attired. It was a convention that everyone, no matter what their age, strictly adhered to. Contrast that with our own era where you could roam the grounds for an eternity looking for anyone with the boldness or audacity to wear anything approaching formal attire. ■

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Candidates can file for office between August 26 and September 9 at City Hall. The filing fee is \$5. Candidates must be eligible voters, age 21 or older, hold U.S.

citizenship and maintain a Lauderdale residence for 30 days before the election.

Garden club organizing

Lauderdale is known for its beautiful gardens. So, it's not surprising that neighbors are organizing a garden club. To become involved please call City Hall at 631-0300.

FALCON HEIGHTS

Ramsey County Historical Society sponsors logo design contest

The Ramsey County Historical Society is sponsoring a logo design competition to commemorate the 150th anniversaries of Ramsey County and the Gibbs Farm.

Ramsey County was created when Minnesota became a territory in 1849 with St. Paul as its capital. During the same year, Jane and Herman Gibbs built a dugout sod house on the site that is now a

living museum.

The logo design must visually depict Ramsey County and Gibbs Farms, incorporating the dates 1849 - 1999 to mark the anniversary. The logo will appear on brochures, letterhead and other printed materials.

The deadline for submission is October 10 at 5 p.m. For details call Julie Reimnitz at 222-0710.

Book club schedule

The Falcon Heights Book Club discussed the *Angle of Repose* last month and turns its attention toward *Who Will Tell the People* for its next gathering on August 19 at City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur. For informational call Laura Kuettel at 646-7099.

ST. ANTHONY PARK

Foreman is new head librarian

Rose Ann Foreman is the new head librarian at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library. She replaces Marti Lybeck, who recently resigned to pursue other interests.

Before coming to the Park,

Health Partners celebrates 40 years on Como Avenue
Clay Ahrens, clinic director of the Health Partners' Como facility, celebrates 40 years of business in the neighborhood. Photo by Truman Olson



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St. Anthony Park Association's 50th Birthday —

Fifteen of the 50 past presidents gathered on July 4th for this historic photo: (left to right) Joan Dow Styve ('86), Nancy Haley ('85), Mel Boynton ('89), Wayne Hanson ('71), Larry Cutkomp ('72), Tom Frost ('84), Ann Copeland ('79), Ben Pomeroy ('51), Mary Warpeha ('83), Paul Savage ('70), Alvin Weber ('69), Tom Rohricht ('82), John Rutford ('74), Steve Wellington ('81) and Gerald McKay ('49).

Foreman worked at the Merriam Park Library. She has a master's in library science from the University of Minnesota.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to work with the St. Anthony Park community at this beautiful library," said Foreman. "For that matter, it may take library customers quite a while to discover there's been a change in librarians, since, like Marti, I have red hair and glasses."

Picnic and band concert

Mark the calendar for August 19, when the St. Anthony Park Community Band hosts the third annual picnic and band concert at

the Como Park Pavilion. The fun begins at 6:30, when old-time picnic food from brats to potato salad is served. Then, at 7:30 p.m., the band treats the crowd to a roster of American music under the direction of Paul Husby. The meal costs \$5. For information call 646-4158.

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Humenansky . . . from page 1

with Minnesota Fabrics. Humenansky still knows it as Black Sunday. She thought the shop would go down in the heat of that battle. "We had to regroup," she recalls, "scale back, economize, and try to outlast them. We knew our customers would return to us, but could we last until they did?" Employee hours were cut, and she and her mother worked more hours. And sure enough, four or five tight months later, their niche was intact and customers returned.

The Country Peddler also beats the big stores by being a more personal, and more intimate shopping experience. Some of Humenansky's customers have been loyal for years. "It validates your work, because you know there are people who like your work and value it," she says. "Some of them have even become good friends. Quilters like to shop, and they tend to buy things everywhere they go, but I have many customers who tell me they saw something in another shop, but they want to order it from me."

Humenansky gives a lot of the credit for her success to the employees, such as manager Donna Wamstad. She estimates that her employees stay with her for an average of five years—a healthy average for a retail shop. Some teach classes in the shop's upstairs workrooms, while the rest are experts on some aspect of quilting, and all enjoy helping customers.

Jean Humenansky's face is itself like a fabric, the kind that looks best with other warm colors, heavily printed with freckles, and pleated at the corners of her eyes. She lives in the woods of Lino Lakes with John, her husband of 35 years, she's mother of two sons, Dave and Brian, and grandmother to four-year old triplets.

She's one of those rare people whose work is the same as her hobby, and so finds herself sometimes continuously involved in it. Humenansky works overtime on the shop most days — ordering the latest fabrics, putting together new project kits, arranging for the next creative sale — and when she returns home, there are "usually six or seven" customers waiting on the Internet with questions inspired by the shop's homepage, countrypeddler.com.

Humenansky's training is in marketing, and that is one of her most important keys to success. Unique sales ideas, maintenance of a newsletter mailing list of over 6,000 customers, and events like her Camp Wannasew quilting retreats that draw from a particular knack for creativity and fun, all combine to bring people to her shop in enthusiastic spirits.

The shop is celebrating its 25th anniversary with an "early riser" sale. Arrive at the shop during the first week in August, between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., and receive 30 percent off your purchases. The discounts decrease as the morning draws on. Come in your pajamas and get an extra 5 percent off. ■



Norm Coleman,
Mayor

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1 FRIDAY

- *Wild Strawberries* shown at Roxy Big Screen International Film Series, St. Paul Student Center, 7 p.m.
- Youth Night, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside, 7 - 11 p.m. Every Friday.

4 MONDAY

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

5 TUESDAY

- National Night Out
- St. Anthony Park Community Band rehearsal, Como High School band room, 7:30 p.m. Every Tuesday until Labor Day.

6 WEDNESDAY

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

7 THURSDAY

- The Blooming Thistle Band performs at Melodious Lunches, Terrace Cafe at St. Paul Student Center, noon.
- 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.

8 FRIDAY

- *The Seventh Samurai* shown at Roxy Big Screen International Film Series, St. Paul Student Center, 7 p.m.

11 MONDAY

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

12 TUESDAY

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

13 WEDNESDAY

- St. Anthony Park recycling day
- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 7 p.m.

14 THURSDAY

- Ben Woolman performs at Melodious Lunches, Terrace Cafe at St. Paul Student Center, noon.

15 FRIDAY

- *The Spirit of the Beehive* shown at Roxy Big Screen International Film Series, St. Paul Student Center, 7 p.m.

18 MONDAY

- Full Moon

19 TUESDAY

- St. Anthony Park Picnic and Band Concert featuring music and outdoor cooking fare at the Como Park Pavilion. Food served at 6:30 p.m., concert at 7:30 p.m.
- District 10 Como Community Council. Call 644-3889 for location.

St. Anthony Park Association stalwarts Mary Ann Bernard (l) and Sandra Kelsey (r) celebrate the organization's 50th birthday.

- Falcon Heights Book Club discusses *Who Will Tell the People*, City Hall, 2077 West Larpenteur, 7 p.m.

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

20 WEDNESDAY

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

21 THURSDAY

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

22 FRIDAY

- Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling day.

25 MONDAY

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

26 TUESDAY

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

27 WEDNESDAY

- St. Anthony Park recycling day
- Murray Junior High School orientation, 2 p.m.
- 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.

1 MONDAY

- Labor Day

Items for the September Community Calendar must be submitted to the Bugle office by 6 p.m., Friday, August 15.



Streets . . . from page 7

The bumpouts create a throat in the road and thereby narrow the passageway between intersecting streets. By changing the design of the typical American intersection, a room-like space is created on a block and traffic is calmed plus additional green space is gained.

Bumpouts do reduce street parking because of the physical construction. Yet, they also act as a parking patrol since drivers can't park illegally next to controlled intersections. Traffic engineers in the Mill City claim success with bumpouts. Pedestrians feel safer and they also shield parked cars. There was no extra cost to taxpayers for this innovative approach.

Similarly, Wedge neighbors have embraced speed humps. As you know, speed humps are raised areas in the roadway which extend across the street. Speed bump signs accompany each hump and, in turn, drivers typically reduce their speed, which residents like.

Traffic circles are more controversial. They are raised circular islands set in the center of an intersection. At the crossroads drivers must avoid the island. While traffic circles do result in reduced speeds, Lowry Hill — just across Hennepin from the Wedge — residents are mixed about them, resulting in some people to petition in protest.

Some think they're unsightly, others believe they're unnecessarily. Others appreciate them on aesthetic grounds — neighbors use them as a chance to plant flowers. Other old-world embellishments such as statues and fountains are unfortunately prohibited because of sight distance reasons.

All of these mechanism, including a voluntary speed compliance system, are being considered by the committee.

For information call Heather Worthington at the St. Anthony Park Community Council, at 292-7884. ■

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Constance Stolee Burgess

Constance Stolee Burgess, a resident of St. Anthony Park for over 65 years, died on June 30. She was 99 years old.

She spent seven years as a missionary in Madagascar, where she married Andrew Burgess, professor at Luther Seminary. In 1931, they returned to St. Paul, where they were active at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

Preceded in death by her husband and daughter, Esther Rydberg, Burgess is survived by children, Joseph, Andrew, Anna Marie Klein and Constance Jensen; 10 grand-children; 10 great-grandchildren; sister, Alice Stolee; and two brothers, Jacob Stolee and Michael Stolee.

Edwin Clocker

Edwin T. Clocker died on June 13, at the age of 88. He was a resident of St. Anthony Park for over 40 years.

Clocker was an honorary member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and a member of St. Anthony Park Methodist Church.

Preceded in death by his parents and a brother, David, he is survived by his wife, Virginia, and daughter, Janet, both of St. Anthony Park; and a sister, Mary Bell.

Winston Close

Winston Arthur Close died at age 91 on June 15. An architect who formed a business, musical, and marital partnership with his wife, Elizabeth, in 1938, he taught architecture at the University of Minnesota from 1946 to 1950. He was the university's advisory architect from 1950 to 1971.

Close Associates Inc. designed 150 homes, including 14 in University Grove. The couple met in 1933 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where they studied architecture.

Mrs. Close plays the cello, and he took up the viola after they met. They formed a quartet, which played together until two weeks before his death.

In 1949, the Closes were jointly elected fellows of the American Institute of Architecture, the only husband and wife team so honored.

Survivors include his wife; children, Roy, Bob and Anne Ulmer; four grandchildren; two nieces and a nephew.

Theora Halstead

Writer Theora E. (Ted) Halstead died on July 10, at age 80. She lived in St. Anthony Park on Cleveland Avenue for over 30 years. She also lived in Grand Marais and in Ajo, Arizona.

Her husband, John, died on February 27. She is survived by children, B. P. (Bud), John, Lenora (Sis) Bradshaw and Mary Lee Murphy; and four grandchildren, Barbara, Timothy, Eric, and Robyn.

Hazel Knecht

Hazel C. Knecht died at age 85 on July 9. She lived for many years with her niece, Nancy Serfass, and family on Grantham Street, and more recently, at the St. Anthony Park Home.

Knecht was a member of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

Preceded in death by her husband, Kermit, she is survived by a sister, Jane, a brother, William; and several nieces and nephews.

Viola Kolar

Viola Kolar, resident of Falcon Heights on Idaho Avenue, died on July 11 at the age of 85.

Kolar was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley, and is survived by daughter, Patty Kroll; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Sol Mastbaum

Sol "Sam" Mastbaum, a former teacher at Murray High School, died on July 4, at 73. He was with the St. Paul School District for over 40 years.

Mastbaum was born in Minneapolis and grew up in St. Paul. He earned a Purple Heart during World War II for his heroism at Saipan in the Pacific.

He began teaching math in 1951 at Wilson High School, then at Highland Park, and later at Murray. He earned his doctorate in math curriculum at the University of Minnesota, and retired in 1990.

Mastbaum is survived by his wife of 51 years, Mildred; children, David and Roberta Harosh; three grandchildren; and two brothers, Joseph and Leonard.

Orpha McDiarmid

Orpha M. McDiarmid, a longtime resident of St. Anthony Park and member of the St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, died on July 6, at age 83. She recently lived in Falcon Heights.

Preceded in death by her sisters, Helen Nelson and Doris Nelson, she is survived by her husband, Errett Weir "Mac" McDiarmid; daughters, Emily, Anne and Mary; five grandchildren; one step-granddaughter; four great-grandchildren; a brother, Merlin Nelson; and a sister, Marcella Lyon.

John Merth

Como Park resident John G. Merth died on July 11, at age 46.

Merth was a member of the Minnesota Canoe Association, the Rapid Riders, and an avid gardener and outdoor enthusiast.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Ann. Survivors include his wife, Jay; his father, Bill; sisters, Sister Ann Merth, SSND, and Dorothy Rousseau; brothers, Bob, Bill, and Greg; and several nieces and nephews.

Salome Schlaeger

Salome F. Schlaeger died at age 92 on June 27. She was a resident of Como Park and a

member of Holy Childhood Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alois; her son, Lawrence; an infant son, Alois John; brothers, Joseph and John; and sisters, Bess, Eleanor, Marcella, and Lorraine. She is survived by children, Richard, and Sally Hahn; grandchildren, Laurie, David, Gary, Michael, and Matthew; four great-grandchildren; and sisters, Florence and Barbara.

Emilia Smith

Emilia A. Smith, age 81, died on June 13. She lived in the Como Park neighborhood, most recently at Lyngblomsten Care Center.

Smith was a member of Como Park Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, and is survived by daughters, Margery Olson and Jeanine Smith; two grandchildren, Carolyn Peterson and David Olson; and seven great-grandchildren.

Thomas Stack

Thomas Noel Stack died in his St. Anthony Park home on June 26, at the age of 74. He had lived in St. Anthony Park for over 40 years. He and his wife, Eileen, were restoring their 110-year-old Queen Anne home on Scudder.

A native of Australia, Stack received his bachelor's degree in biochemistry from the University of Sydney, then a master's in econometrics from Texas A & M.

He worked as a researcher for 3M for 36 years and was involved in the company's entry into the copying business. His work contributed to the development of numerous new products and seven patents.

Stack was a man with a wide range of interests. He had sailed in the Adriatic, Caribbean, and near the Barrier Reef off Australia. He was co-founder of the Down-Under Club, board member of Music in the Park and board member and team leader with his wife in National Marriage Encounter.

He was parishioner at

Corpus Christi Catholic Church, where he served as lector, eucharist minister, parish council member, and participant in the Loaves and Fishes and Food Shelf programs. He was also active in the St. Anthony Park Association, the YMCA, the Block Nurse Program, and HealthEast Hospice.

Survivors include his wife of 36 years; children, Beth Ann Dorman, Hilary Hathaway, William and Jason; seven grandchildren; brothers, Dick and Patrick, and a sister, Ella Lawler.

Bertha Stettner

Bertha F. (Schussler) Stettner died at 81 years of age on June 11. She made her home in Lauderdale.

Stettner was a member of Peace Lutheran Church. She was also an active member of the Falconeer Club in Falcon Heights and the St. Anthony Park Leisure Center.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Henry, son-in-law, Alfred Berg, and sister, Frieda Knipe. Survivors include daughters, Rosie Rahn, Lorie Berg, and Coreen Blau; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Charles Weldin

Charles E. Weldin, former principal at St. Anthony Park Elementary School, died on July 9, at 67. He served as teacher and principal in the St. Paul Schools for 34 years.

He was principal of Franklin Elementary, St. Anthony Park Elementary, and Groveland Park before his retirement in 1992. He was known for playing accordion in classrooms as well as performing an occasional tap-dance.

He was a supervisor of student teachers at Crown College in St. Bonifacius. He was also active in the Christian Missionary Alliance and the Hope Chapel Alliance Church.

He was born in Mitchell, Iowa, and graduated from St. Paul Bible College. He earned a master's degree at the University of Nebraska and a doctorate in education from Kansas University. His most recent home was in St. Louis Park.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; children, Hal, and Janelle Weldin-Frisch; grandchildren; sister, Rose; brother, Jerry. He is preceded in death by his parents and eight siblings.

Aspasia Zahariades

Aspasia Zahariades "YaYa," died at age 92 on July 3. Formerly of Mason City, Iowa, she had lived recently in Falcon Heights.

She was a member of St. George Greek Orthodox Church.

Preceded in death by her husband, John, and daughter, Frances Frazier, she is survived by children, Gust, Nick and Lily; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one sister and two brothers in Greece.

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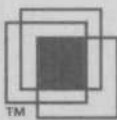


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COMO PARK

There is more than enough incentive this year for Como Park residents to get more familiar with their neighbors. On May 11, a man in his early to mid-50s, about 6 feet and 250 pounds, grabbed a 9-year-old girl near the Northwest Como Recreational Center while he was in his car and she was walking. To date, no arrests have been made but there is one suspect in the case.

Several community meetings have been held with police to educate residents about future prevention.

"When we first heard about it," said Como Park resident Michael Wilson, "it made us more vigilant in terms of just looking out for our children on the street more."

Of course that doesn't mean that parents and neighbors didn't exercise a measure of caution before the crime occurred. But sometimes you just can't be too careful.

"Because of this incident, we have gotten a lot of block clubs started," said Barb Metzger, crime prevention coordinator for the Como Park Community Council.

Metzger said the district council wants each and every resident to turn on their outside lights on August 5, to "announce to the criminal element that this is the symbolic expression that this is our neighborhood and we are not going to tolerate crime."

The district council is also hosting its third annual event at the Como Park Lakeside Pavilion, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. For information, call 644-3889.

ST. ANTHONY PARK

"Several block clubs have contacted us and will be sealing off their streets. This has a momentum all its own," said Heather Worthington, executive director of the St. Anthony Park Community Council.

Just like the other communities, St. Anthony Park is holding its block parties on Aug. 5, but it also will have a presentation on Aug. 4 at 7 p.m. at the South St. Anthony Park Rec Center on crime prevention and fire safety.

"We really want to get adults out," Worthington said, especially with regard to learning about fire safety. "The fire department speaks to the kids in the schools at least a couple of times a year, but this is the only chance for them to reach the adults." ■



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