

Spending the first day on the job with Lauderdale's new city administrator

by Kristin D. Anderson

"I'm the cook of the family," admitted Rick Getschow, Lauderdale's new city administrator.

That skill, however, wasn't any help early Monday, June 1, his first day on the job and also the day he and his wife, Casey, moved to a temporary apartment in the Highland area of St. Paul. He couldn't make breakfast because "everything was packed up," he explained.

Saying goodbye to his home in Hutchinson at 6 a.m., Getschow was not thinking about a missed breakfast. Instead he was wondering "if where we were moving had power and if the trees were down." It turned out the answer to both was "yes," but he had a workday to get through before he would find out for himself.

At City Hall, Getschow's first day began at 8 a.m. after the first of several surprises—having to ignore his parking instructions because the roof was being repaired. Then a phone call came through at 8:05 with advice on "how to deal with trees down in Lauderdale." Next he went into his office to deal with some papers, only to discover that his computer was dead.

But Getschow isn't complaining. That phone call to help him out was made by one of the council members, the first to personally contact him on the job. The paperwork was material the

staff had prepared to help him get on with the job, and he is appreciative of their help. "They did a good job of getting me organized."

Late Monday morning brought two visitors. First, he said, a next door neighbor dropped in and told him "she'll be keeping an eye on things for him." The neighbor was Dorothy Marvin, who has lived in the house between City Hall and the corner storage

afternoon for them, he learned, with six families moving into the apartment complex and only one moving elevator.

Finally it was 5 p.m., and Getschow could head to his new home, surprised by the "number of trees down and the two-foot diameter of some of them." When asked what he found when he got there, Getschow replied, "my wife lying exhausted on the couch and many unopened boxes." Getschow summed up Monday as "kind of crazy."

Looking back, Getschow, one of 26 people who applied for the city administrator position, is glad the interview process included spending a half-day in Lauderdale and attending a council meeting. He had the chance to get acquainted with everyone and meet with the council and staff to discuss issues and goals. He likes the small town environment of Lauderdale, where "council and staff are more accessible to citizens, where people don't have to go through layers of government."

He's looking forward to the chance to work with other communities, which was impossible in his former post at Hector, Minnesota. Lauderdale is not forced by distance to provide all its own services, so "we can work regionally, share costs and still have efficiency," with water coming from St. Paul, and being served by the fire

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Photo by Truman Olson

building since 1956. She said she "wanted to see the new kid on the block," so she went over to City Hall. The Mayor, Jeffrey Dains, was the next to visit. Then Getschow "got acquainted with some officers of the St. Anthony Police Department." Somewhere in there he made his way to Burger King to pick up his first meal of the day, a chicken sandwich.

A call to his wife at the new apartment assured him the phone was working, that there was electricity, and that the truckers were gradually getting things unloaded. It would be a long

Railroad hub to remain at current location

by Jane McClure

The Midway area's intermodal freight facility is staying put, now that a long-planned move to the Rosemount area has been derailed by participating railroad companies.

The decision, announced in late May, is a major disappointment to residents and community organizations in neighborhoods all around the Pierce Butler Route facility. It raises a number of difficult questions in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood and in other St. Paul neighborhoods.

The decision is also a blow to Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and Metropolitan Council officials who have worked on a planned relocation with railroad officials for more than four years.

"We put in a lot of time and effort on this, so it's very disappointing," said Cecil Selness. He directs access management for MnDOT and had worked on the

relocation plans.

Jodi Bantley, director of the Hamline-Midway Coalition and St. Anthony Park Community Council Director Heather Worthington said they are not sure what their community's next steps will be. Both said there is disappointment at the news that the Rosemount site apparently has fallen through.

The Midway facility is located north of Pierce Butler Route, with most of the facilities west of Snelling Avenue. Some land to the east of Snelling is also used. About 50 acres are used there by the railroads. The site came under Burlington Northern's control in 1974.

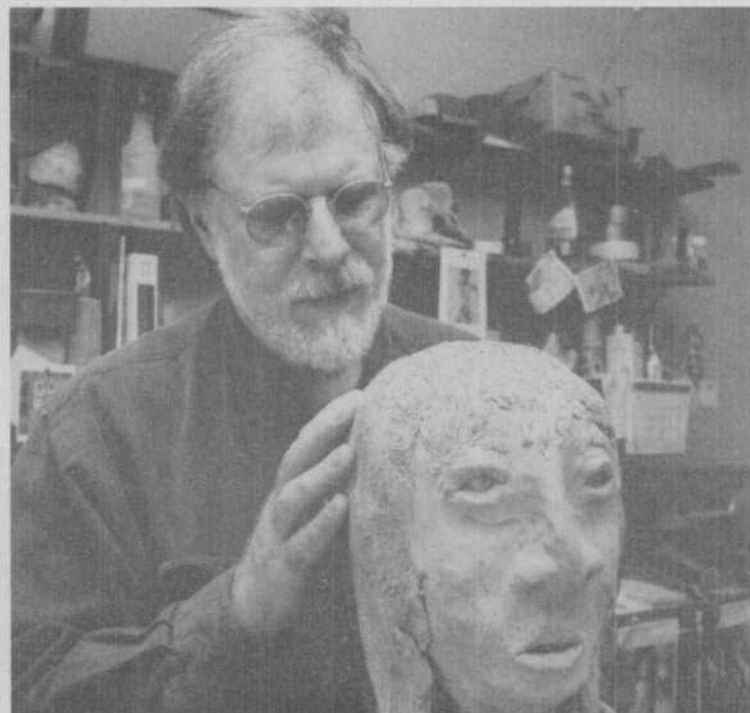
"The Pierce Butler site is just too close to residential neighborhoods," said Worthington. "People have to put up with all of that crashing and banging as the freight containers are being moved around."

For St. Anthony Park and southeast Minneapolis neighborhoods, there are also

questions about any expanded or new intermodal facilities that could be placed on other industrial sites. The Midway facility is landlocked and cannot expand in the area.

One possible site that would also have noise impact is the area of southeast Minneapolis currently under study as the Southeast Economic Development (SEED) project. Participants in a planning process hope to see that area redeveloped and polluted property

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St. Anthony Park resident and sculptor Joseph Brown opened the Raymond Avenue Art Gallery over ten years ago. Photo by Truman Olson

Acts of inspiration: A celebrated sculptor and his gallery

by Todd Ryan Boss

For over ten years, little people have converged in a couple of dark, basement-level rooms on the corner of University and Raymond. Little people of diverse colors descend those stairs in order to be alone, or to be together. They grieve and mourn. They stare. If you have not seen them, you should go—they will take you in amongst them gladly enough, though they may not show it. Their mouths, agape and sad, will not greet you. Their eyes will not change, but if you bend to look into them, you will see pained souls behind their gazes. You will be haunted by what is in them.

Incredible—because what it is in them is nothing but clay.

The clay people in the Raymond Avenue Gallery are the creations of St. Anthony Park resident Joseph Brown, a man whose work the New York Times has dubbed "wonderfully eccentric." This cannot be far from the truth, since Brown's love of sculpture seems to be rooted in a kind of deviance—he traces his artistic maturation to a particular day when, standing in the Minnesota Institute of Art, the truth was whispered to him that to really experience a work of art, one should wait until the guards are gone, then go up to the canvases, the textiles and the sculptures, and see them on a more intimate basis—with one's fingers.

There are no "Don't Touch" signs in the Raymond Avenue Gallery. In fact, Brown will be disappointed if you leave without having reached out a hand for the sculptures that stand on pedestals and shelves. Sculpture, for him, is not just a visual art, but also a tactile one. "If you see a sculpture only with your eyes," he says, "you have seen only half the sculpture."

But touching Brown's beguiling people takes nerve. Their skin, for instance, having been given a silken gloss through Brown's use of beeswax daubed over clay, is jarringly naked, and its flaws make it extremely personal. It is like touching someone's wounds. One sculpted man, life size, bald and bent, staring trance-like ahead of him in a bewildered way, his mouth warped open in half-utterance of something unsavory—to touch him would feel like a trespass or perversion. It is not a work to be taken lightly. The impulse to touch him has to come from something tender inside you, like sympathy, or empathy. And this is much of the challenge of Brown's art.

Good art compromises us. It sees what it can get away with, then takes advantage. Good art is like a challenging child, who does not only require discipline, but

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The Council is also looking for volunteers to help us in fundraising for the purchase of the Community Garden site. The preservation of this important greenspace and neighborhood buffer is crucial to St. Anthony Park. Please call Heather at 292-7884 if you have ideas or would like to help.

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

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Kasota Pond gets a spring cleaning
But wetland area still site for illegal dumping

by Karlyn Eckman

On a recent Saturday morning, fifteen volunteers contributed their time and considerable effort toward a community cleanup at Kasota Pond, located on the west side of St. Anthony Park. Volunteers removed trash and litter from the shoreline, and one volunteer brought a canoe and managed to extract foam insulation, railroad ties, litter and even a mannequin leg from the pond. Altogether, enough trash was collected to fill a trash compactor to overflowing.

This is the second year that the St. Anthony Park Community Council (SAPCC) has organized a cleanup at the site. Several neighborhood agencies and businesses contributed to the cleanup effort. St. Paul Parks provided the trash compactor and bags, and the St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium lent safety vests and work gloves. Hampden Park Co-op and Brueggers Bagels provided refreshments. And the Community Council provided additional people-power, funds and supplies.

For many generations, Kasota Pond was the neighborhood swimming hole not only for St. Anthony Park, but for surrounding neighborhoods as well. The pond shares a common watershed with Bridal Veil Creek and the St. Anthony Park Community Garden. It is the last remnant of a much larger pond and wetland system that once drained the Lauderdale, St. Anthony Park, Como, Marcy-Holmes and Prospect Park neighborhoods.

The pond and its immediate environs is inhabited by a number of species of birds and animals and is visited by migratory waterfowl. Sightings this spring have included a white-tailed deer, a pair of red-tailed hawks, cormorants, wood ducks and a kestrel. Nearby is Skonard Spring,

which now flows underground through a parking lot, but once filled the crocks and jars of settlers and immigrants at the turn of the century.

Although Kasota Pond is a DNR-designated wetland, it has been the subject of considerable illegal dumping over the years. Most recently, construction debris and yard waste have been dumped into the pond. If you observe dumping at the pond, call the St. Paul Police, or note the vehicle license number and notify the SAPCC office.

The SAPCC Environment Committee has been exploring ways to protect and conserve the historic pond site from further industrialization and encroachment, and to restore the ecological and hydrological links with Bridal Veil Creek, the Community Gardens, and other habitat corridors in the metro area. Several options are under



Volunteers Mark Hove, his children and St. Anthony Park Community Council member Ron Dufault worked with others to clean Kasota Pond. Photo by Karlyn Eckman

consideration, as well as the preparation of a long-term conservation and management plan. If you are interested in participating, contact the SAPCC office.

SAPCC would like to thank all the volunteers and contributors who helped with the cleanup. For further information about Kasota Pond, contact St. Anthony Park Community Council Executive Director Heather Worthington at 292-7884. ■

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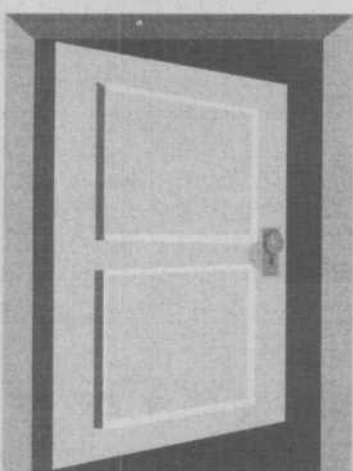
department in Roseville and the police of St. Anthony.

Getschow thinks coming here is giving him the best of both worlds; the attractions of a big city, including his wife being much closer to her job in Minnetonka, and the small town environment of Lauderdale. Getschow, who "enjoys meeting residents as much as an elected official does," knows that will happen here.

That small town attitude was confirmed early on. By Wednesday evening of the first week, every single council member had personally called or visited Getschow. Those contacts were encouragement for Getschow, who said, "One of the reasons for taking this job was that the council is really committed to working — they're a hands-on council."

Getschow and his wife, who celebrated their first wedding anniversary on June 14, look forward to taking up biking and finding a home in the Lauderdale area. Meanwhile the two Wisconsin natives enjoy traveling, and Getschow finds pleasure in golf and in being a sports fan.

Getschow, who only a few years ago was working in a video store while he contemplated the merits of an MBA program, an MPA, law school, or sales, decided to earn his master's degree in Public Administration. It was then that the cooking began. He noted, "In grad school I had time in the afternoon. It started out of necessity but now I cook out of enjoyment." May his "cooking" in Lauderdale also move from being a necessity to enjoyment! ■



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Lauderdale's Day in the Park celebration to be held July 26

by Barbara Claussen

On July 26, Day in the Park will transform Lauderdale Park, located on the corner of Roselawn Avenue and Fulham Street, into an intriguing synergy of music, color, art and activity.

Viewed by many as a day not to

be missed, the event blends the cooperative efforts of the Park Committee, Lauderdale staff, City Council members and citizen volunteers.

"I always look forward to this event," enthused Mary Croteau, Park and Community Involvement Committee Chairperson. "It gets

bigger and better each year."

The committee's philosophy includes variety. "We're trying to add new things every time—it makes it more fun. This year it's the snow cone machine!" She feels that the event becomes stale if it's the same every summer.

Another plus: "It's a pretty inexpensive way to have fun."

Moose Gower, another park committee member, shares Croteau's enthusiasm. "It's a wonderful event. I enjoy the community spirit. It brings out tons of people that you don't see during the year."

She pointed out that last summer's expansion included artisans selling their wares in the park.

"The live music is just wonderful," she continued. "People sit on the grass. People of all ages enjoy it."

Speaking of all ages, Day in the

Park offers excitement for kids. "What fun to see those little ones on the water slide," Gower exclaimed. "The kids follow the fire truck on their trikes during the parade. It's really cute."

Gower also praised the food. "The food is really good. Prices are very cheap."

Bob James will be at the park cooking brats or making snow cones or "whatever they assign me to do. I just do what needs to get done."

James and his wife, Virginia, have volunteered for community events ever since they moved to the city 30 years ago. They were active in the civic club and help at the annual Halloween party at City Hall.

"We think that it's really neat to have an event like Day in the Park in a small community like this. Our kids and grandkids come and they don't even live in Lauderdale anymore."

Gloria Ruschmeyer attends every year with her husband, Orlando. "It's nice to get together with other people from the city of Lauderdale and visit," she said. "We usually go down and have a hot

dog. We really like the music—whoever they get. Just being outside and listening to the music is enjoyable."

Day in the Park begins with the parade at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 26. Participants should meet near the play equipment with costumes and decorated vehicles. Food will be served from 3 to 6:30. Bratwurst plates and hot dog plates are sold with chips, beans and sauerkraut. Drinks include pop, lemonade and coffee. And, of course, there will be snow cones.

The Mayor's games begin at 3 p.m. The water slide will run from 3:30 to 6, rain or shine. Other games from 3:30 to 6:30 include the Fish Pond, Pop Toss, the Cake Walk and minnow races. Around 5:45 or so, the Tug of War will pit east Lauderdale against west Lauderdale.

Artisans will also be selling their wares. Tables for Lauderdale residents will cost \$5 and for non-residents \$20. The deadline for applications is July 3. Call City Hall at 631-0300 for forms or to volunteer to help with this exciting event. ■ Photo courtesy of Lauderdale city archives



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8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

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11:00 a.m.

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Exploring patriotism

Because of the timing of production requirements, I'm writing this editorial on Flag Day. Quite a few of my neighbors have their flags out, I noticed, because my dog stopped to bark at each one. He's afraid of the flags, perhaps because he hardly ever sees them. He's having a harder time of it this year, though, because the number of flags flying on national holidays is increasing.

But this was not always so. When I moved to this block several years ago, I remember only one neighbor's flag up. At first, it did little other than to make me feel guilty that I wasn't flying one myself. It wasn't that I was too lazy to put one out—it's just that I've always been a little unclear on my notion of patriotism. It is by chance, after all, that I was born in this country. And I grew up in a family where arguments on patriotism centered on war—several members fought enthusiastically for their country, while others demonstrated and conscientiously objected. So my notion of patriotism has always been tied to the forces of chance and war, and neither seemed quite worthy of proudly displaying a national flag.

Changes in national sentiment have changed my notion of patriotism too. Patriotism comes with open eyes and, I must admit, a fair share of cynicism and distrust. Sure, I think most of the world's people have a love and devotion to their *homeland*, but this does not always apply to governments or leaders. So perhaps many of us, myself included, are unclear as to what we owe our country; what level of devotion to it is appropriate.

But one thing is for sure. I do owe this issue a little more thought. The amount of time I've spent considering my feelings for my country are minimal. Not even the days designed to remind me—Memorial Day, Flag Day, the upcoming Fourth of July—have caused me to pause for long.

My lone neighbor and his flag, though, have perhaps been successful in getting several of us thinking, because the street is speckled with flags today. I suspect we may all be flying our flags for different reasons. But no matter what the flag means to us, perhaps recent holidays should give us pause to think about our nation and our feelings for it. ■

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C O M M E N T A R Y



Mergers & Acquisitions

by Warren Hanson

I have been going to the same carwash for years. I have come to know the faces of the employees.

I achieved a comfortable, chit-chat relationship with the cashier. I came to know the owner/manager by name. And over the years I grew to appreciate the carwash as a very well-run business. The same employees were there for years. And we're not exactly talking about the kind of worker who wants to stay around long enough to earn the gold watch. You'd expect the typical carwash employee to not show up for work on Monday because the band had a gig at a bar in Warroad. But the same guys were there at my carwash every time, wiping drips from the door panels, beating the grit from my floor mats, shining my tires with Armor-All, and sending me on my way in a showroom-shiny car that smelled like a spill at the Lemon Pledge plant.

Recently, however, the carwash was bought out by a big national chain. The acquisition was accompanied by a deluge of promotional material promising better this and better that. When I finished reading about all the wonderful improvements I could look forward to, I looked up and noticed that all the familiar faces were gone. All the guys that I had given my own secret nicknames to—Tattoo Man, the Burly Brothers, Mr. Mohawk—they were all gone. In their place were, well, total strangers! People with no nicknames. People I had never seen before, all of whom, I convinced myself, had been brought in on a truck from Chicago in the middle of the night. They all seemed to know each other, but none of them knew me. Even the friendly owner/manager was gone. The only one left was the cashier, who, when I asked what had happened, simply rolled her eyes and shook her head. And worst of all, as I drove away, there was water dripping from my door panels.

So now, after all those years of loyalty, I find myself to be a stranger in a strange carwash. If anyone has any advice on where I might take my dull tires and gritty floor mats in the future, I'll happily listen.

I have been going to the same service station for years. You know the one, right there in the middle of the neighborhood. The sign over the pumps has now changed for the third time. First there was a flying red horse. Then it was a bright orange ball with a bright blue number on it. Now it is a red and orange triangle and a word that apparently is the name of a small town somewhere in the Ukraine.

But fortunately for all of us, the signs are just about the only things that change there. Inside, the faces are still the same. I am greeted by name, by people who know me and know my family and know my car. Most of the guys who work there grew up right here in the neighborhood. When my son was getting ready to drive across the

country last month, I had my friends at the gas station check his car over to be sure it would make the trip. And you know what? They didn't find anything wrong! Here I gave them carte blanche to find all kinds of things to charge me for, things that I wouldn't begin to understand, and they found nothing wrong! They charged me for a normal oil change, and they greased a squeaky door for free.

Once they even called me at home to say they saw me driving by and had noticed that I was missing a wheel cover and that they could get me one at about half the cost I'd pay at the dealership. Now that's service!

So go ahead, change the sign over the pumps every day if you want. But as long as the people inside still know me, know my family and know my car, I'm a customer for life.

I have been going to the same bank for years. It's a small, neighborhood bank. They don't have offices in 84 metro locations to serve me better. They have two. And they are a block away from each other. They don't have a fancy logo depicting the last stagecoach bound for California. In fact, they don't really have a logo at all. Just the name of the bank. They don't have a foreign currency department. And they don't sponsor any celebrity tennis tournaments.

But one thing they do have is me for a customer. I have my checking and savings there. I borrowed money there to buy a car. I have a home equity loan there. And all my family's valuables—you know, marriage license, expired passport, baby teeth, stuff like that—are in a safe deposit box there, down in the basement. I wouldn't even dream of taking all of this business to any other bank.

Why? Because the people at the bank know my name. The president of the bank even took me to breakfast once (although, now that I think of it, he hasn't done that lately—hint, hint) just to ask if the bank was meeting my needs. Would I get that kind of personal attention from a bank president whose office is on some 52nd floor somewhere downtown? Dream on!

While my son was in England last semester, he called in a panic to say that his cash card wasn't working. The friendly folks at the neighborhood bank made the international rescue operation a simple matter. And when my daughter ran afoul of the bank in her far-away college town, it was her friends at the bank right here at home who bailed her out, because they know her. By name.

Every day the newspapers tell us that two more huge multi-national corporations are merging to become even huger. And we are told, in that patronizing tone that corporations do so well, that the only changes we will see are changes for the better.

Ha! I say. And again I say HA!

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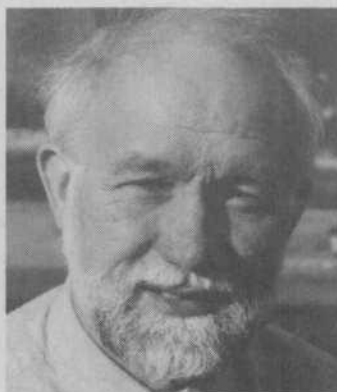
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Falcon Heights administrator elected president of Association of Metropolitan Municipalities

by Laura Pritchett

Susan Hoyt, who has served as the administrator for Falcon Heights for seven years, now has an expanded role as the newly elected president of the Association of Metropolitan Municipalities (AMM). The AMM is a service and lobby organization whose membership includes 71 cities in the metropolitan area. According to their mission statement, their goal is to serve as the primary representative of the collective interests of all metropolitan cities on metropolitan and statewide issues with unique metropolitan significance.

Hoyt has served on the AMM board of directors since 1993 and was elected as president in May. "We are just thrilled that Susan will be at the helm this year," said AMM executive

director Gene Ranieri. "She has great visioning skills. She will no doubt continue the AMM's high level of effectiveness and visibility as the voice for metro cities."

Hoyt hopes to become very involved in the policy discussions which will protect and promote issues facing cities in our



community, including dealing with issues such as affordable housing and quality of life. "This is an opportunity to become involved in policy and legislative issues," Hoyt noted. "My interests are in urban development, and this gives me a larger view of that. Falcon Heights is a piece of a much larger puzzle."

Hoyt said that the AMM will continue its problem-solving approach to issues. She plans to hold forums on urban issues, such as the airport expansion and transportation. She also hopes to strengthen the AMM's relationship with the Metropolitan Council, and will encourage AMM policy committees to not only form policy statements, but draft legislation when appropriate. "It will be a very interesting year," Hoyt said. "I'm very excited to serve in this capacity." ■

Railroad . . . from page 1

cleaned up. Part of the land is owned by railroads. That is raising concern that the railroads would want to use the land for shipping facilities, rather than selling it for redevelopment.

The Hamline-Midway neighborhood also had hoped to see the current intermodal yards cleaned up and redeveloped after that facility moved. The Hamline-Midway Coalition has had a task force working on the intermodal facility and related issues for eight years. The group has worked to alleviate noise and pollution problems caused by the facility. More than a year ago, Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad agreed to route about 10 percent of its truck traffic away from the neighborhood. That reduced traffic by about 60 vehicles per day.

Bantley said the task force has not pushed for mitigation measures at the current site, because of the belief that the facility would move. On-site noise mitigation measures could have been used as a justification for the facility to remain in place, she said. Now noise mitigation needs to be brought back to the table.

Other St. Paul neighborhoods are also affected by the decision. In the Frogtown and North End neighborhoods, the prospect of the intermodal facility staying in the Midway area could affect plans to redevelop the old Dale Street Shops site. The Frogtown Action Alliance, Thomas-Dale Community Council, District 6 (North End-South Como) Planning Council and North End Area Revitalization (NEAR) have worked on the redevelopment effort for more than a year. The Dale Street Shops area at Dale Street and Minnehaha Avenue is eyed as a location for new light industries, if BNSF would sell the land to the city or to the project partners.

If BNSF wanted to expand any shipping operations there, a special condition use permit or other city action might be needed. The site is zoned I-1. It needs to be zoned I-2 for intermodal facility use.

In the South Como neighborhood of St. Paul, residents and some business owners are concerned about the number of train trips through the area each day. At a recent meeting with Ward 5 Council Member Jim Reiter, area residents complained that trains often block Como Avenue traffic. They questioned what kind of plan is in place to allow emergency vehicles through the area if a train is blocking the street. Train noise is also prompting complaints. Several residents at the meeting said that they have noticed an increase in train traffic in recent years.

The city does have an agreement with the railroads to communicate and pull apart train cars if an emergency vehicle needs to go through, according to Police Chief William Finney and Fire Chief Tim Fuller. They have agreed to share copies of the plan with area residents.

Costs of a new intermodal facility were to be shared by participating railroads. Estimates had ranged from \$90 to more than \$140 million, to be split between BNSF, Canadian Pacific (CP) Rail and possibly Union Pacific. State and local funding would have been needed to improve Rosemount area roads, in the vicinity of the University of Minnesota-owned land eyed for the project.

The facility would have served the transportation industry's growing need for space to transfer large freight containers that can be carried on both trains and semi-trailer trucks, in an intermodal transportation system. The Midway site cannot be expanded without modifying its non-conforming use permit, a move that could be unsuccessful in the face of neighborhood opposition.

But over the past few months, changes in the railroad industry and management shifts, coupled with the facility's costs, put the project in jeopardy. "Until we see some interest on the part of the railroads in going forward with this again, the plan is pretty much on hold," said Selness. Although a previous study of potential intermodal sites can be used to seek a new site in the future, that

will not happen unless the railroads see the need for a new location.

BNSF did not return calls seeking comment.

The need for new or expanded intermodal facilities was studied in the early 1990s by Burlington Northern, CP Rail, MnDOT and Metropolitan Council. A third railroad eyed as a potential project partner was Union Pacific.

The 1995 Minnesota Intermodal Railroad Terminal Study (MIRTS) cited the increased demand for intermodal transportation as a reason for seeking a larger new intermodal rail facility in the Twin Cities region.

According to the study, trains have to be split to fit into the facility. "Doing so is inefficient and creates noise," the study stated. "Truck access to the site is not ideal. The site has limited storage capacity. The higher elevation of nearby residential properties makes noise mitigation difficult."

Several years ago, the city designated the intermodal facility as a non-conforming use. That means any significant expansion would require city approval. But with a history of complaints from the Hamline-Midway and St. Anthony Park neighborhoods about the facility's noise, getting permission to expand would be difficult. Another barrier to expansion is the site itself, which is landlocked.

The Midway site is one of two current intermodal facilities. The other, owned and operated by CP Rail within a larger rail facility, is in north Minneapolis. It has been there since 1990. Like the Midway site, this site faces current zoning limitations. However, it is within a larger CP Rail facility and does have some expansion space.

Two sites in the Rosemount area and a third site near the 3M Chemolite plant in Cottage Grove were announced as alternate intermodal facility sites more than two years ago, out of a list of 18 sites considered. The University of Minnesota site emerged as the top choice. But the university and the Rosemount City Council had long expressed opposition to selling the state-owned land. ■

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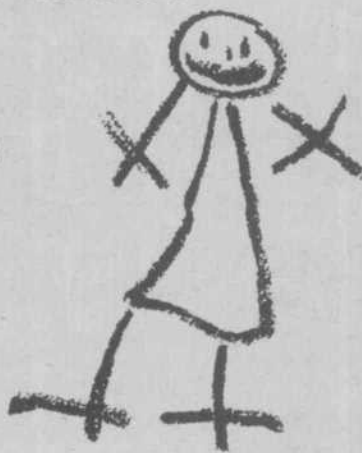
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June 19 was Marv Chapple Day — but please call him Mark

by Judy Woodward

In June of 1958, Eisenhower was in the White House, Sheb Wooley was topping the charts with *The Purple People Eater*, and the Eddie Fisher/Debbie Reynolds/Elizabeth Taylor triangle had the nation agog. Of considerable more importance to the hundreds of customers he's dealt with in the intervening years, Marvin Chapple graduated from high school that month and took his first and only job at the St. Anthony Park State Bank. Neither Sheb Wooley nor Eddie Fisher's affairs of the heart are much in the news these days. But Chapple's doing fine, thank you, and he's even making headlines in the Bugle.

You might say that the bank has been fairly pleased with Chapple's work over the years. So pleased, in fact, that they threw him a party a couple of weeks ago. The mayor issued a proclamation, and the entire bank feted Chapple with an all-staff breakfast at the Muffuletta. Loyal customers of the last four decades stopped by to congratulate him, while the bank lobby was decorated with photos of Chapple taken over the years as he rose from bank teller to assistant vice president. The ParkBank declared June 19, the 40th anniversary of his first day of work, to be Marv Chapple Day.

But don't call him Marv anymore. Chapple had never cared much for his given name, but banking is not a field that looks kindly on hasty decision-making. Chapple wasn't about to jump into anything new without some careful thought. With the kind of deliberation that one hopes all bankers devote to the care of other peoples' money, Chapple waited until his own position was firmly established before he made any



changes. Two years ago at the bank's annual Christmas party—and roughly 38 years after he came to St. Anthony Park—Chapple announced that he was altering his given name by one letter and that henceforward he would prefer to be known as "Mark."

It was the kind of decision that shows the mark of the man, as well as the name.

But then Chapple never needed to change his name in order to make his mark. President Rick Beeson of ParkBank believes that Chapple more or less defines the term "good customer service." Says Beeson, "He's the last of the Old Guard in terms of pure service and a personal orientation. He's taken care of people's pets while they're on vacation, he's arranged funerals, pays bills for people when they're away, drives them to doctors' appointments and offers them a shoulder to cry on. Businesses spend millions for experts and consultants to tell them how to achieve good customer service, but Chapple is a good example of somebody who just does it right, because it's the right thing to do. And it works."

Chapple looks every inch the midwestern banker with his

ParkBank declared June 19, the 40th anniversary of his first day of work, to be Marv Chapple Day. Chapple's first and only job has been at the St. Anthony Park State Bank, where he rose from teller to assistant vice president. Photo by Truman Olson

conservative suits and mild blue eyes behind metal-framed glasses. But he is the first to admit that his career at ParkBank is based on a lie. When 17-year-old Chapple arrived with his newly minted high school diploma for his first job interview, then bank President Glenn Greaves asked the young applicant if he liked sports. "I love sports," was Chapple's immediate (and false) response. "In fact, I lettered in track and cross-country." The only problem was that Chapple had never been closer to either team than the spectator stand. As it turned out, Greaves, who actually had lettered in those sports in college, was so taken with the answer that he practically hired the

"Businesses spend millions for experts and consultants to tell them how to achieve good customer service, but Chapple is a good example of somebody who just does it right, because it's the right thing to do."

likely young fellow on the spot. One of Chapple's very first acts as a bank employee was to check out a couple of library books and read up on his supposed "favorite" sports.

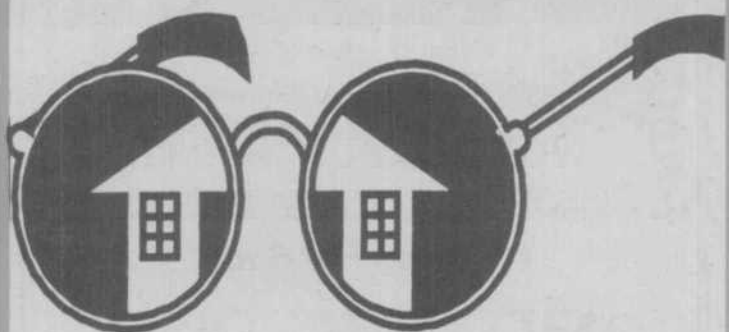
"Of course," remarks Chapple impressively, "that was the first and last lie I ever told in business."

If Chapple was never put on the spot over his non-existent athletic prowess, he has nevertheless found himself in several tight corners at the bank over the years. There was the time about 25 years ago when three armed robbers held up the bank. Chapple and a couple of co-workers unobtrusively followed the getaway car.

The robbers, who must have learned their profession by watching old Keystone Kops films, drove around the block three times, never realizing that Chapple and his colleagues were in hot pursuit. Then they pulled up to their hideaway—a rented room a mere three houses down from the bank! Their landlady, who happened to be a bank customer herself, was unwilling to open her doors to the police until she saw a familiar face—Marvin Chapple's. Thus it was that Chapple helped the cops get their men—and, in the process, brought new meaning to the term 'full-service' banking.

Asked if there is anything that has stayed the same about the ParkBank over the last four decades of change, Chapple is unhesitating in his reply, "It's the friendliness of the bank, the willingness to work with people in the community."

It's a friendliness, he might have added, that is due in no small measure to the efforts of one man—Marv (Mark) Chapple. ■



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Tree-mendous additions to the neighborhood

by Rose Gregoire

They cool our houses, beautify our autumns and provide habitat for wildlife. Trees, especially mature trees, add incalculable value to neighborhoods, beautifying streets and lending a sense of history and stability. Some of the old oaks in St. Anthony Park were here before any houses, and will continue to gracefully shade the children in the park and the walkers on the streets for many years to come.

As some St. Paul residents mourned the loss of their trees after last month's high winds, local citizens were planning for the future, planting trees and shrubs. With grants from a unique program called Unitree, approximately 150 trees will be planted in the St. Anthony Park, Falcon Heights and Como neighborhoods this year. Large conifers have already been planted at Holy Childhood to visually screen a parking lot and provide a wind break. Murray is scheduled to have 50 trees planted in June, and a grouping of trees will be planted on the St. Paul Campus. Commonwealth Terrace Cooperative, the University family housing complex on Como, will plant a tree in each "district" area for shade and

energy savings. St. Anthony Park Elementary School has postponed planting until this fall—but what a planting it will be! Sixty-seven trees, ranging from red and white pine, sugar maples and basswoods, to red, white and pin oaks, will form a school arboretum. "Students will be able to study a forest ecosystem, and enjoy the benefits of an urban forest with natural groundcovers and paths," said Martha Russell, one of the project planners.

The 25-year-old Unitree program is for neighborhoods surrounding the University of Minnesota's Twin Cities campuses. As part of its contract to refurbish the University's coal plants on each campus, Foster Wheeler Corporation has committed \$50,000 per year to planting trees and bushes in the area. Projects have also been funded in the Prospect Park and Holmes neighborhoods. Besides promoting urban forestry, the program also plants for energy conservation, to sequester carbon

dioxide, and to promote community spirit through tree planting projects.

Mark Wever of Tree Trust—a non-profit group which assists with grant making and tree project planning and implementation—commends the volunteers for their initiative and commitment. "It's a long process," he noted. "Volunteers



Volunteers recently planted thirteen trees and bushes at Commonwealth Terrace Cooperative. Funding was provided by the Unitree program. Photo by Tami Semple

do the planning, write the grants and submit them in the fall. Planting usually takes place the following spring or fall, almost a year later. It takes a lot of motivation to see it through." Each grant project can request up to \$10,000 for trees and shrubs. Community groups interested in participating in Unitree should call Tree Trust at 920-9326. ■

Community Garden: Proposed land sale spurs neighbors into action

by Sherman Eagles

The possibility of losing the Community Gardens in south St. Anthony Park has resulted in a movement to establish a new park in St. Anthony Park. At a town meeting held May 7, residents expressed great concern over the loss of the buffer between the south St. Anthony residential area and the railroad that would occur with the sale of the garden property. The town meeting established two task forces, one to develop a vision for use of the property and the other to investigate fundraising to acquire it.

The vision, which was developed by the task force and endorsed by the Community Council on June 10, is an exciting one! In this vision the St. Anthony Park neighborhood will purchase the property and on the site will create a truly unique park. The park will include examples of native plants found in St. Anthony Park when it was being developed. A train viewing area, complete with historical information about the role of the railroad in the development of St. Anthony Park, will be constructed. A bituminous path will be extended from the University transitway bike path to Raymond Avenue along an unused railroad spur. In addition, a butterfly garden and children's trails will be added, and the Community Garden retained. Concept drawings are being done by Stephanie Alstead, an architect donating her services.

A meeting was held on May

28 with Mr. Bruce Opp of Catellus Management, land agent for BNSF railroad. Opp stated that Catellus was waiting to hear whether the property would meet the needs of the potential industrial purchaser. He indicated that there was no purchase agreement yet with the potential purchaser, and agreed to discuss the possibility of the neighborhood purchasing the property. At its June meeting, the Community Council approved

making a proposal to purchase the land.

City Council Member Jay Benanav has arranged a \$40,000 challenge grant from the city to get the fundraising effort started. On June 11, the city committed an additional \$50,000 in Capital Improvement funding for the purchase. Grant applications and pledge solicitations are being prepared by the fundraising committee to raise the remaining amount. ■



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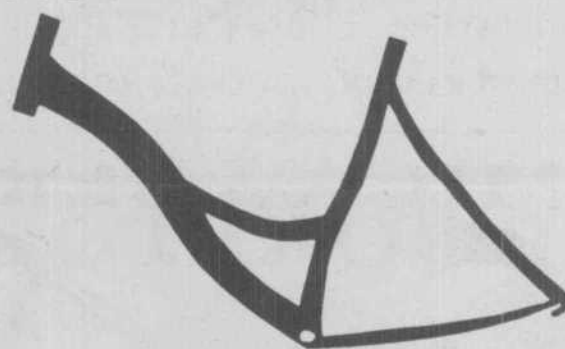
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THE PAST

Early in the fall of 1946, after a meeting of the Youth Council at the Methodist Church, Gale Frost, John Dow, Russ

Lembke and Elmer Ziegenhagen got together for Cokes

and began to discuss the need for a men's organization in

St. Anthony Park. The St. Anthony Park Improvement League was

"practically defunct," and the men decided that they should plan for children's

athletic programs (among other things) and a Fourth of July picnic.

The first meeting of the Association was October 14, 1946. The men debated whether to become affiliated with a national group, such as the Lions or Kiwanis, or to remain strictly local (which became the choice at a later meeting). At the second meeting Frost was elected president and the group set objectives for the organization. They were to serve the community, secure and foster the best athletic programs and facilities for the neighborhood children, encourage youth activities, protect the residents against "undue encroaching of commercial and other interests," initiate and support long-range projects and foster friendship and community spirit. One of the very first important activities initiated under this plan was the 1947 Fourth of July celebration.



At the April 15th Advisory Board meeting Fred Morlock was voted the first chairman of the event and the group tossed around many ideas about just how to celebrate our country's birth.

Frost had fond memories of celebrating the Fourth with his family as a child. In 1919 his father, Harry Frost, bought the house (originally a train depot) at 2107 Commonwealth. Frost remembered the picnic, sponsored by the American Legion and the St. Anthony Park Improvement League (a forerunner of today's Association), which was held in Langford Park. There were no concessions sold at that time and people brought their own picnic baskets for lunch and dinner at the Park. It was a wonderful social time with families, babies and elderly people all together. There was a small parade, "not such a big deal as now," and of course there were races. The boys and girls raced together according to age in sack races and 3-legged races and the winners received small prizes. Lloyd Plette's band (the Winter Carnival band) played in the bandstand all day long. There were six or seven people in the band and they played patriotic songs and marches.

The celebration in the Park started shortly after the community was established. An early poster encourages residents to "invite your city friends into the country for a day of rest and pleasure." The festivities included a "get-together basket picnic," a baby beauty contest (with prizes of photos of the prettiest baby boy and girl), races (including the girls and ladies peanut race, the ladies' nail driving contest, the fat men's race, potato races and tub races), a baseball game, a concert and fireworks.

A short article in the July 3, 1910 St. Paul Pioneer Press promoted celebrations in the city's parks including Rice Park, Phalen Park and Langford Park. "The Improvement League of St. Anthony Park will celebrate an old-fashioned Fourth at Langford Park. Dean Albert Woods of the College of Agriculture will deliver an address, the Declaration of Independence will be read, there will be an open air dinner, music and fireworks." Another article on

the same page warns celebrants not to surprise people with firecrackers or people were encouraged to arm themselves against inevitable burns.

In 1914, the Pioneer Press stated that the Fourth of July celebration in St. Anthony Park tomorrow afternoon will be a field day for men, girls and boys. Married and single men of the Park will speak and a minstrel show will be given by B. Hensler of the Twin Cities Lyceum.

The celebrations became more important after World War II and the time was ripe for a new celebration in 1947.

The Park Association solicited suggestions for the Fourth of July celebration. Their original plans were to have a "deep freeze cabinet, a wash machine, a radio phono combo, a baby carriage and a girl's bike," but the cost was too high and that money was needed for adults and that money

THIS YEAR

When Cindy (Vik) Thrasher was growing up, they lived in a house where the women loved to decorate their bikes for the Fourth of July. They would wash them and spend hours on them. So it's not such a surprise that this year on the Fourth of July

Four years ago Thrasher was interested in starting on a new bike that there weren't enough volunteers. She didn't want her kids to lose the bike, so she volunteered. She had the baby before the Fourth of July, so she would have it, her son, Ryan, and her older siblings Megan and Dre. She wanted to end of things so that the birthday on the Fourth.

Since Thrasher has also a son, we will be hearing her husband play in the afternoon. Other volunteers are Burna Krugler and Mike Key.

Julie Glowka is a third-generation St. Anthony Park resident. She has more interest in keeping traditions alive for children, Alex and Tom. She is a member of the St. Anthony Park committee. Sandy Kelsey who was overworked last year says she has so many people who know who

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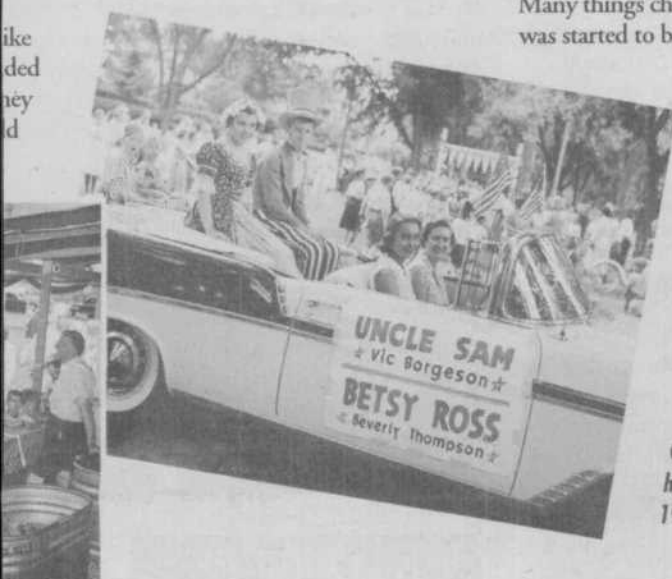
be better spent for other purposes. All comers would be given free eats as long as they lasted, and other events would include a doll buggy parade, a soap box derby, three-legged races, a sack race and kitten ball games for kids and men.

The American Legion Band agreed to play for the day and Dr. Fred Army was appointed to take charge of the first aid tent. Reuben Law secured a parade permit, police protection, temporary toilets and picnic benches. Gale Frost arranged for refreshment tickets, signs for the booths and notices of the program.

The parade was led that day by the American Legion Band and included "Boy Scout units, and decorated bikes competing for prizes!" Colored festoon lights and banners, flags and bunting decorated the grounds and building and Jack Berry ran the races. There was a tennis tournament, an hour of gas-powered model airplane stunts and races, square dancing, community singing (led by Russ Lembke) and fireworks at the end of the day. (A thousand dollars' worth of fireworks bought by Harry Frost for \$200 because of his State Fair connections!)

Many things changed over the years; in 1962 the chicken barbecue was started to benefit the AFS, in 1964 Igor Razkazoff's Oompa Band and the volleyball tournament were added, in 1978 Bob Hahnen (with the Library Association) began the patriotic essay contest and last year the soccer jamboree and the treasure hunt were added. The fireworks display (first held in the middle of the park with spectators sitting all around and later moved to the railroad tracks) was ended when liability insurance became too expensive. But many aspects of the original celebrations remain intact and residents of the Park can look forward to many more years of exciting Fourth of July celebrations. ■

Celebrating Independence Day in St. Anthony Park already had a long tradition when these photos were taken in the 1950s. Photos by Gerald McKay



R'S CELEBRATION CONTINUES THE TRADITION

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to coordinate the music for the day, ine's group "Three Men and a Banjo" dclude Igor Razkazoff's Oompa Band, d other groups as well. ion Park resident and thus has even alive for her fourth generation e involved last year through d after three years of heading the doesn't have to do much—"there are ey are doing!" She remembers that

the Park was "the place to be" on the Fourth and her kids already exhibit the same excitement she felt as a child. (To illustrate the importance of the Fourth to her family, Julie's sister Laurie, who lives in Sweden, comes home every year, either for the Fourth or for the State Fair).

This year's celebration continues many traditions from previous years. The Methodist Church will hold its annual pancake breakfast, there will be two- and four-mile races, a parade, the opening ceremony with the pledge of allegiance, the patriotic essay and speeches. Of course, there will be the horseshoe and volleyball tournaments, pony rides, the races, and barbecue and music much of the day.

Two events just started or revived last year will be continued this year. There will once again be a treasure hunt, a tradition from the fifties modeled on the Medallion Hunt in the Winter Carnival brought back for the nineties. (Al Dexter, long-time race announcer, remembers one time that he hid a clue in a tree and covered it over with bark. By the time the hunt started, sap had oozed out of the tree, making it impossible to remove the clue!) Clues will be announced every hour and the one who finds the medallion will win \$25. There will also be a soccer tournament in the morning.

Curious George, sponsored by Barnes and Noble, will be marching in the parade. The barbecue, once run to benefit the AFS, will be for the benefit of the Environmental Learning Center.

All-in-all, the tradition of an old-fashioned family picnic is what keeps this celebration important. The Thrasher and Glowka kids will have something to tell *their* kids about after all.

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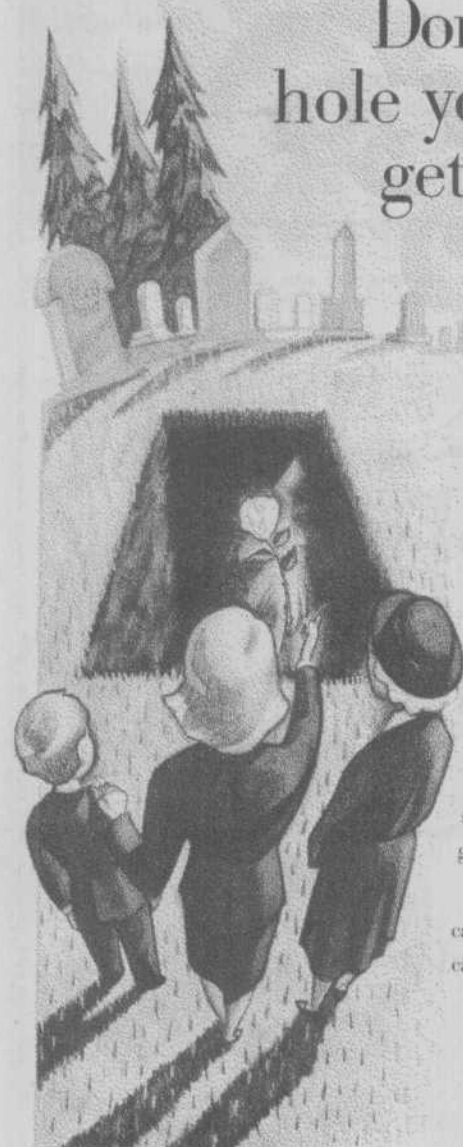


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NEIGHBORS

Pancake Breakfast

St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church will again host its annual Fourth of July pancake breakfast. The breakfast is a long-standing tradition of the church, serving many people prior to the Fourth of July parade in the Park. Pancake breakfast seating will be from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and will be held in the church's fellowship hall. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$3 for seniors and children 12 and under. St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church is located at the corner of Como and Hillside.

Stories for seniors

Attention older people who are young at heart: Do you remember being read to in the third grade? Are you tired of watching TV? Come to the St. Anthony Park Library and enjoy stories read aloud. The program starts Tuesday, July 14 at 11 a.m. and will run for seven weeks. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Patty at 292-6635.

Summer events at Gibbs Farm Museum

Gibbs Farm Museum, located on 2097 West Larpentur in Falcon Heights, will hold special events on weekends throughout the summer. On July 4, families are invited to bring a picnic lunch and learn about the Gibbs family and the Dakota. On July 5, a seminar on the daily life of the early settlers and the Dakota people will be held. On July 11, Minnesota Genealogical Society members will explain family research and kinship relations among the Dakota people.

Gibbs Farm Museum is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays,

Sundays and holiday Mondays from noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call 646-8629.

Retreat program

Bayt Nefesh, an independent Jewish house of learning located in St. Anthony Park, is offering a four month weekly retreat program to assist Jewish and interfaith couples preparing to enter marriage. For more information call Rabbi Eve Wolf at 659-9856.

Milk Run

Registrations are now being accepted for the 14th annual Minnesota State Fair Milk Run, scheduled for Sunday, August 30 during the 1998 State Fair. The race begins at 7:45 a.m. at the State Fair Speedway and winds through St. Anthony Park and the University of Minnesota's St. Paul Campus before finishing back at the race track. The entry fee is \$12 and is limited to the first 1,300 runners. To receive an entry form, call 642-2395. Entry forms may also be downloaded off the Internet at <http://www.raceberryjam.com>.

Cable Commission establishes intern program

Residents living in Falcon Heights, Lauderdale or St. Anthony Park are eligible to participate in the North Suburban Cable Commission's new intern program for post-secondary students majoring in video production or related fields. Call 482-1261 for more information.

Volunteers sought to monitor radio band

Ramsey County REACH (Radio Emergency Associated Communications Team) needs volunteers to monitor Citizen's

Band radio emergency channel 9. These volunteers provide much needed assistance to stalled motorists and help the police catch drunk or reckless drivers simply by using their CB radio and telephone where they live. For more information, call 646-0259.

Micawber's hosts reading

On Saturday, July 11 at 11 a.m., Newbery Award winning author for *A Visit to William Blake's Inn* Nancy Willard will be reading at Micawber's Bookstore, located in Milton Square on Carter Avenue. Willard's newest children's book is entitled *The Tortilla Cat*. Willard is a prolific writer of children's books and a wonderful storyteller.

Canterbury Tales at Como Park

Grab your lawn chairs, picnic baskets, insect repellent and the kids and journey to Como Park over the Fourth of July weekend to enjoy the Times Theater Company's production of Chaucer's "The Canterbury Tales." The 90-minute entertainment, which is suitable for audiences of all ages, will be held at 7 p.m. on July 3, 4, and 5 with an additional 3 p.m. matinee on July 5. There is no charge, although donations will be accepted. Watch for directional signs on Kaufman Drive off Lexington Parkway indicating the pathway to the performance in Como Park.

KID BITS

Camping at Como Zoo

Family and group camping overnights at Como Zoo will be held throughout the summer. An

Forum on the 21st century concludes discussions

by Warren Gore

Choices have consequences—and uninformed choices are perilous. In that perspective, some dozen St. Anthony Park residents met recently to wrestle with some formidable choices facing American citizens who are approaching the new century and the new millennium. Rose Foreman, St. Anthony Park Librarian, not only applied for the project, but took it upon her shoulders to administer the "Choices for the 21st Century" forum. Four Thursday nights in May, the assembly room of the library was the site of this public gathering. Fourteen people attended from one to four sessions.

Participants expressed their opinions, attitudes and philosophies not only openly but enthusiastically. There were no hidden agendas or pre-determined outcomes and there was no "official line" or politically correct conclusions. The effort was to stimulate the role of participatory democracy



in our lives. The motivation was to anticipate ahead of time possible future "shocks and road bumps" that could derail progress or at least our equanimity and sovereignty.

There was no charge for the program—in fact, attendees were given a text, *Defining Our Role in a Changing World*, free, if they participated.

Some of the issues, problems and concerns discussed included the search for peace, global environmental problems, the United States' immigration policy, the global economy, and how, and why, we must balance our priorities in the 21st century.

Some of the forum's participants gather to discuss choices facing American citizens as we approach the new millennium. Photo by Truman Olson

The program started at Brown University about 10 years ago, and was sponsored by the Thomas J. Watson Institute, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and locally by Friends of the Library and Friends of the Book. If you would like to participate in another such discussion, please leave your name and phone number with Rose Foreman at the St. Anthony Park library. ■



The St. Paul League of Women Voters recently presented the prestigious Faye Lyksett Award to St. Anthony Park resident Sally Stoppel. This award is presented every year to an outstanding St. Paul Leaguer for devoted service, performance excellence and enthusiasm for the League. Stoppel joined the League in 1973, and she has since served in many capacities, including chairing the League's study of the STAR program, the special sales tax program in St. Paul used for commercial and economic capital improvements. Stoppel has been involved in other community activities as well, including her church, the Camp Fire Girls, schools, and as a caseworker for a member of Congress.

Photo courtesy of the League of Women Voters

evening snack and a light breakfast are provided, but participants must furnish their own tents and camping equipment. Upcoming events include the Native American Overnight held on July 17, the Plant Discovery Overnight on July 24 and the Bat Discovery Overnight on July 10. Call 487-8272 to register or find out more.

Summer schoolhouse program at Gibbs Farm

An old-fashioned schoolhouse experience for children entering grades 2 through 7 will be held at Gibbs Farm Museum on Tuesdays through Fridays from July 7 through August 14. Children will spend a day in the museum's authentic one-room schoolhouse and recreate a 1900 school experience. Children should bring bag lunches and lemonade will be provided. While not required, students are encouraged to wear turn-of-the-century costumes, and girls' bonnets are available in the museum shop. The cost is \$12 per child. Discounts for families and members of the Ramsey County Historical Society are available.

Fall soccer program

Registration for the Langford/South St. Anthony Rec Center's fall soccer program begins July 13 and continues until August 7. All boys and girls ages 5 to 14 are welcome. Call 298-5765 for details.

Summer field trips

The Langford and South St. Anthony Rec Centers are sponsoring several upcoming field trips. A trip to Bunker Hills Wave Pool will take place on July 10; Chutes and Ladders on July 17; and Wild Mountain Water Slide on July 24. Call 298-5770 for details.

IN BRIEF

Future of soccer stadium uncertain

The University of Minnesota's plans to build a permanent soccer facility have been put on hold. "We're trying to work with the neighbors and the city, and to be a good neighbor," said Tim Busse,

the Communications Specialist for Facilities Management at the University. "We don't want to go too far too fast without considering all options." He added that the University is looking at alternative sites for the soccer facility.

The University of Minnesota has proposed building a permanent structure on the current soccer fields located on Cleveland near Larpenteur. The permanent stadium would seat approximately 1,000 fans, and would be built on the west side of the fields. At recent meetings, residents living adjacent to the soccer fields raised concerns about a permanent facility.

"Many people living nearby are associated with the University," Busse said. "And we just don't want to move ahead without hearing the community's considerations."

— Laura Pritchett

PEOPLE

MEGAN CHANG, daughter of JYuh-Sheng Chang and Patricia Seeley of St. Anthony Park, has received a Presidential scholarship and a CLA alumni scholarship at the University of Minnesota. Chang, who graduated from St. Paul Central High in June, will study international relations.

ERIN BARRETT, JASON CIERNIA and SENKA SULJIC, all of Falcon Heights; and PATRICK BRADY of St. Anthony Park, have all won scholarships from the North Suburban Cable Commission. The commission awarded \$25,000 in scholarships to 11 area post-secondary students. Students in several cities, including Falcon Heights, Lauderdale and St. Anthony Park are eligible.

ELISABETH TIESSEN, who lives in the Como Park neighborhood, is one of the contributors to the newly published *Down-to-Earth Garden Secrets*, a 180-page garden reference packed with simple solutions and gardening ideas.

ERIN COLLINS, daughter of Susan and Frank Collins of Falcon Heights, has received a U2000 scholarship. Collins, who graduated from Roseville Area High School, will study architecture and studio arts.



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A Taste for Italy: Culinary tours with Nancy Meeden

by Lisa Steinmann

Summer is here and our scant dozen of weeks for fresh local produce will soon peak. It is a good opportunity to enjoy simple and delicious meals. Nancy Meeden, University Grove resident, has found some wonderful recipes during her travels to Italy. For example, nothing could be easier than Patate Arrosto, red potatoes roasted in olive oil with a sprig of fresh rosemary. It is especially

delicious served next to Arista, roast pork stuffed with garlic and rosemary, Tuscan style. Pull the cork on a bottle of aged Chianti, add some almond biscotti, and open the dining room window to enjoy the meal with a warm summer breeze.

Meeden finds that Italian cuisine fits right in with her midwestern food tradition. She learned to appreciate the fresh and simple food ethic growing up on a farm near Ann Arbor, Michigan.

She calls it "food of the moment"—whatever is fresh off the vine is what's for supper. Her interest in food led her into restaurant work over the years. She met her good friend Lenora Chamberlain at an Italian restaurant in Iowa where they both worked. While Meeden moved on to Minnesota and a career in real estate, she and Chamberlain have pursued their interest in Italian food together through travel.

Several years ago the two friends joined a culinary trip to Italy sponsored by Cook's on Grand Avenue. They were so pleased with the experience they decided to arrange their own culinary tour of Italy. Last year Meeden and Chamberlain led a small group to the central Italian towns of Florence and Todi where they studied Tuscan cuisine. Tour participants learned to roll out pasta dough by hand and make

sweet pumpkin ravioli at the Scuola di Arte Culinaria, a Cordon Bleu cooking school in Florence. They learned to pick over Sicilian tomatoes and Mediterranean squid at San Lorenzo, the open air food market.

They grilled vegetables with Aldo Mosca, master chef at the Hotel Bramante in the medieval hill town of Todi. Side trips to vineyards and orchards gave them the opportunity to sample Umbrian wine and truffle-scented olive oil. The tour group not only enjoyed the excellent local cuisine but they also found time to make visits to nearby Siena and De Ruta.

The trip was such a success that Meeden and Chamberlain have made plans for the next two years. In September 1998 they plan to visit Northern Italy and the towns of Bellagio on Lago di Como



Meeden's culinary tours to Italy include studying cooking as well as enjoying local cuisine. Photo courtesy Nancy Meeden

(Lake Como), Venice, Bologna and Milan. In the fall of 1999 the tour will head south from Rome to the islands of Sicily and Capri.

Meeden's Culinary Tours of Italy run for nine to ten days and include lodging with breakfast, private coach, tour escort, as well as the cooking classes. Call her soon for information regarding the September tour at 282-9650. ■

Check out the recipe for Panzanella on the facing page.

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Panzanella Recipe

Panzanella is an easy tomato salad that calls for a pound loaf of Tuscan bread (Meeden suggests substituting a loaf of pan di casa, a chewy, dry white bread available at bakeries)

Tuscan bread in slices or chunks	1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
4 tomatoes	1 cup white wine vinegar
1 thinly sliced medium red onion	freshly ground black pepper
ample basil	salt to taste

Soak the bread in 5 cups of cold water and 1/2 cup vinegar for at least one hour. Keep the onion in a little bowl with 2 tablespoons of the remaining vinegar for about one half hour.

Squeeze the bread by hand, put it into a large bowl and dress it with salt and pepper, oil and the remaining vinegar. Add in the tomatoes cut in pieces, the onion (cut into round slices) and the basil.

Refrigerate for at least one hour before serving. Serves four.

1 WEDNESDAY

■ Canada Day.

■ Leisure Center for Seniors, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. 379-8928. Every Wednesday.

2 THURSDAY

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

■ Tot Time (for 5-year olds and younger), Langford Park Rec Center, 10 a.m.-noon. Every Thursday.

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

3 FRIDAY

■ Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.

4 SATURDAY

■ Independence Day.

■ St. Anthony Park Fourth of July Event. Pancake breakfast 8:30-10:30 a.m. at St. Anthony Park Methodist Church. Parade begins at 11:30 a.m. and proceeds from Luther Place down Como Avenue to Langford Park. The opening ceremony will take place at 12 noon.

6 MONDAY

■ Como Park recycling.

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

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

7 TUESDAY

■ Toastmasters, Hewlett Packard, 2025 Larpenteur Avenue, 7:30 a.m. 645-6675. Every Tuesday.

■ Band rehearsal. Como Senior High band room, 7:30 p.m. Call 642-1559. Every Tuesday.

8 WEDNESDAY

■ St. Anthony Park recycling.

■ Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 7 p.m.

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

11 SATURDAY

■ Micawber's Bookstore, located in Milton Square on Carter Avenue, hosts author Nancy Willard, 11 a.m.

13 MONDAY

■ Como Park recycling.

■ Park Press Inc.—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.

14 TUESDAY

■ Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 7:30 p.m.

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

■ Como-Midway La Leche League, 7 p.m. Call 644-0302 for meeting location.

15 WEDNESDAY

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

17 FRIDAY

■ Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.

21 TUESDAY

■ District 10 Como Community Council, 7 p.m. Call 644-3889 for location.

■ Falcon Heights group of the La Leche League will discuss the Art of Breastfeeding at 7 p.m. The meetings are informal and babies are always welcome. For meeting location, call Carrie at 646-2978 or Rebecca at 488-9414.

22 WEDNESDAY

■ St. Anthony Park recycling.

■ Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 7 p.m.

25 SATURDAY

■ FARE For All distribution and registration at Holy Childhood Church, 1495 Midway Parkway, 9:30 - 11 a.m. Call 644-7495; or St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Avenue., 8:30-10:30. Call 644-8833.

26 SUNDAY

■ Lauderdale's Day in the Park, 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., corner of Roselawn Avenue and Fulham Street.

27 MONDAY

■ Como Park recycling.

■ 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 meeting, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church library, 7:15 - 9 p.m.

28 TUESDAY

■ Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 7:30 p.m.

29 WEDNESDAY

■ St. Anthony Park Community Council Housing and Human Services Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 5:30 p.m.

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

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member of Como Park Lutheran
Church.

Preceded in death by her
husband, Chris Ackerman; sisters
Lynette and Erna, and brothers
Raymond and Orville, she is
survived by her daughter, Judy
Kane; four grandchildren; and
three great-grandchildren.

Geraldine Anderson

Geraldine L. Anderson, age 81,
died on May 28. She resided at
Lyngblomsten Healthcare Center.

Survivors include her sister
Dorothy, cousins, and many
friends.

James Barrett

James J. Barrett, a former resident
of Falcon Heights, died on
June 10. He was 90 years old.

Barrett was a graduate of the
University of Notre Dame in
1930. He worked for 32 years for
the American Can Company. He

was a parishioner at Holy
Childhood Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife
of 64 years, Irene Barrett; four
daughters, May Ann Wenzel,
Patricia Englund, Kathleen
Carroll, and Jean Ahlm; two
sons, James and Michael Barrett;
19 grandchildren; and three
great-grandchildren.

Lester Bolstad

Lester Bolstad, longtime University
of Minnesota golf coach and pro at
the U of M course in Falcon
Heights, died in March at the age
of 89. In 1983, the course was
named in his honor.

Les Bolstad grew up in
Minneapolis. In 1926, at 18, he
became the youngest winner of the
U.S. Public Links championship.
He went on to win all the major
state golf titles, and led the Gophers
to the Big Ten title in 1929.

He became the Gopher coach
in 1947 and continued for 30 years.
He was also known as a golf
teacher. One of his students was
Patty Berg, one of Minnesota's
great golfers.

He is survived by his wife of
59 years, Mildred; five children;
16 grandchildren; and eight great-
grandchildren.

Frank Forbes

Frank W. Forbes, a longtime
St. Anthony Park resident, died on
May 29. He was 90 years old.

Forbes lived on Doswell
Avenue. He worked as a County
Agent, then as a District Supervisor
for the University of Minnesota
Agricultural Extension Service.
He was a member of Tusler-
Summit Masonic Lodge #263 and
of St. Anthony Park United
Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death
by his wife, Irma Forbes, and a
grandson, Scott Forbes. He is
survived by two sons, James
and William Forbes; and a
granddaughter, Heather Forbes.

Anna Margaret Landahl

Anna Margaret Charlotte Landahl
died June 5 at 92 years of age.

Landahl was born in China,
the daughter of missionary
parents, the late Carl and Alice
Landahl. She graduated from the
American School in Kikungshan,
China, in 1923, and from St. Olaf
College in 1927.

She was a lifelong missionary
in China, Tibet, and Formosa.
She will be remembered by her
friends at St. Anthony Park
Lutheran Church and at White
Bear Full Gospel Fellowship.

Landahl is survived by one
brother, Herbert Landahl.

Compiled by Ann Bulger

Last month, Mildred Edborg's name
was inadvertently misspelled.
Edborg, not Edbord, is the correct
spelling.

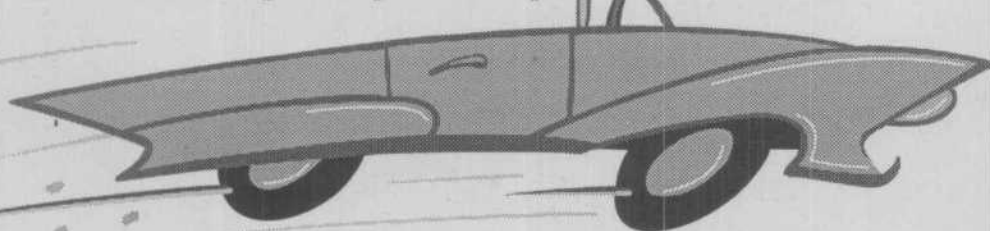
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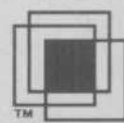
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**People . . .
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ELISA KECK, daughter of Steve and Lolita Keck of Falcon Heights, has received a Presidential Scholarship from the University of Minnesota. Keck plans to study chemical engineering.

TONY AVOLES, a lifelong resident of St. Anthony Park, completed his freshman year at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Engineering, on the Dean's Honor List. Tony attended St. Anthony Park Elementary School and Murray Junior High. In 1997 he graduated from Como High School, where he achieved a "Honor Roll of Distinction" all four years and was named "Outstanding Senior of the Year." During his last year at Como, Tony was also the recipient of the Governor's Scholastic Sports Excellence Award. Tony plans a double major in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. He is the son of Charlie and Marge Avoles. ■

Brown . . . from page 1

somehow seems to desire it.

Brown's army of bratlings, plus his vessels and other sculptures, have won him several awards and residencies, and merited positions in the permanent collections of museums such as the Weisman Museum and the Everson Museum of Art in Syracuse, New York. He has studied with such noteworthy sculptors as Warren MacKenzie and Geoffrey Whiting, and received his MFA at the University of Minnesota in 1967. This spring his work enjoyed solo exhibition in a Soho gallery in New York.

Born in Minneapolis and enrolled at the University of Minnesota in 1957, Brown was burning out on math and philosophy when he tried his first course in clay, and the discovery was none too pleasant. "It was too messy," he recalls. Trouble was, the mess was reflected in his grade. He ended up spending an entire vacation working on his pottery in order to get an A in the course, and it was during that short, intensive time, that he came to recognize his own expressive potential in the medium of clay.

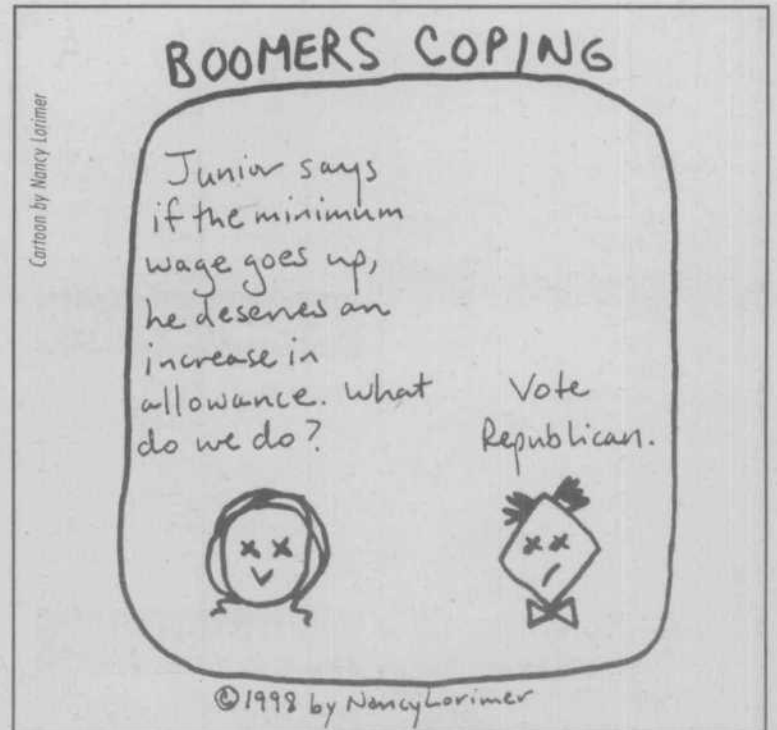
This is the part of the story where there comes a line like, "and his hands have been messy ever since."

But not so fast. Brown graduated from the University of Minnesota as a computer programmer and worked for Boeing in Seattle, then took another job as a systems analyst. Then he decided to pursue an education in law, and got his law degree, before digging his hands into clay full time. It's been more than 10 years now since he opened the Raymond Avenue Gallery, and Brown is glad he opened the gallery and stuck with it. He enjoys giving others the opportunity to exhibit in good gallery space.

Today the only truly messy thing in Brown's life is his house in St. Anthony Park, which is being renovated at both ends, north and south. Brown lives on Keston Street with partner Lisa and her daughter Mari, and works in his University Avenue studio, just around the corner from the Raymond Avenue Gallery. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The current show is *Bird Count and Other Recent Works*, a hooked rug exhibition by Mary Anne Wise running through July 6. The Gallery is located two doors from Key's at 761 Raymond. ■

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