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Crime mars holiday season

Incidents of robbery and sexual assault, though unrelated, combine to create unease

by Judy Woodward

Big city crime has begun to invade the small town atmosphere of north St. Anthony Park and Falcon Heights. Or, at least, that's the fear among some residents as they note a recent upsurge in violent incidents. For the third time in less than two years, Tim & Tom's Speedy Market, long a neighborhood landmark, was robbed at gunpoint on a recent weekend evening. Only a few days earlier, in an unrelated incident, a young woman was sexually assaulted near the University-owned tennis courts on Cleveland Avenue.

Tom Spreigl, co-owner of Speedy Market, sounded glum but matter-of-fact as he recounted details of what many fear is becoming a routine occurrence at the popular local store. "Around 10:30 on Sunday [December 6] night, a masked gunman came in and robbed us. He got the money and left. It took about a minute, and there's not much else to add. It happened, and hopefully somewhere down the road somebody will be caught."

Spreigl added that the robber was about 5' 6" and probably a white male. Police have no suspects at this time.

When it was noted that all the recent robberies of Speedy Market have occurred during evening hours on the weekend, Spreigl responded, "We've thought of closing earlier on Sunday evenings." No action to change hours at Speedy has been taken so far.

A few days earlier, on

December 3, a woman was attacked near the intersection of Hoyt and Cleveland avenues at approximately 8:30 p.m. The woman was approached from behind, forced to the ground, and sexually assaulted.

The male suspect is described as having tan skin with a medium build and black or brown curly hair. The victim had a difficult time describing the perpetrator to police because he was wearing a nylon over his head. There was no vehicle seen and it appears the suspect was on foot.

High profile episodes like armed robbery and sexual assault naturally raise the anxiety levels of people who live in the areas affected. But an analysis of crime statistics collected by the St. Paul Police Department reveals little evidence for a local crime wave. Statistics for 1998 are not yet complete, but the figures for the five years 1992 to 1997 show little basis for widespread fear. Crime statistics for the area that covers the St. Anthony Park Como Avenue commercial district show no overall upward trend during the last five years. In fact, overall crime declined during the period for this area, although the traditionally low levels of violent crime remained unchanged. In any case, the crime rate in this area remains far below citywide averages for St. Paul.

But that doesn't mean that Tom Spreigl would advise residents to be complacent. He says, "The Park isn't an isolated area any more. People should keep their eyes open and report anything suspicious to the police." ■



Photo by Truman Olson

Discover Kathleen Lustig's cheerful textiles

Scarf maker calls Falcon Heights home

by David Anger

It's a gray and cynical day on workaday University Avenue, but inside textile artist Kathleen Lustig's fourth floor studio the mood is bright and optimistic.

Lustig's signature scarves hang proudly on iron rods, which possess leaf embellishments at the ends. This natural gesture is right-on, since her artistic vocabulary celebrates things organic from birds to leaves. Indeed, the scarves — with their chiffon transparency and silk fluidity — resemble delicate branches quivering on branches.

Lustig's *werkstatt* is an old fashion affair complete with wood floors and high ceilings. Today, she is working on large wooden racks

that consume most of the space. After stretching the fabric across these wooden frames, she painstakingly applies signature dyes. At day's end she wraps the scarves in muslin, takes them home, and places them in a steam oven.

Half the fun, and trepidation too, is the production process. This isn't Photo Shop and the dyes have minds of their own. "You never know what colors will come out," quips the artist.

Time is short. The textile artist is preparing for the New York International Gift Fair, where she debuts her spring/summer collection. By the month's end Lustig will be riding Northwest to La Guardia, although an angst-ridden three week period precedes the show. "But somehow I'll get it down," shrugs Lustig.

Buyers love her work. Of course, scarves give any ho-hum wardrobe a heave-ho lift. Every woman in the world owns at least one scarf. The headscarf was a signature look for Grace Kelly and Audrey Hepburn; even the Duke of Windsor looked suave in an ascot. Queen Elizabeth loves Hermes. And everyday people collect Liberty and Vera scarves. Today, Kathleen Lustig designs are sought after too.

Being an imaginative Sagittarian, the refined zodiac sign

that bids autumn farewell and welcomes winter, Lustig's scarves zip from warm to cold without incident. Great art informs these creations. From Henri Matisse, the French master famous for his sensuous forms, she gains a sense for marrying opposite patterns and from Mark Rothko, known for his

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moody canvases, she gleams knowledge of evoking emotion through color balance.

Ferocious reading of interior design magazines also provokes ideas. Stacks of *Elle Decor* and *House & Garden* fill her home. Weeks ago she sat herself down at Barnes & Nobles and studied all the foreign design publications. Occasionally Lustig originals make cameo magazine appearances. For instance, her goods have taken center stage on the pages of *Metropolitan Home* and *Mpls St. Paul* magazine.

A childhood interest in arts and crafts led Lustig to study textile design and painting on the university's St. Paul campus, which is around the corner from her

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Five great ways to start the New Year — without leaving the neighborhood

by Judy Woodward

Sure, you're really going to stick to your diet this New Year, and, for that matter, you're going to give up smoking at last. Not only that, but you're going to keep that New Year's vow to pay down all those credit card bills. Sure you are.

But meanwhile, while you're thinking about all that uncomfortable virtue you've let yourself in for, how would you like to be reduced to jelly for the New Year? Helpless, blissful jelly, that is? Do you want to achieve a state of calm so deep and restful that mere talking will take effort, and anything so energy-consuming as worry or stress will be unthinkable?

You can do it all in half an hour, without consuming any illegal substances, and without even leaving the borders of St. Anthony Park. Not all New Year's resolutions have to involve

pain and deprivation. All you need to do to achieve temporary Nirvana, for example, is sign up for the half-hour Swedish relaxation massage offered by Open Hands professional therapeutic massage studio located in the ParkBank building.

Owner Victoria Lindblade, a pleasant, round-faced woman with very strong-looking forearms, recommends Swedish massage as a natural introduction to massage therapy and a great way to start the New Year. "It addresses the physical stress of your body," she explains, "and it feels great on a mental and emotional level." Don't be surprised, adds Lindblade, if you discover that the benefits of massage are as much emotional as physical. "People use us as their 'other' therapist," she says. "Like hairdressers, we hear 'everything,' and we're ethically required to keep our clients' confidences."

A 30-minute Swedish massage costs \$30. Same day appointments are sometimes available. Call 645-7414 for more information.

Here are some other possibilities for great ways to usher in the last year of the twentieth century. None of them are fattening, expensive or designed to leave you

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Photo by Scott Ryken



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Community meetings promise a strong start to 1999

Editor's note:
As the new year begins, our local communities are setting goals and asking for community involvement — like all of us, they're gearing up for a productive 1999. The Park Bugle newspaper serves the cities of Lauderdale and Falcon Heights and the communities of St. Anthony Park and Northwest Como Park. The following four articles give residents a quick look into what's going on in their community. Here's your chance to read about how your neighborhood "works" and to learn how you can get involved.



Lauderdale hosts winter carnival and goal-setting session

by Kristin D. Anderson

Lauderdale is starting the new year off with a bang with two important events. First, the City Council will hold its annual goal setting session on Monday, January 4, at 7 p.m. At this meeting, council members and staff discuss their goals for the city in a strategic planning session.

On January 23, the Sno Commotion Winter Carnival, complete with a medallion hunt, bonfire, marshmallow roast, ice skating and snowman-building contest, will be held. This will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. at the warming house in the city park on the corner of Fulham and Roselawn Avenue. All residents are welcome to this city-wide event.

"Becoming involved in Lauderdale is as easy as coming down here to City Hall or making a phone call," said Rick Getschow, City Administrator. He noted that one couple brought candy to the City Hall for the Halloween party, and ended up on a new committee. A woman who came to vote casually asked staff some questions and ended up volunteering to be involved.

The mayor of Lauderdale is Jeffrey Dains, who has served in this capacity since 1992. The City Council, which meets the second and forth Tuesday of each month, is made up of members Jack Barlow, Clay Christensen, Karen Gill-Gerbig and Denise Hawkinson. City staff include Administrator Rick Getschow, Administrative Analyst Dan Olson, Public Works Coordinator David Hinrichs, and Maintenance Coordinator Joe Hughes.

There are several committees and groups, including the 50th Anniversary Planning Committee, which meets as needed to plan the 1999 celebration; the Park and Community Involvement Committee, which plans such events as the Halloween Party and the Sno Commotion Winter Carnival; the Tree Commission, whose purpose is to reevaluate and possibly amend the city's tree plan and other related issues; the Nature Area Committee; and the Garden Club. Committee meetings are not informal affairs. Instead, to retain professionalism, meetings are conducted like regular council meetings. The public is always welcome.

Getschow hopes that 1999 will be "the pinnacle of citizen involvement." Phone calls and mailings will precede neighborhood gatherings. The city mails out quarterly newsletters as well as a directory biennially to each residence. This mine of information covers topics such as permits, composting, and recycling, as well as directories by name and address. Business, churches and apartments are also listed.

Council meeting agendas are posted in the City Hall on the Friday preceding the meeting. Minutes are available at the office, and the budget plan is always available at cost. All public meetings are televised live on channel 16; the council meetings are also broadcast.

Como Neighborhood — past and future

by Laurel Ostrow

Those who live in the Como neighborhood may know Barb Metzger, who has been the community organizer with District 10 since 1995. Previous to this post, Metzger worked for District 6 for several years, and as an organizer with United Way. She has an excellent understanding of the citizen participation system and its history in St. Paul.

That history is an interesting one. In 1978, the federal government began sending large amounts of money to urban areas in order to improve their infrastructures. To receive these funds, a mechanism by which citizens could make decisions had to be established. Thus, there are now 17 citizen participation districts in St. Paul. They not

only hope for, but require, citizen participation in the decision-making process.

As federal funding decreased, finding financial support for District 10 has sometimes been a struggle. This year, fund-raising efforts yielded good results, thanks to donations, T-shirts sales and a successful Como Day.

The Capitol Improvement Budget is part of the citizen's participation system as well. In January, throughout the city, people turn in proposals for a variety of neighborhood projects. A city-wide volunteer Capitol Improvement Budget (CIB) committee ranks the neighborhood projects in order of priority. Recently, a large sum of money was awarded from CIB funds in order to renovate Tilden Park. Metzger cited several additional examples of dynamic projects in the works in the Como area, and how the citizens involved are getting their neighborhood's needs met. These include a face lift on the St. Paul side of Larpenetour to add concrete planters and lanterns to match renovations planned on the Roseville side of the avenue. Metzger said this collaboration between a city and a suburb is unusual and exciting. The North Dale Recreation center has needed a new gymnasium for many years, and has recently inspired citizen participation as well.

In the Como neighborhood, there is a community meeting as well as a board meeting. Board meetings are monthly, and community meetings are bi-monthly. Strictly speaking, the board has the last word, but community votes are nearly always adhered to within the board decision-making process.

Presently, there are 15 members who sit on the Como Council Board. There are four officers and three representatives from each of three sub-districts. The remaining seats are for "at large" delegates. The term for Board membership is two years and Board members may run for more than one consecutive term, but must be elected in order to continue serving.

The annual meeting, at which new Board members will be elected, will be held on February 16 at 7 p.m. There are eight open seats. Those interested in representing the district need only come to this meeting and be nominated and elected. All District 10 residents and business owners are eligible. For more information, call the District 10 office at 644-3889.



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Falcon Heights plans for exciting 1999

by Dave Healy

It will not be business as usual in Falcon Heights during 1999. While the usual business will still get done, a lot of energy will be devoted to celebrating the city's 50th birthday. April 1 is the actual birthday and will be marked by a kickoff event that will include oral histories of the city. Throughout the year, a variety of events are planned to promote the city's assets and help develop community pride.

May will feature a parade with cars and costumes from each of the decades in the city's history.

On July 29, the annual Ice Cream Social will ratchet up a notch in honor of the 50th birthday. The highlight of that event promises to be a massed kazoo choir open to all in attendance.

August is the month for Crazy Days, a promotion by the city's businesses.

In September, a Fall Festival will include an auction and street dance. October will feature a walking/biking tour of the city's points of special interest, which will end at Gibbs Farm.

The year of 1999 won't be all fun and games, however. One important goal for the year, according to Mayor Sue Gehr, is to create a year 2000 task force to prepare for technologies transition as the new millennium approaches. That group's focus will move beyond City Hall. "We think that the city's computer system is well prepared for Y2K," said Gehr. "But we also feel a responsibility to the larger community, to prepare people at the household and neighborhood level to look out for each other in the event of problems beyond our control — if, for example, there were a power outage."

To that end, the City Council is planning an intergenerational forum for early 1999 that will focus on emergency preparedness.

An ongoing project that may affect Falcon Heights in 1999 is the redesign of Larpenteur Avenue. Phase III of the project, which will involve the section between Arona and Hamline, may get under way this year. While the county is responsible for the actual road work, the city gets involved with streetscape issues and will continue to work on improving the business environment and retail identity along Larpenteur.

Falcon Heights also plans to do significant street reconstruction in the city's northeast quadrant this year.

St. Anthony Park hosts holiday meeting

by Dave Healy

As they anticipate 1999, the St. Anthony Park Community Council is singing a familiar tune: "Get Involved." Executive Director Heather Worthington recommends Council involvement as an excellent way to get a taste of city government, learn about the neighborhood, and work on issues important to the community.

Neighborhood residents have two ways to involve themselves with the Community Council. One is by running for a delegate

St. Anthony Park Community Council's next meeting will be a special holiday meeting at 7 p.m. on January 13 at Luther Seminary's Olson Campus Center.

seat. The annual election will be held in April, but there is currently an alternate's seat open for south St. Anthony Park, so an interested resident from that neighborhood could be appointed immediately to fill out the remainder of this year's term and then run for reelection in April. The only requirement for Council membership is to live in the neighborhood. Renters as well as property owners are welcome.

A second level of Council involvement is to serve on one of three committees. The Environment Committee and the Housing and Human Services Committee meet the fourth Wednesday evening of each month, while the Physical Planning Committee meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of each month.

Committee membership is open to any neighborhood resident and, according to Worthington, is a good way to learn about how the larger Council works and to see its impact on city government. "This is a way to get involved on a grass-roots level and make a difference in the neighborhood," she said.

Worthington would also like to see more interested residents attend Community Council meetings, all of which are open to the public. The next meeting will be a special holiday meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, at Luther Seminary's Olson Campus Center. ■

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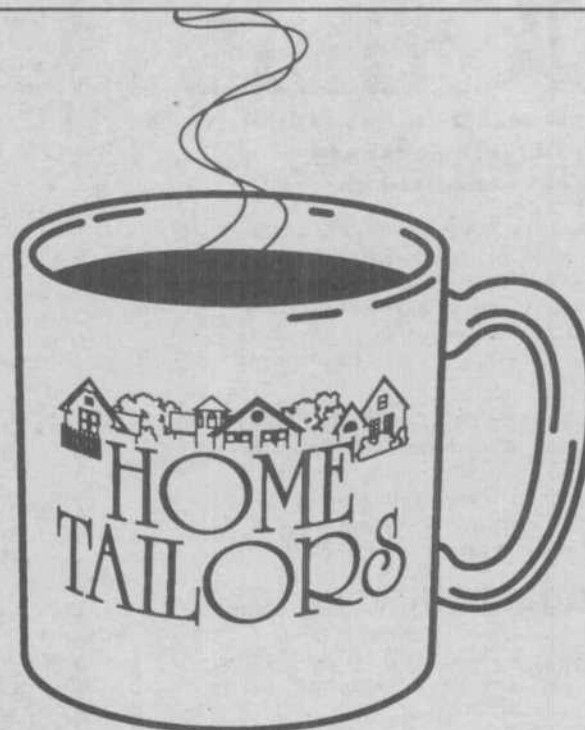
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Many of our contributors won individual awards as well. The whole, of course, is made up of the parts — and without the superb work of these individuals, the Bugle would not be what it is now. So congratulations (and thank you) to these contributors!

I have always thought that the Park Bugle was superb. The layout, the diversity of stories and news, the high caliber of writing, and the great photos come together to form an overall product that is outstanding. The results of this contest show I'm not the only one who thinks so. ■

Now is the time

On page two, a series of four articles highlight our communities' plans for 1999. Administrators and organizers in the cities of Falcon Heights and Lauderdale and the communities of St. Anthony Park and Como Park are meeting early in the year to set goals, discuss plans and elect new representatives. To meet their goals, they'll need the involvement of their residents. If you haven't become involved already, now may be the time to learn how your neighborhood "works" and get involved. ■

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LETTERS

Purchase agreement for Community Garden in the works

We wanted to take this opportunity to update the neighborhood on the progress of the Railroad Park and Community Garden purchase.

We are happy to report that we have a signed letter of intent for the garden property, and a small parcel to the north of that property. The Council will be moving forward with a purchase agreement in the next month or so. To date, we have fundraised nearly \$145,000 from many sources: the City of St. Paul, Ettel and Franz Roofing, the foundation community, and neighbors.

We are still in need of donations to cover the cost

of a title search, phase-1 environmental study, and survey of the property. These items will cost approximately \$10,000. As part of the sales contract, we will also have to construct a fence at the northern boundary of the property. The cost of this is unknown at this time, but we know that it will be considerable. In short, we still need your support.

When we began working on this project back in February, the Council had little hope of being able to purchase the property. Another customer wanted to build an industrial business on the site. In past years, prior to it becoming a garden, it had been a dumpsite. With the help of many neighborhood volunteers and the Air Force

ROTC, it was cleaned up and tilled and graded for use as a garden. It also became an important buffer between the industrialized rail corridor and the residential neighborhoods.

We feel that the BNSF has become an important partner in helping us achieve our goals. They have agreed to an in-kind donation of a portion of the purchase price of the property. They have stayed at the table for nearly 10 months, discussing the purchase and working through challenges presented to them by this purchase.

Our partnership with Ettel and Franz Roofing has been extremely important. As a valued business neighbor, they will be able to stay in the neighborhood by continuing to utilize the east end of the property for

screened parking. The neighborhood has benefited from having a strong and friendly business next door.

The gardeners that have worked so hard on this project are to be commended as well. Without them, there would be no garden. As the coordinators, Sue Conner and Sherm Eagles have worked tirelessly on this project.

We are happy to bring this tangible, neighborhood-driven project to the Park as a gift for future generations. Help us keep the momentum going. And, if you have questions, please feel free to call us at 649-5992.

Bob Arndorfer, Alice Magnuson, Suzanne Fantle, Mary Jackson, Ken Chin-Purcell, Deborah Kuehl
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Citizen Police Academy

by Natalie Zett

In 1993, I wrote an article that for the Park Bugle that centered on a crime. At that time, two men who tried to rob the Hampden Park Food Co-op were shot and killed by a security officer. I drove by there just seconds after it occurred. I have never forgotten it. The article won an award, but the experience shattered my sense of security, changed how I felt about the neighborhood, and bolstered my resolve to do something about escalating violence. But what?

Writing articles, even those that win awards, is helpful, but not completely effective. Therefore, when I first heard of a "Citizen Police Academy" a year ago, I was interested. I never heard of such a thing, and it seemed I should check it out.

The Citizen Police Academy (CPA) is an eight-week training course held on Wednesday evenings. The CPA is offered once or twice a year, and is sponsored by the Police Department of St. Paul. Its goal is to educate the citizens of St. Paul about the structure and activities of the police department. While it is without charge (it is funded from the budget of the Chief of Police), the police do hope that these academies will facilitate feedback from citizens.

To apply, I simply completed a form. I thought it would be jam-packed and take forever to get in. Instead, I learned the academy I applied for was canceled — not enough interest. Fortunately, I was able to get into the next one. However, I was surprised to notice my heart palpating as I pulled into the

Police Station parking lot (at 11th Street in downtown St. Paul) the first night of class. In all honesty, my feelings toward police have been ambivalent. Always glad to see them out and about; yet, I'm sometimes afraid of them. Who were these mysterious people willing to lay down their lives for us? Who would be behind the double-doors: John Wayne, Dirty Harry, or the guys from Dragnet?

Instead, an older, friendly man, an alumnus of a previous CPA, was waiting to escort us to the Training Unit. Once in the auditorium, we were each welcomed warmly by Ruth Siedschlag, the Training Coordinator. Siedschlag, a civilian who works full-time for the department, distributed ID badges, parking permits, and notebooks. The class was comprised of about 20 people, a diverse group of men and women representing the citizens of St. Paul. I took my seat in the lecture hall and read the syllabus. The course agenda was intense! Even with three lectures each night, how would we get through all of this material in just eight weeks?

I noticed the Chief of Police would lecture us the first night. Surely, this must be the Hollywood Action Hero I was waiting for. When William Finney, Chief of Police, entered the auditorium, the atmosphere did indeed change. Yet, if there was hardness or cynicism, it was undetectable in this affable, gracious man who smiles easily. Finney, a twenty-year plus police veteran, broke the ice by discussing two of his favorite topics: Saint Paul ("I have no humility when it comes to St. Paul. I was born here, I live here, and I just love it!") and his pride in the St. Paul Police ("We do our best to hire the best and to set high standards.")

Finney discussed the more violent crimes he's had to work with over the years: "It's difficult," said Finney, "to explain what it is like to deal with this stuff. We have psychologists and chaplains to help officers cope with this. First and foremost, though, humanity has to exist in the mind of an officer; yet he or she also, at the same time, has to be a tough professional." A difficult balance to strike.

The tone was set. The following weeks we were

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Bugle wins top award for excellence



Sometimes it's fun to toot your own horn, or blow your own bugle, so to speak. The Park Bugle has cause enough to do so — once again, the newspaper has won the first place award for General Excellence in the annual contest sponsored by the Neighborhood and Community Press Association (NCPA).

The Bugle also won first place for Best Continuing Design, an award that Bugle Board member Jeanne Schacht should be proud of, as she's largely responsible for the paper's redesign.

The Neighborhood and Community Press Association is more than 25 years old and is one of the oldest urban neighborhood press groups in the country. This contest was judged by media professionals in the Twin Cities and greater Minnesota. The Bugle was judged in a category for medium-sized newspapers.

These 1997 awards illustrate the Bugle's excellence on many fronts. As the list below indicates, the Bugle placed at the top, or near top, in everything from Best Illustration to Best Ongoing Column. So let's blow the bugle for a job well done! ■

Illustration by Louis Safer

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- Best Continuous Coverage of a Single Issue**
First Place — David Anger, *Traffic Calming*
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Second Place — David Anger, Regula Russelle, Laura Pritchett, Todd Boss, Natalie Zett, *How Does Your Garden Grow*
Second Place — (tie) Regula Russelle, Judy Woodward, *An Evening in the Life of Muffuletta*
- Best Feature Photo**
First Place — Truman Olson, *A Poet and a Potter*
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Second Place — Michelle Christianson and Michael Rogness, *Commentary*
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St. Anthony Park Community Council NEWS

HOLIDAY SOCIAL AND MEETING

Please join the St. Anthony Park Community Council at the Olson Student Center, Luther Seminary on January 13th at 7 p.m. for our Holiday Social and Meeting. Call Heather at 651-649-5992 for further information. Everyone is welcome!

CRIME ALERTS

St. Anthony Park has experienced the following incidents in the last month: A woman was sexually assaulted near the Tennis Courts at Hoyt and Cleveland Avenue, Thursday, December 3 after sunset. The assailant is described as a dark skinned white male, possibly Hispanic, medium build, with dark curly hair, 5'8" to 5'11", with dark jeans or sweatpants, white Adidas tennis shoes, and wearing a stocking over his head. If you have any information on this crime, please call the University of Minnesota Police at 624-3550.

The St. Paul and St. Anthony Village Police report that a male exposer is active again in St. Anthony Park. This person preys on garden level apartments, and poorly lit areas. He is described as a dark skinned/tanned caucasian male, with dark hair, 5'8" to 6', stocky or chunky build, in his 30's. He wears a stocking or a scarf over his face. If you see this individual, please make a report immediately to the St. Paul Police by dialing 911.

Please call the St. Anthony Park Community Council at 651-649-5992 if you have any questions, or would like further information or crime alert flyers. We need your help!

ARTS EVENTS

DANCE

Young Dance presents "January Thaw" at Student Center

Young Dance presents "January Thaw" on January 14 at 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. at the St. Paul Student Center Theatre, 2017 Buford Ave. All seats must be reserved in advance by calling 612-827-0650. Young Dance is a unique modern dance company of young people from eight to 18 years of age and is directed by Sam Costa, a St. Anthony Park resident.

MUSIC

Ethos Percussion Group promises exciting performance

The Music in the Park Series presents the Ethos Percussion Group (Joseph Gramley, Eric Phinney, Yousif Sheronick and Michael Sgouros) in a percussion extravaganza on January 24 at 4 p.m. at the St. Anthony United Church of Christ (2129 Commonwealth Ave. at Chelmsford). Known for its entertaining performances, Ethos generates both musical and visual excitement with an array of percussion instruments from around the world. The New York-based Ethos is in residence at the Children's Museum of Manhattan and has performed at the Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall and Carnegie Recital Hall. The ensemble made its international debut at London's Wigmore Hall in February of 1998. For



Ethos Percussion Group will perform on January 24 as part of the Music in the Park Series. Photo by Don Hunstein

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EXHIBITS

Paper Bazaar at Raymond Avenue Gallery

"Paper Bazaar: An Exhibition of Small Work" is now showing at the Raymond Avenue Gallery, 761 Raymond Ave. Four Minnesota artists will present small-scale artwork made of or on paper. The gallery is open

Como Conservatory displays work by Mark Granlund

The Como Park Conservatory will display the artwork of Mark Granlund until January 31. His work consists of charcoal drawings of orchids from the Conservatory's collection. Granlund has been a resident artist at the Conservatory for four years, where he manages arts and environmental programs for youth and adults. ■

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feeling regretful in the morning.

Learn how to do snow sculpture.

Why not become the Michelangelo of the Minnesota winter? The St. Anthony Park Community Education Office is offering a family class in snow sculpture at 6:30 p.m. on January 22, in the St. Anthony Park Elementary School yard. There will be snow mounds ready to sculpt, colored-water bottles available for special spray-on effects and a local artist on hand to offer advice and encouragement. Wasn't this the year you planned to find a real outlet for that creative energy that's been lying dormant since your grade school art class? Well, what's stopping you?

The Snow Sculpture Class costs \$5 per family and includes free hot chocolate to keep the artistic inspiration from freezing over in the icy Minnesota evening. Call the Community Education Office at 293-8738 to register or for more information about other winter classes.

Carve a perfect figure-eight on the skating rink at Langford Park.

Recreation Center officials estimate that it takes about five nights of good solid freezing weather to produce a rink surface that's perfect for skaters. Rink lights stay on until 6 p.m. on school nights and 9 p.m. on weekends; and the general rink is

always open to members of the public — regardless of their skating level. You can warm up in the Rec Center itself while you check out some of the other activities available through the St. Paul Parks and Recreation Department. So dig out your old figure skates and sharpen them up. What are you waiting for? The January Thaw?

Join a Book Club.

Book clubs have become a cultural phenomenon of the 90s. Oprah pushes them on TV, and thousands of ordinary readers have banded together as well to share ideas and reactions to books that provoke and entertain them.

There are probably dozens of book clubs in the area, but here are two that are looking for new members.

The Faith and Fiction Club meets at the St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ and welcomes readers from all religious backgrounds. Club spokesperson Mary Ann Peterson emphasizes that members don't confine themselves to "religious" titles, but are interested in a broad variety of books that offer insight into moral or ethical concerns. The Club meets monthly on a Sunday evening at 7 p.m. This month's meeting is scheduled for January 31, and the book to be discussed is John Irving's *Cider House Rules*, a tale of a physician/philosopher father and

his surrogate son at the St. Cloud Orphanage. For more information call Peterson at 612-721-4133.

If you want to join the new book club at Micawber's Bookstore in Milton Square, you'll have to wait until February — but that, of course, will give you more time to finish the book. The Micawber's club will discuss African-American author Gloria Naylor's fictional account of the interwoven lives of the patrons of *Bailey's Café*. The book club will meet twice on Wednesday, February 3, with an afternoon session at 2 p.m. to be held at Taste of Scandinavia Bakery, and an evening meeting at 7 p.m. at the bookstore. For more information, call Micawber's at 646-5506.

Go cross-country skiing on a moonlit night at the University Golf Course.

You don't have to be a member of the University community to use the Bolstad Golf Course in winter. Just strap on a pair of cross-country skies. There are entrances to the course on Larpen Avenue, Cleveland Avenue, and on Fulham Street. University officials caution that the cross-country trails are not groomed and that there are no evening lights, but that shouldn't be a problem if you choose your time carefully. There's a full moon on New Year's this year. If it's a clear night, why not begin the very last January of the 1990s on skies? ■

Sally Marie Boutique and Gallery

Como Park residents create artist's haven



by Laurel Ostrow

The building on the corner of Nebraska and Hamline in the Como neighborhood used to be a grocery store — now, it's an artists' haven. In 1977, Sally Marie and her first husband, Carl, bought the place, groceries and all. With good speed, Carl sold all the groceries and remodeled the building in order to put in a gallery and a sub-level space for Sally Marie's boutique business. Now the building has a brown sign out front that reads Sally Marie Gallery.

"It was really beautiful around here with flowers and plants," Sally Marie reminisces.

Carl died at 50, leaving her with five children and the gallery. Always a fan of oil painting, she began to paint herself and was determined to keep the gallery open. Eight years later, she married a man whose paintings she'd sold for years, Herb Walfoort, a portrait and water color artist. Both shared a passion for art. The main floor of the building now displays Walfoort's paintings, as well as the work of other prominent visual artists. Herb Walfoort has done beautiful work in watercolors, and some are local scenes around St. Paul and Como Park.

The Walfoorts also provide framing and matting services, as

well as the sale of unframed prints. Sally Marie makes swags and decorations in addition to painting her delicate oils of flowers and landscapes.

During a four week period around the holidays, Sally Marie presents the Star Angel Boutique. In her shop, one is immediately immersed in an old fashioned feeling of Christmas. More than a dozen artisans, all of them local, contribute holiday items they've crafted: small lamps, ornaments, stockings, hand made doll clothes and various angels, to mention a few. Sally Marie has a number of customers who return from year to year, as well as many newcomers. These are the early holiday shoppers; the boutique closes in

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November. The main gallery will have holiday items on display throughout the season.

The gallery is only open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11-5, and Saturdays from 11-4. "We're semi-retired," Sally Marie said with a smile. "We're lucky to be doing what we love." However, judging from the meticulous way in which these local business people present their inspiring wares, more than luck has gone into their artistic success. ■

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native community of Falcon Heights. In fact, the 49-year-old artist has never strayed far from Snelling and Como avenues. She did an intermittent ten-year stint behind The Bibelot's counter. Nowadays, Lustig lives in the house that she and her five siblings came of age in.

Find Lustig's scarves at fine

stores across the country such as Takashimaya, the *piece de resistance* of Manhattan shopping, and The Bibelot on Como Avenue. Wear a Lustig original with pride. Incidentally, Lustig means "merry" in German and her exuberant textiles bring us closer to reaping cheery days. ■

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snow-covered hills are filled with brightly clad skiers and children

laughing and shrieking with excitement. Gliding skate skiers, swooping

downhill snowboarders and traditional cross-country skiers take to the

trails with eagerness. Groomed trails thread skiers around small ponds,

through groves of trees, and into backwoods and bowls. Long colorful

lines of students follow instructors on winding trails.



The Como Branch of the Minnesota Youth Ski League (MYSL), is in its 11th season at Como Park. Classes in cross-country and skate skiing, outings, an equipment swap, instructor training and festivals are all part of the fun. Eight-week classes range from "first steppers" (generally ages 4-8) who learn the basics from how to take skis off and on, how to dress, and how to glide and stop, through "silver skis" (generally ages 11-15), an advanced program that introduces young skiers to racing, jumping, back country skiing, telemark and ski orienteering. The programs emphasize fun, fitness and development of a life-long love for outdoor sports as family recreation. After class, treats are served in the Clubhouse.

Anne Rykken, leader of the Como Park Club, says, "It's an opportunity for kids and parents to get out and do an outdoor activity together in the winter." The Como Club is the most popular of the 14 MYSL clubs in the area; in fact Como is the biggest children's cross-country ski club in the U.S., with 180 children participating per year, and approximately 25 coaches. Why is Como so popular? Rykken can readily list the reasons: "Our goal is to teach kids a sport that they can do all their life, a lifelong sport. We have a good facility, the City of St. Paul is very supportive of our program, and we have a lot of enthusiastic volunteers that are willing to come out for eight Sundays in a row." Alumni of the six-level curriculum are eligible to become a junior coach, assisting the adult coaches each week. "The junior coaches add a lot to the classes," Rykken observed. "They're particularly fun because most of them started skiing here when they were four or five years old. To see them come back now and help teach is fun. They ski much better than the rest of us," she laughed.

Marnie Myhre, of St. Anthony Park, volunteers as a coach each winter because "it's fun to teach the kids, then watch them fly up and down the hills." As a parent, she enjoys watching how much her children have developed skills over the years. Jake, age 10, has taken all the cross-country classes. "I'm looking forward to skate skiing this year, because it's fun," Jake said.

Each December, MYSL provides a weekend of coach's training at

Giant's Ridge Ski Area to gear up for the season. The coaches have a contagious enthusiasm. St. Anthony Park likes the classes because the kids get to participate in games; and being outdoors is fun. His mother, Sally McGuire, concurred — that structure — that encouragement — that family, doing something outside in the winter, being outside, but sometimes we need a little structure. St. Anthony Park likes the lessons because the kids are doing something rather than just listening. Ian started with the program, was surprised at how he took to it, and now he's a coach. McCord, was surprised at how he took to the program up for fun. They instill a love of the sport that kids would find it too hard and not enjoy.

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What kids like about ski lessons

"I like just being out there, skiing, because you can go really, really fast and have races. Also, I do like the snack."

— MACKENZIE HUTH, AGE 9, ST. ANTHONY PARK

"Even if I'm behind, one of the teachers comes and helps me keep going. They really work with you."

— HANNAH SOULE, AGE 9, COMO PARK

"You get to ski with your friends and meet new friends. They have organized trails and races. At the end is the carnival, and that's fun."

— NICK DELMAS, AGE 12, ST. ANTHONY PARK

"When I started, I didn't know how to ski at all. But it was easy to learn. Now I really like going to classes and just skiing."

— IAN DAVY, AGE 10, ST. ANTHONY PARK

g season. The volunteer sport. Ben Huth, age 11, of re with your friends. You get going down hills is just like having a designated have time together as a she said. "We always enjoy ush." Ian McCord, age 11, of get to do stuff and learn, and his mother, Joan sport. "The instructors set the sport. I thought very young t they catch on quickly."

For those looking for less sedate skiing, novice down-hill skiers and snowboarders can sign up for lessons at the Como Clubhouse. A special package arrangement includes lessons and equipment, and is great for younger children who want to try out downhill (and who grow out of their gear quickly!). The gentle downhill slope, serviced by a tow rope, also hosts snowboarders perfecting their turns and jumps.

Apres-ski, the hot chocolate at the Clubhouse always seems to taste extra thick, and the red-cheeked faces look tired but happy. Early sunsets turn the hills colorful once again. Gear gets loaded, lost, tangled. Parents prepare to take hungry children home for dinner and a long winter's sleep.

For more information about classes and events, call the MYSL office at 651-487-6714. ■

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- 39 single-family houses sold through the Regional Multiple Listing Service
- The Average sale price was \$179,413
- In 1997, the average sale price was \$146,700
- The average market time was 20 days
- The lowest priced house was \$99,900
- The highest priced was \$337,000
- Ten houses failed to sell during contract time
- Of those that failed to sell, the average market time was 88 days
- The average price, per square foot, of the houses that failed to sell, was 10% higher than those that did sell. This may indicate that they were overpriced.

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NEIGHBORS

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World Language Classes

The International Institute of Minnesota, located at 1694 Como Ave., is offering evening language classes from January 11 to April 5, 1999. Languages offered include French, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. Call 651-647-0191 for more information.

Area YMCA offers new programs

The Midway Family YMCA is offering men's, women's, co-ed, and teen boys and girls volleyball and basketball leagues for the new year beginning in January. Also slated for the upcoming winter session is a dance class for kids ages seven to 12. Call the Midway Family YMCA at 651-646-4557 for more information.

Como Council holds annual meeting

The District 10 Como Park Community Council annual meeting will be held on February 16. Election of new board members will take place at this meeting. If you would like more information, call their offices at 644-3889.

Sports tournaments at Langford Park Rec Center

The Langford Park Rec Center's Classic Hockey and Basketball Tournament will take place from January 5 through January 10.

The Rec Center's Winter Sports Days will be held January 23 and 24. There will be a medallion hunt, skating races, snow sculpting and a food booth.

Call 298-5765 for more information about either event.

Field Trip to Afton Alps

The Langford and South St. Anthony Rec Centers are sponsoring a field trip to Afton Alps on Friday, January 29. This event is for children in grades 6 and up. Call 298-5765 for cost and other information.

Youth classes and activities

The South St. Anthony and Langford Rec Centers will offer the following classes beginning the week of January 18: chess, cooking, figure skating, tumbling, and gym class. Call 298-5765 for specific dates and times.

Lauderdale's Winter Carnival

Lauderdale's Sno Commotion Winter Carnival, complete with a medallion hunt, bonfire, marshmallow roast, ice skating and snowman-building contest, will be held on January 23. This event will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. at the warming house in the city park on the corner of Fulham and Roselawn Avenue.

St. Anthony Park Council holds holiday meeting

The St. Anthony Park Community Council will hold a special holiday meeting at 7 p.m. on January 13 at Luther Seminary's Olson Campus Center. Call 649-5992 for details.

PEOPLE

On October 30, St. Anthony Park Bank honored Park resident **Christine Elsing** for her 20 years of dedicated service. She was



honored and presented with a beautiful mantle clock.

Natalie Hoyle was recently recognized as an all-conference scholar athlete at St. Olaf College. To be considered as a scholar athlete, the athlete must maintain a 3.35 GPA or higher and also must be of at least sophomore standing.

Yazid Britt, a resident of Commonwealth Terrace Cooperative student housing,



performed in the Minnesota Boychoir's annual holiday concert in December.

Founded in 1962, the Minnesota Boychoir is the oldest boychoir in the Twin Cities. Auditions for new members are held throughout the year. Contact Mark Johnson at 651-292-3219 for information about auditions and performances.

IN BRIEF

Street plans considered for Falcon Heights neighborhood

The Falcon Heights City Council is considering proceeding with the final phase of a city street improvement program that began in 1991. Plans call for reconstructing Asbury, Holton, Albert (north of the school), Pascal, Simpson, Ruggles and portions of Crawford this spring. The proposed project includes rebuilding the streets with new curbs and gutters, adding stormsewers where needed, and evaluating gas, electric, telephone and cable utilities. The total project cost is estimated at \$1,408,000 with an assessment to abutting tax-paying residential properties of \$26.50 per foot.

Como neighborhood implements street plans

In 1999, many of Como neighborhood's residential streets will be paved, with curbs and street lighting added. The City of St. Paul Department of Public Works has held a series of meetings this fall with area residents to discuss what changes will be included in this residential street paving project.

Thanks to all who helped with St. Anthony Park and Como Park clean-up

This year's St. Anthony Park/Como Park Cleanup was extremely successful. We had over 600 cars go through the cleanup site in a six hour period! We recycled the majority of items received, and actually decreased the amount of refuse taken to landfills or Newport for incineration this year.

We are discussing the possibility of hosting a Spring Brush Day in 1999. Please call Heather Worthington with your ideas about this event, and feedback regarding this year's cleanup at 649-5992.

— Heather Worthington

Commemorative bricks at the SAP Library

A terrace of personalized paving bricks will enhance the new handicapped accessible entrance of the St. Anthony Park Branch Library. Almost 200 bricks have been sold to those who made a contribution of \$250 or more during the fund drive a year ago. There is still time to make a contribution and have a brick designated in honor of someone special or as an indication of support of the library. The bricks will be placed when construction is complete, and the orders for personalized bricks will be completed in January. Pick up a form at the library or call Arlene West, publicity chair, at 651-649-0481 to have one mailed to you.

— Kevin Bevis



Colin and Maddie McAllister (pictured with cousin Kali Olsen) sold English candies at Maddy's Sweets Shop during the Linconshire Festival held at Milton Square on December 5. The event drew a crowd of 500, from as far away as North Dakota, Iowa and Wisconsin. From the experience, the McAllisters have opened the Larks Limited shop on a more permanent basis. January hours are Thursday-Friday 10-6, and Saturday 10-4. Look out for special events and activities; tea and scones are available any time! Call 651-645-1112 for more information.

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Q & A

What's a creative use for snow?

Photographs and interviews by Alyssa Whiting



Meriel and her dad
Don McCall

"You can make snowladies instead of snowmen!" says Meriel. "For cooling down after a sauna!" adds Don.



Patty Guerrero

"Gather 10,000 'flakes' and ask who they voted for for governor!"



Kim Tyler

"The other day I gathered some snow in a glass to show my two-and-a-half year-old son a science experiment. He thought it was neat — until it melted! Needless to say, now we have a snowball sitting in the freezer."



Vivian and her mother
Christina Kalumbi

"I would make snow angels, and make big sculptures of snow with pictures on them like at the ice rink," says Vivian.

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Northern Lights 4-H Club — a rising star

by Pamela Alderink

Good things are happening in the Northern Lights 4-H Club. New leadership, increasing enrollment, and a renewed focus on 4-H learning opportunities seem to be adding new vitality to the club.

New leadership has come at both the club level and the county level. At the club level, long-standing organizational leader Barbara Burk resigned in 1997. "My kids have grown beyond the age of wanting to participate," said Burk.

Kathy Behrens assumed the position as organizational leader. "Barbara Burk had successfully and creatively led the group for many years," said Behrens, who has been involved with Northern Lights for more than 14 years.

At the county level, three key leadership positions were also filled in 1997. Northern Lights parent leaders are pleased with the increased effectiveness and involvement of staff at the county level. "They're always there to give ideas and encouragement," said Behrens. "They've also improved on the communication by sending out mailings that are more informative."

Membership in the Northern

Lights is expected to be about 30 this year, up from 25 members last year. Over the past two years the club has attracted members from a larger geographic area. Traditionally, most members have been St. Anthony Park residents. The club now has members from Lauderdale, Roseville, and the Como Park area.

The Northern Light's renewed focus on the joy of learning has also contributed new energy. Several types of learning opportunities are available to members. One is a yearly club theme. Last year the club focused on poultry. A short lecture and hands-on activities were presented by Mike Flickinger at monthly club meetings. Flickinger brought a live chicken to the first club meeting. In the spring he brought eggs in an incubator. When the chicks hatched, he held a hatching party. The growing chickens were eventually delivered to a farm.



Northern Lights 4-H Cloverbud Michael Harty and his mom, Stephanie Harty, making a clothespin reindeer ornament at the December club meeting. Photo by Pamela Alderink

A second 4-H learning opportunity involves completing a project. Project meetings and Cloverbud meetings, which typically meet once a month in addition to club meetings, "are the building blocks of the 4-H program," said Waalen, a project leader. "Kids learn a skill that takes persistence."

Projects such as woodworking, photography and sewing were offered by parent

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treated to some amazing presentations by cops and civilian employees. To say the course was comprehensive is an understatement. Some highlights:

— We learned about the stringent educational, psychological and physical requirements of a St. Paul Police Officer. These standards must be maintained throughout the police officer's career.

— We heard from the bike cops how effective their work has been in capturing criminals. "They never hear us coming," said one of the officers.

— We were enthralled by the police lieutenant who described his process for questioning suspects.

— We learned the value of Block clubs. The police are adamant about the power of such neighborhood organizations as a deterrent to crime.

— We saw members of the Critical Incident Response Team (sometimes called SWAT teams) in their army fatigues, which was a little jarring at first. Yet, witnessing one of the officers get teary-eyed recalling the day when Officers Ryan and Jones, along with Lazer

the Canine, were killed, I saw this mingling of a tough professional with a tremendous heart.

— We discussed more disturbing aspects of the job, such as the reality of a homicide scene investigation, dealing with gangs, and sex crime notification.

Finally, we studied the use of deadly force continuum. The chart on the wall made it appear clear-cut about when and when not to use deadly force. To put that learning into practice, we left the safe confines of the lecture hall. We were put into a paddy wagon (we weren't being arrested, but driven from the police station to the IRS building, where we did our shooting simulations). Once inside, we were given brief training in how to fire a handgun and a gun (that emitted laser beams).

We each took turns being a cop for a few moments as part a video-simulated crime scenario. My scenario entailed a downed police officer and suspect. As I was investigating the scene, the suspect, who appeared to be dead, instead reached for his gun. I fired first, and missed. He kept firing at me while I stood and kept

shooting. I kept telling myself that it was only a video, but it really brought it home to us that a wall chart is one thing; reality, albeit simulated, is much more difficult. There's nothing like walking a mile in someone else's shoes, even if it's only for a few minutes.

If there was a John Wayne or Dirty Harry in this bunch, I never saw him (or her). Instead I met some amazing individuals who put a whole new meaning on the word "dedication." Yet, one question remained: why would anyone do a job where they put their lives on the line daily? According to Ruth Siedschlag, "It may sound corny, but they do it because they believe in it. They really think they can make a difference in this world."

Toward the end of our training, I saw a St. Paul Police car speed by me. As I looked at the woman cop, I felt camaraderie. I know what she went through to get there, and that she has to keep proving herself.

"Be safe," I whispered to her as she disappeared around the corner.

For more information about the Citizen Police Academy, contact Siedschlag at 651-292-3583. Or check out the Web site at <http://www.stpaul.gov/police/cpa.htm>. ■

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1 FRIDAY

■ Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.

4 MONDAY

■ St. Paul schools resume after vacation.

■ 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.

5 TUESDAY

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

■ Tot Time (for 5-year olds and younger), Langford Park Rec Center, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Tuesday. Call 298-5765 for details.

■ St. Anthony Park Writer's Group — no meeting in January. Check the Bugle for information regarding the next meeting.

6 WEDNESDAY

■ St. Anthony Park recycling.

■ 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.

7 THURSDAY

■ Tot Time (for 5-year olds and younger), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 10 a.m.-noon. Every Thursday. Call 298-5765 for details.

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

11 MONDAY

■ Como Park recycling.

■ Park Press Inc., — Park Bugle — board meeting, ParkBank community room, 7 a.m.

■ Falconeers Senior Club, Falcon Heights, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 1-3:30 p.m. Call 488-3361.

12 TUESDAY

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

■ Holly House Director Dr. Patricia Lawler will share ways to achieve and maintain your ideal body weight, naturally. Free workshop, 6 p.m. Call 651-6951.

■ Minnesota Waldorf School hosts informational meeting about their K-8 school from 7 to 9 p.m. at 2129 Fairview Avenue North. Call 651-636-6577 for more information.

■ The Como-Midway La Leche League will meet at 7 p.m. to discuss the advantages of breastfeeding. For meeting location or more information, contact Jeanne at 651-644-0302.

13 WEDNESDAY

■ 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.

15 FRIDAY

■ Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.

16 SATURDAY

■ Lauderdale "500" Club, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 1 p.m.

■ Parent Information Fair — St. Paul school choices — St. Paul Armory.

18 MONDAY

■ Martin Luther King Day.

19 TUESDAY

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

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

■ Falcon Heights La Leche group meeting, 7 p.m. Call 651-917-7378 for more information.

20 WEDNESDAY

■ St. Anthony Park recycling.

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

23 SATURDAY

■ Lauderdale's Sno Commotion Winter Carnival, 4 to 6 p.m., at the warming house in the city park on the corner of Fulham Street and Roselawn Avenue.

Superintendent of Parks W. La Mont Kaufman at Como Park, 1932. Photo courtesy of the Ramsey County Historical Society

25 MONDAY

■ Como Park recycling.

■ St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program Board of Directors meeting, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church library, 7:15-9 p.m.

■ Falconeers Senior Club, Falcon Heights, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 1-3:30 p.m. Call 488-3361.

26 TUESDAY

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

27 WEDNESDAY

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

■ Kindergarten conference preparatory day — no kindergarten for St. Paul schools.

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

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

28 THURSDAY

■ Elementary conferences preparatory day — no St. Paul elementary school.

■ Kindergarten conference (all day) — no St. Paul kindergarten.

■ Kindergarten/elementary evening conferences.

29 FRIDAY

■ Kindergarten/elementary conference day and secondary teacher grading and reporting day — no St. Paul school. End of first semester.

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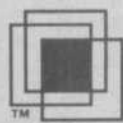
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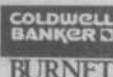
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Bertil Anderson

Bertil "Bert" L. Anderson died on November 26. He was 86 years old. Anderson was a resident of Como Park on Sheldon.

He was a member of Como Park Lutheran Church.

Anderson is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mae Anderson; and two daughters, Dianne Holden and Linda Ankrum.

Ruth Crawford

Ruth Crawford, a longtime resident of St. Anthony Park, died on December 12. She was 83 years of age.

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, in March of 1915, she moved to St. Paul in 1940. In 1949, Ruth and Bryce Crawford moved to their Branston Street home, where they lived for almost 50 years. They moved to 1666 Coffman in May, 1998.

Crawford was active in her

church and community. She was noted for her strong, yet gentle, personality and her dry sense of humor. Her writing enlivened the meeting minutes she took for the women's meetings at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. She took part in PTA and in AFS, the student exchange program that she coordinated for the city of St. Paul. She was instrumental in starting the Block Nurse program in St. Anthony Park.

Survivors include her husband, Bryce Crawford, Jr.; two sons, Bryce Crawford, III and Craig Crawford; a daughter, Sherry Crawford; and several grandchildren.

Alice Geis

Alice J. Sullivan Geis, a longtime resident of Como Park on Pascal, died on December 8. She was 85.

Geis was a charter member of Holy Childhood Catholic Church

when it began just prior to World War II.

Preceded in death by her husband, Vincent Geis in 1976, she is survived by two sons, Richard Geis and Gregory Cordeiro; a daughter, Barbara Burg; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a brother, Brother Raymond Sullivan, and three sisters, Ruth Clark, and Geniece and Catherine Sullivan.

Nona Margaret Johnsen

Nona Margaret Johnsen died at age 96 on December 5. She had lived most recently at the Lyngblomsten Care Center.

Johnsen was a member of Midway Community Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Johnsen, and an infant son, Henry; two sisters, Cecil and Freida; and a grandson, David Stewart. She is survived by a son, Donald Johnsen; two daughters, Shirley Stewart and Merlyn Barkman; 13 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Doris Moncrief

Doris E. Moncrief, a longtime resident of the Como Park neighborhood, died on November 20. She was 92 years old and had made her home on Pascal Avenue.

Moncrief was a parishioner at Holy Childhood Catholic Church.

Preceded in death by her husband, Frederick Moncrief, she is survived by a son, Richard Moncrief; two daughters, Arlene Karbowski and Muriel Moser; six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Myrtle Olsen

Myrtle M. Olsen died at age 99 on November 23. She was a resident of Lyngblomsten Care Center.

Olsen was preceded in death by her husband, Thorval Olsen. Survivors include a daughter, Arlene Bloomfield; five grandchildren, Susan Pearson, Janet Anderson, Todd, Jim and Steven Bloomfield; four great-grandchildren; a great-great-granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

Fred Steveken

Fred J. Steveken, a longtime resident of the Como Park area, died on November 22, at the age of 73. His home was on McKinley.

Steveken was a graduate of the Class of 1943 at Murray High School, where he was an outstanding athlete. He was a teacher and coach in the St. Paul high schools, finishing his career at Como Park High School. He was a songwriter and avid fisherman.

He was a charter member of Holy Childhood Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Joy Anfang Steveken; a daughter, Joy Steveken; four brothers, Roger, Tom, and David Steveken, all of St. Paul, and Bob Steveken of Arkansas; and 14 nieces and nephews.

— Compiled by Ann Bulger

ST. ANTHONY PARK HOME



As 1998 comes to a close, we at St. Anthony Park Home wish to thank the churches, schools and the community for their support, gifts, songs, and many kindnesses during the Holidays. We were truly blessed with your goodness. Our gratitude and best wishes for 1999!

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- Count the words. A word is numbers or letters with a space on each side. A phone number is one word.
- Figure your cost: 40¢ x number of words (\$4.00 minimum).
- Send your ad & check to Bugle Classifieds P.O. Box 8126 St. Paul, MN 55108 or deliver to the drop box at the rear of the Bugle office at 2301 Como Ave. by 6 p.m. on deadline day.
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- Call Susan McAllister at 651-646-5369 with questions.

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volunteers. At project meetings, members took photos, baked bread, and constructed coat racks, patchwork pillows and lap quilts.

Project members and Cloverbuds displayed their projects at the county fair. Those who enter are "competing against a standard of quality rather than against each other," said Waalen.

Twelve members entered projects at the Ramsey County Fair in 1998. This was the first year in the last several that more than two members from the club entered projects in the fair. Two members, Julie Magnuson and Heidi Behrens, also participated in 4-H competition at the State Fair.

After an impressive showing this year, Northern Lights is looking forward to next year's county fair. "This club is a rising star," Waalen said.

For more information on the Northern Lights 4-H Club, contact Kathy Behrens at 651-645-2457. ■

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— Steve and Kathy Wellington

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9 am Children & Family Worship (Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays)
9:50 am Sunday School
10 am Adult & Youth Forums
Wednesdays
5:15 pm Wednesday MEAL
6 pm Bell Choir (also a group on Tuesday at 9:30 am)
6 pm Choristers (3rd-6th grade)
6:20 pm Joyful Singers (K-2nd grade) 1st & 3rd Wednesdays
7 pm Midweek Evening Prayer Service
7 pm Confirmation, Adult Choir
7:30 pm Youth Nite
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Jan. 1, 9 am New Year's Day Mass

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