

# PARK BUGLE

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## Amoco running out of gas?

*Community council convinces St. Paul to reject gas station proposal at Highway 280 and Kasota*

by Dave Healy

**O**n March 10 the St. Paul City Council voted 7-0 to uphold the St. Anthony Park Community Council's appeal of a proposed Amoco gas station and convenience store for the northwest corner of Highway 280 and Kasota Avenue. After a public hearing at which three neighborhood residents spoke

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— Heather Worthington

against the proposed development, the city council's unanimous vote represents a significant roadblock to Amoco's plans for the site.

This appeal was the second made by the community council. The first appeal was submitted to the city's zoning committee, who had voted to approve Amoco's site plan. On February 4, the zoning committee denied that initial appeal. The zoning committee's recommendation was then forwarded to the St. Paul Planning Commission, who voted on February 11 to uphold it. It

was this planning commission decision that prompted the SAPCC's second appeal.

At the March 10 public hearing, testimony in support of SAPCC's appeal was limited to 15 minutes. At a March 9 strategy session hosted by the community council, the decision was made to select three people to speak on behalf of the appeal. St. Anthony Park residents Karlyn Eckman, Margot Munson, and Stephany Nide volunteered to speak at the public hearing. About 25 other neighborhood residents also attended the hearing in support of the community council's appeal. According to Heather Worthington, community council executive director, many other individuals had written and called elected officials.

The city council's vote overturned the planning commission's approval of Amoco's site plan. According to Worthington, it's hard to predict what Amoco might do now that they have no approved site plan. "We don't think this is a dead issue yet," she said. "We're still pursuing ways of protecting that property." Nevertheless, Worthington stressed the importance of this chapter in the Community Council's efforts. "This is a great victory for the neighborhood," she said. "It's been enormously gratifying to see people rally around this issue and prove that citizen action can make a difference." ■

## Garden becomes neighborhood property

by Mary Maguire Lerman

**N**early 20 years ago, the St. Anthony Park Community began leasing the "Railroad Community Gardens" land from the Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF). As early as April 30, this garden will become the property of the St. Anthony Park Community Council.

Yes! As a result of the efforts of gardeners, neighbors, businesses, foundations, St. Paul Sales Tax Revitalization Fund, and Capital Improvement Budget monies, St. Anthony Park will be the first community in St. Paul to own its community garden.

Heather Worthington, Executive Director of the St. Anthony Park Community Council, noted that "we have insured the future use of this property as a garden!" Also, we have set a precedent. According to Emily Andrews, Community Garden Outreach Worker for the Urban Lands Program, we are the



first neighborhood in the St. Paul area to raise the funds and purchase land for a community garden.

Most community gardens in the city are located on tax forfeit land. When those properties are eventually sold, the gardens disappear. When closing on the current BNSF property occurs, that will not be a concern here in St. Anthony Park. The gardeners may be heard humming that classic — "You're My Little Potato" — as they and future generations plant in the gardens. Watch for the ad in the May issue of the Bugle that will detail the individuals and organizations that have helped the garden project towards reaching its funding goal.

Photo courtesy Common Harvest Farm



Richard Olson and his sons, Alfie and Dickie, built this snowman at the railroad community garden to thank all the people that helped save green space. Photo by Truman Olson

## Discover Lance Neckar's landscape visions

by Judy Woodward

**A**re you thinking of putting in some new shrubs this spring, or maybe reseeding the bare spots in the lawn? Lance Neckar, despite his impressive credentials in the field of landscape architecture, is not the man to ask for help. Neckar doesn't hang over the back fence with neighborly advice on the shrubbery, and his eyes glaze over if he's asked to discuss the relative merits of lawn care treatments.

But try asking him, for example, how the infrastructure of a city street can affect the health,

serenity, prosperity and visual enjoyment of everyone who lives along it, or inquire of him how such seemingly prosaic elements as slope grading and water drainage can influence our spiritual well-being. Listen carefully to his answer, and you may find yourself thinking about your neighborhood in some complex and novel ways.

St. Anthony Park resident Neckar is the Associate Dean of the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, as well as a professor of Landscape Architecture. He is an expert on the work of Horace Cleveland, the well-known 19th century landscape designer who drew up the original plans for the St. Anthony Park neighborhood. When it came to landscape design, says Neckar, Cleveland almost always got it right. "Horace Cleveland understood the infrastructural systems that are involved when you lay out a railroad line or a roadway." According to Neckar, Cleveland's understanding of the interplay of landscape systems is not necessarily something that has been inherited by his modern successors. "When we look at modern suburbia," says Neckar,

"we look at the relationships between damage [to the watershed and the ecology of the area] produced by the road networks on the one hand, and the water conditions which attracted people to the land area in the first place. [Unlike many of today's developers] Cleveland understood how water was a defining aspect of natural landscape."

When Cleveland designed the Minneapolis Park System with its chain of interconnected recreational lakes, Neckar explains, he was addressing both social and ecological issues — although that wasn't the way they expressed it in the 19th century.

Neckar explains that Cleveland was the brother of a poet who happened to belong to the same literary circle as Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Influenced, perhaps, by his brother's brush with the creator of Hiawatha, Cleveland argued on poetic grounds for the preservation of such Hiawatha-related landmarks as Minnehaha Creek and Lake Nokomis. "Cleveland used pictorial affect," as Neckar puts it, "to mold citizens into action [to develop the Minneapolis

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Everyone is welcome!

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### Lance Neckar . . . from page 1

Lakes as both public parks and an efficient drainage system.]”

It's clear that Neckar finds Cleveland inspirational to his own work. Asked to sum up his own approach, he says, “I look at big infrastructure systems the way Cleveland did, and then I cast them in practical and poetical ways.”

On the practical side, there's the Urban Design piece of the Metropolitan Growth Study sponsored by the Center for Transportation Studies at the University of Minnesota. Neckar is directing it in order to examine relationships between water quality, environmental concerns and patterns of urbanization.

The poetry in Neckar emerges a little less readily. It shows itself when he's asked for his professional assessment of his own neighborhood. Walk down the streets of St. Anthony Park with Neckar, and you'll see them not as a mere assemblage of places for work and living, but as a collection of visual clues to the beliefs and aspirations of the people who dwell within.

Neckar believes that front yards are the public statement a community makes about itself. So what is the message of the lawns of St. Anthony Park? Neckar says that careful reading of the “text” of our yards tells us that the Park is “enlightened to a degree, while maintaining certain bounded values. This is NOT Edina,” he says, “but it's an academic version of Edina. Our lawn maintenance is more casual. We mow the lawn, but don't use chemical fertilizers. Instead we hand weed the lawns. It's all so St. Anthony Park Liberal.”

Neckar describes neighborhood yards, with their

elaborate variations of shrubbery, grass and trees as both the “public and private face” of the dwelling places beyond. In a carefully calibrated, Midwestern statement of boundaries, the layer of shrub plantings and trees “look nice,” Neckar points out, “but actually they also keep people at bay. In the Midwest, we don't like fences in the front yard. A front fence is a really angry kind of thing, so we don't like them and we don't think we need them. But we don't have much of a front porch phenomenon either. We tend to sit out in the back [yard] in the private realm. [Instead] we layer up our front space with shrub plantings. [From inside our houses] we can look out through the canopy of shrubs and trees, so that we can see the street but not BE seen.”

Although Neckar concedes that, from the standpoint of landscape planning, “St. Anthony Park works about as well as you can expect a Midwestern community to work,” he has a ready eye for the community's design lapses as well as its successes. Noting that Cleveland's original models for sections of Como Avenue were the broad boulevards of Paris, Neckar suggests that the community might do well to incorporate some distinctly non-Minnesota touches.

Turn Como Avenue into

a snowbound version of the Champs-Élysées? Even the most visionary of landscape planners must reconcile himself to the limits of the Midwestern spirit — not to mention the rigors of our climate. Neckar does not expect sidewalk cafes suddenly to sprout up across the street from the Speedy Market and Park Hardware, but he maintains that the area would be better for it if they did.

“We tend not to realize how important retail space in the Como Avenue commercial area is,” he says. “Too much commercial property in the area is devoted to office space, and there are too many blank walls to the street. There's an ‘eyes on the street’ function associated with an active retail node that would take us into the evening [for better physical security and a stronger sense of community.]”

Neckar paints a beguiling image of an ideal community of Horace Cleveland-inspired roadways lined with attractive housing interspersed with shops and well-patronized public spaces. “Mixed use. Retail with residential spaces [over the stores],” he says. “That's ideal.”

But, please, just don't ask him for advice on choosing the shrubs. ■

### Community gardens . . . from page 1

COMMUNITY GARDENERS ALERT: Some television stations broadcast from their “rooftop gardens” or “backyard gardens.” This season, Larry Pfarr of Bachman's, who takes part in the “Take Five” garden segments on the Midday

Eyewitness News on KSTP TV, has rented a plot at the community gardens. He anticipates scheduling up to three taped or live segments monthly from the garden site — so you may want to keep a closer eye on those weeds in your plot!

Hoe! Hoe! Hoe! ■

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## Planting marvelous magnolias

by Mary Maguire Lerman

In recent years in late April, neighbors near College Park have been enjoying the blooms of magnolias. Look for them in yards on Raymond, Carter and Doswell. Some years the bloom is spectacular, while other years the buds and flowers may be disfigured by frosts or heavy storms. Although relatively difficult to obtain in the 1980's except through mail order nurseries, their availability is now wide-ranging. The three magnolias planted near College Park are "Dr. Charles Merrill," "Leonard Messel" and "Royal Star."

In 1982, I ordered a 3-foot-tall, bareroot "Dr. Charles Merrill" magnolia shipped to our first home. It took three years to put down a good root system and then it really started to thrive. By the time we moved to St. Anthony Park in 1989 it had grown to a second story window height. When covered with blooms, we frequently had inquiries at our door asking, "Is that a magnolia? Where did you get it? I didn't know there was a hardy magnolia for Minnesota!" Yes, there are hardy magnolias and they are a sight for sore eyes after a long winter.

Of the three magnolias, only one is fragrant. If you are looking for fragrance, then you must plant the "Dr. Charles Merrill" magnolia. What a perfume knockout you will enjoy! I did not detect any fragrance with either the "Leonard Messel" or the "Royal Star" magnolias.

The hardy magnolias are

divided into tree and shrub forms. In most nurseries the tree forms will be sold with multiple trunk stems, although occasionally you may find larger specimens pruned to a single trunk. I encourage you to plant smaller size magnolias as the cost is considerably lower and

the rose-pink effect as the petals flutter about. Give both cultivars plenty of room to grow as they will grow about 20' tall and 10-12' wide. For those who prefer shrubs, 'Royal Star' is the available selection. It has white flowers that develop on a plant that eventually reaches a height and spread of 8-10 feet, if not pruned.

These magnolias typically develop branches that zig zag back into other branches and need annual pruning. I prefer to prune them in later winter or when they



Photo courtesy Mary Maguire Lerman

because I believe they will more easily adapt to your landscape. However, you will probably be waiting for a few years before you are rewarded with a heavy bloom.

The tree magnolia cultivars are "Dr. Charles Merrill" and "Leonard Messel." "Leonard" has not been grown here as long as "Dr. Merrill," so we are not yet sure of its mature height. However, it does have the tree form similar to that of the dear doctor. Flower color is what sets them apart.

"Dr. Charles Merrill" is a white, waxy, fragrant bloom. "Leonard Messel" has a white upper flower petal color while the under side of the petals are pink. So, on breezy days, you will get

are in bloom. Then I can bring the buds or blooms indoors for further enjoyment. The flower buds are a great source of interest during the winter as they are large and fuzzy. One "Royal Star" in the neighborhood was further highlighted this winter with white holiday lights.

If you want to grow a magnolia in your landscape, keep these items in mind: Magnolias prefer a moist, well-drained, organic-rich soil in sun or part-shade. Avoid planting them directly against foundations or in hot, dry south-facing areas. ■

### GARDEN CLUB MEETS APRIL 6

Patrick Vettling of Heathwood Gardens will speak at the April 6 meeting of the St. Anthony Park Garden Club, 6:30 p.m., at Luther Seminary's board room in the Olson Campus Center.

The topic covers his specialty: Azaleas, Rhododendrons and Magnolias for northern landscapes. The meeting is free and open to the public.

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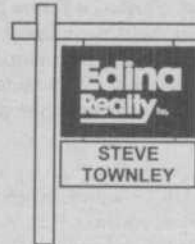
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# EDITORIAL

## Dear Governor Ventura:

The Bugle staff is sending you copy of this month's newspaper because of your interest in grass roots reform. Our April edition is chock-full of people helping people with get-up-and-go initiatives. For instance, Mr. Governor, turn to page 1, where the St. Anthony Park Community Council managed two coups: Neighborhood zeal stopped Amoco from building a giant station and residents can garden for years because the railroad garden is about to become a community-owned green space. Finally, read the paper's centerpiece feature that discovers the bliss of community supported agriculture. City folks are buying meats and vegetables directly from nearby farmers, eliminating the agribusiness middleman, enriching our pantries, and enhancing the farmer's pocket books. Stop by our office for the full scoop on more of our neighborhoods' good deeds. ■

## Remember Timothy Blade

There's still time to see the Goldstein Gallery's exhibition, *The Story of a Collector*, which chronicles the life and times of Timothy Blade's delightful and personal collection. Blade, who died two years ago, brought us joy and knowledge through his teaching at the university, curatorship at the Goldstein, and just plain joie d'vie. There are many Timothy Blade stories being told. This is a favorite: On a suny yet not quite spring day Blade was doing what he did best, digging for a "find" at a garage sale. Giddy with delight Blade tore through the loot with an impish grin, tempered only by his curator's scholarship. He found a deal, whispering to a fellow collector, "I found an 18th century mirror for \$45." Then, with quicksilver determination, he leapt out of the house in search of the next big find. ■

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## LETTERS

### Thanks for opposing Amoco proposal

We wish to thank all the neighbors who helped to distribute circulars notifying the community of the recent community council meeting and city hearing regarding the proposed site development by Amoco near Kasota Pond.

Due to Margot Monson's letter and the article in last month's Bugle public attention was brought to this matter.

330 residents signed and helped to circulate a community petition which opposes the Amoco development. Thank you to all the local businesses who posted the meetings notice and made the petition available. Special thanks to Nick and Ned at Park Service, Tim and Tom at Speedy and Hampden Park Foods. This petition is still available at these businesses. Even though the St. Anthony Park Community Council's appeal to stop development was upheld by a vote of the city council March 10, we do still need further public support on this issue.

A final thanks to Heather Worthington at the St. Anthony Park Community Council, and to all those who took time to attend the hearing and especially to those who so aptly testified there.

Community action works!

Jim Baker  
 Barbara Weisser

### Park Service employees

In the excitement (and possibly mixed feelings) of my retirement in the March Bugle, I failed to mention and thank the most important people, next to my customers. They are my employees.

Without them, Park Service certainly would not be the success it is today. Over the years I hired many

diverse and, sometimes, colorful people, but each person, in his own way, contributed greatly to where Park Service is today.

So to each and everyone of you, I want to express my gratitude and heartfelt thanks.

Nick Mayers, Park Service

### Tax surplus should help meet basic human needs

In last month's Bugle, one writer expressed his sharply worded opinion that a taxpayer rebate was the only acceptable use of the state's budget surplus and that only political spendthrifts could have an alternative view.

I would like to offer a different perspective.

According to the Star Tribune, the state's anticipated budget surplus could provide health insurance to all uninsured children and working adults in Minnesota, transitional housing for the homeless, fully fund Head Start and child-care subsidies for low-income working families — all for four years — and have about \$500 million left.

It disturbs me deeply that 6,500 low-income parents are on waiting lists for child-care subsidies, that thousands of our citizens are without shelter on any given night, and that 400,000 Minnesotans go without health insurance each year. Basic human needs of this magnitude are not the work of charity; they are the responsibility of government which is constituted to serve the mutual and general welfare of the people.

I know that I am not alone. Over half of the active members of my church have pledged to return or donate their rebates to the needs of the poor. And this intent has struck a chord in other faith communities and among

compassionate citizens generally. The Joint Religious Legislative coalition, representing diverse faith traditions, is calling on lawmakers to use the surplus to address unmet needs and to target tax relief to those who most need help.

The economy is strong; our coffers are overflowing. Surely now is the time for our state to meet the basic human needs of its people. Let us not lower taxes until the common good has been served.

I urge all who feel as I do to speak out.

Jo Anne Rohricht

### Keep up the good work

We're retired seniors. Due to husband's illness we spend winters here in Minnesota. . . We live in the Como Park area, but sure enjoy your excellent paper and shopping-in-your-quiet village. The restaurants-are-good too . . . We like all the shops . . . and . . . want ads . . . Thanks. Keep up the good work!

Peter and Betty Schawang

## Q & A

### Kids from Commonwealth Terrace Cooperative answer:

### What's your favorite animal to have as a pet in the whole world?

Photographs and interviews by Alyssa Whiting



**Rebecca Robinson**  
 "Kitty Cat."



**Chantry Rasmussen**  
 "There's two that are my favorite. The tree frog and the cobra."



**Regina Ngabung**  
 "A puppy because they're cute and if somebody comes into your house, they might bark! They're good protectors."



**Janey Maki**  
 "An orange and yellow colored kitten. I could give it a ball of yarn to play with."

### Thanks Readers for contributing to the Bugle fund drive

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# C O M M E N T A R Y



## Observing Yom HaShoah

by Natalie Zett

**I** t is utterly  
impossible for  
me to build

my life on a foundation of chaos, suffering, and death.  
I see the world being slowly transformed into a  
wilderness. I hear the approaching thunder that one  
day will destroy us too. I feel the suffering of millions.  
And yet, when I look at the sky, I somehow feel that  
everything will change for the better, that this cruelty  
too shall end; that peace and tranquility will return  
once more."

The above words were written by my very first "soul-mate." She was a lot like me. She wanted to be a writer, just as much as I did. She even had the same problems with her mother, with boys, and with algebra. In fact, she was more like my sister than my own sibling was. Just when she should have been out in the sun, enjoying school, life, parties, and her dreams, she was forced into darkness — her movements, her life constricted. It was those two years in seclusion that she produced her life's work.

The gift of *The Diary of Anne Frank* for my tenth birthday was the beginning of this lifelong relationship. It also provided my introduction to the Holocaust. Even as a young teenager, I was a voracious researcher. I read and saw everything that was available on this subject. That I was emotionally unprepared for this part of history went without saying.

Yet, Anne also helped me deal with this aspect of my life. Ethnically, I am at least half-Jewish, but that

was a well-kept secret in the family surrounded by alternately denying, admitting, then denying and admitting it again. My own feelings about it ran hot and cold — or ambivalent. Although I always felt a tremendous connection, I didn't know what to do with it. That was a source of frustration. I continued my family's denial/admission pattern for many years.

Finally, I decided to deal with this by formally converting to (or returning to) Judaism. Reclaiming that part of my family's voice would put things to rest. My years of study with a rabbi culminated in a public ceremony. The part that I will always remember is when the rabbi asked me, "Do you, knowing the history of persecution, willingly cast your fate with the fate of the Jewish people." I said confidently, "I do."

I still have problems with the organized aspect of this and any religion. However, one thing for sure, I am a Jew. If I ever forget that, which I don't, I have enough situations and people to remind me.

This past year, for whatever reason, I have been subjected to incidents that can only be categorized as anti-Semitic. Yet, even that is a pale description. It doesn't come close to explaining what it has done to heart and to my spirit.

I thought I would write about each incident that happened to me. That would mean giving time, energy, and words to abhorrent things such as hate, fear, and plain stupidity. I decided against going into great detail.

However, the final blow came from someone I thought was a friend — someone I thought respected and cared for me. The venom of her tirade caught me completely off guard. I was too stunned to reply. I found myself numb, looking outside the window, past her into the night sky where countless stars and the full moon shown brightly. It was then I remembered the words of another camp survivor friend who told me, "I don't ever forget what they did to me, but if I didn't forgive them, that hate would have eaten me alive."

My delayed reaction came the following day, which I spent in tears. I reached out to countless friends who went out of their way to be comforting and to assure me that they honored all of me. The love of my many friends was more powerful than ignorance or hate.

I also have to admit that it wasn't until this incident that I finally understood Anne Frank's assertion that, "In spite of everything, I still believe that people are good at heart."

This column is written on the occasion of Yom HaShoah (Day of Remembering the Holocaust) which falls on April 14, 1999. May we never forget. ■

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### NORTH ST. ANTHONY PARK

**Terry Gockman**  
*Exhibit and Display Builder*

I have been a member of the St. Anthony Park Community Council for the past three years. The work the Council has done during this time has visibly improved our community and enlightened me to the power, we, as a community, have in determining the quality of life. I've enjoyed this time and look forward to continue working with the dedicated people on the council.

**Kristina Stierholz**  
*Lawyer*

We moved to St. Anthony Park this summer from the Crocus Hill neighborhood. The "community" in this neighborhood is extraordinary. I want to contribute my time and talents to continuing the excellent work of the St. Anthony Park Community Council.

**Robert O. Straughn**  
*Attorney*

I served on the community council from 1986-1990, since then have continued to serve on the physical planning committee. I have also served our community through the Midway Chamber of Commerce (President, 1992-1993), University UNITED (President, 1996-1997), and as a board member of the Ramsey County Historical Society, owner of the Gibbs Farm Museum. I am a lawyer in private practice, with an emphasis on commercial real estate. My wife, Mavis, and I have lived in St. Anthony Park for the past 24 years. If elected, I would continue working to keep St. Anthony Park as a safe and pleasant neighborhood.

**Natalie Zett**  
*Computer Consultant*

I have lived in the Park since 1983, first as a student at Luther Seminary, then decided to stay because I enjoyed the uniqueness of St. Paul in general and this area in particular. Since 1991, I have been a contributing writer (features and column) to the Park Bugle. This association has bonded me even more so to the area. I'm a full-time consultant in the computer field, a graduate of

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 13, when St. Anthony Park residents casts their ballots for community council representatives.

North St. Anthony Park residents vote at the library, while South St. Anthony Park neighbors vote at Seal Hi-Rise. Polls are open from 4 to 8 p.m.

Five delegate and four alternative seats are open, including three delegates in South St. Anthony Park and two delegates in North St. Anthony Park.

The council makes a difference. For instance, they recently overturned a proposed Amoco. Other good deeds include securing the Burlington Northern community gardens and developing residential exterior fix-up funds.

the Citizen Police Academy (St. Paul), a member of Shir Tikvah Synagogue, and always looking for ways to contribute to my adopted home.

### SOUTH ST. ANTHONY PARK

**Bob Arndorfer**  
*Manager, St. Paul Police Impound Lot*

I would like to continue as a South St. Anthony Park delegate to the community council. My association with the council for the past 6 years has been very rewarding. I hope that in some way I have helped to make a difference, and an impact on the great neighborhood of St. Anthony Park. As I look forward, I feel that there are some exciting issues that the neighborhood is faced with. I feel that the council has to move forward in the most pro-active stance possible to improve community involvement, communication, and ownership in the decision making process that

continues to mold this neighborhood. I have been active in representing the neighborhood in a number of projects that will have a long term impact on the neighborhood: the SEED development of the Minneapolis Community Development Agency, delegate to the University Avenue Corridor Initiative, STAR Task Force. These involvements, have made me very aware of the tremendous impact our voices can have in our community. I feel that the main challenge for the council in the next few years, will be to develop strong communications in St. Anthony Park. The community council needs to continue as a major player within our neighborhood. I would welcome the chance to continue my involvement.

**Sherman Eagles**  
*Software Engineer*

I have been involved in various community activities in St. Anthony Park over the past 25 years. We have a wonderful neighborhood in which participation is valued and encouraged. The community council is a strong voice for our neighborhood. I would like to continue to work on the many issues facing our neighborhood and the Community Council.

**Karlyn Eckman**  
*Consulting Forester,  
Adjunct Professor, University of Minnesota*

I live in South St. Anthony Park and teach at the College of Natural Resources (U of M). I have worked on environmental forestry issues such as deforestation in Asia and Africa. I have also worked on Kasota Pond issues for about 6 years.

**Sueann Olson**  
*Student*

The community council has become a wonderful learning experience for me, opening my eyes to so much in the Park and in the immediate neighborhood. It is wonderful, too, working with such concerned, knowledgeable, and friendly people. It's been a good experience and very interesting. ■

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## 125 Years on Larpenteur Avenue: The white house and its history

by Judy Woodward

There's an old aerial photo of Larpenteur Avenue in Falcon Heights. Judging from the boxy look of the one or two autos frozen in time on what was then a two-lane country road, the picture was probably taken in the 1920s or early 1930s. The Gibbs Farm is clearly evident on one side of the picture, and the Lindig farm compound dominates the center of the picture. But the right side of the photo, edging toward the frame, belongs to the only other structure shown. It's the Wilzbacher Farm, and when the photo was made it was already more than 50 years old.

Once the farm stretched 30 acres from Larpenteur to Roselawn. The land is long gone, but the white farmhouse remains at 1865 Larpenteur. Narrow and long, made of white-painted Chaska brick, with many tall, narrow windows and a front porch supported by columns, it's a classic Italianate structure, and one that was probably considered something of a social overreach for the simple butter-and-egg man,

Peter Wilzbacher, for whom it was built in 1875. Aside from Gibbs Farm, it's almost certainly the oldest house in Falcon Heights.

Nowadays, the house looks substantial and elegant still, even if somewhat bemused to find itself flanked by an apartment building on one side and a small computer retailer on the other. In a nondescript block, the house stands reserved and slightly removed from the street, a graceful gem that rewards the discerning passerby.

The Wilzbacher family occupied the house continually from the time it was built until the beginning of the Second World War. Since then, the house has had several owners, and has undergone various interior-remodeling projects. A walk through the house reveals the ghostly shapes of walls that used to be doorways and fireplace surrounds that predate the hearth they enclose. Nevertheless, there are some original touches.

There's the front doorbell, for example, which surely seems to be the gadget of a long-gone era. It's a butterfly of metal set into a small brass dome attached to the front

For \$2,000 the original owners of this beloved Falcon Heights' home built Larpenteur Avenue landmark.

Photo from the Bugle archives

door, and it turns like the mechanism on the bottom of a wind-up music box.

But it does its work with late-20th century efficiency, summoning current owners Rollin and Marilyn Gates promptly to the door.

The Gates have owned the house since 1982. They've raised two children here, and, without being overwhelmed by the weight of history, are clearly respectful of their house's past.

"We think about it," says Marilyn, "when we consider redoing things." Rollin explains that when they replaced the house's roof, they angled the roof outwards to preserve and display the original dentil moldings and the distinctive restored wooden soffits. Interjects Marilyn, "And it would have been much cheaper to use plastic [vinyl]."

Marilyn adds that, although the Gates spend most of their time in a family room that was constructed from the original summer kitchen at the back of the house, "I like the living room, because it's symbolic of an era that's sort of gone. It may not be terribly functional, but I feel as if we're living with stories and memories and presences from the past."

Any ghosts?

The Gates, who are pragmatic sorts and not the type to be flustered by the unseen traces of a century-and-a-quarter of other peoples' lives, laugh and respond, "No ghosts, but plenty of creaks."

But the question reminds Marilyn of a visitor they once had. "One day, a fellow stopped by who had lived as a child in another of the older houses on Larpenteur. He said that one of his earliest

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Two long-time residents of St. Anthony Park are making a difference. Jo Anne Rohricht and Margot Monson point out that, in our daily food choices, we can and do make a difference. It is well known that the average supermarket food product has traveled 1,300 miles. "Obviously, the quality deteriorates . . . we need to eat locally grown food, which is in season," Jo Anne observed. These women are concerned about the safety of various products known to be treated with chemicals, hormones and other additives. Because of the increased ownership of the land by multi-national agribusiness corporations, fewer dollars are circulated within the community — rural towns which once thrived, are dying. American farmers are victims of these changes. And so is the health of the land.

Rohricht and Monson have done something. They have become involved with a group of farmers who supply wholesome meat and vegetables directly to city folk, bypassing the middleman. And, in the process they (and many others) are helping local small farmers to stay in business.

### HOW IT WORKS: CSA FARMS (COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE)

**C**SA farms provide a weekly delivery of food (grown without chemical pesticides or herbicides and often harvested the same day) to consumers, who buy a "share" through paying a subscription fee. Through out the growing season, large boxes of locally-grown vegetables, fruit and herbs are delivered each week to established drop sites (often a member's home).

Jo Anne's home is a drop site for Common Harvest CSA Farm.

*Tim King, coop sales manager says, "I don't know anybody in the country who's doing what we're doing. Farmers have to take matters into their own hands."*

A typical delivery arrives with about 18 boxes of beautiful, fresh produce (the colors! the smells!) which are picked up by members that day. A box feeds a typical family of four for one week. Smaller families and individuals often find partners to split an order. You pay at the beginning of the season (installments or all at once). A sliding fee is available, based on income. Subscriptions range from \$225 to \$500, depending on variety, quantity and length of season.

Currently there are 33 CSA farms around our region. People choose the CSA they want, based on convenience (drop site location), type of farm — animals or not, and location of farm (driving convenience). A list of Twin cities Region Community Supported Agriculture Farms can be obtained by calling *The Land Stewardship Project* at 653-0618. A copy is also available at the St. Anthony Park Library.

The CSA which Jo Anne and Margot's families belong to is the Common Harvest Farm CSA. It is located on the eastern bluff of the St. Croix River, south of Osceola, WI — about 50 miles from the Twin Cities. It's owned and operated by Dan Guenther and Margaret Pennings. In

*Community Supported Agriculture is finding in our neighborhoods*



1998, they grew 56 different varieties of vegetables, herbs and fruits. Dan and Margaret are strong advocates of the CSA philosophy and speak about it often at conferences, workshops and churches.

As with most CSAs, members are encouraged to visit the farm, take part in special festivals, work days and harvests. Young parents especially enjoy bringing their children and showing them where their food comes from, and how it smells and tastes at the time of harvest. But CSA consumers don't so much "buy" food from "members" of these farms. Being members involves sharing the rewards as well as the risks are obvious; the risks are weather and pests. self-sustaining farmers, these risks are borne by members. Weather that's poor for one crop flourishes; pests that damage one crop will

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**B**oth families are also involved with The Long Prairie. This is a group of central (USDA inspected) meat, eggs, cheese and many other products directly to consumers, allowing for more direct farmer-consumer contact while also maintaining more of the food dollar for the farmer. They support sustainable agriculture, including rotational grazing, reduced tillage, and reduced chemical use. They also raise their animals humanely and do not use antibiotics or hormones. Tim King, coop sales manager



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**"Eating is an agricultural act."**

— Wendell Berry

This month, the Catholic Archdiocese of the Twin Cities is gathering St. Paul parishes to explore developing a method of supporting such cooperatives, such as parish buying clubs. Earlier this year, Minnesota's Catholic bishops signed a letter asking for public policies that guarantee a fair income for small farms. They said large operations and government bias were preventing small farms from getting reasonable prices. The Catholic Archdiocese envisions parishes developing closer ties with farmers, such as holding parish harvest celebrations.

Members from Judson Baptist Church in Minneapolis have been purchasing meat from Whole Farm Coop for several months. Currently about 40 families are participating. They describe the quality of the food as "superb," and they are excited to be a part of an effort that is so mutually beneficial and that puts faith into action.

Wendell Berry philosopher/farmer/author from Kentucky said, "Eating is an agricultural act." If this movement gains additional momentum, it has the potential to build a regional coop system. These are indeed new ways to allow our small farmers to remain in business.

Readers interested in knowing more are invited to call Margot Monson at 644-3749 or Jo Anne Rohricht at 645-6043. ■

**Common Harvest CSA Farm . . . These boxes of fresh tomatoes, carrots, green onions, and parsley will be enjoyed by members throughout the growing season. . . .**

**Members participate in the harvest and festivals at the Community Supported Agriculture farms . . . cole crops come of age on the prairie. Photos courtesy Common Harvest Farm**



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**Garnet Rice is 90**

Happy Birthday to long-time St. Anthony Park neighbor Garnet Rice, who celebrated her 90th with cake and fellowship on February 16. The party continued later in the month, when Barbara and Thomas Chapman threw a fete in Rice's honor.

**Council prepares for Y2K**

Although the St. Anthony Park Community Council has been occupied with many immediate concerns of late, they have also been looking ahead to January 1, 2000. That's the day, of course, when computers' two-digit dating systems will roll over from 99 to 00.

The prospect that computer-controlled services — including utilities, transportation, communication, banking, etc. — might be disrupted has led units of government, from federal to local, to make a variety of contingency plans. In St. Paul, those plans

are being coordinated at the neighborhood level by the city's network of community councils.

In St. Anthony Park, the Council has begun its Year 2000 (Y2K) preparedness by making plans to draw together the neighborhood's various constituencies: businesses, schools, churches, service providers, and residents. According to Community Council Executive Director Heather Worthington, the council will host a meeting for major stakeholders toward the end of April. Representatives from Falcon Heights and Lauderdale will be invited to this meeting. Later, a community meeting for all interested neighborhood residents is planned.

The focus of initial planning efforts will be to prioritize anticipated needs in the community. "If any essential services are disrupted," said Worthington, "we want to know who are the most vulnerable and needy members of the community so that their needs can be adequately addressed."

Worthington sees Y2K preparedness as a neighborhood-organizing opportunity that goes beyond anything that might happen on January 1, 2000. "The kind of thinking and planning we're doing in anticipation of Y2K will continue to serve us well in the future," she said.

The Community Council sees its primary role as defusing fear and countering misinformation by providing a consistent, accurate message about what Y2K might actually bode. "We want people to be informed, prudent, and prepared," Worthington said.

Dave Healy

**1999 Grant applications due**

For approximately ten years, the St. Anthony Park Association has been awarding small grants to individuals and organizations who need funds to promote the interests of the neighborhood. Applications for this year's grant cycle are available in the library, and must be postmarked by April 18.

The SAPA grant program is distinct from the one described in

the January Bugle, contemplated by the newly-formed St. Anthony Park Foundation.

Past recipients of Park Association grants have included the Park Bugle, Music in the Park, the Block Nurse program, Bookstart, the Branch Library Association, the Community Band, the Friends of Alden Park, and several neighborhood churches supporting secular programs (such as the youth activity nights) that are open to the neighborhood generally. Grant amounts are typically less than \$1,000 although larger grants are possible if funds are available.

Mary Ann Bernard

**Respite care open house**

Learn about respite care on Thursday, April 15, 2 - 4 p.m., at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Avenue. Call Angie at 639-9421.

**COMO PARK****Japanese Garden volunteers**

The Como Japanese Gardens welcomes new volunteers on Saturday, April 17, and Thursday, April 22 and 29. Call Karyn Thompson at 487-8247.

**Cubs turn 50**

Cub Scouts Pack 22 celebrates its 50th birthday on Sunday, May 16, at the Como Park Pavilion, beginning at 5 p.m. Former scouts, den and pack leaders, and parent volunteers are invited to tell and hear stories. Call Eric Wieffering, 644-5183; Blaine Thrasher, 644-4794; Dave Sylvestre, 644-2613.

**Rummage sale on April 15 & 16**

Find bargains at Lyngblomsten Auxiliary's rummage sale on April 15 and 16, 9 to 2 p.m., Lyngblomsten Community Room, 1298 North Pascal Street.

**KID-BITS****Chelsea Heights open house**

Chelsea Heights Elementary School is hosting its kindergarten round-up on Tuesday, April 13, from 3:45 to 5 p.m. Find the school at 1557 Huron Street.

**Summer day camps**

Think about registering for the Mississippi River Camp (June 21-25 and July 12-16) for grades 3 to 6 and the Lake Elmo Day Camp (July 26-30 and August 9-13) for ages 7 to 12. Call 266-6400.

**Granny Sunshine on feelings**

Granny Sunshine talks about feelings on Saturday, April 17, 11 a.m., at Micawber's Bookstore, 2238 Carter Avenue.

**Easter egg hunt**

Hunt for easter eggs on Tuesday, March 30, 4-5 p.m., at South St. Anthony rec center, and Thursday, April 1, 4-5 p.m., at Langford Park. Youngsters under 12 are welcome. ■

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## Take a walk in the Grove

University Grove's diverse and delightful architecture chronicles 20th-century design

by Judy Woodward

Architecture enthusiasts will have the opportunity to learn about the unique houses of University Grove in May when Thomas Fisher, dean of the Architecture School of the University of Minnesota and his wife, Claudia Wielgorecki, will lead a walking tour of the area.

The couple, who live in St. Anthony Park, became interested in the architectural inventory of the Grove when Wielgorecki began cataloging the university's Northwest Architectural Archives collection of architectural drawings of Grove houses.

Wielgorecki noted that University Grove is one of the most unusual housing complexes in the region. Starting with the first houses built in the area in the 1930s, University Grove has always required that every house built there must be architect-designed. The area was laid out with the houses backing onto large open-space commons in place of alleys, and the University has always tightly controlled many details of life in the Grove from the design of the houses to the occupational qualifications of prospective buyers. For many years, residence in the Grove was only open to tenured faculty and high administrators of the

University of Minnesota.

Wielgorecki says that she is particularly impressed by the consistent chronological development of the various blocks of the Grove.

"Land was released at different times," she explains, "so there are entire blocks from the thirties, the forties, the sixties and so forth." She confesses that her personal favorites in the area are the houses of the 1930s. "Especially the lower end of the Folwell block." She says that this is because, "I prefer a formal approach to rooms in those houses. I like the architectural detailing of woodwork, the built-in cabinetry and bookcases."

Wielgorecki commented that the evolving styles of the Grove provide an overview of the social history of the area. The earliest houses in the Grove, built in the 1930s, for example, all featured maid's rooms in a not-so-subtle commentary on the social status on anyone lucky enough to enjoy a tenured professorship in the depths of the Great Depression.

The University Grove Walking Tour is scheduled for late May. Look for the exact date in the May edition. For more information, call Claudia Wielgorecki at 647-6007. ■

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*Hear the Cambiata String Quartet on April 23 and April 25 in the Park.***MUSIC****Music in the Park presents  
Cavani String Quartet**

The Cavani String Quartet and the youthful Cambiata String Quartet highlight Music in the Park's April schedule.

Hear the Cavani perform on Sunday, April 25, 7 p.m., at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, when Mozart's *Quartet in D Major, K.575*, and Joan Tower's *Nightfields* take center stage. The program concludes with the Cavani and Cambiata string quartets playing Mendelssohn's *Octet for Strings*, which the composer wrote at the age of 16.

Other Cavani and Cambiata events include a residency program at four neighborhood schools on Friday, April 23. The whole clan can enjoy the string quartets' family concert on Friday, April 23, 6:15 and 7:30 p.m., at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. Grants from Target, Lillian Wright and C. Emil Berglund Foundation, and St. Anthony Park Association make this event possible. Tickets are available at Micawber's Bookstore and the Bibelot Shop. Call 651-645-5699.

**A little light music on April 18**

Michelle Christianson, piano, Jennifer Ryan Moberg, piano, Mari Espeland, soprano, Mindy Mennicke, mezzo-soprano join the recorder ensemble, Sine Nomine, for "A Little Light Music" on Sunday, April 18, 4 p.m., at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

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## 1 THURSDAY

- Passover
- Tot Time (for 5-year olds and younger), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 10 a.m.-noon. Every Thursday. Call 651-298-5765 for details.

## 2 FRIDAY

- Good Friday
- Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee, Olson Student Center, Luther Seminary, 11:30 a.m.

## 4 SUNDAY



- Easter
- Daylight Saving Time begins

## 5 MONDAY

- Como Park recycling.
- AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. 651-770-2646. Every Monday.
- Boy Scouts, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 7 p.m. Every Monday.
- St. Paul Schools, school resumes after spring break.

## 6 TUESDAY

- Toastmasters, Hewlett Packard, 2025 Larpenteur Avenue., 7:15 a.m. 651-645-6675. Every Tuesday.
- Tot Time (for 5-year olds and younger), Langford Park Rec Center, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Tuesday. Call 651-298-5765 for details.

- St. Anthony Park Community Band rehearsal, Como Senior High band room, 7:15 p.m. Call 651-642-1559.
- St. Anthony Park Garden Club, 6:30 p.m., Luther Seminary's board room, Olson Campus Center.

## 7 WEDNESDAY

- Full Council Meeting, St. Anthony Park Community Council, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.
- Leisure Center for Seniors, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. 651-603-8946. Every Wednesday.

## 10 SATURDAY

- St. John's Boys' Choir joins the Lyra Concert to perform Haydn's *St. Aloysius Mass*, 8 p.m., Luther Seminary, Olson Campus Center.

## 11 SUNDAY

- St. John's Boys' Choir joins the Lyra Concert to perform Haydn's *St. Aloysius Mass*, 3 p.m., Luther Seminary, Olson Campus Center.

## 12 MONDAY

- Park Press Inc., — Park Bugle — board meeting, Olson Student Center, Luther Seminary, 7 a.m.
- Falconeers Senior Card Club, Falcon Heights, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 1-3:30 p.m. Call 651-488-3361.

## 13 TUESDAY



- St. Anthony Park Community Council elections, 4 - 8 p.m., South SAP, Seal Hi-Rise; North SAP, library.
- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 7:30 p.m.
- St. Paul Schools, Parent Conferences, Junior High.
- Hear about the history of St. Anthony Park Elementary School and its predecessor Guttersten School, 7 p.m. SAP Elementary.

## 14 WEDNESDAY

- St. Anthony Park recycling.
- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 7 p.m.

## 15 THURSDAY

- St. Paul Schools, Parent Conferences, Senior High.
- Lyngblomsten Auxiliary Rummage Sale, 1298 North Pascal Street, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## 16 FRIDAY

- Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.

## 19 MONDAY

- Como Park recycling.
- St. Paul Schools, Parent Conferences, Junior High.

## 20 TUESDAY

- Lauderdale Planning Commission, City Hall, 1891 Walnut, 7 p.m.
- District 10 Como Community Council, 7 p.m. Call 651-644-3889 for location.

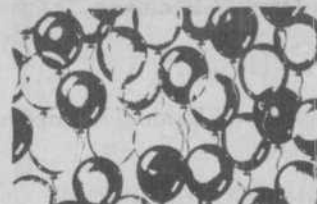
## 21 WEDNESDAY

- Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7:30 to 9 p.m. All residents are invited to attend.

## 22 THURSDAY

- St. Paul Schools, Parent Conferences, Junior High.

## 23 FRIDAY



- "Off Raymond Rendezvous" Meet local artists and craftspeople, 2 - 7 p.m., 2242, 2404, and 2500 University Avenue West.

## 24 SATURDAY

- "Off Raymond Rendezvous" Meet local artists and craftspeople, 2 - 9 p.m., 2242, 2404, and 2500 University Avenue West.

- FARE For All distribution and registration at Holy Childhood Church, 1495 Midway Parkway, 9:30 - 11 a.m. Call 651-644-7495; or St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Avenue, 8:30-10:30. Call 651-644-8833.

- Lyra Concert's "Bandstand Baroque," 8 p.m., Luther Seminary, Olson Campus Center.

## 25 SUNDAY

- Lyra Concert's "Bandstand Baroque," 3 p.m., Luther Seminary, Olson Campus Center.

## 26 MONDAY

- Falconeers Senior Card Club, Falcon Heights, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 1-3:30 p.m. Call 651-488-3361.

## 27 TUESDAY

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

## 28 WEDNESDAY

- St. Anthony Park recycling.
- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 7 p.m.
- 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.

## 30 FRIDAY

- Full Moon.

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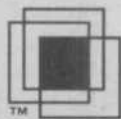
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## O B I T U A R I E S

### Archie Good

Former University of Minnesota veterinary professor Archie L. Good died on February 14 at the age of 78. He was a longtime resident of St. Anthony Park on Grantham Street and had lived in Roseville in recent years.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Ruth; daughters, Susan West and Barbara Roloff; sons, Thomas and Stephen; grandchildren, Julie and Taryn Good, David West, Scott and Kimberly Good, Thomas and Cara Roloff.

### Margaret Hooper

Margaret P. Hooper, resident of St. Anthony Park on Raymond Avenue for over 60 years, died on March 9. She was 101 years of age.

Preceded in death by her husband, Stanley, she is survived by sons, W. Stan and Arthur Tom, daughter, Dana Niskanen; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and sister, Edith Busse.

### Walter Johnson

Walter D. Johnson, resident of Falcon Heights died on March 6. He was 92.

Johnson was employed for over 50 years with Paster Enterprises. He was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellow Award for service in the Lions Club International Foundation.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; daughter, Jan Stone; granddaughters, Carole Kitch and Beth Savik; great-grandchildren, Christopher and Joel Kitch and Kristine Savik; stepchildren, Jim VanHoven, Marge Titcomb, Chuck VanHoven, and Roger VanHoven.

### Lillian Lehman

Lillian Lehman, a resident of St. Anthony Park on Hillside Avenue, died on March 10. She was 98 years old.

Lehman's husband, Robert, was in the insurance business for

many years on Como and Carter. In recent years, she had lived in Bloomington.

Preceded in death by her husband, Robert, nine siblings, and a great-grandson, she is survived by daughters, Janet MacDowell, and Lois Carlson; grandsons, Gene and Bradley Carlson, and great-granddaughters, Jacqueline and Caitlin Carlson.

### Alvin Gerhard Lewis, Sr.

The Reverend Alvin Gerhard Lewis, Sr., died on February 27. He was 93 years of age and lived at the Lyngblomsten Care Center.

Rev. Lewis was pastor of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church from 1944 to 1961. It was during his pastorate that the church and the pastor's home were built on Luther Place and Como. He was administrator and then chaplain at Lyngblomsten from 1961 to 1974, and served as visiting pastor at Como Park Lutheran Church from 1974 to 1979.

Preceded in death by his wife Beatrice, two brothers, and four sisters, he is survived by son, Alvin; granddaughters, Sydney Kelley, Stacey Danculovich, and Shelley Budke; grandchildren, Simon, Eli, and Amos Kelley and William, Lillian, and Margaret Budke; and sister, Ida Berdahl.

### James Lovdahl

After a long battle with lung cancer James K. "Chipper" Lovdahl died on February 28, at the age of 68. He made his home in Falcon Heights.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother. He is survived by his wife, Patti; daughter, Kristine Visel; son, Erik; grandchildren, Kallie Visel, Jessalyn, Bo and Nicholas Lovdahl.

### Edward Mueller

Como Park resident Edward Mueller, age 85, died on

February 14. Survivors include his wife, Bertha; daughters, Helen Herrell and Agata Roscoe; son, Al; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

### Ella Mae Nightingale

Ella Mae "Tootsie" Nightingale died on February 11 at Presbyterian Homes. She was 89 and former a resident of Como Park on Hamline Avenue. In 1946 she admired a bungalow on Hamline near Nebraska from her streetcar rides. She and her husband, Ray, bought the house in 1947.

She was the first of nine children and played the piano all her life — from Hancock School to Knox Presbyterian Church to Hamline University visiting faculty to the Minnesota Club and the University Club. She worked at Montgomery Ward for many years, playing the piano there for the choral society.

Nightingale volunteered for Holy Childhood Church, Red Cross, and Heart Association. She enjoyed gardening, art projects, cooking, travel with her husband on the N.P. railroad, and her cats.

Preceded in death by her husband, Raymond, she is survived by her son, Charlie, and many relatives and friends.

### Nancy Trower

St. Anthony Park neighbor Nancy L. Trower died at 52 years of age on February 11. She graduated from Murray High School and attended the University of Minnesota. Later she worked at the University of Minnesota Hospital Bacteriology Lab.

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Compiled by Ann Bulger

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**NEIGHBORHOOD PRESCHOOL,** in operation for 40 years, seeks energetic, creative and caring professional to fill part-time Head Teacher position for Fall, 1999. Possibility of Directorship also to qualified candidate. Please send resumes to St. Anthony Park UMC Nursery School, 2200 Hillside Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108. No phone calls, please.

**SUMMER CHILD CARE:** Flexible hours. Maximum 30 hrs/week. June 21 to August 13. Prefer 16 years old or older. SAP location. Call 651-646-4461 or 651-645-3382.

**OFFICE ASSISTANT FT / PT** wanted for a small real estate office in St. Anthony Park. You need to do some typing, filing, answering phone and easy book keeping. Call 651-644-7745.

## HOUSING

**FOR SALE: HOME IN COMO** neighborhood, 3 bdr, hardwood floors. \$119,000. 1399 Albert Street North; open house March 28, 1-4 pm. 651-647-5649.

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**FREE HOUSESITTING.** Vanderbilt University grad student interning in the Minn/ St. Paul area May 21 through July 30, 1999. Will housesit for free. Pets okay. References available. Please call 651-315-0479 or email: thomas.a.lamb@vanderbilt.edu

**WISHING TO RENT SPACE** in SAP, May/June. Recent college graduate (female). Long-time SAP resident. Employed at Children's Home Society and Micawber's. Will help with chores and care. 651-644-8222.

## CHILD CARE

**CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY CHILD CARE CENTER** Roseville location 16 months of age up to Kindergarten entrance. For more information or to enroll, call 651-636-4495.

**PARK ANGELS DAY CARE.** Lic. in home since '94. NB-11 yrs. Near Como/Doswell. 651-644-5516.

**ST. ANTHONY PARK NURSERY SCHOOL** has openings for children aged 3-5 beginning Sept. 1999. School is held Tues., Weds. & Thurs. mornings at the SAP United Church of Christ. We are a parent-owned co-op, where children grow and parents make friends. Please call Sheila Richter (teacher) 651-644-9677, or Mary Griffin (parent) 651-642-9944, for information.

**LOCAL LICENSED DAYCARE CENTER** has immediate preschool openings. Diverse cultural backgrounds and qualified staff create an exceptional learning environment. Must be 3 years old and toilet trained. 651-645-8958.

## NOTICES

**ROSEVILLE ECFE STUFF SALE:** Used children's clothing, toys, equipment. April 10: 9-1:30. For safety reasons, no strollers allowed. 1910 West County Road B.

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### Wilzbacher House . . . from page 7

memories as a child was being brought to our house, because old Wilzbacher had died and was laid out in the parlor."

The parlor floorboards that bore Wilzbacher's coffin are the

**A couple of thousand dollars produced a worthy house that has withstood the test of time.**

same 6" white pine planks that support the Gates and their guests today. A visitor is invited to inspect their thickness by kneeling down and putting her finger through a knothole in the dining room floor. Her forefinger sinks in up to her palm, touching solid wood all the way down.

The Gates have no explanation for what might have made the original Peter Wilzbacher aspire to a brick Italianate villa instead of the plain wooden L-shaped farmhouse that was standard for the era. "The Wilzbachers," notes Marilyn, "were not community leaders."

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## LIFE IN THE CHURCH: COME AND SHARE

### ❖ BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Skillman at Cleveland in Roseville. 651-631-0211

Bethany Baptist Morning Worship 10:45 am

Sunday School 9:30 am

Pastor Bruce Petersen

Filipino-American Worship 11 am

Pastor Sonny Olojan

### ❖ COMO PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

1376 Hoyt Ave. W. 651-646-7127 Handicapped accessible

CPLContact Ministry 651-644-1897

Holy Week Services

7 pm April 4, Maundy Thursday

10 am April 5, Good Friday Children and Family Service

7 pm, Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday, April 7: 6:30 am Sunrise Service, 8, 9:30, 11 am

Festival Worship with Holy Communion. Easter Breakfast served

7:30-11 am

Sunday Schedule (Nursery Provided)

Rides available for 11 am worship (Call the church office before noon on Friday for ride)

8 am & 11 am Worship (Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays)

9 am Children & Family Worship (Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays)

10 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 and 3rd Wednesdays

7 pm Midweek Evening Praise Service

7 pm Confirmation, Adult Choir

7:30 pm Youth Nite

Pastors: Paul Harris and Wally Obinger

Directors of Youth and Family Ministry: Andrea and Dave Wollan

Director of Music Ministry: Thomas Ferry

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Saturday Mass: 5 pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30 and 10:30 am

Wednesdays, 7 pm Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24: Stations of the Cross

March 28, 7 pm Communal Reconciliation Service

April 1, Holy Thursday, 7:30 pm Mass

April 2, Good Friday, 3 pm The Lord's Passion

April 3, Holy Saturday, 7:30 pm Easter Vigil

April 4, Easter Sunday mass times as usual (8:30 and 10:30 am)

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Sunday Worship: 9 am

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class: 10:30 am

April 1, Maundy Thursday, 7 pm Service

April 2, Good Friday, 7 pm Service

Easter Sunday usual schedule

### ❖ PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday School, Adult Education and Bible Study 9:15 am

Sunday Worship: 10:30 am, Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays

Tuesday Bible Study: 10 am

Palm Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday Worship: 11 am, 7 pm

Good Friday Worship: 7 pm

Easter Sunday Breakfast 8:30 am, Worship with Holy Communion 10 am

Pastor Drew Flathmann

### ❖ ROSE HILL ALLIANCE CHURCH

Roselawn at Cleveland. 651-631-0173

Sunday English Worship: 9:30 am, Japanese Worship: 9:30 am

Sunday School: 11 am

Wednesday Int'l. Women's American Culture Class 12:30 pm (Sept. - May)

Wednesdays Jr. Hi and Sr. Hi Group 6:45 pm

Awana 6:45 pm

### ❖ ST. ANTHONY PARK LUTHERAN

Como and Luther Place. Handicap-accessible. 651-645-0371

Pastors Paul Ofstedal and Reany Lindberg

Visit our website at <http://www.sap.org/worship/sapl.htm>

Sunday Worship: 8:45 and 11 am. Nursery at both services

Sunday School 9:50

Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays

April 1, Maundy Thursday Worship: 9:30 am coffee, 10 am Worship, 7 pm Worship

April 2, Good Friday: 7 pm Worship

April 4, Easter (Daylight Savings Time begins): 6:30 am Sunrise (on seminary lawn), 7 am Breakfast, 8:45 and 11 am Festival Worship

April 18, 4 pm Concert: A Little Light Music

Faith Chinese Fellowship 1:30 pm Sundays

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Men's Prayer Group Fridays, noon

Our van is available for transportation to and from services.

### ❖ ST. A.P. UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

2129 Commonwealth at Chelmsford. 651-646-7173

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Sunday Worship & Sunday School: 10 am, Fellowship 11 am

Nursery Care Provided: 10:15 am

Wednesday evening Meet & Eat followed by programs for all ages

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 7 pm worship and children's activities

Easter Sunday, April 4, 10 am

April 11 & 25, Special Music

### ❖ ST. A.P. UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Como and Hillside. 651-646-4859

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Sundays: 10 am Worship, 9:30 am Sunday School

Wednesdays, 9 am - 1 pm, Leisure Center with noon lunch

March 28, Palm Sunday regular schedule

April 1, Maundy Thursday, 6:30 pm Potato Bake, 7 pm service with Holy Communion

### ❖ ST. CECILIA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Cromwell and Bayless Place. 651-644-4502

Saturday Mass: 5 pm at the church

Sunday Mass: 10 am at church (nursery provided) and

8:30 am at Seal Hi-Rise, 825 Seal St. (handicapped accessibility)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 7 am Mass at the Parish Center

April 1, Holy Thursday, 7:30 pm Mass

April 2, Good Friday, 7:30 pm, the Passion of Our Lord

April 3, 7:30 Easter Vigil

April 4, Easter Sunday 8:30 Mass at the Hi Rise, 10:30 Mass at the church

### ❖ ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2136 Carter at Chelmsford. 651-645-3058

Sunday Services:

8:00 am Eucharist, Rite I

8:45 am Breakfast

9:15 am Education Hour for all ages

10:30 am Eucharist Rite II

11:45 am Coffee Hour

Healing services in the chapel follow both Sunday services on 1st and 3rd Sundays. Sunday morning adult forum "Genesis"

Mondays:

6:30 pm Tutoring

Wednesdays:

10:00 am Eucharist

Ash Wednesday Services:

7:00 am and 10:00 am In the Chapel

5:30 pm In the Church

6:30 pm Simple Soup Supper

Thursdays:

10:00 am International English Classes

1:00 pm Caregivers Respite Program

6:30 pm Tutoring

Lenten Class Thursday evenings

6:00 pm Simple Soup Supper

6:45 pm Evening Prayer, Chapel

7:30 pm Class: "Millennium Fever, Y2K, and Revelation"

We are handicapped accessible

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### ❖ WARRENDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday Church School: 9 am

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