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## City ponders Urban Village at University & Raymond

by David Anger

A letter from the city of St. Paul — considering the development of an urban village at Raymond and University avenues — is the talk of the town in south St. Anthony Park.

City planner Donna Drummond sent Raymond and

*The city is investigating the possibility of developing a Urban Village at Raymond and University avenues, mixing residential and retail space on the same city block.*

University business owners a letter on April 12, which detailed St. Paul's exploration of mixed-use development that combines housing and retail on the northwest block of Raymond and University.

Interest from a developer, who believes that the scheme may be eligible for special funding from the Metropolitan Council's Livable Communities program, is sparking the city's interest.

The letter reads: "The Raymond/University Urban Village project would create a new

mixed-use infill development of residential over office/retail uses on an underutilized portion of the block, just behind the Raymond Avenue businesses. This new development, fronting on both University Avenue and Territorial Road, would include interior-structured parking to serve the new development and the existing retail."

"The new housing would serve a mix of incomes and household types, including seniors wanting to stay in St. Anthony Park and individuals looking for living and work options."

"This mixed use development would create an ideal transition between the commercial uses along University Avenue and the south St. Anthony Park neighborhood. The Raymond Avenue retail buildings would be considered for rehabilitation or possibly new construction, strengthening this pedestrian-oriented neighborhood retail block that would serve the new residential development as well as the existing south St. Anthony Park residential area."

Watch for the Bugle's follow-up story. Comments are welcome. Call city planner Donna Drummond, 266-6556, or via e-mail, donna.drummond@ci.stpaul.mn.us. ■



Photo by Truman Olsen

## A visit with Bob Olsen

*Falcon Heights resident makes community service a top priority*

by David Anger

Falcon Heights neighbor Bob Olsen's round-the-clock schedule makes the lackadaisical plop back into bed and even the civic minded sigh, "How does he do it?"

Olsen — who shares a birthday with Steven Spielberg, Keith Richards, and Betty Grable — is fond of mammoth projects. Life is written large. He appreciates grand designs,

thinking in far-reaching terms without overlooking the details. His work and volunteer achievements are often as long as they are broad and deep. Being still simply isn't part of his vocabulary.

Besides working with approximately 500 non-profit clients at Western Bank in Frogtown, Olsen sits on several boards, including the Ramsey County Historical Society, Face to Face, and the St. Paul Foundation's Clarence Wigington Initiative. Then there's his Falcon Heights involvements, which range from helping the Gibbs Farm Museum to serving on the city's 50th anniversary committee, and singing in the choir at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ.

What motivates the activist? "My dad installed in me the importance of community," said Olsen. "I was born in the town of Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, and moved to West St. Paul at a young age. Dad never forget his small town roots. Through his work he helped smaller communities gain municipal financing. He traveled the state and I went with him." He added, "Consequently I know every small town in Minnesota."

Not surprisingly, then, Olsen enjoys the small town atmosphere

that defines Falcon Heights, which sits on the cusp of urban St. Paul and suburban Roseville. "There's something warm and cozy about this city," he explained. "People walk on the sidewalks, bowl at the bowling alley, and vote. There's nothing pretentious about it."

Here, he shares a life with his wife — Margot, who is the theater director at Roseville Middle School. They call a "Leave it to Beaver"-type residence home, which they bought seven years ago because of its proximity to the couple's work and Falcon Heights UCC, where the duo stars in the choir under the direction of Joel Johnson. Reflecting Olsen's prairie heritage, three of their four boys are named after small towns: Tyler, age 21, studies theater at Bemidji State; Jordan, age 17, enjoys music and theater; Alex, age 14, loves his social life; and Soren Poul (which possesses a hint of St. Paul), age 10, is the family's only athletic hopeful.

For being of Danish heritage, there's nothing particularly reserved about Olsen. The capable, expansive, and persistent Olsen is a what-you-see-is-what-you-get gentleman who talks almost as quickly as his schedule runs wild.

But even the worker-bee Olsen takes time for a break. He names the Mai Village as his favorite restaurant ("I like hot food"), retreats to the North Shore, plays the French horn, worships Vienna, listens to the *Man of La Mancha* soundtrack, and never (he says) watches television. Where does he hide for a meditative moment? Find him daydreaming in the backyard behind the garage.

So, the 47-year-old views life holistically. "I try to activate my life philosophies into everything I do from work to church and community. I don't separate work and life. Instead, I'm interested in supporting things and organizations that create values in our society, such as education, the arts, and architecture."

"My work is about non-profits," he continued. "I start the day with the Girl Scouts and end it by talking with a symphonies' board. It's a call, even working here in Frogtown, where the bank serves poor and moderate income people. I'm just doing what I think is right." ■

## High school for future ag workers of America? Falcon Heights may be location

by Judy Woodward

Falcon Heights may become the home of a new agricultural high school that will draw students from all over the metro area, if all goes according to plan for the Minnesota Agricultural Education Leadership Council.

The council, a nonprofit umbrella group that unites agricultural interest groups from academia to the legislature, and industry, is looking at several potential sites for the school. Patrick Plonski, executive director of the council, said that Falcon Heights, with its easy access to the University of Minnesota Agricultural Campus and the State Fairgrounds, would be an attractive place to locate the school. But he urges caution in response to early reports that the school would be located in the former headquarters of Harvest States, situated at the corner of Snelling and Larpenteur. "Harvest States," he said, "is becoming a less and less viable option." He stressed that developing an educational plan for the school

must be the council's first task. "We need to find what is most essential for the curriculum, and then find a site that meets those needs." Plonski added that he hoped that the city of Falcon Heights might recommend additional sites for the school, if the Harvest States location does not prove workable.

Plonski said that, although an urban agricultural high school would be something new for Minnesota, there are already 19 similar schools located throughout the U.S. One of the best of them, he pointed out, is located in the decidedly non-rural setting of big-city Chicago. The Chicago High School of Agricultural Science is particularly well run, according to Plonski, attracting more than 10 applicants for each opening. He thinks it could be a model for what his group would like to accomplish in Minnesota.

There are those who say that an urban school of agriculture is something of a contradiction in terms, but for Plonski, that kind of thinking is as old-fashioned as a

horse-drawn plow. "More than half the state population now lives in the Twin Cities," he argued, "and it's clear we can no longer meet the labor needs of agricultural business by focussing exclusively on recruiting outstate."

Plonski said that agricultural education is increasingly moving beyond "the production model" and, although the school he envisions would offer plenty of chances for inner-city kids to get to raise farm animals, it would not necessarily train those kids for

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## CITY FILES



Are you bookish? Don't think about visiting the St. Anthony Park Branch Library until construction is complete this summer. In the interim, visit the Merriam Park and Hamline branches. Watch the Bugle for opening day festivities.

### Council election results

Seventy residents in South and North St. Anthony Park, 35 in each neighborhood, voted in last month's St. Anthony Park Community Council election. In South St. Anthony Park, Bob Arndorfer, Sherman Eagles, and Sueann Olson were elected as delegates to the Community Council. Karlyn Eckman was elected as an alternate. Representatives from North St. Anthony Park are Terry Gockman and Natalie Zett, along with alternates Kristina Stierholz and Robert Straughn.

— Dave Healy

### Specialty Building parking

The newly renovated Specialty Building at University and Raymond has found a solution to its parking space shortage. The St. Paul City Council, acting as the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA), voted March 24 to acquire a tax forfeited property at 750 Pelham Boulevard.

The property is 22,600 square feet and includes a 33,800 square foot building that has deteriorated and is on the city's vacant buildings list. The property is zoned for industrial use. The building on the site was abandoned by the previous owners. It has various containers and barrels of hazardous waste inside which must be disposed of, at a cost of \$30,000 to \$40,000. The building also has asbestos which must be removed carefully when it is torn down. The city must work with Ramsey County on property acquisition and cleanup details.

After the HRA purchases the property, it would be sold to the owners of the Specialty Building, the 2356 University Avenue Limited Partnership. A surface parking lot will be developed. That in turn will allow an additional 25,000 square feet of the Specialty Building to be built out as office use rather than for office storage. That could bring an additional 50 to 100 jobs to the building.

### Community council highlights

The St. Anthony Park Community Council is sponsoring meetings in the coming weeks that address three topics of interest to neighborhood residents.

\* The Council has received funding for new playground equipment at College Park. Residents interested in serving on a College Park Planning Task Force should call the community council at 649-5992. Meetings begin this month.

\* Meetings to discuss parking issues near the University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus are set for 7 p.m. in the board room of the Olson Campus Center at Luther Seminary on May 6, May 20, and June 3. The Council will solicit residents' input on solutions to parking problems in the neighborhood, including the possibility of permit parking.

\* A workshop for St. Anthony Park residents interested in applying for Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) forgivable loans meets at 6 p.m. on May 12 in the South St. Anthony Recreation Center Community Room at 890 Cromwell Avenue. These loans are for exterior remodeling only and are subject to income guidelines. For residents who stay in their home five years, the loan is forgiven. For more information, call the community council at 649-5992. Residents must attend this workshop to be eligible for a loan.

In other news, St. Anthony Park's Special District Sign Plan was recently adopted by the St. Paul City Council. This plan stipulates that no new billboards may be constructed in St. Anthony Park.

— Dave Healy

## ST. ANTHONY PARK

### Library closed 'til late summer

The St. Anthony Park branch library closed on April 19. Close the apex of *The Park*? Don't worry. The shut-down is temporary until the innovative "library-in-the-round" addition is finished. Designed particularly to meet the needs of children and the disabled, the circular appendage to the rectangular 1917 Beaux Arts-style Carnegie structure is the product of a collaboration between the St. Anthony Park Branch Library Association and architect Philip Broussard, a library-loving Park resident.

When the \$1 million project faced a budget crisis, the library association launched a fund drive that netted \$86,000, more than triple the original goal, while the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library offered a \$12,000 matching grant. Then, the St. Anthony Park Bank made a similar offer. A popular feature of the fund drive was the sale of 220 commemorative bricks at \$250 each. The bricks bear the donors' names and are still available.

The architect presented the round and domed addition because it would be difficult, not to mention costly, to exactly replicate the original design. So, Broussard's plan is to complement the old Carnegie structure. As well, the designer views a round-domed space as inviting public space, resembling the state Capitol rotunda.

But, until the work is finished this summer, the avid bookish refugees are welcome at the Merriam Park and Hamline branches.

— Austin Wehrwein



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Specialty Building owners have searched for a parking solution for several months, so that more of the building can be used for offices. The parking lot project received a Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) grant and loan in 1998.

— Jane McClure

## STAR grant competition

Only one St. Anthony Park project is competing for 1999 Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) small grants.

The St. Anthony Park Business Association is seeking \$20,000 for its commercial property improvement program. This is a program that has been funded in the past. It provides grants for commercial property work in the neighborhood. The grant would target nodes of businesses in the community.

Forty-two proposals with a grand total of \$716,115 were submitted prior to the March 18 deadline. The Neighborhood STAR Board has already completed a preliminary review of the projects and hopes to make a decision by the end of April. The St. Paul City Council and Mayor Norm Coleman will then approve the projects.

Between \$300,000 and \$400,000 are available for the projects, meaning that about half of the requests will be turned down.

Small grants can be for up to \$20,000. All projects require a one-to-one match of dollars, donated materials or labor. Funds are for capital improvement projects only. Projects funded with Neighborhood STAR dollars must have a life of at least 10 years.

*Falcon Heights' 50th birthday celebration began in April and continues this month with the Parade of the Decades on May 22.*



Applications for large Neighborhood STAR loans and grants will be taken later this spring, with grants and loans awarded in the late summer or early fall.

— Jane McClure

## FALCON HEIGHTS

### 50th birthday celebration

Balloon bouquets, a six-piece brass band, flowers from Hermes, cake and ice cream, oodles of momentos, city luminaries, and over 100 well wishers made Falcon Heights' 50th birthday celebration sing on April 1, even though the weather outside was windy and gloomy.

Inside, the band played "Lost in Space" and "Sing, Sing, Sing" as Mayor Sue Gehrz recalled the city's 20th-century history. It began in March of 1949, when residents voted 5 to 1 in favor of incorporating as a town rather than becoming part of Roseville or St. Paul.

Now, 50 years later, Falcon Heights is known throughout the Twin Cities as one of the most livable suburbs, marrying urban and suburban qualities in a small town atmosphere.

Gehrz recognized several citizens, including Ted Lau of Gibbs Farm, 50-year-resident Leonard Harkness, and former mayor Tom Baldwin.

— David Anger

## ST. PAUL CITY COUNCIL

### Trimming billboard proliferation

For the first time in more than 10 years, the St. Paul City Council has approved a special

sign district. And it encompasses all of District 12, St. Anthony Park. Despite protests from the billboard industry, the City Council approved the St. Anthony Park Special Sign District April 7 on a 5-1 vote. Mayor Norm Coleman has not signed the measure, but the five yes votes means he cannot veto it.

The sign district plan means that no new advertising signs or billboards will be permitted in District 12, except signs on transit shelters and courtesy or curbside benches. Nor will roof signs advertising products, service or entertainment be allowed unless the sign identifies the name, logo and nature of the business in the building. The regulations do not apply to state or federal highway billboards, which are governed separately.

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Existing signs will be considered non-conforming signs, and cannot be altered, replaced, relocated or reconstructed if more than 50 percent of market value is lost due to damage. An example of damage might be wind or fire damage.

The plan also considers ways to eventually remove existing billboards, through amortization or other means. Because a bill prohibiting cities from amortizing billboards and other undesirable land uses has been approved by both the State House and Senate this spring, city staff have been asked to look at alternative ways to gradually remove billboards.

St. Paul Planning and Economic Development (PED) staff recommended approval of the sign district. It was also supported strongly by Ward 4 Council Member Jay Benanav, the St. Anthony Park (District 12) Community Council, and the St. Anthony Park Association.

Other sign districts are downtown, in Highland Village, on Grand Avenue, and on Smith Avenue on the West Side. All of

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## EDITORIAL

## On the Urban village

A friend in South St. Anthony Park gave us a copy of the April 12 letter that made front-page news in this issue. We're talking about the urban village development on Raymond and University's northwest perch. This grand scheme is appealing, especially the pledge to wed housing with streetfront retail establishments. Our biggest worry is preservation, namely the maintenance of the existing enterprises that enliven the busy intersection. The hodgepodge of buildings is home to Prairie Star, Sharrett's, Key's, the Women's Press, Chets, among others. It would be terrible to displace these vital, neighborhood-based endeavors with another le Gap. Even so, the promise of additional housing is most prized, particularly since urban housing is at a premium. Let's proceed with cautious enthusiasm, protecting St. Anthony Park's character while enlarging our idea of place. ■

## Welcome Ginkgo's

Just as the Bugle went to press Kathy Sundberg stopped by our office with a big present for St. Anthony Park residents. Sundberg owns Ginkgo Coffeehouse on Snelling Avenue and her gift to us is the late May opening of a streetfront cafe on the southeast corner of ParkBank's drive-thru facility. Look forward to ordering hot and cold coffees and teas as well as smoothies and shakes. You can also munch on wrap sandwiches and cakes. The snug 350-square-foot space will be appointed in earthy sand and green tones, enhancing the Prairie School aesthetic set forth in architect Joe Michels' original design. So, plenty of outdoor seating equals pure urban bliss and the arrival of the Champs-Élysées on Como Avenue. A cappuccino *s'il vous plait*? ■

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## LETTERS

## Help keep the Mississippi clean

Did you ever stop to consider you live on river front property? Storm water from snow, rain and sprinklers that runs off our yards, streets, sidewalks and alleys goes down a storm sewer and flow directly to the Mississippi River. That means anything that happens in our front yards, back yards, driveways, alleys or sidewalks can impact the Mississippi river. The river becomes polluted when storm water picks up things such as grass clippings, leaves, pesticides, motor oil, pet waste and trash and flushes them from the storm sewers directly to the river.

Many people think of water pollution as an industry problem with pipes discharging pollutants to the river. While these point sources of pollution are significant, maybe even more significant are the small bits of pollution each of us adds. Leaves and grass clippings that fall into the street, oil leaks from cars, pet waste that doesn't get put in the trash, fertilizer inadvertently sprinkled on the sidewalk all add up to a pollution problem.

The good news is we can all be part of the solution to cleaning up the Mississippi River.

\* Compost leaves and grass clippings in your back yard or take them to a Ramsey County compost site. Call 773-4455 for hours.

\* Leave grass clippings on the lawn. They provide valuable nutrients. Grass clippings left on your lawn are equal to one fertilizer application per year.

\* Sweep up and recycle clippings that fall on the sidewalk, driveway, alley or street. Sweeping clippings into the street is just like sweeping them into the Mississippi River.

\* Never leave pet waste on the driveway, street, alley, sidewalk, lawn or boulevard. Decaying pet waste carries disease-causing bacteria that make water unsafe for swimming and drinking. Throw it in the trash, flush it down the toilet or bury it.

We all will benefit from a cleaner river, whether it is by enjoying a walk or a bike ride along the bluffs, fishing for walleye or knowing our children will inherit a better river. And persons living downstream from us,

in Red Wing, Winona, LaCrosse and towns further south, will appreciate having cleaner drinking water.

Shelley Shreffler  
Natural Resources Program Manager  
St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium

## The Bugle is great

Just want to tell you how much I enjoy the Bugle, every issue. The most recent one was wonderful reading — so many happy things were to write about! I don't even live in the Park, though I shop and do quite a few other things there. We're not too far away, in Roseville. (Have you ever seen our community papers?)

So, thanks for such excellent reporting of community events. I guess you're fortunate in having good things to write about, too, aren't you.

A Roseville fan

## Toy guns don't belong on grocery store shelves

I have been doing the majority of my grocery shopping in my neighborhood here in Falcon Heights/Roseville for almost 30 years, including shopping at the Rainbow Foods store since it has been at its present location near Larpenteur and Fernwood. I have raised all my children here and taken them shopping with me whenever necessary. We went to Rainbow to get groceries, primarily, although sometimes there were toys on the racks and sometimes we even bought the. I am not upset that there are toys at the grocery store, but I am extremely upset that here are toy guns at the grocery at eye level of young children who often accompany adults to the store. This is not the first time these racks of guns have been available at this store, and not the first time that I have voiced a complaint about it either. With all the news stories about younger and younger children shooting and killing each other and adults in an increasingly violent and dangerous world, and all the thousands of hours of media, news, TV, video games, and internet that shows shootings and killings, and young children thinking they are playing or pretending (or intentionally

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Our July issue marks the Bugle's 25th anniversary, quite an accomplishment in the rough and tumble world of community journalism. To celebrate this occasion, please consider donating \$25 or \$125 for 25 years of award-winning neighborhood news.



Illustrator Louis Safer dug through his wealthy archives and found this 50-year-old prize, which still shouts — "Think spring."

## Q &amp; A

## What is an important moment in history and why?

Photographs and interviews by Alyssa Whiting



Suzanne Fantle

"My honest answer is that history itself intertwines to create a tapestry in which there are no singularly important events. Each is important, overlapping and building since creation."



David Tyler

"Being born. This is definitely an important moment because I've been able to see and learn about the awesome thrills of life."



Jim Samargia

"I think an important moment will be when the year 2000 gets here. There'll be changes for sure, and it might be good to stock up on some stuff."



Arnold Delger

"In the United States, an important moment was the battle of Gettysburg, which represents the beginning of the end of the Civil War."



## C O M M E N T A R Y



## Red Light, Green Light

by Warren Hanson

I feel so honored!  
There are  
more and more  
Really Important

People living in our community all the time. It seems like I run into another Really Important Person almost every day.

Well, not actually "run into." Not yet anyway. But almost. Why, just yesterday I had to take something over to Tressel's house. They live on Carter, on the other side of Como from my house. So I drove down Carter and stopped at the stop light at Como. When the light turned green I started out into the intersection, but I had to stop abruptly! Another car, driving along Como, had decided that, even though the light in that direction had already turned red, there was still time to scoot through the intersection.

My momentary displeasure quickly melted into admiration. Why, that must have been a Really Important Person driving by! I hadn't had a chance to see who it was, but I'm pretty sure that it was probably a face that we have seen in the newspapers or on TV. Someone who makes big decisions and who absolutely has to be on time for appointments or the very world might stop spinning. Oh sure, by having to stop I lost a few seconds of my time. But what is MY measly, meaningless time, compared to the precious seconds of every precious minute of every invaluable hour of a Really Important Person? So I would get to Tressel's house a milli-minute later than planned. So what! Big Deal! I would gladly sacrifice entire half-hours, or even more, to ensure that this Really Important Person would not be late.

And, yes, my heart skipped a beat when I saw that car come hurtling into my field of vision. And hurtling it was! When that light turned red, that Really Important Person put the pedal to the floor, in order to get through the intersection as quickly as possible. I think it was actually an act of courtesy. I think that Really Important Person wanted to cause me the least possible inconvenience, and so chose to get out of my way really, really fast. How thoughtful! What is my one missed heartbeat, compared with such a big-hearted gesture as that? Why, I would gladly give up the occasional spare heartbeat if I could learn to be that generous. Besides, my heart was racing so quickly afterwards, I'm sure I made up for that one missing beat. And, yes, I did have to slam on my brakes in order not to be in that Really Important Person's way. But am I going to quibble over a little rubber lost from my tires, or a little extra

wear on my brake pads? Of course not! That would be petty. My sacrifice was small compared to the contribution I'm sure I made to humanity by letting that Really Important Person through the intersection unimpeded. Besides, compared to the toll my car COULD have paid if I had NOT slammed on my brakes, the small loss to my tires and my brake pads is trivial.

All of these things were going through my head as I recovered and proceeded through the intersection to Tressel's house. I was only there a second, dropping something off. Then I got back into my car and headed back up Carter toward home. And, well, you're never going to believe this . . .

It happened again!

I'm not kidding! This is the absolute truth! Not two minutes after the first incident, the same thing happened again, right there at Como and Carter. How lucky could I be! To have been in the presence of TWO Really Important Persons in such a short time! Why, Warren Hanson, I thought, you are truly blessed! Twice I was privileged to sacrifice a little bit of wear on my car, a few seconds of my meaningless time, and a heartbeat or two of my paltry life, in order to make sure that these Really Important Persons got, well, wherever, on time.

*I will gladly give of my tires and brake pads to ease the way for a Really Important Person.*

*But I don't especially want to see my car totalled. I won't miss a second or two of my time, but I don't really have time to lie in a hospital bed for very long.*

Now, the only thing remarkable about what I have told you is that these two incidents happened in such quick succession. The truth, as you probably know if you drive at all, is that this kind of thing happens all the time these days. Just the other day, for instance, I had the honor of allowing a Really Important Large Truck to speed through the intersection after the light had changed. I don't know what its cargo was, but I'll bet it was really, really important. Maybe even crucial to national security. Or why would the drive have imposed upon me in that way? Surely if it is a matter of national security, I am proud and happy to serve in any way I can.

Well, almost any way.

I will gladly give of my tires and brake pads to ease the way for a Really Important Person. But I don't especially want to see my car totalled. I won't miss a second or two of my time, but I don't really have time to lie in a hospital bed for very long.

I can spare a heartbeat or two, but I don't really want my heart to stop. After all, I may not be a Really Important Person, but to my family, at least, I'm important enough that they want me around a while longer. ■

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wishing to hurt or kill for whatever reasons or illnesses) for all these reasons, it certainly does not make sense to me to sell toy guns (anywhere) with which children can play and practice. There are so many fine and creative toys available these days for all ages of children, but even if there were not, guns have no place in the grocery store. I am reasonably certain that Rainbow sells enough other items to remove the guns from the store and never even miss the sale. I would go as far as to get a petition signed in the neighborhood. I feel very responsible for the protection of our young children in areas where we can have some

influence. We all need to be advocates no matter how old our own children are.

Mary Zubrzycki  
Early Childhood Special Education  
Teacher

## Support Early Childhood education

On Wednesday, March 10, the State Capitol Rotunda echoed with the voices of parents and their preschool children, "Building blocks for school success, Help all children do their best!" Rally Day participants were eager to share their message in support of Minnesota's nationally-recognized program Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE).

ECFE holds rally day at the Capitol each spring, which gathers participants from throughout the state to thank Minnesota legislators for their support. Parents encourage increased funding each biennium in order to serve more families.

Several St. Anthony Park families participated, representing their respective ECFE sites. St. Anthony Park Elementary School and Chelsea Heights Elementary School each have housed Northwest ECFE classes in the past, but were forced to relocate in the early '80s due to a lack of space. The Northwest community is now represented at the Galtier Elementary

School on Hamline Avenue, where most residents of this area now meet for ECFE. Additional funding could enable the establishment of more ECFE sites, one of the goals of funding requests each year.

Under current funding, ECFE serves 42 percent of all families in Minnesota with children from birth to age 5. ECFE is a family education initiative administered through the public schools, available in over 300 school districts throughout the state. Here in St. Paul 18 sites provide over 150 classes per week on a sliding-fee scale. No one is turned away because of an inability to pay and

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# NEWS

### Welcome New Delegates and Alternates

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Robert Straughn, *Alternate*

SOUTH ST. ANTHONY PARK

Bob Arndorfer, *Delegate*

Sherman Eagles, *Delegate*

Sueann Olson, *Delegate*

Karlyn Eckman, *Alternate*

### Welcome New Staff

The Council also welcomes our new Program Coordinator Carol Madison. Carol will be in charge of the Crime Prevention program, as well as the Neighborhood Senior Chore Service and the Recycling program. Please call Carol if you have questions or need information about those programs. She can be reached at 649-5992 Monday-Friday.

Council-sponsored meetings are listed each month in the Bugle Community Calendar (see page 17).  
Everyone is welcome!

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Executive Director: Heather Worthington

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## Globe trotting with Omega Travel

by Michelle Christianson

When Marsha Boie was a little girl

growing up on a farm outside Big Lake, Minnesota, the only places she visited were those the family could reach in time to be back for evening chores, but she always wanted more than that. Her 10 years in business with Omega Travel have helped her and many others expand the radius of travel possibilities far beyond that ever imagined by that little farm girl.

After graduation from the University of Minnesota at St. Cloud, Boie taught English and reading at Fridley Middle School. A trip to Europe convinced her that she wanted to become more involved with travel, so she took a year off teaching to attend travel school and to work at a travel agency in Fridley, where she continued to work part-time even after returning to her teaching job.

In 1989 a small, undeveloped agency in the Midway area that had to vacate its premises became available and Boie bought it. Her friend Ray Neitzel steered her to St. Anthony Park and Omega Travel was born. "I liked the area, it was a convenient 10-mile drive from my home in New Brighton and there was a need for a travel agency in the area," said Boie. She worked both her teaching job and full-time at Omega until she retired from teaching in 1995.

The clientele for Omega includes neighborhood people, employees of other businesses in the area, and friends of satisfied customers. She has a high percentage of professional people and educators for this reason.

"We serve an interesting and varied group of people. There is a group of women who always travel together that went to Antarctica and several retired professors who we have sent all over the world."

Manager and travel consultant Cindy Brown chimed in, "Dr. (Herbert) Wright is responsible for my knowledge of geography." She added that Wright



Omega Travel staff celebrates 10 years of business: (seated) Marsha Boie, (l to r) Paula Ackerland, Cindy Brown, David Swedlund, and Tara Schwieger. Photo by Truman Olson

to Chile and to Morocco and to remote areas in New Guinea, Africa and South America. Some clients have gone to Copper Canyon in Mexico where the Taramara Indians live as their ancestors did hundreds of years ago and retain all of their old culture. There is even a tribe living in tree houses that a company has contracted with for visits. A client can stay with them, live in their homes as they do and speak with them through a translator.

Boie has stayed with the Dani tribe in New Guinea, traveling with porters to her final destination. So, the little farm girl has really gotten to realize her dream of travel to far-off places.

Some people are looking especially for these unusual destinations, places that few others have been. But Boie has a word of caution for them, too. "People who want to go to someplace different have to act fast. In 50 years these places will all be westernized."

Boie and her husband (who is co-owner of Omega) also own an agency in North St. Paul, which is an extension of this agency. It is a smaller operation (two full-time and one part-time employee) with shorter hours and fewer clients.

"Coming to Omega is a different experience than ordering tickets on the Internet. Our business is developed on relationships; we're not just order-takers. This is not primarily a moneymaking venture. We love the business and our clients." ■

is a geologist who likes to ride his bicycle on his trips, the last of which was to Tblisi in Siberia.

Boie, Brown, and consultants, Paula Ackerland and David Swedlund, along with receptionist-bookkeeper Tara Schwieger, form a tightly-knit group that loves their business and their clients. "One of the benefits of being such a small operation is that we really get to know our clients and their preferences," said Boie. "We try places ourselves or hear from other clients about their experiences and then we can suggest trips to our regular clients because we know them so well." People often visit the office with their dogs or babies.

Because Omega is a retail business, Boie doesn't set up tours for groups herself, but purchases those services from wholesalers, such as MLT Vacations, Transglobal Vacations, and cruise lines. Omega does use local wholesalers as much as possible.

Some of the more exotic vacations Omega has planned have been the Antarctic trip and to Baffin Island for whale watching,

### THE TRAVELER'S TOP TEN LIST

If you go on the Internet and look for the top 10 travel destinations you will find a bewildering array of options. Do you want top sports (golf, windsurfing, biking, skiing etc.) destinations? How about hobby-horse racing, fly-fishing, collecting, bird watching? Perhaps you are looking for the least expensive destination, the ones with the best cuisine, the most cultural attractions. It's enough to make one want to stay home.

But ask the friendly consultants at Omega Travel and they can come up with a great list in the blink of an eyelash. It may not be ten, but it's sure tops.

Lots of people are heading to Europe this summer, whether it is for biking in Ireland, kayaking in Turin, or cooking in Tuscany. Families are heading for historical sites in the U.S. They walk the Freedom Trail in Boston, visit colonial Williamsburg, inspect the bullet holes in the Alamo. New York City is always a popular destination not only for its historical sites, but also for the theater district, museums, great eating and general people watching.

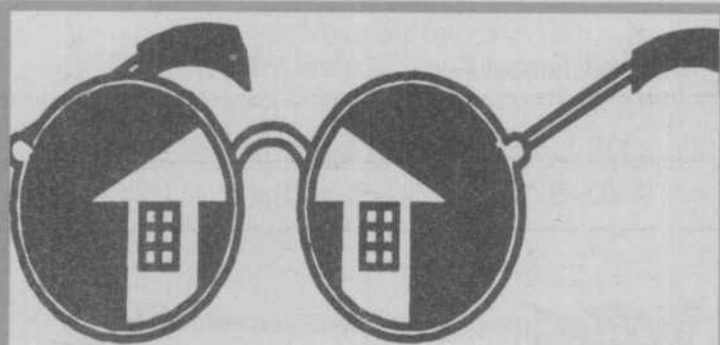
Families are also interested in national parks and attractions such as Glacier National Park, the Grand Canyon and Yellowstone.

Some travel to Washington State to see Seattle, Mt. Rainier, Mt. St. Helens and to drive the coast. They also drive the coast in California as well as visiting San Francisco, Monterey, Carmel and the wine country.

People go on cruises to Alaska and on the Yangtze River in China. They go on a different type of river trip when they go rafting on the Colorado.

It's a good time to visit Asian countries right now, as the dollar is strong. There is a tour up the Yangtze River for only \$1900 which includes all meals, escorted tours, accommodations and air travel. Trips to Bangkok and Beijing are available for \$600 and \$800 respectively. ■

— Michelle Christianson



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## Robin Fox, bog trotter

by Mary Maguire Lerman

My husband arrived home from his run the other day and said, "Have you seen that unusual house up on Hythe that is set way back by the alley?" I said, "Sure, that's the home of Robin Fox — our piano tuner." In fact, it's not hard to imagine his profession, as Robin was one of the few residents who was able to install a message in his newly poured concrete carriage walk last summer. The first section next to the curb reads: MAKE MORE MUSIC. Then the section closest to the public sidewalk reveals Robin's other love — plants. He was able to press some great leaf prints of jack-in-the-pulpit, maidenhair fern, wild

*"Indeed, most lovers of wild plants are bog-trotters and find in the depths of a swamp an earthly paradise."*

— ELOISE BUTLER

ginger, and perfoliate bellflower into that concrete portillon under the watchful eyes of the cement crew.

Like many plant lovers, Robin learned about native plants from his Quaker mother and grandmother. In fact, Robin told me that Quakers are often interested in native plants and there have been many well known Quaker botanists. However, his interest in native plants and the development of his garden featuring native wildflowers did not occur until some years later in life. He began his career in academia teaching at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design (MCAD). Then in the early '70s he became fascinated with indoor plants while living at the West Bank School of Music. Robin's plant interests expanded and he began

reviewing ecology books. Then he took the Field Botany course taught by Don Lawrence. He spent a great deal of time reviewing available botany and related ecology books. When he asked Dr. Lawrence what else was good to read, he recommended that Robin come to graduate school. This being his second time partaking in graduate school, Robin found it much superior the second time around.

Similar to the famous plant preservationist and botanist Eloise Butler, Robin's studies drew him to the plant life of bogs. In fact, Robin said he "fell in love with bogs" and his master's thesis focused on bogs. Following graduation, he worked with the DNR on a peat inventory in Northern Minnesota as this was during the time when Governor Perpich was examining harvesting Northern Minnesota peat as a potential energy source. In the late '70s, music became another

interest in his life and he began playing fiddle in Scandinavian and Appalachian styles. Later, in the mid '80s, he began studying piano tuning and service and many of us in the neighborhood now count on him for keeping our pianos in condition.

In 1986, he moved into the brown house on Hythe that was originally a machine shed back in the 1890s. According to Robin, it first appeared on the tax rolls in the 1890s and has had numerous owners. Four separate additions have been made to the original machine shed over the years. While some think it unusual for the location of the house, Robin stresses the advantages.

"Most homes are sited in a most unenlightened location on lots right in the middle. That way the lot has a useless front yard, non-existent side yards and a cramped back yard. Homeowners are dealing with lower light and privacy levels in homes because they are sited next to each other. If homes are offset on the lots, they can benefit from increased light levels and also a much larger expanse of yard."

So, how did Robin's wildflower garden develop? He began designing and planting it soon after moving into his Hythe home. He obtained plants from an elderly neighbor, buying and trading at the Native Plant Society plant sales and through friends. Over the years he accumulated to the level where he now has 60 common wildflower species in his yard. Of course, late April and May is the peak time for spring ephemeral wildflowers.



Photo courtesy Robin Fox

Ephemerals are the wildflowers that depend on the higher light intensity on woodland floors in early spring — so they bloom early and often quickly before the trees are fully leafed out. Examples are bloodroot, hepatica and trilliums. Following this rush of spring blooms, other wildflowers that can survive on filtered light coming through the leaf canopy arrive to delight us with, as Robin puts it "the beauty of the ordinary."

An example is American columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*), also commonly known as wild honeysuckle by many who learned as youths to suck the sweet nectar from the red/yellow flower's spurs. Robin's garden changes each year as the wildflowers interact and wax and wane in their "woodland competition." That's the interest of a wildflower garden, especially one that reproduces a bit of St. Anthony Park as it would have

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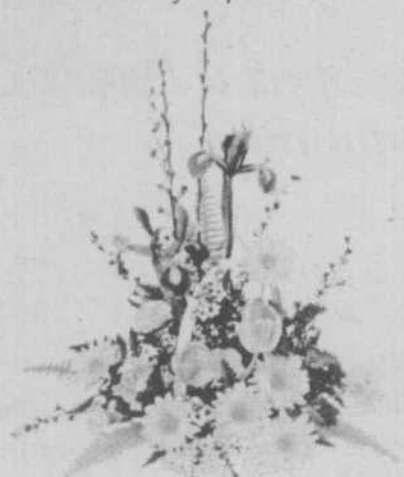


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## Ancitipating summer vacation

Bugle scribe Lisa Steinmann stopped by Nancy Plagen's journalism class at Como High School, asking the largely 11th and 12th grade students the question: "How do you plan to spend your summer vacation?"

"Looking ahead toward the summer, I plan to both get a job and just have fun. Summer is a time of freedom and happiness, and I plan to enjoy every minute of it."

— TONY G., grade 10

"This summer should be one of the best ever. I hope to learn how to barefoot waterski, be a tennis instructor at Langford Park and help kids learn the game of tennis, visit with friends and family at our lake cabin, improve my tennis game, go fishing, and mow yards for extra money."

— JONATHAN FARNSWORTH, grade 11

"I don't have plans for this summer but to wait and see. Planning to me is sometimes disappointing and a failure when it doesn't work out. So I'd say, let the wind blow and follow with the flow."

— ZONG XIONG, grade 11

"Since I have an extensive work schedule, much of my summer will be spent working to my off expenses (Having a car, a girlfriend, and college bills kind of force me into this predicament.) In my spare time I am planning a camping trip and spending some time fishing with my father. Finding relaxation will be my biggest goal."

— CHARLIE

"My plans for the summer include getting a job and having fun with my friends before we all go off to college. This summer I hope to get a job somewhere outside, so I can get a tan. Also, I hope to go out with my friends very often. It will be harder for us to get together when we are all in college. So, hopefully we'll make this the best summer ever."

— SAMANTHA, grade 12

"My plans for the summer are simple: I am definitely going up north. I plan on having fun and enjoying the summer."

— ANDY WARD, grade 11



"This summer I plan on working at Park Hardware to save enough money for a trip to Mexico with my church and for a car. I hope to see you in the store soon!"

— ADAM OCHOWICZ, grade 11

"Well I don't really have plans but I'm looking forward to maybe buying a car and spending time with my girlfriend. I want to make her proud of me. I may go to Colorado and have fun. Since we have a July 4th tournament, I also want to play soccer."

— TCHYNENG YANG, grade 12

"This summer is going to be busy fixing and decorating my home. The best part of it is that my dad is going to pay me. So, in the end I'll have a nice home and a lot of money. Then I can have even more fun this summer with the money I earn. Another plan is to wake up as late as I want. Other jobs wouldn't allow me to sleep in and I need my sleep."

— JOYCE STRAND

"My summer plans are not very interesting. I need to get a full-time job, unfortunately. Travel? I doubt it. What am I looking forward to? Sleeping in. Still, what I dread the most is going away to college in early August."

— KRISTA, grade 12

"Over the summer my parents plan to take a family trip to my grandparents cabin in Grand Marais. My friends and I are also going to go camping and tube-ing at the Apple River."

— BRAD, grade 11

"This summer I'm traveling to Mexico with my family. We plan to go to as many places as we can squeeze into two weeks. I'll also be working at the Children's World Learning Center this summer. I love children, so what a great way to spend my summer. There are also little things like Valleyfair, the State Fair, hanging out with friends on University Avenue, and lots of movies. Summer is the Best — why not make the most of it."

— TIFFANY, grade 11

"While everyone is lounging around the beach and shopping at the mall, this summer, I am going to be working hard and at the same time trying to relax. During the summer I will also be going to a journalism camp for yearbook. My summer will mostly be full of work, but it will help me out in the long run to go to Metropolitan State."

— SAMANTHA BORICH

"My summer plans are to travel and spend time with friends and family. The highlight of my summer will be a trip to Costa Rica with a group of Spanish students from Como High School. I can't wait for summer!"

— EMILY PETERSON, grade 11

"One of my favorite activities to do over summer is to go to the lake — not to swim, but to catch the rays. It's so nice on a dull day to pack a lunch and throw on a swimsuit with shorts and head for the lake with my friends."

— DIANA SALISBURY, grade 11

"I don't know exactly what I will do this summer. I'll most likely end up working most of the time so that I can pay my way through college at the U of M. When I get some spare time I'll do what I always do in the summer, play golf, and go out with my friends."

— KEVIN RENSLOW, grade 12

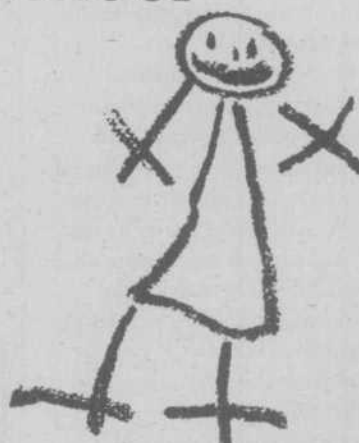
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## KID-BITS

### Murray assistant wins

Neng Dennis Xiong, educational assistant at Murray Junior High School, recently won the Bilingual Minnesota Paraprofessional of the Year award. He has worked at Murray for nine years, teaching groups of students in English as a second language and tutoring pupils in math, science, health, and social studies.

Six years ago, Xiong co-founded the Hmong Parent Association at Murray. He helps plan the monthly agenda, locates speakers and resources, and interprets for Hmong-speaking and English-speaking participants. He also interprets for Hmong parents at parent-teacher conferences.

In 1975, Xiong fled with his family through Laos and across the Mekong River to a refugee camp in Thailand. One year later, his family arrived in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and from there came to St. Paul. He graduated from Central High School in 1981. He attended Century College.

Since the autumn of 1997, Xiong has been a Public Safety Community Affairs Volunteer Officer for the Ramsey County Sheriff. After an extensive training course, he assists teen runaways, truants, and curfew-breakers. He also helps children with homework, school events, and Boy Scout events.

The Murray community is proud of Neng Xiong and his award, and is grateful for the consistent support that he gives to Murray students, staff, and parents.

— Ann Bulger

### Como High's choral concert

Set aside Thursday, May 20, 7 p.m., for Como Park High School's spring choral concert — Music with Style — featuring the music of the men's, women's, concert, and jazz choirs. Admission costs \$2 for adults and \$1 for students and seniors.

### Summer at Gibbs Farm

An old-fashioned schoolhouse experience for children entering grades 2 through 7 is being held at Gibbs Farm Museum on Tuesdays through Fridays from July 6 through August 13. Children spend a day in the museum's authentic one-room schoolhouse and recreate a 1900 school experience by reciting from 19th-century readers, using slate boards, competing in spelling bees, playing Victorian games, and participating in a unique artifact hunt in the farmhouse at recess.

Sessions are held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$15 per child with discounts for families and members of the Ramsey County Historical Society. An afternoon session for making corn husk figures with an ice cream treat will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at an additional \$3 per student.

While not required, students are encouraged to wear turn-of-the-century costumes, with girls' bonnets available in the museum

gift shop. Each child will receive supplies and a grade-appropriate school booklet based on original schoolbooks. Children should bring bag lunches. Lemonade provided. To register call 646-8629.

### Science champs at Murray

Murray High School sailed through the Minnesota State Science Fair last month. And most of the students live in the neighborhood. Congratulations to: ANNA BISHOP, "A comparison of the antibacterial effectiveness of different varieties of floral honey"; ANNIE FREDRICKSON, "Mellow cello"; CARLA GRANGER, "What are the effects of natural additives on Food?"; EMILY LETOURNEAU, "Do the media and fashion affect eating disorders?"; KILTY MCGOWAN, "How do extreme temperatures affect the accuracy of blood tests?"; HELGA MIDELFORT-YOGNAR, "Can horses see blue?"; JESSICA PREHEIM, "How accurate are meteorologists?"; ERIK STOECKELER, "The airflow over the surface of a wing"; MATT THORNTON, "Which water wins?"; PACHA YANG, "Which color absorbs the most light?"; and ADAM ZAKLIKA, "Viscosity and liquid flow."

### Farming in the city

School age children will have an opportunity to interact with lambs and calves and share farm experiences this summer at a new University of Minnesota day camp.

This week-long camp is called "Farm in the City: A Hands-on Interactive Experience." It's open to kids who have completed 1st through 5th grade.

The camp introduces farm animals, farm animal fun facts, farm and ranch history and traditions, and food production and processing. Planned activities include feeding and caring for calves and lambs, tours of the university's animal barns and veterinary hospital, hands-on activity centers, and a camp cook-off with parents and children. The hands-on activity center feature general animal health care, food product processing, and learning about foods and food sources.

Participants can choose from one of five camp sessions: July 12-16, July 19-23, July 26-30, August 2-6, and August 9-13. The camp costs \$100 per child.

For information call Ted Radnitz at (612) 624-3435. The Web site [www.animal.agri.umn.edu/daycamp](http://www.animal.agri.umn.edu/daycamp) also has information about the camp.

### Anne of Green Gables at Como

Como Park High School students are presenting I.M. Montgomery's classic *Anne of Green Gables* on Thursday, May 6, 7 p.m., Friday, May 7, 7 p.m., and Saturday, May 8, 7:30 p.m. The play costs \$5 for adults and \$4 for students and seniors.

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to Falcon Heights as it celebrates its 50th  
anniversary this year.

Forming the shape of a T, bounded by

Roselawn, Fulham, Hoyt and Hamline, dropping down to include the  
Minnesota State Fair grounds, Falcon Heights was originally part of Rose  
Township, which was named for surveyor Isaac Rose and incorporated in  
1858. In its early history, the boundaries were Marshall Avenue on the  
south, Rice Street on the east, Stinson Boulevard on the west and County  
Road D on the north.

In 1949 Rose Township, much smaller by then, was comprised of five  
different communities, each with its own community club: Northome,  
Falcon Heights, Larpenteur Manor, Rose Grove, and Rose Hill. In August  
of 1948 an election had been held, and the decision made to remain a  
Township. But then Rose Hill pulled out, incorporating as the Village of  
Lauderdale. Rumors flew that other communities may pull out, too. Bond  
issues for a new school district and fire station were put up, and it became  
unfeasible for the people to remain organized as a township, especially with  
65 percent of its land, the U of M St. Paul campus and state fairgrounds,  
being non-taxable. In addition, St. Paul sent a reminder that annexing any  
more land after 1949 would pose a serious problem. The question on  
March 1, 1949 was, "Shall we 1) Incorporate as a Village? 2) Join the Village  
of Roseville? 3) Join the City of St. Paul?" "Incorporating" garnered most of  
the one-per-family votes.

The lot at 1479 Idaho Street was covered with beautiful lilacs when  
Dan and Adeline Madole chose it as the site for their new home. They  
moved in the same year Falcon Heights was incorporated and celebrated  
their 55th year of marriage in that same house. "Well, we do have different  
curtains," qualified Adeline. "And the kids wore out the carpet two or three  
times," quipped Don.

Several empty lots, and the "Hole" (now Curtiss Field Park) down at  
the end of the street, enticed the neighborhood children to informal  
gatherings after supper, where they played without an adult to tell them  
what to do. Sometimes they hopped on their bikes and went to Como Park

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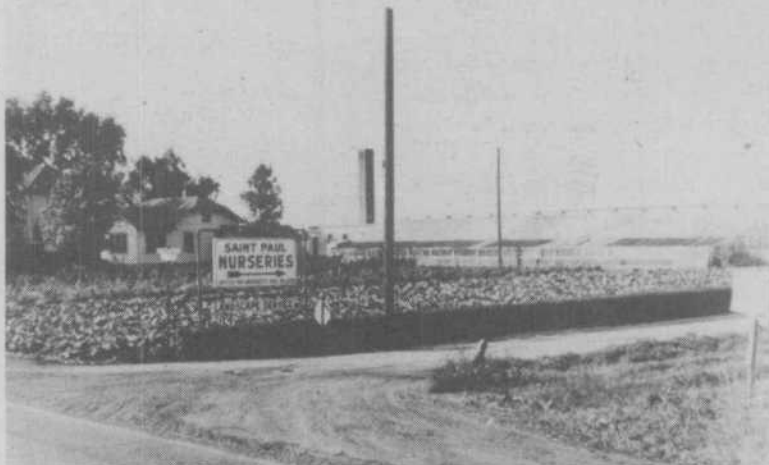


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or huddled together in the warming  
the fairgrounds is what the Madole  
in free, so went every day, dashing ba  
returning. The summer ritual always  
in the phone booths. On Memorial  
neighborhood had their own parade.

"Can we walk over to the town?  
and Snelling, where community need  
men's wear, women's ready-to-wear, a  
store on the south side, and a bakery.  
Flameburger restaurant across the str  
the children never crossed it until the  
Larpenteur. Children were expected  
but the dangerous intersection soon.

On another corner of Larpenteur  
brother, Rudy, located their first trac  
purchased land from a man named F  
(named for Faulkner) and the North  
Donna Johnson, Carl's daughter, add  
brother Karl eventually joined the co  
emerging. Donna, a member of Falco  
said after it was founded as the Cong  
members worshiped in the basement  
Then their first church building, the  
Congregational Church in Minneapol  
the Holton/Garden site.

Early Larpenteur boasted 16 gar  
including Rose Hill Nursery, Gibbs N  
and B & J Floral. Recently the city in  
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## GOLDEN CITY CELEBRATES GOOD LIVING

by Kristin D. Anderson

built in 1940. Mrs. Blomberg, whose husband had owned the Blomberg Grocery at Como and Doswell, provided for the building. Her son, Robert, managed the pharmacy at one end while his brother ran a grocery store in the other. The streetcar line ended at Hamline and Hoyt, the pharmacy site, so the school children raced for the telephone each day to call home for their rides. Folks came to visit the doctor and dentist, who had offices in the

1843, Stephen Dosnoyer settled in Rose Township . . . 1849, The Gibbs settle their farm . . . 1858, Rose Township is incorporated, including Falcon Heights . . . 1870s, Ramsey County Poor Farm is established on land that later becomes the State Fair . . . 1873, Gibbs school house built . . . 1882, Minnesota declares 200 acres as an "outdoor laboratory" for the university . . . 1885, Minnesota State Fair is established on its current site . . . 1939, Falcon Heights UCC is built . . . 1940, the Blomberg's Pharmacy opens . . . 1949, The Village of Falcon Heights is incorporates . . .

basement, and to stake a claim on one of the six stools at the soda fountain. Hot summer days and cold ice cream combined to keep those stools filled as the fans whirled to induce an illusion of coolness. Bonnie Blomberg, Bob's wife, did the books in those days, and is still a "regular" at the pharmacy.

Don't forget about the Quonset huts, Curtiss Twin City Airport, Gibbs school house on Cleveland and Larpenet, and University Grove. And people say they an empty squad car "kept things tame" at the Flameburger's closing festivities. Shopping center fire. All these things and more are noted and remembered. But it's really the spirit of the Falcon Heights people that is being celebrated, a widespread spirit of caring, knowing your neighbor, recognizing the diverse communities while maintaining togetherness, serving one another, and delighting in life. ■

*The early years at University Farm; The Avenue of Flowers grew many businesses, including St. Paul Nurseries at Fry and Larpenet; Pioneer days at school; And remember our old Flameburger restaurant at Larpenet and Arona.*  
Photos courtesy of the City of Falcon Heights.

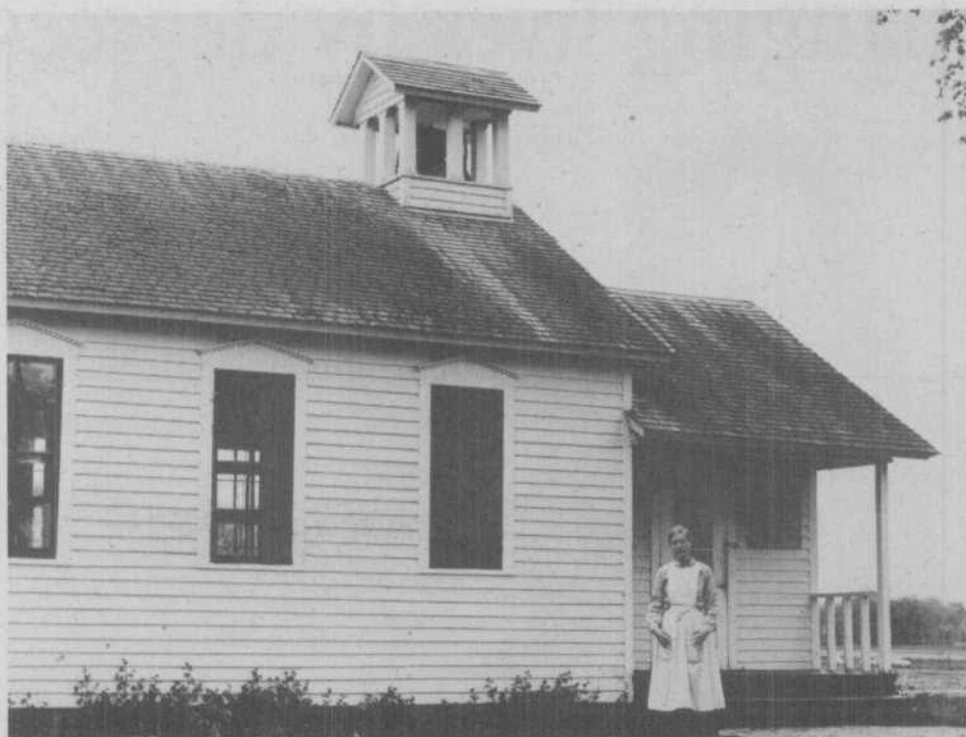


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## Ag High School . . . from page 1

careers down on the farm. The school, he said, would prepare students for job opportunities as "veterinarians, agricultural market analysts, loan officers and financial planners for agriculture, food inspectors, garden center managers, food industry employees and florists." He forecasted only half-jokingly, "Maybe the next Norman Borlaug, [the agricultural genius who invented the Green Revolution] is growing up right

here in Falcon Heights."

Plonski added that, although farms may be few in these parts, with the presence of the St. Paul Campus of the university, the State Fairgrounds, Land O' Lakes, and Cargill, "Ramsey County is one of the most agriculture-dependent counties in the state. Most kids in the Future Farmers of America don't come from a farm background."

Several financial hurdles stand

between Plonski's organization and the realization of their educational plans. The council has requested \$350,000 in start-up funds from the State Legislature. Within the next few weeks, the group will know if that request will be funded and whether they will be able to move ahead on efforts to get a planning grant and other private funds. "Realistically," said Plonski, "we're at the preliminary stages. The soonest we could possibly proceed would be May of 2000, if we get the funding." ■

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## Letters . . . from page 5

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The premise of early

childhood education is based on increasing evidence that children begin learning from birth. Infant brain development research shows that rich and varied interactions have a strong, positive impact on the brain. Perhaps even more important than this are the long-term effects of parent involvement. Parents are the first and foremost teachers of their children and interest in their children's development from day one gives children the self-confidence they need to maintain the will to learn. Studies by the Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning find that parents who are active in education issues from the start will stay active in their children's education and support them in learning throughout their life. To learn more about the ECFE program in St. Paul, call 793-5410. If you are interested in investigating the return of an ECFE site to the St. Anthony/Como Park area, I would be interested in your help. Call 646-3072.

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## St. Paul City Council . . . from page 3

St. Paul's historic preservation districts are also considered special sign districts. The districts allow neighborhoods to prohibit the erection of new billboards and advertising signs, and set design guidelines for any new signs.

Benanav said the district's move is warranted because of the many billboards already in and around St. Anthony Park. The district was approved under current city special sign district regulations. New billboard regulations are under study by the St. Paul Planning Commission. Although the regulations are meant to reduce the number of billboards in residential neighborhoods, St. Anthony Park's mix of commercial, industrial and residential zoning would make the community one of the few places in the city where even more signs could go up.

"The major reason why we brought this district forward is because of the prevalence of billboards in the community," said Heather Worthington, executive director, St. Anthony Park Community Council. "We have billboards that literally light up residents' backyards."

"We're not asking that the billboards be removed immediately," Benanav said. "We're saying 'Enough is enough.'"

Eller Media lobbyist Michael Cronin asked the City Council not to approve the special sign district, saying it is "very exceptional" in size and that its sole purpose is to get rid of billboards. He said that industrially and commercially zoned streets in the neighborhood are appropriate places for billboards.

"If you take St. Anthony Park

off of the table, you really restrict your options in the city (for more billboards)," he said.

Cronin's comments that the city should work with the billboard industry instead of passing the special sign district irked Benanav. "We'd be willing to work with the billboard industry if they were honest and forthcoming. But that hasn't been the case," he said.

"It's your lobbyists doing an end run on us at the Capitol," said Benanav, referring to the amortization bill. "And then you tell us you want to work with us — it's unbelievable."

The St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce and development consultant Paula Maccabee also testified against the district. Maccabee testified on behalf of a client who has a billboard on his building.

The St. Anthony Park Community Council and St. Anthony Park Association presented testimony on behalf of the special sign district, as did St. Anthony Park resident and developer Robert Straughn. They spoke about how reducing the number of billboards would make the neighborhood more attractive

and less cluttered.

Straughn pointed out the blighting impact billboards have on the community's gateway streets and highways, including University Avenue, Territorial Avenue, Raymond Avenue, Como Avenue, and Highway 280.

Straughn also said that St. Anthony Park is home to 10 percent of all of the jobs in St. Paul, with about 17,000 jobs here. The area is evolving from its historic industrial/warehouse roots to a commercial/office hub. Straughn said that modern office and light industrial parks, including those developed by the St. Paul Port Authority, have few, if any billboards.

Since 1997 St. Paul has studied more stringent regulations for billboards. A task force made several recommendations last year, which were sent on to the Planning Commission. The commission then set up its own task force, but laid over further work on the billboard regulations until the Minnesota legislature and Governor Jesse Ventura take final action on the bill that would prohibit cities from amortizing or gradually eliminate land uses, including billboards. ■



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## Cubs turn 50

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## FALCON HEIGHTS

## Golden Jubilee continues

Falcon Heights' 50th birthday festivities continue on May 22, 1 p.m., with the Parade of the Decade. People are encouraged to wear clothes from the 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, even the 90s. The parade begins at Falcon Heights school.



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## Acorn Bankfair on May 1

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## Unitree planting expands

Join your neighbors on Friday, May 14, and Saturday, May 15, in planting trees and shrubs at Murray Junior High School and throughout the neighborhood. The event is being sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Community Council and the Unitree Program. Additionally, 50 shrubs and trees are being sold for \$10 each to neighbors on a first-come basis. Interested? Call Heather Worthington at 649-5992 or Ron Dufault during the evening at 647-0262.

## Art Fair on June 5

The 30th annual St. Anthony Park Arts Festival, set for June 5th from 9:30 to 5:30, is looking for a few good volunteers.

\* Do you remember children's storybook characters? Do you have an eye for creative art? The library association plans a new event for this year: a sidewalk chalk art contest featuring book characters. A coordinator and judges are needed.

\* During the week before the festival, approximately 25 signs need to be placed around the neighborhood — this could be a good family activity.

\* Early risers can help on the morning of the fair by directing artists and vendors to their display spaces and parking areas, putting up two information canopies, and

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Applications for artists are available until May 1. Almost 80 artists have already been accepted. This year, due to construction at the library, more than half of the artists will be located at the Luther Seminary grounds at Como and Luther Place. Food booths, games, and booths highlighting neighborhood organizations will line the stretch of Como connecting the two parts of the art fair.

The arts festival is co-sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Business Association and the St. Anthony Park Library Association.

— Arlene West

## Hueg speaks on May 3

Dr. William Hueg is set to speak about "Agriculture: What's Ahead?" on Monday, May 3, 1:30 p.m., at the St. Paul Campus Center's theater.

The University of Minnesota professor emeritus will discuss where Minnesota agriculture has been, where it is now, and what is needed for farming to survive.

## Islam seminar begins May 24

Luther Seminary's Islamic Studies Program is hosting its third biennial conference on Islam — Muslim and Christians: Friendship and Faith — on May 24 through May 28 at Luther Seminary.

World-renowned scholars of Islam from Christian and Muslim backgrounds will speak.



Additional highlights include Roland Miller speaking on friendship and faith issues, Yvonne Yazbeck Haddad on Muslim responses to secularization, and Nelly van Doorn-Harder on women of faith.

Call Nicole Mason at 641-3451 for additional information.

## PEOPLE

LAILA ROBINS, St. Anthony Park native and Murray High School graduate, is appearing as Alma in Tennessee Williams' play, *Summer and Smoke*, at the Guthrie Theater.

Lifetime St. Anthony Park resident SARAH ROHR graduates from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington on May 23.

Central High School senior JULIE MAGNUSON won the Hamline University Trustee Scholarship.

KRISTA MARIE WYNN — a soccer, basketball, and softball star at Como Park — is an Athena Award winner, honoring outstanding female athletes.

Earlham College student Jeffrey Wellington, son of Stephen and Katherine Wellington, is spending the spring semester studying in Northern Ireland. ■

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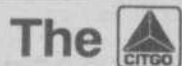
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## ARTS EVENTS

## MUSIC

**Music in the Park's 20th anniversary season's final concert on May 9**

Celebrate Music in the Park's 20th anniversary season by hearing Thelma Hunter, piano; Michael Sutton, violin; and Joseph Johnson, cello, for a hometown-inspired gathering on Sunday, May 9, 7 p.m., at St. Anthony Park

United Church of Christ.

Beloved Twin Cities pianist Hunter, a longtime series favorite, premieres a new work composed by Minnesota's own Stephen Paulus. The work was commissioned in honor of Music in the Park's 20th season. And the trio's program, which also features works by Leclair and Martinu, concludes with Mendelssohn's *Trio in C Minor*. Call 645-5699 for more information.

**Nature in word and song**

Listen to the music of mezzo-soprano Jenneke Barton, pianist Mindy Eschedor, and reader Marlea Gilbert on Sunday, May 2, 7 p.m., when this trio presents "Nature in Word and Song" at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ. Barton's credits include performances at the Marlboro Music Festival, the Santa Fe Opera, and the Boston Pops, while Eschedor accompanies the

Vox and Out Loud chamber choirs. The Rev. Gilbert is minister at Table of Grace United Church of Christ. Admission is free, although free-will donations assists the Russian Youth Delegation's Twin Cities visit. Call 646-7173 for information.

**Helios on Friday, May 7**

Enjoy music from Helios — an eclectic chamber music group with neighborhood roots — on Friday, May 7, 8 p.m., at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ.

Spring concert highlights range from Darius Milhaud's primitive and jazzy "La Creation du Mode" to Ernesto Lecuona's "Malaguena." A new compositions by Helios fiddler Eric Larss Peterson and Tristan Fuentes enhance the program.

Admission is accepted at the door.

## EXHIBITS

**Lloyd family exhibit**

Visit the Raymond Avenue Gallery for "Vessels," an exhibition of wood fired stoneware and porcelain by Stephen Lloyd and raised copper by Timothy Lloyd.

Stephen Lloyd has been working with clay for 12 years. During this time he developed an interest in the process of wood firing and a devotion to the handmade vessel. He received his B.A. from Beloit College and a M.F.A. from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in 1995. His father, Timothy Lloyd,

creates small copper vessels that have been raised and fold-formed from flat sheet metal. Details in silver and gold enhance the work, reflecting his interest in Japanese vessel. Lloyd holds a B.E.A. from Kent State University and a M.F.A. from the School of American Crafts at Rochester Institute of Technology. He teaches at Carleton College in Northfield, where he maintains a studio.

The gallery is located at 761 Raymond Avenue. Call 644-9200 for information.■

Hear pianist Thelma Hunter, along with violinist Michael Sutton and cellist Joseph Johnson, at Music in the Park's concert on Sunday, May 9.

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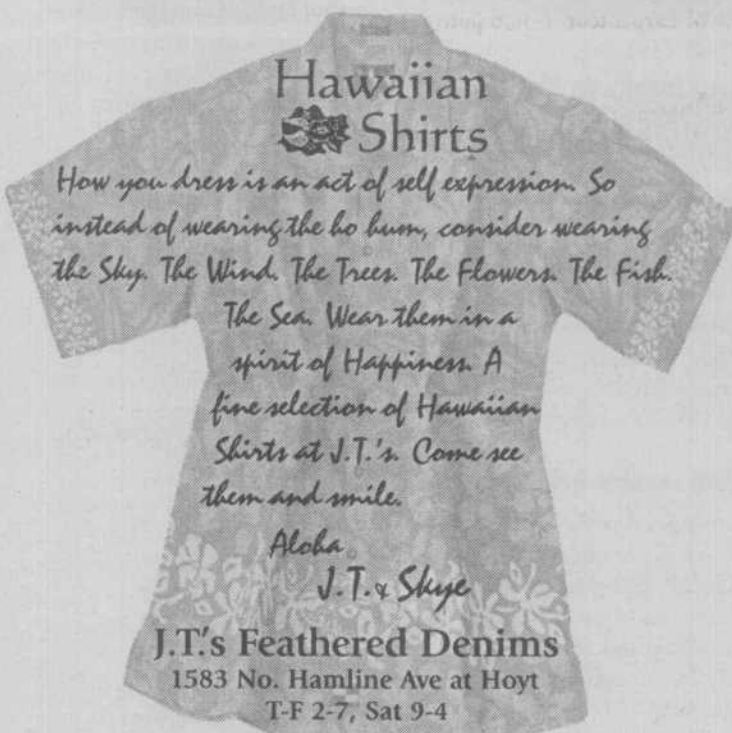
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## 3 MONDAY

- Como Park recycling.
- AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. 770-2646. Every Monday.
- Boy Scouts, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 7 p.m. Every Monday.

## 4 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 Community Band rehearsal, Como Senior High band room, 7:15 p.m. Call 642-1559.

## 5 WEDNESDAY

- Leisure Center for Seniors, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. 603-8946. Every Wednesday.

## 6 THURSDAY

- 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.
- Como High School's Spring Play — *Anne of Green Gables* — 7 p.m., 740 Rose Avenue West

## 7 FRIDAY

- Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee, Olson Student Center, Luther Seminary, 11:30 a.m.
- Spring Carnival, St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 5-8 p.m.

- Como High School's Spring Play — *Anne of Green Gables* — 7 p.m., 740 Rose Avenue West

## 8 SATURDAY

- Como High School's Spring Play — *Anne of Green Gables* — 7:30 p.m., 740 Rose Avenue West

## 9 SUNDAY

- Mother's Day

## 10 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 488-3361.

## 11 TUESDAY

- Dr. Patricia Lawler discusses natural approaches for avoiding or reversing the effects of osteoporosis, 6 p.m., Holly House. Call 645-6951 to register.
- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 7:30 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park Association honors special people in our community. Murray Junior High School Library, 7 p.m.

## 12 WEDNESDAY

- St. Anthony Park recycling.
- Full Council Meeting, St. Anthony Park Community Council, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.
- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 7 p.m.

## 13 THURSDAY

- Horticulture Club plant sale, St. Paul Student Center, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## 14 FRIDAY

- Horticulture Club plant sale, St. Paul Student Center, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- County Folk Art Craft Show, State Fairgrounds, 5 - 9 p.m.
- La Leche League of Falcon Heights Garage Sale, 711 West Wheelock Parkway, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. No presales

## 15 SATURDAY

- Horticulture Club plant sale, St. Paul Student Center, 8 a.m. - noon.
- Como Park Conservatory's perennial and bulb sale, 8 a.m. - noon, at the conservatory.
- County Folk Art Craft Show, State Fairgrounds, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- La Leche League of Falcon Heights Garage Sale, 711 West Wheelock Parkway, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

## 16 SUNDAY

- County Folk Art Craft Show, State Fairgrounds, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## 17 MONDAY

- Como Park recycling.

## 18 TUESDAY

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

## 19 WEDNESDAY

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

## 20 THURSDAY

- Como High School's Spring Choral Concert, 7 p.m., 740 Rose Avenue West

## 21 FRIDAY

- Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.
- Dani Werner and Doug Beasley's studio open house and photography exhibition, 1026 Central Avenue NE, Suite 1, Mpls., 5-9 p.m.

## 22 SATURDAY

- FARE For All distribution and registration at Holy Childhood Church, 1495 Midway Parkway, 9:30 - 11 a.m. Call 644-7495; or St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Avenue, 8:30-10:30. Call 644-8833.
- Falcon Heights' 50th Birthday Parade of the Decades, 1 p.m., beginning at Falcon Heights School.

- Dani Werner and Doug Beasley's studio open house and photography exhibition, 1026 Central Avenue NE, Suite 1, Mpls., noon - 6 p.m.

- University Grove walking tour, 10 a.m. Space is limited. Call 647-6007 for reservations.

## 24 MONDAY

- Victoria Day (Canada)
- Falconeers Senior Card Club, Falcon Heights, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 1-3:30 p.m. Call 488-3361.

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

## 25 TUESDAY

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

## 26 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.

## 31 MONDAY

- Memorial Day

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

**Catherine Bryant**

Catherine M. Blanchard Bryant died at 86 years on April 6. She was a resident of the St. Anthony Park Home.

Bryant was preceded in death by her husband, Loyal; her sisters, Lorraine and Shirley Blanchard and Beverly Coleman. She is survived by her sister, Mary Ellen Nelson.

**Wayne Davies**

Wayne Davies, a longtime resident of St. Anthony Park, died on March 31. He was 93 years old and had lived on Chelmsford for over 35 years.

Davies, a native of Butte, Nebraska, retired in 1970 as Executive Vice President of the West Publishing Company. He was active in the St. Anthony Park Association and the Ag Retirees-St. Paul Campus and was a member of the St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Marce Davies; daughter, Susan Currier; sons, Thomas and John; and five grandchildren,

Matthew and Sara Currier, Andrew, Morgan, and Lauren Davies. The family expresses their appreciation for the Respite Care Program at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

**Lucille Duggan**

Lucille "Cile" Schuell Duggan died on April 8 at the St. Anthony Park Home. She was 86.

Duggan graduated from Ohio University and taught in nearby schools. She met her future husband, William Duggan, at Notre Dame, and traveled with him and their son David to foreign service posts in South Africa, Denmark, and Canada.

She later moved to Minnesota and studied at the University of Minnesota and taught English in local schools. Following retirement, she returned to South Bend, then in 1993, she moved back to St. Paul to be near her son David. She lived at the St. Anthony Park Home for the last four months.

Preceded in death by her husband, William, and sisters, Mildred Schuell and Katherine

West, she is survived by her son, David of St. Anthony Park; grandson, Peter; and several nephews.

**Marjorie Dvorak**

Marjorie "Honey" Dvorak, a longtime St. Anthony Park resident, died on March 19. She was 74 years old and had lived on Como Avenue for over 30 years.

Dvorak was a parishioner at Corpus Christi Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Edward "Mill"; children, Debbie Dexter, Donna Koran, and Keith Melgaard; five grandchildren, Mike and Jeff Dexter, Tony and Bree Koran, and Keith Melgaard; and two great-grandchildren, Danielle and Bailey Dexter.

**Elizabeth Giesen**

Elizabeth Haley Giesen, age 81, died on April 7. She was a former Lauderdale resident, who had been recently at the Lyngblomsten Care Center.

Giesen was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Peter, and foster sister, Beverly Koshenina. Survivors include her sister, Eileen Miley; a niece, Nancy Wenkel; a nephew, Tim Miley; and a great-nephew, Dan Wenkel, as well as other nieces, nephews, and cousins.

**Gertrude Komarek**

Gertrude A. Komarek died on March 29 at the age of 95. She was a resident of Como Park on Hamline Avenue North.

Komarek was a parishioner at Holy Childhood Catholic Church.

Preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, and daughter, Dorothy Ecker, she is survived by sons, Arthur and Joseph; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a son-in-law, Richard Ecker.

Dear Friends,

On April 5 Sokhoeun Sean, a parent at St. Anthony Park Elementary School, died in a traffic accident on Interstate 94. Sean had six children, ranging from age 1 to 11, and five of her children attend St. Anthony Park Elementary. A number of parents and faculty have approached the school if there is any way to donate money to benefit Sean's youngsters.

Since the school doesn't have the facilities to process the donations, a short-term account is open at St. Anthony Park Bank to receive our offerings. The account is open until June 30, 1999. Your contributions to the Sean family are greatly appreciated. Please send your check to: SEAN FUND, Park Bank, attn: Retail Banking Manager, 2265 Como Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108.

Thank you,  
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St. Anthony Park School Association co-chairs

**Karen Morris**

Karen L. Morris, 62, died on March 31, in Tucson, Arizona. She had lived in St. Anthony Park on Chelmsford Street for many years and then in Lauderdale. Her most recent home was in White Bear Lake.

Morris was a member of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Shoreview.

Survivors include her husband, Jack; daughter, Kim Thomson; sons, Nathan, Jonathan, and Jefferson; eight grandchildren, Zachary, Karis, Isaac, Tucker, Maggie, Henry, Savannah, and Wheeler; brother, Dale Monson; sisters, Margaret Sallstrom and Lois Lind; and sister-in-law, Mary Morris Mergenthal.

**Ruth Nier**

Ruth Eleanor Nier died on March 17 in Alexandria, Virginia. She was 85 years old and a former resident of University Grove on Hoyt Avenue.

Nier was a native of St. Paul and a graduate of Humboldt High School in 1931. She worked at West Publishing Company until she married Alfred Nier in 1937. He was a physics professor at the University of Minnesota, who later did physics research at Harvard and worked on the Manhattan Project, the forerunner of the atomic bomb. They divorced in 1969. She continued living in the Grove until moving to Virginia in 1997.

An active member of Plymouth Congregational Church in Minneapolis for over 50 years, Nier helped to create the renowned set of huge crewel embroideries produced there over the decades. She was a longtime member of the U of M Faculty Women's Club, the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, and the Science Museum in St. Paul. She was an enthusiastic bridge player and an avid traveler.

She is survived by a daughter, Janet Marx; son, Keith; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Roger Novak**

Roger A. Novak died in Panama City, Florida, on March 21 at the age of 69. He lived most of his life in the Como Park area and most recently in Shoreview. He was a longtime member of Holy

Childhood Catholic Church.

Novak is survived by his wife, Barbara; sons, Tom, Mark, Bill, and Bob; grandchildren, Justin, Ashley, Kristin, and Alex; and brother, Vern.

**Evelyn Ryan**

Evelyn Daisy Ryan, age 91, died on March 22. She was a resident of Como Park.

Ryan was an underwriter with St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company.

Preceded in death by her husband, Bill in 1983, she is survived by daughters, Marlene Lassberg and Maureen Krause; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**Dorothy Wegner**

Dorothy Elizabeth Stangler Wegner, a longtime resident of Lauderdale, died on April 8. She was 85 years of age.

Wegner was an active member of Corpus Christi Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer, in 1967, and seven brothers and sisters. She is survived by sons, Dale and Joe; daughters, Dianne Nemo, Judy Fehlen, and Joan Lange; 21 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

**Lynn Wolfe**

Lynn Wolfe, manager of the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, died at age 48 on April 12. She worked with the Parks and Recreation Department for 26 years, beginning as a recreation leader. She later served as community education coordinator and head of community education for the department. Her home was in Woodbury.

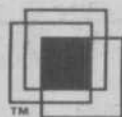
As manager of the zoo and conservatory, she was also responsible for the Japanese garden. She learned Japanese and visited Japan. She also coached softball and was active in the athletic careers of her children at Hill-Murray High School.

Survivors include her husband, Tom; son, Timothy; daughter, Heather; parents, Ron and Sharon Mickus; sister, Debra Hudella; and brothers, Ron Mickus, Jr., and Jimmy Mickus.

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## NOTICES

GARAGE SALE MAY 15, Saturday, 8:30-3:00. Huge 20-family sale - kids' stuff galore! Corner of Doswell & Keston. Fundraiser for the St. Anthony Park Nursery School.

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## Robin Fox . . . from page 7

looked in pre-settlement times. When you are out for your walks in May, stop by and admire the display at Robin's woodland garden. And...if you want to check out the fascinating plants in a bog — there are two public bogs in the Twin Cities area for you to

*"Most homes are sited in a most unenlightened location on lots-right in the middle. That way the lot has a useless front yard, non-existent side yards and a cramped back yard. . . . If homes are offset on the lots, they can benefit from increased light levels and also a much larger expanse of yard."*

— Robin Fox  
St. Anthony Park gardener

visit. The Quaking Bog in Theodore Wirth Park was Eloise Butler's favorite hangout and secret nursery and there is an even older bog at the Warner Nature Center near Afton. ■

## Kid-Bits . . . from page 9

### Langford/South St. Anthony Rec centers registration

Langford Park and South St. Anthony Park recreation centers welcome registration for baseball/softball and t-ball/nearball.

Register in person on Monday through Thursday, 4 - 8 p.m. Practices begin in mid-May for baseball/softball and early June for t-ball/nearball.

### Diamond-T Ranch outing

Take a field trip to Diamond-T Ranch on Thursday, May 20, 4:30 - 8 p.m. The \$12 fee includes transportation, admission, and pizza and pop.

The event is open for boys and girls, grades 6 and up.

### Fairway Golf program

Langford Park and South St. Anthony Park recreation centers are sponsoring the popular Fairway Golf program this summer for girls and boys, grades 6 and up.

Every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. a bus will visit various golf courses for practice and golf. This program begins on June 15.

### Urban tennis at Langford

Langford Park is hosting the Urban Tennis program again this summer on new resurfaced

courts. Watch for details in the coming issue. ■



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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  
On May 30 Service hours change to 8, 9, and 10am  
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 Confirmation, Adult Choir  
7:30 pm Youth Nite  
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Sunday Worship: 10:30 am, Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays  
Tuesday Bible Study: 10 am  
Pastor Drew Flathmann

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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

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Pastors Paul Ofstedal and Reany Lindberg  
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Sunday Worship: 8:45 and 11 am. Nursery at both services  
Sunday School 9:50  
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Faith Chinese Fellowship 1:30 pm Sundays  
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Nursery Care Provided: 10:15 am  
Wednesday evening Meet & Eat followed by programs for all ages  
May 2, 7 pm - "Nature in Word and Song" Special benefit concert  
May 8, 6 pm - Dinner and Dance with our Russian guests  
May 9, 9:30 am - Special organ concert, and greet Russian delegation  
May 23, 10 am - Senior Choir concert

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

### ❖ 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

### ❖ 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  
Thursdays:  
10:00 am International English Classes  
1:00 pm Caregivers Respite Program  
6:30 pm Tutoring  
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