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Local spelling champ goes to Washington



by Judy Woodward

One day next week Emily Parker will meet her Moment of Truth. The Murray Junior High eighth-grader will stand on a vast stage with 120 other contestants, she'll look down at a rapt audience of parents and Washington journalists, she'll face the judges, adjust the microphone, take a deep breath and begin to spell.

For Emily, 1999 winner of the Minnesota State Spelling Bee, one of the more memorable weeks of her 13 years will begin on May 29 when she and her mother travel to Washington, D.C., so that she can compete in the National Spelling Bee.

The road to Washington has not been entirely without bumps for Emily. Although she says she comes "from a spelling family" and her older brother competed in State Spelling Bees when he was her age, this is her first major contest. She's been competing in spelling bees since she was in fifth grade, but she never won a single bee until she took top honors in last month's state match. In fact, she didn't even win the school spelling bee that sent her to state level competition.

Like Harry Truman and Arne Carlson before her, Emily was a dark horse who emerged from the middle of the pack and snatched victory from the odds-on favorites. In Emily's case, her march to triumph was built on days of study, nights of reading — and two strategically timed cases of the stomach flu.

Here's how it happened: When Murray Jr. High held its spelling bee this spring, Emily Parker did no better than tie for third place. Top honors went to her good friend and fellow eighth

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Proposed south St. Anthony Urban Village stirs debate

by Pete Keith

The owners of nearly every business on the northwest block of the Raymond and University intersection attended the April 28 meeting of the St. Anthony Park Community Council to voice their opposition to a proposed re-development project for that block.

The re-development project, or "Urban Village," as proposed by the St. Paul Planning and Economic Development (PED) Department was presented to the council's housing committee. The proposal, as shown, was a very early feasibility concept, according to Donna Drummond, a city planner with the PED. The proposal left intact the Security Building, but replaced all of the Raymond Avenue businesses with a multi-story mixed-use structure,

with two levels of retail, as well as housing. Part of the intent of the re-development would be to increase use density of the block, much of which is now under-utilized, according to PED.

Despite the preliminary nature of the proposal, "The

reaction was pretty negative from the business community," said Heather Worthington, executive director of the community council, "and we heard the businesses very clearly."

The project proposal stems

from a desire long expressed by the community council for additional housing in south St. Anthony Park. But what this concept proposed "was not what the council or the housing committee was envisioning," added Worthington. She believes

the council's stated desire for additional housing and worked with a local architect to put together a mixed-use concept that seemed the most feasible for the block. While Drummond also acknowledged the strong sentiments about leaving the existing buildings and businesses intact, she is concerned that there "may not be enough room to do a housing development unless more buildings are removed." At this stage, Drummond is not sure what the next steps will be, but stated that she "can't envision the city pushing a development without the support of the community and the community council."

The businesses directly affected by the proposed Urban Village project have expressed concerns ranging from whether they could afford rents in the new

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that for development in this area to win support, it needs to address the housing need without affecting the local businesses.

According to Drummond, the proposal was "just a concept of what's possible." She had taken



Froula Reading Circle cultivates the old-fashioned art of reading aloud.

Ladies of the club: Froula Reading Circle turns 90

by Judy Woodward

On what might have been as pleasant a June day as the one you hope to have today, Mrs. Vincent K. Froula — a lady of such formal manners and rigorous deportment that no-one seems ever to have known her first name — gathered about her a dozen like-minded acquaintances and decided to form a ladies' reading circle.

That was in 1909.

The Froula Reading Circle, which is still populated by well-bred, well-read ladies — although they do seem to be on first-name basis with each other these days — celebrated its 90th anniversary recently at the group's semi-annual luncheon on May 14.

Nowadays, when every woman who can read without moving her lips appears to have found her way, courtesy of Oprah, to a "book club," Mrs. Froula's accomplishment may not seem so unusual. But remember, in Mrs. Froula's time, women were barely integrated at the University of

Minnesota and were more than a decade away from the vote. Their place was firmly in the home, and such intellectual pursuits as reading circles must have seemed original and daringly advanced in a state like Minnesota that was separated from pioneer life by fewer than four decades.

What did the early Froula ladies, whose lives seem to us as straightforward and upright as their ramrod posture in old photos, talk about at their meetings? Unfortunately, there no longer

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Cub Scout Pack 22 celebrates its 50th birthday

The pack is a long-standing St. Anthony Park tradition

by Rose Gregoire

If you're used to thinking of scouts doing good deeds by

helping people cross the street, think again. For 50 years, Cub Scouts have been doing "good turns" in our community, ranging from food drives, to park clean-ups, tree planting, holiday carols at the nursing home, and holiday toy drives, to name a few. A long tradition of community service and neighborhood fun is all part of Cub Scout Pack 22.

Previous scouts and scout leaders gathered to help the Cubs celebrate their golden anniversary on Sunday, May 16 with a picnic and awards ceremony in Como Park. For a half a century, boys aged 7-12 have been meeting to develop practical, teamwork, and community service skills. Ten Cubs graduated from Cub Scouts and received the Arrow of Light Award. Archers from Boy Scout Troop 17 in St. Anthony Park

were on hand to dispatch an arrow for each Cub, symbolizing their achievement of advanced personal goals.

The Cub Scouts credit their longevity to the support of St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church. The ongoing support of the church has nurtured the pack throughout its history, providing space for den meetings, pack meetings and special scout activities such as the annual Blue and Gold Awards Banquet and the Pinewood Derby. This year, 45 Cubs in five dens are meeting there on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. Dave Sylvestre, cubmaster, commends the church, and Pastor Deb Walken for the partnership.

The dens bring together neighborhood boys from different schools, faiths, backgrounds, and abilities to form a strong scout community. Cubs join their neighborhood friends to work on projects, develop teamwork skills, and have fun. Projects range from mapping the neighborhood to developing orienteering skills,

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Find hand-made treasures for family
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listening to music and eating good food
at the St. Anthony Park Arts Festival
on Saturday, June 5. Photo by Truman
Olson

implement a shared vision of how
residents and businesses want their
neighborhood to develop.

U parking on June 3

A meeting to discuss parking
issues near the University of
Minnesota's St. Paul campus is
scheduled for 7 p.m. on June 3
in the Board Room of the Olson
Campus Center at Luther
Seminary. In July the Community
Council will sponsor a community-
wide meeting on this topic.

— D. H.

ST. ANTHONY PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Kasota Pond clean-up

A cleanup of the Kasota Pond
area is set for June 12, 9 a.m.
Volunteers are needed. Meet at the
parking lot west of 280 on Kasota.
Refreshments will be served.
Please call Karlyn Eckman
at 649-1606 or Terry Gockman
at 645-0859.

Noise barriers

The St. Anthony Park
Community Council recently
began discussions about the
feasibility of erecting noise barriers
along the rail corridor that divides
north and south St. Anthony
Park. Currently the council and
the St. Paul Office of Licensure,
Inspections and Environmental
Protection are in the preliminary
stages of exploring Capitol
Improvement Budget (CIB)
funding for such a project.
The council hopes to know
by the end of the year if CIB
funding will be available.

The council's discussions
are a response to numerous
complaints from residents about
railroad noise. The Burlington

Northern/Santa Fe rail corridor is
one of the largest in the metro area
to abut a residential area.

Noise barriers, such as the
one that runs along Highway 280,
have become an increasingly
popular response to highway
noise but have not yet been tried
in Minnesota to alleviate noise
from trains.

— Dave Healy

Community development corporation under consideration

The St. Anthony Park
Community Council is having
preliminary discussions about
creating a local community
development corporation. Such
organizations, which monitor
housing and economic
development in an area, exist
in the Hamline-Midway and
Frogdown neighborhoods.
According to council executive
director Heather Worthington,
a community development
corporation would help
St. Anthony Park articulate and

Welcome Carol Madison

The St. Anthony Community
Council welcomes Carol Madison
as program coordinator, with
special responsibility for crime
prevention coordination. Madison
hopes to revive the block club
network in St. Anthony Park.
To that end, she will be holding
organizational meetings on
Monday and Thursday evenings
in June.

June 3, Grid 43, Langford
Park Recreation Center.

June 7, Grids 61 and 62,
South St. Anthony Park
Recreation Center.

June 10, Grids 81, 82, and
102, South St. Anthony Park
Recreation Center.

June 14, Grid 2, Luther
Seminary Auxiliary Dining Room.

June 17, Grids 1 and 21,
Langford Park Recreation Center.

— D. H.

The University of Minnesota releases
Gibbs Farm to the Ramsey County
Historical Society — (left to right) Ted
Lau, site manager, Gibbs Farm; Mark
Yudof, president, U of M; Howard
Guthman, board chair, historical
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— D. H.

FALCON HEIGHTS**Gibbs Farm land purchase**

The 6.03 acres of land upon which the Gibbs Farm Museum sits on have finally come under the ownership of the Ramsey County Historical Society with the signing of a purchase agreement and contract for deed.

The University of Minnesota Board of Regents agreed to sell the land to the society almost a full year earlier in April of 1998.

The ensuing year was filled with negotiations and discussion of easements before the agreement was consummated.

By owning, rather than leasing, the entire parcel the historical society is free to make major improvements to the site.

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Plans have been long underway to develop the northern half (approximately four acres) of the property into an interpretation of an earlier time, when Jane Gibbs was a small girl and was brought to the area, living with the Dakota people at Lake Harriet.

Plans also call for an interpretation of Jane's life, and the farm site will include a section of native prairie, Dakota bark lodges and drying racks, tipi, and the construction of a replica sod hut similar to the one the Gibbs' family lived in for the first five years at the site from 1849 to 1854.

Additional plans for a new interpretive center will create space for temporary and permanent exhibitions, meeting and classroom space, and collection holding and storage space.

The historical society hopes to begin implementing plans this summer with the help of a \$150,000 grant from the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources.

ST. PAUL CITY COUNCIL**Neighborhood wins \$20,000 in STAR grant funds**

St. Anthony Park's lone 1999 Small Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) project won \$20,000 from the St. Paul City Council on May 19, along with about 20 other projects.

St. Anthony Park Business Association requested \$20,000 for its commercial property improvement program, to provide grants for commercial property work in the neighborhood. Competition for STAR grants was stiff this year, with 42 proposals and a grand total of \$716,115 requested. Only about half of the requests could be funded. The Neighborhood STAR Board made its recommendations this spring.

A wide variety of small grant requests arrived at city hall, with projects submitted from all seven city council wards. Several condominium and homeowners' associations applied, as did district councils, community development corporations, business associations, and youth service organizations.

A second ongoing community project that got a boost recently is the St. Anthony Park Branch Library expansion and renovation project. At its April 28 meeting, the city council approved changes to the library budget. Those changes allow for additional funds from the Friends of the Library to be dedicated to the project. The change on the donations line of the project budget, from \$50,000 to \$135,000, brings the project budget up to \$335,000.

These additional dollars will help the city meet community

requests from library improvements, including inclusion of work on the building's cupola.

— Jane McClure

Noise about Midway Stadium

Concerts at Midway Stadium may be music to the ears of fans in the stands, but it's just so much noise to some residents of surrounding neighborhoods. The St. Paul City Council approved the variance requests for Midway Stadium concerns May 5 and 12, following public hearings May 5 and 12.

Midway Stadium is hosting live concerts from 6-10 p.m. July 16, 1-10 p.m. July 17 and 1-9

Three summer concerts at Midway Stadium, including R.E.M. on August 21, require variances to the city's noise regulations.

p.m. July 18, and 7-10:30 p.m. August 21. All of the concerts require variances to the city's noise regulations.

The July 16 concert is a gospel music concert. The next two days, the stadium will host a folk music festival. The rock band R.E.M. performs at Midway Stadium August 21. All three concerts need a variance to 100 decibels.

The St. Anthony Park Community Council and Hamline-Midway Coalition have raised concerns about concert noise. St. Anthony Park Community Council Executive Director Heather Worthington said that neighborhood residents think noise is a serious issue, especially in light of three nights of music in a row in July.

"People do feel that the noise creates a hardship," she said. Worthington asked if the decibel limit could be lowered.

But St. Paul Saints President Bill Fanning said that Saints personnel will make sure the noise level doesn't rise about 100 decibels. He said that the ball team, which oversees stadium operations, is sensitive to the noise

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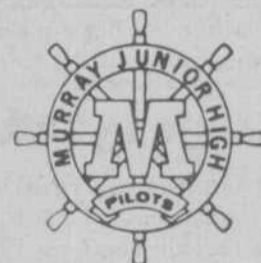
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EDITORIAL

Urban Village isn't dead

Let's not toss out the Urban Village concept at University and Raymond avenues, even though the first plan stunk. The idea of slash-and-burn development is dead, especially when the intersection boasts historic store fronts and thriving business. Still, additional housing would enhance south St. Anthony Park and St. Paul. Remember Moshe Hadfe's Habitat at Expo '67? Write to the Bugle or e-mail us at bugle@minn.net with your comments and design ideas. ■

A salute to Kathy Magnuson

Everyone here got a sad note from ad rep extraordinaire Kathy Magnuson, announcing her retirement from the Bugle. She began her tour of duty in 1984 — the year Walter Mondale ran for president. Not only is Magnuson a type A personality, she is an A-plus woman. Her steadfast dedication for 15 years helped, beyond a doubt, keep the Bugle afloat to our 25th year. Many thanks, Kathy and best wishes. ■

Don't ask Jesse

A couple issues back the Bugle thought Governor Ventura should visit our neighborhoods, but we're revoking our invitation. His book, *Ain't Got Time to Bleed*, is Jenny Jones tat, telling us trash that is *National Enquirer* fluff. Everyone can name, at least, one teenage folly, although some young transgressions are better left in your senior yearbook. A recent photo captures Ventura reading an article about himself. Five months into his tenure, it's clearer by the day that his administration is not about ideas, but the marketing of Jesse Ventura's persona. ■

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LETTERS

Seal-Hi grateful for SAPA grant

As president of Seal Hi Rise Residents council, I speak for us all in thanking St. Anthony Park Association for their generosity in awarding us our grant. We hope to use this grant for our first National Night Out Block Party.

Sueann Olson

From the Bugle archives:

25 YEARS AGO . . . Bugle publishes a lavender water recipe: 1 1/2 cups alcohol, 1 1/2 tsp lavender oil, and 1/2 cup rosewater, adding the rosewater last . . . Remember the Lamplighter Inn? . . . ParkBank opens its drive-in bank, designed by Joe Michels . . . Residents petition for Como and Doswell stoplight . . .

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15 YEARS AGO . . . Kathy Magnuson is a Bugle ad rep . . . Editor Mollie Hoben retires . . . Bob Fletcher resigns from the St. Paul City Council . . . Pam Sherman Bakery is open at Milton Square . . .



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.



Baby Jacob James Brinks Pritchett may be only but one month old, but he's beginning to pen his memoirs about his creative writer mother and former Bugle editor, Laura, and smart ag economist father, James.

COMMENTARY



Flipping out

by Dave Healy

You may have missed the recent news out of San Francisco: The school lunch milk

carton is on the way out. It's being replaced by a plastic pouch, supposedly a more environmentally-friendly container for the favorite lunch-time beverage of the nation's school children. Officials in the San Francisco School District claim that pouches reduce garbage volume by 70% and weight by 80%. The pouches are made of polyethylene and can be recycled into trash can liners.

I believe my credentials as an environmentalist are fairly respectable. I faithfully put out my paper, cardboard, glass, and cans every two weeks. I walk, bike, and bus as much as possible. I annoy my family with reminders to turn off lights. I flush the toilet only intermittently.

Still, despite my commitment to a reduce-reuse-recycle lifestyle, I find myself unable to support this latest exercise in environmental correctness. Frankly, I don't care if pouches take up less space in the trash can than cartons do. I don't care if the pouch can be reincarnated as a trash can liner. The simple fact of the matter is that you can't flip a pouch.

The classic half-pint milk carton, the kind I cut my school lunch teeth on, cries out to be flipped. Its weight, its heft, its resilience — all combine to render it far more than a mere container. Roger Angell once wrote of the baseball, "No other small package comes as close to the ideal in design and utility. It is a perfect object for a man's hand. Pick it up and it instantly suggests its purpose: it is meant to be thrown a considerable distance — thrown hard and with precision."

I can only conclude that Angell never held a school lunch milk carton or he would have been forced to qualify his claim. In utility and design, in the way its form suggests its purpose, in its perfect conformity to the human hand — no object can rival the half-pint milk carton. And no

environment is better suited to the carton's fulfillment of its true purpose than a school cafeteria table.

Many adolescents are content to flip their school lunch milk cartons casually, the way kids pursue much of life. For myself and my high school teammates in the National Amateur Milk Flipping Association, however, a flipped carton was never a casual affair. According to article 5, section 2 of NAMEA's constitution, "Each league member shall participate in official competition every school day unless he has a valid excuse, presented to the league president at least 24 hours prior to the date on which he wishes not to participate." This constitutional mandate was a mere formality, however. NAMEA members needed no legislative threat to set their cartons flipping.

Official league competition consisted of four events: the single-single, single-double, double-single, and double-double flips, with the first word of each pair designating the number of cartons and the second word the number of flips. I'm proud to report that I hold first place for single-double flips (9) and am tied for first with 2 double-doubles, while my 188 single-singles are only 2 flips off the record. My second-place 67 double-single total trails Steve Eckstrom by 8: his unbelievable 75 flips were achieved on the penultimate day of official competition.

These records are 30 years old. They were amassed during my senior year at Murray High School. I have no way of knowing whether our efforts in NAMEA have been superseded by subsequent generations of milk flippers. The sport, despite our league name, has never really achieved a national presence. Still, it's sad to think that the school cafeterias of America may someday cease to echo with the satisfying thunk of a well-flipped carton.

I'll continue to put my stuff out on the curb every other Wednesday, to haul my empty plastic jugs down to the Hampden Coop, to look for catsup in glass bottles and for recycled printer paper, to stay mellow when it's yellow. But I'll raise no cheer when the last half-pint milk carton is tossed into a virgin-plastic-lined trash can.

Oh somewhere in this favored land the sun is shining bright;

The band is playing somewhere, and somewhere hearts are light;

And somewhere men are laughing; and somewhere children shout;

But there is no joy for flippers — the carton has been called out. ■

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space, to the major disruption of what many see as a unique, eclectic, and special mix of businesses.

Steve Garfield, owner of Noll Hardware, believes he wouldn't "be able to afford the 'mall' rents" that he thinks would be charged if the project were to go through. "We won't have a hardware store, a grocery store, or an antique store — none of these stores could generate the necessary revenues." It's not just his own situation that concerns Garfield. "I feel the worst for Herbst's grocery store — that's not just a store for them, it's their life. To come in and tear down their building, so the city can increase their tax dollars seems kind of cruel to me."

Graffiti Sign and Design moved to Raymond Avenue just a few months ago, after a year and a half of searching, according to owner Karen Anderson. "What we needed for our business was very difficult to find. We needed a retail locale, a drive-in bay, and a big open space." Once she found

her current site, she signed a six-year lease, and hadn't intended on moving. But with the project as proposed, Anderson says, "I would have to relocate."

One thing is certain. If the Urban Village concept continues forward it would do so against tremendous opposition.

Anderson, like Garfield, also has concerns that go beyond her own business. "This project would be destructive for the neighborhood. This area is more than just a community, it is a 'culture' — and it would destroy this area."

Raymond Computer's owner Ray Bryan is also concerned mostly about the impact of the proposed project on the neighborhood's character. "What we have as a community is rather unique. I'm not opposed to housing or mixed-use

developments, but the way they're going about this project will destroy the neighborhood's character. On a different parcel or a different part of the block, it could work without disrupting the character."

Many business owners, including Prairie Star's Teresa Connor fear that in spite of the proposal's "early concept" nature, the development will move forward. She states, "I'm somewhat pessimistic — the city is saying this is just a preliminary discussion, but the city can make it happen if the city wants to make it happen."

One thing is certain. If the Urban Village concept continues forward in its current form, it would do so against tremendous opposition, not just from the area business community, but from residents and from the community council. As a result, Worthington is not so concerned about the project continuing forward, at least in the current form, and she believes that there is little chance that it would go through. ■

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concerns. In fact, country music star Shania Twain moved her recent concert to Minneapolis' Target Center because she could not get permission to perform in Midway Stadium.

Fanning said the upcoming events, especially the folk music festival, will not generate much noise. He also said the Saints do not schedule concerts during the week.

—J. M.

Transit improvements set

Transit improvements are coming to area neighborhoods, including St. Anthony Park. The Ramsey

County Board, meeting as the Regional Rail Authority, has discussed various area transit improvements this spring. The improvements are planned in an area that has long been dubbed the Central Corridor.

Central Corridor, which was once the region's top light rail transit or LRT priority, would connect downtown St. Paul and Minneapolis. St. Paul Public Works and county staff have sought community input on the projects over the past several months. The Highway 280 transit hub was sought by St. Anthony Park Community

Council members.

Projects on the drawing boards for 2000 include the transit hub at Highway 280 and University Avenue and bus-only road shoulders on I-94. Over the past several months, about \$7.8 million in improvements are planned for Central Corridor. Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority Director Kathy Despiegelaere said a number of improvements are planned: bus ramp meter bypass from Highway 280 to southbound I-94; bus stop improvements at I-94 and Snelling; improved lighting at 50 I-94; and Route 16 bus stops.

—J. M.

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Tree Stump Removal Project 1999

The SAPCC will sponsor another tree stump removal project this summer. If you have a boulevard stump that needs to be ground, please call the Council at 649-5992. For \$20.00 per stump you can obtain a match of \$20.00 from the City of St. Paul. The program will end in September, so call now!

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Congratulations to the Northern Lights 4-H Club, which placed first in the Ramsey County Share-the-Fun skit completion. Their award-winning, "4-H Bandstand," was directed by Julie Magnuson and Heidi Behrens. Cast and crew (first row, left to right) Ted Sorenson, Carolyn Souther, (second row) Elise McDermott, Elizabeth McDermott, Erica Oehlert, Michaela Alderink, Lydia Sorenson, Anna Souther (third row) Julie Magnuson, Andy Waalen, and Heidi Behrens.

Rec center memo

Registration for the Urban Tennis Program is set for Monday, June 14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Langford Recreation Center. Boys and girls, ages 7-18, are welcome regardless of ability. The seven-week program meets on Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Fairway Golf program begins Tuesday, June 15, 9 a.m., for youngsters ages 10 to 18. The program is free. Call

298-5765 to register.

Registration for BookStart at south St. Anthony Rec Center begins Monday, May 10. The annual program is for kids age 4 to 6 and costs \$10. Call 298-5770 to register.

Tennis academy

Area students can benefit from Gregg Cummings' third annual tennis academy which runs from June 14 to August 12 at the

Roseville Area Middle School courts. The program features segments for boy and girl varsity players (ages 15-18), middle school (ages 12-14), and beginners (ages 10-12). Private lessons are available. Cummings is graduate of Roseville Area High School and is currently a tennis standout at the nationally ranked University of the Redlands. The summer academy costs between \$125 and \$245. Call 800-861-9005 to register. ■

Boy Scouts . . . from page 1

putting on skits for the pack, learning how to handle a knife properly and safely, to field trips to places, such as TV stations, the Ford Dam, Fort Snelling, and campouts. The value of community service underlies many scout activities. Last month, scouts collected 2,300 pounds of food during their annual food drive. Literally over a ton of food. Scouts also helped the library move books during its construction and have helped with clean-ups at Kasota Pond. Scouts are encouraged to practice community service individually also, for example picking up trash they see in the street, helping neighbors, or keeping their school clean and respectful.

Once each month, all dens gather in a pack meeting. Leaders facilitate the meeting but the scouts provide content. Dens set up for the meeting, provide the Honor Guard and an entertainment skit, and clean up afterward. The centerpiece of the meeting is "Teach the Pack," where dens report on what they have done that month for the community. Sylvestre notes "the pack provides an environment for boys to develop their ideas of different ways of how to be of service to the community."



Ten Cubs graduated from Cub Scouts and received the Arrow of Light Award. Archers from Boy Scout Troop 17 in St. Anthony Park were on hand to dispatch an arrow for each Cub, symbolizing their achievement of advanced personal goals. Photo by Truman Olson

The pack meeting ends with advancements — scouts are recognized for earning merit badges for various activities. Volunteers are critical to making it all work. "Scouts are a good opportunity for adults to be involved with kids in a positive way," Sylvestre noted enthusiastically. "We have active parent involvement. It means a lot for the kids and makes a difference in their lives, even if the lessons they learn come to fruition ten years from now."

Larry Ward answers succinctly when asked why he chose to be a den leader for one year and Cubmaster for eight years: "Three boys."

He added, "It was a great life experience for me and my sons, and gave them things they can take with them. I enjoyed the time for me to be together with my sons and meet a bunch of wonderful people." Ward emphasized that boys learn skills that they wouldn't normally learn in school or that parents might not know.

"We take each kid as they are." The Scouts emphasize building adult/cub relationships, but the adult may be an uncle, neighbor, or another adult in pack if a parent is not available. "It gives boys the opportunity to have other adults present in their lives. It is about the community helping to guide young boys."

So next fall, when a Cub Scout comes to your door to sell a holiday wreath, remember this Cub Scout tradition. When a Cub earns his first badge, it is pinned on upside down. For 50 years these young men have passed on those turns to the community in creative, useful projects. ■

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Spelling champ . . . from page 1

grader, Emily Wallner. Another student placed for second. Alas for them, a pesky virus was about to take a hand in the affairs of the State Spelling Bee. On the day of the next big competition, Murray's first and second place spelling winners were both felled by the flu. Emily Parker faced off with her rival for third place honors in order to capture the school's championship from among the decimated ranks of Murray spellers. She won a place at the state contest that day; and the rest is part of Minnesota spelling history.

Parker has been methodical in her preparation for her big moment. The tall, slender teenager with collar-length brown hair, and a charming metallic smile earnestly explained her study system, "I make lists of spelling words by categories, like commonly misspelled words, names for plants, and words from mythology." Parker notes that she looks for unfamiliar words in the newspaper and *Newsweek* magazine. "And," she adds, "I read the classics like *Wuthering Heights* and *Gone with the Wind*. Books like those really help."

And she reads them with a careful eye to their potential usefulness. Other readers may find themselves totally absorbed in the thrilling narratives of romance. Not Emily Parker. While Heathcliff and Cathy or Rhett Butler and Scarlett O'Hara are locked in passion, some part of Emily's mind is

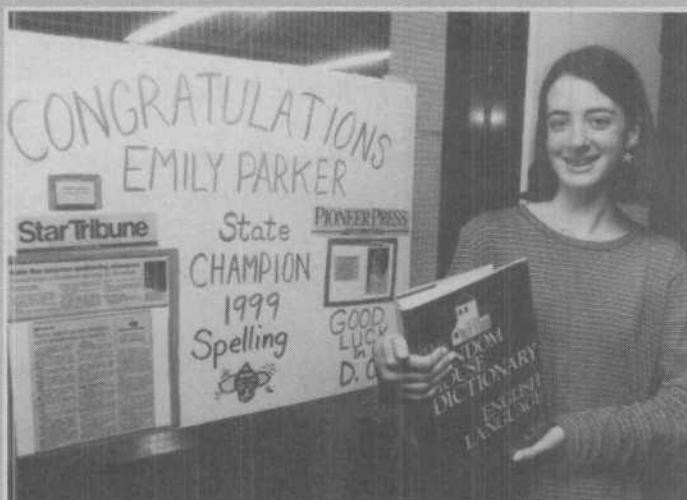
carefully taking note that it's a P-A-N-A-M-A hat that Rhett cloffs as he sweeps Scarlett in his arms.

Parker, who describes herself as "a detail person in spelling, although I'm not

to every rule. You can't count on spelling rules."

That's the kind of depressing advice that makes a person glad for the invention of the Spell-Checker. And that brings up an existential question for Parker. In this age of computerized word

Photo by Truman Olson



sure about other things," has been practicing for five hours a day since her big victory. Still, spelling is not her life—entirely. A straight-A student ("Except for a B+ in Algebra," she notes conscientiously), Parker is also a serious ballet student who takes lessons three times a week. In her spare time, she plays the flute.

Whatever her showing in the National Spelling Bee, Parker knows that her days of competitive spelling are numbered. Next year, she'll lose her eligibility when she enters high school.

Meanwhile she has some advice for other spellers less naturally gifted than herself. The secret to accurate spelling, she says, is, "Be aware that there's an exception

processing programs eager to correct your every grammatical glitch and spelling slip, has Emily Parker ever wondered what's it all about? With all that electronic assistance, why bother with learning to spell?

Parker remains calm and unruffled when invited to do a little soul-searching. "I think that [accurate spelling] is a good thing. I'll probably memorize the spelling of words for the rest of my life. It's a vocabulary builder, and anyway, I don't want to be like Dan Quayle when I grow up, misspelling 'potato.'"

Not much chance of that in the future of champion speller Emily Parker, the pride of Murray Junior High. ■

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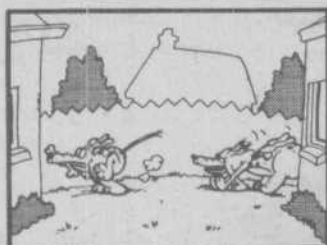
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SIPPING TEA AT LARKS'

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*Wearing "a dark brown skirt of a dowdy rather than
fashionable length," she was "rather the type that the women's magazines
used to make a feature of 'improving.'"*

— BARBARA PYM, *A Few Green Leaves*

Meeting the English women in Pym's books helps one
understand the rationale for "An Authentic English (Frumpy!)
Tea,"
served each Tuesday by Susan McAllister at Lincolnshire Larks, Limited, a
Milton Square antique shop owned with her husband, Colin.

**Lincolnshire Larks is many things: antique shop, tour service, and
meeting place.**

Interpreting "frumpy," McAllister and Charlotte Milstead, of
neighboring Rosa Mundi, tossed around words like, "unstylish," "dowdy,"
"drab," and "plain," and Pym's "spinster wearing sensible shoes and
tattered sweaters, always getting ready for the jumble sale or getting tea
ready for the vicar." A frumpy tea means homemade napkins and plain
china and everyday silverware.

Tea is served with "cucumber, chutney and harlequin finger
sandwiches; breads, scones, and tea cakes with jam and cream; trifle cakes,



DRINKING CAPPUCINO AT GINKGO'S

by **Todd Ryan Boss**

JonEric is just seven months old, but he's already a pro — at smiling, for
one thing. And for another, JonEric is the honorary co-manager of
St. Anthony Park's new Ginkgo In The Park coffee house on the corner
of Como and Doswell. He was promoted to the position by the owner
(who also happens to be his mother), Kathy Sundberg.

Before you shout nepotism, consider: Sundberg knows well that big
things come in small packages. That's why she rented the tiny space, where
Omega Travel used to be, off-kilter in a corner of the drive-thru branch of
the St. Anthony Park Bank, across from Speedy Market. Between those
close walls she saw a whole menu of possibilities, just as she once did with
the space on Snelling Avenue where her successful (and significantly larger-
six-and-a-half-year old) Ginkgo coffeehouse now stands.

"I didn't open a coffee house because I had any
particular desire to open a coffee house," reflects
Sundberg, who trained and worked for eight years in
chemical engineering, not coffehousing. "I knew I
wanted to own my own business, but I opened a
coffee house because I saw a need in my own
community, and I thought a coffee house would fill
that need." She was also compelled to do something
to support the local music scene, and to give touring
bands a venue for their work, a renowned specialty of
Ginkgo on Snelling since its opening there.

Sundberg lives in the Snelling area near her shop.
"I feel strongly about providing a place where diverse
people can come together and recognize each other.
As a small business owner, I'm honored to have the
opportunity to do my part in making the
neighborhood what it is."

Here in our own neighborhood, Ginkgo's "little
brother" will serve a surprisingly diverse array of
espresso drinks, teas, chai, Italian sodas, hot chocolate,
bottled sodas, smoothies and shakes, plus wraps,
sandwiches, burritos, veggie lasagne, homemade
soups, children's box lunches, pastries and cakes, as
well as offering two newly-refurbished community



shortbread, digestive biscuits, and
pastimes."

Guests (up to 24 a week) span a

**Men are welcome, and there he
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didn't talk as much, or eat as**

who loved wearing a hat (frumpy ha
Teas), to an 88-year-old for whom "I
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Larks to celebrate Victoria Day. Men
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McAllister, who worked in her p

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Since mass purchasing of plants can b
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These are some of the plants to c

BARRENWORT (Epimedium spp.)

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the other store" on Snelling. There, s
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Sundberg looked a long time bef
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Sundberg consults for the neigh
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provided at the Frumpy Dress Birthday" was sung in -old whose family treated her at welcome, and there have been out McAllister noted having a didn't talk as much, or eat as

s' restaurants, and has lived in

England, finds a "wonderful kind of spirit" in the women who come to the Teas. They give helpful tips, pass the desserts themselves when the waitresses (in their frumpy aprons) are busy, or simply show up with a "slight sense of whimsy." They delight in the entertainment, including "Know your England" trivia, the beetle drive game, Frumpy Dress Tea, and tea leaf reading. A sense of camaraderie thrives.

Kathy McClure, who lives three blocks away and is a tea giver herself, enthuses about Larks' comfortable Teas, where she takes close friends and has met fascinating people. "The themes make it unique, and it's rejuvenating, a nice change of pace, a genteel time," she says. "It prompts you to pretend you are in another time and place."

The tea is tongue-in-cheek fun, yet gracious with a simple combination of service and good food in an atmosphere of days gone by in Lincolnshire, England. "Sensible shoes and tattered cardigans, please," declares the flier. One thinks again of Barbara Pym's down-to-earth characters, and the title of her first book, *Excellent Women*. For Pym, they are the same, and those are the women you may meet at "An Authentic English (Frumpy!) Tea." ■

PLANTING A SHADE GARDEN

by Mary Maguire Lerman

plants that can thrive/survive in dry ing that this does not mean that shady area and ignore them. is are established with good care er conditions.

rees in my yard that consume a much time burying their acorns, e last year's reconstruction — even imagine a flat lawn area to ore ground covers/gardens we w. So, my plan, which he fully e "lawn" to shade ground covers. ly, I have begun my lawn esired ground cover, dividing year I divide these plants and

er for dry shady sites:

vides you with attractive sprays of

blooms in early spring just as the foliage is emerging. It's tapered, heart-shaped leaves may have a maroon edge to further accent the plant. The best species for rapid spreading as a ground cover is *Epimedium X rubrum* and luckily is also the most widely available at nurseries. Barrenwort usually grow 10-15 inches tall.

Dwarf Bush Honeysuckle is a great native plant for either shade or sun. Its advantage is a creeping root system that can help stabilize slopes. One could describe it best as a subshrub.

SPOTTED DEADNETTLE (*Lamium maculatum*, other species) often is sold by its Latin genus name of *Lamium*, since the concept of a dead nettle is not too marketable. There are numerous *Lamium* sold, usually with spotted or mottled foliage with white or pink flowers. They bloom in spring and again later in the summer. One cultivar, called 'Beacon's Silver,' has attractive silver/pewter colored foliage with pink flowers and usually requires more light than the other cultivars. Most *Lamium* grow 6-8 inches tall.

DWARF BUSH HONEYSUCKLE (*Diervilla lonicera*) is a great native plant for either shade or sun. Its advantage is a creeping root system that can help stabilize slopes. One could describe it best as a subshrub — a plant that has semi-woody stems. In June and July small, yellow, lily-like blooms appear at the tips of the branches. If grown in the sun, the leaves in the fall will turn an attractive bronze shade. It typically grows to a height of 2-3 feet.

VIRGINIA WATERLEAF (*Hydrophyllum virginianum*) is a native wildflower that is invasive in most yards and gardens. However, on dry, rocky slopes it is a good ground cover for erosion purposes. Take a look at the steep slopes along the Mississippi River Gorge and you will see the importance of this plant. Have you ever tried to pull Virginia out of your garden without first loosening the soil? She usually just breaks off at the soil line because of her tap and fibrous root system. Typically growing to a height of 15-18 inches, I can't tell you where to buy this wildflower as many consider it a weed. However, you can check with anyone in the neighborhood and they probably



have some loose in their yard that they will gladly let you dig up.

INTERRUPTED FERN (*Osmunda claytoniana*) is a good native fern for drier slopes. Although it spreads by underground rhizomes, it is not as invasive as Ostrich Fern which best thrives in moist soils. The interrupted fern gets its name from the break that occurs in the frond. The spore bearing structures of this fern actually interrupt the fern. I know of an inexperienced gardener who thought he had been sold a faulty fern when this interruption occurred. Depending on the season's rainfall, this fern can grow anywhere from 2-4 feet tall. ■

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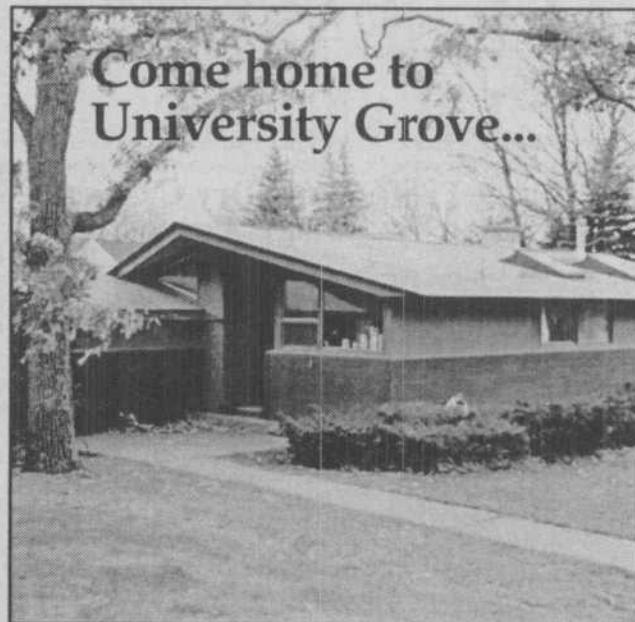
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COMO PARK

Senior activities

Area seniors are welcome to participate in five weekly special programs: "500 and Darts," every Wednesday, Northwest Como Recreation Center (1550 North Hamline) from 8:45 to 11:30 a.m. "Dice games and more," every Thursday, Hancock Recreation Center (1610 Hubbard Avenue) from 1 to 4 p.m.; "Darts, gym bowling, and lunch," every Thursday, Rice Recreation Center (1021 Marion Street) from 12:15 to 3:30 p.m.; and "Gym bowling and darts," South St. Anthony Recreation Center (890 Cromwell Avenue) from 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. Call 651-266-6370 for information.

La Leche League meeting

"Baby Arrives: The Family and the Breastfed Baby" is the topic of the Como-Midway La Leche League meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 7 p.m. Call Jeanne at 644-0302 for meeting location and information.

FALCON HEIGHTS

New baby talk

The Falcon Heights group of La Leche League discusses "There's a New Baby in Your Life" on Tuesday, June 15, 7 p.m. Call Rebecca at 488-9414 or Millie at 917-7378 for location and information.

June at Gibbs Farm

Dairy Day, June 6, A special celebration sponsored by Schroeder Dairy includes treats, petting zoo, entertainment, and farm tours; Native American Drum Group, June 13, Singers, performers, and demonstrators perform and show craft traditions of Minnesota's first people; Father's Day, June 20, Old time cars and fire trucks on display. With collectors present to discuss their vehicles; Children's Day, June 27, Demonstrations of Native American and pioneer games and

toys plus a chance to make some to take home. There's also an appearance by All Creatures Great and Small for animal stories, lore, and fun activities. Call 646-8629 for more information.

LAUDERDALE

Golden jubilee celebrations

Skip the lake on the weekend of July 24 and 25, when the Lauderdale celebrates its 50th anniversary Saturday's festivities include a pig roast and dance, while a parade and ice cream social top Sunday's agenda.

Ice cream social

Northern Lights 4-H members and their families are joining community organizations and local business to present its annual ice cream social on Friday, June 4, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the ParkBank drive-in parking lot.

"It's an event that everyone in the community enjoys and looks forward to," said Kathy Behrens, organizational leader.

Pie is the ice cream social's main attraction. Most are homemade. Also, past members donate pies. This tradition dates back to 1983.

Besides the pie, people come for the music, featuring the St. Anthony Park Community Band. The Northern Light's Share-the-Fun troupe will perform a skit, "4-H Bandstand," a spoof on *American Bandstand* and was written, choreographed and directed by Julie Magnuson.

The group also applauds past organizational leaders, including Barbara Burke, Mary Nelsestuen, and Mary Mergenthal.

A portion the ice cream social's profits benefit a charity. Should it rain, the event moves indoors to St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como.

— Pam Alderlink

ST. ANTHONY PARK

Concert & picnic on June 22

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, June 22, 5:30 p.m., when St. Anthony Park Community Band Concert and ParkBank

Diamonds Picnic gather at the Como Park Pavilion. Grilled Milwaukee bratwurst on pumpernickel buns, grilled hamburgers on sesame seed buns with all the trimmings, and ice-cold refreshments top the menu. Pack your umbrella because the events happens rain or shine. Call Mark Chapple at ParkBank, 523-7850, for picnic reservations.

3rd Annual Kasota Pond clean-up

A cleanup of the Kasota Pond area will take place on June 12, 9 a.m. Volunteers are needed. Meet at the parking lot west of 280 on Kasota. Refreshments will be served. Please call Karlyn Eckman at 649-1606 or Terry Gockman at 645-0859.

ParkBank helps young people

The St. Anthony Park Bank is a member of a "Bank of Promise," which is a partnership with General Colin Powell, the American Bankers Association, and America's Promise, a national non-profit dedicated to improving the lives of young people.



Principal Tom Foster

Foster memories sought

Principal Tom Foster is leaving St. Anthony Park Elementary School on July 1. Mr. Foster has been involved in education for 37 years, 17 as a teacher and 20 as a principal. He has spent the last seven years as the principal at St. Anthony Park Elementary. He also was a former student at St. Anthony Park. He will not completely be retiring yet as he plans to continue to work in fields related to education.

Mr. Foster recently received a Life Time Achievement award from the St. Anthony Park Association for his dedication to the students of St. Anthony



My Turn owner Sandy Roth toasts her Falcon Heights business, which is the neighborhood place for finding great deals on second-hand and antique home furnishings and accessories. Find the shop at 1579 Hamline Avenue; 603-0353.



Between important budget sessions on capital hill, State Representative Alice Hausman (DFL - St. Paul) took the time to guide Como Park High School student Nhi Nguyen through the legislative process.

Park and for his work with the community. He also received the Principal of the Year award this year from the St. Paul School System. He will be greatly missed by the students, staff, and parents at the school.

The St. Anthony Park Parent Teacher organization (SAPSA) is putting together a Memory Book for Mr. Foster and would welcome former students, faculty, parents, and community members to write a congratulatory letter for inclusion in the memory book. Please send your good wishes for Mr. Foster in care of Lydia Midness, SAPSA Co-Chair, St. Anthony Park Elementary, 2180 Knapp Street, St. Paul, MN 55108, by Tuesday, June 8. All letters will be compiled in a special memory book and given to Mr. Foster at special gathering on Thursday, June 10.

Minnesota Land Trust settles in Specialty Building

The Minnesota Land Trust, a nonprofit conservation organization committed to protecting and enhancing open space throughout the state recently moved into the Specialty Building at Raymond and University Avenues. Originally located in northwest Minneapolis, the land trust chose its new location because of its accessibility to volunteers and visitors from out of town, its central position between St. Paul and Minneapolis, and the neighborhood's restaurants and coffee shops.

Art Fair on June 5

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

Call Arlene West at 649-0481 if you're willing to help make this annual event even better. Entertainers who are willing to perform for tips should contact West for scheduling.

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.

—Arlene West

ARTS

Author readings

Stop by Micawber's on Friday, June 4, 6:30 p.m., when Sujata Massey reads from her new mystery, *The Flower Master*. And hear Elva Trevino Hart read on June 2, 7 p.m.

Mechanical melodies by Lake Como

Automatic musical instruments, including merry-go-round band organs and calliopes, organ grinders, and antique music boxes, take center stage on Saturday, June 5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, June 6, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., when the Snowbelt Chapter of the Musical Box Society International presents "Mechanical Melodies by Lake Como" at the Lakeside Pavilion. Call 633-6167 or e-mail Roundrider@aol.com for information.

PEOPLE

JILL LeBRUN made the School of Nursing's dean list at the University of Minnesota.

Luther College sophomore LIZ PLAGENS is a new member of Alpha Beta Xi chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society.

KERSTIN BEYER helped make the costume's glow at Vassar College's production of *Antigone Furiosa*. ■

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Lutheran church begins \$2 million overhaul

by Michelle Christianson

It seems that St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church commences major building projects about every 25 years. The main part of the edifice was erected in 1948 and the "new" narthex and fireside room were added in 1973-74. So the time is right for another building project.

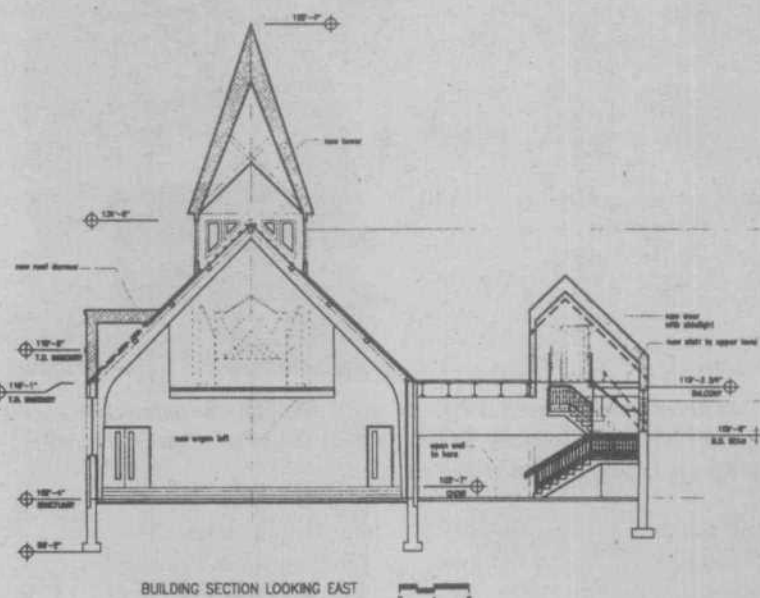
The impetus for the project came at a 1995 congregational retreat at which a number of parishioners expressed dissatisfaction with the look of the sanctuary. There is a lack of light and color; some felt that the space could be made to look more conducive to worship.

A sanctuary task force was formed consisting of Glen Skovholt and Ann Stout, co-chairs, and David Davis, Desiree Kempcke, Nancy Lorimer, Joan McCord, Hob Weiss, and Mel Kuhens. Congregational president David Brostrom and Pastor Paul Ofstedal joined cabinet representatives Blaine Thrasher and Gloria Sweet to round out the committee.

Steve Edwins of the architectural firm SMSQ, the legendary Northfield firm with strong Lutheran ties, was engaged to draw up a plan.

It soon became evident to Edwins that there were other problems with the building as a whole. There is inadequate restroom and office space and traffic does not flow through the building smoothly. The church cabinet directed the task force to address the needs of the whole building.

The decision process was very democratic with many congregational meetings and opportunities for everyone to give



their ideas and opinions. A pledge drive raised promises of \$690,000 and the remainder of the \$1.3 million cost will come from a mortgage with ParkBank.

The scope of the project is extensive. Langer Construction will add two main-floor offices plus office space upstairs to better house the church's two pastors, youth director, parish nurse, and Chinese Fellowship pastor. There will be two new ways to reach the second floor, a stairway from the narthex and an elevator from the Luther Place entrance. Emergency alarms, wiring, and lighting will be updated and improvements will be made to the youth room, fireside room and parish hall.

Improvements in the sanctuary should be dramatic. There will be a new, larger door in the middle of the south wall of the sanctuary that can be opened for overflow seating and which will facilitate traffic flow. Windows on the

north side that have been covered with wood will be fitted with new stained glass panels (two depicting New Testament and four portraying Old Testament scriptures) designed by nationally-known glass artist Nicholas Martell. (This is a separate project, financed by memorials.) A rooftop tower surrounded by four windows will add light and visibility. There will also be a loft for the organ pipes above the new storage room for choir robes and music.

All improvements are designed to enhance outreach as well as the aesthetics of the building. The new office at the Luther Place entrance will be more welcoming than the present one, which hides behind a second set of doors. The stained-glass windows and steeple will make the building more recognizable as a church.

Construction will probably begin by August 1 and is slated to take about four months. ■

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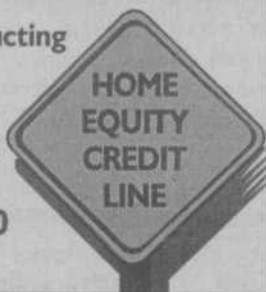
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1 TUESDAY

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

■ Tot Time (for five-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.

2 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.

■ Elva Trevino Hart reads at Micawber's Bookstore, 7 p.m.

3 THURSDAY

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

■ Parking issues near the U of M St. Paul campus, 7 p.m., Luther Seminary, Olson Campus Center's board room.

4 FRIDAY

■ Como Park recycling.

■ Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.

■ St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee, Olson Student Center, Luther Seminary, 11:30 a.m.

■ Northern Lights 4-5 club annual ice cream social, 7-8:30, ParkBank drive-in parking lot.

■ Sujata Massey reads at Micawber's Bookstore, 6:30 p.m.

5 SATURDAY



Photo by Truman Olson

■ St. Anthony Park Arts Festival Pancake Breakfast, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside at Como, 8-11 a.m.

■ 30th Annual St. Anthony Park Arts Festival, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Como Avenue between Luther Seminary and Carter Avenue.

7 MONDAY

■ 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.

8 TUESDAY

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

■ St. Anthony Park Writers' Group, no meeting until September 7, call 646-4343 for information.

■ ADD/ADHD talk by Dr. Patricia Lawler from Holly House, St. Anthony Park Elementary, 6:30 p.m. Call 645-6951.

9 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.

10 THURSDAY

■ St. Paul schools, last day for kindergarten and elementary students.

11 FRIDAY

■ St. Paul schools, last day for secondary students.

12 SATURDAY

■ 3rd Annual Kasota Pond clean-up, 9 a.m., meet at parking lot west of 280 on Kasota. Refreshments will be served.

14 MONDAY

■ Flag Day

■ Como Park recycling.

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

■ St. Paul schools, last day for teachers.

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

15 TUESDAY

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

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

16 WEDNESDAY

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

18 FRIDAY

■ Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.

20 SUNDAY

■ Father's Day

21 MONDAY

■ Summer begins

22 TUESDAY

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

■ ParkBank Diamonds Picnic with music from the St. Anthony Park Band, 5:30 p.m., Como Park Pavilion.

23 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.

26 SATURDAY

■ FARE For All food 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 a.m. Call 644-8833.

28 MONDAY

■ Como Park recycling.

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

■ Full Moon.

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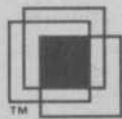
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O B I T U A R I E S

Geraldine Allen Anderson

Falcon Heights resident Geraldine Allen Anderson, age 74, died on April 17.

Mrs. Anderson was a member of Roseville Lutheran Church.

She is survived by daughter, Bonny Allen; brothers, Willard C. and Gordon; nieces and nephews, Lynne and Jeff Volkman, Craig Anderson, Dean and Marcia Christensen, and Barry and Mary Kay Christensen.

Samuel Costa

Samuel R. Costa died on April 17, at the age of 46. He was a former resident of south St. Anthony Park and had recently lived in Edina.

Sam Costa was the founder and artistic director of 10,000 Dances Company, the artistic director of "Young Dance," and a dance teacher with the Ramsey International Arts School. He is survived by his fiancée, Kimberly Nelson; children, Daniel, and Ana.

Harold Ellefson

Como Park neighbor Harold J. Ellefson died on May 10 at 79 years of age. Mr. Ellefson was a parishioner at Holy Childhood Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Marion; daughter, Carol Hale; son, James Ellefson; grandchildren, David, Scott, and Cheryl Hale, Kristen Stromquist, Michelle Kocur, Matthew and Patrick Ellefson; and a great-grandson, Isaac Hale.

Dennis Kane

Dennis J. Kane died on April 17 at age 79. He was a resident of Sholom Home East and a member of Holy Childhood Catholic Church.

Dr. Kane received his Ph.D. and M.D. degrees from the University of Minnesota. He was the recipient of the Variety Club Fellowship to the National Heart Hospital in London, director of Medical Education at St. Paul Ramsey Hospital, and instructor in anatomy at the University of Minnesota. In 1966, he entered private practice, serving as vice president and medical director for North American Life and Casualty Company until 1984.

He was preceded in death by son, Michael, sister, Alice Gallagher, and brother, Joseph Kane. Survivors include his wife, Patricia; son, Thomas; sisters, Helen Simonson, Sister Mary Gabriel, Margaret Williams, Kathryn Scalet, Rita Stuewe, Sister Margaret Mary, and Sister Mary Alice; and brothers, Jerry and Frank Kane.

Peter and Marie Navtzeny

After 65 years of marriage, Peter and Marie Navtzeny were separated in death by only five days. Marie Navtzeny died on April 26 at age 99. Her husband, Peter, died on May 1 at 90 years.

Mrs. Navtzeny was a member of Corpus Christi Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by four brothers and five sisters.

Mr. Navtzeny was preceded in death by two sisters and a brother.

Both are survived by niece, Mary Cipri; and nephews, Thomas Stonier and Michael Korman.

Clemens Dale Ruffcorn

Clemens Dale Ruffcorn died on May 7. He was 98 years old and had been a long-time resident of St. Anthony Park.

Mr. Ruffcorn was a NSP employee and a member of St. Anthony Park Methodist Church. Preceded in death by his two wives, Elizabeth and Helen, son, Clemens Ruffcorn, Jr., brothers and sisters. He is survived by a daughter, Mary Jane Seifert; a daughter-in-law, Fran Ruffcorn; sister, Lucy Beckman; six grandchildren; two stepsons; ten great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Steve Stanislaw

Steve S. Stanislaw, age 90, died on April 26. He was a resident of Lyngblomsten Care Center and a member of Holy Childhood Catholic Church.

Mr. Stanislaw was preceded in death by son, Otto, and daughter-in-law, Celeine Stanislaw. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Josephine; daughters, Theresa Bloom, and Genevieve Schoeller; sons, Leo, Edward, Charles, and James Stanislaw; 15 granddaughters; 11 grandsons; numerous great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Mary, Catherine, Justina, and Betty.

Mary Annette Thompson

Asian art enthusiast Mary Annette Thompson of University Grove died on May 3 at age 82.

Mrs. Thompson was preceded in death by her brother. Survivors include her husband of 60 years, David; daughter Nan King; son, Scott; five grandchildren; and two sisters, Dorothy Jean Russo and Ruth Eineberg.

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seems to be a record of precisely what books they read, according to current president Mrs. Mae Thompson.

There is, however, a strong oral tradition in the group. Mrs. Thompson, a St. Anthony Park resident and the widow of a professor at the University of Minnesota, has been a member since the early 1960s. A few weeks ago, she and Jane Allison, another life-long park resident and a member since 1970, reminisced over tea and cookies about the history of the group.

Mrs. Thompson remembers that when she first joined the circle, "Mrs. Bull, one of the original members, was still active." An old newspaper account of the group reported that Mrs. Bull was both inspirational and intimidating; and that punctuality and adherence to high literary standards were virtues not to be taken lightly by younger members. In the old days, reading assignments were handed out by "category," and woe betide the

hapless member who neglected her duty when it came to "essays," "poetry," "biographies" or the like.

Today, members choose their own selections, and missing an occasional meeting is "no longer a near-hanging offense." Book selections range from the classics to current best sellers. This year the ladies heard from titles as varied as Fanny Trollope's *Domestic Manners of the Americans*, first published more than 150 years ago, to the current hit *Memoirs of a Geisha*. The meetings have been reduced from every-other-week to monthly during good weather only.

But one tradition remains unchanged. "We are a reading circle — not a book discussion group," gently emphasizes Mrs. Allison. "We read from the book. We don't analyze and discuss it."

That may be part of the group's success. Book clubs of more recent vintage tend to believe that discussion is their

reason for being. But what happens when the group finds itself hopeless divided between the fans and the foes of *The Ya-Ya Sisterhood*? Too often, the next step is break-up.

The Froula ladies, by contrast, have spent nine decades learning how to rise serenely above the inevitable conflicts of opinion that can occur even among the most congenial of reading partners. Explains Mrs. Thompson, "We're all very cautious in what we choose to read to the group. Reading for each other's pleasure is the hallmark of the group. We don't think of the reading circle as a place to bring up issues."

Adds Mrs. Allison in a soft, precise voice, "We don't argue, but we comment."

Although the ladies no longer do their needlework while listening to the speaker of the month, the ritual of their meetings is otherwise unchanged since Mrs. Froula's time. The ladies gather in one member's living room on a Friday afternoon. Then

for the better part of two hours, they listen to one of their members read from the selected book.

Membership is set at 20, and new members are admitted only upon the death or retirement of a current Froula lady. The ladies are somewhat wistful when they talk about prospects for the future. "There are lots of widows in the group," acknowledges Mrs. Thompson. "Patterns of living have changed since the group began and women stayed at home. Nowadays some would-be members are not available because they work in the afternoons."

Women are active in the community, volunteering . . . Her voice trails off.

The ladies are cautiously optimistic, but no one can say for sure how long the group will survive the frenetic pace and altered values of a century that is ending so differently than it began. What is clear: Without the gentle readers of the Froula Circle and their calm, agreeable Friday afternoons, the next Millennium is sure to be a harsher, less civilized place. ■

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