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Jay Weiner's wild world of pro sports

Photo by Truman Olson



by John Marino

The Minnesota Wild, the National Hockey League's newest team, hasn't even played a game yet, but Jay Weiner is already worried about St. Paul's expansion pro-hockey team.

"I hope I'm wrong, but I think within three to five years, we're going to be confronting an arena controversy," said Weiner, *Star Tribune* sports business writer, and 14-year resident of St. Anthony Park.

Weiner feasts on the financial and political side of big time sports. It's been his beat at the *Star Tribune* for the past 20 years, and it's now the topic of his first book, *Stadium Games: Fifty Years of Big League Greed and Bush League Boondoggles*.

Containing nearly 500 pages of hometown intrigue, it was released in March by the University of Minnesota Press. Weiner will be signing copies on May 24, 7 p.m., at the St. Paul Library in St. Anthony Park.

Weiner's book exposes the backroom machinations that brought both the Twins and the Vikings to the Twin Cities; the deals that got Metropolitan Stadium and the Metrodome built; the public bailout that saved the Target Center; the recent failed City of St. Paul-Twins stadium referendum; and more.

From the insight gained while writing his book, Weiner has that sinking feeling that the Wild might be looking for another public handout in the not-too-distant future. He believes that the sporting dollar in the Twin Cities is getting stretched too thinly. There aren't enough high rollers to pay for all the luxury suites located in the four major league venues.

The St. Paul hockey arena cost \$130 million to build, all

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Refined College Park plan jumps toward finish line

by John Marino

It was as easy as One, Two, Three. Well, not exactly, but after much citizen input and hard work, College Park will finally get the facelift that St. Anthony Park residents have been debating for months.

One year, two task forces and three town meetings later, the St. Anthony Park Community Council voted unanimously on April 12 to accept the renovation recommendation from the second College Park Task Force. The vote was taken immediately after first

unanimously rescinding the first task force's recommendations made to the council last September.

The community council presents the improvement plan to the St. Paul Parks and Recreation Department for implementation. Construction begins this summer. The project is funded by Capital Improvement Budget funds.

Sherman Eagles, facilitator of the St. Anthony Park Community Council and leader of the task force, explained to the full Council and an audience of about

15 residents that the people on the task force "shared similar values, but had different priorities."

The group, therefore, compromised and agreed on four needs: preserve the mature trees, especially the oak grove to the north; create a good play experience for kids; retain as much open space as possible, particularly the east overlook; and keep the tennis and basketball courts.

One tennis court will be temporarily sacrificed in order to put in the playground. The existing fence line that separates

the tennis court from the playground will be moved 30 feet eastward. Eventually, when more funding is acquired, the entire sports courts area will be resurfaced and expanded to include the second tennis court.

However, that could take the city another three or four years and some residents don't want to wait that long. Another task force has formed to raise the funds to get the job done sooner. (See page 10)

Playground equipment will be made of metal, coated by a
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Begin your spring gardening on Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to noon, when Boy Scout Troop 285 hosts its annual flower sale at Como Park Lutheran Church's parking lot at Hamline and Hoyt avenues. Arrive early for the best selection of marigolds, petunias, zinnias, and more. Annuals cost \$1.50 per pack or \$12.40 per flat. Photo by Truman Olson

Zoo overhaul forthcoming

Money funds 7,500-square-foot exhibit support building

by Amy Kamernick

The St. Paul Como Zoo and Conservatory will break ground on the first phase of a \$4.9 million development this summer.

The phase calls for the construction of a 7,500-square-foot exhibit support building and the renovation of the zoological building, which will provide the Park with 10,000-square-feet of office space. A funding proposal for the second phase of construction for an education resource center building — which would house a tropical encounter exhibit space, auditorium, classroom, and greenhouse — is being requested from the legislature.

Project supporters say that the developments are long overdue. The conservatory was built in 1915 and the education facilities were built into a boiler room during the 1920s. While minor renovations have occurred over the years, such as conservatory remodeling in 1987 and the addition of a modular trailer to house education classes, supporters say that more changes

are needed for the zoo to be a powerful educational resource.

"Right now, there is no auditorium, cafeteria, or running water in the classroom areas," said Janet Dieterich, government relations and development coordinator for the Como Park campus. "At the same time, there are over 7,000 students visiting the park and there is nowhere to teach them."

But with a lack of space, where does everyone go?

Often classes are held in the outdoor exhibits, said Cindy Fowler, the park's program coordinator. Summer is referred to be Fowler as the "wild time" due to the Park's influx of visitors.

On one particularly scorching summer afternoon, she was maneuvering an elementary age class through the animal exhibits because of a lack of space inside the facility. But trying to hold the attention of these 10-year-olds got to be too much for the seven-year Park veteran.

"The fans in the exhibit were so loud and the antelope smelling
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Rain garden to clean up Lake Como

Innovative storm water project aims to improve water quality

by Pete Keith

Far from pure and pristine, Como Lake suffers from poor water quality caused primarily by the direct flow of storm water from streets, driveways and parking lots. This water carries with it all sorts of pollutants, including fertilizers, grass clippings, autumn leaves, salt, and various things that leak from our cars. What begins as clean rain or snow falling in St. Paul quickly becomes a murky liquid as it enters Como Park's cherished centerpiece.

An innovative project currently underway in Como Park and the neighborhood to the north of the lake hopes to improve the quality of at least a small portion of the water that flows into Como Lake.

A water infiltration garden, often referred to as a "rain garden" is being constructed in Como

Park, along the east side of Lexington Avenue near Nebraska Avenue. Storm runoff from a six square block area will now empty into the rain garden and infiltrate into the ground. Eventually this ground water will seep towards Como Lake, but by the time it arrives it will be filtered by the ground itself, in a much cleaner state.

The use of infiltration gardens is part of a growing trend of better management of storm water runoff. In the metro area, storm water runoff not only impacts the quality of our lakes, but also the Mississippi River. Advanced storm water management projects are beginning to crop up in many communities.

The Como rain garden emerged out of the concerted efforts of the Como Community

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Write-in candidate energizes SAP community council elections

by David Anger

Write-in candidate Rose Gregoire of north St. Anthony Park may have been the big winner in last month's St. Anthony Park Community Council's election by winning 56 votes, even though she did not gain a voting delegate position.

Council election are usually placid affairs and this year's event seemed to follow suit. Three candidates were on the ballot for three seats in north St. Anthony Park and four candidates ran for two seats in south St. Anthony Park. In north St. Anthony incumbents Chris Causey and Alice Magnuson won 73 and 38 votes respectively, while newcomer Suzanne Garfield gained 47 votes.

Gregoire, a marketing consultant and community advocate, missed the filing deadline. Still, many neighbors

insisted on writing-in Gregoire and on April 12 she won more votes than candidates Garfield and Magnuson.

At the council's full council meeting on Wednesday, April 13, the group appointed Gregoire as an alternate because the organization's by-laws do not include any language either allowing or forbidding write-in candidates. ■

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* Suzanne Garfield — 47
* Alice Magnuson — 38
+ Rose Gregoire — 56

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Como Park

Black Bear Crossing takes over Como Lake Pavilion concessions

Black Bear Crossing Coffee House and Community Circle is expanding its operations north, with its contract to manage and operate the Como Lake Pavilion. The St. Paul City Council unanimously approved the agreement April 5.

Black Bear was one of three firms bidding on the contract, said Mike Hahn of Parks and Recreation. City employees also put in a competitive proposal. The pavilion food service was first contacted out last year to Prom Catering. But the city and Prom ended that contract earlier this year by mutual agreement. Prom will still be allowed to cater some special events, such as weddings, it had already booked in the pavilion space this year.

Some area residents might recall when the coffee house owner David Glass and former Parks and Recreation Director Robert Piam got into some hot water with Como Lake walkers and joggers, after Piam gave Glass permission to paint bear tracks on the trails around the lake and down Como Avenue to his coffee house.

Until Prom took over the pavilion operations, it was staffed by city workers. City employees were able to submit a management proposal for the pavilion through the work of the City Council, which has raised concerns about contracting out city services over the past several months. That proposal was considered along with the three private companies, Hahn said.

— Jane McClure

Lauderdale

50th anniversary history

Learn more about Lauderdale's 50-year history on Sunday, May 21, 3 to 6 p.m., when the city unveils a much-anticipated history book and video. The event takes place at City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, and includes refreshments. Call James Bownik at 631-0300 for information.

Julie Ward is running for House

Lauderdale neighbor Julie Ward, mother of four and PTA member, is running as the GOP candidate for the Minnesota House of Representatives in House District 54A, which encompasses the western and southern portion of Roseville, Lauderdale, Falcon Heights, and St. Anthony. Her campaign is focusing on equalizing education funding, restoring local control of schools, reducing tax burdens on families and business, and preserving neighborhoods and parks. The candidate holds degrees in history and law.

Falcon Heights

Heather Worthington is new city administrator

Heather Worthington has replaced Susan Hoyt as Falcon Heights city administrator. Worthington, former executive director of the St. Anthony Park community council, was hired in January as assistant city administrator in Falcon Heights. After city administrator Susan Hoyt resigned in February to take a job working for Dakota County, the city council voted to promote Worthington to the vacant post.

— Dave Healy

Community Park improvements

The east Roselawn entrance to Community Park is getting a face lift this spring, including a new sign. Community Park is the most-used park in Falcon Heights.

— D.H.

Larpenteur road construction

Beginning in May, Larpenteur Avenue between Arona and Hamline will undergo extensive renovation, including a new street surface, additional left turn lanes, landscaping, and tree plantings. The project will extend east into Roseville, from Hamline to Oxford. Plans for the Falcon Height portion of the project can be viewed at City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur.

— D.H.

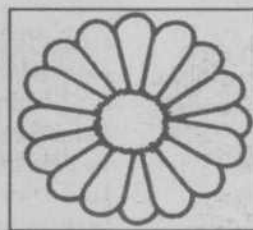
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Curfew Street is a STAR

A Curfew Street traffic improvement project has been recommended for \$20,000 in Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) funding. That recommendation was made April 6 by the Neighborhood STAR Board and has been sent on to the mayor and St. Paul City Council for approval. It will go to the City Council at the end of April or in early May.

The St. Anthony Park Community Council is seeking \$20,000 for an electronic gate on Curfew Avenue. The gate would help to restrict truck traffic in the area. Increasing volumes of truck traffic on Curfew have sparked complaints and traffic safety concerns for many months. Neighbors, the district council and city staff have looked for

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If the gate does win City Council approval, it will be one of only a few streets with a gate. Several years ago the city allowed a gate to be installed on a West Side street near El Rio Vista Recreation center and playground. That gate was installed after there were drive-by shooting incidents in the area.

—J.M.C.

Kibosh on Territorial rezoning

A controversial proposal to rezone property at Territorial Road has been rejected by the St. Paul City Council, after the St. Anthony Park Community Council passed a formal resolution denying the request April 12.

The resolution adopted April 12 finalizes previous actions. The St. Paul Planning Commission recommended denial of the request in January and the City Council voted against the request in February.

The property is at 2336 Territorial Road. It is currently zoned for multi-family residential use. It is owned by a private trust. The property has been used for several years for various commercial uses. It includes a legally non-conforming industrial warehouse facility that is currently leased to a business that purchases, repairs and resells automobiles. The business is fully enclosed in the building, with 15 to 18 motor vehicles inside at any one time.

The rezoning request

Librarian extraordinaire Rosie Foreman receives a well-deserved bouquet of roses at the recent grand opening celebration of the St. Anthony Park Branch Library, which is now handicap accessible.



Meanwhile, Park icons and enthusiasts, Mary and Gerald McKay, cut the ribbon to the new children's wing — a sublime addition by architect Phillip Broussard that possesses the classical grace of Thomas Jefferson's Monticello.

Photos by Truman Olson



was rejected because it is not consistent with the South St. Anthony Park Small Area Plan of 1992 and with citywide plans. The small area plan calls for the property to be zoned for residential use. Since the plan was adopted by the City Council, industrial uses in the area have been restricted to be concentrated east of Carleton Street.

—J.M.C.

Traffic and pedestrian safety meeting on May 16

A community meeting to address traffic and pedestrian safety issues is set for May 16 at the Seal Hi-Rise. Physical changes to the streets at the intersections of Cromwell, Bayless Avenue, and Bayless Place in south St. Anthony Park will be discussed.

A task force has already met four times to consider various solutions to the dangerous traffic flow problem in the area.

Copies of the proposed plans will be available for review before the community meeting at the Hampden Park Co-op, South St. Anthony Recreation Center, Como-Carter kiosk, and library.

The task force will propose three changes at the meeting: the permanent addition of speed bumps and a bump-out on Cromwell between Territorial and Bayless Place; create a modification on Bayless Place as it ends at Raymond Avenue to accommodate left turns; to avoid disruption in the neighborhood, Bayless Place would be temporarily closed between Bayless and Raymond avenues.

—John Marino

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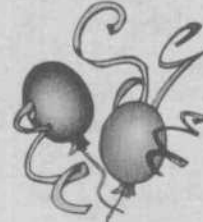
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EDITORIAL

High voter turn out cause for applause

The Bugle is publishing the vote totals from the St. Anthony Park Community Council's April-11 election because this year's vote was an extraordinary situation and because the paper has done so in the past, although not consistently. It has been said that publishing this data dampens citizen participation and may make future candidates reluctant to stand for office. The Bugle is sympathetic to this concern, since finding earnest volunteers is difficult. The paper, however, respectfully disagrees with the thinking that publishing vote totals is inappropriate. In fact, the opposite is true. The high voter turn out — possibly the largest ever — is cause for applause and pause. By voting in large numbers neighbors are acknowledging that the council is a vital organization that affects our daily lives and that the candidates are good people. Additionally, the enthusiasm for write-in candidate Rose Gregoire reflects positively on a caring, engaged community. This election is a step forward. ■

Rudd makes a difference

In our world, where self interest often prevails above all else, the Bugle found an exception to this all-too common vice. Dollmaker Phyllis Rudd is a passionate craftswoman who parlays her passion into a good cause. As scribe Michelle Christian reports on page 11, Rudd, along with her arty colleagues at the Leisure Center, creates treasures that comfort the souls of youngsters living in homeless and domestic abuse shelters. Hers is a familiar yet untold story about a unselfish woman whose good works underscore the heart and soul of our neighborhood and help make the world turn with grace. ■

Children need Langford Park redesign

I respectfully disagree with the letter last month advocating that Langford Park be left alone. The need for change stems not from the bucolic center of the Park, which the writer evidently enjoys, and which there is little impetus to change. The problems are not in the middle, but at the margins. At the Recreation Center end of the Park, the outdated playground equipment has become genuinely unsafe, and was never suited to the toddlers and young children who are the primary users. At the school end, the children have not had any playground equipment for years. Intractable drainage problems have developed that have covered both school and adjacent park land with sheets of ice in

winter and seas of mud in the spring. As a result, the school children are too often condemned to life without recess — and those who need an outlet for their energies are undoubtedly taking it out on the children who don't.

In sum, it is not the adults who are suffering. It is the children, and the families with young children. If we cannot provide a school and central park with decent accouterments to such families, it will become more difficult to attract the group that ultimately guarantees the long term

vitality of the neighborhood.

And neighbors, be on notice: if we don't make prompt decisions about Langford Park, some city engineer will do it for us. The Park and surrounding areas will receive new lighting, curbs and gutters next fall — and the location of lights, curb cuts, drainage devices and the like will dictate many of the design elements of the Park for the next century and beyond. While Parks & Rec has been happy to save its money while neighbors dicker over details at College Park, road construction does not work that way. The roads

surrounding the Park are a small part of a vast and costly construction plan with defined funding and contract letting dates that is likely to proceed apace, no matter what we do.

Let us learn from the College Park controversy, which has been upsetting to all involved. If you are interested in avoiding the Langford Park controversy, get involved early so that all ideas are on the table when they are needed. This neighborhood has a history of coming together to find and fund creative solutions to developing problems — witness the beautiful library addition. Lots of public money will be spent around the Park, very soon. Early, thoughtful involvement can maximize the benefits the neighborhood receives from that money, and ensure that it is used creatively.

Mary Ann Bernard



Letters

Jay Weiner . . . from page 1

of it public money. The deal unfolded beneath the "radar of the Twins stadium deal," said Weiner, during an interview on the porch of his St. Anthony Park home, which he shares with his wife Ann Juergens and sons Henry, 12, and Nate, 10.

"A better public policy approach would have found a way to fit the Wild in the Target Center and we would have saved \$130 million."

All the major players make up his cast of characters: Calvin Griffith and Carl Pohlad of the Twins; Wheelock Whitney of the Vikings; former Governor Arne Carlson, and many others who were and are the big league players in the business of Minnesota sports franchises.

Calling himself "a fly on the wall," Weiner reports "on exactly how the Carlson administration 'created the crisis' of Twins owner Carl Pohlad allegedly selling his team to North Carolina buyers."

Using history to help today's beleaguered sports fan understand the present, Weiner relied on "monk-like" research in the bowels of the Minnesota Historical Society. He takes the reader all the way back to the late 1940s as he describes the seminal history of efforts to attract big league sports to the upper midwest.

He interviewed 80 people during a seven-month research process, then took five months to write the book.

But it's not just a history book. Jay offers solutions, too.

For one thing, he says political leaders shouldn't "cozy up" to leagues or owners. "We need to challenge the teams and the leagues," he says. "The fact is, they need us more than we need them."

He calls for common sense stadium design: if public funds are used to build a stadium, give it permanent public uses such as including an urgent care center that the San Francisco Giants have at their new stadium, which was 90-percent privately financed. Or, how about adding some combination of a firehouse, a police station, a day care center, administrative offices, a health club, or other publicly-used facilities?

Also, Weiner suggests the creation of a statewide "sports endowment" from which owners and politicians could seek matching grants, much like arts organizations.

"Thus, no sports team at any level could expect more than 50 percent of funding for a stadium to come from public dollars."

Weiner said he is happy with the timing of the release. "There is a vacuum in the public debate" since the November defeat of the St. Paul-Twins stadium referendum, he said.

"I wrote the book because I wanted history to put all the facts in one place," Weiner says. "Then, hopefully, (we can) lay out a policy in the context where we could have a real discussion without all the ridiculous threats." ■

Playground . . . from page 1

rubber-like hard plastic and will be located by age groups. It will be "transparent" with lots of open crevices and spaces so parents can more easily keep their children in sight. A certain percentage of the equipment has to meet American Disability Act (ADA) requirements. A new path on the Carter Avenue side of the park will snake

into the playground and will be ADA-graded.

A large, diseased ash tree will be removed from the northern edge of the tennis courts. "It's sick, but not terminal," Eagles said. "However, it needs to be taken out to make room for playground equipment."

Four new trees will be planted, along with other plants. ■

Rain garden . . . from page 1

Council's (District 10) environment committee.

"These are very active and dedicated people who want to make a difference with Como Lake," said Dan Krivit, a consulting engineer, who helped shepherd the project with the city. Krivit and many others volunteered numerous hours to make this project a reality. This garden represents "one small tool in a huge tool chest of water management techniques that can be used to treat runoff."

Construction of the rain garden was done in parallel with the neighborhood's street repaving project. The storm sewers from the six block area were diverted to the garden's location, and last fall the garden was excavated. Later this spring, the garden will be planted with a variety of native plants, which can tolerate both long term standing water, as well as dry conditions, according to Krivit.

The total cost of the project is expected to be approximately \$50,000, half of which is in-kind donation of time and expertise of the volunteers, and the other half is being paid for by grants. The Department of

Natural Resources, through the Environmental Trust Fund, provided the largest grant.

While this rain garden is small in comparison to all of the runoff that affects Como Lake, Krivit is hopeful that as a demonstration project, it will serve to educate people on storm water issues.

"A lot of people simply don't know where storm water goes." And hopefully, according to Krivit, residents of St. Paul will be motivated to demand better storm water management in their neighborhoods, particularly those that are awaiting upcoming repaving work.

The planting of the rain garden is scheduled for June 3 at 9 a.m. The area to be planted is rather large, about 20 by 200 feet. Krivit and the District 10 Community Council are looking for as many volunteers as they can get. If you are interested, you may show up on the day of planting. If you would like to help with the planning of the planting, please contact Dan Krivit at 659-9987. ■

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Como Zoo . . . from page 1

like they do, performing animal things . . . it was extremely distracting for the kids," said Fowler.

Educators at the park, like Fowler, say that the lack of available space and adequate resources detracts from the learning experience that the facility could offer.

Classes are currently held in a modular trailer which is heated with space heaters and as a result, the temperature is highly variable. There is also no running water or bathroom and individuals who wish to use either, must walk about 20 yards or two blocks to the Zoo's main building.

Liz Anderson, campus manager of Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, added that because most classes are held outdoors, and if it rains classes are canceled.

"We have a message, but no way to deliver the educational program that we know we have," she said.

While most would be unable to argue against effective learning

in such a described environment, the financial status of the development's second phase is still in the air. Como Park advocates are working with Minnesota Senator Ellen Anderson on a bill requesting \$21 million from the legislature in capital bonding funds. Phase one was financed with \$1 million in private donations and almost \$4 million from the 1998 legislature.

Finding available funding for the project had been a struggle. Initially told that the proposed development was "too big" by the Metropolitan Council, Como Park officials were directed to the City of St. Paul where they were instructed that the Park was not a "local project."

"It's very political," said Sue McCall, community organizer for the District 10, Como Community Council, about the current legislative session's wrestle for funding. "Basically, the legislature and governor Ventura have said that they are not here to help out the City of St. Paul."

At the beginning of the 2000 session Governor Ventura reported that he would maintain a strict \$400 million bonding cap limit in state funding and that the bonding money would only go to projects that offer "state-wide significance."

"If that is his criteria, absolutely the project meets the criteria of statewide significance," said Senator Anderson.

Statistics from the Metropolitan Council estimate that of the almost two million visitors at the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory every year, 16 percent are from the greater Minnesota area and other parts of the country.

Anderson reported that the Senate has recommended funding and that the bill will be heard in the Finance Committee in the upcoming weeks. ■

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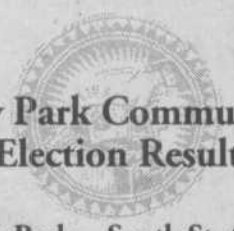


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





















St. Anthony Park Community Council
Election Results

North St. Anthony Park
Delegates: Chris Causey
Suzanne Garfield
Alice Magnuson
Alternate: Rose Gregoire

South St. Anthony Park
Delegates: Ron Dufault
Bruce Kimmel
Alternates: Karlyn Eckman
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Hartigan work inspires kids art

by Lisa Steinmann

Students at St. Anthony Park Elementary School have created a 40-foot mural in the style of abstract painting. It is now on display in the multi-purpose room and is tentatively entitled "Five Hundred Voices."

Every inch of canvas is filled with the brushwork of the 500 1st through 6th graders who participated in the project. From a distance the mural has the effect of a colorful crazy quilt. Closer inspection reveals individual images, some quite direct, others more abstract.

Second grader Lucas Oleen-Junk pointed out some of the things he saw in the mural, "The Pillsbury Doughboy, the Nike logo, a peace symbol, the Golden Gopher, a snowboard, and a gangster vampire." Fifth grader Eric Brost's mural contribution was the Honeycomb cereal box monster, "It's sort of brownish, orangish, and red and yellow and blue, and I made it blurry because it's abstract."

These images came forth after students studied a work of art by American painter Grace Hartigan. Her 1957 painting entitled *Billboard* was inspired by advertising images as seen fleetingly while passing by roadside billboards. To compose their mural, students were asked to paint commercial symbols that sprang to their minds. Art program assistant Courtney Oleen-Junk, gesturing at the hundreds of colorful designs that resulted, commented that "Kids are constantly bombarded

with images."

Hartigan's painting was part of a group of eight works of art from the Minneapolis Institute of Art's collection that were studied by students at St. Anthony Park School during the month of February. An MIA program called Art Adventures offers the materials and special training for volunteers from the school. St. Anthony Park school has participated for the past three years.

This is parent Tina Hughes second year as a volunteer with the program. She and a group of other parents attended several hours of training with docents at the art institute. While there they studied the works of art in person and received a packet of materials, including poster reproductions of the art, to assist them in teaching students. Once back at school the volunteers, with assistance from the school enrichment program staff, planned activities to follow

up discussion of the artworks.

Besides the mural project students worked on pottery in the style of Native American potter Maria Martinez, and they made prints after studying the serigraphy of African American artist Elizabeth Catlett.

"Hanging around with the kids and teachers is really fun," says Hughes. Her enthusiasm for the program is evident as she laughingly admits that in the course of talking about a piece of art kids always notice something you're not prepared for. For instance, during discussion of a portrait of George Washington, someone wondered why there was a paperweight that was shaped like a dog on the desk behind the figure of the president.

Most importantly Hughes believes that "Kids need to see that artistic expression is an everyday thing. You can do this too." ■



Members of the cast from a production of *The Wizard of Oz*, recently performed by Mrs. Roe's 4th grade class, stand in front of the mural painted by students at St. Anthony Park School. Photo by Lisa Steinmann

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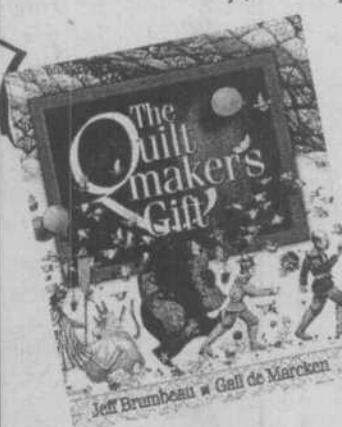


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SCHOOL NEWS

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Murray Junior High's Destination Imagination team, calling themselves, "Apples and Oranges," took third place in the East Metro competition. Team members are Samantha Erickson, Maurice Fuller, Allie Pyan, Brian Weitgriefe, Grace Alexander, and Colleen Beach. Events at Murray during May include conferences for parents: Tuesday, May 2, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., and Thursday, May 4, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Call Ann Bulger or Judy Payne at 293-8740 for appointments.

There will be a Senior Citizen Lunch and Entertainment Presentation on Thursday, May 11 at noon. All seniors are invited. Call Community Education for more information, 293-8738.

The H.B. Fuller Company is Murray's business partner. This year, their donation of \$2,000 provided scholarships for students to attend the Wolf Ridge Multicultural/Environmental Retreat. Recently, H.B. Fuller opened up their research labs to

students from Dr. Johnny Bland's and Mr. Payne's science classes. 150 students learned about the thousands of uses of adhesives, ranging from envelopes to cereal boxes to airplanes to diapers.

At St. Anthony Park Elementary School, the 5th grade Destination and Imagination team of Rachel Nauen, Katie Lister, Kong Khang, Andrew Kingswriter, Hannah Longley and Samantha Jackson won first place in regional competition on March 4. Coaches Thom Lister and P.J. Pofahl will be taking the team on to the state tourney in Plymouth on April 15. Zachary Johnston will join the team for the state competition. During May, St. Anthony Park invites the community to join them for fun, food, games and prizes at the school carnival on May 5, 5:30 to 8 p.m. On May 11 at 7 p.m. there will be a Spring Concert. The next SAPSA meeting is set for May 18 at 7 p.m.

Students at **Chelsea Heights Elementary School** are showing what they have been learning this year with the annual Student Showcase. On Thursday, May 4, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., families are invited to visit the school and see the best of student work from the school year and to visit the Science Fair in the gym. There are two concert dates during May: The beginning band concert on May 18 at 7 p.m. and the advanced band concert on May 25 at 7 p.m.

— Lisa Steinmann

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All This Followed by:

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NATIVE PLANT POTPOURRI

by Mary Maguire Lerman

Native plants are big. Newspaper, magazine, and journal articles trumpet habitat restoration and native plants. Americans are finally learning the value of their native landscapes — in flood and erosion control and in the maintenance of water quality and our wildlife and plant populations.

Although native plants provide us with many benefits there is still a widely-held belief that native plants are weeds. The usual description of a weed is a plant out of place. When a plant is out of its normal place or habitat, it often has no natural predators or controllers — so it can escape and become invasive. Weed examples in our area are dandelions and buckthorn. Both were brought to this continent from Europe and neither plant has predators here in our country.

Thinking about your landscape appearance and how you want to spend your leisure time will help you in your choice of plant materials. Ground covers for landscapes reflect your energy and interests. If you enjoy mowing the lawn and its related treatments, the choice of a native ground cover may not interest you. However, if you live on a steep slope and mowing is difficult (if not downright hazardous), you may want to consider the native plant option.

What if you want to feature native plants but want to still have a more formal, structured landscape? Landscape architect Jim Hagstrom of Savanna Designs uses an approach pleases many of his clients. He has

found that using a select group of native plants (rather than a planting with 30 or more species) gives a more structured feeling to the landscape. Studies have also shown that a neat turf edge surrounding the native plantings makes many individuals more likely to accept a native plant design.

Eventually, the choice of plants for a landscape comes down to a decision made by the gardener. Now that spring is here, take the time to inventory your property. Do you have locations where a native planting could ease your landscape maintenance or where you and wildlife would benefit from their appearance? For example, steep sunny slopes would be a great site to plant a shortgrass prairie. Shorter grasses such as little bluestem can provide you with many seasons of color. Plus the prairie grasses are deeply rooted so you have a great slope stabilizer. On a shady, steep slope, the installation of our dwarf bush honeysuckle is a great choice as it will tolerate even dry soils once it is well-established.

Soon it will be time to once again plant our gardens. Study this select list of native wildflowers and grasses that make great additions to your existing garden. Be sure to also take a walk your

neighborhood as you will find gardeners already using native plants. The Native Plant Society is dedicated to the use of native plants in the landscape. The meetings are open to the public. For further information on the Native Plant Society, write them at 220 Biological Sciences Center, 1445 Gortner Hall, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota 55108. ■

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by Judy Woodward

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According to Jim VanDerPol, a tall, weathered man of 52, with a gray beard and a Farmer John hat that he wears absolutely level across his forehead, their unusual marketing strategy is a response to grim reality encountered by small farmers like themselves. "The agriculture business is set

up so that most of the profits go to the big marketers. For the small family farmer, there's always a farm crisis," says Jim. "Our land is so enormously productive, but farming doesn't industrialize well, although that's what the big companies try to do.

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When VanDerPol graduated from the University of Minnesota in the late '60s, he worked as an animal technician on the St. Paul Campus for several years. In 1974, he and LeAnn moved back to Kerkhoven to take over the family farm, but they kept their ties with the big city. When they decided to devise their own marketing plan, looking for customers in the neighborhoods around the St. Paul campus seemed like a natural move. Nowadays, they share much

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MEET THREE AREA GREEN THUMBS

is a blooming garden. It's the season of afternoon parties, when arjeelings or even mint juleps outdoors is totally fly. Even so, a Stewart look isn't done lickety-split. The neighborhood is, ooming with green professionals. And here are three names ehold file under "Gardens."

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Last month, I asked everyone who read this ad and "surfs the net" to help support the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program.

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Gardening

Como Park Community Council's environmental committee is seeking volunteers to help install native plants on Saturday, June 3, beginning at 9 a.m. Designed to blend with and enhance the natural landscape, the low-maintenance garden will consist of native plants selected to help pre-treat and filter storm water that would normally flow through pipes directly to the golf course settling ponds and eventually to Como Lake. The garden is about 20-feet wide and 200-feet long. The garden site is located on the southeast corner of Lexington and Nebraska. To learn more, plan on attending a volunteer training on Thursday, May 25, 7 p.m., at St. Timothy Lutheran Church (corner of Victoria and Nevada). Call Dan Krivit at 489-4990 for information or e-mail at dankrivit@msn.com.

See slides of the 1999 **St. Anthony Park Garden tour Garden Club** at the St. Anthony Park Associations meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 6:45 p.m., at the SAP Branch Library.

Writers meeting

The St. Anthony Park writers meeting is set for May 2, 7:30 p.m., 861 Raymond Avenue. Call 645-7230 for information.

People

Teddy Woodward, age 9, of St. Anthony Park has won a statewide essay contest sponsored by the Ordway Music Theatre. Teddy's prize-winning essay on the Ordway's musical *Sofrito!* earned his third-grade class a pizza party and a \$100 gift certificate for classroom materials. Teddy, who attends Capitol Hill Magnet School, is the son of Judy and Paul Woodward. . . . Photographer **Doug Beasley's** work took top-billing at the Guenzel Gallery at Peninsula Art School in Fish Creek, Wisconsin, last month. . . . St. Anthony Park neighbor **Joanne Martin** was recently honored by the St. Paul School Board for her tireless behind-the-scenes efforts to create opportunities for the city's youngsters. As manager of the district's Discovery Club she oversees a before-and-after-school child care program that serves more than 1,100 children at sites throughout the city. A member of the Minnesota School-Age Child

Care Alliance (MNSACA) for 10 years, Martin has served as the organization's president, vice president of finance, and secretary and is this year's MNSACA "Distinguished Member of the Year."

Tennis & basketball court fund

The College Park One Project Committee is seeking donations to fund a new \$60,000 tennis and basketball courts, which are being displaced by the playground upgrade design. For information please call Bob Munson at 644-9716.

Book Sale at Art Festival

A sale of used books at the St. Anthony Park Library — a popular attraction in years past — returns this year on Saturday, June 3, as part of the St. Anthony Park Arts Festival. The library's community interest room will be stacked with withdrawn books from throughout the city system on the day of the festival.

The 31st annual arts festival takes place on the library grounds, 2245 Como Avenue, and the Luther Seminary grounds. The festival runs from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.

Applications are available at the library, or by calling Arlene West at 649-0481 before the May 1 deadline.

More than 60 artists have already been accepted; over 100 juried artists and crafters are expected to exhibit. Entertainers who are willing to perform for tips need not apply, but should contact West for scheduling information.

Food stands and booths highlighting neighborhood organizations will line the stretch of Como Avenue connecting the two parts of the Art Fair. The Chalk Art contest will again be held at Doswell and Como, and a children's activity tent is planned for the Luther Seminary lawn.

The Arts Festival is sponsored as a fundraiser for the St. Anthony Park Library Association.

Gibbs Farm

The Gibbs Farm Museum in Falcon Heights begins its season of summer activities the weekend of May 6 and 7, noon to 4 p.m., when "Sheep to Shawl Day" takes

center stage. The event spotlights sheep shearing, spinning, and loom weaving demonstrations.

Meals on Wheels volunteers

Perhaps you know of an elderly neighbor, friend, or relative who doesn't eat properly or is no longer able to cook. Well, **Meals on Wheels** are available in St. Anthony Park and drivers are needed. Open days are the first Friday of each month, the third Tuesday, and the third Friday. Substitute drivers are also needed. Please call Judy Probst at 642-9052 to learn more.

Walk and run for animals

Close to 2,000 people and their pets are raising pledges and will walk or run at three-mile course to help homeless animals on Saturday, May 6, when the **Human Society of Ramsey County** hosts the 14th annual K9-5k walk and run for animals at Como Park. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and runners commence at 9 a.m. and walkers at 9:05 a.m. After the walk participants enjoy refreshments, an awards ceremony, animal demonstrations, a pet fair, and entertainment and local celebrity appearances. Call 645-7387, ext. 120, to participate.

Garage sales

It's ready, set, go, on Saturday, May 20, at 8 a.m., when **Lauderdale hosts its city-wide garage sale**. Residents are encouraged to register their sale with the city so that they can be included on the sale map. Register by Friday, May 12, by calling City Hall at 631-0300.

YMCA Camps Widjiwagan and du Nord are holding its semi-annual garage sale from Wednesday, May 17, to Sunday, May 21, at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds' Merchandise Mart. The hours are Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m. to noon. All proceeds benefit the camp. Call 486-6344.

Lost and found

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Hello Dolly

Dollmaker Phyllis Rudd makes a difference by crafting little treasures to benefit the homeless and battered women

by Michelle Christianson

Imagine that you are a child in a homeless shelter or in a refuge for families of battered women. You are scared, worried about the future, possibly depressed. You feel that no one in the outside world cares about you. But then you are presented with a doll, one that has combed hair tied in a ribbon, a lovingly-made dress with ruffles and bows, little panties and shoes. The doll is in its own basket and has a blanket and pillow. Someone cares enough to have done this just for you!

That someone is Phyllis Rudd. She has outfitted approximately 25 dolls for donation (or for sale at the St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church) since late last year and "can't wait to get started" when she gets a new one at the Leisure Center. After combing the snarls out of the used dolls' hair, she washes it and scrubs the rest of the doll as clean as she can. Then begins the really fun part of her task — creating the clothing and bedding for the doll.

Rudd grew up on the East Side of St. Paul and as a child liked to sew and play with dolls. She married and moved to Falcon Heights and had a son and a daughter. But although she would have liked to sew dresses for her daughter, the girl was more into sports and didn't like dresses. Luckily, her daughter gave her two granddaughters who do like dresses and who have even learned to sew.

But even that wasn't enough to fill her time after her husband

died five years ago. Rudd then began attending the Leisure Center at the Methodist Church and was given the option of cards or crafts. She chose crafts and has been sewing and working at other crafts at Leisure Center ever since.

The dolls mostly come from the Goodwill store on Como Avenue so they have already been well-used when she gets them. Sometimes the hair is just too bad to fix up, so she gives that doll a hat. The baskets also are donated or bought second-hand, or sometimes she will pad and cover a wooden Clementine crate from the grocery store. All the material for the clothing and bedding matches, and that, too, has usually been donated.

Nancy Wenkel, the volunteer sewing and crafts coordinator at the Leisure Center, was the first to start fixing up the dolls and donating them to shelters. She asked if any of the women doing crafts on Wednesdays would like to get involved and many of them wanted to help out. She stresses that Phyllis really spearheaded the effort. Last Christmas they brought 13 dolls to a party at St. Stephen's Church in Minneapolis for families at two battered women's shelters and a homeless shelter.

Wenkel, who has been volunteering at Leisure Center for 22 years, appreciates this project. This is a genuinely creative activity for the seniors and it contributes to children's happiness. Some of the dolls have been sold and that

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28 Friday

■ Falcon Heights Elementary School Carnival. 5-8:30 p.m.

1 Monday

■ Como Park recycling.

■ AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. 644-0809. Every Monday.

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

2 Tuesday

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

■ Toastmasters (633-4153), training in effective speaking, Hewlett Packard, 2025 Larpenteur Avenue, 7:40 - 8:40 a.m. Every Tuesday.

■ SAP Community Band (642-1559) rehearsal, Como Senior High, 7:15 p.m. Every Tuesday.

■ St. Anthony Park Writers (645-7230) meet at 861 Raymond Avenue, 7:30 p.m.

■ St. Anthony Park Garden Club meeting. St. Anthony Park Library. Meeting is open to public. 6:30 p.m.

■ Parent and teacher conferences, Murray Junior High, 3:30-6:30 p.m.

3 Wednesday

■ St. Anthony Park recycling.

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

4 Thursday

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

■ Toastmasters, U.S. Forest Service, 1992 Folwell Avenue, St. Paul Campus, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 649-5162. Every Thursday.

■ St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 6 p.m.

■ Photographer Debora Drower's opening, Prairie Star Coffeehouse, 2399 University Avenue, 6-9 p.m.

■ Student Showcase and Science Fair, Chelsea Heights Elementary School, 6:30-8 p.m.

■ Parent and teacher conferences, Murray Junior High, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

5 Friday

■ Falcon Heights recycling.

■ St. Anthony Park Elementary School Carnival, 5:30-8 p.m.

7 Sunday

■ "Sheep to Shawl Day" at Gibbs Farm Museum. Noon-4 p.m.

8 Monday

■ Park Press Inc., — Park Bugle — board meeting, St. Anthony Park Bank community room, 7 a.m.

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

9 Tuesday

■ ADD/ADHD workshop, Patricia Lawler of Holly House offers natural solutions, St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.

■ St. Anthony Park Association presents the Con Overgard Awards for Excellence in Social Studies and English, library memorials, honorary lifetime membership awards, and 2000 community grants. Garden tour slide show and board elections follow. St. Anthony Park Library, refreshments 6:15 p.m., program 6:45 p.m.

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

10 Wednesday

■ 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.

■ Lauderdale recycling.

11 Thursday

■ Spring Concert, St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 7 p.m.

■ Senior Lunch and Entertainment, Murray Junior High, noon.

12 Friday

■ Lauderdale recycling.

■ Mozart's *Requiem*, J Michael Compton conducts, soloist Teri Grosze, Maureen Long, and Christopher Silbilia sing, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church (2136 Carter Avenue), 8 p.m.

13 Saturday

■ Junior High Night, Langford Park Rec Center (298-5765), 7-10 p.m. Parent permission required.

■ Plant Sale by Boy Scout Troop 285, Como Lutheran Church, Hoyt and Hamline, 9-11 a.m.

14 Sunday

■ Mother's Day

■ Caldecott winner Simms Taback, author and illustrator of *Joseph Had A Little Overcoat*, reads and signs, St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2 p.m.

15 Monday

■ Como Park recycling.

■ David Lanegran speaks about *St. Anthony Park: Portrait of Community*, St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 7 p.m.

16 Tuesday

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

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

■ District 10 Board Meeting (644-3889). St. Timothy's Church, 1465 N. Victoria. Public welcomed and encouraged to attend.

17 Wednesday

■ St. Anthony Park recycling.

■ Syttende Mai worship celebration, Old Muskego Church, Luther Seminary, 2 p.m.

■ Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

■ YMCA Camps Widjiwagan and du Nord Garage Sale, Minnesota State Fairground. 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

18 Thursday

■ YMCA Camps Widjiwagan and du Nord Garage Sale, Minnesota State Fairground. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

■ Beginning Band Concert, Chelsea Heights Elementary School, 7 p.m.

19 Friday

■ Falcon Heights recycling.

■ YMCA Camps Widjiwagan and du Nord Garage Sale, Minnesota State Fairground. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

20 Saturday

■ Lauderdale city-wide garage sale, 8 a.m. and onward.

■ EARE For All food distribution and registration at Holy Childhood Church, 1435 Midway Parkway, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 644-7495; or St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Avenue, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Call 644-8833.

■ YMCA Camps Widjiwagan and du Nord Garage Sale, Minnesota State Fairground. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

21 Sunday

■ YMCA Camps Widjiwagan and du Nord Garage Sale, Minnesota State Fairground. 9 a.m. - noon.

■ Lauderdale, 50th Anniversary History Event, Social Room, Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 3-6 p.m.

■ Luther Seminary commencement, Central Lutheran Church (333 South 12th Street, Minneapolis), 3 p.m.

22 Monday

■ Victoria Day (Canada)

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

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

23 Tuesday

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

24 Wednesday

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

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

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

■ Jay Weiner, author of *Stadium Games*, reads at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 7 p.m.

25 Thursday

■ Advanced Band Concert, Chelsea Heights Elementary School, 7 p.m.

■ District 10 Environmental Committee meeting, (644-3889). St. Timothy's Church, 1465 N. Victoria. Volunteer training and organizing for the June 3 infiltration garden project. 7 p.m.

26 Friday

■ Lauderdale recycling.

29 Saturday

■ Memorial Day

31 Wednesday

■ St. Anthony Park recycling.

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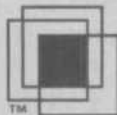
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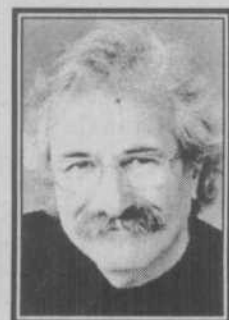
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Ernst Cleveland Abbe

Dr. Ernst Cleveland Abbe, age 94, who lived in his Raymond Avenue home for over 60 years, died on March 15. He served at the University of Minnesota from 1935 to 1974 in the botany department as professor and later chairman.

Dr. Abbe married Lucy Boothroyd in 1930. His wife taught at Macalester, and together they made several worldwide expeditions.

He served as vice-president and president of the Minnesota Academy of Science. He helped to develop the expanded Minnesota Herbarium.

Survivors include sons, Robert and David; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Elfriede.

John Tracy Anderson

John Tracy Anderson, former legislator for the St. Anthony Park and Como neighborhoods, died at age 71 on April 4. Born in Milwaukee, he lived most of his life in the Como Park area.

He served in the Minnesota House from 1958 to 1966 and in the Senate from 1966 to 1972. He was known for his calmness and kindness. After leaving the Legislature, he remained at the Capitol as the chief lobbyist from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota until his retirement in 1996. He served as executive director of the Blue Cross Foundation from 1996 to 1999.

Mr. Anderson was active in community affairs and a leader at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church. He played the piano at St. Anthony Park Home every Sunday for 25 years. He created his own charitable foundation and was a world traveller.

He is survived by his wife, Lois; son, Jevon; daughter, Tracy; and brother, W. Robert.

Carl Eide

Dr. Carl J. Eide, longtime resident of St. Anthony Park on Hillside, died on April 9. He was 95-years-old and lived recently at Rosewood Estates in Roseville.

Dr. Eide was a Professor Emeritus of plant pathology at the University of Minnesota.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Johanna; sons, David and Charles; sister, Eleanor Henderson; and several nieces and nephews.

Donald Janisch

Como Park neighbor Donald M. Janisch, age 83, died on April 9. He was a parishioner at Holy Childhood Catholic Church. Survivors include his wife of over 60 years, Lorraine; daughters, Jane Petrich and Joan Warkentin; son, John; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Waino J. Kortesmaki

Waino J. "Kort" Kortesmaki died on March 15. He was 87 and was a longtime resident of St. Anthony Park on Doswell Avenue.

He worked for 40 years with the Minnesota Future Farmers of America, retiring in 1977. Preceded in death by his wife, Martha, and his brother, Lauri, he is survived by daughters, Kathy Ferguson and Karen Madison; five grandchildren; and sister, Lil Fox.

Marjorie Ostergaard

Fifty year Falcon Heights resident Marjorie Ann Ostergaard died at age 75 on March 7. The only child of Fred and Martha Bronsrud, she married Arden Ostergaard on August 26, 1947. Besides being a wife, mother, and homemaker, she worked for many years for the University of Minnesota Soil Science Department. Mrs. Ostergaard is survived by her husband, Arden; sons, Paul, Don, and Jim; and six grandchildren.

Ernestine Pederson

Ernestine V. Pederson, a Lyngblomsten Care Center resident, died at age 95 on April 3.

Preceded in death by her husband, Hilman, she is survived by daughters, Donna Crawford and Dawn; son, David; ten grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Wanda "Alvina" Petersen

Longtime Lauderdale resident Wanda "Alvina" Petersen, age 79, died on April 2. She was a parishioner at Corpus Christi Catholic Church. Mrs. Petersen was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence. Survivors include daughters, Jean Petersen-Mickschl, Arlene Miller, Mary Petersen, and Lori Petersen; sons, Leroy, Joey, Robert, James, and Richard, five grandchildren; and sisters, Clementina and Lillian.

Elizabeth Dahl Satre

Elizabeth Dahl Satre, age 83, died on February 20.

Mrs. Satre graduated from Pacific Lutheran University. She received an M.A. from the College of Education, University of Aberdeen, Scotland. Mrs. Satre was an elementary school teacher for 16 years in the Roseville district. She served on the Luther Seminary Friends' board.

Preceded in death by her husband, Lowell; she is survived by daughters, Gloria Ristvedt and Gracia Ferguson; sons, Lowell and Daniel; and ten grandchildren.

Bernice Flowers Strane

Former half century resident, Bernice Flowers Strane, age 90, died on April 7.

She was a Girl Scout leader for 70 years and a Minneapolis school teacher. She was active in the Como Park Conservatory and Zoo.

Mrs. Strane is survived by her husband of 58 years, Jackson; daughters, Star Stane and Joy Albrecht.

Beatrice Tselos

Beatrice P. Tselos died in Berkeley, California, on April 2. She was 89.

Mrs. Tselos was a resident of St. Anthony Park from 1949 until moving to California in 1998. She held a M.S. in psychology from Columbia Teacher's College. From 1956 to 1976 she was a school psychologist with the Richfield Public Schools.

Mrs. Tselos is survived by her son George, daughter Susan, grandson Alexander, granddaughter Helena, and a great-granddaughter.

E. Marion Bystrom Ward

University Grove neighbor E. Marion "Bunny" Bystrom Ward died on March 23.

Mrs. Ward was preceded in death by her husband, Dixon. Survivors include daughters, Marnie Cushing, Laurie Gardner, Kathryn Ward and Holly Wiste; three grandsons; and a sister Lydene Newquist.

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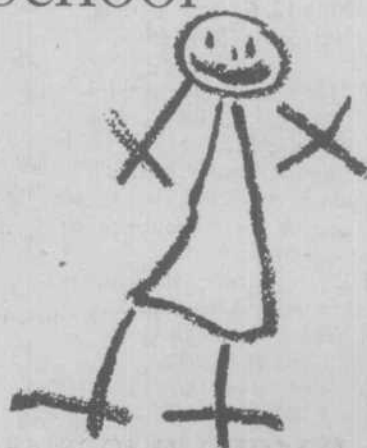
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