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Painter captures the populist eye

Photo by Truman Olson



by Natalie Zett

While growing up, Melissa Robinson enjoyed the affirmation she received for her artistic abilities. That was enough for the 29-year-old Curfew Avenue resident to continue exploring various visual expressions as a youngster.

"I had absolutely no internal need to do this," laughs Robinson, "I just enjoyed the praise from my family and other adults." In fact, she describes herself as "logical — really, I'm very much a black and white thinker" — not exactly an artistic temperament. But then there are many seemingly paradoxes in the tapestry of Robinson's life.

She smiles easily and speaks rapid-fire sentences when discussing spirituality, career and art — and how she integrates them into her life's work. She received her art training at various schools including Minneapolis College of Art and Design (MCAD), the Cleveland Institute of Arts, Macalester, and at the University of Minnesota.

She stopped creating art though for nearly five years to do various stints in corporate America. "I did a lot of different things in retail management and I even sold used cars. Finally, I was working as a corporate recruiter — a head hunter." She dealt with a variety of clients — with salaries ranging in the \$25,000 to half a million dollars a year brackets. She was, by her own estimation, "Very good at it!" Robinson discovered that the big salary did not equal satisfaction in her work or life. "My sensitivities just aren't geared toward corporate life." She began to question what she was doing. "There were many constructs that I learned growing up that just weren't true for me. I was taught to value success as measured by salary. I was finding that wasn't true for me."

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Match point: Neighbors seek funds for College Park tennis courts

by John Marino

Tennis court donations, anyone? That's the question members of the College Park One Project Committee have been asking St. Anthony Park residents as they scramble to collect funds to build two new tennis courts and a new basketball court in College Park.

The currently-funded project in College Park — renovation of the existing playground —

requires that one of the two existing tennis courts be eliminated. A second court could be added, but only if the entire courts complex is moved eastward about 30 feet toward Raymond Avenue. A new retaining wall also would be added along the east sidewalk, which parallels Raymond Avenue.

According to the city's present construction schedule, that might not happen for another three to five years.

The committee, chaired by Bob Munson, doesn't want to wait that long. It also would favor the minimization of construction noise, environmental disruption, and the city's most efficient use of its construction crews and funds.

The committee's goal is to raise \$60,000 from individuals, grants and in-kind funds. Munson attended the monthly meeting of the St. Anthony Park Community Council on May 10 and asked the council to be the fiscal agent for

the committee. As the Bugle went to press, the council's executive committee was meeting to decide if it would handle the project's finances for the committee.

But even if the committee raises the money, \$60,000 may not be enough.

At a March 25 public meeting to discuss the playground project, residents asked John Wirka, principal designer in the St. Paul Parks and Recreation Department, *Tennis Courts to page 5*



Musicians Robin Fox and Nick Jordan entertain the crowd at the St. Anthony Park Arts Festival, which is set for Saturday, June 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The day-long artsy jamboree features over 100 artists plus food kiosks, a petting zoo, a plant sale, a used book sale, and small business booths. Photo by Truman Olson

Como Park Elementary strives to overcome stigma of probation

by Judy Woodward

When Superintendent Patricia Harvey unveiled her plan for improving the St. Paul Public Schools last year, one of its key elements had to do with singling out a group of poorly performing schools for special attention and extra assistance. These schools were said to be on academic probation, and their progress over the academic year has been closely monitored by district administrators.

Como Park Elementary is the only school on probation in northwest St. Paul.

Located in a pleasant residential neighborhood a short block walk from the shores of Lake Como, the school doesn't bear any outward signs of its probationary status. It's a clean, well-maintained building with a modern wing that seems to dwarf its original core structure. Judging by its test scores, Como Park isn't the worst performing school in St. Paul, but there's definitely room for improvement. In the MAT7 tests of student achievement administered at the beginning of the school, only 7.5 percent of Como Park students scored above

average; slightly over half the students scored below average.

Now the school year is almost over, and it's time to reassess the performance of students, staff and administration. After a year of effort and reorganization, how is Como Park Elementary doing?

Seated in her office on a recent spring morning, Principal Mary Dybvig tried to answer that question. Dybvig, a quiet-mannered woman who looks far happier talking directly to her students than discussing their problems with a visitor, is a newcomer to Como Park Elementary. During the previous school year, she was the principal of Capitol Hill Magnet School, the elementary school with the best test scores in St. Paul.

Dybvig says she relishes the challenge of leadership at Como Park, but she quickly reveals her discomfort with the simplistic overtones of a question like "Are the test scores going up?"

She says, "It's unfortunate that the MAT7 achievement test scores seem to be the only indicator of progress. Everything else we do in education requires

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Bank's University Ave. expansion

St. Anthony Park Bank to open late autumn

by Dave Healy

St. Anthony Park Bank, a Como Avenue presence since 1916, is opening a branch office on University Avenue later this year. The 4,800-square-foot building will be located on the northwest corner of University and Vandalia, a site most recently occupied by Mel's Direct Service. The new full-service branch will have two teller windows, several offices, three drive-up lanes, an ATM, and a community room available for use by neighborhood residents.

According to President Rick Beeson, St. Anthony Park Bank has been looking for a branch site for over two years. "We knew we wanted to expand," said Beeson, "and we knew we wanted to stay in the Midway area." The land was purchased in April, groundbreaking will take place in July, and the new building is scheduled to

open in late December.

St. Anthony Park Bank was chartered in 1916. The original building was located on the south side of Como Avenue, just east of Carter Avenue, where Children's Home Society now sits. In 1974 a drive-up location was added at the corner of Como and Doswell, and the bank moved into its current headquarters at 2265 Como Avenue in 1987.

St. Anthony Park Bank is one of three affiliates owned by Bill Reiling. The other two are Franklin Bank in Minneapolis and University Bank in St. Paul. St. Anthony Park Bank serves three main constituencies, according to Rick Beeson: individuals and families in the community, small businesses, and local nonprofit organizations.

St. Anthony Park Bank's assets, currently \$100 million,

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From musician to community organizer — Melissa Mathews

by John Marino

Melissa Mathews is accustomed to performing. The accomplished musician is now making a different sort of art as a community organizer.

"I'm an avid, avid champion of the citizen participation process," said Mathews, the newly hired fulltime community organizer for the St. Anthony Park Community Council (SAPCC).

A resident of St. Anthony Park, Melissa has a master's degree in music performance in the violin and piano from Minnesota State-Mankato. She used her considerable organizational talents to promote concerts and conduct orchestras. She now translates that experience into her new position.

"She is already working hard

to meet people, and learning about various ongoing and community issues the council and committees are working on," said Carol Madison, SAPCC executive director.

Mathews will keep the council's various committees informed of issues pertinent to the community. She also will be the recycling coordinator and help Madison with planning neighborhood events.

"Melissa is very friendly, loves to meet people, is persistent in following up for information, (while) quickly learning and studying concerns," Madison added. "She has good writing and communication skills, and her daily schedule is flexible."

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Ramsey County**Recycling continues despite center closing**

As Ramsey County shifts its role in recycling, residents of St. Paul can expect little or no change to their home service. The St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium (NEC) has been managing most of the city's curbside and apartment recycling for the past 15 years. Because this program is nationally recognized for its quality recycling and innovative public education and outreach, the organization has been working to ensure that St. Paul residents see no significant changes to their service after the county's facility shuts down.

Last month Ramsey County officials announced that they were closing the Ramsey County Recycling Center at 775 North Rice Street. After the county's decision, the NEC received many calls from concerned residents who feared that the closing would mean the end of recycling in St. Paul. While NEC's recycling materials will no longer be brought to the county's center, waste will be processed at other facilities and no recycling program changes are anticipated.

For questions or concerns about recycling in St. Paul please call the Neighborhood Energy Consortium's recycling hotline at 222-SORT from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

St. Anthony Park**Curfew Street's electronic gate gains STAR money**

As expected the Curfew Street project was awarded a \$5,000 Neighborhood Sales tax Revitalization (STAR) grant by the St. Paul City Council on May 3. But supporters of five more projects got a welcome surprise when their proposals were added. The council approved 28 grants totaling \$489,126, a \$100,000 increase in the STAR allocations. The added dollars will be taken from the money that is dedicated for large STAR grants and loans. The grants and loans will be reviewed this summer and approved this fall.

Twenty-three out of 34 projects were recommended for approval by the Neighborhood STAR Board and Mayor Norm Coleman. The added projects, which total \$100,000, are in the Highland Park, Hazel Park, West Side, Payne-Phalen and Summit-University neighborhoods. The added projects finished just behind the 23 previously recommended for grants.

The St. Anthony Park Community Council sought \$5,000 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.

The Curfew Street project had the second-highest ranking of the 34 projects considered. It was the only St. Anthony Park area project submitted this year.

—Jane McClure

State Capitol News**Como Zoo wins funding while others left empty handed**

The 2000 Minnesota Legislature has wrapped up its work and thus far it looks like area projects and proposals that had community support met decidedly mixed fates. St. Paul, Ramsey County and St. Paul Public Schools officials were to meet May 15 and review the recently concluded legislative session, after deadline for this issue of the Bugle.

One of the most-watched area proposals did make it through the process and onto the governor's desk. The long-awaited Como Park education center received \$16 million. Project proponents had originally sought \$21 million, but settled for the lower amount. The park, zoo and conservatory are badly in need of space for visiting students and volunteers. Many offices are housed in makeshift trailers.

Here's how some other area legislative requests fared:

*The University of Minnesota snared \$110 million for new facilities, including a \$10 million microbial and plant genomics building for the St. Paul campus.

*The area's primary transit corridor did not receive any funding this session. The Central Corridor, which would pass through St. Anthony Park as it connects the downtown areas of St. Paul and Minneapolis, was bypassed in favor of a \$44 million allocation for a dedicated busway in the Riverview Corridor between downtown St. Paul and Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport.

*Efforts to get dedicated funds for soccer fields, statewide and for Ramsey County, both failed to reach the goal. Ramsey County sought \$5 million. That request was rolled into a larger statewide request, which was eventually dropped.

*A request for funds for Ramsey County Historical Society's Gibbs Farm Museum for \$1.5 million was not approved. The society sought funding for a new interpretive center at the farm on Larpent Avenue. Before the session began, Governor Jesse Ventura indicated he did not favor local bonding requests.

—Jane McClure

Kibosh on Territorial Road auto repairs

The ongoing saga of 2336 Territorial Road continued at St. Paul City Hall in May, as the City Council denied a second-hand motor vehicle dealer license for Vahid Sedeghat at that address. The council unanimously denied the license May 10 because of violations of the non-conforming use permit issued last year for the business.

The violations include repair of vehicles without a license, in October and September 1999. Last October, the business was issued a misdemeanor citation for conducting auto repair and auto body work without a city license. Only minor repairs were supposed to be made on-site.

Vehicles parked for sale outdoors last June accounted for another permit violation. Twenty cars were observed outside of the business June 10, 1999. The permit called for vehicles to be stored indoors. Yet another violation is that the building was being occupied without a required certificate of occupancy from the city.

Recently the City Council rejected a request to rezone the property. It is currently zoned for multi-family residential use. It is owned by a private trust, the Dr. Irving Herman Trust. The property has been used for several

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years for various commercial uses

The rezoning request was rejected because it is not consistent with the 1992 South St. Anthony Park Small Area Plan 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. West of Carleton, the development trend has been toward commercial and residential uses.

—J.M.C.

Midway Stadium sound variance hearings have quiet audience

Call it the sounds of silence. Sound level variance hearings for concerts at Midway Stadium are not drawing the crowds to City Hall. No community members attended an April 26 St. Paul City Council public hearing on a sound level variance for a June 11 concert at the stadium at 1771 Energy Park Drive. Ward 4 Council Member Jay Benanav's office had heard from only a few concerned constituents prior to the hearing.

Concert sound variance requests have drawn more complaints in the past, especially from parts of St. Anthony Park and the Hamline-Midway

neighborhood. Benanav attributed the lack of comment April 26 to efforts by the St. Paul Saints baseball club staff to do extensive community outreach prior to seeking sound variances. Loud and late-night music from past concerts has in turn raised complaints in recent years.

Another variance request was to be heard May 24, after the deadline for this issue of the Bugle. That hearing is for sound variances for concerts July 14 and August 26.

The sound level variances are needed because concerts at the stadium can exceed the city's noise ordinance. Concerts are usually held afternoons and evenings until 10 p.m.

—J.M.C.

Corrections

The photo caption on page 3 of May's Bugle incorrectly identified Janet Quale as Mary McKay. The photograph captured the ribbon cutting at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library. Our apologies to Mrs. Quale and Mrs. McKay.

The amount of STAR grant application from the St. Anthony Park Community Council for the Curfew Street electronic gate was incorrectly written as \$20,000, when the amount was \$5,000. ■

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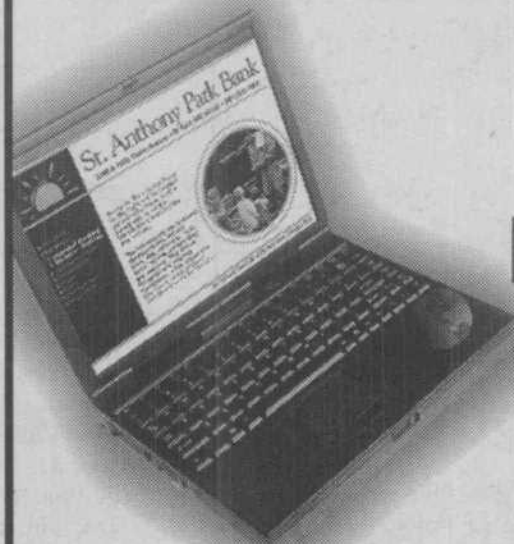
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EDITORIAL

When test scores fail

The St. Paul Public Schools deserves a "F" for putting Como Park Elementary, along with several others, on academic probation. As Bugle scribe extraordinaire Judy Woodward reports on page 1 the institution landed on the district's bad list simply because student test scores weren't up to snuff. This policy is terribly misguided and needs to be abandoned, fast. Public education is always vulnerable to fads from modular scheduling in the 1970s to city-wide schools in the 1980s.

Testing as a means of measuring accomplishment is the latest trend. The only winner in the testing mania craze is the billion-dollar-plus testing industry, while students and educators are left holding an empty piggy bank. True enough, students must be evaluated, but a variety of factors are important. Throughout our lives we learn that a carousel of attributes help make a person worthwhile, such as intelligence, kindness, work ethic, public service, and so on. The same criteria must be extended toward students when evaluating their performance.

In a completely unrelated story, St. Anthony Park Bank President Rick Beeson says, "We make decisions based on character, not just numbers." It's time that the school systems adopts this dose of old-fashioned advice. ■

Welcome Abu Nader

There is a new business at the corner of Como and Raymond avenues and it is known as Abu Nader Grocery and Deli. Welcome. For many years the store front was a terrible eye soar. The reverse is true today. Besides being a neighborhood convenience, the owner, Abu Nader, invested time and money into making his storefront lovely. Our neighborhood gains plenty when a small business invents plenty. Visit Abu Nader soon. ■

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Tree sculpture update

Here's the latest news about the St. Anthony Park Tree Sculpture Fund (established last fall to raise money for this unique community project). The Fund recently received a St. Anthony Park Association Community grant for \$500 to add to the \$350 in donations already received. The tree in front of Park Hardware has been topped and is ready for carving (the Speedy Market tree will be replaced with a new tree). We are drawing closer to our goal, but we still need your help. Please visit our table outside of the Park Hardware during the Arts Festival on June 3 and consider making a donation. We also need a design! Stop by to submit a design idea and, if you're 16 years old or younger and your design is chosen, you'll receive a \$50 cash prize for your winning submission. We hope to hire the same artist who did the library's and many of the fairground's sculptures. We plan on unveiling the design and awarding the prize at the Fourth of July festivities. You can also mail donations to the SAP Tree Sculpture Fund, c/o St. Anthony Park Bank, 2265 Como Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108-1797. See you June 3!

Kent Schnetzler, M.D.
St. Anthony Park

It's a (tennis) court matter

At the March 26 Community meeting at the Episcopal Church, the College Park Playground plan was accepted. The design and positioning of the playground was selected to minimize impact on trees and open green space of the

Park. In the compromise accepted, one of the two tennis courts was lost. Mr. Wirka from the Parks and Recreation (Design and Construction) Department indicated that the plan accepted was such that the lost tennis court and the remaining court and basketball area could be rebuilt by moving the courts closer to Raymond Avenue. Mr. Wirka said that the project could cost up to \$55,000, but it could be four to five years before it would be done. To some of us that seemed much too long and unfair to the youth and adults using the courts. When asked if the courts could be rebuilt at the same time as the playground if funds were available, it was indicated that if the money was available by mid-summer, it likely could be done. An Ad Hoc group of 10 neighbors agreed to help raise funds from the community and grants to facilitate rebuilding the courts along with the playground installation. We in no way want this effort to delay the installation of the playground, which it should not. The Base Bid for the playground, however, must include an "Add Alternate" to remove and rebuild the courts when the bid for the playground is accepted. If this is done as One Project, it will minimize community and environmental disruption



Letters

and more efficiently use funds in the long run.

Our group, initially organized as the College Park One Project Committee, has met once or twice a week since the March 26th meeting. We have set a goal of raising \$60,000. The Committee members pledged over \$2000 at our first meeting. We have tried to keep neighbors and community leaders informed of our activities. The SAP Association has pledged a grant of \$500 to the project. Other grants applications have and are being prepared and individuals are being contacted.

During the May 10th meeting of the St. Anthony Park Community Council, our Committee was recognized as a Special Task Force of the Council, with a fiscal agency agreement to be determined by the Council Executive Committee. The College Park One Project Task Force is to elect a chairperson, who will report to Physical Planning and the full Council with the final plans for the project to reconstruct the courts. We greatly appreciate this official recognition and look forward to working with the Council, Jay Benanav, John Wirka and the community in accomplishing our mutual goal for constructing the playground and rebuilding the courts as one project.

Contributions for project should be written to the St. Anthony Park Community Council, with a memo note indicating it is for the College Park One Project account. Your pledge or check is needed before mid-July. Your help and cooperation is needed immediately to achieve our goal and get the courts rebuilt, along with the playground. So write your check today! Send it to the SAP Community Council Office at 890 Cromwell Ave., St. Paul, MN 55114. Thank you your help!

Robert D. Munson,
task force chair

Creative marketing helps Block Nurse Program

On behalf of our clients and the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program I want to thank Steve Townley for his creative and innovative support.

While encouraging people to use the Internet in a new way of doing business and increasing exposure to his web site, Steve also is benefiting the community through his pledge to donate one dollar for each individual household's visit to his web site.

As a St. Anthony Park community organization we exist because of this kind of creative support. Nearly 20 years ago our neighbors used this kind of spirit to establish our program and there are now 30 other sites in Minnesota and five in Texas.

So, thanks again, Steve, for your participation in continuing an admirable St. Anthony Park tradition.

Lynn McLean, Program Director,
St. Anthony Park
Block Nurse Program

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have more than doubled in the last five years. Community banking is in the midst of a resurgence, according to Beeson. "Many people appreciate the personal touch that a community bank offers," he said.

The University Avenue branch site will have several advantages, Beeson said. "For one thing, it will allow us to better serve our customers in the South St. Anthony Park, Midway, and Merriam Park neighborhoods."

Beeson also sees the

bank's new branch site as part of a revitalized University Avenue, an important link between the Twin Cities that borders several neighborhoods in St. Paul. "The Midway area, with its strong neighborhoods and freeway access, is very attractive to businesses," he said. "We're glad to be part of some exciting development in this part of St. Paul."

According to Beeson, its new branch office represents this bank's two most important commitments. "We want to be the best

bank we can be," he said. "And we want to stay focused on this neighborhood."

Even though it will begin offering Internet banking on July 1, Beeson sees St. Anthony Park Bank's distinctiveness as based on what it knows about people, not computers. "Local knowledge is important," he said. "We make decisions based on character, not just numbers. And to know character, we need to know our customers. For us, that means staying rooted in this community." ■

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how much extra it would cost to tear up the remaining courts and then rebuild all three courts.

Wirka very reluctantly quoted a price tag of about \$55,000 to \$60,000. "But that figure was for two tennis courts only," Wirka said in early May. "It doesn't represent building two tennis courts and a basketball court and a retaining wall. That's why I was reluctant. I'm not sure it's possible at this point."

That's also why, he said, he quoted the lower price. By adding the basketball court and the retaining wall, he now says the price tag could be as high as \$97,000.

In addition, the courts project hasn't been bid out yet, while the bidding process is already underway for the playground project and closes on June 7. It's fully funded by CIB money.

"To ask a contractor to add another project that hasn't even been bid, it's a little iffy," Wirka added. "We're not allowed to build something that we don't have the money to build."

However, Wirka then softened his skepticism about the project when he offered the following advice to the committee: "If I knew the money was going to be there by September 1, I don't think there would be a problem tearing up the courts."

The cost of the tennis and basketball court remains uncertain. However, city officials estimate that the College Park enhancement may come with a \$97,000 price tag.

Council joins geographic data base

On May 10, the council voted unanimously to join a newly forming consortium of other district councils and neighborhood groups that would partake of Ramsey County's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) database.

Former council member and GIS Task Force Chair Mary Jackson said that if enough groups joined the consortium, each group, including SAPCC, could pay an annual fee to use the county's GIS software.

The database contains an enormous amount of useful information, Jackson said, including aerial photography, street addresses, age of housing stock, tax assessments, historical buildings, watershed information, mailing labels, rental properties, and where hazardous materials are stored.

The GIS task force is currently looking for affordable hardware to run the software. The council also agreed to an acceptable data use policy for the GIS.

Watertower landscaping task force

The Environment Committee voted to form a task force to develop landscaping plans for the new water tower on Cleveland and Dudley avenues. The task force will look into involving University of Minnesota graduate students. Construction on the new tower will begin this fall. ■

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- Either during a rain or immediately after, check around foundation for water puddling. This indicates poor grading which can cause water to enter through foundation. Be certain soil slopes away from house in all areas.
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SAPCC is looking for volunteers who are interested in serving their neighborhood!

The Community Council has an open Alternate seat for a resident of North St. Anthony Park. Alternates serve for one year on the Community Council and on one of the three ad hoc committees. There are two meetings a month to attend and additional opportunities to be involved on singular issues that come before the Council.

We are in need of ad hoc committee members to serve on our Environment, Housing and Human Services, and Physical Planning committees. Each committee meets once a month and is involved in issues that affect the entire neighborhood. These issues include things like pollution of land, landscaping of public areas, recycling, zoning issues, residential, commercial, and noise variances, property issues, transit, billboards, housing, crime prevention, and many more.

Please call the Council offices for more information or to volunteer!

2000 Bookstart Program

Bookstart, in its 30th year, is a two-fold program for children, ages 4-6. Through the use of stories and story-related activities, it develops an interest in reading, enhances vocabulary, and encourages imagination and creativity. Secondly, stories are used which address issues of self-esteem and cultural and ethnic awareness. This program lays a groundwork for school readiness.

BOOKSTART PROGRAM INFORMATION

- Location: South St. Anthony Recreation Center (890 Cromwell)
- Days: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
- Times: 9-10 a.m.
- Dates: June 13-15, 20-22, 27-29, and July 5, 6, 11-13
- Fee: \$10 (Check payable to St. Anthony Park Community Council)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration for Bookstart began May 12. Space is limited (30). To register, complete the form below and submit with fee to: South St. Anthony Recreation Center
890 Cromwell Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55114

Hours for walk-in registration: Monday-Thursday, 4-8 p.m. (Scholarships Available)

For more information, call South St. Anthony Rec Center @ 298-5770.



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St. Anthony Park mom is Hall of Fame winner

by Lisa Steinmann

As if being a mother of four young daughters isn't an athletic accomplishment all by itself, Kim Larson Holman was recently inducted into the 2000 Como Park High School Hall of Fame for her outstanding achievements as a volleyball player. After graduating from Como High School in 1980 she went on to the University of Texas at Austin on a volleyball scholarship. In 1984, during her senior year Holman became the first Minnesotan to achieve Division One All-American recognition as a volleyball player. In addition to being one of the top 12 female volleyball players in the nation that year, she was also voted the Southwest Volleyball Conference most valuable player.

"I'm short for a volleyball player," remarks Holman, a statuesque five-foot-eleven. However she made up for height with good jumping skills, gaining renown for her "kills" and "quicksets" as a middle blocker for the University of Texas Longhorns.

Holman grew up in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood, daughter of Dan and Gaye Larson. She played volleyball at Langford Park starting in third grade. She credits her coach Roy Magnuson and a strong group of peer athletes for developing her interest and ability in volleyball. She continued to play volleyball while at Murray Junior/Senior High School. During her senior year she moved to Como High School, which was newly opened. She was a star player in volleyball, basketball and badminton for Como.

Holman maintains ties to Texas through her husband, Tom, whom she met and married while living in Austin. They now live in St. Anthony Park with four daughters Linnea, Cyrie, Viola and baby Iris. For the past three years Holman has been investing her skills in the next generation of athletes as a coach for girls volleyball teams at Langford Park.

While she believes that sports are important for all children, she believes that it is especially true for girls. "For me playing sports was excellent. I think that it builds self-esteem and self confidence." She added that in 1999 she was one of 25 St. Paul City Conference women athletes honored among the outstanding athletes of the City Conference's first one 100 years. Except that women athletes have only had opportunities to compete for the past 25 years. ■



Volleyball enthusiast Kim Larson Holman is a new champion at Como High School's Hall of Fame.

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Musings



The Hard Words

by Warren Hanson

My wife Patty is a happily insatiable reader. There is a stack of books in-

progress next to her side of the bed. There is usually a half-read book somewhere on the kitchen counter or on the coffee table in the living room. And she always has a book to read whenever we travel in the car. And inside the back cover of every book she touches is written a list of words that she wants to look up. They may be words that are unfamiliar to her. They may be common words used in an uncommon way. Or they may simply words that intrigue her, for whatever reason.

The problem is that, when she is reading, she is seldom in convenient proximity to the dictionary. Oh, and we have a wonderful dictionary. The *Random House Dictionary of the English Language*. And it is a monster! It's about six inches thick and weighs about ten pounds. It was given to us as a gift, and what a gift it has been! We keep it lying open on a dictionary stand in our family room. We consult it often, and it never fails us. But the *Random House Dictionary of the English Language* is not exactly the kind of item you take to bed with you. The sheer weight of it on your chest would have you gasping for breath. And it is not the most convenient reference to take on a car trip. It would require its own luggage rack. So Patty dutifully writes those lists of puzzling words into the back covers of her books, knowing that by the time she has access to a decent dictionary, she will have lost touch with the context in which she read them.

We did buy a small paperback dictionary once, specifically to keep in the car. It was printed on very thin paper, in very small type, and promised on its cover to hold over 80,000 definitions. But on its very first outing, before we had driven a mere dozen miles, it failed to provide a definition for a crossword puzzle word. As the miles blurred past, we tried and tried again to wring success from this dictionary's pages. But by the end of the day's driving, we knew most certainly that this was not the dictionary we needed.

We have even tried those new little hand-held electronic dictionaries. We foolishly thought that these miracles of modern technology would hold the key to all linguistic mysteries within their tiny silicon hearts. But an electronic dictionary boasting 80,000 definitions seems actually to hold fewer words than its paper counterpart.

You see, the boast of 80,000 definitions is a bit deceiving. It does not mean that it defines 80,000 words. Many words have more than one definition. Take the word "take", for instance. Would you believe that our *Random House Dictionary of the English Language* has 125 definitions of the word "take"? 125! And that does not include the list of synonyms. So even if our paperback pretender contained only half of those definitions, it uses up a good number of those 80,000. And all for a word that I will probably never look up in the dictionary. Can you imagine yourself reading along in a book or newspaper, encountering the word "take", and thinking to yourself, "Hmmm, I wonder what that means. I'd better go look it up." I don't think so.

But try looking up a word like "immured" on your standard OfficeMax immured dictionary and you will discover its embarrassing limitations. "Immured" (confined, as within walls) is simply not there. Nor is "vituperation" (verbal abuse or castigation). Nor is "ineluctable" (not to be avoided, changed or resisted; inevitable). Now call me stupid if you want, but these are all words I have come across recently that were unfamiliar to me. I needed to look them up.

I do not need to look up "take". Or "go" (to move along; proceed). Or "hat" (a covering for the head). Yet all of those words ARE in the dictionary. And they are taking up valuable space.

What we need is a dictionary that just has the hard words in it. You know, the words we might actually need to look up. In fact, the very first dictionary was just that. But then someone decided that "dictionary" should be defined as a complete collection of all words and their meanings. And so it became a gigantic warehouse, filled with a lot of stuff nobody really needs, with the treasures mixed in with the trash.

A dictionary of just the hard words seems like a good idea. It would be quite small and manageable, the perfect reference book for the bedside or the car. You'd think that someone like Merriam-Webster or Random House, or someone over at Oxford, would have thought of it. But apparently not. So we are stuck with the choice between dictionaries that are full of words we already know, and dictionaries so weighty they could kill us in our sleep. The ineluctable frustration of this situation leaves me feeling so immured, I can barely refrain from vituperation.

So I guess I'll just take my hat and go. ■



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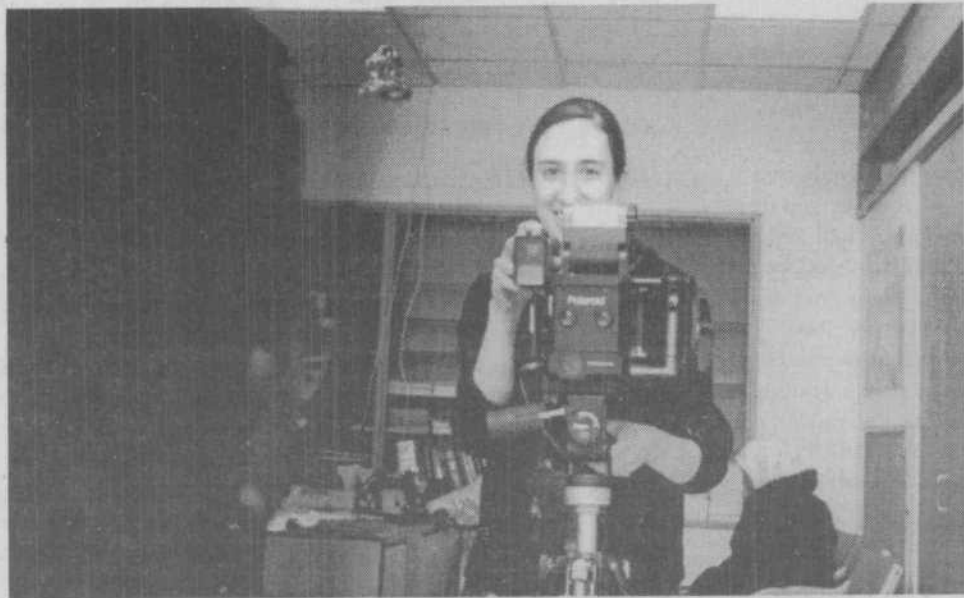
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than 100 juried artists are expected — almost half of them are returning from last year. In addition to a fine assortment of pottery, photographs, paintings, fabric arts and jewelry, unusual new crafts this year include handmade leather shoes, large mandalas made from dried flower petals, handmade items to pamper your pet and inspirational poetry written on the spot.

A one-day sale of used and withdrawn books at the St. Anthony Park Library returns this year. Hours are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the ground floor community interest room. Half of all proceeds from the sale will go to St. Anthony Park Branch Library, and half will go to the St. Paul Public Library system. Donations of gently used books (no textbooks or magazines) will be accepted at the library up until that day. Volunteer to help set up during the week before, or to help at the sale by calling Rose Gregoire at 644-0469.

A new children's art activity tent is planned on the Luther Seminary lawn. Crafts include origami, painting, paper flower crowns and wood crafts. The art tent was conceived by a group of neighborhood women who applied for and received a grant from the St. Anthony Park Association.

Look for the familiar activities — water wars is back, the characters of the Renaissance Festival return, and a variety of food vendors will line Como Avenue. You can get involved by calling Arlene West at 649-0481.

Blood pressure check

Get your blood pressure checked on Thursday, June 8, 10 to 11 a.m., at the St. Anthony Park Library. The service comes compliments of the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, which recently won a grant from the St. Anthony Park Association to conduct monthly blood pressure clinics. The program also gives you the opportunity to ask a health care professional questions.

Gibbs Farm fun

Take a Sunday drive to the country this month and visit the Gibbs Farm Museum — an interpretative center in Falcon Heights run by the Ramsey County Historical Society celebrating late 19th-century life. On May 28, tea and scones are served in the shady spot, while June 4, celebrates children through storytelling, games, and toys of pioneer and Native American youngsters. Then, on June 11, Father's Day is observed with a display of vintage automobiles and June 25 spotlights dowsing, an old world approach to finding underground water

sources. Don't forget that on Saturday, June 10 and June 24, marks the presentation of the "The Spirit of Willie Gibbs" — a dramatic monologue by a Gibbs family member.

Gibbs Farm Museum is located at 2097 West Larpentour, Falcon Heights, and its telephone number is 646-8629.

People

Norris Anderson, son of Teresa and Joel Anderson of St. Anthony Park, has received an Iron Range Scholarship. A student of Highland Park High School, he will attend the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management through the Post Secondary Enrollment Option Program in his senior year and major in business management.

Rec Center events

South St. Anthony and Langford rec centers have several must-do events planned for children, including a bicycle tour, tennis camp, golf lessons, and more.

A bicycle tour for children, ages 12 and above, is set for Friday, June 16, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Bikes will be transported to Cannon Falls, where the youngsters will begin their journey to Red Wing. Helmets are mandatory. \$10.

Visit the Minnesota Zoo's IMAX Theater on Tuesday, June 3, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pack a lunch or buy one. The \$12 fee includes transportation, zoo admission, monorail ride, and theater ticket.

Enroll in the Urban Tennis camp, which begins in June at Langford Park. Call 266-6400 to enroll.

Learn to play golf through Fairway Golf lessons for kids ages 10 to 18. Classes are set for Tuesday morning, extend for eight weeks, and conclude with a trip to a par 3 course.

Call Langford Rec Center at 298-5764 and South St. Anthony Rec Center at 298-5770.

Visit Dubuque

The Community Center at Lyngblomsten invites you to visit Dubuque, Iowa, beginning on Monday, August 14. The three-day tour encompasses a Celebration Belle riverboat ride, stops in Moline, Illinois, Betterndorf, Iowa, and Kalona, Iowa, home of Amish and Mennonite communities. The trip costs \$449 per person, double occupancy. Call Geri Rutz at 632-5330 for information. ■



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Abu Nader revives Como & Raymond

by Dave Healy

St. Anthony Park's newest store is appropriately named. Abu Nader is Arabic for "the father of Nader," and readying the grocery/deli at 2095 Como Avenue has seemed at times like becoming parents again for owners Bishara and Izabelle Ailabouni. Nader is their oldest son. Now 21, he will graduate this month from St. Thomas University and then go on to medical school. Abu Nader, on the other hand, began its life just 4 months ago and still requires constant attention.

When the Ailabounis bought the building on the northwest corner of Como and Raymond Avenue in October of 1999, it had suffered from years of neglect.

"We had to completely gut the place," said Izabelle.

New electricity, heating and cooling were installed. Structural repairs shored up sagging floors

was converted into storage space, including a walk-in cooler. A shed was demolished and a dead tree removed to make room for a small parking lot behind the store that

"We've always liked this area," said Izabelle Nader about St. Anthony Park. "It has a small-town feel even though it's in the city."

and walls. Now a tiled floor, white walls, ceiling tile, bright lights, and new coolers and display cases combine to create a space that patrons of the old Campus Grocery and Video will hardly recognize.

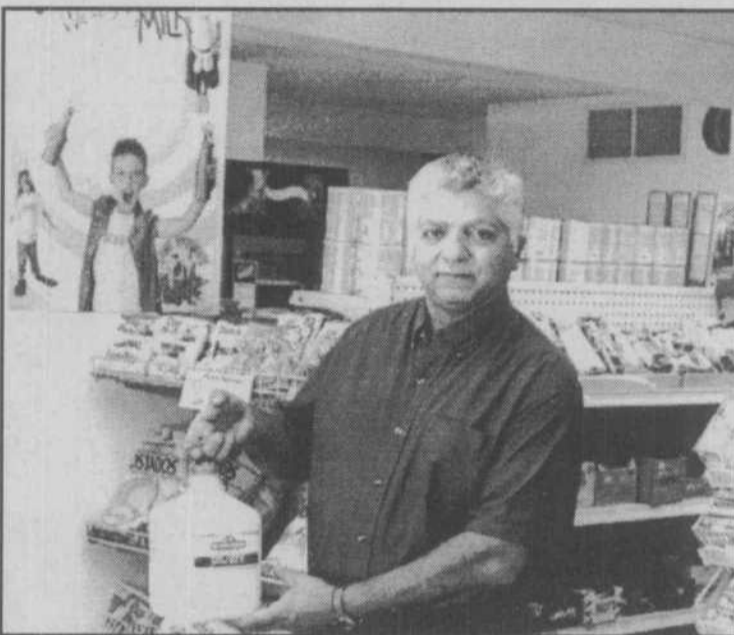
A garage behind the building

will be shared by customers of Abu Nader and D & M Beauty Salon next door.

This is the second time the Ailabounis have managed a grocery store at Como and Raymond. They came to Minnesota from Nebraska in 1978 with baby Nader in tow and got a job running the store on that corner when it was owned by Country Boy. Graduate school at the University of Minnesota for Izabelle and another career for Bishara led them away from 2095 Como, but they never strayed far from the area. They lived in Commonwealth Terrace for a year and later bought a duplex just half a block south of Como on Raymond. Now they live on Pascal Street in St. Paul's Como neighborhood.

"We've always liked this area," said Izabelle about St. Anthony Park. "It has a small-town feel even though it's in the city."

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Abu Nader is St. Anthony Park's newest small businessman Photo by Truman Olson

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Local Boys find treasure amid trash

Otto Gockman and Joe Christopherson champion environmental cleanup at Kasota Pond and find a cashy loot

by Judy Woodward

Local youths Otto Gockman and Joe Christopherson turned up more than the usual assortment of cast-off junk when they participated in the community clean-up of the industrial area around Kasota Pond in south St. Anthony Park on April 15th. In an episode that should inspire juvenile treasure hunters everywhere, they found cash. Several hundred dollars worth, in fact.

Gockman, age 14, an 8th grader at Murray Junior High, explains that he and his good friend Christopherson, 15, a 9th grader at Central, were helping his father, Terry Gockman clear the area behind the pond, when, "I noticed a white box, partially under water, at Joey's feet. It looked like a small refrigerator."

The boys hauled the object out of the water and turned it over, but they didn't at first realize what they'd found. "It was a safe," says Gockman, "but it didn't look real. It had little plastic feet."

Fortunately, at this point, their youthful curiosity was aroused, and they managed to open the mysterious object. What they noticed initially was a terrible smell. Anything left half-submerged in a stagnant pond for a considerable period of time is likely to offer a little science lesson in the powers of biological decomposition. The boys could tell as soon as they wrenched the door open with a handy pitchfork, that the safe and its contents were not recent arrivals to Kasota Pond. At first they thought the malodorous contents were just "a bunch of junk," says Gockman, but then they noticed that, amid the empty bank bags, was a thick bundle of \$10 and \$20 bills. There was also a receipt book in the safe printed with the name of the Sharx Club, a nightspot in Fridley.

The clean-up crew had just

become inadvertent treasure hunters.

Last month's discovery may have been the most exciting find to turn up in the Kasota Clean up, but it was far from the only noteworthy discovery. In the six years since the annual spring event began, volunteers have found sofas, bed frames and other furnishings. One particularly unsavory discovery was a large, TV-size block of lard. It was relatively solid as long as it was in the chill spring waters of the pond, but once it was pulled to shore, it began to melt in the hot sunlight, presenting clean-up volunteers with a true disposal challenge.

Sometimes the surprises at the spring clean up, which is sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Community Council, are not even inanimate objects. One year, a staff member reports, the first volunteer on the scene found a lady of the night who had set up shop in the secluded, if smelly, precincts of the pond. She and an enthusiastic customer had apparently decided to extend business hours into the early morning, never imagining that her bower of illicit passion was about to be overrun with eager citizens ready to do their duty by the environment.

Gockman and Christopherson, who, fortunately for their youthful modesty, were

NOT present for that discovery, were already partners even before they became treasure-hunters. For the last five years, the two have run Boys in Business, a booth at the annual St. Anthony Park Art Festival in June. Their stock varies from year to year, but says Gockman, "We make it ourselves." This year, they'll be offering home-built birdhouses and concrete planters.

A spokesperson at Sharx, who would give her name only as Cindy, confirmed that the business suffered a break-in several months ago and that the safe was probably theirs. Questioned about the possibility of a reward for the boys, she was noncommittal, "That wouldn't be my decision," she said.

Asked what they'd do with a reward, if one were offered, the boys offered contrasting reactions. Gockman says he would give any reward money to the Environment Committee of the community council. "After all, they organize the clean-up," he explains.

Christopherson takes a different approach than his friend. He says, "I'd definitely take a reward. I think I deserve one. I could have just as easily walked off with the money, but I didn't."

Gockman is the son of Terry Gockman and Jeanne Schacht. Christopherson's parents are Tara and Charlie Christopherson. Both boys live in St. Anthony Park. ■

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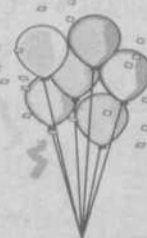
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Her transformation happened after reading Natalie Goldberg's book, *Long Quiet Highway: Waking up in America*. She stated, "It changed my life forever. Natalie offered me my first introduction to Zen, which was profound enough, but it was the way in which she shared her growth that inspired me to reach beyond the world I knew then. I am eternally grateful for this book."

Not long after reading the book, she quit her job and sold nearly everything she had. She began making art again. At first, after the frenetic pace of recruiting, she found herself afraid of the unstructured time, wondering if the motivation would be there for her. However, those fears were mitigated quickly. "I was phenomenally prolific, producing a huge body of art in a short amount of time."

Robinson's skill in color theory and composition shows vividly in her art. She uses a variety of tools — from colored pencils to textured ceiling paints — for her creations. She describes her work as heavily symbolic and perceptual. "I'm very much influenced by a variety of spiritual traditions, such as Zen and Native American. My work reflects that. My images are often about business and people." She also learned to set up a virtual gallery on the Internet. Although she originally designed her Website www.flyinggirl.com for friends and family, she was quite surprised to get 1,000 hits the first week.

Robinson's artwork simply hooks the viewer with its array of color and images that can only exist in dreams or imagination. Her work simply zings at the heart. Her compositions, such as "Faith, Hope and Healing" show a surrealistic, dreamlike spontaneity. Yet, upon closer inspection, reveal an engaging, even shadowy undercurrent. This piece depicts a woman wearing red dress and a dreamy expression who's poised alongside a large brown buffalo, and a beautiful American Eagle suspended above them, keeping careful watch.

The very flat colors, reminiscent of Ukiyo-e prints, also transmute into the vibrant burnt oranges, reds, and browns in the grounds and trees comprising the landscape of "My Story." The central element in this work is a book sailing across the composition resembling a bird in flight with its pages as wings.

Fine art often has an unfortunate history of been available only to the wealthy. Robinson would rather create small, accessible pieces. She states, "My dream is to create work that is affordable, something people can hang in their apartments." She also envisions creating greeting cards, and journal covers.

She also began a new position as the co-director of admissions at the College of Visual Arts at 344 Summit Avenue. (The College of Visual Arts is a private, accredited, four year college of art and design offering Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees in graphic design, illustration, photography and fine arts.)

"I absolutely love my job!" exclaims Robinson. She's excited about a school that teaches people to make a living doing what they love.

Robinson has truly created a life where her avocation has become her life calling and where less is more ("I really don't miss my TV!" she exclaims). Although she thoroughly enjoys her funky Curfew Avenue apartment, her only complaint is, "This is the only place where we can't get a pizza delivered because Dominos can't decide if we're St. Paul or Minneapolis."

In her own words, Robinson summarizes her work on the first page of her Website.

"In my first memory, I was drawing with a brown crayon on the wall above my crib. A rabbit wearing an apron. I accidentally drew him with both human ears and rabbit ears and got mad at myself when I realized what I had done. My mother liked him and left him on my wall for years."

I have studied art at every school, center, camp, and college within reach. Just trying to get back to that delicious feeling of drawing on the walls when I was two. I work only from imagination. Never from photos or scenes. I celebrate color and joy and the struggles of life, too. When animals find their way into my images, they come with the messages of Native American spiritual traditions. When people wander through, they are usually partly enlightened and partly confused. Like me." ■

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1 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.

2 Friday

■ Como Park recycling.

■ Falcon Heights recycling.

■ Northern Lights 4-H Annual Ice Cream Social, 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Park drive-in lot, Como and Doswell. The public is invited.



3 Saturday

■ 31st annual St. Anthony Park Arts Festival, Luther Seminary and St. Anthony Park Branch Library grounds, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

4 Sunday

■ In Celebration of Children, Gibbs Farm Museum, 2097 Larpenteur, Falcon Heights, noon - 4 p.m.

■ "Redressing Tradition: Hmong Clothing in Minnesota" opens at the Goldstein Museum, 244 McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Avenue, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

■ Helios' annual spring concert, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Avenue, 7 p.m.

5 Monday

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

6 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.

■ Como-Midway La Leche League chapter discusses Baby Arrives: The Family and the Breastfed Baby, 7 p.m. Call 644-0302 for location.

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

■ St. Anthony Park Writers (646-4343) meet at lower level, St. Anthony Park Branch Library, Como and Carter Avenues, 6:30 p.m.



■ St. Anthony Park Garden Club meeting, St. Anthony Park Library, 6:30 p.m.

7 Wednesday

■ St. Anthony Park recycling.

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

■ 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.

8 Thursday

■ Free Blood Pressure Clinic and Health Resources, by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, St. Anthony Park Library, 10-11 a.m.

9 Friday

■ Lauderdale recycling.

10 Saturday

■ "The Spirit of Willie Gibbs," Gibbs Farm Museum, 2097 Larpenteur, Falcon Heights, noon - 4 p.m.

11 Sunday

■ Schroeder Dairy Days, Gibbs Farm Museum, 2097 Larpenteur, Falcon Heights, noon - 4 p.m.

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

12 Monday

■ Como Park recycling.

■ 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.

13 Tuesday

■ St. Paul Public Schools, last day of school, K-12.

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

■ Dr. Patricia Lawler discusses avoiding or reversing the effects of osteoporosis, naturally, Holly House, 645-6951, 6 p.m.

14 Wednesday

■ Flag Day

■ St. Anthony Park recycling.

■ St. Paul Public Schools, last day of school for teachers and staff.

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

■ Lauderdale recycling.

16 Friday

■ Falcon Heights recycling.

■ Full Moon

18 Sunday

■ Father's Day

20 Tuesday

■ Summer begins

■ Falcon Heights La Leche League discusses "There is a New Baby in Your Life," 7 p.m. Call 917-7378 for location.

■ 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.

21 Wednesday

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

23 Friday

■ Lauderdale recycling.

24 Saturday

■ FARE 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.

■ "The Spirit of Willie Gibbs," Gibbs Farm Museum, 2097 Larpenteur, Falcon Heights, noon - 4 p.m.

25 Sunday

■ Dowsing Day, Gibbs Farm Museum, 2097 Larpenteur, Falcon Heights, noon - 4 p.m.

26 Monday

■ Como Park recycling.

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

27 Tuesday

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

28 Wednesday

■ St. Anthony Park recycling.

■ 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.

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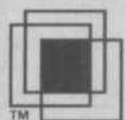
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**Marie Anderson**

Marie V. Anderson, age 95, died on April 16. She had lived in recent years with her sister, Grace Steinhauer, in St. Anthony Park.

She is survived by her sister; 18 nieces and nephews; and sisters-in-laws, Leona Anderson and Loretta Anderson.

Robert Arnold

Lauderdale resident Robert B. "Slim" Arnold died on April 30. He was 81 years old.

Preceded in death by his first wife, Juliana, and son, Rob, he is survived by his wife, Ruth; daughter, Robyn Zollner; two granddaughters; brothers, Bill and Clayton; and four stepchildren, Pat Mitchell, Charles, Bill, and Scott Pace.

James Hinds Boyd

James Hinds Boyd, a resident of Falcon Heights on Albert Street, died on April 23. He was 83.

A graduate of Breck School and the University of Minnesota, Mr. Boyd began a 65-year real estate career at the age of 16, when he used a small inheritance to purchase rental property, riding his bicycle to collect rents. In 1968, he built Fairfield Apartments in Falcon Heights, which he owned for 30 years. He founded and served as president and CEO of Boyco, Inc., a real estate company.

A World War II veteran, Mr. Boyd returned to civilian life to begin a career in credit. He retired in 1975 from an executive position with Dayton's.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Laura Jagger Boyd. Survivors include daughters, Cynthia Buoan, Marcia Granlund, and Suzanne Dorr; son, Brian Boyd; nine grandchildren; and a sister, Marguerite Perrine.

Leona Fallon

Leona E. Fallon, age 99, died on May 7. She was a resident of Lyngblomsten Care Center in recent years.

Mrs. Fallon was a parishioner at Holy Childhood Catholic Church.

Preceded in death by her husband, Roy, sisters, Nellie Bures and Mary McCauley, and brother, Leonard Bures, she is survived by son, James Fallon; daughter, Mary Lee Nielsen; grandchildren, Richard Fallon, Vicki Waters, and Nancy, Jim, and Jodi Nielsen; and three great-grandchildren.

Dolores Krinke
 Dolores E. M. Krinke, a long-time St. Anthony Park resident, died at age 88 on April 3. Dolores was extraordinarily creative as a designer and maker of clothing, and wrote the book *The Feminine Art* to further her teaching of sewing. She created beautiful flower gardens at her home on Raymond Avenue.

Dolores' husband Elmer preceded her in death. She is survived by children, Carol Jeanne Larson, Pauline DeJong, Lambert Krinke, Mariann Ostbye; 11 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, three sisters and one brother.

Errett Weir McDiarmid

Errett Weir "Mac" McDiarmid, a longtime resident of St. Anthony Park, died on April 27. He was 90 years old. In recent years, he lived at 1666 Coffman in Falcon Heights.

He grew up in Texas and received a B.A. and an M.A. in history from Texas Christian University. He earned a B.A. in library science from Emory University and a Ph.D. in library science from the University of Chicago. After teaching at the University of Illinois, he came to the University of Minnesota in 1943 as librarian.

In 1951, he became dean of the College of Science, Literature, and the Arts. He held the position for 12 years, and then taught in the Graduate School and the Library School until his retirement in 1978.

He helped to establish the university's collection of Sherlock Holmes books. In 1948, he and four other faculty members founded the Norwegian Explorers,

an organization patterned after the Sherlockian club. In 1985, he received the Two Shilling Award for his lifelong contributions to Sherlock Holmes lore.

Preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Orpha McDiarmid, and brother, John, he is survived by daughters, Emily May, and Anne and Mary; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a sister, Florence Gooch.

Edward Meehan

Edward J. Meehan, a longtime resident of University Grove on Northrop Street, died at age 87 on April 28. Mr. Meehan was a retired University of Minnesota professor of analytic chemistry who helped develop synthetic rubber for the United States during World War II.

He was born in Oakland, California. In 1936, at age 23, he received his Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley. In 1939, he came to the University of Minnesota to teach in the chemistry department.

Mr. Meehan met his wife, Katherine, while she was a student in one of his classes, although they didn't date until after the class ended. They married in the mid-1940s and raised three children. Mrs. Meehan died on January 25, 2000, after 54 years of marriage. He was known as a deeply religious, quiet, and refined man. He was a parishioner at St. Rose Catholic Church.

Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by five sisters. He is survived by a daughter, Katherine Carpel; sons, Edward Jr., and James; six grandsons; and a sister, Mary Breslin.

Mary Petersen

Mary L. Petersen died on April 19 at the age of 83. She was a resident of St. Anthony Park Home.

Miss Petersen was born in New Brighton on May 23, 1916. She served with the Women's Marine-Corps in World War II, was a professor at St. Cloud University, and was a longtime resident of St. Paul.

Preceded in death by sisters, Alvina Goodmanson, Genevieve Blesener, and Nora Wienmiller; and brothers, Englebert Goodmanson, Raymond Petersen, and Richard Petersen. She is survived by nephews, Dennis, Lawrence, and George Blesener; three nieces, Mary Blesener, Mary Kathryn Raso, and Norma Driscoll.

Louise Steinke

Como Park resident Louise Steinke, age 101, died on May 5.

She was born March 2, 1899, near Napoleon, North Dakota.

Mrs. Steinke was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Steinke. She is survived by a daughter, Phillis Chistopherson; a son, Glenn Steinke; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

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**Abu Nader . . .
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the usual dry and canned goods, dairy products, and convenience foods. What sets it apart from other small grocery stores is the deli, which features falafel, gyros, humus, tabuleh, baklava, and other Middle Eastern delicatessens. All sandwiches are made with pocket bread, which is baked on-site.

"All the deli items are my own recipes," said Isabelle, who works

Find Abu Nader grocery and deli at the corner of Como and Raymond, where the business is open daily.

at the store most mornings. Food is available for take-out, and a small seating area accommodates eat-in diners. Fresh coffee and hand-dipped ice cream round out the menu.

Running your own store is more than a full-time job. Abu Nader's grocery store is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and the deli from 11 p.m. to 10 p.m. every day. But Isabelle and Bishara will be happy to settle into being just shop keepers. Remodeling an old building has taken more than they ever bargained for.

"Every time we finished one thing, we saw something else that needed to be done," said Isabelle.

Bishara has had his fill of city inspectors and arcane legal requirements. "We wanted to do this project right," he said, "and we have. Everything in the store is up to code. But it has been trying."

The Ailabounis had hoped to open the deli in April, but unforeseen complications and delays pushed that date back. "We ordered a special oven for baking pocket bread," said Isabelle, "but they delivered an electric one instead of gas, and it was too small. I must have the right equipment to make my bread, so we had to order another oven."

Remodeling, like parenting, is a job that seems never to be done. Still, the Ailabounis are happy to be here. "We want to invest something, not just in this building, but in the neighborhood," said Bishara, father of Nader. Abu Nader is a labor of love. ■

Arts Events

See Redressing Tradition: Hmong Clothing in Minnesota at the Goldstein Museum (University of Minnesota, 244 McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford; 612-624-7434) from June 4 through July 30. The exhibition celebrates the 25th anniversary of Hmong immigration to Minnesota. Traditional Hmong clothing and current fashions borrowed from community members tell a story about a culture in transition. Through dress, this exhibit stresses that tradition, far from being static, is fluid and dynamic and evolves in tandem with political and cultural change.

Hear Helio's annual spring concert on Sunday, June 4, 7 p.m., at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ. The concert features Bartok's *Mikrokosmos*, Libby Larsen's *Four on the Floor*, Ravel's *Bolero*, and Greg Theisen's *Marbles*. Jazz tunes by Antonio Carlos Jobim, Thelonius Monk, and Lennie Tristano also highlight the program.

The eclectic chamber music and jazz ensemble boasts St. Anthony Park resident Mike Smith on the double bass and former Park neighbor Joe Holmquist playing percussion.

A suggested donation of \$10, \$5 for seniors and students, will be accepted at the door. ■

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