

Park Bugle

St. Anthony Park, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale & Northwest Como Park

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Wellstone speaks at Pack 22 ceremony

by Judy Woodward

Cub scouts from St. Anthony Park's Pack 22 and their families turned out in force when special guest Sen. Paul Wellstone addressed the pack's annual Blue & Gold Banquet on the evening of March 17.

Although Wellstone was the principal speaker at the dinner, the 31 scouts were clearly the main event when it came to awards and recognition.

Some of the younger Tiger Cubs, in fact, were probably concentrating more on the skill required to tie the new neckerchief that denoted their ascendancy to full Cub Scout status than on the opportunity to have their picture taken with the senior senator from Minnesota.

Others in the audience of over 100 at the St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church were more aware of the special role of

the guest speaker. Said Assistant Cubmaster Jeff Blodgett, "I don't know how many Cub Scout banquets (Wellstone) does."

"Scouting is about service above self. . . . As United States Senator from Minnesota, I'm counting on you."

—Senator Paul Wellstone

Wellstone's appearance was hardly the result of a lucky accident. This year marks the third time that St. Anthony Park resident Blodgett has served as Wellstone's senatorial campaign manager.

A longtime Wellstone supporter, Blodgett has ties with the senator that are personal as well as political. Before Wellstone ran for the U.S. Senate, he taught at Carleton College, where Blodgett was one of his students.

Pack 22 Cubmaster Blaine Thrasher realized early on that

Wellstone might be willing to do a personal favor for Blodgett.

"Back in September," he said, "we were putting together our plans for the dinner, and I suspected that Jeff would lead Wellstone's campaign again."

Despite the prospect of a close-fought re-election campaign against Republican Norm Coleman later in the year, Wellstone kept the proceedings cheerfully nonpartisan and resolutely scout-centered.

After a kid-friendly meal "catered" by KFC with a choice of regular or extra crispy chicken that generated almost as much youthful enthusiasm as the introduction of the main speaker, a shirt-sleeved Wellstone took the podium to present awards and

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Photo by Truman Olson

With Senator Paul Wellstone at the annual Blue & Gold dinner are (left to right) Pack 22 members Fred Wieffering, Cameron Quie, Daniel Worku, Drew Thrasher and Cubmaster Blaine Thrasher.

St. Anthony Park residents question traffic changes

by Susan Conner

Many people who live, work and travel in south St. Anthony Park have wondered about three current street alterations in that neighborhood.

Barriers block Bayless Place where it used to enter Raymond Avenue, a "bumpout" narrows the lane where Bayless Avenue enters Raymond, and two bumpouts on the south side of the Cromwell Avenue/Bayless Place intersection narrow Cromwell to one lane and force a 90-degree turn for right turns onto Bayless Place.

These street alterations are the result of local residents' attempts to solve a perceived problem with traffic in the area. The fact that the alterations look temporary, even though they have been in place since November 2001, has raised questions about future plans for those intersections.

Ellen Watters, a resident of Bayless Place who served on the St. Anthony Park Community Council in the early 1990s, remembers a survey being done then to address traffic concerns in that area. She said that similar changes were suggested at that time, but there was no funding available from the city.

The process leading to the current measures began December 8, 1999 at a District 12 Council meeting. Resident Andreas Schramm raised a concern about traffic coming north on Cromwell to Bayless Place, failing to stop at the sign and then proceeding east on Bayless Place to Raymond. He objected to the amount of traffic as well as the danger represented by motorists' failure to stop.

Schramm suggested that the neighborhood take steps to close Cromwell Avenue at Territorial Road, a block south of Bayless Place.

A public meeting was held January 6, 2000 to discuss a 90-day trial closing of Cromwell at Territorial. At that meeting, a petition with 60 signatures opposing the closing was presented. Pedestrian safety and motorist compliance with signs were raised as concerns.

The committee voted to establish a task force to investigate traffic and safety issues in south St. Anthony Park. At the January 12 meeting of the full council, this task force was formally established, with Bob Arndorfer as chair.

The task force met on February 22, 2000. Notices about the meeting had been sent to everyone who had attended the January 6 public meeting as well as all who had signed the petition. Six residents showed up at this meeting, along with Bill Hagland from St. Paul's Department of Public Works. The task force decided to concentrate on the Cromwell and Bayless intersections.

By May, a speed study and a traffic count had been completed on Cromwell, Bayless and Bayless Place. The task force agreed on three physical alterations to propose to the community. The plan was to put these changes in place temporarily, redo the traffic studies and then propose permanent alterations.

Diagrams of the proposed changes were posted at four

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Area artists throw open their studio doors

by Michelle Christianson

A year and a half ago I went to my first Arts Off Raymond event. I imagined that I would see a handful of artists (mostly graphic) at work in a few small studios. I was surprised, and you will be too, when you participate in the Arts Off Raymond open house and studio event on Friday, April 19th (4-10 p.m.) and Saturday, April 20th (10 a.m.-5 p.m.).

The first thing to do is pick up a map from Roasting Stones coffee shop on the southwest corner of University and Raymond. It lists locations, artists and scheduled events.

From there you can either walk or take the trolley (on Saturday for sure and possibly Friday also) to one of the nine other locations. More than 60 local artists whose work encompasses painting, fine arts, ceramics, sculpture, textile arts, multi-media, theater, dance, drawing and many other art forms are participating.

They'll not only have their completed arts on display for sale in a wide range of prices but will also allow you to see glimpses of their works in progress.

What I particularly liked about this event was that I got to view the artists in their studios and talk with them at length about their creative processes, techniques, inspirations, plans for the future—sometimes even their



Photo by Bettye Olson

Artist Ruth Donhowe (center) shows off her studio to Arts Off Raymond guests Joan and Gene Mason.

dogs and children. Although I bought Christmas presents (this was in the fall), I also took home a greater appreciation for the artists and their ways of working.

Of course, this is the mission for Arts Off Raymond: "To introduce the Twin Cities public to the thriving artist community in the St. Anthony Park/Midway area and to welcome everyone to the burgeoning community of South St. Anthony Park"

Founder of the event, Catherine Reid Days, says, "Arts support and build communities and add vitality to any neighborhood. By holding this event, we hope to remind

everyone of the connection between art and productivity, and help reconnect people with art and raise the awareness that it is accessible to everyone."

Mia Perron, executive director of the event and owner (with the rest of her family) of Roasting Stones, exemplifies the spirit of this vital area. A paralegal by training, Perron has leapt into the role of entrepreneur with enthusiasm. She likes the fact that she knows many of her customers by name.

"We're here every single day, so they know they will see one of

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Como Park

North Dale Recreation Center will be getting a new building. Construction is due to start on April 15.

The Como Lake Water Festival will take place May 11 from 9-11 a.m. The event is sponsored by the Capitol Region Watershed District, Black Bear Crossing on the Lake, District 10 and St. Paul Parks and Recreation Department.

Volunteers will work on cleaning up the lake and surrounding area. A free lunch will be served to those who volunteer. Registration is not required but would be helpful for anticipating the number of lunches needed. Call District 10 at 644-3889 to register as a volunteer.

The festival will feature many exhibits of an educational nature with the focus on caring for our watershed area and lake. Among them will be exhibits about lawn care and improving water quality, a rain garden demonstration and the first weeding of Como Lake's natural planting.

Como Zoo will host an open house for their animal support building on May 15.

6:30-8:30 p.m. This is the building in which the zoo grows and prepares food for their animals. There are plans this year to close the old zoo building (currently housing the Zoo Store) for renovations. The renovations will restore some of the original 1930s style.

Work to redo the east shore of Como Lake will start in June. These plans have been in process since 1982. Funding from the Metropolitan Council will now make this project possible. The work will separate the bike path and the walk path along the east shore as well as narrow the street and separate it from the paths. Further work will be done on the lakeshore reclamation project. The paths and road along the east of the lake to where they enter Lexington will be closed for 12 weeks.

Falcon Heights

The City Council voted to re-establish the Solid Waste Commission. This is an opportunity for citizen participation in solid waste collection and recycling issues. Citizens are encouraged to apply if they have interest in these areas. Youth applications are especially welcomed. Call the city office at 644-5050 to request an

application.

There is an opening for a citizen on the Neighborhood Commission. This group provides oversight and information to the City Council about crime prevention, block clubs and other neighborhood issues. Contact the city office at 644-5050 to request an application.

Lauderdale

The annual citywide garage sale will be held in May. Contact City Hall for more information.

St. Anthony Park

St. Anthony Park and Southeast Como are combining efforts this spring to do pond cleanups. On April 20 from 9-12 a.m., volunteers should come to Kasota Pond to help.

Cleanup will be done at Kasota Pond, located on Energy Park Drive just west of the entrances to Highway 280, and at Bridal Veil duck pond, located further west on Energy Park Drive, on the north side.

Birdwatchers might like to know that last year a pair of red-tailed hawks nested in a light tower across the road from the duck pond.

—Susan Conner

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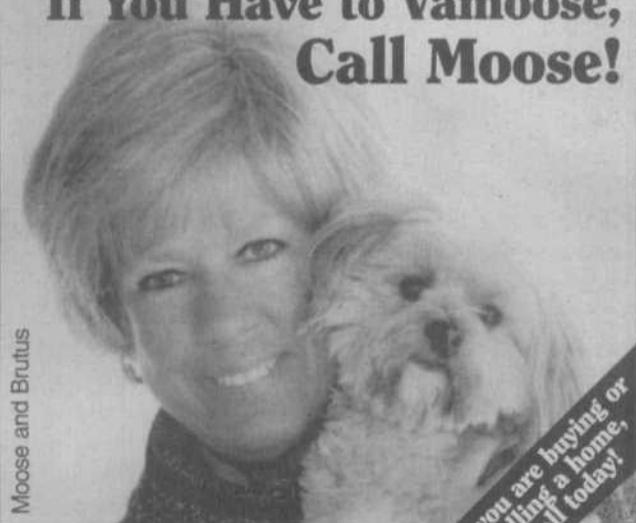
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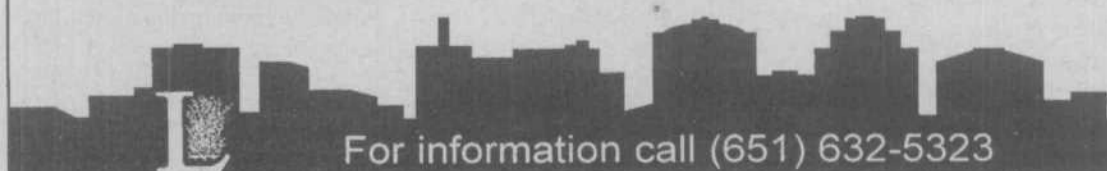
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locations throughout St. Anthony Park. Another public meeting was held May 16, 2000 to discuss the task force's proposal. Sixteen residents attended that meeting and approved the proposed changes for a 60-day trial. Hagland said that DPW did not have funding to make these changes permanent and that other funding sources would have to be found.

On June 1, 2000 the Physical Planning Committee approved the task force proposal for temporary changes, to be followed by an analysis of the results and additional input from residents before a permanent change proposal would be made. On June 7, 2000 the full council approved the task force proposal.

According to Hagland, the temporary abatement measures were installed on October 18, 2000 and removed sometime after November 13, 2000. The traffic counts were done on November 13 and were sent to the Council office in February, 2001.

In a February 2 letter, Hagland wrote, "The cut-through traffic is down nearly 10 percent, but average daily traffic numbers are small to begin with, so it might be a bit misleading."

On May 3, 2001 the task force met to discuss the results of the study. They determined that the temporary traffic-calming strategies had reduced the speed and amount of traffic and recommended making the changes permanent.

The Physical Planning Committee approved that recommendation and forwarded it to the full council, which approved in on May 10, 2001.

In November 2001 the current changes were put in place. They have been referred to by several residents as "temporary permanent" since the materials and installation are temporary in

nature while the intention is that they will eventually be made truly permanent.

There seems to be general agreement that the present appearance is undesirable. "It's not pretty, but it's worth it in terms of safety," said Andreas Schramm, who originally raised the issue with the Community Council.

"We're all disappointed with the aesthetics," said Bob Arndorfer, task force chair. Bayless Place resident Ann Fendor added, "I don't like the way it looks, but we can do something about that."

Although everyone agrees that the current changes don't look good, there is less unanimity about their effectiveness.

Resident Dana Hays questioned the process that was followed. "I would have preferred to see the more conservative changes (the alteration of the Cromwell/Bayless intersection) done first to see how they worked," she said. "They (the task force) didn't do a good job at analyzing the data. They didn't do the 60-day trial. If they had left the changes up for the full 60 days, they might have found more dissatisfaction with the results."

Hays also observed that the present measures are not permanent changes, and "the Council's intent was to make them permanent." She added that during the discussion process, "it wasn't highlighted that the funding wasn't there."

What it would take to make the current changes permanent has been the source of some confusion. Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) funds have been cited by some residents as a potential source of funding, but Melissa Mathews, executive director of the District 12 Council, said, "The Council has not applied for CIB funds for this project."

CIB funds are made

available every two years.

Applications are reviewed by a task force of volunteers representing residents, businesses, city departments and district councils. The task force ranks applications, which are then reviewed by the mayor and forwarded to the CIB Committee.

Hagland said, "There is currently no funding plan for this project. If the neighborhood does decide to apply for CIB funds, they should be sure they are on the same page as the city before the application goes in."

According to Eric Willems of St. Paul's Financial Services Department, approximately 70 projects are planned for 2002 with another 70 on tap for 2003 and a tentative list for 2004-2006.

"Those tentative lists will change some," he said, "because everyone has to re-apply to be considered, and things happen, priorities change."

He added, "Sometimes a project may be considered in an off year if there is a concern about immediate danger or a health hazard, or if the project can leverage other money for the city to do the project. An example would be a request that already has a matching grant."

The topic of the "temporary permanent" changes has not yet been brought to the Community Council for discussion or action, although it did receive some discussion at a March 7 meeting of the Physical Planning Committee.

Committee Chair Rose Gregoire agreed to call the Parks and Recreation Department to explore short-term solutions to the appearance of the temporary installations. "Both Physical Planning and the community need to take steps to resolve the long-term funding situation," she said.

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Home Styles
The Bungalow
The humble bungalow was a reply to the excesses of the Victorian era, and a very successful one at that. The style was very popular from about 1910 to the 1930s. It is characterized by a simple rectangular one or one and one-half story floor plan, a prominent front porch, and a stucco, shingle or wood siding exterior. Interestingly, the generation that bought these homes actually bought smaller homes than they grew up in.
The biggest distinction of the style was its philosophy of simplicity, although interiors frequently feature built-in furniture, such as sideboards in the Dining Room and bookcases that flank the fireplace. Bungalows, when originally built, were actually a form of class rebellion. There was no need to build extra rooms, doors and staircase to hide the servants from view, because there were no servants. These were homes for the common people, many of whom were first time home buyers, whose children, in many cases, went on to become doctors, lawyers and merchants, fulfilling the American Dream.
The Twin Cities is particularly blessed with a large number of bungalows. Their popularity remains high. There is even a Twin Cities Bungalow Club which celebrates this architectural style. Their web site is www.mtn.org/bungalow/. Another good source of information is the Merriam Park Library, which has a very good selection of books on bungalows.
Our first home was a bungalow on Fulham Street. It was a very cozy, comfortable home that gave us the legacy of many warm memories. If you are blessed to be living in one, we hope you are enjoying it as much as we did.

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Boats against the current

The past is a mere abstraction—and an ever-receding one, at that. The future, equally abstract, can be experienced simply by waiting, but the past is forever gone. We achieve connection to it only indirectly—through memories, written or photographic records, artifacts.

One's memory, of course, is restricted to one's lifespan and range of experience and is limited by selective recall and the ravages of time. For those reasons, many of us seek other links to the past. We read history. We watch movies set in bygone eras. We trace genealogies. We collect and preserve objects that invoke a previous age.

The things we carry bespeak our ties to the present, but the things we keep and collect and cherish often reveal our connection to the past. That connection seems less tenuous somehow when it is reinforced by the solid givenness of material culture, by the things that sustained our predecessors—their tools, toys, clothing, utensils, furnishings, decorations.

The recent movie "Amalie" revolves around a character who discovers meaning by performing anonymous acts of kindness (and one amusing act of cruelty). Her sense of purpose emerges when she happens upon an old tin canister of mementos and resolves to find its owner. Though the objects would have little value to anyone else, Amalie instinctively knows that they will be immeasurably valuable to their original owner.

But old things need not have personal significance to be precious. They can be treasured simply because of their age. We seek out the antique, the vintage, the retro because . . . because why, exactly?

Perhaps because the continuous dissipation of the present into the past involves an inevitable loss, and preserving material things is a way of lessening that loss. Perhaps, too, because keeping old objects is a way of lessening the present age by reminding us of where and what we've been.

To the archaeologist, a found object—arrowhead, bowl, fetish—can summon up a whole culture—its folkways, beliefs, mores. To the poet, too, so much depends upon things—a red wheelbarrow, a Grecian urn, two vast and trunkless legs of stone.

For the rest of us, though we may lack the ability to interpret or memorialize them, the things that have survived—and that will survive us—retain something of the essence that created them: the spirit of an age. Our own age is enriched by these tangible reminders of what has preceded us.

F. Scott Fitzgerald, who chronicled America's Jazz Age, created one of that era's most vivid and enduring literary protagonists, Jay Gatsby, a man who believed in "the orgiastic future that year by year recedes before us." But though Gatsby tried to believe in the future, in an ever-emergent American dream, he spent his time in a doomed attempt to recreate the past.

All of us share Gatsby's dilemma. "And so we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past."

Support local businesses

Many people are probably unaware that the hardware store in Dinkytown recently closed. This is an unsolicited plug to urge all of you (including students) to support your local businesses.

Dan Buehler
St. Anthony Park

Grateful for Conservatory

One midnight not long ago, my husband and I awoke to an awful honking cough coming from the crib in the next room. Joey, 9 months, had croup. Neither of us had ever heard that sound before, not from a human being.

I ran in to find Joey thrashing in a panic, apparently struggling for breath. I calmed him while Lou called a nurse hotline. Twenty questions later, it appeared that he would be fine, we'd done things right, and we knew what to do until morning.

As the four of us (including the dog) sat in a steamy bathroom an hour later, Lou had an idea. "Why don't you take him to the Como Conservatory tomorrow?"

We've often gone there in the middle of winter, to rest our snow-blind eyes on leaves and blossoms and to breathe the voluptuous air. But through infant senses, the experience was even better.

Here were yards and yards of waist-high walls to stand and bounce against; cool flagstones, a new texture to crawl on; and water, this baby's favorite element, in unimaginable glory, as drips and streams and pools, a goldfish highway and a drum played in a grotto.

We are newly grateful this

month that we live near Como Conservatory, and grateful for a city that invests in its parks and public spaces.

Anne Holzman
St. Anthony Park

SAPA needs help!

The St. Anthony Park Association (SAPA) has been in existence for over 50 years. A partial list of functions SAPA sponsors or co-sponsors includes the Fourth of July celebration, garden tour, house tour, neighborhood tour, progressive dinner, community directory and grant program.

Some of you may have asked why you haven't seen any SAPA articles in the Bugle recently or why you didn't get a dues renewal letter last fall. I guess the most simple answer would be that there is nobody to do it. Due to lack of community involvement and individuals to take on leadership roles in SAPA, it's existence and possibly the programs it sponsors are in serious jeopardy.

At present most if not all major board and committee positions are unfilled. If these positions remain open, it's likely that SAPA as we know it will cease to exist.

St. Anthony Park takes pride in its community involvement, uniqueness and long-lasting traditions. We can't afford to lose a 50-year-old tradition such as SAPA. If you are willing to take an immediate, active role in keeping the St. Anthony Park Association a vital part of our community, please call Sandy McClure at 644-0631 or Sandee Kelsey at 645-9053.

Sandy McClure
St. Anthony Park

Bravo Task Force!

Enormous thanks to Bob Munson and his College Park task force. Hopefully, there is still time in my life to develop the energy Bob demonstrates. If there were a "Park Hall of Fame," Bob would be a charter member.

Don Razskazoff
St. Anthony Park

Thanks for Lives Lived

I recently received a letter from Mary Burt Leinback, a former resident of St. Anthony Park, now living in Florida. After reading an obituary in the Bugle, Mary was able to convey sympathy to a friend she had attended Gutterson Grade School with in the 1930s. The woman had befriended Mary, a newcomer from Canada, and Mary never forgot her kindness.

I often receive calls and letters from friends and family expressing appreciation for the information in Ann Bulger's column in the Bugle. The correspondence is a reminder of the important contribution "Lives Lived" makes to our community and to the connection it provides for former residents.

It gives all of us an opportunity to reconnect with old friends and express sympathy about their loss. Thank you to Ann for her dedication in gathering all the information and presenting it in such a thoughtful way.

Carol Mulroy
St. Anthony Park

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Dody Bemrick carves out a life

by Mary Maguire Lerman

Dody Bemrick's husband says, "She likes to fiddle around with wood." That's an understatement.

Bemrick collects wood from all over, sometimes following tree trimmers around to see what they've cut down. She's also been known to check out scrap wood piles at lumberyards and to notice what people are throwing out during home renovations.

"I think I have always loved wood," she says, "the look, the feel, the smell. I remember standing at my grandfather's elbow as he shaved nice long wood curls for me to put on my hair." As a young woman attending an all-female high school in the 1940s, Bemrick never had a chance to take woodshop classes like her brothers, two of whom seemed to inherit the "wood gene" and became accomplished woodworkers. But she believed that women could work with wood too.

Later, when her children began marrying and starting families, Bemrick decided that cradles would make good gifts.

"I probably should have started with something easier," she says, "but I like a challenge, and I ended up making three swinging cradles."

Bemrick still has never taken any woodworking classes, but she reads voraciously on the subject.

She joined the Minnesota Woodturners Association because she wanted to learn how to use an old lathe she picked up at a garage sale. That led to a foray into making musical instruments.

"I started with hammered dulcimers and am now trying my hand at fiddle making," she says. "It's very slow going, because I'm trying to make all the parts from scratch rather than ordering them from a music supply catalog. My fiddling granddaughter will get the instrument eventually. After that, I think I would like to make a harp, but that's far down the line."

Besides musical instruments, visitors to Bemrick's home encounter some wonderful wooden vases that she calls "weed pots," fashioned out of ash, oak, maple, black locust, elm, buckthorn and juniper—her

husband's favorite. These small vases are ideal for arrangements of dried flowers and grasses.

I first found out about Bemrick's hobby when she made

"I think I have always loved wood—the look, the feel, the smell. I remember standing at my grandfather's elbow as he shaved nice long wood curls for me to put on my hair."

—Dody Bemrick

a buckthorn gavel for the St. Anthony Park Garden Club.

I asked if she would be

Academy and then the College of St. Benedict's, where she earned a degree in biology.

Years later, she got a job as junior scientist in the U of M's Parasitology Department, where she met her husband, Bill. They enjoy visiting garage sales, and at one sale 10 years ago, a wood lathe caught her eye.

That purchase led to a membership in the Minnesota Woodturners Association, a group of over 100 that meets at several locations around the metro area, including the woodshop at nearby Roseville High School. There members gather to work on their current projects and learn from each other.

Bemrick has donated some of the buckthorn she salvaged from the St. Anthony Park roundup to the school so their students can experiment with this hard wood that features lovely colors and grains.

Bemrick wants to encourage other women to enjoy the relaxing hobby of woodturning.

She says, "I think the fact that years ago girls were not encouraged (or maybe not allowed) to take shop classes was enough to keep them from becoming

interested in woodworking. Hopefully, that's way in the past now."

To learn more about woodworking, call the American Association of Woodturners at 484-9094.



Photo by Truman Olson

interested in obtaining wood from the community buckthorn roundup. The next fall, her phone number was listed for all buckthorn roundup participants.

"My phone rang off the hook from people who had large-diameter buckthorn," she says.

She and her son collected so much of it that she was able to give some to other members of the Minnesota Woodturners Association.

Bemrick's motto is "if you can read, you can do it." A self-taught fixer-upper, she raised six children to value what they had and to repair things when they broke.

She made quite an impression on her son Tony, who still marvels at how she soldered pipes to re-install a water softener when they moved it from one house to another. Dody had never soldered before, but after reading up on the subject, she tackled the job.

Bemrick was born and raised in St. Paul. She attended St. Luke's grade school (where William Mitchell College of Law now stands), St. Joseph's



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An evening of Afghan culture

On Saturday, April 6th the Alliance for Education for the Children of Afghanistan will host "An Afghan Evening," a fundraiser to help build a school in Kabul. It will be held at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Avenue. Dinner will be served at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m., with a speaker at 6:30 p.m.

This event will feature live Afghan music, composed, sung and played by Nazir Mosudi, a well-known Afghan musician who will entertain diners enjoying an Afghan meal catered by Da Afghan Restaurant.

Between the two dinner times, Dr. Ghafar Lakanwal will present a lecture, "Journey Toward Understanding," which focuses on the Afghan experience—past, present and future. Dr. Lakanwal, Afghan refugee, teaches agricultural economics at the University of Hohenheim in Germany.

Dr. Lakanwal was the

minister of agriculture in Afghanistan in 1982. Because of his opposition to the government, he was placed under house arrest in 1986 for two years. Upon his release, he served as deputy foreign minister and head of the Afghan delegation to the United Nations General Assembly.

In December 1988 he was granted political asylum in the United States, and in February 1996 he became a U.S. citizen.

In October 1991, Dr. Lakanwal founded the Minnesota Cultural Diversity Center, a nonprofit organization that promotes multicultural understanding and inclusiveness in the workplace and the community.

At the April 6 event, he will speak about Afghanistan, his family's experience as refugees and the current status of the country and its people.

Tickets are \$16 and are available at Bibelot, Micawber's or by calling 645-3058.

Wellstone from page 1

ask the audience, "Can I say three quick things?"

Speaking directly to the scouts, Wellstone advised them to "treat everybody the same," to take care of the environment and to remember that scouting is about "service above self."

"The most important thing," he finished, "is always try to take care of other people and make things better in your community, in Minnesota, your country and in the world. As United States Senator from Minnesota, I'm counting on you!"

Off-stage, Wellstone acknowledged that he himself had been a Cub Scout "a long time ago." He noted that his first-generation immigrant father might have had a somewhat shaky grasp of the essentials of the scouting experience.

"My dad," Wellstone laughed, "he helped me with the badges, but he didn't monitor things as well as he might have."

After an enthusiastic reunion with Blodgett's young son, Jack, 6, former college professor Wellstone turned to the subject of education.

"In Minnesota, the children come from so many cultures and

countries now, but we have an emphasis on treating everybody the same. There's a goodness in children," he said.

Then he reflected on the learning curve in his own life. "I love teaching, but the best thing for me as a senator is that I need to meet with people who don't necessarily see things from my own point of view. It's been a great education. I've learned a lot."

Scouting has a long history in St. Anthony Park, but like many organizations in that neighborhood, Pack 22 has charted its own unique course, when necessary.

Sponsored by the local United Methodist Church for many decades, Pack 22, said Cubmaster Thrasher, is "one of the few packs in the Twin Cities that can sport 50-year badges on our uniforms."

Which is not to say that Pack 22 has always followed the national guidelines of the Boy Scouts of America for those five decades. Thrasher is careful to distinguish where Pack 22 and the national organization have parted company.

"We've got our own stand

(on the issue of gays in scouting)," he said. "We've stated that we won't remove anyone on the basis of sexual orientation. It's how we feel. Scouting is not about withholding rights from anyone."

It was a crucial point when it came to issuing the invitation to Wellstone. "Jeff made it clear to Paul," said Thrasher, "that we were taking this position against discrimination."

Thrasher noted that, despite their stance, Pack 22 lost a couple of scouts last year whose families disapproved of the national organization's ban on gays. He also recalled encountering at least one parent who refused to let his son join until the pack decided to "toe the line with the national Boy Scouts group."

Realizing the impossibility of adopting any position that would win universal approval, Thrasher explained, "We chose to stay in the BSA so that we can effect change."

Their stand is paying off, said Thrasher. "This year we had the largest influx of new Tiger Scouts of any pack in the district."



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*Chelsea Heights
Elementary*

Ventriloquist is a big hit

*by Danny Blilie and Maddie
Laroche*

On March 1, we went to the Vic & Terry show. Vic Etienne is a ventriloquist, and Terry's the dummy.

The show includes a story that is both comical and serious. Vic's conversation with Terry was hilarious, and the whole show was wondrous and humorous.

This was an awesome theatrical performance. The kids loved it. This was Vic's 50th anniversary performance. He came to our school because he lives in the neighborhood and enjoys seeing the kids from the area. He also went to



Photo by Truman Olson

Ventriloquist Vic Etienne trades quips with his dummy Terry

Chelsea himself.

Vic became a ventriloquist by lots of practice. He decided to be one because his father was an entertainer.

Plan to check out the Vic & Terry show when it hits your school.

Murray Junior High

Murray scientists show their stuff at science fair

by Anna Lageson

Do you know that your neighborhood junior high school is a math and science magnet? Well, Murray Junior High is, and one of their premier events is the science fair.

This is where students choose a project and either research a topic or create an experiment to prove or disprove a hypothesis. Then they present their findings both orally and in writing to three judges. The science fair is for both seventh and eighth grade students. If participants score high enough, they advance to the regional science fair.

The paper competition was held on January 10 and the general science fair on January 15. There were 367 projects in the competition, divided into 13 categories: environmental (54), gerontology (2), medicine and health (19), microbiology (15), physics (55), math (7), zoology (13), behavioral/social science (44), biochemistry (16),

botany (53), chemistry (44), earth and space science (17) and engineering (28).

The top three winners in each category advanced to the March 8-9 Regional Science Fair at the University of Minnesota. Nineteen of these Murray students earned a chance to show their projects at the State Science Fair.

Murray's science fair is a great place for students to get some well-deserved recognition for all their effort and talent. The students consistently rank high in the state.

The fair depends on the work of volunteer judges. This year, 135 judges helped make the science fair possible. If you would like to help by being a judge for next year's competition, stop by Murray or call 293-8740. Staff and students appreciate the help and support of the community and encourage residents to become involved.

St. Anthony Park Elementary

Junior high school beckons for sixth graders

by Rose Wright

Next year the sixth grade students will be moving on to seventh grade. Most sixth grade students at St. Anthony Park Elementary will know which junior high or middle school they will be attending by the end of March. Students and parents turned in applications for the school of their choice by March 15.

An informal survey of sixth graders suggests that most students from St. Anthony Park Elementary will attend Murray Junior High School next year. Some other schools students mentioned are Highland Park Junior High, Washington Middle School, Humboldt Junior High, Crosswinds Middle School and Roseville Area Middle School.

D.I. teams use imagination

by Jennie Duchscher

At St. Anthony Park Elementary we have awesome D.I. teams every year! D.I. means Destination Imagination. This is a wonderful program where kids get to use their imagination. They spend a couple of months making up a play with improvisational items, create props (such as machines that work), humor and much more.

On March 2, there was a tournament for D.I. where students performed their plays for judges. Student groups competed for first, second and third places. In addition to performing the play they planned, groups were given "instant challenges" and had to improvise and think fast.

At the end of all the performances was an awards ceremony. Participants got called up to a stage to receive their award. Winners of the Twin cities' competition get to go on to state level.

This was a good year for St. Anthony Park's D.I. teams. Janeen Birch's team got third place, Ronald Beck's sixth grade team got first place, Tom Holman and Kristal Leebrick's team got first place, Patty Stoltman's team got fourth place, Thom Lister and P.J. Pofahl's team got first place. Good luck to those teams that received first place and are going on to state!

Como Park Elementary

Sixth graders get into KP

by Ciara Kunert and Brandi Fredericks

Last month Como's sixth graders went to Audubon, an Environmental learning camp. At Audubon we did many things. One of our favorite things was KP. (Kitchen Patrol), where everyone from your room works together in the kitchen serving food.

Our room prepared breakfast. We had to get up early in the morning to eat first so we could serve the food. One of the other things we did was trying not to waste any food. We did a thing called "ort," where every table had two buckets. One bucket was for meat and the other one was for everything else. Some food we ate was omelets made of eggs and cheese, hashbrowns, corn flakes, oatmeal, orange juice and milk. We even thought waking up early in the morning was kind of fun.

Students meet Senator Moua

by Rashad Doss

On Tuesday, March 5, Sheng Som, Xue Yang and Amy Vue, sixth graders at Como Park Elementary School, had a chance to meet the first Hmong State Senator, Mee Moua. They had this special opportunity because of History Day.

All the sixth graders prepared special reports on important people or events in history. Students put together display boards with pictures and text. They were presented to families, teachers and judges on the evening of March 8. The girls chose to study Hmong immigration and important people such as lawyers and doctors.

Mee Moua was born to a poor family in Laos in 1969. Now she is a 33-year-old State Senator. We asked the girls what it was like to meet her and they said it was okay, but when it came to autograph time they became too shy. I guess meeting someone important isn't always easy.

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District council nurtures collective action

by Dave Healy

The facing page contains candidate profiles for this month's District 12 Community Council election. What are these people running for?

For starters, the organization they hope to become board members for can be called either a district council or a community council. The former term reflects the fact that the St. Paul City Council, following a 1975 citywide citizen participation forum, divided the city into 19 districts for purposes of citizen representation.

Each district has a council, an independent 501c-3 nonprofit corporation. District councils receive some money from the city to fund a variety of community activities, hence the label "community council." Since District 12 encompasses St. Anthony Park, its council is often called the St. Anthony Park Community Council.

A district council is free to create its own structure. Most councils spend some of their money on full- and/or part-time staff. The District 12 office, located in the South St. Anthony Recreation Center, has three staff members: Melissa Mathews, executive director; Christine Tuhy, community organizer; and Angie Hoffmann-Walter, program coordinator for the HandyWorks Program.

Individual councils are also free to raise additional money beyond what they receive from the city. District 12, for example, carries out an annual fund drive to supplement what the city provides.

District 12's annual budget is about \$80,000, which goes to maintaining the office and funding crime prevention efforts, citizen participation and the HandyWorks program, which matches youth and adult workers with seniors and disabled residents to enable them to live independently in their homes.

As nonprofits, district councils are governed by boards of directors. District 12's board

consists of 15 delegates and 6 alternates—5 delegates and 2 alternates each from three constituent groups: south St. Anthony Park, north St. Anthony Park and the St. Anthony Park Business Association. It is this board to which candidates on the opposite page are seeking election.

The St. Anthony Park Community Council holds an election every April. Any St. Anthony Park resident can run for membership, and voting is open to all neighborhood residents. Neighborhood delegates serve two-year terms; alternates and business delegates serve one-year terms. Alternates can attend all meetings but only vote when they are filling in for a delegate.

Besides attending monthly full council meetings, board members are also expected to be on at least one of four committees: physical planning, environment, housing/human services and finance. These committees meet monthly and forward recommendations to the full council. All meetings, committee and full council, are open to the public.

So what does a community council actually do?

According to Executive Director Melissa Mathews, the heart of a council's mission is citizen participation. "A community council serves as a bridge between neighborhood residents and the city," she said.

There are other bridges, of course. For example, besides being divided into districts, St. Paul also consists of seven wards, each represented by a city council member. So a St. Anthony Park resident with a neighborhood concern could contact Jay Benanav, who represents Ward 4, the area that includes St. Anthony Park.

What community councils provide, said Mathews, is an opportunity for collective action. By discussing issues at the district council level, citizens have an opportunity to solve some problems without ever involving the city. Other matters that do require city involvement can be discussed first at the community level, and if consensus is achieved, that collective will is likely to be more persuasive to city officials than would the opinions of individual, unconnected neighborhood residents and business people.

Mathews cited a recent

example in north St. Anthony Park as illustrative of how the community council process can work.

In 1999, longtime St. Anthony Park resident Fred Steinhäuser contacted the District 12 office with a concern: The water tower at Cleveland and Dudley, near the University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus, was looking rather dilapidated. Steinhäuser wondered about the chances of getting it repainted.

In response to Steinhäuser's inquiry, Heather Worthington, District 12's executive director at the time, contacted the city. She learned that repainting the water tower would cost \$500,000. She also learned that the entire structure could be replaced for \$750,000.

When continuing discussions between the city and District 12 made it clear that the city was willing to consider replacing the water tower, the St. Anthony Park Community Council created a task force to monitor that process and advise the city about neighborhood wishes and concerns.

Council member Gordon Murdock, who lives near the water tower, agreed to chair the task force, which included other local residents, members of the Council's Environment Committee, a landscape architect from the University, and representatives from the St. Paul Water Utility and Farmhouse Fraternity, whose property abuts the water tower site.

The task force discussed design and color options for the new structure and forwarded recommendations to the full council. Later, the task force developed a landscape plan for the area around the water tower. That plan was approved by the Community Council and sent on to the city.

Because of the Community Council's involvement, through both District 12 staff and board members, the resulting new water tower and its surroundings reflected neighborhood consensus.

"The water tower project is an example of citizen participation at its best," said Mathews. "From everything I've heard, people are pleased with what the neighborhood got. The whole process shows what can happen when people work together for their common interests."

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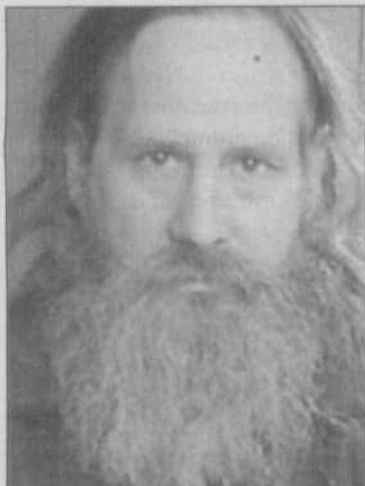
District 12 Community Council candidates introduce themselves

The St. Anthony Park Community Council will hold its annual election on Tuesday, April 9. Polls are open from 4-8 p.m. South St. Anthony Park residents vote at the Hampden Park Co-op. North St. Anthony Park residents vote at the library, 2245 Como Avenue.

South St. Anthony Park

Raymond C. Bryan

As a newcomer to the area—homeowner for only 27 years and business owner for a mere 9 years—I care about how the



community looks and how it functions for both residents and businesses.

Ron Dufault

Our environment remains a major concern for me. Involvement in cleaning of Kasota Pond, greening the neighborhood, our neighborhood annual cleanup, and controlling



or eradicating an environmental pest such as buckthorn have provided an opportunity to work

on these issues. Working with the Council has provided the chance to participate with neighbors who are concerned about our community. Working together we can leave a good and viable place to live and work for the next generation.

Bruce Kimmel

I would like to continue serving on the Community Council to promote positive development in St. Anthony Park, while also seeking to address the benefits and costs of growth at the neighborhood, city and regional levels. The proposed housing development at Franklin and Emerald is a great opportunity to



create new assets like pedestrian-friendly retail areas and attractive parks. It also presents challenges in the form of noise and congestion, especially if this project succeeds in drawing other development. Our neighborhood is increasingly popular as a centrally located island in a sea of metropolitan sprawl. I want to make sure we don't become victims of our own success.

North St. Anthony Park

Chris Causey

I'm completing my second term on the Council. As co-chair for the last two years, I've seen the Council select and retain high-quality staff, implement appropriate financial controls and develop new or re-defined relationships with the neighborhood, city and community agencies. I want to continue my work with the Council, as there is more that I'd like to see accomplished. In particular, I believe the Council should increase its focus on transportation issues facing our community, as well as implement organizational policies and procedures to ensure the Council's continued success and viability well into the future.

Suzanne Garfield

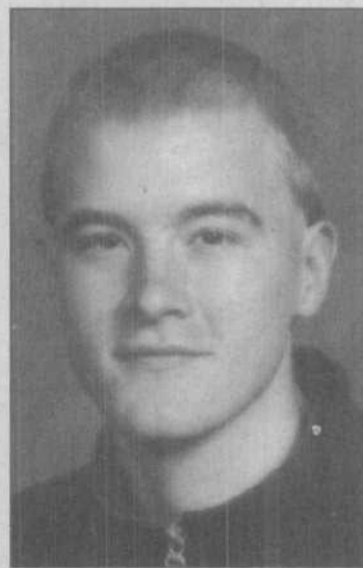
I would very much like to continue representing our community as a member of the District Council. For the past two years, I have had the honor and the pleasure of serving on the



Environment Committee and the Executive Committee as well as the full council. I am particularly concerned about transit issues and how decisions regarding light rail and changes in Highway 280 will affect our neighborhood. I believe it is more important than ever, especially during this time of budget cutbacks, to keep voicing our concerns to the city, the county and other local units of government.

Victor Hanson

I am running for Community Council because I want to work to address the needs and concerns of St. Anthony Park citizens and enhance our relationship with the



larger St. Paul community. I believe that greater interaction in the form of organized sporting events for all ages or extending a personal welcoming invitation to large events between community groups in St. Paul and the Twin City area will be mutually-beneficial. Recognizing and appreciating the uniqueness of our community requires us to look beyond and embrace our shared urban identity.

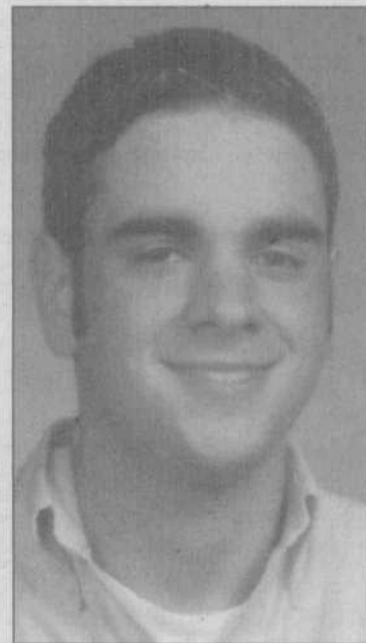
Don Stryker

I've been a resident of St. Anthony Park since 1996. During that time I've seen that my neighbors care passionately about their community and aren't reluctant to voice their opinions. The Community Council can play an important role in informing us about what's going on in our neighborhood. A year as an alternate delegate on the Council has been a great learning experience for me, and I'd like to build on that. I try to maintain a pragmatic point of view towards resolution of issues. The most important thing to me is that all members of the community have the opportunity to be heard on issues they care about.

Nate Tracy

As a Park resident and sophomore at Como Park High School, I would bring a unique voice to the Community Council. Participation in a variety of sports has provided opportunities to learn about teamwork. I have been involved in a range of student government

and leadership activities at St. Anthony Park Elementary, Murray Junior High and Como Park High School. Last summer I participated in the Junior Statesman Summer School at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. I learned about the political process and developed my public speaking and debating skills. I look forward to contributing my skills on a diverse and intergenerational Community Council.



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Local shops tout vintage wares

Story and photos by Natalie Zett

Antiques, retro, vintage, collectibles and something called "shabby chic" are hot. The reasons for the upsurge of passion and fascination vary from profits to nostalgia. And thanks to eBay, Martha Stewart, the Antiques Road Show and even September 11, those normally indifferent to the past are now considering seriously what it means to remember and preserve our individual and collective histories. Before traipsing off to Stillwater or Red Wing, though, consider four shops in the Bugle delivery area that cater to the collector and decorator in us all.

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Expect Magic. The sign at the store's entrance, perched near a rusty iron candle holder, a cast iron angel and a small ceramic flying pig, foretells the adventure awaiting a prospective customer once descending the stairs to Crescent Moon.

Owner Marsha Holthusen has created a whimsical shop that focuses as much on exterior as interior design. "I have lots of things such as the water bucket filled with ornamental garden tools that people can use to spruce up their yards," says Holthusen.

Holthusen recently relocated her shop from Hamline and Grand (where it had been for three and a half years) to Milton

Square in St. Anthony Park. "I love this area and feel lucky to get the space," she says.

When asked to describe this eclectic mix of stuff, Holthusen explains, "Well, it's hard to get antiques, so I would say I carry new and vintage items. I buy what I like at auctions, estate sales and gift shows, which are like big shopping centers set up to sell to stores."

Regardless of her method, Holthusen's panache and humor create an alchemy. Perhaps the "What would Martha do?" sign that appears sporadically throughout her store serves as her



Crescent Moon: Flights of fancy

guiding star. For example, she displays greeting cards in holders rather than a rack, setting them with possible accompanying gifts for a holiday or occasion. For Valentine's Day, she displayed several cards in a holder along with ceramic hearts, cupids,

homemade soap and paper flowers in case a customer wanted a gift along with the card.

Holthusen's transition into the entrepreneurial life came after 12 years as a psychiatric nurse, where she worked mainly with adolescents. "I loved the clients, but I got tired of the paperwork, and so I began dreaming. I wanted to spend more time with my family and decided to open this store."

To say Crescent Moon carries the unusual is an understatement, especially considering that this is probably the only store where you can buy a relative. It's true. For a small price, you can purchase a vintage photo and claim it as an ancestor to spice up your genealogy. Said Holthusen, "There was actually a woman who realized she couldn't stand the family she had and so decided to buy some new relatives from my collection."

"I especially like garden items," she says as she points to decorative outdoors stuff such as a wheelbarrow, watering can and the omnipresent flying pigs. The special wrought iron pieces, hand-crafted in Mexico, are a one-of-kind offering. You'll also find a collection of xylophones for relaxation and alertness, and a Chinese gong—just because.

Holthusen gives the public a word of advice: "Stop by the store frequently, since I'm always changing things, getting new

merchandise and such." For a bit of spring, no matter what the time of year, visit Crescent Moon.

Succatosh,
781 Raymond Avenue, 603-8787

Although much larger than a spacious two-bedroom apartment, Succatosh is a comfortable, fun treasure trove for those loving the 1950s and 1960s.

Paul and Noreen Allbright started the successful Raymond Avenue business about six years ago.

Noreen Allbright describes this as a vintage shop. "I pick stuff up from estate sales and auctions. Prior to Succatosh, I studied fine art and was a jewelry maker, and I needed something different." Her husband, Paul, attended Carleton College and later worked at the American Swedish Institute.

While surveying the store's vintage furniture, postcards, vinyl records, books, kitchenware and clothing, Noreen points out, "I

picked this stuff out because I love it. Our house looks like this. It's funny that most people who grew up in the 1950s can't stand it. It's only those from the 25-45 age group that seem to appreciate it. There's something about this



Succatosh lures Raymond Ave. sidewalk shoppers

time period, and I can't explain it. I didn't grow up in it, but I had an aunt who had a great vintage stuff."

The Allbrights read the climate correctly and have developed a steady, faithful clientele as well as lots of new devotees who wander in from other Raymond Avenue establishments such as Keys Restaurant.

Succatosh also caters to the discerning shopper, carrying items as unusual as a Harry Bertoia wire diamond-shaped chair. (Bertoia, a designer and

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sculptor, was famous for his wire-form chairs.) They also have some Broyhill furniture. "Remember the old Newlywed Game from the 60s?" asked Noreen. "Well, we have the Broyhill furniture that was always one of the prizes."

Of special interest are the Vera scarves. Until recently, textile designer Vera Salaff Neumann's silk scarves were in danger of being relegated to the land of the forgotten.

However, they are now enjoying a revival, thanks in part to collectors and enterprises such as Succatosh. Besides the bright colors, Vera was known for her logo on each scarf. By the late 1950s, women everywhere—from the Queen of England to secretaries—sport scarves by Vera.

One benefit of running the store is that many customers have become friends to the Allbrights. One such is Dan, who frequents the shop regularly.

"I'm a decorator, not a collector," he said, "and I love this shop because it reflects the optimism of the 1950s. It was post-WWII and people who had been through it had a certain determination and optimism. People had small closets, because they usually only had a few nice suits. But there was an elegance then that we've lost. Quality, not quantity, was the rule."

Even if the Allbrights themselves haven't made it in front of the camera, their merchandise has found some fame. Wallpaper Magazine recently bought some of their pottery and ceramics. They were flown to Switzerland for a photo shoot and appeared in Wallpaper's December 2001 issue.

Theatre companies and film studios have also made purchases from the shop, and some of the merchandise is featured in the movie, "A Simple Plan."

Embellish la Maison,
2230 Carter Avenue (Milton Square), 645-6676.

The sign in front proclaims: "Luxuries for the home, Antique collectibles, Shabby chic,



Embellish's Lisa Wynn

Retro, and Revival hand-painted furniture from the past."

With 40s music wafting through the store along with the distinctive fragrance of rosehips and cinnamon, the charming displays of white furniture, stained glass, candles, embroidered doilies, vintage plates, clothing and crystals set the tone for an inviting, sensual, and elegant experience.

One of Embellish la Maison's owners, Lisa Wynn, recently began her morning with a car accident while driving to the store.

As she phoned the insurance company, a customer walked in asking for a red hat to wear to a party that afternoon. Calm, cool and collected, Wynn said, "I don't have one in the shop, but I'll call my mom. She'll get a red hat for you today." Wynn's former life—12 years as an ER nurse—showed.

Wynn and her best friend, Lanette Loring, who spent 17 years working at an insurance company, decided that life was too short to be miserable. The women wanted to do what they loved and spend more time with their families.

Wynn, in turn, coaxed her mom, Marilyn Voight, out of retirement to become one of the owners of Embellish la Maison.

Says Wynn, "My mom's home is decorated so beautifully

that strangers often stop by to admire it. Some even knock on her front door to ask where she got her mailbox, which she painted herself. She likes the Victorian look and has created that at her home."

The three women tested the waters at the Minnesota State Fair in July 2001. Collecting stuff from their respective homes, they rented a booth and sold all the merchandise.

"It was unbelievable," says Wynn. "I knew we were onto something when people kept asking 'Where's your shop?' We figured we better do something about that!"

Deciding that St. Anthony Park was the place, they found that the former Country Peddler location in Milton Square was available after the owner retired.

"We signed a three-year lease," says Wynn, "and got busy immediately renovating and restoring the location." They opened in October and have been advertising exclusively in the Bugle.

Besides vintage goods, Embellish la Maison carries merchandise done in a style called "shabby chic," which was created in the 1980s by designer Rachel Ashwell.

Thanks to Ashwell, flea market finds have attained respectable status and slip-covered furniture has made a comeback. Beauty, comfort and function are the operative words. (The store carries Ashwell's books, if you want to learn more

about the trend.)

Besides "stuff," they have a couple of added attractions: a tea room, which can be rented for events such as bridal showers, book clubs, or Bible studies; and a room used exclusively for young girls' birthday parties.

Wynn explains the ideas behind the teas: "We began sending hand-written invitations to hundreds of senior centers publicizing the teas. Teas are very popular now, and we're intent on reviving the afternoon tea tradition. The outreach worked, and the tearoom is booked until next May. For a reasonable cost, you get a four-course lunch, which includes our wonderful homemade scones."

An adjacent lavender room is called the "little girls' birthday room." Families can rent the room for young girls' birthday parties, which feature costumes, face painting, crafts and even an etiquette lesson.

Wynn cannot quite explain the magic and warmth of her store but conjectures, "I guess we, my family and I, have always had the gift of hospitality. Growing up, I never could figure out why we'd invite people over and no one would have us back! People just said they were so comfortable at our place. My mom is very religious, and she said that's what we're supposed to do—share the gift of hospitality. So, that's what we're doing."

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Kindergarten Roundups

St. Anthony Park Elementary School will hold a kindergarten roundup on Tuesday, April 16 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the school, 2180 Knapp Street. Children who will be five years old by September 1 and their parents are invited to meet the principal and teachers.

Children will visit the kindergarten classrooms while parents meet with staff and receive registration materials. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, immunization record and social security number. For more information, call 293-8735.

Chelsea Heights Elementary School will have a kindergarten roundup on Tuesday, April 9 at the school, 1557 Huron Street (at the corner of Hamline and Hoyt). Building tours start at 3:30 p.m. and an informational program at 4 p.m. Children who will be five years old by September 1 are invited to attend with parent(s). For more information, call 293-8790.

Gardening

At the April 2 meeting of the St. Anthony Park Garden Club, Kurt Schrader will discuss small fruits and fruit trees. Schrader owns Twin Lakes Landscapes, the firm that will be landscaping the St. Anthony Park Library grounds. The program starts at 7 p.m. in the library's meeting room and is open to the public.

Arts Events

More than 100 artists are expected to exhibit and sell their wares at the 33rd annual St. Anthony Park Arts Festival, set for Saturday, June 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Artists will be at two locations: the St. Anthony Park Library, Como and Carter, and Luther Seminary, Como and Luther Place. Exhibitors' applications are due

by May 1 and are available at the library or by calling 644-4725.

Other festival activities include free entertainment, food booths and sales in the business district. For further information or to schedule entertainment, call Arlene West at 649-0481.

Music in the Park Series presents the Lark Quartet in concert Sunday, April 21 at 7 p.m. at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Avenue.

Recognized as a dynamic interpreter of Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven, the Lark is also a champion of new music, with over a dozen commissions to its credit. They will perform Haydn's Quartet in D major, Ravel's String Quartet in F major and String Quartet No. 2 by Peter Schickele.

Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door and \$10 for students. They are available at Bibelot, Micawber's or by calling 645-5699.

The Lark Quartet will also appear in a concert designed especially for children of all ages and their families on Friday, April 19 at 6:15 and 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Avenue.

The quartet will show how folk music influenced composers such as Beethoven and Brahms, who in turn inspired practitioners of other musical styles—from polkas to spirituals to boogie-woogie and even rap.

Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door and free for babes-in-arms. They are available at Bibelot, Micawber's or by calling 645-5699.

Earth Week Events

On April 20 from 9-12 a.m., a cleanup will take place at Kasota Pond, located on Energy Park Drive just west of the entrances to Highway 280, and at Bridal Veil duck pond, located further west on Energy Park Drive, on

the north side.

St. Paul Parks and Recreation hosts its annual **Spring Parks Cleanup** on April 20 from 9-12 a.m. The city provides cleanup supplies. Families, groups and individuals are encouraged to participate. For more information, call Jennifer at 266-6458.

Como Zoo and Conservatory will celebrate Earth Day with their fifth annual **5K run** on Saturday, April 20 at 9:30 a.m. The run begins and ends at Como Zoo and winds throughout Como Park. A 1K kid's fun run starts at 8:30 a.m. An Earth Day Expo featuring a variety of earth-friendly exhibits follows the race.

Registration is \$15/adult and \$10/child in advance or \$20 and \$10 the day of the race. All registrants will receive a race shirt, bag, and snacks and beverages. Proceeds benefit the zoo and conservatory. For more information or a registration form, call 645-1014.

Minnesota's first **Living Green Expo** takes place Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the State Capitol Grounds and Armory.

This event features information on environmentally friendly transportation, home energy, building and remodeling, gardening and lawn care, food, recreation and more. The expo includes exhibits, music, art displays and children's activities.

For more information visit www.livinggreenexpo.org or call 296-7242.

Volunteers

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Waterfowl nursery: Volunteers age 14-16 can work with an adult; must be 17 or older to work alone. Training in May TBA.

The Befriender program seeks volunteers to work with young, single mothers. Befrienders complete 17 hours of training and commit to a year-long relationship. Ongoing support is provided through group and individual consultation. The program is sponsored by Children's Home Society and Health Start.

Training takes place Friday, April 12 from 12:30-9 p.m. and Saturday, April 13 from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 255-2323 to schedule application and interview.

The Greater St. Paul Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is seeking volunteers for two programs.

Across Generations builds relationships between students age 11-15 and senior volunteers who give 1-3 hours once a week. Participants work as a team on a variety of projects that incorporate classroom curriculum and community service projects.

America Reads is designed to ensure that all children read well and independently by the end of third grade. Volunteers spend an hour a week tutoring students in St. Paul public schools.

Volunteers aged 55 and older may be eligible for benefits such as transportation and supplemental insurance. For more information about either program, call Erika at 603-1686.

Slide Shows

On Monday, April 29 at 7 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park Library, Fred and Dorothy Waltz will share slides from their recent trip to southern Oaxaca, Mexico.

The presentation is part of the Armchair Adventures Travelogues series, jointly sponsored by the library and the St. Paul Audubon Society. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 917-0930.

The St. Paul Audubon Society presents "Dragonflies of the Upper Midwest" with Joel Chirhart on Thursday, April 11 at 7 p.m. at Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 Larpen Avenue.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 633-1663.

Sports Clinic

A free baseball/softball clinic for boys and girls age 7-13 will be held Saturday, March 30 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Como Park Senior High School.

Adult instructors will work with players at all positions and skill levels. Players should bring a glove and tennis shoes. Each participant will receive a free T-shirt. Soft drinks and cookies will be served after the clinic.

Minnesota Larks

Susan and Colin McAllister, whose Lincolnshire Larks was formerly located in St. Anthony Park's Milton Square, moved a year ago to Lincolnshire, England, from where they have continued to organize "larks," or tours of the countryside geared to a variety of travelers: Christmas revelers, gardeners, knitters, ghost hunters, antique shoppers, etc.

Susan McAllister will visit St. Paul this month to make plans for Minnesota Larks: three-day tours for Brits who want to visit the Midwest. Larks are being planned for the Twin Cities, north woods, prairies, heartland

and river bluffs.

McAllister will make two presentations at the St. Anthony Park Library, at 7 p.m. April 10, and 2 p.m. April 13. Tea and scones will be served. The talks are free and open to the public.

School Sign

Parents at St. Anthony Park Elementary have formed a committee to pursue ideas for an exterior school sign at the corner of Como Avenue and Knapp Street. Anyone interested in this endeavor can call Rebecca Tetlie at 659-9364 for additional information and meeting times.

Auction

St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ will host a "not so silent" auction and music event at the church, 2129 Commonwealth Avenue, on Friday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment will include live music by local resident and Helios member Mike Smith, as well as refreshments from area restaurants and caterers.

Health Class

Susan Galeota, massage therapist, and Carla Breunig, chiropractor and homeopath, offer "Body Smarts for Warm Season Fun" on Saturday, April 6 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Black Bear Crossings, 831 Como Ave. The fee is \$5. Registration is required by April 1. Call 644-0455.

Annual Meeting

The St. Anthony Park Community Foundation will hold its annual meeting at 7 p.m. on April 17 at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

The focus of the meeting will be on long-range neighborhood planning. David Lanegran will talk on "St. Paul Neighborhoods: Challenges and Opportunities." The public is invited to attend.

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us when they walk in the door. It's almost like we are family with the rest of the neighborhood," she says.

This connection with the neighborhood has translated into activism. Roasting Stones has hosted fundraisers for candidates whose organizations are housed on University, and Perron hopes to run for the District 12 Community Council and possibly even higher office.

This desire to connect with the greater community is not unique to Perron. Many of the other restaurants, shops and businesses in the area welcome the influx of people associated with Arts Off Raymond. Some will open earlier in the day, add special items to their menus, bring in musicians or add new decorations to welcome visitors.

In addition, there will be special events and demonstrations at several locations throughout the weekend: Tai Chi demonstrations in the Dow Building, Aikido demonstrations at 2390 University, chair massages, yo-yo demonstrations from world champion Mikey McCabe at Roasting Stones, the

Women's Drum Center performing group "Drumheart" at the Dow Building, and Raku demonstrations at Anodyne Artist Company, 825 Carlton Street. There will also be a bluegrass band playing at the Chittenden and Eastman Building, 2404 University Avenue, on Friday night. Times for all events will be on the map.

Although this is the third-largest event of its kind in the Twin Cities (after the Minneapolis Art-a-Whirl and the St. Paul Lowertown Art Crawl), the artists deliberately want to keep it somewhat small so that the feel of the event is more like a visit to some new-made friends than like an art fair. They especially relish the opportunity to meet their neighbors from St. Anthony Park because the community has done so much to support this event.

The St. Anthony Park Foundation has given Arts Off Raymond grants for the last two years, which have been used to buy a banner, a laptop computer and a database program, all of which are greatly appreciated. This year's grant (along with one

from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council) will also fund the trolley, printing and advertising costs and other expenses.

Participating artist Gretchen Dreisbach is typical in her feelings about the Arts Off Raymond event. "It's great to have all the people around, especially the kids," she says. "It's good to see them running in and out of the studios. In this way they see that art is not some special thing set off in museums, but it is an integral part of life."

"I don't do art to make a living, but to live. I appreciate the opportunity to show people that art is not about decorating or entertainment but encompasses all of life. Integrity is what is most important to me."

"But I also love seeing all the people. I am a bit of a recluse most of the time, so it's good to have so many people going through the studio. It's also good for them to see that the artists and their studios are all different."

I hope you will join me in meeting our neighbors in the Arts Off Raymond. It promises to be a blast!



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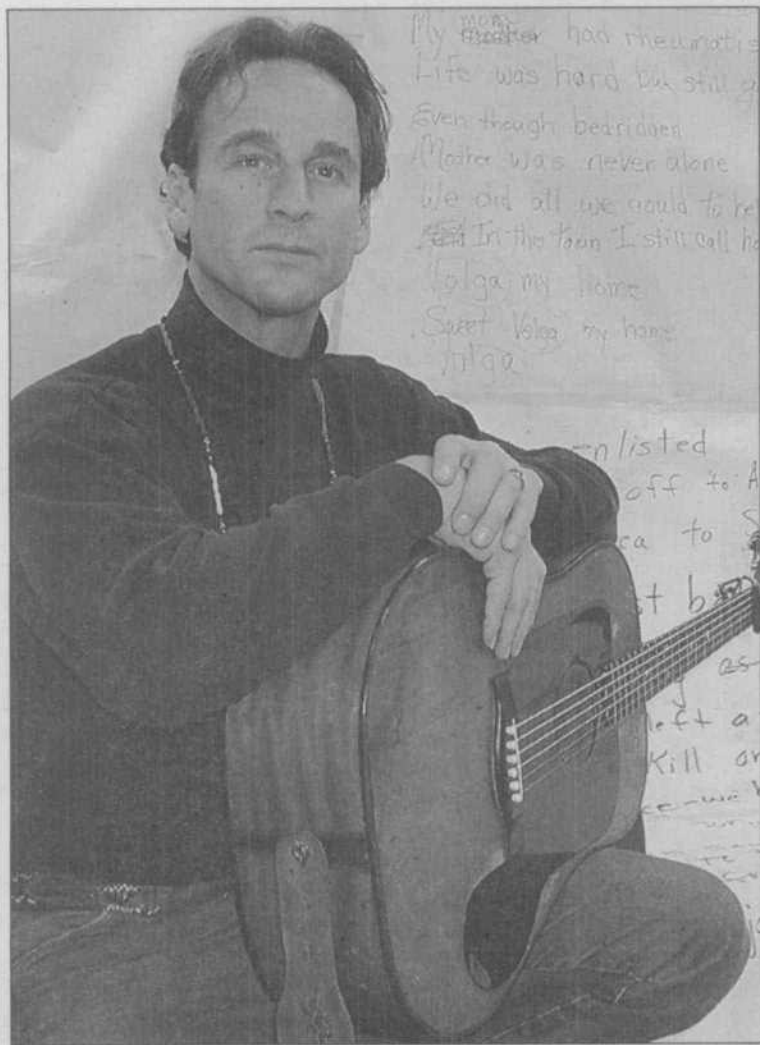
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Troubadour Larry Long visits St. Anthony Park April 19

National recording artist to sing at local school/community potluck

On April 19, Smithsonian recording artist Larry Long will sing at St. Anthony Park Elementary School as part of a community-building potluck and fundraiser for the school. The event is from 6-9 p.m.

Long has worked with Pete Seeger in the Mississippi River

Revival and in 2000 was part of the dedication of the Rosa Parks Museum in Montgomery, Alabama. A local resident, he travels widely as a troubadour.

Long is presently active in an intergenerational program called Elder's Wisdom, Children's Song (www.communitycelebration.org/) which several parents from St. Anthony Park Elementary hope to bring to the school.

As a young man, Long was

inspired by Woody Guthrie. "Woody had been through a lot of hardship," Long says, "yet he sang that we were bound for glory. He was always the optimist. I wanted to be like Guthrie, a troubadour, traveling

"I work to affirm the best of who we are as people, not the worst... to create models of compassion that can be replicated by others."

—Larry Long

around, singing songs for common people everywhere."

Though he was once considered a protest singer, Long no longer sees himself that way. "I work to affirm the best of who we are as people, not the worst," he says. "To simply protest is reactive. We have to create, with intention, models of compassion that can be replicated by others."

Long is featured in a recent book called "Compassionate

Rebels" by Burt Burdette, Rebecca Janke and Julie Penshorn of Growing Communities for Peace (www.peacemaker.org). Published in Minneapolis, the book tells stories of 50 people,

mostly local, who turned their anger or frustration into constructive community action. The authors will be present at the April 19 event to talk

about their book and sign copies.

Admission to the concert is free, thanks to the generous contributions of several neighbors. For the potluck, bring a dish to share (with a serving utensil) and your own plates, cups, silverware and napkins.

For more information about this event, contact John Karvel at 645-2765 or jkarvel@scc.net.

Art exhibit showcases local talent

by Amy Causton

Do you have an interest in local art? If so, you'll want to check out the Community Art Exhibit at the Undercroft Community Art Gallery in St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. The exhibit, which runs through April 13, features the work of numerous local artists.

This is the fourth year that St. Matthew's has hosted the art show. The exhibit, which opened February 24 with a reception attended by 200 people, is a multimedia, juried art show. Submissions were solicited through letters to previous participants, posters, ads and mailings to churches.

Each year a different judge selects which submissions will go in the exhibit and awards prizes. This year, local artist Bettye Olson judged the entrants, culling from over 80 submissions the 50 works that appear in the

exhibit. Prizes were awarded at the opening reception, and the winning pieces are identified in the exhibit.

Peg Houk, chair of the Undercroft Gallery, says that judges consider craftsmanship, design and form, and mastery of technique. While the show is open to various forms of both two- and three-dimensional art, all the pieces have something to do with the show's concept of "Celebration of Community."

"That's always been the theme of the show," says Houk, who adds that this year's event was made possible by a \$500 grant from the St. Anthony Park Association.

This exhibit is one of several mounted by the Undercroft Gallery, which has been in St. Michael's for about five years, after the church did a renovation and found that it created an ideal

gallery area. "We have such beautiful space," Houk says.

The gallery has about eight shows throughout the year. The next one, an exhibit of photographs by noted photographer Nell Ytsma, begins April 14.

Hours for the exhibit are 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and Sunday until 1 p.m. For more information, call 645-3058.

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Vintage Shops from page 11

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When Sandy Roth opened My Turn five years ago, being an entrepreneur wasn't exactly a lifelong ambition. Although she had worked in furnishings at a retail store in Illinois and developed a following, she never dreamed of having her own place. Then, her life changed—a divorce and a cancer diagnosis sent her on a soul-searching mission.

Says Roth, "Two years after moving here from Illinois, I was diagnosed with cancer and went through chemo. The doctor said that in 96 percent of the cases of this particular kind of cancer, mortality was three to five months after diagnosis. I told the doctor that was too bad because I was part of the 4 percent that survives. Even today, five years later, the doctors tell me that I'm one for the books."

Lots of synchronicity happened as Roth looked at real estate. She bought a home in Falcon Heights that once belonged to the Blomberg family and then found space in the Blomberg building for her store.

When she was putting together a plan for her business's growth, Roth created a 90-day goal for what she needed to do to be successful. She surpassed her goal then and continues to do so.

Roth buys merchandise directly from the public. Her clients are typically those who are downsizing, moving from a house into a townhome or apartment, relocating, or have parents moving to nursing homes.

Of course, such downsizing sometimes brings regrets, and people come back to buy replacement items for what they got rid of.

"Some people call this a 'second-hand shop,' but that's not it," says Roth. "It's

vintage stuff, mostly furniture, but I have all kinds of things—like books and music boxes.

The merchandise changes frequently. I'd say the stuff is used, unique, collectibles, some antiques."

Her philosophy is simple and straightforward: "People come to me with furniture and I ask them how much they think it's worth. Usually, I pay them more than what they think it's worth. I don't negotiate prices since I price fairly—quite a bit below other shops. A lot of times, people will buy my stuff, then I'll see it with a tremendous mark-up in another shop. Oh well," she smiles.

The greatest joys for Roth are the friends she makes. "The

caliber of people in this area is beyond belief. They have become my friends, and they know I work long hours so they'll bring me things like casseroles and sandwiches. It's amazing."

Roth's success has led her to open My Turn 2 on Lexington and Larpentuer in Roseville.

She pauses reflectively when discussing the past five years.

"When I see someone browsing the store who has no eyebrows or eyelashes and is wearing a cap, I walk up to them and say, 'So, how's the chemo going?' They might be a bit startled, but then I add, 'I've been there too, and you know that burning in your belly? Well I'll tell you what cures that—a nice cold beer!'"

Treasures to be found in the store aren't always the obvious ones. On top of a beautiful mahogany desk, amidst pewter cups, butter dishes, old photos and books, there was a small white booklet with a golden HHS insignia.

It turned out to be a tiny dance card belonging to a girl named Betty who attended the Harding High School Junior Senior Prom on May 22, 1936. Betty's dance card was filled, carefully inscribed, with the miniature white pencil still attached by a string.

I wondered what kind of night Betty had? Did she meet her future spouse there? What did she end up doing with her life? Did she marry, have a career, children? That type of find inspires the poet within.

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L I V E S L I V E D

Jean Thurber Armstrong

Jean Thurber Armstrong died on March 4, 2002, at the age of 84. She was a resident of the St. Anthony Park Home.

She grew up in Chatfield, Minnesota, and attended the University of Minnesota, where she met her husband, Robert. In 1950, they moved to Idyllvale Farm in Mound with their five children.

Preceded in death by her husband, Robert, and her two sisters, Joyce and Joanne, Mrs. Armstrong is survived by two sons, Richard Armstrong and John (Linda) Armstrong; three daughters, Judy (Paul) Bramsen, Carol (Brad) Pass and Patricia Armstrong (Paul Sherburne); and nine grandchildren. A memorial gathering was held at Lakeview Golf Course Club House in Mound.

Elisabeth Atchison

Elisabeth Atchison, a resident of Lyngblomsten Care Center, died on February 24, 2002. She was 76 years old.

Mrs. Atchison was born in St. Paul and graduated from Central High School and the University of Minnesota. She worked as an accountant for the city of St. Paul.

Survivors include her daughter, Christina (David) Sundry; three grandchildren, Evan, Kathryn and Zachary Sundry; and a sister-in-law, Dorothy Swanson. A funeral service took place on February 27 at the Lyngblomsten Chapel.

Joan Oakins Birkebak

Joan Oakins Birkebak, age 68, died on February 25, 2002. She was a former resident of St. Anthony Park and had recently lived in White Bear Lake.

Mrs. Birkebak grew up on Buford Avenue and graduated in 1951 from Murray High School. She was a member of Grace Evangelical Free Church in Fridley.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Roland Birkebak; two daughters, Susan (Eric) Donaldson and Sharon (Joel) Bearden; two sons, David Birkebak and Neil (Premi) Birkebak; five grandchildren, Jennifer, Jessica, Rachel, Jack and Vishal; a sister, Carol (William) Jenkins; and a brother, Gary (Judi) Oakins. A memorial service was held at Grace Free Church.

Jeannette D. Brobakken

Jeannette D. Brobakken died on March 10, 2002, at the age of 82. She was a longtime resident of the Como Park neighborhood and a member of Como Park Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Morris Brobakken, and is survived by two daughters, Karen Adams and Candace (Dan) Seaberg; five grandchildren, Jodie, Erick, Kristina, Leslie and Greg; and six great-grandchildren. A memorial service took place at Como Park Lutheran Church on March 15.

John M. Frisch

John M. Frisch, age 87, died on March 10, 2002. He was a resident of Lyngblomsten Care Center.

Preceded in death by his wife, Vera Frisch, he is survived by two daughters, Gretchen Chapman and Leslee (John) Tjomsland; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Marian; a brother-in-law, Ralph (Lorraine); and a sister-in-law, Carol. A memorial service was held at Lyngblomsten Chapel on March 16.

Mary Josephine Knaff Giefer

Mary Josephine Knaff Giefer died on February 26, 2002, at the age of 57. Her home was in the Como Park neighborhood.

Mrs. Giefer was the parish secretary at Holy Childhood Catholic Church from 1977 to 1985. She worked at Shalom Home from 1985 to 1991, and at Health East Optional Care from 1998 to 2002. She was a parishioner at Holy Childhood.

Preceded in death by a son, Eugene N. Giefer, she is survived by her husband, Eugene W. Giefer; two sons, Ron (LeAnn) Giefer and Chris (Kim) Giefer; three grandchildren, Jessica, Erin and Jaden; two brothers, Larry (Liz) Knaff of Evergreen, Colorado, and Gene Knaff of St. Paul; and three nephews, John (Laura) Knaff of Ft. Collins, Colorado, David Knaff of Milwaukee and Eric Knaff of St. Paul. A Memorial Mass was celebrated at Holy Childhood Church on March 1.

Lampie S. Haataja

Lampie Haataja, age 72, died on March 8, 2002. He was a resident of Lauderdale. A memorial service was held on

March 12 at United Methodist Church.

Allan Stephen Haff

Allan Stephen Haff died on February 22, 2002, at the age of 73. He was a longtime resident of St. Anthony Park, having grown up on Hendon Avenue.

Mr. Haff was a graduate of Murray High School in the class of 1946. He was a veteran of World War II and a graduate of the University of Minnesota in forestry in 1953. He worked for Consolidated Paper Company in Grand Marais for 15 years, then returned to St. Anthony Park in 1968 to join his father in the carpentry business. After his father's death, he became "St. Anthony Park's carpenter."

In 1996, he moved to Lake St. Croix Beach and spent the summers at Grand Marais. A year ago, he moved to a new home in Grand Marais.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Glenn Haff, and his wife, Carol Klein Haff, a longtime employee at Miller Pharmacy.

He is survived by his wife, Marie; six stepchildren; and many stepgrandchildren, aunts, uncles and cousins. At his request, there was no memorial service. Interment was private.

Alice Louise Gortner Johnson

Alice Louise Gortner Johnson, a longtime resident of St. Anthony Park, died on February 9, 2002, while vacationing in Florida. She lived for over 50 years on Raymond Avenue.

Mrs. Johnson was a magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Minnesota. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority. Her husband, Al Johnson, owned a clothing store in Southeast Minneapolis.

Preceded in death by her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Sarah Sawyer and Linda Sigveland; a son, Ross Johnson; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Elora Page; and companion, Gordon Burkland. A memorial gathering took place at 1666 Coffman on March 9.

Rev. Milton R. Lentz

Reverend Milton R. Lentz, age 77, died on March 1, 2002. He was the pastor at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church from 1975 to 1979.

Reverend Lentz had lived recently in Minnetonka. He pastored for over 23 years in both the Iowa and Minnesota Conferences of the United Methodist Church.

A funeral was held at Aldersgate United Methodist Church on March 8.

Louise C. Love

Louise C. Love died on March 2, 2002, at the age of 78.

Survivors include two daughters, Nancy (Michael) Anson and Laura (Maurizio) Nisita; and three grandchildren, Alexandra, Paul and Nora. A memorial service was held on March 10 at 1666 Coffman.

Magnus Olson

Magnus Olson, age 92, died on March 2, 2002.

He was born June 29, 1909, in Sor Fron, Gudbrandsdal, Norway, and emigrated with his parents, Ole and Elen Olson, to Proctor, Minnesota in 1921. He graduated from Proctor High School in 1928, from Duluth Junior College in 1930 and St. Olaf College in 1932. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Minnesota in 1934 and 1936 and was a member of the U of M Zoology Department from 1938 until his retirement in 1977. He was head of the department for 10 years and was awarded the Horace Morse award for outstanding teaching in 1976.

The Olsons lived in Prospect Park in Minneapolis for 40 years. They enjoyed their summer home at Grove Lake in Pope County for 35 years until 1998. He served as a captain and preflight instructor in the U.S. Air Force from 1942 to 1945. He was known as a talented instructor, card designer, watercolorist, wood carver, furniture builder, fisherman, camper and skier. He was a member of Prospect Park United Methodist Church.

Dr. Olson is survived by his wife of 62 years, Norma Moe Olson; a daughter, Ellen Rebecca (Michael) Stannard of Berkeley, California; a son, Stephen Olson (Margaret Hals) of Bergen, Norway; two granddaughters, Alison Murdock (Eric Elliott) of San Francisco and Anne Murdock of New York; and a great-granddaughter, Alexandra Elliott. A memorial service was held at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.

Esther S. Schroeder

Esther S. Schroeder, a St. Anthony Park resident for over 50 years, died on February 19, 2002. She was 98 years of age and had lived on Knapp Street and most recently at Lyngblomsten Care Center. Mrs. Schroeder was a member of Mount Olive Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Schroeder; six sisters, Lily, Adeline, Selma, Emma, Ethel and Hilma; and a brother, Carl. Survivors include her son, Bruce Schroeder; a daughter, Karen Schroeder; three grandsons, Kurt, Craig and Erik; four great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Services were held on February 21 at Mount Olive Lutheran Church.

Roger T. Steveken

Roger T. Steveken, age 73, died on February 21, 2002. He was a former resident of Como Park and had lived recently in West St. Paul.

Mr. Steveken grew up on Albert Street and graduated in 1946 from Murray High School, where he was an outstanding athlete. He attended the College of St. Thomas and then went into the insurance business. He was a parishioner at the Church of St. Joseph.

Preceded in death by a son, Patrick, and a brother, Frederick, he is survived by his wife of 45 years, Judith Steveken; two daughters, Katherine (Donald) Nowicki and Elizabeth Steveken; two grandsons, Brian and Daniel Nowicki; three brothers, Robert (Mildred) Steveken, Thomas Steveken and David (Mary Ellen) Steveken; and a sister-in-law, Joy Steveken. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at the Church of St. Joseph.

Lois M. Leonard Turner

Lois M. Turner died on March 8, 2002, at the age of 85. She grew up in St. Anthony Park on Commonwealth Avenue and had lived recently in Grand Marais.

Mrs. Turner was born on May 14, 1916, in Stillwater, then moved with her family to St. Anthony Park. She married Harvey M. Turner on July 24, 1940. She was a graduate of the University of Minnesota and earned her master's degree from

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1 Monday

■ AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church (651-644-0809), 8 p.m. Every Monday.

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

■ Como Park and Lauderdale recycling.

■ Spring break all week, no school, K-12.

2 Tuesday

■ Tot Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), Langford Park Rec Center (651-298-5765), 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Every Tuesday.

■ Toastmasters (651-645-6675), training in effective speaking, Hewlett Packard, Broadway & 280, 7:35-8:35 a.m. Every Tuesday.

■ St. Anthony Park Garden Club, St. Anthony Park Library, 7 p.m.

3 Wednesday

■ Women's Connection, a job networking organization (651-481-6925), Hubert Humphrey Job Corps Center, 1480 Snelling, Building #1, 8 a.m. Every Wednesday.

■ Leisure Center for Seniors (651-603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. Every Wednesday.

■ Book Talk, "Feng Shui Garden Harmony: Vitality, Energy, Spirit Garden for the Soul" with local author Minerva Nguyen. St. Anthony Park Library, 7 p.m.

■ St. Anthony Park recycling.

4 Thursday

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

■ Toastmasters (651-649-5162), U.S. Forest Service, 1992 Folwell Ave., St. Paul Campus, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Every Thursday.

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

5 Friday

■ Storytime for preschoolers ages 3-5, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m. Pre-registration requested. 651-642-0411. Every Friday.

■ Senior Citizen Fun Group (gym, bowling and darts), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Every Friday. (First Friday, blood pressure clinic by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, 9-10 a.m.)

■ Falcon Heights recycling.

6 Saturday

■ "An Evening in Afghanistan," 7 p.m., St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave.

8 Monday

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

9 Tuesday

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

■ St. Paul public schools senior high evening conferences.

■ Chelsea Heights Elementary kindergarten roundup, 1557 Huron St., 3:30 p.m. 293-8790.

10 Wednesday

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

■ Leisure Center for Seniors (651-603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. Free blood pressure clinic by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program.

11 Thursday

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

■ Free blood pressure clinic and health

resources by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, St. Anthony Park Library, 10-11 a.m.

■ Detoxification. Holly House director Dr. Patricia Lawler will explain how to cleanse toxins from your body. Free, 6 p.m., RSVP 645-6951.

■ "Dragonflies of the Upper Midwest," Falcon Heights City Hall, 7 p.m. 633-1663.

■ St. Paul public schools junior high evening conferences.

13 Saturday

■ Langford Teen Night (7th through 9th grade), Langford Park Rec Center (298-5765), 7-10 p.m. Parent permission required. Cost \$3.

15 Monday

■ Book Talk, "Two Tragic Poets: The Lives of Anne Sexton and Dylan Thomas," led by University of Minnesota Professor Emeritus Warren Gore. St. Anthony Park Library, 7 p.m.

■ Como Park and Lauderdale recycling.

16 Tuesday

■ District 10 board meeting, 7 p.m., Historic Streetcar Station, Como Park.

■ St. Paul public schools junior high evening conferences.

17 Wednesday

■ Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7 p.m.

■ St. Anthony Park Community Foundation annual meeting, 7 p.m., St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave.

■ St. Anthony Park recycling.

18 Thursday

■ Weight Loss. Holly House director Dr. Patricia Lawler will discuss a new, natural, and safe weight loss program with unprecedented success. Free, 6 p.m., RSVP 651-645-6951.

■ St. Paul public schools senior high evening conferences.

19 Friday

■ Falcon Heights recycling.

20 Saturday

■ FARE For All food distribution and registration at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 651-644-8833, 2323 Como Avenue, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

22 Monday

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

■ Hatha Yoga & Tai Chi. Classes start week of April 22. Call Holly House at 651-645-6951.

23 Tuesday

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

■ Poetry reading by Gerhard Neubeck in memory of Lou Safer. St. Anthony Park Library, 7 p.m.

24 Wednesday

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

■ 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.

■ Leisure Center for Seniors (651-603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. Free blood pressure clinic by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program

26 Friday

■ Senior Citizen Fun Group (gym, bowling and darts), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Every Friday. (Fourth Friday, blood pressure clinic by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program.)

■ St. Paul public schools, no school, K-12, staff professional day.

■ Auction and music, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Avenue, 6:30 p.m.

27 Saturday

■ Living Green Expo, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., State Capitol Grounds and Armory. 296-7242.

29 Monday

■ Como Park and Lauderdale recycling.

■ Armchair Adventures Travelogue, St. Anthony Park Library, 7 p.m. 917-0930.

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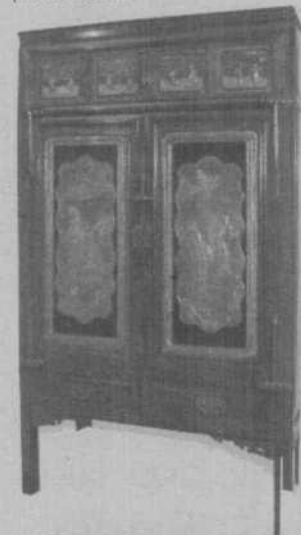
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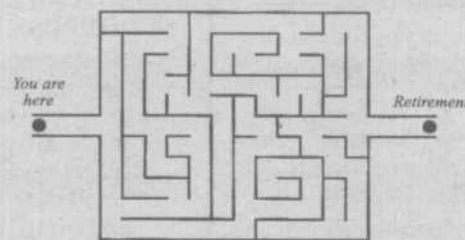
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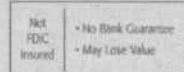
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Macalester College at the age of 51. She was a teacher's aide for 17 years at the Hartzel School in St. Paul. She served as religious education director for St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Roseville and volunteered at Children's Hospital in St. Paul.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Harvey Turner; a daughter, Carol (Thomas) Young of Atlanta, Michigan; a son, Charles Turner of Minneapolis; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Services were held March 10 in Grand Marais.

Joseph C. Vavrosky

Joseph C. Vavrosky, a resident of Falcon Heights, died on February 24, 2002, at age 84.

Mr. Vavrosky was a Cretin High School graduate in the class of 1935 and a graduate of the College of St. Thomas. He was a former official of the Minnesota Legislature, serving as assistant chief clerk in the House of Representatives from 1957 to 1973 and as assistant secretary of the Senate from 1978 to 1981. He was a parishioner at Maternity of Mary Catholic Church.

He was active in the Winter Carnival for many years and served as a king's guard in 1941 and a queen's escort in 1942. He was a Vulcan in 1948 and president of the Fire and Brimstone Club of former Vulcans in 1972. He met his wife when he gave her a Vulcan sooty kiss in 1948.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Shirley Vavrosky; a son, Robert (Joanie) Vavrosky; a daughter, Linda (Jim) Greenwalt; seven grandchildren, Elizabeth, Petrer, Katherine, Emily, Brenda (Brad) Nelson, Sara and Brian; a great-granddaughter, Maddie Nelson; two brothers, Raymond (Mary) Vavrosky and Wally (Dorothy) Vavrosky; and several nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Maternity of Mary Church on February 28.

Herbert J. Winkel

Herbert J. Winkel, age 72, died on March 10, 2002. He was a

former resident of Como Park, recently living in Shoreview.

Mr. Winkel grew up on Asbury Street and attended Murray High School with the class of 1949.

Survivors include his wife, Josephine Winkel; three sons, Michael (Bonnie) Winkel, David

(Maureen) Winkel and Daniel Winkel (Denise DeMars); seven grandchildren; two sisters, Lucille (Morris) Gale and Marjorie (Edwin) Russell; and many nieces and nephews. A funeral service took place on March 13 at Holcomb-Henry-Boom North Chapel.

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8, 9, & 11 am Worship; Nursery Care available from 8:45 am - 12 pm
10 am Adult Education & Sunday School
(Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays)
Rides available for 11 am worship;
call the church office before noon on Friday for ride.
Mid-week Lenten Services: Wednesday, March 6, 13 & 20, 10 am & 7 pm.
Palm Sunday, March 24: Worship, 8:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am.
Maundy Thursday, March 28: Worship, 10:00 am & 7:00 pm
Good Friday, March 29: Tennebrac Service, 10:00 am & 7:00 pm.
Easter Sunday, March 31: Sunrise Service, 6:30 am
Worship, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am.

Pastors: Martin Ericson and David Greenlund
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Holy Saturday, March 30 - Mass, 7:30 pm
Easter Sunday, March 31 - Mass, 8:30 am & 10:30 am

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Sunday: Worship Services - 8:30 am & 11 am, Japanese Service- 11 am
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Wednesday: Int'l. Women's Culture Class - 1 pm (Oct.-May)
Jr. & Sr. Hi Youth Meeting - 6:45 pm, AWANA - 6:45 pm
Adult Prayer & Bible Study - 6:45 pm

❖ ST. CECILIA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Cromwell and Bayless Place. 651-644-4502

Saturday Mass: 5 pm at the church
Sunday Mass: 10 am at church (nursery provided) and
8:15 am at Seal Hi-Rise, 825 Seal St. (handicapped accessibility)
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 7 am Mass at the Parish Center

Holy Week Schedule

Friday, March 29, GOOD FRIDAY

Morning Prayer - in Chapel: 8 am, Stations of the Cross: 3 pm
Celebration of the Passion and Death of the Lord: 7:30 pm

Saturday, March 30, HOLY SATURDAY

Morning Prayer - in Chapel: 8 am, EASTER VIGIL: 7:30 pm

Sunday, March 31, EASTER SUNDAY

Eucharist - Hi Rise: 8:15 am, Eucharist - Church: 10 am

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

Nursery Care provided - 10:15 am

Sunday, March 31, 7 am - Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service

w/SAP United Methodist Church at Langford Park

10 am - Regular Service at the church

Sunday, April 3, 10 am Communion

Sunday, April 21 - "Not So Silent" Auction begins

Friday, April 26, 6:30 pm doors open for Auction & Music Event

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Easter Sunday, March 31, 7 am - Worship with SAPUCC at Langford Park

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Sunday worship services at 8:45 & 11 am (nursery provided)

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Education Hour at 9:50 am

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10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rt. II

Christian Education for children, youth and adults on

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Prospect Hill Friends' Meetings Sundays at 4 pm.

Wednesday Services:

10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rt. I, in Chapel

Thursday, March 28: Maundy Thursday

7:30 pm - Commemoration of the "Last Supper"

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with stripping of the altar

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Friday, March 29: Good Friday

7:00 am - Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

12:15 pm - Good Friday Service (Passion Gospel & Hymns)

7:30 pm - Tenebre Service (traditional readings in darkness)

Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday

6:00 am - The Great Vigil of Easter celebrated at Sunrise

8:30 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with hymns

10:30 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with choir & instruments

Saturday, April 6: "An Evening in Afghanistan"

Fundraiser for The Alliance for Education for the Children of Afghanistan.

(Two seatings) 5:30 pm or 7:30 pm. Speaker 6:30 pm.

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Sunday Worship: 10:15 am (nursery provided)

Sunday School: 9 am. Rev. Timothy Held, Minister

