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Flying over the pigeonhole: St. Anthony Park artist lets her work classify itself

Linda Nelson Bryan returns to Arts Festival
by Dave Healy

Categories are the bane of an artist's existence. Consumers need them to help sort things out, but many artists resist categorization. Linda Nelson Bryan prefers to call what she does "textile art," but most art fairs don't have that category.

"I usually have trouble filling out applications for festivals," she says. "Often they don't know where to put me."

At the St. Anthony Park Arts Festival, Bryan is classified as "clothing/fiber." That captures some of what she does, but not everything.

Bryan's primary medium is fabric, but

what she does to it takes several quite different forms. She

might dye it and create a scarf. She might cut it up and produce a wall hanging. She might fashion a shirt or dress or coat with decorative stitching. She might even make a buzzard mask.

Because most of what she

does starts with fabric (the exception is a line of greeting cards made of stitched paper), Bryan is always on the lookout for interesting patterns and textures.

"I prefer a pattern that's not too overpowering or regimented—something that gives me a lot of flexibility," she says.

Bryan has been exhibiting at the St. Anthony Park Arts Festival for most of its history, starting in 1973, when she was still a student at the University of Minnesota, where she earned a master's degree in textile design.

"My B.A. was in arts education," she says. "When I did my student teaching, I discovered that counting how many scissors and rulers were left at the end of a class session got as much emphasis as what the kids might have learned. I decided to pursue a different path."

That path has not been



Linda Nelson Bryan works in her University Avenue studio. She will participate in the St. Anthony Park Arts Festival on June 4.

entirely devoid of scissors counting, as it turned out. Bryan, who admits to a weakness for auctions, once bought a bin of scissors at a postal auction. She hadn't examined the bin closely before bidding, and was more than a little surprised to find that it contained over a thousand pairs. Another time she bid on a sewing machine, only to discover that it came with about 900 zippers.

Fortunately, Bryan's spacious studio in the Crittendon Building at 2402 University Avenue gives her room to store

an abundance of materials. She's rented space there for 30 years and has been in her current spot for 25 years. It's a convenient location; she lives just a few blocks away on Raymond Avenue.

Bryan does 10-12 art shows a year, most in the Twin Cities area and a few in Wisconsin.

"That's plenty for me," she says. "It takes awhile to create enough inventory for a show. If I were going to do more, I'd have to hire an assistant, and I'm not interested in that. I don't want to run an assembly line."

Transit plans inch forward along Central Corridor

*Light rail favored
over busway by
most officials*

by Anne Holzman

The excitement over passage of a bonding bill that funds transportation projects has given way in recent weeks to some frustration over changes in federal rules that are slowing down the Central Corridor project along University Avenue.

Nevertheless, transit backers

continue to hope that either a light rail line or busway project will move forward by

summer, the choice between those options being held up for the moment as the new federal guidelines are satisfied.

The state bonding bill signed in April granted \$5.25 million to the Metropolitan Council for design, environmental impact statement, acquiring right-of-way and engineering a Central Corridor transitway running between downtown St. Paul and downtown Minneapolis.

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority has been carrying out Central Corridor studies already, working toward Federal Transit Administration guidelines that will release further federal funds to take the project into a more specific phase.

As of mid-May, both busway and light rail were still on the table, with most stakeholders

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And they started at the Bugle: Minnesota Women's Press marks two decades of independent feminist journalism

by Judy Woodward

What becomes of former Bugle editors, writers and staff? Some move on to other places and other professions. Some may even manage to advance into the ranks of the affluent—or at least the modestly well-compensated.

There's one group of Bugle alumnae, though, that has been able to translate their vision of vital, sustainable alternative journalism into two solid decades' worth of accomplishment. And they didn't even have to leave the neighborhood to do it.

The Minnesota Women's Press celebrated their 20th year of operation recently. It was a satisfying achievement for a group that received almost no initial encouragement and was astonished that they survived long enough to celebrate their first anniversary.

Twenty years down the

road, the organization—which has always been a for-profit enterprise—is solidly in the black. With cheerfully down-scale premises on Raymond Avenue and a paid staff of 15, they now operate the newspaper as well as two electronic

"Some people thought that something with 'women' in the name would never fly."

—Kathy Magnuson, co-publisher, Minnesota Women's Press

newsletters, a magazine called BookWomen, a women's business directory and a kind of travel bureau for booklovers. The newspaper has a circulation of over 40,000, and long after the disappearance of most other avowedly feminist publications, it continues to flourish.

All this was only a fantasy of

feminist empowerment two decades ago when the seven founding mothers of the operation began meeting in Mollie Hoben's St. Anthony Park living room to talk about what a women's newspaper would be like.

It was 1984 and Hoben, who was closing in on her 40th birthday, was looking for a change. She had taken a leave of absence from her regular job as a special education teacher in order to become full-time editor of the Bugle.

Now she gathered a group of like-minded women for wide-ranging discussions about a newspaper that would examine the lives, interests and viewpoints of the underrepresented gender. Almost all the women in those early meetings had worked for the Bugle in one capacity or another, and most lived in the

area.

Kathy Magnuson, former business editor at the Bugle, is now co-publisher of the Women's Press.

"For about a year, a group of us worked it out at Mollie's house," she says. "How we would fund it, whether it would be for-

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The St. Anthony Park Arts Festival marks its 36th year on Saturday, June 4 from 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. The festival takes place along Como Avenue between Luther Place and Carter Avenue. In addition to art exhibitors, it includes food, entertainment, sidewalk sales, displays by community organizations, a used book sale and a plant sale. On Friday, June 3 from 7-8:30 p.m. the Northern Lights 4-H Club hosts a pie social at the Park Midway Drive-up Bank at Como and Doswell Avenues.

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A special event, the Clean Water Fest, will be held June 18 at Como Lake from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. This is a free family event to be held rain or shine. Anyone willing to help with a shoreline trash pickup around the lake should register at 647-6816 or meisterd@quest.net.

There will be a free lunch for helpers. The Fest includes music, clowns, puppets, activities and games for all ages. Come to Shiffman Fountain, located at 1340 N. Lexington Parkway, right by the lake.

Falcon Heights

Preliminary conversations are beginning regarding future construction of the Bell Museum on the southwest corner of Larpenteur and Cleveland. The new museum is envisioned as a model and demonstration site for sustainability with regard to energy and sewer systems. Community meetings are planned to gather ideas.

The Farmers' Market is now open on Tuesday mornings at 2025 W. Larpenteur Avenue.

St. Anthony Park

The Community Council approved a site plan for the first phase of development on the Johnson Brothers site, located northeast of the University-Hampden intersection. A plan by Dominion Developers has the first phase consisting of rental units.

The council approved a site plan for the old Fuller site on Energy Park Drive, just west of Hwy. 280. This site will be occupied by Secure Computing, whose 225 employees provide anti-virus software.

The council has opposed a proposed site for a bus barn near University Avenue and Hampden.

Two mapping meetings have been held to refine details for a new District 12 plan. A second draft will be presented to the public in August.

The council will host an evening of personal safety at the South St. Anthony Recreation Center on June 13 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This evening will include St. Paul Police Department tips on staying safe in cars, homes and businesses; and a workshop on self-defense led by Anita Bendickson, a 4th-degree Black Belt who is affiliated with the Midwest Karate Association.

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Hendon/Hythe garden part of June 25 tour

Wang Ping's garden accented by fence, patio, shrubs and trees

by Mary Maguire Lerman

As a frequent walker in the Hendon/Hythe area, I've noticed changes to the property at the southeast corner of that intersection.

About five years ago, the home was given a new stucco coat in a rich ginger color. Next, a modern block wall of similar color was installed to replace the older failing concrete wall.

Shortly thereafter, the home went up for sale. Then, major landscape changes began to appear in 2001, evidence of budding new gardens.

Before its sale, the home had a traditional wrapping of hydrangeas on the north side of the home. Now, hydrangeas hardly ever happen at this home at Hendon and Hythe.

Wang Ping is the gardener and homeowner who organized the many changes in her home and landscape. Her first project was to install a cedar and bamboo fence on the south property edge to provide privacy and a backdrop for the patio and new porch.

The first plants to disappear from the yard were the hydrangeas at the north entrance.

Wang created a softer entrance with a curve at the upper portion of the staircase ending in a Kasota stone landing with an elaborate ornamental iron railing.

Kasota stone, which matches the house's exterior and the wall color, was used to create a patio on the south side, along with meandering stepping-stone paths to the east and a staircase up the hill from the west.

Two fabulous mature bur oaks, evidence of the oak savanna that once protected the pre-

settlement lands of St. Anthony Park, grace the property.

Like many of her neighbors, Wang enjoys the oaks but laments the lack of sunny areas. She admits her vegetable/fruit garden will soon be replaced by yet another landscape feature.

A grove of volunteer trees at the southwest corner of the property had for years been a dumping area for leaves and brush by the former owners.

After removing the debris, Wang thinned the stand to provide more light. She built terraces up from the Hythe sidewalk and began installing an array of plantings.

Wang uses deciduous shrubs, trees and conifers to accent her gardens. Her plant palette includes several Japanese maples, a Japanese tree lilac and the rare Dawn Redwood.

Herbaceous perennials including Hosta add color and texture, augmented by a rich selection of chartreuse-colored plants.

Mature cottonwood trees on the Hythe side of the property stand as sentinels and provide great summer sounds as the waxy leaf blades brush each other.

During winter the colors of

the conifers highlight these gardens.

Wang is considering the addition of a pond to her landscape. Every year as I pass her gardens, new additions appear, so I look forward to what the future holds.

Come view this budding landscape at the St. Anthony Park Garden Tour on Saturday, June 25.

The St. Anthony Park Garden Tour is a biennial garden tour sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Garden Club. Proceeds benefit garden and natural resource programs in the community. The tour will be held Saturday, June 25th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and features 10 special gardens. Advance tickets (\$10) can be purchased at Noll Hardware, Park Hardware, Ginkgo in the Park, Micawber's and Hearts and Vines. Tickets the day of the tour (\$12) are available on the grounds of the St. Anthony Park Library.



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Chart(er)ing a new course in education

Minnesota has been a leader in the charter school movement. The first charter school legislation was passed here in 1991. That law allowed the formation of eight charter schools, the first of which, City Academy in St. Paul, opened in 1992. As of this spring, Minnesota had 104 charter schools with a combined enrollment of 17,500 students. Yet many people remain confused about just what a charter school is.

Under the charter concept, a group of teachers or other interested parties may apply for permission to open a school. They must specify a particular mission or educational focus. The school operates under a "charter" or contract, approved by the Minnesota Department of Education. It can be with a school district, college/university, nonprofit corporation or foundation. Every three years the chartering organization reviews the school to determine if the conditions of the charter are being met and decides whether to renew it. Charter schools are public schools, funded on a per-pupil basis.

The main idea behind the charter school movement is that educational innovation may be hindered by the kind of standardization and bureaucracy that often prevail in public school districts, especially large ones. To foster creativity, the thinking goes, it may help to free educators from the control a district ordinarily maintains.

For example, an individual school wanting to institute project-based learning in all classes might find that a tough sell in a large district. A charter school, on the other hand, could adopt such an approach without having to get district approval.

In some ways, then, charter schools are unlike other public schools. Each school is legally required to have its own board, and teachers must constitute a majority of board members. Charter schools cannot own property or buildings. They cannot pass levies to supplement their budgets. They can be closed for reasons other than low enrollment.

In other ways, though, charter schools are similar to other public schools. Given available space, they must accept any student who applies. They cannot charge tuition. Their state funding is based on enrollment, and they are eligible for federal funding—with the obligations that imposes. They are subject to state standards for curriculum, instruction, health and safety, and their students take all required state tests. Their teachers must have state licensure.

But despite—or sometimes because of—these similarities, many people don't understand what charter schools are or how they operate.

Perhaps the most common confusion is between charter schools and magnet schools. Both draw students from outside their attendance areas. Like magnets, charters have a particular curricular focus. A new charter school in St. Anthony Park, for example, will be a German immersion school. Among the 33 schools that have been approved and plan to open in 2005 or 2006 are the Academy of Bioscience, the Augsburg Academy of Health Careers, the F. Scott Fitzgerald Writing Academy, the LoveWords Academy for Visual and Performing Arts, Minnesota Online High School, the Recovery School of Southern Minnesota.

In the world of advertising, this is called niche marketing, and that's a concept most people *do* understand. Any parent of school-age children knows that schools compete, sometimes fiercely, for students. Competition isn't new; private schools have always competed with public schools to attract students. What's new is that now public schools are competing with each other.

Competition has implications not only for public schools but for the students who attend them and the parents of those students. Many parents of today's students went to what we now call "neighborhood schools." For them, educational choices were fairly uncomplicated. You went to either a public school or a private one. If it was public, it was the one closest to where you lived.

Today's parents face a greatly expanded world of educational choice. The range of options is exciting . . . and daunting. What would be the best match for your child? Which of the multitudinous curricular emphases would best meet his or her unique needs and potential?

Even making as apparently simple a choice as whether to send your child to a language immersion school proves complicated. Do you want Spanish or French or (now) German? If Spanish, which of the 10 Spanish immersion schools in the Twin Cities is right for your child?

Answering those questions demands research: attending open houses, making classroom visits, talking to teachers and other parents. It's almost like being back in school yourself.

So we need one more charter school: The Midway Academy for Beleaguered Parents Facing School Choice.

Planning has long history

Recent Bugle articles have concerned St. Anthony Park's need for a plan, suggesting that we do not have a plan. St. Anthony Park has always had plans, better than most communities. As early as 1910 there was a St. Anthony Park Improvement Association.

We have been fortunate to have people of vision who were willing to make the effort to plan and produce. For example, in earlier days no public school had an indoor swimming pool. The St. Anthony Park Association Planning Committee thought there should be one at Murray. After much effort and the great work of Joe Skovholt, Murray was the first St. Paul public school to have an indoor pool.

Later the St. Anthony Park Association undertook a community survey that contacted 97 percent of the neighborhood's dwelling units. Based on this information, Norman Day, professor of urban design at the University of Pennsylvania and a former member of the Association, prepared a preliminary plan.

In 1969 a comprehensive community plan was completed. The present zoning system in St. Anthony Park is mostly that which was recommended by the 1969 plan. That plan received widespread recognition. Professor Gary Meyer, who studied

community projects throughout the country, wrote that St. Anthony Park's citizen evaluation was probably the most detailed community study ever made in the U.S. The St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce voted an award to the St. Anthony Park Association for its plan, the first such award ever given to a non-commercial enterprise.

These reflections are not intended to downplay the present community planning effort, but to point out that many people have done important work in keeping St. Anthony Park a great place to live.

*Fred Steinhauser
St. Anthony Park*

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St. Anthony Park*

A successful Peace Concert

As a member of Minnesota Neighbors for Peace, I thank the Bugle and particularly Judy Woodward, who wrote a wonderful story in last month's issue announcing our Mother's Day Peace Concert presented by Music in the Park.

It was a huge success! We had a fabulous turnout and collected several thousand dollars for the American Refugee Committee to benefit survivors of war.

Many thanks to the musicians Butch Thompson,

Vern and Michael Sutton, Thelma Hunter and Laura Sewell, and to St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ for hosting the event.

In an interview with Judy, I was unclear about our numbers. Membership in St. Anthony Park Neighbors for Peace is informal, but hearteningly large. Fifteen to 20 of us continue to serve as the core planning committee, 425 people have asked to be included on our list, and new people continue to join in our effort to help bring about a more peaceful world.

Monkey Island Park

I am updating and expanding a book I wrote 30 years ago on street and place names of St. Paul. I'm interested in a location that park board records refer to as Hendon Triangle Monkey Island Park. If anyone knows where this rather surprising name came from, I'd like to hear from you. You can reach me in the following ways. Thanks for any help you can give me.

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It's not too early to plan for the Fourth of July

Volunteers needed to help with annual St. Anthony Park event

In an era when places and events seem so far away, when franchises and freeways dominate, July 4th in St. Anthony Park stands as a highlight every year for our neighborhood.

Even if you've seen it all before—the silly marchers, the proud St. Anthony Park Home elders, the little kids and dogs, the old jalopies, those waving politicians and the volleyball battles at Langford Park—you still come back for more.

This year marks the 57th year that the St. Anthony Park Association will sponsor the Fourth in the Park celebration, with the only neighborhood July 4th parade in St. Paul.

"St. Anthony Park is all about walking to places, saying hello to neighbors and gathering as a community," said July 4th co-coordinator Cindy Vik Thrasher. "And the July 4th event is the epitome of that."

The parade starts at 11 a.m.

Children can decorate their bikes to join the stroll down Como Avenue after gathering first at Park Service Station.

"People should stay all day and see the transition from parade to games to lounging to dancing."

—Julie Glowka, co-coordinator

Afterwards, everyone can spend the afternoon at Langford with neighbors, family and even people from outside the neighborhood (yes, they're allowed), listening to music from the bandstand, riding ponies, running in races, throwing horseshoes or playing tennis.

Food will be supplied by the Langford Park Booster Club all day. At night, the Belfast Cowboys play rock-n-roll.

"People should stay all day and see the transition from parade to games to lounging to dancing," said Julie Glowka, the other co-coordinator. "July 4th is

definitely a day-long festival in St. Anthony Park."

The event is supported by contributions, local businesses and the St. Anthony Park Association. With insurance, mailing costs, music and parade permits on the bill, the day's events cost about \$7,000.

That's why organizers are seeking donations. These can be dropped off at Park Midway Bank. Also, a mailing will be sent soon with more information.

To help with various tasks on July 4th, please contact the coordinators: Julie Glowka at 647-9969, julieglowka@aol.com, or Cindy Vik Thrasher at 644-4794, cbthrasher@comcast.net.

If you want to march in the parade or help plan it, contact Sandee Kelsey at 645-9053, kelse005@umn.edu.

If you can help with envelope stuffing on June 1 at 6:30, come to Langford Rec Center.



St. Anthony Park Neighbors for Peace

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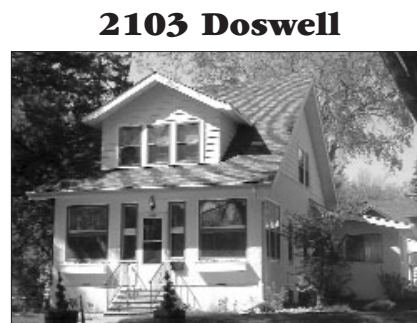


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Exhilarating, unforgettable ride through Rajasthan

St. Anthony Park woman assists Relief Riders International

by Lisa Steinmann

The right vehicle for travel can make a great trip even better. St. Anthony Park resident Shirley Campbell found the perfect vehicle for her trip through Rajasthan in northern India this spring: Himi, "a difficult, awkward little Marwari horse who loved to run."

Campbell and her mount traveled 200 miles in 10 days, riding four to six hours a day. They were part of a group called Relief Riders International. It was, Campbell says, "the most exhilarating, unforgettable trip I have ever taken."

Campbell admits to being a senior citizen who was enjoying a quiet moment with a hot cup of tea when she first read about the Relief Riders International (RRI) in a January issue of the StarTribune.

She liked the fact that RRI was not simply offering a horse safari. It had all the elements she wanted in a travel experience: exotic adventure, horseback riding and relief work.

Half or more of the cost of the trip would go to pay for medicine and supplies that the riders would deliver to villages along their travel route. Campbell signed up for the trip that same day.

Time was tight; Campbell had only four weeks to get ready for her trip. Her preparations included renewing her passport and obtaining a visa and the required shots. She also assembled an English riding

outfit. She found a pair of used half-chaps (knee-high gaiters worn with short boots) and borrowed her sister's kayaking helmet.

In addition she squeezed in as many riding lessons as she had time for at Woodloch Stables in Hugo. Campbell had doubts about her abilities on horseback, but she boarded the plane for New Delhi armed with Ibuprofen and a sense of adventure.

"It was hard not to feel as if one had been transported to the Middle Ages, but without the violence or cruelty."

—Shirley Campbell

The group of 20 or so riders was accompanied by RRI founder Alexander Souri and a crew of grooms and cooks. They traveled soft, sandy, country lanes over desert and between fields of spring wheat.

They were warmly welcomed in the towns and villages—often met with marigold garlands, speeches and performances.

Few tourists visit the Shekawati region the RRI group traveled through, so they were viewed as a novelty.

The expedition was co-sponsored by the Red Cross and accompanied by camel carts carrying medicine and school supplies. Indian Red Cross doctors met the group at village centers, where Campbell and the others assisted by registering patients and handing out

medicines.

"Over a thousand people were diagnosed and treated," says Campbell. "I don't think the Red Cross could do that alone."

The accommodations were particularly fascinating for Campbell. Several nights were spent in circular yurt-like tents. While in tent camp, she said, it felt "like we were Victorian explorers with their retinues of bearers and cooks."

Delicious meals of curries and papadom (crisp Indian bread) were prepared and served on ceramic dishes with metal cutlery and glasses.

After the meal they would sit around a bonfire and the men of their crew would sing traditional Rajasthan songs.

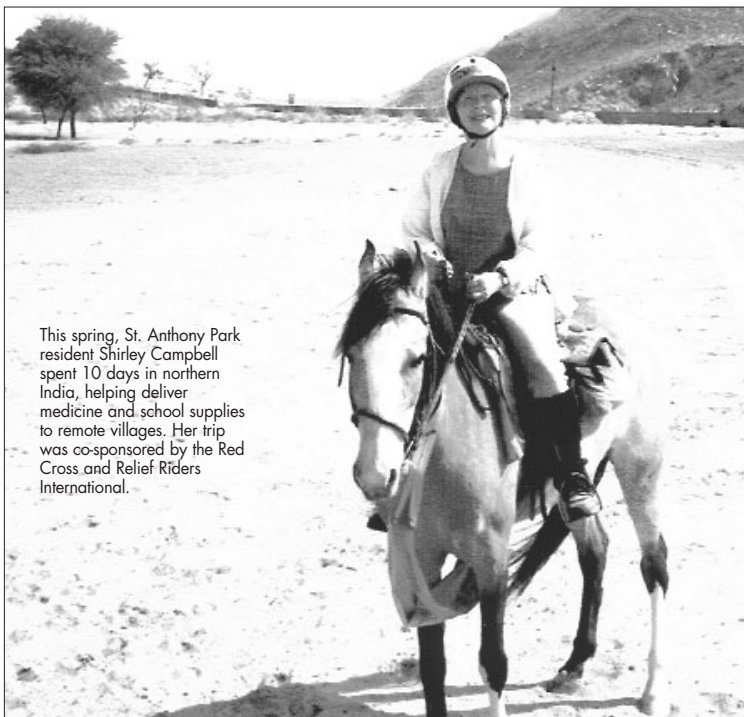
When not in tents, the riders stayed in forts, formerly the fortified residences of the rajahs, and havelis, large villas lived in by merchant families during the Raj.

While Campbell found these places "luxurious and well kept," they also conveyed the sense of "faded opulence."

She said, "It was hard not to feel as if one had been transported to the Middle Ages, but without the violence or cruelty."

Campbell is excited about the thought of another trip with RRI. Souri is currently planning three more trips, including a short Himalayan ride for novice riders and a Tsunami relief ride.

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This spring, St. Anthony Park resident Shirley Campbell spent 10 days in northern India, helping deliver medicine and school supplies to remote villages. Her trip was co-sponsored by the Red Cross and Relief Riders International.

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New charter school to open in St. Anthony Park

Twin Cities German Immersion School will start classes in fall

By Lisa Steinmann

Quick, name the language spoken by the largest immigrant group in the United States. You would be right if you said German. In Minnesota, more than a third of residents claim German ancestry.

It's no wonder, then, that there is interest in a new language immersion school that will feature German. The Twin Cities German Immersion School, the first of its kind in Minnesota, will be setting up shop in the former union hall at 1399 Eustis Street (near Como Avenue and Highway 280) in St. Anthony Park.

They will be open for kindergarten and first grade in the fall of 2005, expanding yearly until they run through eighth grade.

One of the school's co-directors, Mary-Fred Bausman-Watkins, welcomed the opportunity to introduce the school to the community. "We want to be good neighbors," she said.

Bausman-Watkins described the school's genesis as taking place in a climate where interest in language immersion schools is growing. Currently there are 13 language immersion schools in the Twin Cities. Ten of the schools teach Spanish, and three French.

According to Bausman-Watkins, Minnesota is one of the hot places to be for language immersion education. In developing their plan for a German immersion program, the school's organizers worked with Tara Fortune, immersion projects coordinator at the Center for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition at the University of Minnesota.

Bausman-Watkins said that in addition to the obvious benefits of immersion schooling, such as learning a foreign language at an optimal age for language acquisition and developing an international perspective, parents value the general high academic achievement children can gain.

In addition to being a natural addition to the scene as an ethnic heritage language in Minnesota, Bausman-Watkins believes that German has value as

a contemporary world language. "German is spoken by millions of people around the world," she said, adding that Germany has one of the strongest economies in Europe and is among the top four economies in the world.

The new school is co-sponsored by the Germanic-American Institute based in St. Paul. For a number of years the Institute has offered German language classes and other activities, and it's been an important resource for Americans interested in their German language heritage as well as German-speaking citizens who live in the Twin Cities, Bausman-Watkins said.

far. She added, "We also like the idea of being part of a brand new school."

Planning for the new school started in the summer of 2003. The school was approved by the Minnesota Department of Education last September for charter school status. This means that the school has no tuition and is open to all children.

Teachers must hold Minnesota state teaching licenses and be fluent in German. Being a charter school gives the administrators the freedom to have a custom curriculum written by their own specialist.

Bausman-Watkins described it as "a Minnesota public school curriculum based on state standards using German text books to help students achieve success."

Like most immersion schools,

all instruction in the early grades will be in German. English language arts are introduced in third grade and take on a larger role in the curriculum until eighth grade. After eighth grade, Bausman-Watkins imagines that their students will restore a demand for German language instruction at some Twin Cities high schools.

Recently, both Murray Junior High and Como Senior High dropped their German language classes. Central High School is the only high school in the district that is certain to offer German next fall.

Bausman-Watkins doesn't see that her school is in competition for students with neighborhood schools. "We serve a different market," she said. "We are not a school for everybody."

She said she expects that their school will primarily attract families interested in the language immersion school model.

"Our kids come from all over the Twin Cities. In fact, currently, there are more students signed up from Minneapolis than from St. Paul."

She added, "We don't want to be a big school. We'll be able to get to know our students and parents really well."

For more information about the Twin Cities German Immersion School, call 492-7106 or visit www.germanschool-mn.org.

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—Mary-Fred Bausman-Watkins, co-director
Twin Cities German Immersion School

Members of one of the Institute's language classes, for preschool children and their parents, especially wanted a German language immersion school, Bausman-Watkins said. The German-American Institute surveyed all their members and "the interest was overwhelming."

Shea and Chris Eliassen of Falcon Heights are looking forward to taking German classes at the Institute. They want to keep up with their two daughters. Cate will be entering kindergarten at the Twin Cities German Immersion School, to be joined later by Mia, now a preschooler.

"We have some German heritage," said Shea Eliassen. "Our daughter Mia is named after my husband's grandmother Amelia, who came from Germany."

Mostly, the Eliasens are interested in language immersion education for their daughters. Shea Eliassen spent her first two years of college in Europe.

"No matter how much I studied," she said, "I couldn't be as fluent in French as a native. I made a mental note to expose my children early to a foreign language."

Eliassen first read about the school in the Park Bugle. In addition to the convenient location, she likes the staff and program at the school and the other families they have met so

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leaning toward light rail. It's now assumed either mode would run along University Avenue rather than Interstate 94, which was once considered an option.

Local authorities expressed frustration that the federal agency changed its rules in recent months, requiring a new round of computer modeling that caused extra work and delays.

"Hopefully, we'll have that done in the next couple months," Steve Morris, Central Corridor project manager at the Railroad Authority, said in early May.

Assuming the FTA approves the preliminary study, the Railroad Authority will submit its findings to the Central Corridor Coordinating Committee, which answers to the Met Council and includes state, county and city officials from affected areas, plus a representative from the University of Minnesota, since the line will pass through or near the Twin Cities campuses and could be affected by the construction of a new football stadium.

That committee will seek public comment, then recommend a more specific environmental impact statement.

Morris said he hopes the committee can recommend a "preferred local alternative"—probably light rail—by the end of this year.

Rep. Alice Hausman, whose district lies just north of the corridor, said she hopes the project moves quickly.

"If you drive on 94, you know we need to do something fast," she said.

Construction probably could start in about three years at the earliest, Hausman said, but it could take as long as five years to get going. Completion could be expected in five to nine years, she said.

Morris said funding will continue to be an issue as various sources patch together the resources.

"Funding is not certain until right before you go under construction," he said.

Barb Thoman, at the nonprofit Transit for Livable Communities in St. Paul, said she's frustrated by the FTA's "enormous delay." And even though she rides buses herself and likes them, she too said light rail looks like the best option.

"I think the main concern is capacity," she said. "It's already a very busy corridor."

Thoman said it's hard to find examples of busways in other cities that might work here. The concept is hazy, she noted, sometimes referring to nothing more than a hyped-up color scheme.

She said at the very least signal priority would be necessary in the Central Corridor in order to keep buses moving, but even that probably wouldn't make them fast enough.

"There's already bus

congestion" along University Avenue, she said.

Morris said there are some bus strategies that could speed them up significantly, including "fare collection that happens off the vehicle."

But even though buses are cheaper in the short run because they don't require electrical infrastructure, "operating costs of a bus will tend to be much higher than for light rail" because each bus needs a driver, whereas a light-rail operator can run multiple cars, Morris said.

In a preliminary study, Morris said, "bus rapid transit appeared to be under capacity and would not meet the needs for very long."

Thoman said maintenance costs favor light rail over the long term, as well. She said a bus typically lasts 10 to 12 years, while a light rail car is expected to last 25 years, then can be rebuilt to last another 25 years.

"The number-one priority of the Chamber of Commerce right now is creating light rail along the Central Corridor."

—Rick Beeson, chair
St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce

Hausman, who has traveled to other U.S. cities as well as to Europe studying transit options in her role as lawmaker, said there are plenty of models for successful light rail lines, and she hopes the Central Corridor builders will bring in planners with experience in those cities to solve problems and speed up construction.

"I still don't understand why we're having trouble with the software on the Hiawatha line," she offered as an example of problems that have been solved elsewhere.

"When you're going in a new direction," Hausman said, "you have to bring people in" with some relevant experience.

She said the intersection at Snelling and University may present the biggest challenge, but noted that other cities have managed similar intersections without completely closing them off—in one case carrying on construction only during nighttime hours.

Hausman said she hopes St. Paul can avoid some of the traffic snarls and delays that plagued Minneapolis when the Hiawatha line was built.

"We shouldn't have to do to University Avenue what they did to Fifth Street," she said.

A better approach this time around is critical, she pointed out, because only a small portion of the Hiawatha line runs on streets, whereas the Central Corridor looks as if it will be entirely embedded track, or nearly so.

Rick Beeson, president of Park Midway Bank and chairman of the St. Paul Area Chamber of

Commerce, is a member of the Central Corridor Partnership.

"The number-one priority of the Chamber of Commerce right now is creating light rail along the Central Corridor," he said.

The Chamber has been lobbying intensively at state and federal levels, Beeson said, and has hired a community outreach coordinator, Priscilla Zee, to help businesses prepare for the inevitable disruption.

The lobbying should have started sooner, Beeson said, and he worries about the potential drain on east metro businesses if the western metro gets transit—and the development that goes with it—first.

"This should have been the first line instead of Hiawatha, but we didn't have our act together," he said. But he's pleased that the Legislature delivered the bonding bill this session, moving the Central Corridor line forward.

The Chamber definitely favors light rail over buses, Beeson said. Bus rapid transit would be a lot less disruptive, he noted, but "this decision is a hundred-year investment."

Beeson said the most significant demographic affecting the choice is a projection that the region served by the Central Corridor will experience a population growth of 700,000 people in the next couple of decades.

"Downtowns won't have the capacity to handle buses in 20 years," he said.

That said, some business owners along the corridor are nervous about the prospect of light-rail construction.

Beeson said that because University Avenue is already a wide street, "we can keep both directions open at any given point" while construction goes on.

But that may not help the individual shop owner whose pavement is ripped up during construction.

The key, Beeson said, is for business owners to get involved in the planning, and stay in it throughout construction. He said last year it was pressure from businesses neighboring the Ford Parkway Bridge that forced a change in construction schedules so that the bridge remained open.

"We can't let the engineers take over the construction," he said.

"We do want people to weigh in," Beeson said. Those who "choose not to participate and to oppose, they're missing an opportunity to help manage the project."

Beeson, whose bank has an office on University Avenue, said the construction bother will be well worth the trouble in terms of economic development.

"It'll be staggering, the impact this will have on the whole avenue," he said.

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Taking a quick Peek at nature

Lauderdale resident plans learning center

by Michelle Christianson

Optical illusions are fascinating to inspect. Look at the image one way and it's an urn; change your focus and it becomes two faces. Sometimes it's even possible to see both images at once. That's what it's like to talk with Lauderdale resident Allen Peek.

Peek is a nature photographer. Peek is also an aspiring environmental educator. And because he has to make a living right now, Peek is a supervisor for cafeteria managers at 15 Minneapolis public schools.

Growing up in Bloomington, Peek learned photography from his father, Wallace Peek, an internationally recognized amateur photographer.

The elder Peek won a top prize at the State Fair for his photographs, judged amateur competitions and helped run the darkroom at Courage Center as a volunteer.

He gave his old cameras to Allen, who "learned the basics using a basic camera, an Argus C3." Wallace also gave his son a passion for beauty as he taught him the basics of composition and light.

That passion was honed on camping trips with his family as well as on solo trips—up to a month at a time—in the Boundary Waters, sometimes even in winter. There Peek developed a keen eye for what makes an interesting picture, spending much time and energy getting just the right angle, lighting and focus.

He doesn't use a digital camera, preferring "capturing

what is reality to creating an image."

Even as he prepared to become a chef, Peek continued to take pictures as a hobby. "I do it because I must," he says.

He trained under a chef at

Mariott, where he helped plan and prepare five entrees, two soups, three vegetables, a starch and a hand-carved item for 500 people every day. He then was

head chef at the Falls Cafe in the Government Center and now works for the food service department of the Minneapolis Public Schools in a supervisory capacity.

Peek has always wanted to share the beauty of nature with others, so he was grateful for the chance to show his photos recently at Coffee Grounds on Hamline Avenue and to sell some of the cards with his images on them.

But he wants also to pass on his vision and appreciation for nature to the next generation, and that's where the next image of Peek comes into focus.

Allen and his wife, Renee, are involved in setting up a nonprofit environmental learning center that will teach children about the Mississippi River.

They have set up the corporation and are now waiting for approval to become tax-exempt. Then they will apply for grants, build a floating classroom (a 25-foot pontoon) that's as safe as possible, and develop a curriculum that examines every part of a 20-mile stretch of the river.



Allen Peek's nature photography was recently displayed at Coffee Grounds in Como Park.

The project, named PEEK (Providing Experiential Education for Kids) Adventures, will expose a new environment to children who have never had the opportunity to be on the river.

Renee, who has worked at the Job Corps for 17 years, brings her teaching ability and creativity to the endeavor, while Allen brings his vision and appreciation for nature. They also will have a science component in the

curriculum and intend to involve others in its development.

Ideally, the boat will be in the water by next spring. The Peeks will partner with other nonprofits to reach the children they intend to educate.

The Peeks want to give children the opportunity to do something they have never done before, but they also want to inspire those students to then pass that knowledge on to others. Says

Allen, "I would love to have them say, 'I learned something; who can I tell?'"

Allen adds, "Very few of us really live our lives. We work our lives and then live our weekends. I want to teach people to live at the speed of life rather than at the speed of light."

So which image of Allen Peek is the correct one? Photographer, teacher, entrepreneur? All three, of course.



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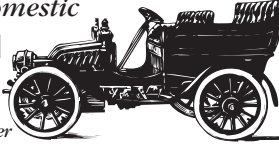


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Partner**Kasota Pond cleanup draws large turnout**

by Karlyn Eckman

The weather was brisk and sunny for the annual Kasota Pond cleanup, held this year the morning of Saturday, April 23. About 45 volunteers worked hard to collect litter and garbage from the four Kasota ponds and the Bridal Veil duck pond. At least 20 of the volunteers were children, many more than at previous cleanups.

This annual event is sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Community Council Environment Committee. Local merchants generously provided refreshments: Bruggers Bagels, Hampden Park Coop, and Tim and Tom's Speedy Mart. The St. Paul Public Works Department provided trash compactors and dumpsters.

The volunteers were happy to note that the annual harvest of garbage seemed smaller than in previous years, possibly because of the new "No Dumping" signs installed around the ponds. Large metal signs will soon be installed on Energy Park Drive to inform



Kasota Pond cleanup volunteers play paller for an abandoned industrial tank that had been dumped in the north pond.

drivers that the ponds are a natural wildlife area.

This year the Environment Committee introduced a prize for the most interesting trash item. The committee will vote at its next meeting and award a \$25 gift certificate to Noll Hardware to the winning finder.

Among the items found this year was a large unidentified industrial tank that had been dumped in the north pond. It took four people to muscle the tank from the muck and carry it several hundred yards to the dumpsters.

A shovel, discarded camping gear, an old stove and dog leashes were found in an abandoned "hobo" camp. A squashed bicycle was found near the rail line.

Three energetic kids found a

high-tech scientific scale in the woods. Others lugged wooden pallets, lumber, scrap iron and other heavy materials from the pond banks.

The most common waste materials were aluminum cans, bottles, paper and cardboard, all of which are recyclable. Nonrecyclable roadside litter (Styrofoam coffee cups, plastic wrappers and packing peanuts) was also extremely common at all of the ponds. These materials are easily blown by winds into the pond water, and are especially harmful to aquatic organisms.

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by Kristi Curry Rogers

To date, over 300 dinosaurs have been named during the history of dinosaur science, and new dinos have been found all over the world, including places as remote as Antarctica and Madagascar.

Lots of people ask me, "What is left to discover? Don't we already know about a lot about dinosaur distributions? Are there still new dinosaurs out there to find?"

My answer is simple and was perfectly illustrated with the publication of a brand new dinosaur discovery in Utah just last month. We still have loads to learn about dinosaurs, and the more we find, the more intriguing their story becomes.

My colleagues Jim Kirkland and Scott Sampson, along with Scott's graduate student, Lindsey Zanno, reported their discovery of a new species of therizinosaur (thair-o-zen-o-saur) in the scientific journal *Nature* just a few weeks ago.

Therizinosaurs are infamous dinos because they are incredibly rare, and exceedingly bizarre!

Their anatomy is so weird, in fact, that since their first discovery paleontologists have argued about whether they were plant eaters or meat eaters, and even debated whether they were more closely related to dinos like T. rex, or to T. rex's very distant, plant-eating cousins.

They have hips like horned and duckbilled dinosaurs, but long sharp claws and legs more like those of the carnivorous dinosaurs. Such a peculiar

combination of anatomical characteristics, and the lack of many good skeletons, have left us largely in the dark when it comes to understanding therizinosaurs.

The new therizinosaur species from Utah was dubbed *Falcarius utahensis*, meaning "sickle-maker from Utah."

Falcarius is a great example of evolution in progress, and gives us lots of new clues about how a group of meat-eating dinosaurs known as maniraptorans (which also includes those famous raptors from *Jurassic Park*, as well as modern birds) diversified in the Cretaceous, and eventually evolved teeth specialized for eating plants.

Until the discovery of *Falcarius*, this transition between carnivore and vegetarian was hypothesized for therizinosaurs, but not documented in any fossil.

Other therizinosaurs, mostly known from China, are more derived than *Falcarius*, and at least one of them has feathers—which led one of the paleontologists describing *Falcarius* to liken it to a "cross between an ostrich, a gorilla, and Edward Scissorhands."

Imagine a dinosaur caught in the act of evolution—a long neck, not-so-sharp teeth, four-inch claws, and powerful carnivore legs—and you have *Falcarius*.

The neat thing about *Falcarius* is that it comes from a

site with many individuals, including nearly complete skeletons. At last, we have a complete picture of one of these super-weird dinos!

The really great thing about the discovery of *Falcarius* is that it comes from our "backyard" and was initially discovered by an amateur collector. Just goes to show you—we've only scratched the surface of all there is to know about dinosaurs.

Until next time (when I'll be writing to you from far afield in Madagascar, in search of the next new dinosaur), dino fans, keep those questions coming: krogers@smm.org.

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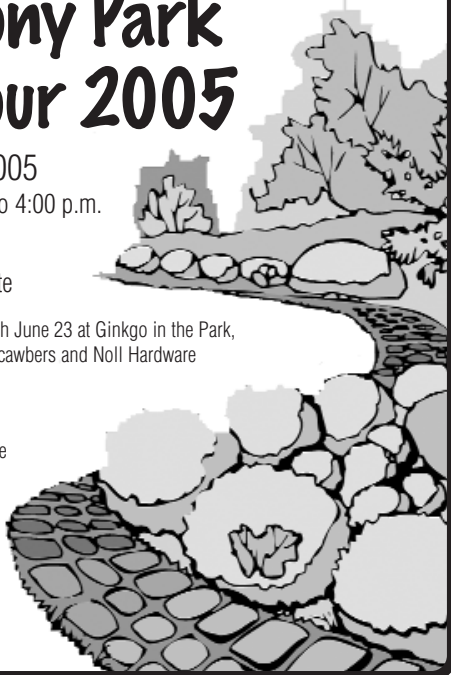
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Water Festival

On Saturday, June 18 a **cleanup and festival** will be held in Como Park. The event will take place rain or shine.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., volunteers will help with shoreline clean up around Como Lake. Blackbear Crossing on the Lake will provide lunch for volunteers.

From noon to 4 p.m., activities will take place on the grassy area near the Schiffman Fountain, just south of the Lakeside Pavilion. Activities include the following:

- The Punch and Judy Show by Galumph Interactive Theater.
- Music by acoustic band Loose Gravel
- Juggling by Andy Edgar
- Clowns, crafts, games
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- Fishing lessons with DNR MinnAqua fishing experts
- Hands-on activities relating to watersheds and water quality
- Walking tour of new rain gardens and shoreline restoration
- Information about animals that live in and around Como Lake

Cleanup volunteers should bring gloves and register by contacting Debbie Meister (647-6816, meister@quest.net).

Gibbs Museum

Special events in June:

June 4 & 5: Household chores for children. Help with chores done by children in the last century: washing laundry with an old-fashioned wringer washer, making soap, and other chores.

June 12: Beads and quillwork. Watch artist Antone LeBeau perform quillworking demonstrations. Mimi Alexander will do beadwork.

June 18 & 19: Father's Day. Fathers admitted free when accompanied by their child(ren).

June 25 & 26: Berry Day. Sample recipes using berries

from the Gibbs kitchen.

Raptor Center

The Raptor Center will host free **Family Fun Nights** from 5:30-7:30 p.m. throughout the summer. Each night has a different topic and features a hands-on learning activity.

June 23: Raptor ER: The clinic experience.

June 30: Feathers, fur, scales and tails.

Admission to Family Fun Nights is free, but registration (612-624-4745) is required.

The Raptor Center is located at 1920 Fitch Avenue on the U of M's St. Paul campus.

Host Families

Host families are needed for a group of **German high school students** who will be visiting the Twin Cities in August, 2005.

The students, who are coming as guests of the Concordia Language Villages, will need host families from August 4-8, then again from August 14-24. Students will have their own spending money and insurance.

For more information, call Matt Bluem at 612-590-5658.

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, June 1 to **stuff envelopes** for the Fourth in the Park mailing. Meet at Langford Recreation Center at 6:30 p.m.

The Ramsey County Community Human Services Department needs volunteers to **assist agency staff in providing services** in the following areas: assisting with administrative/clerical duties, locating vendors or community resources, conducting and documenting home visits, and assisting staff or clients with completing forms.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years old. For more

information, contact Volunteer Services: 266-4090 or volunteer services@co.ramsey.mn.us.

Tuition Scholarships

Holy Childhood School, a Catholic K-8 school located in Como Park, will offer 8-12 full-tuition scholarships (\$3,300) for the 2005-2006 school year.

To qualify, students must meet family income guidelines for the federal free lunch program, be in good standing in their current school, and maintain an average or above academic record. Students cannot be currently enrolled in a Catholic school.

For more information, contact Larry Gallatin, principal, at 644-2791 or lgallatin@holychildhoodparish.org.

Sales

The third annual **Hamline-Midway Community Yard Sale** takes place June 24 and 25. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. Maps are available at Ginkgo CoffeeShop, Snelling and Minnehaha, the days of the sale.

On Saturday, June 4 from 9 a.m. to noon, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church will hold its annual plant exchange at the church, 1460 Almond Avenue. Master gardener Larry enter will discuss the planting and care of perennials. For more information, call the church at 645-2575.

Driver Education

This summer, St. Paul Community Education will offer a driver education class with **American Sign Language interpreters** for hearing-impaired students.

The class will run from 1-4 p.m. July 11-26 at Central High School, 253 N. Lexington Parkway.

The course is open to anyone 15 or older and consists

of 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction. The cost is \$280 for St. Paul residents or students in St. Paul public schools, and \$290 for others. For more information, call 632-6020.

Peace Plan

Como Park Neighbors for Peace will sponsor a talk by **Phil Steger** June 6 at 6 p.m. at Coffee Grounds, 1579 Hamline Avenue.

Steger, a member of Peace in the Precincts, will discuss a six-step plan to responsibly pull U.S. troops out of Iraq.

For more information, visit www.comoparkpeace.org.

Arts Events

Peace Lutheran Church will host a Music and Arts from the Hilltop Series this summer. The first event takes place Friday, June 24 at 7 p.m. and features adult professional performers from the Lauderdale area.

Admission is free and open to all. The church is at 1744 Walnut Street in Lauderdale. For more information, call 644-5540.

People

As part of **National volunteer Recognition Week**, Secretary of State Mary Kiffmeyer, at an April 20 reception, recognized volunteers at the Raptor Center.

Kiffmeyer presented "Order of the North Star" certificates of appreciation to the volunteers for "improving the quality of life in Minnesota through commitment to the medical care, rehabilitation, and conservation of eagles, hawks, owls, and falcons."

Among those recognized were Jeffrey Griggs of Falcon Heights and Pat Allen, Arlene



Nan Skelton with Dr. Josie Johnson and U of M Vice President of Multicultural and Academic Affairs Avelino Mills-Novoa.

Faehn and Kam Kammuller of Roseville, picture below.

Nan Skelton, a lifelong resident of the Como Park neighborhood, recently received the Josie Johnson Human rights and Social Justice Award.

The award recognizes individuals who have devoted their time and talents to making substantial and enduring contributions to the University of Minnesota community. It's named after Josie Johnson, former vice president of multicultural and academic affairs, and the first African American to serve on the U of M Board of Regents.

Skelton is co-director of the Center for Democracy and Citizenship in the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the U of M. She is also founder of the Jane Addams School for Democracy in St. Paul and the West Side Neighborhood Learning Community Initiative.

Prior to joining the Humphrey Institute, Skelton was an assistant commissioner with the Minnesota Department of Education from 1983-1990. From 1970-1983, she founded and directed several community-based nonprofit organizations in the Twin Cities.



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Several area high school students attended the **Northern Stars Leadership Conference** at the University of Minnesota on April 9.

From Como Park High School: Alexandra Hodek, Maggie Jackson, Kou Lee and Tom Smith. From Concordia Academy: Elizabeth Peterson.

The **Claussen** sisters of Lauderdale recently received several honors. **Stephanie**, a senior at Roseville Area High School, was awarded the Minnesota Gold Scholarship and the Dean's Scholar Award from the University of Minnesota. She will attend the U of M next fall in the College of Liberal Arts, majoring in harp performance.

Annette Jean Claussen, who graduated this spring from Hamline University, received the Thomas P. Beyer Prize at Hamline's Honors Day Awards Ceremony on May 5. The prize is awarded to junior or senior English majors who have an excellent scholastic record and who have demonstrated ability in creative writing. Annette also was named to the Phi Beta Kappa national honor fraternity.

Stephanie and Annette are the daughters of Barbara and Rand Claussen of Lauderdale.

Como Park resident **Barbara Brokopp**, a librarian at Hamline University's Bush Library, was presented with the Staff Member of the Year Award at Hamline's University Honors Day Awards Ceremony on May 5.

Belinda Escalante, owner of Perfect Little Spa and Salon in St. Anthony Park, gave a presentation at the Small Business Resource Fair, held April 20 at the Earle Brown Heritage Center. Her topic was "The Reality of Business." She was representing Women Venture.

Escalante, a member of the Midway Chamber of Commerce, was recently named by that group as a business delegate to the St. Anthony Park Community Council.

Lauderdale resident **Al Steinke**, a tractor-trailer driver for UPS, was recently recognized by the company for completing 25 years without an accident. Steinke works out of the facility located at 3312 Broadway Street NE in Minneapolis. He currently provides service in the Fargo, N.D. area.

St. Paul School Superintendent Patricia Harvey has named Daniel Mesick as the new principal at Como Park High School.

Mesick has been with the school district since 1985,

serving as a teacher at Hazel Park Middle School (1985-1994), an administrative intern at Johnson High School (1994-1995) and Ramsey Junior High (1995-1998), and an assistant principal at Highland Park High School (1998-2003).

St. Anthony Park resident **Kari Rise** was recently awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study in South Korea. Rise, who teaches at Highland Park High School, will spend four weeks in South Korea this summer studying history and culture, specifically intangible cultural heritage.

She will join 12 high school social studies teachers from around the country in a program called Understanding Korea Today: Traditional Values and Modern Technology, which is directed by Dr. Siyoung Park at Western Illinois University.

Rise received a \$4,000 grant from Education Minnesota's Foundation for Excellence in Teaching and Learning for Highland's community garden/outdoor learning center, which was selected as a top project in Minnesota and represents a collaboration with the school's community partner, Farm in the City. Part of Rise's study will involve community gardens and art to bring back ideas for the outdoor learning center project.

On May 19, Falcon Heights resident **Kimberly Kuhns** received the Girl Scout Gold Award, one of 78 Scouts recognized by the Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley.

To attain the Gold Award,



The Como Park High Cougars baseball team, with a handful of St. Anthony Park residents, won the first St. Paul Conference baseball title in the school's history. Como finished the regular season with an 11-1 conference record, 14-1 overall. On May 23, the Cougars played in the Twin Cities Game, which was held in the Metrodome. They lost to Minneapolis South 4-1 before heading into the state playoffs.

Several Como players finished among the conference leaders in pitching and hitting. C.J. Hanratty (.464) and Henry Weiner (.449) finished second and third in batting average. Hanratty was first in home runs (4) and RBIs (28). Nick Follmer (16) and Weiner (14) finished among the top five players in RBIs. Dave Geiger (6-2) and Alex Patlich (5-1) led the conference in wins, while Patlich was second (2.10) and Geiger fourth (2.92) in ERA. Geiger led the league in strikeouts with 68.

St. Anthony Park residents Emory Richardson, Drew Henry, Haan Vanderwege and Henry Weiner were on the Cougars varsity all season. Como JV outfielder Nate Juergens was called up to the big team for the playoffs.

Girl Scouts who are juniors and seniors in high school must fulfill several prerequisites, including earning a Career Exploration pin, Girl Scout Leadership Award, and Girl Scout Challenge Pin. A

Scout must then plan and implement a major project that benefits her community and includes at least 50 hours of service and leadership over four months. At the conclusion of

her project, she must evaluate how her efforts have benefited others and contributed to her personal development.

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Ben Doran Foundation locates in St. Anthony Park

Organization formed to preserve memory of Como H.S. student

by Dave Healy

Since April 1, St. Anthony Park has been home to the Ben Doran Foundation for the Arts and Sciences, an organization founded shortly after 15-year-old Ben Doran's murder two years ago, when he was beaten to death by two men who mistook him for someone else.

Although Doran, a student at Como High School, did not live in St. Anthony Park, the neighborhood is an appropriate location for the foundation established in his memory, said his mother, Maggie Doran.

"From when he was 8 until he was 13, Ben played on basketball teams at Langford Park," said Doran, the foundation's executive director. "And for several years he was in Discovery Club at St. Anthony Park Elementary, so he spent a lot of his early childhood in the neighborhood."

Ben's connections with Langford Park and the recreation center will be acknowledged on June 4 with a potluck and dedication ceremony at the park. The potluck starts at 5 p.m., and there will be a short program at 6 p.m. commemorating a memorial bench and plaque installed in Ben's memory.

"The June 4th event is to publicly recognize the people who took on the bench project," said Doran.

The \$1500 for the memorial bench was raised primarily

through the efforts of three people: Ashley Zborowsky, a friend of Ben's, along with Kari Rise and Catherine Harding, whose sons were also Ben's friends.

The Ben Doran Foundation's office is at 2325 Endicott Street in south St. Anthony Park. Besides Maggie Doran, the organization is overseen by Rome Hanson, the foundation's president. Hanson met Ben and Maggie when he was Ben's drum teacher.

"This project is creative. It keeps me connected with the kind of people I like and with the natural world, which Ben loved."

—Maggie Doran

It was Hanson's background with aquariums that gave the foundation its current focus, which is to promote aquariums in educational and mental health settings. Hanson has been an aquarium enthusiast for 16 years and has achieved the level of "master aquarist."

"I turned to aquariums as a kind of therapy when I was struggling with alcoholism," Hanson said. "I've experienced for myself how watching fish in a tank can be therapeutic and calming, and I've seen other people experience the same thing."

"It can be part of the healing process," added Doran.

But the foundation's work is not just about individual healing, Hanson emphasized.

"We want to use aquariums as a teaching tool, a way to introduce kids to a hobby that can be incredibly meaningful," he said.

The foundation has acquired about 10 active aquariums through donations from private parties and PetsMart. One was recently installed at Crossroads Elementary. The foundation provides a tank, fish and other furnishings, as well as education in how to maintain a successful aquarium.

Hanson is at work on other possible installations, including an ambitious "Coral Peace Garden" at Como Park.

"You look for a way to rebuild a life," he said. "For me, Ben was like a son, and this is a way to create something that will keep his memory alive."

When Ben died, said Maggie Doran, "we needed something concrete to do. We needed to focus on something beautiful. This project is creative. It keeps me connected with the kind of people I like and with the natural world, which Ben loved."

Doran is especially interested in taking the work of the foundation into early childhood settings. "I have a special affinity for young children," she said, "and I want to use this work to strengthen that connection."

The nonprofit Ben Doran Foundation for the Arts and Sciences continues to accept donations of aquariums, fish and equipment, as well as financial contributions, Hanson said.

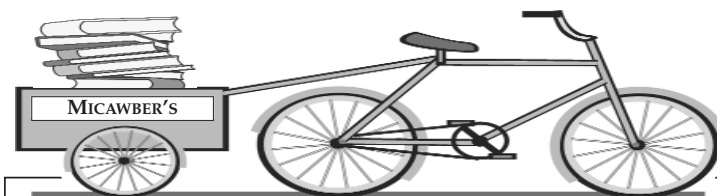
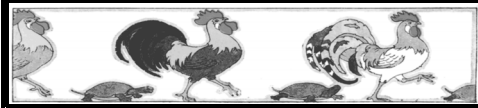
He added that the foundation would like to redesign its Web site (www.bendoranfoundation.org), and would welcome a tech-savvy volunteer to assist with that project. The foundation can be contacted at 487-9246.

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Out of Colombian coffee? Try Guatemalan

St. Anthony Park couple adapts to life with adopted brothers

by Jean Larson

It's 2 a.m. and there are lights in the windows of a certain once sleepy house on Hillside Avenue in St. Anthony Park. Abner and Alex live there now, and nothing is the same for anyone.



Alex

Love bounces off the walls and fills the trees at the top of the hill. There are glints of amazement in everyone's eyes—and traces of exhaustion in those of Janet and Andy Miller, sudden parents of brothers from Guatemala.

Just turned one, Geovany Alexander August Miller is amazed by life itself, crawling "like wild fire." Abner Adolfo Emerson Miller, newly three, trails his younger brother under



Abner

the dining table like a watch dog. He seems to sense the transformation life has scooped out for them: the ever-present Mama and Papa, toys, breakfast, beds.

When Alex was born a year ago, the boys' birth mother realized she had to make an adoption plan. For her, as for other unmarried women in Guatemala, poverty and the impossibility of single parenthood are the compelling reasons behind adoption.

Meanwhile, in 2004 the Millers had been thinking about widening their adoption net.

Since 2003, they had been on a waiting list to adopt from Colombia, but governmental changes in that country made the prospects more and more unlikely. Should they consider another Latin American country? What about Guatemala?

On May 17, 2004, Andy went for coffee in St. Anthony Park and asked for the usual—Colombian.

"Sorry," said the barista. "We're all out of Colombian. How about Guatemalan?"

Two days later they got the call that the Guatemalan program was open.

And two days after that, Andy found himself listening to Martin Prechtel talk about his latest book, "The Toe Bone and the

Tooth," which describes his experiences in Guatemala during the 1980s.

It seemed the stars were aligned toward Guatemala.

In June, the Millers completed their dossier for Guatemala. Six days later they received an e-mail from the Guatemala Adoption Coordinator at Children's Home, asking if they'd be interested in adopting two brothers from Guatemala.

On June 29, 2004, the Millers said yes. Then they began the long wait until December, an excruciating interval if you're watching an infant grow via monthly e-mail photos.

The wait proved too much to bear, so in October Andy and Janet hopped on a plane to meet their sons. The Guatemalan attorney and foster mother brought the boys to their hotel for their first meeting and a four-day live-in visit. "We knew it would be hard to turn around and leave them—but not how hard," said Janet.

But the October meeting helped prepare all four of them for their permanent reunion on December 12, just in time for Janet's 40th birthday and snow and Christmas for little Alex and Abner.

Now Alex is on the verge of walking. Abner jumps for joy when Papa comes home. The boys like reggae music and the Talking Heads.

Going on six months together, the four family members have settled in, and the parents are starting to feel some sense of competence. Although Alex is waking at night—again, to cut

teeth—this is now not a first. They all know they can handle it. They did it, after all, through those first months home. Now it's just a baby thing.

Like any new parents, Janet and Andy are tweaking their expectations as they go. Gone is a cherished coffee table. "We searched for it for so long. Now it's in the basement," said Andy, smiling. "Want a plant?" he continued. "These are toxic. I grew them from one little shoot after college," gesturing toward three huge potted plants.

When asked what she's had to give up, Janet pondered, and the din of four little knees scurrying on hardwood floors filled the room—and possibly her head. "Well, I haven't been able to finish a cup of tea or coffee for awhile. I used to enjoy—" Squeals from Alex lodged under an antique tea table interrupted a thought never to be recaptured.

Abner watched and called to "Nito," short for hermanito—little brother. Janet speaks some Spanish, which has helped tremendously in making the transition less bewildering, especially for Abner. Threads of similarity and routine reassure him.

Abner now understands both Spanish and English—and that sitting up to the table in his special high chair means it's time to fill his belly. A knock on the front door brings a quick and wholesome meal, a weekly support provided by friends from their church, Falcon Heights United Church of Christ.

"My adjustment has been dealing with little boys," said Janet. She grew up the youngest of four girls and has found boy energy a whole new ball game.

Andy said the most surprising thing for him is that he can't wait to get home at night. "I like my job, but I'd much rather play with these guys."

"People told us we were crazy to adopt two at once, that we didn't know what we were getting into," Andy said. "And now we know what they meant," he laughed.

The Millers haven't been socializing much. Instead, they're focusing on bonding as a family. With spring have come a few play groups and exploration of the neighborhood. But as every parent knows, outings take preparation and energy. "No more spur-of-the-moment errands," said Janet.

Andy and Janet reminisced about their first family outing, which was in Guatemala in December, after finalizing birth certificates and visas. They went to the Guatemala City Zoo.

"It was the first time we acted like a family would," said Janet. "I found myself thinking, 'These are our children. We're a family.'"

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Above: Murray Junior High students Jaime Walters and Erin Berndt argue their opposition to land mines at a "mock" U.N. Assembly at the April 21 Global Classrooms Conference at St. Paul's RiverCentre.

Below: Following presentations, ambassadors voted on whether to caucus and discuss the issue at hand.

Murray students debate at "mock" U.N. Assembly

by Dave Healy

Jaime Walters and Erin Berndt, students at Murray Junior High School, participated in Minnesota's first "mock" U.N. Assembly at the Global Classrooms Conference on April 21 at RiverCentre in downtown St. Paul.

At the conference, more than 400 students participated in debates, caucuses and resolutions.

The St. Paul Public Schools is one of seven major districts internationally that has implemented the Global

Classrooms program.

Walters and Berndt were ambassadors for the United Kingdom. They presented their opposition to land mines, a major theme of the day.

Their closing statement met with rousing applause: "When adults enlist for service and go to war, they know they will be going into harm's way. Children don't."

Following presentations, ambassadors voted as to whether they wanted to caucus and discuss the issue at hand.

Council to consider vendors

by Jane McClure

Rite of summer or neighborhood blight? The topic of front-yard vendors during Minnesota State Fair time brings out strong opinions.

A proposed set of regulations governing vendors will be considered in June by the St. Paul City Council. The goal is to have new regulations in place before the start of the 2005 fair this August.

Bottled water vendor Mark Erickson, who uses his aunt's Midway Parkway yard as a vendor space, said fair-goers like the opportunity to buy beverages and other items outside of the fair and avoid higher costs. Neighborhood residents who lease out their yards or sell products themselves like the ability to generate extra income.

But neighborhood resident Cate Smith-Edlund said that allowing vendors into the neighborhood has a "corrosive effect" on a community already strained by its location between the fairgrounds and Como Park.

The St. Paul Planning Commission adopted the vendor regulations on May 6 and sent them on to the City Council, which will hold a hearing on the issue June 1 and is expected to adopt the ordinance June 8.

Almost two dozen people turned out for an April 22 Planning Commission public hearing. They debated regulations that were negotiated over several months by neighborhood residents, city staff and the Como (District 10) Community Council.

District 10 Board President Mark Rindfleisch said the proposed regulations represent a compromise between those who want vendors and those who don't. "We have two very distinct groups, and trying to come to some sort of compromise was our goal all along," he said.

The proposed regulations are meant to address a growing number of complaints about front-yard vending. They would be added to existing regulations that govern use of residential

yards for parking during the fair, an issue that has generated considerable controversy in the past.

The proposed changes identify an area along the east side of Snelling Avenue, between Canfield and Hoyt Avenues. The district is one-half block wide, except at Midway Parkway, where it extends to Arona.

Size and hours of some yard businesses, the sometimes aggressive behavior of vendors and the types of merchandise sold have generated complaints. Some neighbors say that city staff have done little to address the problems, shifting the responsibilities for enforcement and monitoring back to the community.

Some highlights of the proposed regulations include the following:

*Neighbors on both sides of a yard will have to give permission before vendors can go there. That same requirement is in place for the parking district.

*Vendors must pay a \$100 fee and can set up only one day before the fair begins. Booths must be taken down the day after the fair ends.

*A three-foot setback must be maintained between vendors and the sidewalk. Erickson and other neighbors opposed this rule, saying it takes up space they need for tables and merchandise. Julie Tuttle, a Snelling Avenue residents, said the setback puts vendors that much closer to homes. But city staff said the setback is needed so that sidewalks don't get blocked.

*There will be a limit of two vendors per yard, unless a property is on a corner; then up to four vendors can be in place.

*Vendors can open when the fairgrounds open and must close when the fair closes. Some Planning Commission members questioned whether vendors would want to stay open later and sell to crowds leaving the fair. Rindfleisch said the hours represent a compromise.

*Signs used by vendors would be restricted. Sign plans would have to be shared with the city before the booth and signs go up.

*Restrictions would be imposed on what can be sold and which services can be provided.

Prohibited items include lottery tickets, pull tabs or other forms of gambling, tobacco products, intoxicating or malt liquor, fireworks, firearms or any weapons prohibited under the city's legislative code, obscene materials or performances, currency exchanges, adult materials or performances, permanent tattooing, body piercing, pawn shops and live animals.



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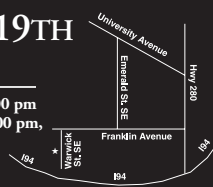
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The Birdman of Lauderdale

by Clay Christensen

When I was between jobs a few years ago, a career counselor suggested I start keeping a journal: writing down my dreams, things I was concerned about, issues with my job search. That journaling experience was very helpful.

That wasn't the first journaling I had done. I had kept a sort of journal off and on for more than 30 years, but it was more off than on.

When I retired last October, a friend gave me a wire-bound blank book. "Great," I thought. "Here's another journal that I'll start and then quit in a week."

This new journal was sitting on the kitchen table the next morning and an idea struck me: how about logging all the birds I see each day from the kitchen window? I christened it "The Birds of Retirement." And I have been religious (read "obsessive-compulsive") about recording my bird visitors each day.

This journaling of birds is different from the bird lists that birdwatchers keep.

Most of us birdwatchers use a checklist, one tick mark for each bird we've seen, a cumulative tally. We usually have at least a Life List, listing the first sighting of each species, or what we call Life Birds, "lifers." I keep a World Life List (651, so far) and a Minnesota Life List (303).

But there are lots of other kinds of lists. Some people keep a list for each county. Some start a new list on the first of January each year to track every first sighting of a species for the year. Then there's the yard list, listing everything you've seen in or from your yard. You're able to tell at a

glance whether you've ever seen a brown creeper in your yard and you can track how many different birds you've seen over time.

A list of Minnesota birds is available at the Minnesota Ornithologists Union Web site: <http://moumn.org/>. Look under the side navigation list for "Online Resources" and click on "State Checklists." County checklists are also available on this Web site. Print out the checklist and you're ready to go.

My birding friend, Ron Dexter, claimed to maintain a Dream List of the birds he dreamt about. I think he also had an albino bird list, every albinistic bird he'd seen. Ron has an active imagination and very droll sense of humor.

In an article titled "Listing: Minnesota Style," published in *Birding* (August 1979), renowned Minnesota birdwatcher Bob Janssen listed 16 different lists that he keeps, including one for just the first day of January each year, a list he started in 1949.

How is my "Birds of Retirement" journal different from a bird list?

With my journal, I start a new entry every day. It's not as easy to tell what birds I have or haven't seen yet by looking in my journal. And there's no easy count tally. But a year's worth of journal entries can begin to tell you things that a simple checklist can't.

As I'm writing this column in early May, I'm looking forward to recording the birds we see during the approaching spring migration. We've had some pretty dramatic waves of warbler migrants come through in past

years. Now they'll make it into my journal.

Besides keeping a yard list, many folks also keep a journal of what they see in their yard. A calendar with ample space by each date could serve as an effective yard journal. It's a good way to get youngsters interested in observing nature.

It's fun to look back to see when the first hummingbird arrived, for example, and be able to plan for its arrival, have the feeder filled and ready.

You don't have to be as obsessive-compulsive as some of us are. It's just fun to keep a record for a while, maybe a year, to see what's happening in your neighborhood.

And if you maintain a journal for your yard from year to year, you may begin to recognize changes in early arrivals or delayed departures, or species you're not seeing as frequently or at all.

That might lead you to suspect climate effects or habitat changes somewhere in the species' life cycle, maybe right there in your own backyard. And then do some research, make some inquiries and see what you can do to make a difference.

Update on the one-winged grebe: The grebe who couldn't migrate, the subject of my February 2005 column, has found a home at Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo. Thanks again to Dr. Kent Kokko and Maggie Moris for the rescue and to Phil Jenni and the staff at the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center for their care and for finding a home for the bird.

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4-H News

by Bobby Ragoonanan

Our roll call for the last meeting was "What is your favorite pie?" The Pie Social, as I'm sure you all remember, is coming up June 3. My personal favorite is chocolate pie, but there are some other great flavors out there too.

Next we had elections. Here are the results:
President: Amanda Weber
Vice president: Laurel Weihe
Secretary: Susan Drache
Treasurer: Cyrie Holman
Recreation leader: John Weber
Reporter: Kristina?
Historian: Josephine?

I'm sorry I didn't know some people's last names, or if I spelled things wrong.

For the County Fair and possibly the State Fair, our club is doing "Share the Fun" and a banner.

Share the Fun is when a group of club members get together and act out a skit,

sometimes from a movie or play.

Our banner is very interesting. We got to do finger-painting! The banner is full of hand prints, mainly from the Cloverbuds, but a few older members pitched in to leave their mark (myself included). It's also going to say "Learning together in 4-H" or something like that.

If you want to see the projects of many talented 4-H members (not only our club, though I think we're the most talented), come to the fairs and take a look at some 4-H projects.

We had two demonstrations at our last meeting: Keith and his little brother: How to take care of a guinea pig. Kristina: Adopting a cat.

We ended our meeting with a snack of some very delicious cake and punch.

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St Anthony Park Block Nurse Program

**Aging Gracefully** by Mary Jo Tarasor

Yesterday a woman I work with brought a homemade cake to work. Her mother had made it, she explained. Later in the day, another co-worker told me our friend's mom had baked the cake for her birthday. When I asked our friend why she didn't tell us it was her birthday, she coyly replied, "Because I don't want people to know how old I am."

I was stunned. I struggled to accept the fact that ageism is alive and well in the 21st century. This woman is only in her 40s and apparently believes her age diminishes her. How will she feel about herself in the next decade, or the next?

When we try to help aging relatives and friends accept assistance in various ways so they can continue to live independently, we often meet resistance. It is well to remember that such resistance is rooted in the attitude that signs of aging decrease our value as human

beings, and that such an attitude is deeply ingrained in many of us.

It's hard for most of us to admit to inadequacies at any age. Our culture prizes self-sufficiency. Add that to the fear of aging, and you have a formula for a stubbornness that anyone who has dealt with an aging relative will recognize. How can we overcome this resistance so that the people we care about will accept the services they need to live independently and safely? Here are some tips based on a few years of working with families in this situation.

First of all, get it out in the open. Preface discussions about challenges related to aging with a statement like, "I know this is hard to discuss, but we need to make sure you're safe. None of us likes to admit we're getting older, but we all are."

Another valuable tactic is to give the message time to sink in. This tactic does not work well if you have put off a potentially difficult discussion until the 11th hour. So plan accordingly. Advertisers tell us people need to hear something six times before it registers. So bring up concerns tactfully and repeatedly over a period of time for the best reception.

It is imperative not to "talk down" to older adults. Physical limitations are one thing; mental deterioration is another. But even adults with mental deterioration

can recognize condescension and often react with hostility. Respect and tact are essential.

Consider ways to help the older adult in your life combat isolation and inactivity. Relatively young retirees can age quickly when they find time on their hands and feel useless. Volunteer activities are a great way for older adults to stay involved with things that interest them. If volunteering is not an option, find out where and when other community activities take place. (Our office will be glad to help with this.)

Respect the wishes of your aging relative, but also stand firm on matters of health and safety. Negotiation skills are handy here. Explain that you want to support the person you care about in his or her independence, and that the only way you feel comfortable doing that is if certain needs are addressed.

When people can see home-based supportive services as a means of extending their independence rather than as the knell of doom, it is much easier for them to accept help.

The St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program offers services to older adults and those who care for them. Aging Gracefully is one way we communicate with our community. We welcome ideas and feedback for this column at 642-9052 or sapbnp@bistream.net.

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Tuesday, June 14, 7 p.m.
Micawber's. Cartoonist **Ward Sutton** ("Sutton Impact"). Sutton's work has appeared locally in City Pages and in several nationally syndicated newspapers and magazines.

Thursday, June 16, 7 p.m.
Micawber's. Local poets **Joyce Stephen** and **Patricia Kirkpatrick**.

Thursday, June 30, 7 p.m.
Micawber's. Former park ranger **Jordan Fisher Smith** ("Nature Noir").

Groups

Wednesday, June 1, 7 p.m.
Coffee Grounds. **Northstar Storytelling League** board meeting.

Thursday, June 2, 6:30 p.m.
St. Anthony Park Library.
St. Anthony Park Writer's Group. All welcome.

Saturday, June 11, 8 p.m.
Coffee Grounds. **Adult storytelling** with host Mike Mann.

Monday, June 13, 7 p.m.
Micawber's. **Prober's Book Group**. "God's Politics" by Jim Wallis. All welcome.

Sale

The St. Anthony Park Library will hold a **used book sale** in conjunction with the Arts Festival on Saturday, June 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Summer Reading

The St. Paul Public Library Summer Reading Program starts June 11. The theme for this year's program is "What's Buzzin' at Your Library?"

The free program, now in its 46th year, includes summer reading materials, incentives for reading a certain number of books and special events at various libraries.

The program kicks off with a special event at 11:15 a.m. on Saturday, June 11 at the Central Library, 90 W. Fourth Street in downtown St. Paul.

In the Kellogg courtyard, Circus Manduahi will perform. Also, children can create their own "buggy books," an activity hosted by the Minnesota Center for Book Arts. Finally, an interactive, traveling exhibit, "NASA@ Your Library," will be on site. Free treats and refreshments will be served.

The summer reading program continues through August. Participants can pick up materials at any St. Paul library. These include a reading record to keep track of books read. Reading 10 books entitles one to a free paperback, with additional incentives for those who read 20 books.

Teenagers have their own program. Their theme is "Tune In at Your Library." Teens set their own reading goals.

Summer Reading events at the St. Anthony Park Library take place Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

June 15: Magician Matt Dunn

June 22: The Drumming Librarian, 10:30 a.m.
The Raptor Center, 2 p.m.

June 29: Magician Amazing Jeff

Michael Cunningham. The much-heralded and award-winning author of "The Hours" is back with more.

"Freakonomics" by Steven Levitt. Definitely not the economics that bored me in college. Levitt asks questions that often seem to come out of left field and uses them to cut to the quick of important issues (and people's motives). A book that shows us how to look at the world in a different way. (Tom)

"Children Playing Before Statues of Hercules," edited by David Sedaris. Senor Sedaris is Capital F funny, yet he also possesses great insight into human nature. These stories, which he chose, prove that. All proceeds of the book will be given to 826 NYC, a youth writing center. This collection features new and well-known writers and shows the short story for all it can be. (Hans)

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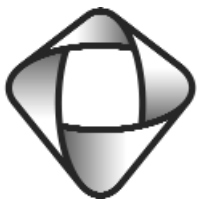
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- Leisure Center for Seniors (603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. Every Wednesday. Free blood pressure clinic by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m..
- St. Anthony Park recycling. Every Wednesday.

2 Thursday

- Tot Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), South St. Anthony Rec Center (298-5765), 10 a.m.-noon. Every Thursday.
- Toastmasters (649-5162), U.S. Forest Service, 1992 Folwell Ave., St. Paul Campus, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Every Thursday.
- Chair Exercise Classes - Seal High Rise, 825 Seal Street every Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30 p.m. These classes are free to all area seniors, but pre-registration is necessary. Call 642-9052 to pre-register.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Land Use Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 6 p.m.

3 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.

4 Saturday

- Murray JHS Jazz Ensemble performing at the St. Anthony Park Arts Festival, 10 a.m.
- Big Book Sale at the St. Anthony Park Library 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. All proceeds benefit the library.
- Nocturnal Bowling (612-625-5246), 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Copher Spot, St. Paul Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave, St. Paul Campus. Every Saturday.
- Falcon Heights recycling.
- Plant exchange, 9 a.m. to noon. Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 1460 Almond Ave. 645-2575.

6 Monday

- Como Park Neighbors for Peace, talk by Phil Steger. Coffee Grounds, 1579 Hamline Ave. 7 p.m.
- AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church (644-0809), 8 p.m. Every Monday.
- Boy Scouts, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 7 p.m. Every Monday.
- Como Park recycling. Every Monday.

7 Tuesday

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

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

9 Thursday

- 8th Grade Awards Night, Murray Jr. High auditorium, 7 p.m.
- Full Council Meeting, St. Anthony Park Community Council, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

13 Monday

- Park Press Inc., Park Bugle Board Meeting, St. Anthony Park Bank Community room, 7 a.m.

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

14 Tuesday

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

15 Wednesday

- Magician Matt Dunn at St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- Leisure Center for Seniors (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 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 11-11:45 a.m..
- Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7 p.m.

17 Friday

- Falcon Heights recycling.

18 Saturday

- Water Festival, Como Park Pavilion Area, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

21 Tuesday

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- District 10 board meeting, call 651-644-3889 for details.

22 Wednesday

- The Drumming Librarian 10:30 a.m. and the Raptor Center 2 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park Library.
- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave., 7 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Environment Committee, So. St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

23 Thursday

- Family Fun Night, Raptor Center, 1920 Fitch Ave. 5:30-7:30 p.m.

24 Friday

- Music and Arts from the Hilltop, Peace Lutheran Church, 1744 Walnut. 7 p.m.

27 Monday

- Lauderdale recycling.

28 Tuesday

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

29 Wednesday

- Amazing Jello, Magician at St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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John B. Burnett

John B. Burnett, age 77, a former resident of St. Anthony Park, died May 4 at Greenville Memorial Hospital, S.C. The son of Thomas J. and Grace Burbridge Burnett, he was a 1944 graduate of Murray High School, a WWII U.S. Marine corporal, a 1954 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Stout, an engineer with Honeywell Corp. and a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Kathlynn, and son, Frederic John. He is survived by wife, Gloria; daughter, Nancy; son, Mark; brother, Thomas of Bloomington; and grandchildren Luke and Moriah.

Funeral services were held May 11 at the Roseville Memorial Chapel, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

Shirley G. Chenoweth

Shirley G. Chenoweth, a resident of Falcon Heights, died peacefully on April 17, 2005 at the age of 77.

Shirley grew up on a farm in Afion, Iowa, and was the first female insurance underwriter ever licensed in Iowa.

After working for several years in Des Moines, she moved with her husband, Phil, to Falcon Heights in 1955. Phil died last October.

Shirley worked as a secretary for the city of Falcon Heights and was eventually promoted to city clerk. She won the Roseville Rotary Club's Outstanding Employee Award in 1993, and retired a year later.

She was an avid gardener and fiction reader, and she loved the popular music of the 1940s and '50s. She was active in a prayer group at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, and she volunteered for Meals on Wheels.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Phil. She is survived by sons, Mark (Ranae) of Eagle, Colo., and Jim (Kathy)

of Minneapolis; daughters, Deb Boever and Anne; grandchildren, Sarah, Elle, Will, Lee Ryan, Dustyn, Karalea and Kellyrae; and brother, Jim (Kandy) Smith. A memorial service was held April 23, 2005 at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ.

George D. Freier

George D. Freier, a longtime resident of St. Anthony Park, died May 13, 2005, at the age of 90. He was professor emeritus of physics at the University of Minnesota and was originally from Trimble County, Ellsworth, Wisc.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis St. Cyr; brothers, Earl and Paul; and sister, Maxine Marquardt. He is survived by daughter, Susan Freier (Harold Levene) of San Diego; son, David of St. Paul; grandchildren, Beverly Levene, Max and Jack Freier; sister-in-law, Marge Freier of Littleton, Colo.; and many nieces and nephews.

Private graveside services took place at the family cemetery near George's boyhood home in Ellsworth.

Henry L. Hansen

Henry L. Hansen, a longtime resident of St. Anthony Park, died May 4, 2005, at the age of 92. He was a professor of forestry at the U of M from 1946-1982, having previously taught at Michigan State University and Clemson College. He received his B.S. in 1935 and Ph.D. in 1946, both in forestry.

Henry was a high school pole vaulter, U of M wrestler, cross country skier, sailor and until age 86 an avid swimmer. He loved to read, everything from Horatio Hornblower to Kipling, and was also a crossword puzzle whiz. He was a skilled writer for his high school newspaper, for the Minnesota Daily, and during his career interpreting his research for the general public. He was vice president of his church, a Sunday school teacher and a Boy Scout leader.

During the Depression, he helped map forests in the Boundary Waters for the U.S. Forest Service. During WWII he was an inspector for the Army Air Corps glider program, and later an aerial gunnery instructor as a Navy lieutenant.

He started Hansen Tree Farm on the sand plain outside Anoka, now a thriving forest and Christmas tree farm run by his children and grandchildren. He loved his summers with friends and family at Itasca State Park and Leech Lake, and made over a dozen trips to Norway to visit relatives and learn Scandinavian models of wildland management.

His research and teaching covered many areas of forest ecology, focusing on regeneration

of Minnesota's pine forests. He believed in the use of forests for recreation, timber and wildlife. He was instrumental in founding the Minnesota State Scientific and Natural Areas, the University's Quetico-Superior Wilderness Research Center, and forest ecology research at Itasca State Park, Isle Royale National Park and many others.

He is survived by wife, Charlotte; three sons, Trygg of Jim Falls, Wisc., David (Karen Lilley) and Mark (Brenda), both of St. Paul; grandchildren Trygve, Britta, Per, Kip and Kell; and great-grandchild Chloe. A memorial service was held May 14 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

Loren A. Heuer

Loren A. Heuer, a former resident of Como Park, died May 5, 2005 at age 83. He was a former owner of Ace Hardware Store in Arden Hills.

He was preceded in death by wives, Lorella and Lorelei; daughter, Laurie Heuer and sister, Vera Urtel. He is survived by wife, Eunice; daughters, Kathleen Peterson and Julie Cook; eight step-children, Jeanne (Greg) Fehrman, Nanette (Ken) Greshowak, Michael (Kim) Coyle, Michelle (Jeff) Haglin, Todd (Marion) Coyle, Peter (Eva) Johnson, Laura (John) Gooden and Kristin Johnson; grandchildren, Raeann and Andrew Cook; step-grandchildren, Alyssa, Trevor, Joel, Anna, Brittany, Shane, Aidan, Brandon and Corbin; and brother, Merle (Bernice) Heuer.

A memorial service was held May 9 at Como Park Lutheran Church, with private interment at Union Cemetery.

Gerald C. Jacobsen

Gerald C. Jacobsen, a member of Como Park Lutheran Church, died May 5, 2005, at age 92. He was retired since 1973 from the U. S. Bureau of Mines.

Jerry was preceded in death by sisters, Loraine Muellner and Marcella Hughes, and brother Harold. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Avis; son, Gerald (Joan); granddaughters, Kristie (Timothy) O'Connor and Karen (Michael) Perry; five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held May 9 at Como Park Lutheran Church, with private interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

Vernal M. Lukenbill

Vernal M. Lukenbill, a longtime resident of St. Anthony Park, died April 22, 2005, at the age of 77. He is survived by wife, Carol; one son; two daughters; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers and three sisters. A funeral service was held April 26 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, with interment

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Community support was not exactly overwhelming at the beginning, recalls Magnuson.

"Some people thought that something with 'women' in the name would never fly," she says. "Others said, 'Didn't we already do that in the '70s?'"

The group persevered with Hoben and co-founder Glenda Martin as their original publishers. The guidelines they set for the premiere issue in April of 1985 have remained firm.

"We tried to practice feminist business methods," says Magnuson. "That sounds like an oxymoron to a lot of people, but just as important as our products is how we produce them."

Hoben explains, "We started out very self-consciously to be a for-profit business. We wanted to show that we could make that work."

Their collaborative style means that the newspaper's bi-weekly editorial meetings have always been "a group conversation" on content and style. The all-inclusive editorial approach also applies to the readership.

"They're fiercely loyal," says Magnuson. "This is their newspaper. We get some pretty strong letters to the editor. Over half the readers have been with us for 10 years or more."

Reinforcing the links between their publications and their readership are some long-standing features designed to highlight the newsworthiness of ordinary women.

In every issue of the Minnesota Women's Press and its sister publication BookWomen, there is a profile of a notable or even not-so-notable female.

"The idea is that an individual's story is important," says Hoben.

Three years ago, Hoben and Martin entrusted the day-to-day management of the newspaper to Magnuson and co-publisher Norma Olson in order to turn their energies to a new project, the Center for Feminist Reading.

Their new venture, which shares premises with the Women's Press, focuses on what the title page of BookWomen describes as "a reader's community for those who love women's words."

When Martin retired to Arizona, it seemed only natural to add book retreats in interesting places to the steady roster of book groups meeting at the Raymond Avenue location.

In an ideal world, the ultimate goal for the Women's Press might be obsolescence, since if women were equally represented in mainstream news, there'd be no need for an alternative publication like theirs.

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This year, they repeated the survey. The results? In 17 years, women had pushed up their presence in the mainstream press from 17 to 21 percent of all content.

When the Minnesota Women's Press began in the '80s, there were dozens of feminist

newspapers nationally. That number, says Magnuson, has dwindled to just two. Aside from the Women's Press, the only other American women's paper is published in Washington, D.C.

Hoben thinks that some of their staying power is a reflection of the broad range of their audience.

The paper tries to take an all-inclusive view of divisive issues with a high potential for factionalism. Although their political heart is probably fairly

left of center, they have never been doctrinaire.

When it comes to issues like child care, health care and early childhood education, Hoben says, "women, regardless of their politics, will have commonalities of interest. We try to represent a diversity of opinion while presenting information that provides readers with a whole spectrum of ideas."

Asked about their impact over the last two decades, Magnuson points to the training

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