

# Park Bugle

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

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Three charter members of the St. Anthony Park Association gathered recently to reminisce about the history of the organization, which began in 1946. Left to right: Gerald McKay, 98; Gale Frost, 93; Fred Morlock, 96.

## Charter members look back on 60 years of St. Anthony Park Association history

*Current community organizations owe debt to pioneering group*  
by Dave Healy

Six years ago, social analyst Robert Putnam surveyed the American cultural landscape and found it wanting.

His book, "Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community," documented declining membership in a wide variety of civic and community groups during the last quarter of the 20th century:

from bridge clubs to PTAs to bowling leagues.

Putnam linked this trend to a diminishment of "social capital," one of the important ingredients in the glue that holds communities and societies together.

The fate of the St. Anthony Park Association, which marks its 60th anniversary this year, could

be used as evidence either to support or refute Putnam's thesis.

On one hand, the association's dwindling membership and lowered visibility can be seen as an indication that community organizations no longer have the same appeal and influence they

**Charter members to 10**

## Reading the writing on the wall

*St. Anthony Park residents contribute to U of M's monument to Minnesota excellence*  
by Judy Woodward

What do current and former St. Anthony Park residents Garrison Keillor, Sarah Susanka, Winston and Lisl Close, Phyllis Freier, Pauline Boss, Saul Bellow, Robert K. Anderson, Gary Nelsestuen and Tom Krick have in common?

Not much you might say, except for a sometime acquaintance with the 55108 ZIP Code.

But all these one-time neighbors from St. Anthony Park and environs share another — and even more desirable — piece of real estate. All have earned a

spot on the University of Minnesota's Wall of Discovery, the U's new monument to Minnesota excellence.

The 253-foot-long wall, which was formally unveiled in a ceremony in late September, forms the centerpiece of the Scholars Walk, a tribute to past and present intellectual accomplishment at the U's Minneapolis campus.

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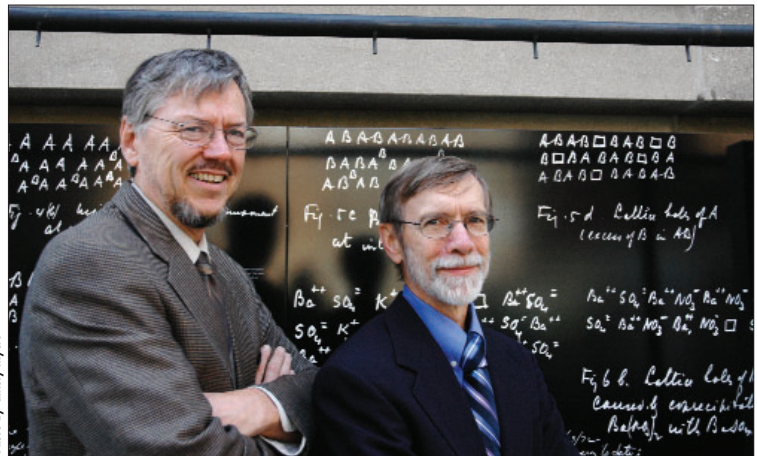


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St. Anthony Park residents Gary Nelsestuen and Tom Krick are featured on the University of Minnesota's Wall of Discovery, which was recently unveiled on the East Bank campus.



On October 19, demolition began on Park Midway Bank's drive-in facility at the corner of Como and Doswell. The bank will erect a new two-story building on the site, allowing them to consolidate operations that formerly were split between this location and that of the main bank at Como and Carter. During construction, a temporary drive-in window is available behind the old facility. The bank hopes to occupy their new quarters by September 2007.

## Residents gather to discuss recent local crime incidents

by Dave Healy

Concern about a recent spike in area robberies and residential burglaries drew 75 St. Anthony Park and Falcon Heights residents to an October 26 meeting of the District 12 Community Connections Committee, held in the Student Center at the University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus.

Nina Axelson, community organizer and crime prevention coordinator for the District 12 Community Council, assembled statistics for the meeting showing 9 local robberies and 18 residential burglaries between June and October 2006.

The three most recent

incidents, all robberies, occurred near the St. Paul campus:

Cleveland and Buford at 2 p.m. on October 10, Cleveland and Doswell at 1 p.m. on October 11, and Cleveland and Knapp at 8 p.m. on October 15.

Two of the victims were university students; one was a staff member. In two cases, the victim was knocked to the ground. In all three robberies, there were no witnesses other than the lone victims.

Two of the victims were approached from behind and didn't get a good look at who

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**Como Park**

The new address for the District 10 office is 1224 N. Lexington Parkway. The office is located in the remodeled Historic Streetcar Station. The District 10 Council board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on November 21 at the new location. The Woodlands Project Advisory Committee will meet there November 18 at 9 a.m.

**Falcon Heights**

The City Council unanimously approved a 3.5 percent increase in the preliminary tax levy. According to council minutes, the increase is due to increased costs for public safety, utilities and health insurance premiums. No services have been added or cut. In previous years, rather than raising the levy, reserves have been used to cover some expenses.

All residents are welcome to attend a truth in taxation hearing at 7 p.m. on December 4 at City Hall or to call (644-5050) with questions or suggestions.

There are currently openings for citizen participation on the Neighborhood, Environment, Planning, and Parks and Recreation Commissions. Those interested are encouraged to contact City Hall (644-5050).

**Lauderdale**

The Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee has been meeting monthly to discuss the future vision for the city. Conversations have begun about parks and open space, making the city more friendly for bikes and pedestrians, and housing maintenance and redevelopment.

All the conversations will eventually be part of creating goals and strategies for the city, which will need to be approved by the City Council in 2008. There will be community meetings as a part of the process, and all are welcome to attend the meetings of the Steering Committee, according to Heather Butkowski, city staff person.

Reconstruction of the city tennis and basketball courts will begin either this fall or in spring 2007. The City Council approved the expenditure of funds for the project. "The city had been saving for this for a long time," said Jim Bownik, assistant to the city administrator.

Voting on November 7, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., will be at City Hall, 1981 Walnut Street. All of Lauderdale is in the same district.

The City Council voted to increase police patrol services from 16 to 24 hours per day.

The University of Minnesota is undertaking a vegetation study that includes Lauderdale. The work will be carried out by graduate students. The city hopes that residents will cooperate with the students and let them record the data they need. This study may prove useful in applying for future grants.

**St. Anthony Park**

Metropolitan Transit is proposing to locate a new bus garage at Wabash and Vandalia, south of University Avenue. The District 12 Council gave preliminary support for these plans.

A special committee of the District 12 Community Council has recommended a slate of 20 candidates for a Como Avenue Small Area Plan Task Force.

The slate, which includes representatives from all major stakeholder groups, needs final approval by the full council at its November 9 meeting. After approval, the task force will develop a process for delivering a plan to the council by late spring of 2007.

The council has hired a planner, who will coordinate the work of the task force. The task force will study Como Avenue between Snelling Avenue and Highway 280.

The Community Council will create a task force to participate in the transportation study being undertaken by the city of St. Paul for the northwest quadrant of the city. Anyone interested in serving on the task force should contact the council office (649-5992).

St. Anthony Park has recently experienced several street robberies. Residents can call the council office (649-5992) for more details or check the Web site ([www.sapcc.org](http://www.sapcc.org)) for crime statistics and tips.

Rock-Tenn Company, a paper recycling company located at 2250 Wabash, is in the process of developing plans for an on-site energy source.

Alternative fuels are being considered for the new power plant, including various forms of biomass: wood from urban and rural trees, agricultural crops or residue, construction and demolition waste wood, and refuse-derived fuel.

St. Anthony Park and other affected neighborhoods have joined to establish priorities for this transition. Rock-Tenn Interested Neighborhoods (RTIN) includes Merriam Park, Desnoyer Park, Hamline-Midway, Southeast Como and St. Anthony Park.

The work of the next few months will be to collect information that will inform residents and identify benefits and threats that may develop from the project.

The coalition is considering the project timeline, potential energy options, economic considerations, environmental and health concerns, and effects on water quality.

Once information is collected and analyzed, the group hopes to work with the stakeholder organizations to pursue the best option for the neighborhoods.

For more information on Rock-Tenn and their transition to a new energy source, contact Nina Axelson (649-5992, [nina@sapcc.org](mailto:nina@sapcc.org)) or visit [www.sapcc.org](http://www.sapcc.org).

RTIN will hold a forum on November 14 at 7 p.m. at the South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center, 890 Cromwell Ave., to discuss the Rock-Tenn plans.

—Susan Conner

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Paul Charest, of Falcon Heights Elementary, and Winston Tucker, of Murray Junior High, are part of a new breed of school principals who must be responsive to an ever-changing educational environment.

## School principals adapt to new roles as educational climate continues to evolve

by Lisa Steinmann

Dr. Winston Tucker, principal at Murray Junior High School, is an imposing presence as he walks down the center of the hallway during passing time. He makes sure to greet students and teachers alike as they fill the hallway for a few minutes.

Students scramble around him in zigzagging traffic patterns. He checks his watch as he eyes a group of boys jostling each other by the water fountain. "Let's go, gentlemen!"

As the traffic in the hallway quickly evaporates, a bell rings and classroom doors begin to close. Tucker uses his walkie-talkie to confirm the end of hallway supervision with assistants in other parts of the building.

So far, Tucker appears to be the classic school principal. He walks the hallway like a friendly sheriff of the old West, showing everyone around that he's keeping an eye on things and

means to keep things in order.

"If you're going to be a leader," he said, "you need to be seen."

While school principals are as much school leaders as they have ever been, they have also become skilled collaborators, sharing decision-making with teaching staff and site councils made up of parents and community members.

At the same time, their areas of responsibility have widened to include instructional leadership in addition to keeping an orderly building environment that fosters learning.

One way the job of school principal has changed can be characterized by the way Tucker starts most days at Murray Junior High. He arrives by 6 a.m. and sits down to face a computer, where he wades through e-mails and then turns to the phone to check voice mail and return telephone calls. In this age of

accountability, perhaps no one is more accountable in a school than the principal.

Meetings are another big part of a principal's day. Tucker spends four out of five mornings a week attending meetings with staff or parents.

But he's not cooped up for long. Tucker and his staff roam the halls as students make their way to first classes. "People bring up issues as they see you," he said.

As he moves through the building, an engineer may pull him aside to discuss a maintenance issue (this year the building is undergoing a complete repainting job). A student may have something to say; a substitute teacher may introduce herself.

The rest of the day Tucker moves between the main office and classrooms, continuing the job of communicating with the

School principals to 8

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## EDITORIAL

"We need the tonic of wildness," wrote Thoreau, who built a cabin in the Massachusetts woods and lived there for two years, recording his observations on the tenuous relationship between the natural and civilized worlds.

That tonic is harder to experience now than it was in Thoreau's day. Recently, some St. Anthony Park residents thought they had a brush with wildness in the form of two turkeys seen roaming the neighborhood. It turns out, though, that the apparently wild animals had been raised from eggs purchased on eBay by a local family.

But even semiwild turkeys at large in the area were unsettling enough for at least one resident to prompt a complaint to the city. The turkey raisers were informed that the fowl were a foul of local law and were asked to relocate the birds to the country. They reluctantly obliged.

Whether animals, and what kind of animals, should have free rein in the city is a question of long standing locally. What was perhaps the first community organization in this area, the St. Anthony Park Improvement League, founded in 1901, stated as one of its objectives "to prevent free roaming of cattle, poultry, and dogs."

Not everyone, then, is a Thoreauvian at heart. Indeed, American history can be read as a saga of domestication, an "errand into the

wilderness," in historian Perry Miller's words. One of the imperatives of that errand was to render the wilderness tame, to explore and conquer, to build what the Puritan John Winthrop called "a city upon a hill" that all the world could observe.

Minnesotans, caught up in the national mood, adopted a lumberjack as a folk hero. Paul Bunyan and his pet ox were extensions of the idea that nature exists to be subdued, every fallen tree representing a victory for the forces of civilization.

Today, however, many of us are uneasy about the loss of wild(er)ness, both at home and abroad. At a recent meeting of the District 12 Land Use Committee, a landowner requesting a variance for his plan to develop a piece of property drew concern from some committee members regarding the potential loss of several large trees. He was asked, "What will you do to preserve the urban forest?"

The notion of an "urban forest" captures perfectly our modern dilemma. We love the city and all it offers, yet we are aware of the price we pay for urbanization and the ever-shrinking forests that help sustain the very air we breathe.

"In wildness," said Thoreau, "is the preservation of the world."

Preserving the wild, whether trees or turkeys, is an errand that involves all of us.

## COMMENTARY

by Rep. Alice Hausman

In addition to statewide and local races on the November 7 ballot, there will be a proposed constitutional amendment regarding a dedicated source of funding for roads and transit for voters to consider. I would like to make the case for a "Yes" vote on Minnesota's Transportation Amendment.

In most cases, I would agree with those who say that budgeting by constitutional amendment is not a good idea. However, there is a reason why transportation is an exception.

We already constitutionally dedicate the gas tax and license tabs to roads and highways, thereby creating an uneven playing field for transit. We are far behind other states — our economic competitors — in the development of public mass transit systems.

Further, we have no state match for federal transit dollars, so billions of federal tax dollars have gone to other states that are building transit systems.

There was a time when

80 percent of a rail transit corridor was paid by the federal government. That number is now down to 50 percent. Were we to pass this constitutional amendment, with 40 percent dedicated to transit, we would have that valuable state match. We would no longer have to fight the political fight each year to get large amounts of state money dedicated to a transit corridor.

Highway construction costs are skyrocketing in the metro area because of right-of-way costs and other issues. There is ample evidence that when a region tries to solve its congestion problems with only roads, it fails.

If our metro area grinds to a halt with congestion, there will be consequences to our economy. That hurts the whole state. It is in the best interest of ALL regions of the state to work cooperatively to ensure transportation choices.

Greater Minnesota's aging population needs transit systems if they want to continue to live independently in smaller communities. Metro citizens want transit options as an affordable,

less stressful and environmentally friendly alternative. And if those federal transit dollars come to our state, state dollars in a healthy economy will be available for education, human services and all those causes near and dear to us.

I know that some have expressed concerns about whether the amendment will take money from education. Let me first say that I, too, hold support for education as a core value, but I still support this amendment.

It will be phased in over five years, so the impact on the budget each year is minimal. Even after five years the impact is less than 1 percent of the total state budget. Claims to the contrary are simply misleading and designed to defeat the amendment.

If we don't pass this amendment, we still need a dedicated state match for those hundreds of millions of federal transit dollars that will help us build our transit infrastructure. The solution that some have proposed is a half-cent sales tax, yet one more regressive tax to be

imposed on metro taxpayers. Simply writing in a line item in the budget isn't seen by the federal government as a sure thing because legislators can change their minds the next year.

We are ONE Minnesota. Our solutions should reflect that. Passage of this amendment would ensure that we will continue to balance interests of metro and rural, roads and transit.

*Rep. Alice Hausman has represented House District 66b in the Minnesota Legislature for eight terms. She lives in St. Anthony Park. She can be reached at rep.alice.hausman@house.mn or 296-3824.*

## Correction

An article in last month's issue stated that the St. Anthony Park School Association raises over \$7,000 a year to fund field trips and other special events. The article should have noted that last year the group raised over \$20,000.

## LETTERS

## Home Tour a success

Visiting with neighbors, connecting with old friends, celebrating work completed, discovering neighborhood jewels. Little did I know that a fundraiser for the St. Anthony Park Community Council would have all these benefits.

Not only did our recent home tour help us meet some of our financial goals, but it was a celebration of the homes and people that make up this great neighborhood.

I want to recognize the contributions of Rose Gregoire, coordinator for this big event. It is her combination of skills, dedication and familiarity with neighborhood homes and people

that made the event a success.

Thanks also go to Emily Woodall and Suzanne Garfield, who each gave significant contributions of volunteer time, and to the many other volunteers who staffed the houses for the tour.

Of course, none of this would have happened without the graciousness and hard work of the homeowners who were willing to open their residences for the community to enjoy.

I would also like to acknowledge the significant contribution of Park Midway Bank, our primary sponsor. Thanks also to our other sponsors, including Cardinal Remodeling, the Little Wine

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Congratulations to all for a great day in the neighborhood!

*Amy Sparks, executive director  
St. Anthony Park Community Council*

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## Guilty Pleasures

It's been a lark  
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But I almost feel  
Guilty living here  
While all over the sphere  
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With the world well spent.  
But even feeling guilty  
It's still a lark  
Living in St. Anthony Park.





As an Eagle Scout project, Tom Smith (top right), a member of Boy Scout Troop 17, organized an October 19 buckthorn removal project between Highway 280 and Hunting Valley Road, just south of Como Avenue. The troop, including Sam Wallace (top left), worked with the St. Anthony Park Garden Club.

This fall St. Anthony Park was home to two (semi)wild turkeys, Benjamin Franklin and Tara, that generated considerable interest in the neighborhood. The turkeys were spotted at many locations and on several occasions drew a large crowd. They were raised by the Karvel family, who previously have raised partridges and ducks. In October, the Karvels took the two turkeys to the country and released them. Photo courtesy of Holly Bell.



On September 16, members of the St. Anthony Park Garden Club planted perennials in front of Mim's Restaurant at Cleveland and Buford. Photos courtesy of Dennis Ormseth.



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## Park Hardware to close October 31

by Dave Healy

October 31 will be the last day of regular business at Park Hardware Store, 2290 Como Ave. Owner Dave Kerr said he will hold merchandise clearance sales in November, when the store will be open for limited hours. Kerr's lease is up at the end of December, at which time Park Hardware will be officially out of business.

Kerr bought the business in 1997. The building is owned by St. Anthony Park residents Stew and Kathy McIntosh and has housed a hardware store since 1946. The McIntoshes bought the business and building from Dick and Oney Meyers in 1977. They ran it until Kerr took over the hardware business.

Kerr said he has been trying to sell the business since February but has had no serious interest.

"We haven't turned a profit in three years," he said, "so it's understandable that buyers would be reluctant."

Kerr attributed the store's failure to "more competition and less parking." He said he would have considered moving to a location with a more favorable lease arrangement, but "there isn't another suitable place in the area."

Kerr said he had high hopes for the customer loyalty program Park Hardware initiated a year ago. "We had 3,000 people sign up, but not enough of them bought things here."

Recently Kerr has employed seven or eight people in the store. In addition to selling merchandise, Park Hardware has offered a repair service.

Kerr said he has tried to sell some of his stock to other hardware stores, but "everybody had a tough summer, and nobody has much extra cash right now."

After closing the store, Kerr plans to start a plumbing business with a local plumber.

McIntosh said he hopes to find another commercial tenant for the building.

"I owe Dave Kerr thanks for being a good tenant," he said. "I appreciate everything he's done for the neighborhood."



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## School principals from 3

broad array of people that make up a school community.

On an ordinary day, Tucker heads home around 5 p.m. He estimates that two to three nights a week he stays until 8 p.m. to attend more meetings and events.

Tucker sees his role as a liaison among district, staff, students, families and community. He works with a staff of 96, 46 of whom are teachers, the rest consisting of office staff, food service personnel, building engineers and health care workers.

He manages a \$3.2 million budget and shares decision-making with a site council, which, Tucker says, is good but which can be time consuming and requires skill and tact to build consensus. The school has not one but two active and supportive PTAs, including the oldest Hmong PTA in the district.

A big change in the role of principal is the degree to which principals involve themselves in classroom instruction. Tucker does regular informal classroom observations and is trying to find ways to do them more regularly.

"Classroom instruction is the heart of the school," he said. He is also responsible for formal observation of teachers, which involves checking for specific criteria and filling out forms.

The importance of accountability, emphasized in No Child Left Behind mandates, requires more testing and paperwork than ever.

"Seven years ago and back, the principal was the manager and rarely went into classrooms unless there was a problem," said Tucker. "Now principals need to know what good instructional practices are, provide feedback and tailor staff development to

reinforce that."

Another area of increased responsibility for principals is school safety. Recent tragedies underscore the importance of leadership in American schools. Tucker said that he and his staff have undergone advanced training on safety and emergency procedures.

Tucker finds professional support with colleagues in the district and a network of other principals throughout the state. This year he is looking forward to training in the Minnesota Principals' Academy through the National Institute for School Leadership.

"It's a fun, exciting job, never dull," he said. "It's rewarding and tiring. If you like variety, you get it as a principal."

Paul Charest is the principal of Falcon Heights Elementary School, a neighborhood school that serves 425 students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Like Murray, the well-kept elementary school is nestled in a residential neighborhood, on Garden Avenue, just west of Hamline Avenue. The school is part of the Roseville Area School District that serves 6,400 students from seven suburban communities.

Charest said that every year he tells the kindergarten students that a big part of his job is learning, just like they do. He said his main focus is to create a positive, productive and caring environment. To that end, he takes on many tasks: hiring, leading, supervising and managing.

Charest sees his role as "the building leader" but notes that "there is critical support available." That support comes from teachers who work as curriculum coordinators and from

district administrators. It is important, said Charest, that teachers share in the leadership of the school.

"Each building sets goals and staff take leadership roles in defining the steps to accomplish these goals," he said.

Charest supervises teachers by visiting classrooms almost every day and evaluating new teachers formally. He noted that principals, like teachers, attend training sessions to stay abreast of "best practices" in education.

In turn, he relies on professional support from the district and several professional organizations, including the State and National Principals Association and the Metropolitan Principals' Academy.

Communication obligations for principals continue to increase, Charest said, adding that this is a good thing because communication leads to better decision-making.

Long days seem to be part of the job. Charest said he works from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. most days, with at least one evening meeting a week. He does work at home evenings and weekends as well.

Unlike Murray, Falcon Heights does not have a site council. Principals in the Roseville schools have sole responsibility for the budget.

"I think the public would be surprised at how much the staff are involved in spending and defining directions for how to use our finances," Charest said.

Charest said students should understand that he wants them to be responsible learners, but he also wants them to know that school can be fun. "Learning is most effective when it is paired with good feelings."

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## Getting their kicks on and off the field Como Park High School seniors show their versatility

by Michelle Christianson

A challenging situation developed in the Como Park football program this fall: No boys were willing and able to be place-kickers.

Coach Kirby Scull had assistant Brian McCarthy check with the school's soccer teams. He found that the two players who best fit the bill were girls — Caitlin Durkee and Emily Kidd. Both contributed to Como's 7-1 record. Durkee is 24 for 25 and Kidd 7 of 9 on extra-point kicks going into the playoffs.

The young women were not used for kick-offs because neither Scull nor soccer coach Steve Cox wanted them to be injured in a tackle — and for good reason, as the girls' soccer team also did well this year. They won 9 out of 12 conference games, finishing in second place, and were runners-up in the Section 4A playoffs.

Whoa, let's back up a minute here. If you're a high school student today, all this sounds perfectly normal — girls kicking in boys' football games, soccer as part of the athletic program, girls' sports as a given. But not so many years ago any one of these things would have been unbelievable.

For five senior girls from St. Anthony Park, it's not only believable but just one part of their intertwined lives. Durkee, Kidd, Emily Fate, Rachel Nauen and Katie Lister grew up together, attending St. Anthony Park Elementary, Murray Junior High and Como Park High School. They played on recreation teams at Langford Park, often with their parents as coaches. They know each other well, on and off the soccer field.

At least part of their success on this year's Como team stems from this long association. They all say they know how each other plays so well that they can anticipate what they will do in many situations. They know they can rely on each other and that someone always has their back. All of them revel in being part of a team that works and thinks together.

Each individual girl has strengths that contribute to the team's success, and these skills have been rewarded with various honors. By the end of their junior year, Kidd had made all-conference twice; Lister all-conference honorable mention; Fate all-conference three times and all-state honorable mention; Nauen all-conference honorable mention twice and all-conference once; and Durkee all-conference three times, all-state honorable mention once and all-state once, as well as being MVP at Como three times and all-conference MVP once. Also, Fate and Nauen are the leading scorers in Class A



Photo by Christy Myers

Five seniors on Como Park High School's girls soccer team grew up together in St. Anthony Park. Left to right: Caitlin Durkee, Emily Fate, Rachel Nauen, Katie Lister and Emily Kidd.

girls soccer this year.

The friends have all been involved in other sports as well: basketball, volleyball, track, golf, cross-country skiing and softball — either for Como, park league or leisure-time recreation. They are good students who often end up in the same classes and have helped one another in study groups and with special projects. Yet they still have time for outside activities: National Honor Society, Young Democrats, choir, Student Council and traveling soccer teams.

But despite this flurry of academic and recreational activity, they still find time for normal high-school-girl things like shopping and talking.

"We are just best friends," said Fate. "Even though we all have other groups we are part of, we know that in the end we can come back to this group for support."

Because all five girls are seniors, next year will be a break from the past. All are heading to

college and will play soccer, but in different states and with varying degrees of involvement.

Kidd has been admitted early to Winona State, a Division II school, where she will play on the soccer team. Fate is still looking at schools, and though she is not interested in playing for a Division I school, she would still like to play and that would be a significant part of her decision about where to go. Nauen also wants to play soccer in college, probably for a Division III school. Lister is probably heading to the University of Wisconsin at Madison, where she expects to play intramural soccer. And Durkee is heading to Georgetown University to play Division I soccer.

For these talented young women, participation in athletics — even playing on the boys' team — comes as naturally as breathing. Luckily, they are living in the right time and place to use all of their innate and acquired skills.

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### Charter members from 1

once did. As recently as 1999, the association boasted over 600 members. Today, the organization exists only on paper. It no longer has any officers or holds meetings.

On the other hand, looking at what the association did during its heyday reveals that its activities and services have been taken over by a variety of other community groups, and one could argue that the spirit that animated the St. Anthony Park Association for most of its life is still alive and well.

What would become the St. Anthony Park Association began in 1946 with a conversation among four neighborhood residents: John Dow, Gale Frost, Russ Lembke and Elmer Ziegenhagen. As Frost remembers it, "We had the idea that St. Anthony Park needed a men's club."

The four men invited several others, and the second meeting counted 13 participants. On December 10, 1946, the group held a dinner meeting at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

Their objectives, according to a letter announcing the event, included "service to the community, securing adequate recreational facilities, encouraging worthwhile youth programs, safeguarding the interests of St. Anthony Park residents and business, and featuring fellowship among male residents."

The first dinner meeting was followed by others, each held at a different local church. According to Frost, having various churches host these dinners proved to be an informal membership drive.

"When we met at the Episcopal Church, we picked up a few members from that congregation," he said. "That happened again when we met at the Congregational Church, and then the Catholic Church, and the Methodist Church and so on."

In December 1946, the fledgling group had 20 paid members. By the next month they had added 45 members. At their March meeting, they adopted a constitution and by-laws, and on June 25, 1947, articles of incorporation were signed.

The last phrase in the original founders' statement of purpose — "fellowship among male residents" — went unchallenged for years. Eventually, however, several women let it be known that they would like to join the association.

According to Frost, the group decided to put the question to a vote, which ended in a tie. Another vote several months later also ended in a tie. That apparently was deemed close enough, and the group opened its membership to the female contingent.

"I said at the time," Frost recalled, "that I'm not against ladies, but it will change the

complexion of the organization."

The St. Anthony Park Association was preceded by another neighborhood group, the St. Anthony Park Improvement League, founded in 1901.

Among its objectives were "to discourage erection of barns, outhouses, etc. in such places as would render the same public nuisances or violations of the rights due neighbors" and "to prevent free roaming of cattle, poultry, and dogs."

Although the Improvement League's primary concern was real estate, it did sponsor what would become an enduring tradition in St. Anthony Park: a neighborhood Fourth of July celebration. However, that event didn't become fully institutionalized until the St. Anthony Park Association took it over in 1947.

Gale Frost and Gerald McKay helped organize the 1947 Fourth of July celebration. Frost turned to Fred Morlock to run the parade.

"We were going to have a contest for parade entries," Morlock said. "I appointed three judges, not one of whom showed up for the parade. So everyone got a prize."

Morlock not only organized the 1947 parade, he was in it. "I didn't actually see much of the parade that first year," he said, "because I was riding in a convertible."

Last year, he was a parade participant again, this time riding in a wheelchair along with other residents of St. Anthony Park Home.

Many features of the early St. Anthony Park Fourth of July celebrations remain to this day: games, races, drawings, family picnics. But one staple of the original event has gone by the wayside.

"One year, I managed to set my own house on fire with the fireworks display," said Frost.

Several other fireworks-related fires and accidents over the years led the group to purchase insurance, but that soon became too expensive and the fireworks display was dropped.

In the early 1990s, Frost and McKay were involved in a short-term addition to the usual Fourth of July activities. They led the St. Anthony Park Detour, a bus



In 1991, Gale Frost and Gerald McKay planned the route for their bus tour of historical points of interest in St. Anthony Park. The Detour was held on July 4 as part of the annual celebration coordinated by the St. Anthony Park Association.

tour of the neighborhood that featured people, sites and stories of bygone years.

Besides the Fourth of July, the St. Anthony Park Association took on many other neighborhood projects. It raised money for local schools, sponsored youth athletic teams, helped upgrade the field and hockey rink at Langford Park, coordinated civil defense organizations, and proposed zoning changes and street improvements.

The association predated the district council system in St. Paul and performed some of the same functions that would eventually be taken over by the St. Anthony Park Community Council.

"Back then we were the only contact city government had with this community," said McKay, who served as president of the association from 1949 to 1950.

The organization even launched a neighborhood publication, the St. Anthony Park Association Bulletin, which chronicled the group's activities and various community events and concerns. McKay served as one of the Bulletin's editors.

In the late 1960s, the Association, under the direction of Fred Steinhauer, undertook an ambitious neighborhood study. The precursor to later district plans by the St. Anthony Park Community Council, the Association study included a wide variety of demographic, geographical and botanical information.

Today the work begun by the association continues under the sponsorship of other organizations: the St. Anthony Park Community Council, St. Anthony Park Community Foundation, Park Bugle, Langford Park Booster Club and St. Anthony Park Library Association.



## The Birdman of Lauderdale

by Clay Christensen

I had the pleasure and privilege of spending 10 days birdwatching in Ecuador this September. In preparation for my trip, I decided to take some intensive Spanish lessons so I could communicate with the locals.

I joked that at least I wanted to be able to say, "Please don't kidnap me! I'm not rich! Take him!" while pointing to my birding buddy, Bill. Luckily, there were no such incidents on the trip. More about my Spanish later.

This was not only a birdwatching trip but also a fundraiser for the Jocotoco Foundation, an organization that manages seven wildlife reserves in Ecuador. As a part of the cost of our trip, each of the birders contributed \$500 and took pledges from friends and family that would allow the foundation to purchase more land to protect habitat.

Ecuador is on the northwestern "shoulder" of South America, astride the equator. It's about the size of Colorado, with a population of 13.5 million. The Andes Mountains form the central, north-south spine of the country, flanked by the Amazon jungle on the east and Pacific coastal lowlands on the west.

We spent three or four days each at two of the Jocotoco reserves in southern Ecuador. The first was on Mount Tapichalaca, at 8,000 feet, on the eastern side of the Andes. This is the wet and rainy side, which is good for maintaining a rain forest ecosystem but not so good for hikers wanting to stay dry and catch a glimpse of some rare birds.

On one of the high hiking trails, however, we were able to find the endangered Jocotoco antpitta, the bird for which the foundation was created and named. The bird's soft call sounds like a repeated "Hoko, toko." It was discovered in 1997 by Robert S. Ridgely, who did the paintings

for the voluminous "Birds of Ecuador" guidebook.

The second half of our trip was spent at Buenaventura Lodge on the Andes' western slopes at 3,000 feet, with less rain than the east side but as much fog and mist. Both lodges had full bathrooms attached to each of the bedrooms. At my advanced age, that's really important.

In one of my first Spanish lessons, we learned that "Mucho gusto!" means, "Pleased to meet you!" But somehow I came to believe that "gusto" meant to like something. So naturally, I reasoned that "mucho gusto" should mean "I like it a lot."

During the first several days of our stay at the Tapichalaca Lodge, I used "Mucho gusto!" at every meal to express how much I enjoyed the food. As we passed by the kitchen staff to reach the stairway to our bedrooms, I told them all, "Mucho gusto!" to let them know how great the meal was.

After four days of this, I found myself sitting next to Betty at lunch. She'd spent three years in Ecuador while in the Peace Corps. She leaned over to me and said matter-of-factly, "You know, when you say, 'Mucho gusto!' you're really saying, 'Pleased to meet you!'"

"But I meant to say, 'I liked it a lot!'" I said.

"Then you should probably say, 'Me gusta!'" she explained. I was so embarrassed! "You mean, when I finished that dessert and wanted to tell the server how great it was, I was saying, 'Oh, that dessert. Pleased to meet you?'"

"Yes," she said, "that's what you've been saying."

From then on, sadly chastened, I switched to "me gusta," and the looks I got from the staff seemed much more comfortable. Until, that is, the last day at Buenaventura Lodge.

The kitchen helpers, who

also waited the tables, were the same men who loaded our luggage onto the bus. I wanted to let them know, now that we were leaving, how much I'd enjoyed my stay at the lodge, the food, the birds, the scenery, and I figured I could add a "mucho" to the phrase and really emphasize how much I liked being there.

So, I said to each of them, "Me gusto mucho!" passing them as they loaded the luggage at the back of the bus.

As I was about to climb the steps into the bus, our guide, José, gently pulled me aside and asked, "Do you know what you said to those guys?"

"I thought I said that I had liked it here very much," I replied.

"No. You said, 'I like YOU very much!'" he said, making no attempt to stifle his laughter.

With José beside me, I retraced my steps to the rear of the bus and looked around it. There stood the three guys with puzzled looks on their faces. I dramatically blew them a kiss. That cracked them up and we all convulsed in laughter.

So much for my Spanish lessons. I think I deserve a refund or at least remedial lessons.

There was much more to my Ecuador trip than my linguistic mishaps, of course, and I'll be relating some interesting birdwatching experiences in a future column or two.


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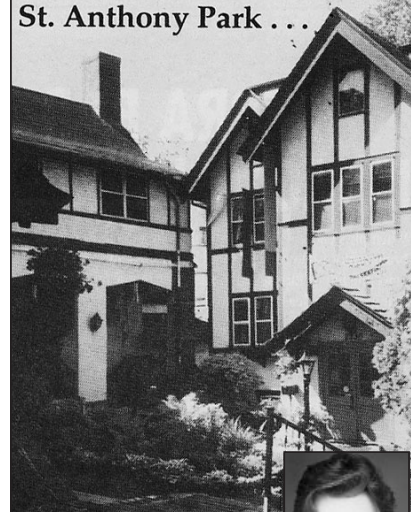
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### Writing on the wall from 1

Foundation, the U's Alumni Association and the Minnesota Medical Foundation, the Wall of Discovery was designed by Drew Sternal of Minneapolis.

It contains reproductions of 92 drawings or notes from the work of University of Minnesota faculty, researchers and alumni that have made, according to Sternal, "significant accomplishments in our world."

Pictured on the wall in a series of translucent panels that appear to float before the passer-by are the working notes to Minnesota milestones as varied as the first open-heart surgery, the invention of mass spectrometry and the first ever poetic ode — by Minnesota writer Patricia Hampl — to a parking ramp.

There's a reproduction from hockey coach Herb Brooks' playbook from the 1980 "Miracle on Ice" Olympic victory. There's a typed facsimile of three lyrics by Minnesota troubadour Bob Dylan from his 1966 album "Blonde on Blonde."

Hubert Humphrey is represented by notes from a speech, as is NAACP head (and 1923 U of M graduate) Roy Wilkins. Minnesota astronaut Deke Slayton contributed notes about his choices for the NASA crews that followed him into space.

There's a letter from Nobel Laureate Saul Bellow, who, according to his biographer, spent a year or so living on Hillside Avenue while he held a temporary teaching appointment at the university just after World War II.

There's a graph from the research of the late Phyllis Freier, a member of the university's Physics Department and longtime Gordon Avenue resident, who did pioneering work in the understanding of cosmic rays.

Another panel represents a patent sketch of the Gentle Leader® dog collar, the invention

that took the stress out of the daily walk for millions of pet owners. It was developed by retired veterinary science and public health Professor Robert K. Anderson of Falcon Heights.

Architecture is represented by sketches from the Closes, who designed much of University Grove, and Sarah Susanka, who lived in St. Anthony Park while developing her ideas of the "not-so-big house."

It's heady company for all the honorees, but a couple of current neighborhood residents seem more interested in their research than in the other celebrities with whom they find themselves sharing wall space.

Gary Nelsestuen is the Samuel Kirkwood Professor of Biochemistry, with offices on both campuses of the university. He earned his place on the Wall of Discovery for work he did with the aid of university scientist — and fellow St. Anthony Park resident — Tom Krick during the 1970s on the functions of Vitamin K.

Nelsestuen says that the best moments of his work are "when the frustration is overcome and you discover something."

He adds, "Most research is frustrating. You have to be so interested in the project that you don't notice that you're often doing fairly repetitive and mundane things."

Nelsestuen says he had hoped to use his place on the Wall to convey the trajectory of scientific research through "early frustration, middle boredom and final discovery."

He submitted notes from all three phases of his work. In the end, though, "it was the artist's selection." Which may explain why he is represented on the Wall by a passage from his lab notebook that ends, "Sheesh! What does this mean?"

Both Nelsestuen and Krick have lived in St. Anthony Park for

more than 30 years, and both walk to work on the St. Paul campus. Though they never exchanged ideas by walking to work together, they have known each other for many years outside the laboratory.

"I coached his kids in soccer," says Krick, "and he coached my kids in basketball at Langford."

A couple of blocks away in University Grove lives another Wall honoree, Professor Emeritus Pauline Boss of the Department of Family Social Science.

Boss is recognized for developing the concept of "ambiguous loss," her term for the condition that affects families of the chronically ill, for example, where the afflicted individual both is and is not a fully integrated member of the family circle.

Boss, whose work was used in treatment of the surviving families after 9/11, says her best professional moments come in working with families, "when I see them use their natural resiliency. The resiliency has become a tolerance for ambiguity, and they're able to move forward despite never having certainty in their lives."

At least one of the honorees sees his presence on the Wall of Discovery as a teaching moment.

"It could be a motivation,"

Krick says about the Wall's impact on the young. "Go to school, work hard and find something you like doing."

Nelsestuen likes the idea of taking his family for regular strolls along the Wall, although with one grown child living in Colorado and another in Portland — not to mention three grandchildren and one on the way — he may have difficulty organizing spontaneous outings.

Boss' reaction to the Wall is simplicity itself. "I went to see it recently for the first time," she reports. "It was spectacular."

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## No bones about it

by Kristi Curry Rogers

This month's column comes to you direct from Ottawa, Ontario, where I'm attending the 66th annual meeting of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology. That's the group of people who, like me, are fascinated by all things dead and fossilized.

There are over 900 paleontologists from all over the world gathered here for three days to give talks, hear talks and plan new research projects.

Students are everywhere, as are the "ultra-famous" paleontology crowd. There are also paleontology "groupies" dressed in khaki pants, pocketed vests and dinosaur T-shirts. It's quite a spectacle.

Part of my work at this meeting is chairing a group called the Media Liaisons Committee. When the abstracts are submitted for the annual meeting, my committee reads over all of them and chooses five (out of 700 abstracts this year) to feature in a

special, invitation-only press conference. As the chair of the committee, I run the press conference, introducing the talks and fielding questions from the reporters in attendance.

This year there were reporters from Scientific American, National Geographic, Science News, Science Magazine and even the Discovery Channel.

They heard from five really interesting scientists studying things as diverse as whether rare animals are more prone to extinction, the unique ability that toothed whales (like dolphins and killer whales) have to echolocate, the preservation of ancient battle scars in woolly mammoths, how pterosaurs (the flying reptiles) breathed, and how many dinosaurs there really were back in the Cretaceous Period.

Now that my job at the press conference is over, I have to get ready to present my own

research on the heads of long-necked dinosaurs.

My husband, Ray, is here with me as well. He also has committee duties and plays a role in doling out one of the big awards at the meeting.

The Romer Prize, named for one of the "fathers" of paleontology, goes to the best student presentation of research at the meeting. It is a big deal to get the Romer. You can only try to get it once, and even better than the small cash prize that accompanies the award (which every poor grad student can use), is the recognition and respect of colleagues.

Ray moderated a session this morning with 16 Romer Prize hopefuls. The winner won't be announced until the very last night of the meeting, but the halls are abuzz with speculation. Next month I'll fill you in on all the coolest presentations. Until then!



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robbed them. The third victim said he was robbed by two males who fled in a van driven by a third person.

Two members of the U of M Police Department were at the meeting. Officer Chuck Miner said that daylight robberies on or around the campus are extremely rare. Investigator Aaron Churness said that the most common crime on campus is theft, which he described as usually a "crime of opportunity."

"This campus is public space," said Churness. "Anyone, including criminals, can freely access the area."

He said that thieves typically walk through buildings and look for unattended purses, backpacks, laptops or other portable items.

Churness said that in all three of the October robberies near campus, the victims had cell phones that were not stolen, yet none of the victims immediately called 911. He said that anyone who is the victim of or witness to a crime should call 911 as soon as possible.

Commander Doug Holtz of the St. Paul Police Department said that arrests are usually the result of good information from witnesses. He said none of the

recent crimes in the neighborhood had been solved.

Holtz said his department tries to communicate with the U of M Police Department, but he noted that while the university has a computer link to the Minneapolis Police Department, no such link exists with St. Paul or Falcon Heights.

Several people at the meeting said they had been dissatisfied with police response to phone calls. Both Holtz and Churness said their departments do not have the resources to respond directly to every call they receive. Churness said the university's department has 45 officers, who are spread over three shifts.

One resident asked how often the St. Paul Police Department patrols St. Anthony Park. Holtz said the area is patrolled every day.

"You won't necessarily know that," he said, "unless you happen to be out when a car drives down your street."

Jay Benanav, Ward 4 City Council member, said, "I've maintained for some time that this neighborhood doesn't get enough police patrols. I hope that will change next year, when the city plans to hire 15 new officers."

Several people asked what residents can do to deter crime. Holtz said lighting is a powerful deterrent. Benanav said, "If your alley doesn't have a light, convince your neighbors to pitch in and get one."

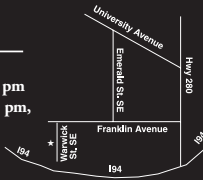
The meeting concluded with strategizing about what residents and the Community Council can do to deter crime. Axelsson said the council wants to revive the system of block clubs in the neighborhood. She also urged residents to join the council's electronic news group (SAPark), a Yahoo group that can be subscribed to through the Community Council's Web site: [www.sapcc.org](http://www.sapcc.org).

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## Arts Events

The St. Lawrence String Quartet will be joined by Pedja Muzijevic, piano, for a **Music in the Park Series** concert at 4 p.m. on November 5.

They will perform Mozart's Quartet in D Major K. 575 (Prussian), and String Quartet No. 3 by Canada's R. Murray Schafer.

The performance will be at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. Tickets: 645-5699 or [www.musicintheparkseries.org](http://www.musicintheparkseries.org).

On November 5 at 4 p.m., the Prevailing Winds Quintet will perform in a joint recital with the Minnesota Accordion Orchestra at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave.

For more information, call 645-0371.

## Sales

The 29th annual **Schultz** is in **Stitches Holiday Boutique** will be held November 4-12 at the John Rose Oval in Roseville. The sale features 150 artists offering jewelry, clothing, hand-woven linens, scarves, baskets, pottery, dolls, sculpture, watercolors, pillows, toys and more.

Hours are 10-6 Saturday, 10-4 Sunday and 10-9 Monday through Friday.

A **turkey dinner and boutique** will be held Sunday, November 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Childhood, 1435 Midway Parkway. The price is \$8 for adults, \$3 for children 5-10, free for children 4 and under. Take-out is available.

The Weavers Guild of Minnesota will hold its **32nd Annual Fiber Fair Sale** November 17-19 at 3000 University Ave. SE in Minneapolis. Over 50 fiber artists will offer works for sale ranging from home accessories to decorative textiles and clothing.

## Conferences

**Lyngblomsten Care Center** will host **Hand-in-Hand: A Conference for Caregivers** on November 18 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The day will include a keynote address, "Comfort and Care for the Caregiver," by Pat Samples, as well as breakout sessions on improving communication among caregivers, care receivers and family members. Lunch will be served.

Cost for the conference is \$10. Registration is due November 13. Contact Patricia Montgomery (632-5322) for more information, or visit [www.lyngblomsten.org](http://www.lyngblomsten.org) for a registration form.

**The True Power of Water: A Collaboration between Sound and Water**, a lecture by Japanese researcher and author Masaru Emoto, will be held November 2 from 7:15 to 9:30 p.m. at Jefferson High School, France and 102nd Street in Bloomington.

Emoto was featured in the film "What the Bleep Do We Know?" and is the author of "The Hidden Messages in Water." The event is sponsored by AquaEssenceResource.

Tickets are available at [www.aquaessencesource.org](http://www.aquaessencesource.org) or 800-872-6639. Use code AERS2 to save \$5 on advance tickets.

## Garden Club

At the November 14 meeting of the **St. Anthony Park Garden Club**, Beth Jarvis will speak on "Fantastic Facts about Plants." The meeting will be at 7 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park Library. The public is welcome.

## Churches

**Mt. Olive Lutheran Church**, 1460 Almond Ave., welcomes Professor Mark Paustian of Martin Luther College in New Ulm, who will lead the church's Reformation Renewal Weekend, November 3-5.

Sessions are as follows: Friday 7-8:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-noon, Sunday 10:30-11:45 a.m. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call 645-2575.

**Peace Lutheran Church** in Lauderdale continues its Wannabees group, which meets the first Monday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the church, located one block north of Larpenteur and two blocks west of Eustis.

At the November 6 session, the group will discuss chapter 11 of "The Artist's Way," by Julia Cameron. All are welcome. For more information, contact Pastor David Greenlund, 644-5440.

## Recreation

Falcon Heights Parks and Recreation will hold an **open gym** Thursday evenings (6-8 p.m.) and Saturday mornings (10 a.m.-noon) at Falcon Heights Elementary School beginning November 2. The cost is \$1.50 for youth and \$2 for adults.

The **Community Playroom**, sponsored by the city of Falcon Heights, is open November through March at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, 1795 Holton St.

Hours are 9 a.m.-noon on Wednesdays. The cost is \$2 per

child or \$3 for two or more children. Adults and children 6 months and younger are free.

The playroom is a place where adults can bring infants and preschool children for recreational play and social interaction. It is not a drop-off day care center.

Falcon Heights Parks and Recreation will hold two **yoga classes** this fall. A parent-child class taught by Karen Rajcic Favazza is for children 3-5 and their parents. It will be held Wednesdays, November 15-December 6, 10-11 a.m.

A yoga stretch class will be held Tuesdays, November 14-December 19, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Both classes will be at Falcon Heights City Hall (2077 W. Larpenteur Ave.). Registration is required and can be done online ([www.ci.falcon-heights.mn.us](http://www.ci.falcon-heights.mn.us)) or by calling 792-7616.

## Self-Defense

Running Tiger Shailin Kenpo Karate will host a **self-defense workshop for women** on November 11 from noon to 4 p.m. The session will introduce techniques from Shaolin Kenpo and other self-defense methods. Presenters will be Robyn Lingen and David Meyer, both black belts.

Cost for the workshop is \$49. The Running Tiger Studio is at 783 Raymond Ave. For more information, contact David Meyer (247-6602, [runningtiger@comcast.net](mailto:runningtiger@comcast.net)) or visit [www.runningtiger.com](http://www.runningtiger.com).

## Brownie Troop

A new Brownie troop for **first graders** has been formed in St. Anthony Park. The first meeting will be held November 13 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Park Elementary, Room 102. For more information, contact Marga Miller (644-5949) or Renae Tarino (645-6149).

## Clothing Drive

The International Institute will hold a **winter clothing drive** November 17, 1-6 p.m., and November 18, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. New or gently used winter outerwear (coats, jackets, mittens, gloves, scarves and hats) will be collected for newly arrived refugees and asylees.

The Institute is located at 1694 Como Ave. For more information, contact Emily: [ewoodall@iimn.org](mailto:ewoodall@iimn.org), 647-0191.

## Tropical Encounters

**Como Park Zoo and Conservatory's** new exhibit, Tropical Encounters, will open

November 17. The \$2.1 million exhibit features a tropical rain forest environment with both plants and animals. The two-story exhibit is located on the south end of the new visitor center, which opened in 2005.

## Energy Web Site

The **Center for Energy and Environment** has launched a Web site designed to help Minnesotans save energy and reduce pollution. The Minnesota Energy Challenge ([www.mnenergychallenge.org](http://www.mnenergychallenge.org)) is aimed at homeowners and renters. Founded in 1979, CEE is a nonprofit organization that promotes the responsible and efficient use of natural and economic resources.

To promote the site, CEE will hold an **Energy Fair** on November 13, 6-9 p.m., at Central High School, 275 N. Lexington Pkwy.

## People

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Last year, when the holidays approached I was in chemo-therapy, and I realized I would have a chemo session the day prior to Thanksgiving. Due to the nausea caused by chemo, I knew I would not be able to enjoy any Thanksgiving dinner.

I complained to one of my closest friends about all the things I couldn't do because of my illness, and now this. An hour later she called me back and said, "We're having Thanksgiving at our house on Tuesday, so you can have turkey the day before you go to chemo, not the day after."

She proceeded to invite my children and some mutual friends, and we had the big day two days early so I could enjoy it. (It was the first time she had ever cooked a turkey, too!)

As Thanksgiving gets closer this year, I have been out of chemo for six months (what a blessing!) and my friends want to continue the tradition we started last year (another blessing).

We have all realized that although we enjoy spending the

holiday with our respective families, we also enjoyed spending our ersatz Thanksgiving with each other. Setting aside Tuesday of that week allows us to do both.

This year, as we plan for our Thanksgiving Tuesday, we're trying to think of people to invite who don't have family to share the holiday with.

Whether they are people we work with, or know from church, or however our paths may have crossed, all of us know someone who is lonely and isolated, and now we want to share this new tradition with them, too.

As we age, often the people we have shared special occasions with are no longer in our lives. Perhaps they have moved out of the area to be nearer adult children who can help care for them. They may be in a nursing home or other long-term facility. They may have passed on. But there is nothing to prevent us from developing new groups of people to share our lives and special times with.

It strikes me as more than sad that so many people are lonely when all they need to do is find each other. Sometimes the risk of developing new friendships can be intimidating, but what's the worst that can happen?

If we approach someone with the idea of sharing a special occasion together and that person says no, we can always ask someone else. Simply taking the chance and asking someone to share a day or evening with us can make the difference between a warm and memorable occasion and a bitterly lonely time.

The other thing that makes a new tradition like this valuable is that it gives us a chance to focus on others who may be in need of companionship.

It is no secret that when we pay attention to other people's problems, our own burdens seem lighter. And the fun of helping others enjoy themselves is, for me, one of the best things about the holiday season.

It is not uncommon for people to feel depressed during holidays. Explanations for this phenomenon range from the fact that we no longer experience the holiday "high" we knew as children to disillusionment with the commercialization of holidays that once held more spiritual meaning for most of us.

Whatever the reason, if you take the time to focus on someone else's needs this holiday season, and maybe even develop your own new tradition, I'm certain that depression will not be a problem for you this year. Enjoy your holidays!



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## School News

by **Antonie Young**

The 11th annual **St. Anthony Park Elementary School** Fall Festival took place October 27. The evening included square dancing, food, games and a popular silent auction. This event and other fund-raising activities during the year enable students to take field trips that support their studies in the classroom.

Environmental learning is an important activity at the school. Staff, students and families believe in maintaining a love for the environment and a scientific curiosity for nature. Learning opportunities are designed to meet state standards for teaching science and to integrate other areas of the curriculum. Through field trips and other activities, many paid for through fund-raising, students extend their learning beyond the classroom.

For instance, the school maintains a prairie garden, known as the Peace Garden, near the playground. It was renovated this summer by families who laid a Chilton stone path through the tall grasses and flowers.

On November 27, fourth graders will visit the Belwin Nature Center near Afton to check out its prairie landscape. Another outside-the-classroom learning activity at the school happened in October, when sixth graders spent five days at Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center near Lake Superior.

Scientific learning continues throughout the school year with science teacher Jim Schrankler. He will conduct a second grade Family Science Night on Tuesday, November 14, from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. This year, second graders are building on their knowledge of air to investigate its relationship to weather.

St. Anthony Park Elementary is located at 2180 Knapp Street. For more information, call the school at 293-8735 or visit the Web site: [www.stanthony.spps.org](http://www.stanthony.spps.org).

**Twin Cities German Immersion School** will celebrate Martinstag on Friday, November 10. The school will be open for Kaffee und Kuchen from 3 to 4 p.m. At 4, the children will sing lantern songs and present a play about Martin and the Beggar. At 4:45, the traditional neighborhood lantern parade begins.

Neighbors are welcome to join the school for any part of this community event, from meeting at the school to watching at your doors as the parade comes by.

The school will also host a lantern crafting session on Friday, November 3. This is a good opportunity to make a lantern

for the parade on November 10. Call the school (492-7106) for more details, as materials are limited.

From November 6 to 10, 72 **Murray Junior High School** students will participate in a week-long multicultural leadership retreat at Wolf Ridge on the north shore of Lake Superior.

The **Como Park Elementary** Hmong New Year Celebration will be November 9 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join them for traditional Hmong New Year activities such as ball toss, dancing and singing, and for wonderful food.

The school's Hmong PTO sponsors the New Year Celebration. Last year over 600 people participated in the event.

Parent/guardian-teacher conferences will be on Monday and Tuesday evening, November 20 and 21, from 5 to 8 p.m., and Wednesday, November 22, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information regarding conference times was sent home after the Education MN teachers' convention.

The Site Council will meet Tuesday, November 28, at 6 p.m. in the downstairs conference room. Please enter the building by the planetarium. If you plan to attend and will need child care, contact Judy Paitich at 293-8820.

School is not in session on Friday, November 10; Wednesday, November 22; Thursday, November 23; or Friday, November 24. Also, November 9 is an early release day; students will be dismissed from school at 12:35 p.m.

School pictures have been rescheduled and will be taken on November 1-2. Flyers will be sent home with students.

October 27 is **Falcon Heights Elementary School's** Read-A-Thon Sock Hop.

For the past half dozen years, students at Falcon had just a taste of art class as taught by the school's art teachers. A "taste" of art was typically an hour class that met once every three weeks.

This year, the school adjusted its resources to enable students to have art two times per week at 45 minutes each session. The art teacher is Teri Eiswald, and the school is thrilled to have art instruction at a level comparable to other specialist time.

Parents and families were able to introduce themselves to Eiswald and to look at the impressive collection of student art during an open house on Tuesday, October 17.



On October 5, Como Park High School celebrated homecoming. Activities included a football game at Griffin Stadium against Arlington, won 28-21 by Como. Photos by Megan Thrasher.



On September 14, eight students from **Como Park High School's** Conflict Resolution Team went on a peaceful field trip to Denver, Colorado, for the 10th Anniversary Celebration of PeaceJam, an international event with 2,700 participants from all 50 states and 31 countries.

Students attended workshops, listened to Nobel Peace Prize Laureates and worked in family groups. In their workshops they learned about the peace work happening around the world. Many of the projects were started and implemented by students.

In family groups, students built strong bonds of friendship with people from around the world through games and open discussions. Many of them still keep in touch through e-mail.

Peace Prize Laureates spoke of love, compassion and

forgiveness. The Dalai Lama stressed warm-heartedness, inner disarmament and unbiased compassion. Desmond Tutu emphasized that young people are VSP (Very Special People) and that they can make a difference. Each student left knowing that one person can make a difference.

The Como choir has been invited to participate in a performance of Dr. Patrick Liebergen's works and arrangements in historic Carnegie Hall on November 20, 2006.

Members of the choir will join several other choirs from throughout North America to form a festival chorus of 150-175 singers, accompanied by the New England Symphonic Ensemble, conducted by Dr. Liebergen.

The singers will spend five days and four nights in New

York City in preparation for their concert. Anyone who would like to help contribute and send a singer to Carnegie Hall should contact choir director Carole Whitney.

Como senior Hannah Worku was one of 11 African American Minnesota seniors named as a semifinalist in the 43rd annual Achievement Scholarship competition.

The semifinalists were chosen on the basis of their PSAT scores and will submit essays and other information for the next stage of the competition. Semifinalists will compete for 800 Achievement Scholarships, worth a total of \$2.5 million.

Caitlin Durkee and Emily Kidd, members of the Como Park girls' soccer team and the football team, were featured in a St. Paul Pioneer Press article, "In There Kicking."

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## Going to pieces over **Mother Goose**

*Local illustrator  
publishes new book*

by Dave Healy

It's unfortunate that two of the most common terms for describing a person with many abilities are gender-specific. It won't do to call Barbara Keith a Renaissance man or a jack-of-all-trades. Perhaps "multitalented" will suffice.

Keith, a former kindergarten and first-grade teacher, currently works as an artist, illustrator, graphic designer and actor. And now she has another item for an already eclectic résumé: publisher.

Keith, a St. Anthony Park resident, recently formed her own publishing company, Brownian Bee Press, because she wanted to maintain complete control of her latest book illustrating project: "The Girls and Boys of Mother Goose." The illustrations are photographs of mosaics Keith created to accompany 20 nursery rhymes.

"There are lots of Mother Goose books out there," said Keith, "but none that focus on specific children. Some of the examples in my book are familiar, like Little Bo Peep and Wee Willie Winkie, and some, such as Terrence McDiddler and Dusty Bill, will be new to many readers."

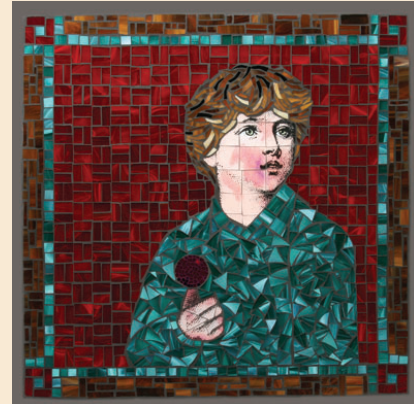
Keith has been creating mosaics for three years. Inspired by the ancient mosaics she saw in Pompeii during a visit to Rome, she has since made over 80 mosaics of her own. Two of them have appeared in the Minnesota State Fair Fine Arts Show.

"A mosaic is a larger composition composed of smaller pieces," she said. "Artists have used many different things to make mosaics. I really like stained glass, which is what I used for the Mother Goose book."

The original mosaics that form the basis for Keith's book are two feet square and are modeled on Victorian images of children. Besides using them to illustrate her book, Keith hopes the mosaics will find their way to public places that have some connection to children.

"I'd like to see them in a children's hospital or the children's reading room in a library," she said.

Samples of Keith's work can be viewed at her Web site: [www.barbarakeithdesigns.com](http://www.barbarakeithdesigns.com). To order her book, visit [www.brownianbee.com](http://www.brownianbee.com). It is also for sale at Micawber's.





# WEDNESDAY ISSE

## Readings

Thursday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m.  
Micawber's. **Don Empson**  
("The Street Where You Live").

Monday, Nov. 20, 7 p.m.  
Micawber's. **Matt Peiken**  
("Positive MEInforcement").

Sunday, Nov. 26, 2 p.m.  
St. Anthony Park Library.  
**Robert Tallant Laudon**  
("Among the Displaced").

## Groups

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 6:30 p.m.  
St. Anthony Park Library.  
**St. Anthony Park Writers Group.** All welcome.

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 7 p.m.  
**St. Anthony Park Library Book Club** will discuss "Reading Lolita in Tehran," by Azar Nafisi. New members welcome. For more information, call Carla at the library: 642-0411.

Monday, Nov. 13, 7 p.m.  
Micawber's. **Probers' Book Group.** Discussion continues on "Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed," by Jared Diamond. Read chapters 4-9. All welcome.

## Minnesota Book Awards

Nominations are being accepted for the Minnesota Book Awards, which are given annually to honor the state's finest authors, illustrators, publishers and other literary contributors.

Awards are given in eight categories: autobiography, memoir and creative nonfiction, children's literature, fine press, general nonfiction, genre fiction, novel and short story, poetry and young adult literature.

Anyone may nominate a book for a Minnesota Book Award. Forms and eligibility and entry guidelines are available at [www.thefriends.org](http://www.thefriends.org). The deadline for nominations is December 15.

Winners will be announced at the 19th Annual Minnesota Book Awards Event on May 5, 2007 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in St. Paul. Ticket information for the awards celebration will be available in 2007.

## New Book

Think you know your local geography? Here's a test:

1. Where is Monkey Island Park?
2. Whose courtship is immortalized in two St. Anthony Park street names?
3. What lake once provided gondola rides for State Fair goers?

## AMERICAN LIFE IN POETRY

By Ted Kooser, U.S. Poet Laureate, 2004-2006

One of poetry's traditional public services is the presentation of elegies in honor of the dead. Here James McKean remembers a colorful friend and neighbor.

### Elegy for an Old Boxer

From my window  
I watch the roots of a willow  
push your house crooked,  
women rummage through boxes,  
your sons cart away the TV, its cord  
trailing like your useless arms.  
Only weeks ago we watched the heavyweights,  
and between rounds you pummeled the air,  
drank whiskey, admonished "Know your competition!"  
You did, Kansas, in the '20s  
when you measured the town champ  
as he danced the same dance over and over:  
left foot, right lead, head down,  
the move you'd dreamt about for days.  
Then right on cue your hay-bale uppercut  
compressed his spine. You know. That was that.  
Now your mail piles up, RESIDENT circled  
"not here." Your lawn goes to seed. Dandelions  
burst in the wind. From my window  
I see you flat on your back on some canvas,  
above you a wrinkled face, its clippy bow tie  
bobbing toward ten. There's someone behind you,  
resting easy against the ropes,  
a last minute substitute on the card you knew  
so well, vaguely familiar, taken for granted,  
with a sucker punch you don't remember  
ever having seen.

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The answers to these and a host of other interesting questions can be found in Donald Empson's "The Street Where You Live." The first edition of Empson's book was published in 1975, and a revised edition has just been released.

With more than a thousand entries and over a hundred photographs, "The Street Where You Live" is the most complete inventory of St. Paul's public spaces in existence.

Empson will read from and sign copies of his book at 7 p.m. on November 16 at Micawber's Bookstore in St. Anthony Park.

Here are the answers to those questions:

1. Located at Branstor Street and Hendon Avenue, this small park was apparently named for the popularity of its "monkey

bars," which are still used by area children.

2. Priscilla Street was named for Priscilla Mullens, the wife of John Alden. The adjacent Brewster Street was originally named Alden, and the park on that block is still called Alden Square. The two names were featured in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's "The Courtship of Miles Standish."

3. Lake Sarita, a small lake about 80 yards long, was located northeast of Como and Cleveland avenues. In 1909, State Fair workers excavated the lake, creating a lagoon and canal to carry passenger boats on short excursions. The attraction was abandoned in 1916. A remnant of the lake is still visible adjacent to the University of Minnesota busway.



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November 5, 6pm

Mighty Gamache  
November 7, 7pm

Roots Music Showcase with  
Bill Cagley  
November 9, 7pm

Great Girls Blouse  
November 10, 8pm

The Mamas  
November 11, 8pm

Native American Storytelling and  
Music  
November 16, 7pm

Mill City Grinders  
November 17, 8pm

Inish Mohr  
November 18, 8pm

Open mike with Bill Hammond  
November 19, 6pm

Riverfolk  
November 24, 8pm

Ivory Bridge  
November 25, 8pm

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# NOVEMBER Calendar

## 1 Wednesday

- 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 a.m. to noon.
- 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 at Seal Hi-Rise, 825 Seal St. Every Monday and Thursday at 12:30 p.m. These classes are free to all area seniors, but preregistration is necessary. Call 642-9052 to preregister.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Land Use Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 6 p.m.
- The True Power of Water: A Collaboration between Sound and Water. Lecture by MASARU EMOTO, 7:15-9:30 p.m., Jefferson High School, France and 102nd St., Bloomington.

## 3 Friday

- Storytimes for preschoolers ages 3-5, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m.
- Senior Citizen Fun Group (gym, bowling and darts), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Every Friday.

## 4 Saturday

- 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.

## 6 Monday

- 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.
- Chair exercise classes at Seal Hi-Rise, 825 Seal St. every Monday and Thursday at 12:30 p.m. These classes are free to all area seniors, but preregistration is necessary. Call 642-9052 to preregister.
- Wannabees group, Peace Lutheran Church in Lauderdale, 7-9 p.m.
- Como Park recycling. Every Monday.

## 7 Tuesday

- Tot Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), Langford Park Rec Center (298-5765), 10 a.m.-noon. Every Tuesday.
- Toastmasters (645-6675), training in effective speaking, Hewlett Packard, Broadway & 280, 7:35-8:35 a.m. Every Tuesday.
- Lauderdale recycling.

## 8 Wednesday

- Free in-store wine sampling at The Little Wine Shoppe, 2236 Carter Ave. Stop by any time between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.. Must be 21 years of age or older to attend. All featured wines are 10 percent off during the tasting.
- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 Larpenue Ave., 7 p.m.

## 9 Thursday

- Early Release Day: 1:45 p.m. at St. Anthony Park Elementary.
- Full Council Meeting, St. Anthony Park Community Council, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

## 10 Friday

- No School at St. Anthony Park Elementary. Conference preparation day.
- Falcon Heights recycling.

## 11 Saturday

- Self-defense workshop for women, noon-4 p.m. Running Tiger Studio, 783 Raymond Ave.

## 12 Sunday

- Turkey dinner and boutique, Church of the Holy Childhood, 1435 Midway Pkwy., 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

## 13 Monday

- Park Press, Inc., Park Bugle board meeting, St. Anthony Park Bank community room, 7 a.m.
- St. Anthony Park Elementary School site council meeting, 5-9:30 p.m.
- Brownie Troop meeting, St. Anthony Park Elementary, Room 102, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program board of directors meeting, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church library, 7 p.m.
- Join the Falconers for 500 and cribbage at 1 p.m. at Falcon Heights City Hall.
- Lauderdale recycling.

## 14 Tuesday

- Grade 2 Family Science Night, 6:30-7:45 p.m., Multipurpose Room, St. Anthony Park Elementary.
- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 7:30 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park Garden Club, St. Anthony Park Library, 7 p.m.
- Rock-Tenn Interested Neighbors forum, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 7 p.m.

## 15 Wednesday

- 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 a.m. to noon.
- Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7 p.m.

## 17 Friday

- The International Institute of Minnesota's Winter Clothing Drive, 1-6 p.m. Bring new or gently used winter outerwear to 1694 Como Ave. All clothing will be given to newly arrived refugees and asylees. Questions? Emily Woodall: 647-0191 x336, ewoodall@iimn.org.
- Storytimes for preschoolers ages 3-5, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m.
- Sadie Hawkins dance, 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at Como Park H.S.
- Tropical Encounters exhibit opens at Como Zoo and Conservatory.

## 18 Saturday

- The International Institute of Minnesota's Winter Clothing Drive, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Hand-in-Hand: A Conference for Caregivers, Lyngblomsten Care Center, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

## 20 Monday

- St. Anthony Park Elementary Association meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. in the school library. Conferences 4:30-8 p.m.

## 21 Tuesday

- Conferences, 5-8:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park Elementary.

- District 10 board meeting. Call 644-3889 for details.

- Free in-store wine sampling at The Little Wine Shoppe, 2236 Carter Ave. Stop by any time between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Must be 21 years of age or older to attend. All featured wines are 10 percent off during the tasting.

## 22 Wednesday

- No school at St. Anthony Park Elementary. Conferences 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 Larpenue Ave., 7 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Environment Committee, So. St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

## 23 Thursday

- No school. Thanksgiving Day.

## 24 Friday

- No school.

## 25 Saturday

- Falcon Heights recycling.

## 27 Monday

- Join the Falconers for 500 and cribbage at 1 p.m. at Falcon Heights City Hall.
- Lauderdale recycling.

## 28 Tuesday

- Parent Advisory Council Meeting, 7:30 pm in the library at Como Park H.S.
- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 7:30 p.m.

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### Carol Keller

Carol Jane Keller, age 72, of Roseville, died October 3, 2006. She was a graduate of Murray High School.

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A memorial service was held October 6, 2006, at Roseville Lutheran Church, with interment at Sunset Memorial Park.

### Melody Machala

Melody Teresa (Mafi) Machala was born March 15, 1946, in Cumberland, Wis., to Romelle and Edward Machala. She died September 1, 2006. She served in the Peace Corps in Tonga from 1969 to 1972 and lived in St. Anthony Park for many years.

She will be fondly remembered as a "tiger mother" who was uncompromising about her daughters' welfare and as an idealist who trusted in the basic goodness of people. Her friends and family loved her for her warmth, generosity and sharp, dark humor.

Melody is survived by daughters, Nunia Teresa and Akesa Silua Mafi; siblings, Robert, Frances, Asharaine, Thomas and Mary; ex-spouses, Saulala Mafi and Tony Tometz; and by her second family, Susan, Kate and Jean Curnow.

A memorial gathering was held September 5 in rural Wisconsin. Remembrances may be sent c/o 2400 275th Ave. S. #2, Minneapolis, MN 55406.

### Grace Osgood

Grace E. (Henderson) Osgood died September 11, 2006, at age 85. She was a Past Matron of St. Anthony Park OES #212 and

a member of Daughters of the Nile. Most recently, she lived in Roseville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Merton Osgood. She is survived by a sister, Barbara Pittelkow; a sister-in-law, Bertha Henderson; two step-children; and three step-grandchildren.

Her memorial service was held at Holcomb-Henry-Boom Funeral Home on September 22, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

### Avis Robertson

Avis L. (Wickstrom) Robertson, age 89, formerly of Lauderdale, most recently of Maplewood, died September 23, 2006. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Walter Wickstrom.

She is survived by her husband, Lester; children, Linda (Bill) Abramson, Donald (Chris) Wickstrom, Dennis (Marlys) Wickstrom and Carolyn Wickstrom; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.

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In 1932 Lloyd married Cora Bjorgaard. In 1943 he went to work for Kalman Company (now RBC Dain Rauscher) in St. Paul as an investment trader. He retired in 1973 and the couple moved to their lake home in Ottertail County.

He was always proud of his Norwegian and Swedish heritage. Lloyd was preceded in death by wife of 66 years, Cora. He is survived by daughter, Maxine (Justin) Silvius and son, Gerald (Marlys); six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; as well as a sister, Irene Christenson.

The family expresses its thanks to the staff of Lyngblomsten Care Center. His funeral was held October 15 at Como Park Lutheran Church.

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