



# Park Bugle



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

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## Local schools make plans to welcome students

*Ice cream social, open houses and parade will mark new year*

by Lisa Steinmann

On the day after Labor Day, students will head back to school. A variety of special events are planned at area schools to launch the new year.

Falcon Heights Elementary will hold a kick-off parade on August 26 at 6:30 p.m. The parade will be led by school safety patrols wearing vests and carrying flags, followed by drummers, students hoisting the school banner, and members of the police and fire departments. The parade ends with an ice cream social at school and the opportunity to find out who has been assigned to which classroom and teacher.

The following day, August 27, from 4-5:30 p.m., students are invited to meet their teachers and inspect changes to the building. For example, this year students will find new carpet in the library.

Principal Paul Charest noted

that there are some staff changes, too. The school welcomes physical education teacher Susie Satrom, special education teacher Mary Pat Coyne, sixth grade teacher Joyce Heille, fifth grade teacher Abe Hanson and first grade teacher Leeora Windingland.

Following the meet-and-greet session, parents are invited to attend Curriculum Night from 5:15-7 p.m. Two important staff goals this year at Falcon Heights Elementary, according to Charest, are to "continue helping students become better writers and increase staff competence in working with diverse groups." Students will be setting goals for the coming year with their parents and teachers at early conferences during the second week in September.

For more information about the upcoming school year at Falcon Heights Elementary, visit

the school's Web site at [www.roseville.k12.mn.us/fh/](http://www.roseville.k12.mn.us/fh/).

St. Anthony Park Elementary has erected a handsome brick-and-mortar sign on the corner of Como Avenue and Knapp Street that will allow it to communicate more closely with the community. Principal Andrea Dahms values that connection, especially during this time of budget dilemmas for public schools.

According to Dahms, "The strong financial support of the community makes a difference in how St. Anthony Park School is dealing with the budget crunch." While enrollment in the school is high, Dahms described class sizes as "wonderful."

The school will hold an open house on September 10 from 6-7:30 p.m. Visitors will have an opportunity to see the

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On a 90° Sunday afternoon in August, a hearty contingent of residents from 1666 Coffman in Falcon Heights forsook their air-conditioned apartments to hit the U of M tennis courts. They were ferried to and from their apartment building in grand style by convertible and limo, several of which were provided by Larry Dunn, who owns a limo service. (Additional photos on page 5.)



## The Fair—love it or leave it

*Neighbors cope with 12 days of activity*

by Natalie Zett

The Great Minnesota Gettogether. For some of us, the last 12 days of summer is like a pilgrimage to a holy shrine. To speak ill of the State Fair is blasphemy. Believe me, I know.

"Wow, you're lucky to live right near the Fair," a colleague once told me.

"Lucky?" I replied. "Are you nuts? It's crazy—the traffic, the people . . ."

"But you can walk there every day if you want."

"Who in their right mind would do that?"

"I would," he shrugged and described how he took off a week of work so he and his family and friends could visit the Fair each day.

I have learned since to be careful about dissing the Fair. For some, living near the Fairgrounds is the highlight of their year—especially if they park cars on their lawns. For others, the Fair is just another four-letter word due to traffic, noise and litter.

Take Como Park resident Lois McTie, who's lived near the Fair's epicenter for 53 years. She doesn't understand the commotion some residents make.

"It's only 12 days out of the year," she said. "I've been here for a long time, but the Fair's been here a lot longer. I'd say it's pretty darn good, the way it's handled. Everyone knows about it, so what's the fuss?"

Well, not everyone. Take the unsuspecting new resident—me,

for example. When I moved to St. Anthony Park in mid-August of 1983 to attend school, I was struck by two things: the area's beauty and its quiet. After four years in inner-city Detroit, where guns—not fireworks—were discharged to mark special occasions such as the Fourth of

July and New Years Eve, as well as most other days in between, St. Anthony Park was Paradise Found.

A week or so later I was driving down Cleveland Avenue when I was trapped for 45 minutes in snarled traffic. Later, from my dormitory room at Luther Seminary, I was awakened at 11 p.m. Gunshots? At Luther Seminary?

The next day, I asked a fellow student if he heard the shots the previous night. He laughed. "That's just the fireworks at the State Fair"

The *what* at the *where*? "The State Fair. It's just down the street."

A State Fair in the middle of a city? Well, that summer I quickly learned some pretty fair survival skills, such as when to drive down Como Avenue. These strategies served me well during 18 years of living at the corner of Como and Raymond.

I never grew to share Lois McTie's beneficent outlook, even though I tried steeling myself with affirmations and happy thoughts. All it would take was

## Music in the Park Series looks to 25th season

by Judy Woodward

The internationally famous Guarneri String Quartet will perform when St. Anthony Park's Music in the Park Series celebrates the start of its 25th season on Sunday, October 12 at 4 p.m.

The Guarneri, which will be joined by University of Minnesota professor and concert pianist Lydia Artymiw, is among the world's foremost chamber music ensembles.

To music lovers, bringing this group to the modest stage of the St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ

is a coup roughly on the order that attracting Kevin Garnett to shoot a few baskets at Langford Park Rec Center would be for sports fans. The difference is that the Guarneri may work harder and will definitely sound a lot better than Garnett.

Bringing the Guarneri to St. Anthony Park is exactly the kind of musical miracle that Julie Himmelstrup, founder and artistic director for the series, has been pulling off for a quarter of a century. Over the years, the list of performers for the Music in the Park Series has come to read like a Who's Who among chamber musicians.

Himmelstrup, a local resident for almost 40 years, says

she got the idea for holding a chamber music series in the church back when she lived across the street.

"I always thought the United Church of Christ would be a wonderful place for a chamber music series," she says. "It has good acoustics, the right amount of seating and the raised front sanctuary. It's a thing of beauty."

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—Julie Himmelstrup

The small scale of the performance space at the church attracted her from the start. "Intimacy is the key to chamber music," she says.

Intimacy has always marked the Music in the Park Series. In exchange for the kind of closeness that allows music lovers to read the expressions on a musician's face, audiences may have to put up with rather tight quarters. At a popular performance, the audience can easily overflow the church pews, and latecomers may be seated in the choir loft.

Concert-goers, though, have always relished the added dividends of the Series, like the opportunity to meet the

musicians at post-concert dinners at Muffuletta Cafe.

Himmelstrup says the intimacy goes both ways. "I pick musicians who will enjoy making music in a place like this."

In the late 1970s, Himmelstrup, who has degrees in piano and music education from the University of Minnesota, served as an artist in residence with COMPAS, a community-based arts organization. That was when she decided to put her vision to the test.

"It was one of those hunches," she says of her plan to launch the series. "If one could do it in any neighborhood, that neighborhood would be St. Anthony Park."

She began with a few supporters and a budget of \$5000 to cover the costs of the entire first season. Himmelstrup decided on a grand gesture to get things started, hiring the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra for their opening concert.

A turning point came when Himmelstrup's husband, Anders, offered to underwrite any shortfall, if ticket sales didn't cover the SPCO's \$3500 concert fee.

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The annual Kid Vendors Day at Langford will be held on Saturday, September 27th from 12 noon - 3:00 pm. Any boy or girl can reserve a table to sell their goods, just call the center and get your table!

Langford/SSA would like to start another teen club in the late fall, for girls and boys ages 13 - 17. Call Langford/SSA at 298-5765 if you are interested.

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Due to Labor Day, the next Como Park curbside recycling day will be Tuesday, September 2.

### Falcon Heights

Filings for mayoral and City Council elections may be made between 8 a.m. August 26 and 4:30 p.m. September 9 at City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur Avenue. Two council positions are open. The filing fee is \$2.00. The election will be November 4.

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### St. Anthony Park

The full council passed a resolution by the St. Paul Bill of Rights Defense Committee that was developed out of concern for the impact the Patriot Act, the Homeland Security Act, and various executive and military orders and Justice Department directives may have on the Bill of Rights. The primary goal of the committee is to lobby the St. Paul City Council to pass its resolution. The full resolution can be seen at [www.stpaulbordc.org](http://www.stpaulbordc.org).

Due to Labor Day, the next St. Anthony Park curbside recycling day will be Thursday, September 4.

Volunteers are needed for the annual neighborhood cleanup on Saturday, October 4. Two shifts are available: 7:45-11:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.-3 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided, as well as a voucher for one free disposal load (a \$15 value).

The cleanup will be held in the Camel Lot at the State Fairgrounds.

To volunteer, call Emily at 649-5992.

### St. Paul

University United, a coalition of businesses and community organizations, will sponsor a public forum on biotechnology development in the Midway.

The event takes place at 7 p.m. on September 17 at the Goodwill building, 553 N. Fairview Avenue, one block north of University Avenue.

The evening will include presentations by University of Minnesota and city and state officials, as well as a slide show about biotech research parks in other cities. For additional information, call 647-6711 or visit [www.universityunited.com](http://www.universityunited.com).

Ward 4 City Council Member Jay Benanav will host two forums to discuss his proposed student housing ordinance. Forums will be held at the Macalaster College Campus Center, Grand and Snelling Avenues, on August 28 and September 15 from 7-9 p.m.

The Center for Neighborhoods will sponsor two September workshops to create a citizen participation compact for St. Paul. The purpose of such a compact is to broaden and focus citizen participation in the city. Workshops will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on September 16 and 30 at Newell Park, 900 N. Fairview Avenue.

To register or for more information, visit [www.center4neighborhoods.org](http://www.center4neighborhoods.org) or call 612-339-3480.

—Susan Conner

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# St. Anthony Park artist is drawn to nature

by Amy Causton

Ten years ago, local artist Suzanne Skon was a mother with a newborn baby and a love of painting. Today she is preparing for a two-person show featuring her artwork. Amid the sometimes frantic pace of her life as a working mother, she has carved out a space for her work as a professional artist.

The show, titled "Picturae Naturales," opens September 6 at the College of St. Catherine and runs for six weeks. Skon's work will be featured alongside that of fellow artist Paul Benson.

It will be an interesting juxtaposition, Skon says, because while there are some similarities in their work—both paint from nature and use a multipanel structure—"we have a different sensibility," which she thinks will make for an interesting comparison.

Skon has been interested in art for a long time—"I have been making things all my life"—but she has only pursued it professionally in the last decade or so. As a college student at the University of Iowa (she grew up in Des Moines), Skon started out as an art major but switched to English as a more practical course of study.

For several years she has worked as an independent contractor doing technical writing for Wilson Learning, a training company in Edina.

But her love of art never went away, so in 1995 Skon attended the Split Rock Arts Program and spent a week up north, just focusing on her painting and drawing. The experience made her realize that art "is really what I want to be doing."

At the time she had a young son to raise, and she found that her artwork "dovetailed nicely with my schedule." She tried working on it at home but quickly discovered she needed a studio. She found one in the Minneapolis warehouse district and shares it with several other artists.

"That has enabled me to be more focused," she says.

Skon has had several group shows and another two-person show, but she is no less enthusiastic about this upcoming exhibition. "I'm thrilled to be doing this," she says.

She describes the paintings for the St. Catherine's show as exploring "the relationship and



St. Anthony Park artist Suzanne Skon prepares for the September 6 opening of "Picturae Naturales" at the College of St. Catherine.

tension between natural grace or beauty and imposed or cultural interpretations of these ideals."

She contrasts images of wildflowers and roots, which she admires for their physical form as well as their metaphoric suggestiveness, with images of ironwork patterns, juxtaposing the natural forms with more ordered, symmetrical designs.

"I'm drawn to nature," Skon says. "The organic forms in nature really appeal to me."

But Skon has explored other subjects as well. She has done a great deal of work depicting the human form ("I have naked people all over my house," she jokes), and in the past year she did a project she describes as her "war work" in reaction to national and international events.

"I felt really compelled to do something," she explains.

Skon follows her artistic ideas where they lead her. One idea will suggest another and so on, and that's fine with her.

"I like to move between different projects, different series," she says. "I don't have any shortage of ideas. Shortage of time, yes, but not shortage of ideas."

In the future, Skon hopes to get back to incorporating the human form in her art again "as an exercise, if nothing else. It's such great training for your eye."

And she will continue to send slides of her work out to galleries for inclusion in future shows. "I keep throwing my net out there," she says.

The "very vibrant" local arts community is one reason Skon enjoys living in St. Anthony Park

with her husband, Bill, and 10-year-old son, Ben (two older children are in college). Although she moved to St. Anthony Park only a little over a year ago, Skon has great affection for her neighborhood.

"It's nice to be in this great community," she says, adding, "I feel fortunate to live in a neighborhood that appreciates, respects and values art."

She is also grateful to have the encouragement of her family.

"I appreciate the support my husband has given me," she says. "I couldn't do this if it weren't for him."

"Picturae Naturales" will run September 6 through October 19 at the Catherine G. Murphy Gallery at the College of St. Catherine.

An opening night reception takes place from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on September 6. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Friday, and noon-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 690-6644.



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Oct. 6, 10 a.m. Chapel of the Incarnation  
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## EDITORIAL

**The new urbanism—fair game in the big city**

One principle of what's sometimes called "the new urbanism" is reduced dependency on automobiles. Why not create neighborhoods where people can get where they need to go without driving? Pedestrian-friendly, bike-friendly, bus-friendly living is what we're after here in the big city.

So it would be nice if we could walk to a grocery store, to a post office, to a hardware store, to a dentist's office, to a pharmacy, to a barber shop, to a restaurant, to a library, to a rec center, to a . . . State Fair. And of course many of us who read the Bugle can walk to quite a few places on that list, including the Fair.

The problem is that the Fair, unlike most places on that list, is too big to be sustained by patrons who could easily walk, bike or bus there. Even if everyone in Como Park, Falcon Heights, St. Anthony Park and Lauderdale went to the Fair every year, we wouldn't be enough to keep the place going.

Of course, calling that a problem betrays the bias of a local. We'd like the best of both worlds: maximum options and minimal hassles. Plenty of things to see and do and eat and drink, but no lines to stand in. And nobody from outside the neighborhood parking in front of our house or clogging the streets or keeping us awake at night.

What we're up against are economies of scale. If you're content with a Tilt-O-Whirl and a hot dog, the amusement park at Como Park will fill the bill. But if your motion sickness needs require the Super Cyclotronic Circle of Death and your tastes run toward sushi on a stick, you need a bigger venue. The bigger the venue, the more choices customers have. But the bigger the venue, the more customers the place needs to be profitable.

For the new urbanism to be successful, people have to be content to shop at a Noll Hardware or a Speedy Market or a Blomberg Pharmacy or a Micawber's Bookstore. Those are the kinds of businesses that can be located in residential neighborhoods and sustained by walk-in traffic.

But if you need a Home Depot or a Super Target or a Sam's Club or a Barnes and Noble, then you'll have to drive. And because those are businesses that don't locate in residential neighborhoods, everybody who shops there has to drive. And that means huge parking lots and bottlenecks and congestion.

The one consolation for "big box" shoppers is that at least we're not inconveniencing people who live near the store—because nobody lives near the store. Which is what makes the State Fair an anomaly.

The Fairgrounds are surrounded by residential neighborhoods, but that hasn't always been the case. They were here first; we grew around them. As Como Park resident Lois McTie says elsewhere in this issue, "I've been here for a long time, but the Fair's been here a lot longer."

That's what makes urbanism—whether new, old or middle-aged—a challenge. It means working with what's already there. Remodeling rather than building. Editing rather than writing.

So this week when you're stuck in traffic on Snelling or circling your block to find a parking place or trying to sleep through Hootie and the Blowfish, remember this: You're a new urbanist, and the State Fair is a metaphor for life.

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## COMMENTARY

by Laura Kinkhead

On a pleasant June morning, my husband and I were taking a walk and catching up on the week's events.

We bumped into neighbors and learned that Micawber's was going out of business.

Over the years, we had wandered in and out of Micawber's looking for an engaging tale or to pick up the Sunday New York Times.

Now, this beloved book store was leaving the neighborhood. Feeling a bit sad, we walked home and lamented the decay of urban neighborhoods and small businesses.

Back in my home office, I

continued to mourn the loss of the bookstore, when my eye was drawn to the corner of the room.

There sat a bag from a not-to-be-named, oversized bookstore, filled with my latest discounted books fix.

As I stared at the bag, I sighed. What role, however small, did I have in the closing of Micawber's?

That week, I learned that we would be saved from losing our bookstore by two talented, book-loving guys. I had a second chance.

I realized that I really value the notion of living in a neighborhood that weaves homes

and bookstores and gathering places together to create a place of community and welcome.

The bookstore had become a symbol of why I love St. Anthony Park. But, I had to admit, a symbol couldn't survive on feelings of appreciation alone.

I heartily welcome the new owners to our neighborhood. I love being able to stroll through the bookstore after coffee or to wander in when a title in the window catches my eye.

And I greatly appreciate a second chance at supporting Micawber's with more than just warm thoughts.

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remodeled cafeteria and to meet new staff members: science teacher James Schrankler, second grade teacher Ruth Krider, sixth grade teacher Roxanne Hable, ELL teacher Beth Lee and special education teacher Megan Pille.

Dahms added that an important program will begin this year—Project for Academic Excellence—which will provide staff training to improve students' writing and reading skills.

Find out more about happenings at St. Anthony Park Elementary by visiting their Web site at [www.stanthony.spps.org](http://www.stanthony.spps.org).

Como Park's Chelsea Heights Elementary will have a back to school night on September 16. "It is a night to meet the teachers and see the classrooms," according to Principal Charles Wollmering.

A new addition to the school program this year is an all-day kindergarten classroom. Chelsea Heights will continue to have two half-day kindergarten sessions. Three new people are joining the staff: ELL teacher Linda LeBoutier, social worker Kris Christensen and parent liaison Celine Vang.

Students planning on attending Murray Junior High in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood will attend open house and orientation there on August 28. Seventh graders may visit from 9-11 a.m. and eighth graders from 1-3 p.m.

Principal Winston Tucker will be on hand to welcome students. He is looking forward to an exciting year at this popular science magnet school, although he admits that budget cuts will have an effect on Murray.

"Class sizes will increase a little bit," Tucker said. "We have had to make cuts in office staff and aides." However, he was quick to add that "Murray is a safe school and offers a

challenging curriculum. Things could be worse. We're thankful to voters for passing the last referendum."

After school begins on September 2, important dates include September 8 for the first meeting of the Murray Site Council at 4 p.m. and the Murray School Association at 7 p.m. School pictures will be taken on September 17. The week of September 18, Murray students will be selling magazine subscriptions to raise money for field trips, special events and materials.

At press time, Dr. Tucker was still interviewing candidates to replace Valerie Butler, last year's administrative intern, who was promoted to assistant principal at Harding High School. New staff include music teacher Vicci Johnson, English teachers Tim Parke-Reimer and Elizabeth Boyer, social studies teacher David Hughes and health teacher Joe Brandner.

Two notable building improvements were made over the summer. A science classroom was totally remodeled, including new lab stations. Also, one of the computer labs was rewired and reconfigured.

Murray inaugurates two new academic programs this year. READ 180 is a reading intervention program, and Project for Academic Excellence focuses on improving student reading and writing.

Follow the action at Murray Junior High by visiting their Web site: <http://Murray.spps.org>.

Principal Sharon Eichten and the staff at Como Senior High School on the east side of Como Lake in St. Paul are looking forward to a great year. An orientation for students will be held at 10 a.m. on August 28 in the school auditorium.

Student enrollment is projected to be 1445. Eichten said that Como is working with

district staff to lower enrollment this year to alleviate some of the overcrowding problems of recent years.

Construction of a new fitness center is underway. The staff is working to develop interdisciplinary advisory teams, a model for creating smaller learning communities within a large school population. The staff at Como is also beginning work on a Bush grant for connected counseling, which helps high school students design six-year plans for their education and career goals.

Brimhall Elementary School in Roseville serves students from 44 countries. Each year the school celebrates particular cultures represented among students. This year one area of special focus for learning will be Asia. Students also study the importance of communication and constructive problem solving through anti-bullying and character-building curriculum.

Principal Penny Bidne writes in the school newsletter, the Brimhall Barometer, that one of several ways to communicate with school staff is through the Web page:

[www.roseville.k12.mn.us/bh](http://www.roseville.k12.mn.us/bh). The Brimhall Barometer is sent home monthly to each family. Among other features, it has a list of dates for families to add to their calendars.

Important dates for Brimhall families to note begin with the August 28 kindergarten orientation, and a meet-the-teacher session from noon-1 p.m. for grades 1 through 6. The school will also host parent information nights during the first two weeks of school.

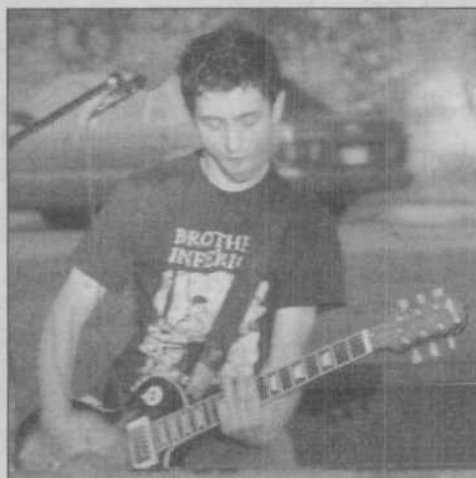
On September 8 at 6:30 p.m. there will be PTA bingo night at Brimhall. An anti-bullying event presented by Climb Theater will take place at the school on September 23 from 5:30 -7:30 p.m.





On August 17, residents of 1666 Coffman and their friends held a tennis tournament at the University of Minnesota courts. Sixteen players braved temperatures in the 90s for an afternoon of singles and doubles competition.

Upper left: Richard Braun  
Above: Peter Plagemann  
Left: Penny Scott



On August 3, St. Anthony Park Neighbors for Peace hosted an evening of music at Langford Park.

Above: Teddy Long-Barr of TCAG  
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**Music in the Park from page 1**

Fortunately, the series was a hit with the public from the start. The first performance sold out, and Music in the Park has never looked back. With support from the State Arts Board and various private foundations, as well as a devotedly loyal audience base, this year the series has allocated \$150,000 to attracting artists like the baroque quartet Belladonna, soprano Maria Jette, the SPCO Wind Quintet and ragtime pianist Butch Thompson.

Not that all has been smooth sailing. Over the years, Himmelstrup has encountered her share of last-minute organizational headaches.

There was the stifling hot evening, for example, when the pianist accidentally left his dress pants back at the hotel. Distinguished local composer Libby Larsen was the honored guest of the evening, but that didn't stop Himmelstrup from pressing her into service to retrieve the missing pants.

"Libby must have driven 90 miles an hour downtown to that hotel in Minneapolis," reports Himmelstrup. The pants were recovered in time, and a properly-attired musician took the stage for the premiere of Larsen's latest work.

In the audience, Larsen—like the piece she had written—was perfectly composed, with no indication of the extraordinary efforts that had brought them all to that moment.

Then there was the never-to-be-forgotten night when Norway's most distinguished violist vanished into thin air directly before his big solo.

That was 10 years ago, when the 15th anniversary of Music in the Park happened to coincide with the sesquicentennial of the birth of Norway's national composer, Edvard Grieg. Himmelstrup was delighted to book a quartet of well-known Norwegian musicians for the Series.

The trouble began when the violist announced that, since he wasn't on the program until after intermission, he would remain at the hotel when the organizers arrived to drive the musicians to the church. No problem, the violist reassured Himmelstrup, he would get a taxi and arrive well in time for his solo.

Intermission came and went, but no violist ever showed up. After the kind of breathless interval that unnerves audiences and gives ulcers to concert organizers, the violinist for the

group stepped in for his absent colleague and entertained the house with some comforting numbers by the other Norwegian national music legend, Ole Bull.

Meanwhile, Himmelstrup had swung into action. When she learned from his hotel that the violist had last been seen disappearing into a taxi, she began methodically calling every cab company listed in the yellow pages. Had anyone seen a passenger with a Norwegian accent and a viola case?

Many calls later, the missing musician and his errant taxi driver were finally located cruising aimlessly around the streets of St. Anthony Village. It took \$40 to pay off the taxi driver at the steps of the church, but the violist did make it in time to take his place for the final piece on the program.

It's last-minute rescues like this—not to mention the ordinary hard work that goes into even the most smoothly run concert—that have earned Himmelstrup a shelf full of honors.

In 1997, she was awarded the Champion of New Music Award by the American Composers Forum for her efforts in promoting new works by Larsen, Ned Rorem and other well-known names in modern music.

Earlier, she was named one of the 100 most influential figures in Minnesota music by the Star Tribune newspaper.

When Himmelstrup looks back over the past quarter of a century, she's struck by the changes that have taken place in chamber music.

"Chamber music used to mean an all-male string quartet where nobody talked to the audience. But to me, jazz is chamber music. So is a percussion ensemble."

For tickets and more information about the 25th season of the Music in the Park Series, call 645-5699. Or visit the organization's Web site at [www.musicintheparkseries.org](http://www.musicintheparkseries.org).

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## No bones about it

by Kristi Curry Rogers

Greetings fellow dinosaur fans! I'm writing to you from a tiny town in central Montana that lies on the edge of one of the greatest dinosaur graveyards in the world. I've been out in the field searching for new sites and digging up lots of great dinosaur bones over the past few weeks—and I couldn't wait to tell you all about what's been happening.

In late July my family and I drove to Montana, where we met up with three students from Macalester College. We were headed out to our remote camp in the area called the Missouri Breaks.

The "Breaks" are a rough place to live and work, with the Missouri River cutting beautiful, steep ravines into imposing badlands. Lucky for us, these badlands are a perfect place to search for dinos!

The Missouri Breaks have also served as the backdrop to several history-making events. Lewis and Clark passed through our field area on their famous journey, the Nez Perce tribe

moved through the area with the U.S. army in hot pursuit as they attempted to reach Canada, and some of the very first dinosaurs ever found in the United States were discovered in the Breaks way back in the mid-1800s.

Even though several dinosaurs were named on the basis of the handful of teeth discovered by these early explorers, few paleontologists or geologists have returned to investigate the area in detail. Until now, that is.

Once we arrived in Montana we set up a camp on the Missouri River. This year our camp was pretty basic—a few tents and a lone propane stove for cooking.

The site we worked was full of great bones, but it was across the river from our camp. With no roads or bridges in the vicinity, we had to load up a boat and float our way downstream every day.

The river was very low because of the drought in Montana, so on the way upstream we often had to get out

into the river and walk the boat back upstream (just like Lewis and Clark). Each day the temperatures soared into the high 90s and low 100s. It was HOT! But no rain meant great weather for digging dinosaurs.

All in all we spent ten days on site. Each day started with surface collecting, which is basically picking up every scrap of bone that is washing out of the hills, and tracing pieces back up to their point of origin (where we hope more of the bone lies still protected inside the hill).

We dug a large pit and uncovered two lower leg bones of a large, plant-eating, duckbilled dinosaur. We also found parts of a crocodile's skull, the teeth of meat-eating dinosaurs, parts of turtle shells and the scales of ancient fish.

We left the field with our truck loaded to the gills and the bones covered in protective plaster and burlap. Now, we are excited to get the bones back to the Science Museum of Minnesota, crack open those jackets and see just what's inside!

It's been fun to hear from some of you by e-mail. Keep sending your comments and questions to [krogers@smm.org](mailto:krogers@smm.org).

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## Chin's Kitchen, customers adjust to new location

by Michelle Christianson

Mei Mei Ho has been running Chin's Kitchen in Falcon Heights for over 20 years, but her job changed in a big way recently.

She's still co-owner of Chin's with her husband, Paul Wen Ma. And she still cooks and waits tables at the restaurant. But since July 2 she's been doing all that at a new location.

A fixture since 1947 on the southeast corner of Snelling and Larpenteur, Chin's moved across Larpenteur to make way for a new development on their old corner. When Mei Mei and Paul learned that the complex their restaurant occupied was to be torn down, they began looking for other locations.

Fortunately, they were able to rent the building that formerly housed the Mi Tierra Restaurant at 1533 Larpenteur.

Chin's was formerly owned by Ho's sister, Lina Leung. In 1982 Mei Mei got a call from Lina asking her to come from Taiwan, where she was working as a registered nurse, to take over the restaurant.

Paul worked in the kitchen, and Mei Mei took orders, cooked, ran the cash register and answered the phone in the tiny restaurant.

A personable business-woman, Ho quickly learned her customers' likes and dislikes, favorite dishes—even their health needs. She knows who has high cholesterol and wants only egg whites in their fried rice, and who can't eat MSG.

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Mei Mei Ho whips up an order of fried rice on the new wok at Chin's Kitchen, which recently relocated to 1533 Larpenteur.

prospered despite having only three tables. Most customers just called for take-out.

Now, however, Mei Mei and Paul are learning how to run a much bigger business. Instead of three tables, the new location has 28, with seating for up to 90 patrons.

The menu has also expanded—a printed version has replaced the hand-written one on the wall at the old Chin's. And the kitchen is larger, with a bigger wok.

A larger facility means a larger staff as well—two additional cooks and waiters because, try as she might, Mei Mei can't keep up with the bigger clientele all by herself anymore.

The old Chin's was closed one day a week, but the new version is open every day.

Customers can now pay by credit card, and there is even a Web site ([www.chinskitchen.com](http://www.chinskitchen.com)) that lists the menu and directions to the new location. The phone number has stayed the same: 646-0748.

Mei Mei and Paul have taken out a 15-year lease on their current location. They hope that eventually their 12-year-old son, Ken Ma, will take over the business, but they concede that he may have other plans.

Ho reports that so far Chin's former customers have been very loyal in patronizing the new restaurant, where they find the same cooking they were used to. A recent lunch crowd included a couple who now live in California and went to Chin's regularly during their college days in the Twin Cities.

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General admission tickets are \$12 (\$10 for seniors, \$5 for students) and are available at the door 30 minutes before the performance. Advance and season tickets may be ordered at [www.prospectparkplayers.org](http://www.prospectparkplayers.org) or by calling 612-331-8345.

**Butterflies**

University of Minnesota researcher Karen Oberhauser will present "Monarch Butterflies and Citizen Scientists: Unraveling Majestic Secrets" at Falcon Heights City Hall on September 11 at 7 p.m.

Oberhauser created the Monarchs in the Classroom project and the Monarch Larva Monitoring project. She is also the founding officer of the Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary Foundation, a conservation organization dedicated to preserving monarch wintering sites in Mexico.

Oberhauser is an assistant professor in the U of M's Department of Ecology, Evolution and Behavior.

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## People

Caitlin Durkee of St. Anthony Park has been named to the U.S. Youth Soccer Region II Olympic Development Program Pool Team in her age group (under 14).

She was selected by regional and national coaches at a soccer camp held in Dekalb, Illinois in July. She went on to train with the top 100 girls from across the country at a training camp in Concord, Massachusetts from August 11-17.

Caitlin is the daughter of Paul and Kim Durkee. She will be a 9th-grade student this fall at Como Senior High School.

On June 28, Edward Stanford, retired University of Minnesota librarian, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the U of M's Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

Stanford served as U of M librarian from 1951-71. Formerly he lived on Hendon Avenue in St. Anthony Park. Currently he lives at 1666 Coffman in Falcon Heights.

St. Anthony Park resident Andrea Bell has co-edited a new book, "Cosmos Latinos: An Anthology of Science Fiction from Latin America and Spain." This anthology of translated works includes 27 stories from 10 countries.

Bell is a professor of Spanish and Latin American Studies at Hamline University.

Two local residents, Marjorie Franklin and Joyce Lyon, are among 25 University of Minnesota Art Department faculty members who will showcase their work in the inaugural Katherine E. Nash Gallery show in the new Regis Center for Art on the West Bank campus.

"Art Moves" runs from September 2-October 22, with a reception set for October 11. Admission to the gallery and to the reception is free and open to the public.

Franklin has taught in the digital/electronic arts program at the U of M since 1997. Lyon has taught painting and drawing at the University since 1983.

## Volunteers

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Como Zoo needs over 900 volunteers to help with its Zoo Boo in October. This non-scary Halloween event attracts over 10,000 visitors each year during the last two weekends in October.

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For more information, contact Kate McNulty at [kate.mculty@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:kate.mculty@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or 487-8287.

## 4-H

The Northern Lights 4-H Club will hold its first meeting of the school year on September 8 at 6:45 p.m. at Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month.

The club is open to any boy or girl in kindergarten through 12th grade. For more information, call Kathleen Proctor at 635-9295 or 612-337-2608.

## Community Report

Professor David Lanegran's study of St. Anthony Park, initially presented at a May 6 community meeting, has been published and will soon be available for purchase at the St. Anthony Park Library or online at [www.sapfoundation.org](http://www.sapfoundation.org). The study was commissioned by the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation and the District 12 Community Council.

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September 12, 8pm
- Storytelling for older kids  
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September 13, 8pm
- LATONA  
September 19, 8pm
- Singleton Street  
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# SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

## 1 Monday

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

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

## 2 Tuesday

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

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

• Chair Exercise Classes - Seal High Rise, 825 Seal Street. Every Tuesday and Thursday at 1:30 p.m. These classes are free to all area seniors, but pre-registration is necessary. Chair exercise classes are appropriate for all fitness and ability levels, and offer cardiovascular workout. All major muscle groups are exercised. Call 651-642-9052 to pre-register.

• Free blood pressure clinic and health resources by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, Seal High Rise (825 Seal St.), 1-3 p.m. Every Tuesday.

• Como Park & Lauderdale recycling.

## 3 Wednesday

• Women's Connection, a women's networking organization (651-603-0954), Hubert Humphrey Job Corps Center, 1480 Snelling, Building #1, 8 a.m. Every Wednesday.

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

• St. Anthony Park recycling.

## 4 Thursday

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

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

• Chair Exercise Classes - Seal High Rise, 825 Seal Street Every Tuesday and Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

• St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee,

South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 6 p.m.

• St. Anthony Park recycling.

## 5 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.).

## 6 Saturday

• Falcon Heights recycling.

## 8 Monday

• Park Press Inc., Park Bugle Board Meeting, St. Anthony Park Bank Community Room, 7 a.m.

## 9 Tuesday

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

## 10 Wednesday

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

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

## 11 Thursday

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

## 12 Friday

• Free blood pressure clinic and health resources by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, St. Anthony Park Library, 10-11 a.m.

## 15 Monday

• Como Park & Lauderdale recycling.

## 16 Tuesday

• District 10 board meeting. Call 651-644-3889 for details.

## 17 Wednesday

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

• St. Anthony Park recycling.

## 19 Friday

• Falcon Heights recycling.

• Preschool story time for children ages 3-5 St. Anthony Park Library. Call 642-0411 to register.

## 22 Monday

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

## 23 Tuesday

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

## 24 Wednesday

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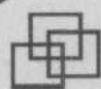
• St. Anthony Park Community Council Housing and Human Services Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 5:30 p.m.

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

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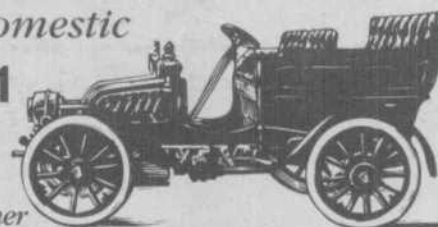
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By Jon Schumacher  
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If you can cut through the hazy fog that floats over these last days of summer, you might remember the neighborhood forum last May hosted by the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation and the District 12 Community Council. That was when Macalester College Professor David Lanegan, noted author and urban affairs expert, presented a first draft of his report on the state of our community.

website at [www.sapfoundation.org](http://www.sapfoundation.org). Copies are also being sent to city officials and representatives of all major stakeholder groups in the area.

Our hope in supporting this report was to encourage the community-wide discussion necessary to plan comprehensively for our future. We can all be thankful for David Lanegan, the Elmer L. and Eleanor J. Andersen Foundation, and everyone who worked so hard to provide us with this important look at our past and present. We can also be thankful



Jon Schumacher

Actually, thanks to Dave Healy's wonderful roundtable discussion on housing published in the August Bugle, the conversation concerning how to address these important issues has begun. Similar discussions - focusing on maintaining a healthy mix of retail and service options, transportation, our environment, and the preservation of our key institutions - need to follow.

While a short summary of the report was handed out during the Art Festival in June, the final version has been waiting for addition of the community feedback gathered at the forum and through the neighborhood survey. We're happy to say the report has now been published and copies will soon be available at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library and on our

for the contributions of the District 12 Community Council whose members will now shape the process that will ensure the future vitality of this great neighborhood.

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## Aging Gracefully by Mary Jo Tarasor

Many of us have a relative who is the designated caregiver for the aging person in our extended family. Not surprisingly, this individual is likely to be the person who has always come through in a crisis. But at the same time, caregivers often ignore their own needs until they reach a crisis of their own.

Caregiving is a full-time responsibility that carries a megadose of stress. The only comparison I can draw is a single parent with a small child.

However, that situation is self-limiting—all kids grow up! In addition, there are oodles of support services for parents.

In contrast, we are just beginning to realize the need for

and to create the support services caregivers of elderly people need. And the time frame for caring for an elderly person in this age of modern medicine can stretch for decades.

What are you doing for the caregiver in your family? Do you cheerfully call up and offer to take a shift each week so the caregiver can count on getting a break regularly?

Bear in mind that people willing to take on this responsibility are likely to be those who see their own needs as secondary, and they may not let other relatives know how much support and/or assistance they need.

Get together with other

family members and see how the tasks can be divided. Perhaps the caregiver takes primary physical responsibility, but another relative can handle financial matters. Or someone else in the family can agree to take the older person to his or her house of worship regularly.

We don't all have life situations that permit us to be primary caregivers for our aging relatives. But there is scarcely anyone who can't commit to sharing in the ongoing tasks and activities necessary to support an older person living independently—and their primary caregiver.

You can initiate the planning for the caregiver to be able to take a vacation. Your family might agree to chip in for a respite service and the travel costs.

In most cases, caregivers have limited financial resources because of the commitment they've taken on. Often caregivers work only part-time or not at all outside of their caregiving responsibilities, because the latter are so demanding.

Even in cases where an older person does not require daily care to live independently, sharing caregiving usually needs to be planned. It rarely occurs without good family communication. Nobody seems to realize that Sis is always the adult child who takes mom to the doctor.

The dynamics of families make it easy to ignore caregivers' stress and need for support. After all, the reason they are in that position is that they offered to be.

Caregiving is often so much a part of the caregiver's personality that others in the family accept his or her contributions as a matter of course.

If you recognize your family in this article, take it with you the next time you visit or have lunch with a sibling. Talk about the support the older adult in your family needs, and how it can be shared. If you see to it that the caregiving in your family is shared now, you are likely to avoid a crisis in the future when the caregiver is buried in stress and overwork.

And even in those situations when you are unable to assist physically, make sure that the caregiver in your family hears from you often so that his or her contributions to your family's happiness and stability are not taken for granted.

It's amazing how much energy a heartfelt "Thanks!" can give a person.

*The St Anthony Park Block Nurse Program offers services to support caregivers. We hope that Aging Gracefully is helpful to older adults and those who care about and care for them. We welcome ideas and feedback for this column at 642-9052 or [sapbnp@bitstream.net](mailto:sapbnp@bitstream.net).*

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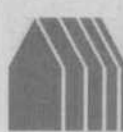


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## State Fair from page 1

stepping into my alley to find my car blocked by a fairgoer's stray vehicle. During the last few years, I finally decided to just chuck it and leave town for the last part of August.

"Lots of residents take their vacations during the Fair," said Sue McCall, community organizer for the Como Park neighborhood.

"But some don't leave town. They make a sizable chunk of change parking cars on their lawns." She noted that lawn parking has sparked lots of controversy over the years. Pro- and anti-lawn parking neighbors don't always see eye-to-eye.

Lawn parkers are legal now, however. The State Fair parking district allows lawn parking for a select area in St. Paul during the Fair.

Even with local lawns pressed into service, street parking near the Fairgrounds continues to be at a premium during the Fair. Traffic, though, is much better, most residents agree, since parking has been limited to one side of the street.

"That has helped. It's much safer," said McCall.

Indeed, one-sided parking for major events is now known as the State Fair parking model.

"This model has been adopted by other organizations, the Taste of Minnesota, for example," said McCall. "The State Fair has done a great job with its satellite parking, too."

Metro Transit offers park-and-ride buses from locations throughout the metro area. One of every four fairgoers get there by bus, spurred on in part by a \$2 admission discount to bus riders.

Falcon Heights prides itself on being the home of the State Fair, and its mayor, Sue Gehr, has a bird's eye view of the Fairgrounds, which are right across the street from City Hall.

Gehr, who also lives close to the Fairgrounds, said, "I love it! I can walk there. The city does a lot to prepare for it, and neighbors are made aware ahead of time of such things as parking

restrictions."

Unlike St. Paul, parking on lawns is not allowed in Falcon Heights.

"This can be maddening for a new resident, who can look across the street and see that a neighbor, who just happens to be on the St. Paul side of things, is parking cars while he or she can't," said Gehr.

"I remind people to take it in stride," said Gehr. "If you're like many residents, you see a lot of relatives and friends that time of year because they can park in your driveway and walk to the Fair."

Gehr admits, though, that some residents have it harder than others—Hollywood Court, for example. "There's only one entrance to this area, and that's right in the heart of the Fair."

To that end, the St. Anthony Police Department helps get residents in and out.

"The St. Anthony Police always do such a good job," said Gehr. "During the Fair, they have extra reserves and they allow

no vacations during that time. They really are stretched, but they provide such incredible traffic assistance and other safety services."

While dealing with litter, noise, traffic and parking will always be there, Gehr maintains that the State Fair does a tremendous job.

"People utilize the park-and-ride lots, which has helped tremendously. We have few complaints during the Fair."

Gehr said that other events held at the Fairgrounds during the year, such as the "Back to the Fifties" street rod event, can be just as challenging.

In the end, though, the benefits outweigh the liabilities, according to Gehr, who added that the best coping mechanism is to maintain a positive attitude.

"That goes a long way," said the mayor. "The Fair can be a fun, wholesome and, yes, even relaxing time. I always encourage residents to be positive and plan ahead for their activities."



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