

Park Bugle

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

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HHH Job Corps Center celebrates 25 years in Como Park neighborhood

New building will honor George Latimer

by Dave Healy

It's been anniversary season at the Job Corps lately. Last year marked the 40th anniversary of the federal Job Corps program, which began as part of Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty. Locally, the Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Center, located in the Como Park neighborhood, will celebrate its 25th anniversary on September 27.

In 1981, the HHH Center was created on the former campus of Bethel College (now Bethel University), which by then had completed its move to Arden Hills. The center provides vocational education and training for individuals from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. It serves 350 to 400 students a year, who range in age from 16 to 24.

The September 27 event will include a dedication ceremony for the center's new cafeteria, which opened last November. It will be named in honor of George Latimer, former St. Paul mayor and an instrumental figure in establishing the HHH Job Corps Center.

"Without George Latimer's leadership, this center would not have opened here when it did," said David MacKenzie, the center's director. "There was some opposition to the project back then, and it took a lot of political courage to speak in favor of it. Our responsibility has always been to live up to George Latimer's vision."

Building plans for the new cafeteria generated their own controversy when a proposal was first presented to the surrounding neighborhood in June 2002. The original plan called for two new buildings — a cafeteria and a child development center. Neighbors asked why vacant buildings couldn't be renovated rather than erecting new ones.

"We took those questions seriously," said MacKenzie. "The result was a decision to put up one new building instead of two, and to renovate an existing one for the child development center."

According to Dan Cherryhomes, director of administrative

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Home tour makes spying on your neighbors acceptable

October 14 event benefits District 12 Council

by Judy Woodward

Ask Mary Jo Thompson about the most interesting thing that ever happened to her house, and she'll start with disaster.

"In 1996, we were up in the third-floor family room," she says. "We heard this great rumble, so we ran downstairs to the basement and there were bricks everywhere."

In fact, Thompson's chimney had just collapsed — victim of the accumulated weight of several decades of inattention.

"The ashes had never been removed because there was no ash door," she explains. The acid in the ashes combined with moisture from the dirt-floored basement to dissolve the bricks.

For Thompson and her late husband, the crisis proved to be

as much opportunity as dilemma. Although the couple and their two young children had to relocate for several months to a hotel, the resulting insurance settlement allowed them to start the remodeling project that has transformed the 1891 south St. Anthony Park residence into a showplace of the neighborhood.

Thompson's architect-designed Queen Anne stick-style home on Bayless Avenue will be one of several houses open to the public for the St. Anthony Park Home Tour on Saturday, October 14, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The theme of the tour is "new and renewed living spaces."

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The Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Center opened a new cafeteria last November. Flags hanging from the ceiling represent nationalities of the center's students. On September 17, in connection with the 25th anniversary of the center, the building will be named in honor of George Latimer, former mayor of St. Paul, who was instrumental in establishing a Job Corps Center in the Como Park neighborhood.

Volunteering to keep a community strong

St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program marks 25th anniversary

by Antonie Young

This month the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program will celebrate its 25th anniversary. The program provides a variety of services to assist the elderly through a network of volunteers.

For both volunteers and care receivers, the Block Nurse Program has fostered friendships and developed a stronger sense of community as it helps promote healthy independent living.

St. Anthony Park resident Julia Loupe has been volunteering for Block Nurse for two years. She had just moved back to the neighborhood when she saw a notice in the Bugle saying that the program needed volunteers to work with local seniors.

"I thought that volunteering would be a good way to meet neighbors," Loupe said. "I wanted to be involved in the community, and I also thought it sounded like such a unique service. I think if people chip in and help their neighbors, it makes a neighborhood stronger."

Loupe, mother of a three-and-a-half-year-old and part-time human resources employee at Mississippi Market, devotes all of

her volunteer efforts to Block Nurse. She is involved in a variety of the program's services: medical guiding, which helps a person get to and from medical

"I think if people chip in and help their neighbors, it makes a neighborhood stronger."

— Julia Loupe
Block Nurse volunteer

appointments; visiting, wherein she spends time with a needy person when his or her caregiver has to leave home for any reason; and Meals on Wheels or food preparation. From time to time she also helps out Mary Hayes, volunteer coordinator.

"Last year, Mary Hayes wanted to send a thank-you note to volunteers at Thanksgiving, and I helped get those cards out," Loupe said. "I also wrapped Christmas presents to seniors. I've done Meals on Wheels when they need a substitute. There's really a whole variety of things to get involved with."

Loupe has also stepped in for Hayes on occasion, helping with volunteer coordination. She was recently appointed to the Fundraising Committee, which raises money from participating neighborhood restaurants and

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St. Anthony Park's 19th Annual Fall Festival will take place Saturday, October 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Milton Square, Carter and Como avenues. The event will feature food, bagpipes, free carriage rides, children's activities, sidewalk sales and a wine tasting. Proceeds from the wine tasting will benefit the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation.

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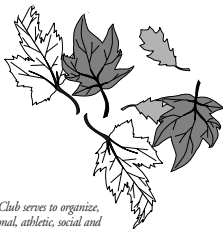
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**Como Park**

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"Slow Down for Children" signs are now available through District 10. A \$5 donation is requested. Contact the council office: 644-3889 or district10@comopark.org.

Buckthorn "busts" are scheduled for October 7 and 28 from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are needed to remove buckthorn in the Como Park woodlands between Lexington and Hamline avenues. Volunteers should wear gloves and meet at the Como Pool parking lot. Tools and refreshments will be provided.

District 10 has purchased three weed wrenches that citizens can use to remove buckthorn on their own property. Contact the office (district10@comopark.org or 644-3889) for details.

Experienced birders are needed for a baseline natural resources inventory of Como Park. Anyone interested in participating should contact Joan McKearnan: joan.mckearnan@comcast.net.

At its October 17 meeting, the District 10 Board will hold elections. Anyone 18 or older who lives, works or attends school in the Como area is eligible for board membership. Board terms are two years, and the average time commitment is four hours a month.

To indicate an interest in running for board membership, contact the District 10 office: 644-3889 or

district10@comopark.org. The 7 p.m. meeting will be held at the District 10 office, 1224 Lexington Pkwy.

Lauderdale

The annual Halloween party will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on October 31 at City Hall, 1891 Walnut St. The event will include games, candy and other refreshments. Donations of candy or cash are welcome.

St. Anthony Park

At its October 12 meeting, the District 12 Council will discuss amending its bylaws to change the quorum requirement at board meetings from one-third to one-half of voting members.

St. Paul

The League of Women Voters has created an eight-minute video, "Voting Made Easy: An Introduction to Voter Registration and Elections in Minnesota."

Posters and handouts are also available to supplement the video, which is presented in English with comments in Hmong, Spanish and Somali. Any group or organization interested in showing this video should contact Sandi Lutz at 604-5176 or maxine@visi.com.

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St. Anthony Park Elementary gears up for November School District referendum

by Lisa Steinmann

On November 7, in addition to state offices, St. Paul residents will vote on a request from the St. Paul School District to renew its 2002 levy, which would raise \$13.5 million over the next six years and would increase the average home or business owner's annual property tax by about \$87.

The St. Paul School District serves more than 41,000 students at 250 sites staffed by 6,500 professionals.

According to district sources, failure of the referendum would result in over \$10 million in cuts to schools. That translates to more than 130 teachers across the district and an average increase in class size of two students.

"I have a lot of questions," said Marty Wolf, who has three children in St. Paul schools, the youngest at St. Anthony Park. He said he would like to know more about the referendum and how the money raised will make a difference. But in the end, he said, "I will always come down in favor of public education."

Spending decisions within many individual schools are made by site councils. At St. Anthony Park Elementary, the site council consists of principal Andrea Dahms, seven elected parent members, five staff members and a community representative, currently Rosie Foreman, head librarian at St. Anthony Park Library.

Jay Schrader, parent of two children in St. Paul public schools, has been a member of the site council for four years and is serving his second year as co-chair.

"I have learned a lot about the behind-the-scenes challenges that our teachers and professional staff face every day," he said.

Those challenges have included making difficult adjustments over the past five years as funding from state and federal sources has diminished, Schrader said. He added that the school has struggled to keep the cuts out of the classroom.

For example, a year ago the site council made the difficult decision to cut the school librarian.

To allow children to continue using the library, teachers received training in using the library computer system, and parents volunteered to come in daily to shelf books.

Schrader said that volunteer parents and community members put in hundreds of hours and take care of dozens of tasks that keep the school program running smoothly. They help in the classroom and with publishing the school literary journal and running the student council.

The St. Anthony Park School Association (SAPSA) raises over \$7,000 a year to fund field trips and other special events.

According to Schrader, the site council has trimmed as much fat as possible.

"If we lose money, it will impact the number of teachers and the class size," he said. "There's no place else to find money."

He said the 2002 levy has mainly been used to pay for teachers and keep elementary school class sizes near 22.

The site council has been concerned about declining enrollment, a district-wide trend. However, enrollment this fall at the school is 66 more than predicted. Funding for all public schools is on a per-pupil basis.

Schrader said that St. Anthony Park Elementary strives to maintain a healthy enrollment by publicizing itself as "a strong school that produces successful children."

The school offers both all-day and half-day kindergarten. Its standardized test scores, said Schrader, rank high in the district.

Declining district-wide enrollment, coupled with more students who qualify for special education services, have pinched all St. Paul public schools, Schrader said.

He praised the staff, parents and volunteers at St. Anthony Park Elementary for keeping the school strong and successful.

For example, Schrader said, the school found a way to fund all-day kindergarten this year, while many other schools are hoping the referendum money will help them offer it in the future. St. Anthony Park Elementary also managed to add specialists in science, vocal music and physical education.

Schrader said that an extended referendum would barely enable schools to keep up with inflation and to fund programs across the district for students with special needs.

In St. Paul public schools, 38 percent of students are English language learners, 65 percent are eligible for free or reduced lunch and 15 percent qualify for special education.

Dan Krivit, a member of St. Anthony Park Elementary's ad hoc Government Affairs Committee, said, "The referendum is a temporary solution. We recognize that ultimately the legislature needs to address the K-12 funding package."

This month, to help inform community members before they enter the voting booth on November 7, SAPSA and the St. Anthony Park Elementary site council will co-sponsor a forum on school financing.

Sen. Ellen Anderson, Rep. Alice Hausman and a representative from the St. Paul School District will participate. The forum will take place October 17, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the school library.

St. Anthony Park Elementary is located at 2180 Knapp St. For more information, call the school at 293-8735 or visit their Web site: www.stanthony.spps.org.

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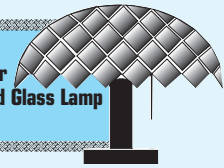
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1981 featured some auspicious debuts. Dan Rather began his tenure as anchor of the "CBS Evening News." "Nightline with Ted Koppel" premiered on ABC. Sandra Day O'Connor was confirmed as the first female justice of the Supreme Court. The space shuttle Columbia completed its first flight.

Twenty-five years later, those debutants have been replaced. But two other institutions that began in 1981 are still going strong: the Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Center and the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program.

These two programs are quite different. The Job Corps is federally funded and serves economically disadvantaged youth. Block Nurse is a local nonprofit whose constituents are mostly elderly, and it's heavily dependent on volunteers.

But despite their dissimilarities, both programs represent attempts to provide services that help people cope with some kind of deficit, whether economic, educational, physical or emotional. As such, both are part of a vast network of social services that includes government, private and religious enterprises.

The existence of "social services" is an acknowledgement that some members of a society will need assistance beyond what their family or friends can provide. At a Job Corps Center, that assistance comes in the form of vocational education and training for young people who would otherwise be unable to afford it. In the case of a Block Nurse Program, assistance might be a ride to a doctor's appointment for someone without access to transportation.

Each of these programs is based on certain assumptions about what benefits a society. The Job Corps assumes that society is well-served by a trained work force. Block Nurse assumes that a society benefits when individuals are able to continue living as independently as possible while they age. Support for these services will reflect the

extent to which the society as a whole shares such assumptions.

But it's one thing to share assumptions; it's another thing to provide tangible support for a particular service. How does one decide which organizations to support?

Often that decision is based on personal experience. A successful Job Corps graduate is perhaps more likely to affirm that organization than is someone whose job training came by another route. Someone whose elderly parents have received Block Nurse services may be more likely to write a check for the organization's annual fund drive than would someone whose parents are fully independent.

But most social services would wither if they were supported only by people with a direct connection. They depend on a wide-spread recognition that a pluralistic society prospers when each of its members prospers, and that those members are connected in ways that might not be immediately visible.

One way of describing that connectedness is "interdependence." Organizations like the Job Corps and Block Nurse have the laudable but challenging task of promoting independence while acknowledging interdependence.

If you graduate from a Job Corps Center, you'll be more likely to get a job and be able to take care of yourself. If you receive Block Nurse services, you'll be better able to stay in your own home and less likely to require the more extensive (and expensive) services of a residential institution. But neither a Job Corps Center nor a Block Nurse Program will flourish without a widespread realization that no one is truly independent.

America's founders famously declared the new nation's independence. We would do well to remember John Donne's declaration, written a century and a-half earlier, that none of us is an island, entire unto ourselves. We're all in this together.

Extra, extra, read all about it: Bugle joins Twin Cities Media Alliance

by Dave Healy

The newspaper business ain't what it used to be. Indeed, even the term "newspaper" is outdated, since people who publish the news are no longer limited to paper and ink. While most people reading these words are probably holding a piece of newsprint, some are looking at a computer screen.

Every day there are more ways to get the news. Twin Cities residents have long enjoyed more than one daily newspaper to choose from, and now that any major paper can be accessed online, readers all over the world have the same luxury.

But when you trade your doorstep for a monitor, how do you keep up with everything?

One service that has arisen to help readers manage information is news aggregators — Web sites that provide links to a variety of publications. Often, the aggregator lists headlines and brief article synopses.

Sometimes, content is

organized by categories: arts, business, education, government, etc. Clicking on one of those links brings up stories on that topic from a variety of publications.

But organizing information isn't the only service news aggregators provide. They also give visibility to local publications that otherwise might not be known outside their own distribution area.

That's a major purpose of the Twin Cities Daily Planet (www.tcdailyplanet.net), a community newswire and syndication service.

According to Craig Cox, one of TCDP's organizers and currently its managing editor, the people behind it "wanted to give the neighborhood press more exposure."

They invited all the Twin Cities weekly and monthly newspapers to become media partners. So far, about 40 publications have joined, including the Park Bugle.

Media partners agree to make their online content available to TCDP, which in turn provides links to a partner's Web site.

For example, someone could have read last month's Bugle article about Raymond Avenue traffic calming by looking at the printed version of the paper, or by going to the Bugle Web site (www.parkbugle.org) or by finding the story on the TCDP.

But increasing access and visibility isn't TCDP's only purpose. The Daily Planet is a project of the Twin Cities Media Alliance, a nonprofit organization that aims to nurture participatory democracy by strengthening citizen participation in news gathering, reporting and dissemination.

To that end, the alliance strives to develop "citizen journalists" to supplement the work of professional news people. By offering workshops, hosting public forums and organizing

networking opportunities for professionals and engaged citizens, the alliance hopes to open up the media to greater participation.

For example, on September 16, the alliance presented a free public forum, "Citizens and the Future of the News."

The event featured a conversation between media critic and NYU professor Mark Crispin Miller and Lizz Winstead, co-creator of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show."

Also on the schedule was a panel discussion with representatives from the Pioneer Press, StarTribune, Minnesota Public Radio and a variety of local news outlets.

Cox sees efforts like the Twin Cities Media Alliance as a counteractive to the segmentation that increasingly characterizes today's information

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services at the HHH Job Corps Center, plans are proceeding to open the child development center soon in cooperation with Head Start, which will oversee its operation. It will provide child care for nonresidential students, and is equipped to handle about 20 children.

"Welfare-to-work legislation has been hard on single parents," said MacKenzie. "We're pleased that our facility will make it easier for some of our students

to find accessible and affordable child care."

The child development center is located on the first floor of what had been the Hagstrom Dormitory when Bethel owned the campus. The entire building has been renovated, which means the upper two floors could eventually be used to house student parents, MacKenzie said.

The HHH Center is one of 122 Job Corps centers in the United States. The national Job

Corps publishes annual rankings for all of its centers. According to MacKenzie, the HHH Center consistently ranks in the top 10. In 2005, they ranked seventh nationally.

"One of the ranking categories is job placement," said MacKenzie. "We've always done well there. About 95 percent of our graduates get jobs."

Since 1993, a Neighborhood Advisory Committee, consisting of neighborhood residents and

Job Corps students and employees, has met monthly. A recent topic of discussion for the committee has been the future of the former tennis courts, located on the corner of Arlington and Arona, across the street from the main campus.

MacKenzie said that the Job Corps hopes to convert that area to green space, and has applied for a grant from Ramsey County to finance the project.



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Foundation creates new designated funds

by Dave Healy

The St. Anthony Park Community Foundation recently announced the formation of three new designated funds.

St. Anthony Park Elementary School and Murray Junior High School now have funds established by donations from area residents. The third fund, the McKay Family Music Endowment Fund, was established by the family of Gerald and Mary McKay in honor of their years of service to St. Anthony Park.

Gerald McKay was a founding member of many neighborhood institutions, including the St. Anthony Park Association, the Park Bugle, the St. Anthony Park Community Band and the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation. Mary

McKay worked at the elementary school for several years and was an equal partner in the McKays' love of St. Anthony Park.

Gerald also has an abiding interest, and a long history of involvement, in bands throughout Minnesota, especially at the University of Minnesota, where he played in the band as an undergraduate and after graduation helped found the Alumni Band.

His love of band music led to establishing a fund to ensure that the Community Band and band music at local schools would never falter for lack of financial support. In partnership with his five children, McKay created an endowed fund to provide permanent annual grants to the music community.

The funds created for the schools are not presently endowed, but that option is being considered, according to Foundation Executive Director Jon Schumacher.

"We've worked closely with our neighborhood schools to support their annual needs and keep them competitive," he said. "We are currently talking to parents and other school supporters to see if there's an interest in establishing endowed funds. Providing permanent support to these key institutions that are at the mercy of fluctuating federal, state and local budgeting would allow them to maintain consistent, high-quality programs and staffing. Their success makes our community stronger."

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Block Nurse from 1

businesses.

Loupe said that the best part of volunteering for Block Nurse is the friendships she has made.

"What it has allowed me to do is meet some neighbors that I probably wouldn't have had the chance to meet otherwise.

Because I spend one-on-one time with them, either in their homes or driving them to medical appointments, it's on a personal level. I have to say that the people I've met have given me much more than I have them. Their life stories are fascinating. I've really become close friends with those I see more often."

Richard Hey and his wife, Miriam, use Block Nurse care services. Hey said he can't think of a single way in which Block Nurse hasn't been "a real godsend" to him and his wife. "It's a remarkable program," he added.

Hey joined after he was in danger of missing an important appointment due to lack of a ride.

"I was frantic," he said. "I couldn't figure out how I could get down there. Someone told me, 'Try Block Nurse,' which I did. They were so sympathetic and understanding, and so quick

with finding a volunteer to drive me to my appointment, that I thought I'd died and gone to heaven."

Hey has been using Block Nurse volunteers for a year and a half to reach medical appointments.

"For the first time in my life I have numerous medical appointments, and this service has been a lifesaver," he said. "They are always so understanding; I feel like I've had a ride with a friend."

Hey added that he and his wife sometimes try to get appointments at the same time, to make things easier for a volunteer.

"Block Nurse would say, 'No, do what you need to do.' I once told Mary Hayes that I'm sorry to require so much, and she said that they exist to help people live more independently. They assure me they stand ready to be of any help they can be."

Ruth Neubeck, who also receives care from Block Nurse, sings the praises of Mary Hayes. "She is so good at what she does," Neubeck said.


Neubeck started using the program after she had surgery and needed help getting places.

"My husband is handicapped and can't drive me," she explained. "Now, I use (Block Nurse services) mainly to get someone to stay with him when I have to go out for some reason." Neubeck added that the program will also pick up medications for her.

Neubeck said she likes the neighborhood involvement the program fosters. "It's all neighbors who volunteer. Some we know and some we don't. Once we asked for a volunteer, and our neighbor from across the street arrived."

"Block Nurse keeps people in their homes and their community," Loupe said. "St. Anthony Park is my home, and I'd love to stay here as long as I can. Maybe someday I'll need volunteers to help me."

Because of community members like Loupe, Neubeck and the Heyes, not to mention the efforts of Mary Hayes and the many other hard workers who make Block Nurse possible, the program is 25 years strong. It seems safe to say that the St. Anthony Park community will be supporting the Block Nurse program for many years to come.



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The Birdman of Lauderdale

by Clay Christensen

My son, Drew, and I went north last January to find some owls. We did find a few owls, but for me one of the highlights of the trip was finding a bush full of northern shrikes, also called "butcher birds."

One more thing I didn't expect to experience, but which I did, was a lesson in humility.

We went to the Sax-Zim bog, 35 miles northeast of Duluth, named for two of the tiny towns that border the bog. They're not really even towns, more like a few houses around a bar, gas station or café.

A bog is a generally flat area composed mostly of sphagnum mats, springy to the foot in summer but frozen solid in winter. Bogs support a variety of sedges, as well as spruce and tamarack trees. Most of the birdwatching is done from the roadway.

The Sax-Zim bog is a broad area, about 250 square miles, that provides a wintering habitat favored by great gray and northern hawk owls. These owls are not very common in the rest of the United States, and so the bog draws birdwatchers from all over the country.

Several guides lead tours of the Sax-Zim bog during the winter to help birders add these owl species to their life lists.

As we drove the back roads around and through the bog, we saw a lot of interesting birds.

Drew saw his first snow buntings. Black and white and about the size of a large sparrow, snow buntings fly in large flocks, swooping over the winter fields as one mass, turning rapidly in unison, like a school of fish. It always leads me to ask, "How do they do that?"

We saw a common redpoll, like a small sparrow with a red cap and black chin. It was sitting in the road. As we stopped to look at it, one of the owl tour

guides came roaring up and nearly hit the redpoll. He said they hadn't seen any owls yet and asked if we'd seen any. He had some folks from Tennessee in his car.

After he left, again at high speed ("Gotta deliver owls to my customers!"), I noticed a shrike in a bush on the other side of the road.

A shrike is about the size of a slender robin, mostly gray with distinctive black and white markings on its wings and tail. Plus, it has a very distinctive black mask that starts at the beak and extends beyond where the ear would be.

Shrikes are usually loners, hunting from a high, prominent perch, but as we watched, two more shrikes appeared in the same bush. I'd seen a shrike in the winter at the Harriet Alexander Nature Center in Roseville, but had never seen more than one shrike at a time, let alone three in one place.

And one of them was doing what I call "bush-whacking," beating its wings around the base of the bush as if to flush a mouse or a vole. Since it was the dead of winter, they must have been hunting warm-blooded prey. No self-respecting insect would be caught dead in northern Minnesota in January.

Shrikes are often spotted in flight by their habit of swooping up to a perch. They prefer an open habitat, meadow or farm field with short trees or fence posts that can be used as perches.

The nickname of "butcher bird" comes from the shrike's unique way of storing food, caching it for a later meal. The shrike impales its prey on a thorn, a spike of barbed wire or perhaps in the crotch of a tree limb.

This maneuver can be challenging because the shrike is basically designed like a perching bird and doesn't have the talons that raptors have. It does have a

hooked bill, though, which is good for dispatching its prey, carrying it away and tearing it up into smaller pieces.

The shrikes eventually headed on down the road, and so did we. We next went to Stone Lake Road, where the guide said they hadn't seen any owls.

We found a northern hawk owl about a half mile off the main road. They're daytime hunters, typically spending the day sitting at the top of a spruce tree, watching for a rodent to make a false move. It's odd to see an owl that large on such a thin perch.

So, we found an owl and beat the hired guide! You take your victories where you can.

You also take your defeats when they come — and gracefully if you can. When I looked at some photos I took of the bird that is the subject of this column, I discovered that what I had identified then as a northern shrike was instead a Canada or gray jay.

The gray jay has a black cap on the back of its head that extends forward into the eye, but not all the way to the bill, like a shrike. And there is no black on the wings or tail. They often travel in small groups, unlike shrikes.

I should have taken a closer look and not jumped to identifying it as the bird I wanted it to be. Noted birdwatcher and author Joey Slinger has a saying for someone like that: "He sees too much."

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Home Tour from 1

All the houses on the tour represent individual responses to the challenge of shaping area residences to the architectural demands of 21st-century living, while retaining the traditional features that attracted their owners to them in the first place.

For Thompson, the progress of her years-long restoration project seemed coupled to natural disaster. A few years after the collapse of the chimney, the house suffered serious hail damage.

"That allowed me to restore the colors and the profile of the outside of the house," she says. "I removed the vinyl siding."

In its current state, Thompson's Bayless Avenue residence features original interior spindle woodwork, a restored front porch, lush landscaping that was the project of her late husband, and a beautiful exterior color scheme in five subtle shades of tan, cream and Wedgewood blue.

If the Thompsons' restoration project began as a result of a long-departed owner's decades of negligence, the Gray family over in north St. Anthony Park faced a more delicate problem.

When Billie and Terry Gray bought their beautifully maintained 1887 residence on Commonwealth Avenue, the previous owners hadn't disappeared into a haze of memory. In fact, they were living next door.

Turid and Dennis Ormseth sold the family home a couple of years ago, after their architect son

designed a modern barrel-vaulted residence for them on an adjoining lot. Both houses will be on the home tour this year.

Billie Gray says that having the previous owners living next door has given her family something to live up to.

Although she stresses the generosity and helpfulness of her neighbors, she says, "I feel responsible to the Ormseths. Are we keeping the yard up the way we should?"

Knowing something of the history of her house, a shingle-style dwelling that she describes as "an amalgamation of Tudor, Queen Anne and Victorian but more relaxed and casual," has given Gray a sense of stewardship.

"We're caretakers of the house," she says. "It's a privilege to raise my children here."

Gray adds that the best thing about her house is "It inspires you. I almost felt I was buying the good old American lifestyle. It makes you want to hand-crank some ice cream, turn off the TV and sit on the porch."

If the Grays see themselves as stewards of the past, Lisa Nicholson and her family faced the challenge of integrating the past and the future in the extensive addition they built on their 1912 arts-and-craft-influenced home on Doswell Avenue.

The Nicholson family bumped out the footprint of the house by 22 feet to create a three-story rear addition that runs the width of the house. They added two new bathrooms, a master bedroom suite, a new kitchen and an

additional eating area.

Nicholson is especially proud of the new mudroom that was added at the back entrance to the home. With cabinets and lockers carefully matched to the design elements of the original part of the house, she says, "It's really pretty and functional."

For Nicholson and her family, the building process involved some unexpected discoveries about the house they already lived in.

Because they wanted to match new light fixtures to the style of their existing home, they showed the originals to an expert, who told them that their fixtures are of Steuben glass, created by one of the original Tiffany art glass designers.

The three homeowners have different reasons for opening their houses to the public in October. Nicholson will participate as a way of supporting the St. Anthony Park Community Council, on which she sits as a business member. She's the owner of a local salsa manufacturer, Salsa Lisa.

Gray appreciates the opportunity to give back to her community. "I have attended the home tours in the past," she says, "and I so appreciate people opening their homes."

As for Thompson, she has a more practical motive. She may want to connect with some potential buyers. A widow since 1999, she's beginning to consider other housing options now that her children are almost grown up.

Of her house, she says, "It's so much work for a single mom. It's a unique and special place, and I may sell it."

Advance tickets for the St. Anthony Park Home Tour are available at local businesses for \$12 (\$10 for seniors). Tickets will also be sold on the day of the tour for \$15 (seniors \$12) at the St. Anthony Park Library. Proceeds from the tour will benefit the St. Anthony Park Community Council.

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No bones about it

by Kristi Curry Rogers

Autumn is upon us, No Bones readers. I can't believe how quickly this amazing summer flew by.

When you last heard from me, I was in Montana with my husband, Ray, and my daughter, Lucy, in search of new dinosaur sites.

Well, guess what? We found some! We are so excited to get back out there next summer and explore in more detail the new field areas that we identified this year.

We spent over a week in the "Missouri Breaks" of central Montana — thousands of acres of crazily steep, treacherous badlands that preserve fossils of dinosaurs and their contemporaries.

We've spent at least a little time during each of the last five summers in that area collecting small, resilient fossils that we call "microfossils."

Microfossils aren't really microscopic at all. The tooth of a big meat-eating dinosaur, the thigh bone of a turtle or the scale of a garfish all might be called microfossils.

Sites that preserve microfossils are particularly interesting to us because they give us a little window into an ancient ecosystem. In microsites we find remains of lots of animals that inhabited the vicinity, all gathered together in death.

At Macalester College, Ray is working with several students on the microscopic insides of the bones we found.

They are trying to figure out how these sites form, and how and where fossilization of the bones occurs, by using tools like the scanning electron microscope, and something called laser ablation, in which a laser scans a piece of bone to reveal the minerals that are preserving it.

So, the Breaks were great, and we found lots of awesome microfossils.

Then we went south. I have lots of experience digging up long-necked dinosaurs in the southcentral parts of Montana, and wanted to check out some new rocks in my old stomping grounds.

After work one evening, we were all relaxing near a creek while Ray tried his hand at fly fishing. As he waded through the water to a prime fishing hole, he stepped over a rock that gave him pause.

Turned out that the rock in the creek contained a dinosaur bone! It was the thigh bone of a dinosaur that roamed on earth over 70 million years ago, and it prompted us to scour the nearby hills the next day for more.

We found a few more bones, enough to tell us that this place is worth surveying more carefully next year, with more bodies and more eyes on the ground of an area that has never been explored by other scientists.

All of this makes a lot of sense if you've been paying attention to dinosaur news in the last month. You might have heard about a paper that gives

hope to paleontologists everywhere.

Steve Wang, of Swarthmore College, and Peter Dodson, of the University of Pennsylvania, did a statistical analysis of all the known dinosaurs. They found that only 527 dinosaurs have been found so far, but that there may be as many as 1844 dinosaur species to be found as fossils.

(There are lots of dinosaur species that probably were never lucky enough to make it into the fossil record at all, and these we'll never be able to discover).

If their statistical analysis is right, there are at least 1300 more dinosaur species left to be discovered. That's great news for future paleontologists everywhere.

Even better news? Wang and Dodson speculate that 75 percent of these undiscovered dinosaurs will be found in the next 60 to 100 years, and 90 percent might be found in the next 100-140 years, if historical patterns of discovery can tell us anything.

Well, make that 1299 species left. I think Ray, Lucy and I found at least one new dino this summer. We'll know for sure by next year. Until next time, happy hunting!

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City, residents discuss transportation study

by Dave Healy

Transportation was the topic at a September 21 community meeting hosted by the District 12 Community Council. On hand were three representatives from the city of St. Paul to discuss an upcoming transportation study the city is undertaking in the northwest quadrant, an area bounded by Larpenteur Avenue on the north, I-94 on the south, Snelling Avenue on the east and the city limits on the west.

Bruce Beese, director of Public Works, said the purpose of the study is to assess all modes of transportation in the target area: cars, trucks, mass transit, bicycles and pedestrians. Public Works will create a task force to work with city staff. That group will include community organizations, neighborhood residents, and business and industry representatives. The study is expected to take 6-9 months.

Mike Klassen, a city project manager, mentioned several things that are driving the study: the emerging bioscience corridor, the new University of Minnesota football stadium and extensive housing development along University Avenue.

Most of the meeting was given over to questions from the 40 or so people in attendance.

• "How does Public Works project future transportation needs?"

Klassen said the department pays attention to demographic

trends. He predicted that rising fuel prices will influence more people to move closer to their jobs, which could increase congestion in the urban core. John Maczko, a city engineer, noted that by 2030 the Twin Cities population is expected to increase by 1 million.

• "Have plans to extend Pierce Butler to the east increased pressure for an extension of Pierce Butler to the west?"

Maczko replied that although planners must consider the overall transportation picture, there is no direct correlation between plans on the east side and the west side of the city. He added that the study might reveal as much or more of a need for an additional north-south route through the area.

• "What can be done to increase pedestrian traffic and use of mass transit, and decrease dependence on automobiles?"

Klassen said that Public Works can redesign streets, propose different lighting and make other recommendations, but "we don't control funding," Maczko added that the roads being built today are much different from what was constructed in the 1960 and 70s.

"What you see now is more accommodations for bicycles and pedestrians," he said. But he also stressed that changing behavior is difficult. "Minnesotans are not used to walking very far," he said.

Joseph Spencer, a policy associate in the mayor's office, said that a recent study found there are 250 acres of surface parking along University Avenue. He said that large parking lots create a barrier for anyone who is not in an automobile.

Klassen said that transportation accounts for up to one-third of the real estate in a large city.

• "Are you willing to say from the outset of the study that the community garden in south St. Anthony Park is off limits for a new roadway?"

"I don't think so," said Maczko. "It's not a good idea to limit options before you even get started."

Maczko also stressed that putting an idea out for discussion doesn't mean that his department has a master plan.

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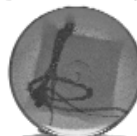
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Journalists debate the future of the news

by Dave Healy

On September 16 at Hamline University's Sundin Hall, the Twin Cities Media Alliance, publishers of the Twin Cities Daily Planet, presented a public forum, "Citizens and the Future of News." The event explored the dynamics of citizen journalism through three panels representing both national and local media.

The discussion began with a conversation between Lizz Winstead, a founder of Air America Radio and co-creator of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show," and Mark Crispin Miller, author and professor of media ecology at New York University, where he oversees the Project on Media Ownership. Their talk was moderated by John Forde, executive producer and host of public television's "Mental Engineering."

Miller and Winstead spent much of their time discussing television journalism, chastising its practitioners for a lack of investigative reporting. They attributed this largely to the influence of advertisers and corporate ownership of major media outlets.

Miller invoked the period around the turn of the 20th century as the heyday of investigative journalism. He contrasted the "muckrakers" of that era, when newspaper revenue was based mostly on subscriptions, with contemporary journalism's dependence on advertising money. He charged that too many media outlets soft-pedal the news in deference to perceived corporate interests.

Asked to predict how the news business will fare in the years ahead, Miller expressed pessimism.

"I think things are going to be very bad," he said, "unless the American people start to demand more from the people who give us the news." He also indicted the current political climate, claiming that the influence of money on the electoral process has compromised the reliability of what passes for news.

Miller lamented journalism's lip service to "objectivity," which he said too often means a knee-jerk adherence to presenting two sides of an issue — even if there aren't really two legitimate positions. He asked, "Why

should a story on the Holocaust have to include the 'position' of a Holocaust denier?"

Winstead was more sanguine about the future of news, pointing to the Internet as a way for ordinary citizens to inform themselves. "If the professional media don't do their jobs, we can take things into our own hands," she said.

The second panel, moderated by Marco Fernandez Landoni, editorial director for LCN Media, consisted of five representatives from Twin Cities mainstream media: Dave Beal, retired columnist and business editor at the Pioneer Press; Thom Fladung, editor of the Pioneer Press; Jeff Kraker, manager of the AVID Unity system at KARE; Kate Parry, reader's representative at the Star Tribune; and Bill Wareham, deputy news director for Minnesota Public Radio.

Panelists acknowledged the challenge of delivering the news to an increasingly diverse Twin Cities community. Parry distinguished between trying to "represent" historically under-represented populations versus giving them a voice. She pointed to the Strib's attempts to improve staff's sensitivity to cultural diversity while also attempting to diversify its newsroom. But she acknowledged the unfair tendency to let one minority staff member speak for an entire ethnic community.

Fladung, who was managing editor of the Detroit Free Press before he came to St. Paul, tactfully suggested that while the Twin Cities is indeed becoming more diverse, the region is still relatively homogenous compared to many other major metropolitan areas.

The third session, "Citizens and Community-Based Media," featured Ann Alquist, news director at KFAI Radio; Abdi Aynte, writer and editor of Hiiraan Online; Anne Bretts, of Northfield.org; Ramon Hough, co-host of the Filipino-American national news on KFAI; Mike Wassenaar, executive director at Saint Paul Neighborhood Network; and Tracey Williams, president and CEO of the Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder newspaper.

Several panelists talked about the difficulty of language barriers in disseminating the news. Aynte noted that his Web site, which publishes both English and Somali content, has lately been attracting more English-speaking Somali Americans. He's responded by devoting an increasing percentage of the site's content to English, but he doesn't want Somali-speaking users to be left out.

Williams, whose paper serves a primarily African-American audience, said that while language isn't an issue with the paper, readers' access to alternative sources of information through the Internet is.

Alquist lamented the underpreparedness and naiveté of many would-be interns at KFAI. Wassenaar echoed her sentiments, alleging that too many young people contemplating a career in television or radio news want to become "personalities" rather than journalists.

An audience member, noting the predominantly negative tone of the morning's proceedings, asked whether journalism should even be considered a career worth aspiring to. Wassenaar urged her not to be pessimistic.

Acknowledging the difficulty of breaking into the news business, he said that journalism continues to be a job where people have a chance to make the world a better place.

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"More and more, people direct their attention to areas they're already interested in," he says. "The Internet is a great way to connect with people who share your interests. But what's lost is the serendipity that can occur when you pick up a newspaper and read about something you've never heard of before."

Recently the TCDP received one of seven 2006 Knight-Batten Awards for Innovation in Journalism. The awards are administered by the Institute for Interactive Journalism at the University of Maryland, and were created to honor news organizations that have developed innovative ways to connect people to the news.



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No more Gutterdump

by Judy Woodward

St. Anthony Park resident Jim Larson remembers the day he and his classmates walked down the hill to his brand-new school. He had begun his primary school years a few months earlier at the old Guttertsen School — or Gutterdump, as it was less-than-fondly known to his fellow students — a dark, looming, Victorian building that had been originally constructed in 1887 and managed, through a combination of rickety floors and shadowy corridors, to strike fear into the heart of any small boy unfortunate enough to have to make a solitary trip to the cavernous restroom.

At Guttertsen, the building was so drafty that the children wore parkas indoors in the winter, and the only place they could watch educational filmstrips was in the coal bin.

But that was all about to change. Halfway through the school year of 1953–54, the children moved to their new school, St. Anthony Park Elementary, at the eastern end of Langford Park.

"One day," said Larson, "we took all our schoolbooks and carried them down the hill to the new school." Children in the upper grades may have brought their chairs and desks with them, but for the youngest pupils like Larson, there were shiny new desks waiting for them.

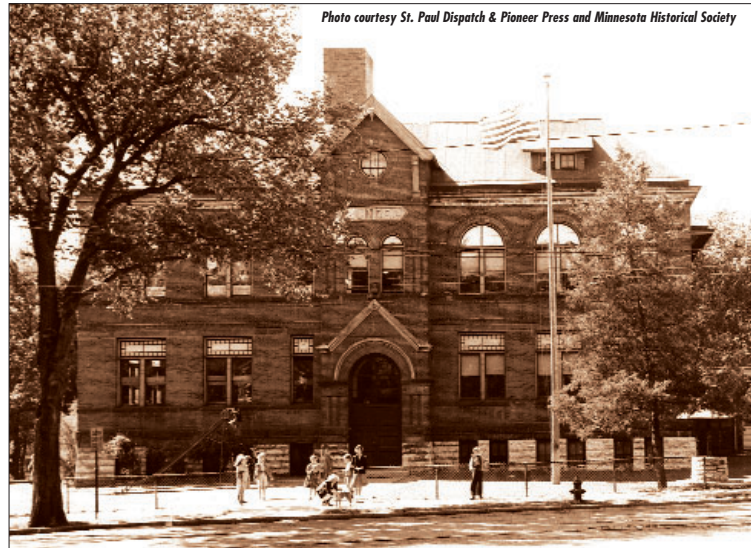
The post–World War II baby boom had hit St. Anthony Park hard. The 1950s was the decade of the American family, and schools that had been considered adequate during the Depression era and the war years were no longer able to cope with a flood of incoming students.

In north St. Anthony Park, that meant Guttertsen School, the fortress-like building that stood on Como Avenue, where the Methodist Church parking lot is today, was filled to the bursting point. In 1950, the school enrolled 460 students — at least 100 more than its official capacity. When average class size approached 40 pupils, the community's calls for a new elementary school could no longer be ignored.

Controversy delayed the construction as the neighborhood debated whether to locate the new school at the Como and Hillside intersection or adjacent to Langford Park. Eventually, the Langford site prevailed, and a low-slung building emerged, filled with bright spaces and shiny vistas of tile and linoleum.

The era of dark wooden floors and dank restrooms had ended for good, but the new school's setting did not look as it does today. The school was separated from the park by a city street that ran in front of the main entrance. During school hours, the street was blocked off by sawhorses in front of the building. At times of heavy rainfall, a pond would spring up across the street in the park, and there are old photos of students canoeing in the impromptu lake.

Since the students were drawn exclusively from the surrounding neighborhood in the early years, neither lunch facilities nor regular school buses were provided. In that era of nonworking mothers, the entire student body walked home for lunch. Students from that period remember that the hour-long lunch period gave them time to get in some midday television, as well as a home-cooked meal.



Guttertsen School, built in 1887, was located on Como Avenue, between Commonwealth Avenue and Hillside Avenue, current site of a parking lot owned by St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church. After years of overcrowded conditions, the school was demolished in 1953.

Dining facilities and a hot lunch program were added at the end of the 1960s. The price of a school lunch was a quarter, and the preferred method of delivery was knotted in the corner of a handkerchief. School administrators found their workload had to expand to keep track of the hundreds of quarters that arrived at school daily.

In the 1970s, attendance lines for the district were redrawn, and St. Anthony Park Elementary discovered that much of its student body was now bused to the site. The street in front of the school's main entrance was torn up, and the playground was allowed to flow directly from the school to Langford Park. In 2002, the school added playground equipment at its end of the park.

Current school principal Andrea Dahms noted that more than 50 years of use have created new needs for the school building. Under her leadership, the school has added classrooms, improved drainage patterns, installed new ductwork, and redone the roof and floors. She declined to talk about specific plans for the future, but she admitted that the addition of air conditioning would be helpful in a building that is now used for year-round activities.

Whatever the changes, the ties between the community and the school have remained strong. "There is a loving history," said Dahms, "of the school's life as part of the community."

A taste of Palestine on Como Avenue

by Clay Christensen

The long, white, two-story building at the corner of Como and Raymond is over 100 years old. In the past, it has contained a plumber's shop, lawyer's office, grocery store, video rental shop and beauty parlor.

The building is now owned by Bishara Ailabouni and is the home of Abu Nader Deli and Grocery, owned and operated by Ailabouni and his wife, Izabelle. The southeast corner of the building houses Elle Salon, a hair salon.

Back in 1978, Ailabouni rented a portion of the building and ran the Como Country Boy grocery store until 1981.

He came back to look at the building in 1999 but wasn't happy with the rental terms. The property manager suggested he make an offer to purchase the building. He did, and it was accepted.

The building was empty, except for the beauty shop, and the first floor had been opened up so that all the area to the west of the beauty

shop was renovated. The upper floors are three that protrude. Ailabouni supports remodeling. His family built two sons. The Piot business. His complicated pharmacology was to be day and volume to learn how. He is his family. "So, if you time job. Ailabouni the food eat course. Beshi has been and, native. Why deli and

traditional, something based on his Palestinian father, and Nader is the name of his oldest son Nader." "That's me!" he said proudly.

Besides carryout business and serving customers catering for graduation parties and for meetings and Roseville School District offices.

Ailabouni expressed ambivalence about the station across the street. "First there was going to be zoning changes, then not," he said.

Having a Subway restaurant, he noted, "corner. Maybe they would look over here and But he expressed concern about the increasingly increased automobile traffic. He's worried about the busy Como-Raymond intersection.

"They don't even have school patrols there dangerous."

There has been a beauty shop in the south. Since 2002 it has been Elle Salon, owned and would have been great to have a Subway across food choice. She said it would also give her street.

Ailabouni said he's doing as much business as.

After his first year of operation, he thought Fair, and he planned to take a vacation during even better than the year before and continue people come in during the State Fair because

Ailabouni said his plan for the near future him. Traffic is increasing, which could affect it to see what happens with the gas station across

Getting back to t

by Dave Healy

In 90 years, you see a few people come and The one at 2040 Como Ave. has seen more residents will move in.

The building that most people knew as the 1917 was a boarding house for Swedish immigrants 71-bed nursing home, which was eventually provider of services for older adults.

On October 21, 2005, Ecumen closed the prohibitive cost of renovation.

That might have marked the end of a new



This concludes the Bugle's series profiling businesses along Como Avenue in St. Anthony Park. The area is part of a recent retail survey conducted by the St. Anthony Park Foundation, and it is the subject of a small area plan being undertaken by the District 12 Community Council.

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go. That's especially true if you're a building, : than its share, and next year a new crop of

he Twin City Linnea Home was built in rant women. By the 1960s it had become a aken over by Ecumen, Minnesota's largest

ie facility, citing the building's age and the ighborhood landmark, but a St. Anthony

Park resident decided that the building still had some serviceable years left. Ray Peterson and a group of investors bought the building from Ecumen and are in the process of converting it to condominiums.

Linnea Gardens is scheduled to open in January. Condominium sales are being handled by Steve Townley, a real estate agent with ReMax Realty, who has an office just a half mile west of Linnea Gardens on Como Avenue.

Townley said that 10 of the building's 22 units have been sold. They range in size from 568 to 1700 square feet and in price from \$150,000 to \$420,000. The complex will include a fitness center and guest room.

"Two things about this development seem to be especially attractive to people," said Townley. "One is the amount of green space and the number of plantings the site will have. The other is the fact that it's in a residential neighborhood."

Linnea Gardens' location was the main attraction for Mary Gotz, who purchased a one-bedroom unit shortly after they went up for sale. For the last 13 years, she has rented the upstairs of a duplex on Carter Avenue.

"I looked at other places," Gotz said, "but I want to stay in the neighborhood. I've always loved the Linnea building, and I was thrilled to hear it's being preserved."

Gotz, a retired faculty member at Hamline University, has never owned a home, so this move represents a major change. She's also never owned a car, so access to public transportation is essential.

"I'm nuts about this neighborhood," she said. "For a single woman without a car, it's paradise."

Gotz said that staying close to St. Anthony Park Elementary, where she sometimes volunteers, is important to her. And living near a library is "absolutely essential."

"I'm a bit crazy about books," she said. Gotz has worked with thousands of school children on a wide variety of book-binding projects.

At Linnea Gardens, Gotz will have a corner unit on the first floor. She said the windows were a big appeal of that location. And just the fact that everything will be new is attractive.

"I hate housecleaning," she said. "Something brand-new will be very nice."



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Kids Voting St. Paul makes plans for fall election

by Dave Healy

Kids Voting St. Paul, a six-year-old chapter of Kids Voting USA, hopes to have 20,000 students participate in the 2006 election.

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junior high and high school students can cast online ballots at a special Web site. Results will be tabulated and reported to the media.

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The debate will be held October 25 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Mall of America and will be attended by students from Kids Voting chapters across Minnesota.

General Eagle, an American eagle dressed in Colonial-era clothing, will visit elementary schools in the weeks prior to Election Day and talk about the election process and the importance of voting.

Kids Voting USA educates K-12 students about the U.S. electoral process and gives them an opportunity to vote in an election that closely replicates the official one. National studies have found a 3-5 percent increase in adult voter turnout in communities with Kids Voting programs.

In 2005, Kids Voting St. Paul received the national Founders Award for Community Spirit, presented by Kids Voting USA.

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Suffering life's small losses

by Jean Larson

I lost my wheelbarrow. Last spring I went to load it with arms full of garden debris and, lo and behold, no wheelbarrow.

Did I lend it to someone? No recollection of such. So I shrug and wonder.

It's one of those small losses that predictably smack you in the cheek, like the pine branch in my back yard that needs to go but is big enough to constitute a wheelbarrow-full, so it remains.

There are other small losses. My peony, for example. I have more than one, but this beauty was within sight of my screened porch, almost as good as a vase of flowers on the redwood table.

Was it the winter that annihilated it? Or maybe not trimming away last summer's dead stalks?

I'm guessing it didn't get enough sun, and I'm still kicking myself for not cutting back the Japanese lilac that increasingly shaded it. The circle of green fencing that once shouldered the peony's pink, burdensome blooms stood sadly empty all summer.

The most dramatic small loss my household has endured, though, is the mailbox. I remember when snow plows pummeled a mailbox at the south end of Tatum Street when I was a kid, and the family put in one of those country-style get-ups with an elaborate pipe support that entered the ground far from the curb. Now I understand their reaction.

I'm not furious, just paralyzed, my mailbox having suffered two blows in recent months. First it was a pinch of the door, the result of what looked like an attack with a baseball bat. The door worked for a while until the remaining hinge fell off. I ordered a new mailbox at Park Hardware for \$9.75.

Before I got around to putting up the new one, I came home to find the old mailbox leaning away from the street as if horribly taken aback, a deep crack at its base.

A neighbor told me he'd seen it happen. He watched as a snub-nosed school bus with a white

roof turned around in the driveway across the street from my mailbox. He saw it back straight into the post, adjust out, and then back in again. That would account for the gold paint on the post.

I should put up the new mailbox. Yet I'm stuck in a fit of futility. Is it worth it to make the effort? What might happen next?

My flagging faith in humanity seemed confirmed recently after I lost an earring. I thought it had fallen in the Cub Foods parking lot. I searched all around my car but didn't find it.

But it's not my earring I mourn. It's my car's shiny red wheel well, the one I noticed was crumpled by someone's careless parking job. No note. No apology. No admission.

A friend said, "That happened to me twice this year already, and they left a note both times." Hmm . . . two incidents and two confessions. Maybe my faith in humanity could be restored. Maybe there's hope I'll find my wheelbarrow after all.



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The concert will be at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. For tickets, call 645-5699 or visit www.musicintheparkseries.org.

Mom's Day Out

The **Garden Play Group**, a preschool program for two- and three-year-olds, is now in session Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m. at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, 1795 Holton St. The teacher is Margee Fabyanske, a former Roseville teacher with 17 years of experience. Call 426-5353 for more information.

Mothers & More

The St. Paul chapter of Mothers & More will hold an **open house** on October 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Hamline Midway Library, 1558 Minnehaha Ave.

Desserts and beverages will be served.

Mothers & More is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of mothers through support, education and advocacy. For more information, call 204-2107 or visit www.stpaulmothersandmore.org.

Garage Sale

YMCA Camps Widjiwagan and du Nord will hold their annual fall garage sale October 4-7 at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds Merchandise Mart. Admission is free from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon for Saturday's Bag Sale. Admission is \$5 for early bird shopping on Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m.

More than 250 families contribute clothing, household items, toys, books, furniture, sports equipment and more. All proceeds go to the camps. For more information, call 645-6605.

Clovia Bazaar

The 23rd biennial Clovia Bazaar will be held October 20 and 21 at the St. Paul Campus Student Center Ballroom, 2017 Buford Ave. Hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

The sale will feature jams, jellies and pickles; hand-woven rugs; children's gifts; and winter holiday handcrafts.

On Friday, a free shuttle will run from the Randall Avenue parking lot on the east side of campus. On Saturday, campus parking will be available.

Walk-a-Thon

The Minnesota chapter of the **American Parkinson's Disease Association** will hold its annual Walk-a-Thon on Saturday, September 30, at the Como Lakeside Pavilion. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the walk at 8:30 a.m.

Proceeds will go to support research on treatments and a cure for Parkinson's disease. For more information or to register for the walk, call 612-863-5850.

Gardening

The St. Anthony Park Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on October 3 at the St. Anthony Park Library. John Gregor will talk about garden photography. The public is welcome.

Churches

St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church will continue its Fine Arts Series with three features in October.

A display of high-resolution reproductions (giclees) from the illuminated St. John's Bible continues through October 8.

From October 22 through November 19, photographs of the St. Croix River Valley will be exhibited.

On October 29, the Encore Wind Ensemble will present a children's program.

Peace Lutheran Church in Lauderdale will hold a pasta dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. on October 28. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 6-12. Children 5 and under are free. Arts, crafts and baked goods will be for sale.

The church will also sponsor a series beginning October 2 and continuing the first Monday evening of each month from 7 to 9 p.m.

The series is entitled "Faith and Creativity: A Recovery, Survival and Affirmation Group." The discussion topic for October 2 will be chapter 12 ("Recovering a Sense of Faith") from "The Artist's Way," by Julia Cameron.

For more information, call Pastor David Greenlund at 644-5440. Peace Lutheran Church is located at 1744 Walnut St., one block north of Larpenteur and two blocks west of Eustis, in Lauderdale.

Holy Childhood Parish will hold a rummage sale October 12 and 13 at the church, 1435 Midway Parkway. Hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to noon Friday.

A fall bazaar and meatloaf dinner will take place October 14 at **Como Park Lutheran Church**, 1376 Hoyt Ave. Handcrafted items and baked goods will be for sale from 1 to 6 p.m., coffee and tea will be served from 1 to 3 p.m., and dinner will be served from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$7.50 for adults, \$5 for children 4-12 and \$3 for children under 4. The evening will benefit the Como Park Living at Home Block Nurse Program.

Falcon Heights United Church of Christ will hold a fall festival and sustainability fair from 1 to 4 p.m. on October 15 on the church grounds, 1795 Holton St.

The event will feature free refreshments, music, children's activities, and consumer information on sustainable energy sources, farming, lawn care and more. For more information, call 646-2681.

On October 1 from 2 to 4 p.m., a coalition of seven Twin Cities churches will hold a public meeting entitled "Faith and Democracy: Renewing the Promise."

Sen. Ellen Anderson and Rep. Alice Hausman are among

elected officials and candidates who will participate in the event, which will be held at St. Pascal's Catholic Church, 1757 Conway St. on St. Paul's East Side.

The faith-based community organizing effort is one of seven meetings scheduled by ISAIAH throughout the area. It focuses on transportation, education, domestic violence and civil rights for immigrants.

For more information, call 612-333-1260 or e-mail isaiah@isaiah-mn.org.

Gibbs Museum

The Gibbs Museum of Pioneer & Dakota Life concludes its 2006 weekend events with three activities in October.

October 14 & 15: Woodworking and chip carving.

October 21 & 22: Pumpkin carving.

October 28 & 29: Halloween stories and traditions.

Weekend hours are noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$6.50 for adults, \$5.50 for seniors and \$3.75 for children. For more information, call 646-8629 or visit www.rchs.com.

People

The St. Anthony Park Community Foundation welcomed four new board members at its annual meeting on September 26.

Mike Christenson is director of economic development for the city of Minneapolis. Ron French is a retired epidemiologist for the Minnesota Department of Health. Erica Schumacher is director of operations for Seed Capital Group. Ann Yetter has worked in publishing and marketing for Random House and the American Girl Company.

Officers for 2006-07 are Charlie Nauen, chairman; Carol Lukas, first vice-chairwoman; Jeff Blodgett, second vice-chairman; Jay Weiner, secretary; and Don Stryker, treasurer.

Josh Blue, a graduate of Como Senior High School, won NBC's "Last Comic Standing" in August. Blue, who now lives in Denver, received \$50,000 and a special on the Bravo network for winning the competition.

James Ballentine, a Falcon Heights resident, has been selected as a 2006 Minnesota "Super Lawyer" by the magazine Minnesota Law & Politics. Ballentine, a member of the law firm Schwebel, Goetz & Sieben, graduated from William Mitchell College of Law in 1990. He is an adjunct instructor at William Mitchell, where he lectures occasionally on motion practice, wrongful death and personal injury.

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School News

by **Antonie Young**

Seventh graders at **Murray Junior High** took a field trip to Forts Folle Avoine near Danbury, Wisconsin, where they learned about what life was like in 1803. Forts Folle Avoine is a reconstructed Voyageur camp where students visit a trading post and Indian village staffed by historical interpreters.

Students from Madame Merchant's French I classes and Mr. Shomion's and Mr. Chan's American history classes went on the trip, which coincided with "Dagwaagin," a fall rendezvous. Re-enactors showed students how to tan a hide, bead a leather dress and make a bow.

The first days of school at **St. Anthony Park Elementary** got off to a great start in September. Enrollment is healthy and the school has three all-day kindergarten and one half-day kindergarten classrooms. There was the familiar first-day-of-school excitement in the air as buses arrived and the hallways of the school were crowded with families dropping children off. Visitors were greeted with coffee donated by Dunn Bros. and doughnuts provided by the St. Anthony Park School Association (SAPSA).

Two important school groups got meetings underway in September. SAPSA held its first meeting on September 19, and the St. Anthony Park site council met on September 11. The first of several SAPSA-sponsored fundraisers will begin in October: a wrapping-paper sale.

Important dates for the month of October include:
October 5: The food service will serve a barbecue lunch that families are invited to share.

October 7: The St. Paul Public Schools is celebrating 150 years of education with a parade. St. Anthony Park Elementary will be there with a banner. Call

the school (293-8735) if you are interested in joining the march.

October 9: The site council will meet from 5 to 9:30 p.m.

October 9-13: Sixth-grade students will go to Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center near Lake Superior.

October 17: First grade family science night, hosted by science teacher Jim Schrankler, will be from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

October 17: SAPSA and the site council will co-sponsor a forum (7-8:30 p.m.) to discuss the St. Paul Public School referendum planned for the November 7 ballot. Sen. Ellen Anderson, Rep. Alice Hausman and a representative from the St. Paul Public School District are expected to participate.

October 18: Early-release day. Students will be finished at 1:45 p.m.

October 19-20: No school (statewide teacher meetings).

October 23: No school (St. Paul teacher meetings).

October 26-27: Scholastic Book Sale.

October 27: Fall festival and silent auction (6-9 p.m.). There will be crafts, food, a bake sale and square dancing.

School pictures will be taken the week of October 9th at **Como Park Elementary**. Parents should be sure to check students' backpacks for flyers. Students should arrive ready to smile for

the cameras.

On October 19, students will be released at 12:35 p.m. There will be no school October 19, 20 and 23 due to statewide teachers' meetings and district-wide professional development. October 26 is Family Literacy Day for students in grades 1-6.

Como Elementary's Mark Thompson recently received Minnesota's American Star of Teaching Award for his work with English-language learners.

Thompson, who has been at the school since 2004, works with fifth- and sixth-graders. He came to Como as part of an effort by the St. Paul School District to prepare for a new influx of Hmong refugees from Thailand.

Thompson has created an English-Hmong dictionary. The volume, which also exists in voice form on the Internet (ww2.saturn.stpaul.k12.mn.us/Hmong/sathmong.html), contains about 9,000 words.

At **Chelsea Heights Elementary**, Picture Day is October 6. October 18 is an early-release day, when school will be dismissed at 1 p.m.

As at other Minnesota elementary schools, there will be no school on October 19, 20 and 23 due to teachers' meetings.

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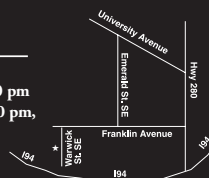
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Managing the multiple responsibilities of our lives can be daunting as we age, especially for those of us with chronic illness. But we need to remember that a healthy life is a well-balanced life. We need to make room in our lives for fun.

There is evidence suggesting that laughter can be a means of healing. A positive attitude has also been demonstrated to influence health and healing. But often we get so caught up in managing our illness or disability that we forget one of the biggest stress busters we have is our sense of play.

Sometimes when we are no longer able to participate as actively in activities we used to enjoy, we don't think to look for new ways to have fun. And there are so many.

When you visit the public library, be sure to look through their collection of DVDs and videotapes. I laughed myself silly the other night watching a DVD of the old Dick Van Dyke Show.

Stop by a park where a children's sporting event is taking place, and just sit and watch. Their energy and enthusiasm are contagious, and I've never seen a kid's game that didn't have a few funny moments.

Do you have a favorite comic strip from the old days? There are collections of such gems as Krazy Kat and Calvin & Hobbes that can be a great way to have a chuckle at the end of your day.

Hobbies can be fun and rewarding, and you can take up a new one at any time. I know a woman whose arthritis makes it difficult for her to embroider and crochet as she used to, so she recently signed up for a digital photography class. Now she has a new way to make pictures.

Change is an inevitable part of our lives. Adapting successfully to change is how some people live happily, while those who can't make the adjustment tend to be discontented.

But if we don't make it a priority in our lives to find new

ways to enjoy life when former activities no longer fit our lifestyle, we're likely to miss out on much of what makes life enjoyable.

Part of the art of having fun is the ability to count one's blessings. If we can see the glass as half full instead of half empty as we go through the processes of aging and illness, we're halfway there. If I can't do what I enjoyed yesterday, I can learn to enjoy myself in a new way tomorrow. But I'm unlikely to find that path unless I'm looking for it. And that's the point. It's a part of healthy living to plan to have fun.

And speaking of plans to have fun, don't forget to join the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program at our upcoming 25th Anniversary Celebration at the St. Anthony Park Library on October 2. We'll have old-time and folk music, refreshments from Speedy Market, door prizes, and a great bunch of neighbors and friends — and we plan on having FUN!

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

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Thursday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m.
Micawber's. **Alex Lemon**
("Mosquito").

Thursday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m.
Micawber's. **Peter Barnes**
("Capitalism 3.0: A Guide to
Reclaiming the Commons").

Sunday, Oct. 29, 2 p.m.
Micawber's. **Laurel Poetry**
Collective members **Eileen**
O'Toole ("Excerpts from Girl")
and **Deborah Keenan**
("Kingdoms").

Groups

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 6:30 p.m.
St. Anthony Park Library.
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Monday, Oct. 9, 7 p.m.
Micawber's. **Probers' Book**
Group. Discussion continues on
"Collapse: How Societies Choose
to Fail or Succeed," by Jared
Diamond. Read chapter 2 on
Easter Island and chapter 3 on
Pitcairn and Henderson islands.
All welcome.

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 7 p.m.
St. Anthony Park Library **Book**
Club. "Saturday," by Ian
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Book Festival

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AMERICAN LIFE IN POETRY

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

Li-Young Lee, who lives in Chicago, evokes by the use of carefully
chosen images a culture, a time of day, and the understanding of
love through the quiet observation of gesture.

Early in the Morning

While the long grain is softening
in the water, gurgling
over a low stove flame, before
the salted Winter Vegetable is sliced
for breakfast, before the birds,
my mother glides an ivory comb
through her hair, heavy
and black as calligrapher's ink.

She sits at the foot of the bed.
My father watches, listens for
the music of comb
against hair.

My mother combs,
pulls her hair back
tight, rolls it
around two fingers, pins it
in a bun to the back of her head.
For half a hundred years she has done this.
My father likes to see it like this.
He says it is kempt.

But I know
it is because of the way
my mother's hair falls
when he pulls the pins out.
Easily, like the curtains
when they untie them in the evening.

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Library director. Huggins is
soliciting input from St. Paul
neighborhoods as the city
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 October 12, 7pm

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 October 13, 8pm

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 October 15, 6pm

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 October 19, 7pm

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 October 20, 8pm

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 October 21, 8pm

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 October 27, 8pm

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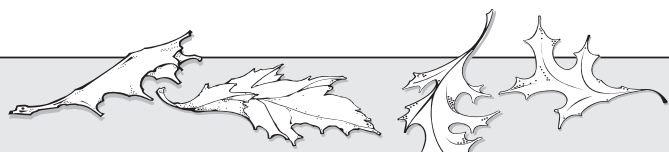
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For additional information please contact Jeff @ 651-645-5178 or Mary Ann @ 651-644-5113.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

2 Monday

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- 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 pre-registration is necessary. Call 642-9052 to preregister.
- Como Park recycling. Every Monday.
- Lauderdale recycling.

3 Tuesday

- SAP Garden Club meeting, St. Anthony Park Library, 7 p.m.
- The St. Paul Farmer's Market satellite location in the Twin City Co-ops Federal Credit Union parking lot (2025 Larpenteur Ave. W. in Falcon Heights) is open every Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to noon through October.
- Tot Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), Langford Park Rec Center (298-5765), 10 a.m.-12 noon. Every Tuesday.
- Toastmasters (645-6675), training in effective speaking, Hewlett Packard, Broadway & 280, 7:35-8:35 a.m. Every Tuesday.
- Lauderdale recycling.

4 Wednesday

- English conversation group, 4-5:30 p.m. every Wednesday in October at the St. Anthony Park Library.
- Women's Connection, a women's networking organization, at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ (1795 Holton St.), 8 a.m. every 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.

5 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 pre-registration 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.

6 Friday

- Spirit United Church (3204 Como Ave. SE) presents the film "Born Into Brothels" at 7 p.m.
- "Arts with Leaves" at the Langford Park Rec Center, 5-6 p.m. \$2, ages 11-14.
- Storytime for preschoolers ages 3-5, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m. Preregistration requested, 642-0411. Every Friday in October.
- Senior Citizen Fun Group (gym, bowling and cards), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Every Friday.
- Falcon Heights recycling.

7 Saturday

- 19th Annual St. Anthony Park Fall Festival, Como & Carter at Milton Square, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- First Annual Wine Tasting and Sale to benefit local nonprofits, 2-5 p.m. in the Milton Square Courtyard. Proceeds to benefit the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation. Sponsored by The Little Wine Shoppe with Hors d'Oeuvres provided by Mulletta Cafe. Must be 21 years of age or older to attend.
- Customer Appreciation Book Sale at the St. Anthony Park Library, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 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.

9 Monday

- "Esoteric Christianity," 7-9 p.m. at Spirit United Church (3204 Como Ave. SE). Call to register: 612-378-3602.
- St. Anthony Park Elementary School site council meeting, 5-9:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park School.
- 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.

10 Tuesday

- Open House at the St. Anthony Park Library, 4-6 p.m. Meet Melanie Huggins, new St. Paul Public Library director.
- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 7:30 p.m.

11 Wednesday

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

12 Thursday

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

13 Friday

- Falcon Heights recycling.

14 Saturday

- Spirit United Church (3204 Como Ave SE) presents "Empowerment Model: Creating the Life You Want," 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call Rev. Karen Greer 952-933-1941.

16 Monday

- Park Press, Inc., Park Bugle board meeting, St. Anthony Park Bank community room, 7 a.m.
- Lauderdale recycling.

17 Tuesday

- First Grade Family Science Night at St. Anthony Park Elementary, 6:30-7:45 p.m.
- District 10 board meeting. Call 644-3889 for details.

18 Wednesday

- Early-release day for students in St. Paul public schools.
- 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.

19 Thursday

- No school for St. Paul public school students.

20 Friday

- No school for St. Paul public school students.

23 Monday

- No school for St. Paul public school students.
- Join the Falconers for 500 and cribbage at 1 p.m. at Falcon Heights City Hall.

24 Tuesday

- Free in-store wine sampling at The Little Wine Shoppe, 2236 Carter Ave. Stop by any time between 4:30 and 7:30. Must be 21 years of age or older to attend. All featured wines are 10 percent off during the tasting.
- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 7:30 p.m.

25 Wednesday

- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave., 7 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Environment Committee, So. St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

26 Thursday

- "Decorate A Pumpkin" at Langford Park Rec Center, 6-7:30 p.m., ages 4-12, \$5 (limit 3 pumpkins per family).

27 Friday

- Fall Festival and Silent Auction at St. Anthony Park Elementary, 6-9 p.m.
- Falcon Heights recycling.

28 Saturday

- Bethlehem Lutheran Church Women 3rd Annual Craft & Collectible Fair, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 436 Roy St. in St. Paul.

30 Monday

- Lauderdale recycling.

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Janice Ansorge

Janice Jovaag Ansorge, age 64, died September 5, 2006. She lived in St. Anthony Park and was active at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church before moving to Austin, Minn., four years ago. She died at St. Marks Lutheran Home there, after a 12-year battle with ovarian cancer.

Janice was born March 30, 1942, in Bagley, Minn., to Jonas and Pearl (Martinson) Jovaag. She graduated from Springfield High School and St. Olaf College. For nearly three decades, she was a teacher in Seguin, Texas. She is the author of "When You Are Facing Divorce," and "When You Are Diagnosed With a Life-threatening Illness."

She was a loving mother and exuberant friend. She is survived by daughter, Kaiya (Eric Jepson) Ansorge, of Vermillion, S.D.; sons and daughters-in-law, Adam and Kristin Ansorge of Austin, Minn., and Seth and Amanda Jovaag of Madison, Wisc.; three grandchildren; sister, Corinne (Arthur) Bustad of St. Paul; brother, Arvid (Lois) Jovaag of Austin; and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by brothers, Harold and Jon Jovaag.

Funeral services were held September 9 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

Evelyn Fahsl

Evelyn H. Fahsl, age 89, died August 30, 2006, at St. Anthony Park Home. She was formerly of St. Anthony Park and raised her family there.

Evelyn was a school teacher, beginning in country schools in the Spring Grove, Minn., area and, for over 40 years, in the Twin Cities, primarily as a third-grade teacher for the St. Paul Public Schools at Chelsea Heights, Hancock and Tilden schools.

She graduated from Spring Grove High School, Spring Grove Normal School, Winona State University and the University of Minnesota, from which she

obtained bachelor's and master's degrees. She was active for years in the Minnesota Schuhplattler German dance group, the St. Paul Hiking Club, and several bridge and card groups.

She is survived by two daughters, Meridel Fahsl and Jeannine Olson; three grandchildren, Karen, Daniel, and Rebecca; and two great-grandchildren, Satya and Cormac.

Her memorial service was September 22 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, followed by interment at Spring Grove Cemetery.

Marlin Hedberg

Marlin C. Hedberg, age 86, of St. Anthony Park, died August 22, 2006, of complications from myelodysplasia, from which he had suffered for several years.

Marlin met his future wife, Opal, while he was pursuing graduate studies at the University of Minnesota. Following his military service in the Air Force, they moved to Kankakee, Ill., where he began his career with General Mills Chemicals, living there for 17 years. He was transferred back to the Twin Cities in 1968 and continued his work with General Mills Chemicals until that division was sold to Henkel, Inc., a German company, where he continued until his retirement in 1983.

Marlin was a great lover of books, a consummate reader and walker, skilled at woodworking and gardening. His appreciation of nature was one incentive for many years of family camping trips throughout the United States and Canada.

He is survived by Opal, his wife of 54 years, and daughters, Nancy and Teri. He was preceded in death by a third daughter, Lisa, in 2004.

A memorial service was held August 29 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Helen M. Nelson

Helen M. Nelson (nee Tyree) died August 17, 2006, in St. Louis Park. Born August 29, 1919, in Arp, Texas, she lived for many years in El Paso.

In 1952, she married Ralph Nelson of St. Anthony Park. They raised seven children at 1286 Raymond. Later the family moved to the woods near Willow River, Minn. Most recently, Helen lived in Plymouth with her two cats, Tiger and Lucy.

Helen loved nature, gardening, the numerous family pets and cooking Mexican food. In 1953, she wowed the congregation of St. Anthony Park Congregational Church at their annual picnic. No one had ever heard of, let alone eaten, an enchilada until that day. There were no leftovers.

Preceded in death by her husband, Robert, and her son, Robert, Helen is survived by six children: Carol Taylor, David (Jazan Higgins) Nelson, Jim (Barbara Weisser) Baker, Steve (Nancy) Nelson, Ellie (Dave) Strock and Rick (Jane) Nelson; daughter-in-law, Margaret Nelson; a sister, Virginia; 12 grandchildren, several nieces and special friend, Judy.

A memorial service was held in August. Interment will be at Roselawn Cemetery in October.

Elizabeth Starr

Elizabeth "Betty" (Sventek) Starr, age 92, formerly of Lauderdale, died September 11, 2006, in Frederic, Wis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Reuben Starr. She is survived by children, Raymond (Marion), James (Gail) and Joyce (Jerry) Mullner; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three brothers; and a sister-in-law.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated September 15 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Roseville, with interment at Hillside Cemetery.

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Marian Talbott

Marian L. Talbott, age 93, of St. Anthony Park, died September 4, 2006, after a short illness. She was born June 29, 1913, in Emerson, Iowa, to Milton C. and Lois Honeyman.

Marian's life work was nursing, and she practiced in Iowa, Ohio and Minnesota. She volunteered countless hours to such DFL candidates as Hubert H. Humphrey, Walter F. Mondale and Joseph L. Donovan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Forrest, after 49 years of marriage. Marian is survived by her son, Richard; daughter, Susan; and other relatives.

Her memorial service was September 21 at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church.

There is no charge for Bugle obituaries. Please alert the Bugle about the deaths of current or former residents of the area. Send more complete information if available. Obituaries are compiled by Mary Mergenthal, 644-1650, mary.mergenthal@comcast.net.

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