

(Math + Science) + Jazz =Creativity

A ll polished brass and chrome, Athe second period rehearsal of the Murray Junior High Jazz Band one morning in ea March was a scene of scattered reflections and sounds as students found their seats and warmed up their instruments.

"Are you ready?" asked their director, Vicci Johnson. She raised her finger and they all took a breath. "Hit the first note hard," she said, "It will give you confidence" confidence

They do and it does. Suddenly, the classroom is in full sync. "The Girl from Ipanema" is played with so much confidence, smoothness and warmth, it is easy "Being a good band director is like being a to dream of walking along a Brazilian beach. car mechanic. You need to know all the instru-The young ments to win the race." musicians were -Vicci Johnson which they performed March 16 for the school. On March 29 at

7 p.m., a public performance will take place at Murray. In a nod to the fashions of



Community meeting addresses Como Ave. planning by Dave Healy

What do you want to create? What do you want to protect? Those two questions guided discussion at a March 21 meeting hosted by the St. Anthony Park Community Council to discuss the Como

Avenue 2030 Plan. About 60 people gathered to hear a presentation by a task force that has begun formulating a small area plan for a 1.4-mile stretch of Como Avenue between Highway 280 and the University

of Minnesota Transitway. Task force and Community Council member Roger Purdy said that impetus for the Como 2030 plan came from the council's realization that their

recently completed district plan focused on south St. Anthony Park, and that recent and impending development on Como provides a narrow window of opportunity for neighborhood

planning focusing on that area. Jon Schumacher, task force member and executive director of the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation summarized demographic trends affecting St. Anthony Park. Citing census data from 1970 to 2000. Schumacher

noted that the neighborhood lost about a fourth of its population during that 30-year span, dropping from 6,067 to 4,660. He added that during the

same period the population of children ages 5–9 dropped nearly 60 percent, from 452 to 189. Schumacher said that while the number of housing units remained about the same, an 9 neurost include

8 percent increase in singlefamily homes, a 37 percent decrease in duplexes and a 24 percent decrease in multifamily structures (3+ units) led to a decline in population density, or the number of persons per household. One-person households increased by

74 percent. Schumacher also cited the lack of senior housing in St. Anthony Park, noting that as people "age in place," housing stock occupied by empty-nesters is less likely to turn over, which means that fewer younger people move into the neighborhood. He said that St. Anthony Park Elementary, which is not a

magnet school and is thus heavily dependent on drawing from the immediate neighborhood, has struggled to maintain a critical mass of students.

Critical mass was also cited as a dynamic affecting the health

St. Anthony Park activist leads run at instant-runoff voting by Anne Holzman

Kathleen Murphy, a St. Anthony Park activist, is one of the brains behind a drive toward instantbehind a drive toward instant-runoff voting that appears to be gaining traction in St. Paul as well as statewide. Minneapolis voters approved IRV for city elections by a wide

IRV for city elections by a wide margin in November, although the new system already faces a court challenge. Secretary of State Mark Richie, who helped with the Minneapolis campaign before being elected to office, said there are enough cities interested in alternative voting systems that he

has proposed a statewide task force to support their efforts. Sen. Ellen Anderson is among the authors of this year's Senate File 39, which would allow instant-runoff voting in all Minnesota elections and describes ballot specifications and rules for counting votes in elections all the way from municipal to presidential. A city would still have to

Instant-runoff voting to 16

Parishioners at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church created artworks inspired by the Stations of the Cross to accompany the church's Good Friday service. Pictured here are Station 2, by Marcia Roepke; Station 12, by Harold H. Alexander; and Station 13, by Ruth Donhowe. Read more on p. 9. Photos by Bruce Nerland.

Vote in this month's Bugle poll at www.parkbugle.org: Should Minnesota elections use instant-runoff voting?

of local businesses of local businesses. "Once a neighborhood like ours loses a key business or two, the danger is that there will be a snowball effect and that new businesses work see the area as invities." Schware show and inviting," Schumacher said. The meeting concluded with small-group discussions about what people want to protect and create in their neighborhood.

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hold a referendum before launching IRV. Sen. Anderson is also backing the St. Paul effort.



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Falcon Heights

The Falcon Heights Human Rights Commission and Falcon Heights Elementary School are providing discount tickets to the Science Museum of Minnesota so that residents can visit the RACE exhibit. Tickets are \$4 for adults,

\$3 for children, and are available at City Hall or Falcon Heights Elementary School.

Everyone who purchases a ticket is expected to attend the exhibit before mid-April and to participate in a community discussion of the exhibit on April 17, 6:30–8 p.m., at Falcon Heights City Hall.

The roundtable will be facilitated by Colette Campbell Stuart, a diversity consultant living in Falcon Heights, a member of the Human Rights Commission and a facilitator for those who use the "talking circle" process at the Science Museum of Minnesota. For additional information

or to purchase tickets if you cannot pick them up in person, call 792-7600.

The Falcon Heights Parks and Recreation Department has published their 2007 spring/ summer activities brochure. Copies are available at City Hall. Summer activities include a new Tae Kwon Do program and golf lessons for youth and adults.

The American Red Cross will offer a babysitting course for youth ages 11–15 at City Hall on Friday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Participants will learn information and skills necessary to provide safe care for children.

to provide safe care for children. The course includes a written test, reading and assignments. Participants will receive a babysitting kit and tote bag with reference materials. The fee is \$64. Participants should bring a bage hunch bag lunch.

The city of Falcon Heights is accepting applications for the inaugural season of its community garden, located at Community Park, Roselawn and Cleveland.



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Plots are 12 feet by 10 feet Plots are 12 feet by 10 feet and will rent for \$20. Registra-tion continues through April 13. Plots will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis according to the following

preferences: 1. Falcon Heights apartment and

townhome residents.
 Other Falcon Heights residents.
 Non-Falcon Heights residents.

To put your name on the list, contact City Hall: 792-7600, justin.miller@falconheights.org. Those who receive a plot will be contacted after April 13.

A mandatory meeting of all gardeners will be held April 30 at 7 p.m. at City Hall. A garden workday will be held May 5 from 8 a.m. to noon to prepare the garden for the season's plantings.

This year's Falcon Heights social

will be Thursday, July 26, 6–8 p.m., in Community Park.

Lauderdale

Lauderdale's citywide garage sale will be May 19. There is no cost to participate. The city will advertise the event and publish a map of sale locations. Residents must call City Hall by Monday, May 14, for inclusion on the map. Sales may begin at 8 a.m.

The city has tentatively scheduled a public meeting about the 2009–2018 comprehensive plan, which has been under construction by a committee of citizens and council members. Watch Lauderdale newsletters and this space for more details

April is spring cleanup month for Lauderdale. The city requests that residents give extra attention to property exteriors this month Inspections will be done in May, with letters sent to code violators following the inspections.

St. Anthony Park

Neighborhood elections for the St. Anthony Park Community Council Board of Directors will Council Board of Directors Will be Tuesday, April 10, 3–8 p.m. Residents can vote at Hampden Park Co-op, 928 Raymond Ave.,

age 16 or older are eligible to vote. Absentee ballots are available by calling 649-5992 or

St. Anthony Park Community Council board member Ferdinand Peters is now representing District 12 on the Central Corridor Advisory Committee. Information on their latest activities is posted at

Community Council's annual Community Councils annual spring cleaning to remove the trash in the Kasota Ponds area will be 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 21, at the parking lot west of Hwy. 280 on the south side of Kasota Avenue, just beyond the railroad tracks beyond the railroad tracks.

are welcome.

Participants will explore development options for Como Avenue and find out whether their ideas are financially viable. The exercise, created by the Center for Neighborhoods, helps people understand the financial issues and trade-offs a developer faces, such as the mix of residential and commercial uses, surface level or underground

The St. Anthony Park Community Council recently revised its mission to read: "The St. Anthony Park Community Council is a community organization where resident and business representatives work together to facilitate and increase citizen participation in vital neighborhood activities, including maintaining and enhancing our quality of life, supporting the residential character and vitality of the community, and shaping social, economic, and physical development in St. Anthony Park and greater St. Paul."

— Anne Holzman

or at the St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave. Write-in votes are accepted. All residents of District 12

via email at sapcc@sapcc.org. Go to www.sapcc.org for more information.

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The St. Anthony Park

Gloves, litter pickers, trash bags and refreshments will be provided. Volunteers of all ages

Neighbors are invited to participate in a Como Avenue Block Exercise at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, at St. Anthony Park Elementary

School.

parking, amount of green space, number of units and integration of affordable housing. Participants will identify a

range of preferred options to help guide future development in the area.

Central Corridor Community Advisory Committee member talks turkey on LRT

Planning for light rail transit between St. Paul and Minneapolis has been underway for years. In January, the Central Corridor Management Committee created a 40-member Community Advisory Committee made up of residents and business owners.

The District 12 Community Council was asked to appoint a board member to the committee, and the council chose Ferd Peters, a lawyer whose office is in south St. Anthony Park.

Recently, Peters responded to several questions from the Bugle.

1. Committees, task forces, city, county and state politicians, Met Council, U of M — it seems like everybody has a finger in the Central Corridor pie. Who's in charge here? How do all the groups relate to each other?

I can't answer for the various levels of politicians; however, we need them all. It takes a village to put down a track. Each group is primarily based on the need for community involvement in the entire process. Some groups come with a point of view or at least a theme, such as the business advisory council or committees of the Metropolitan Council.

2. How much leverage do average citizens have in shaping the Central Corridor?

The noisiest ones will be heard. Leverage comes from those who are willing to take action to get their positions taken seriously There are limitations, though. Some issues have heated up — for example, the perceived need for more stops on University Avenue near the Capitol. This would be impractical; it will take too long to move people from one city to the other, and then the ridership will never reach acceptable levels.

3. A light rail trip between the two downtowns will take as long as an express bus trip. Why do we need light rail?

I sometimes question what will happen to the Number 16 express bus that takes almost the same route. But a bus pollutes and doesn't get the density of ridership that light rail would.

Perceptions control behavior. Too many people won't take a bus. A new, clean, fast, well-lighted LRT with clean stations will get more ridership. This is the beginning of creating a "system," not just a "line." Go to Washington, D.C.,

and ride the metro. All of us (American taxpayers) subsidized that one, which rivals any other European or other U.S. city's mass transit system. Washington and the surrounding suburbs couldn't function without it. 4. Is the Central Corridor a done

deal? If not, what has to happen to make it go?

It won't be done until you and I get on and ride it. It has come a long way, but it has a long way to go. Life is a journey, not a destination. We're on that journey

I think with our political influence in Washington and the smart people who are working here at various levels of government, it will be accomplished, and we will surprise ourselves on how it leads us to a more attractive and

appealing community. There is a vocal opposition out there, and they must be heard. They make some very good points. But what I find interesting is how often people criticize the subsidies provided for mass transit in general, but they don't realize that building a public road/street/highway is also a subsidy. appealing community.

5. What's the timeline from here on out?

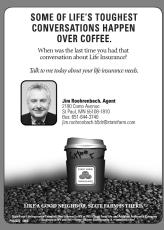
Take whatever anyone is publishing right now as a timeline and add one or two years. Patience is a key component to

this whole project. What I find awesome is that citizens are getting involved in the planning as we enter the preliminary engineering and the design phases. Let's all cheer the next three years of this complex project that will define our community.



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EDITORIAL

Someone looking for indicators of cultural change in America could do worse than consider voting.

worse than consider voting. Once tied to property ownership, gender and race, suffrage has been a hard-earned right for previously disenfranchised groups. Ind the very term "disenfranchised," which has come to mean being deprived of any widely conferred right or privilege, originally was Indeed.

associated more narrowly with the political franchise, or voring. Prohibitions against denying U.S. citizens the right to vore based on race (15th Amendment, 1879) and sex (19th Amendment, 1920) are enshrined in the Constitution. The 26th Amendment, ratified in debated are the voting rights of other groups, such as immigrants and convicted felons.

Besides contending with who should be allowed to vote, Americans have grappled with the mechanics of voting. How far in advance of a general election should primary elections be held? What should be required for registering to vote? How should votes be cast

and counted? How should dispute about election results be settled? We vote at every level —federal, state, county, city, neighborhood — and elections at every level have generated controversy. The 2000 and extensise technical and guidant contentions in U.S. history, involving not only national politics but state politics as well when it became obvious that Florida's electoral votes would swing the election. That election was the third time in American history that a

presidential candidate won the vote in the Electoral College without achieving a plurality of the popular vote, further fueling a long-simmering debate about whether it's time to jettison the Electoral

College. In Minnesota, voters recently elected a new secretary of state in an election that saw charges and countercharges about the extent to which

that office had facilitated or frustrated the voting process. Even district councils are not immune from election controversy, as citizens of the West Side learned recently when disputes about the as citized of the west of the reaction of the city spilled over into the mechanics of voting for council representatives. And it wasn't too long ago that a St. Anthony Park Community Council election generated

ago that a 67 minute y contract of the generated arguments about the legitimacy of write-in candidates. Voting is democracy in a nutshell: a privilege, a responsibility and occasionally a mess. The thing about a commitment to voting is that even disputes about voting have to be voted on. And what if a vote or voting is disputed? A vote about voting about voting? Where will it all end

. Instant-runoff voting has been touted as a way to make minor Instant-runoft votting has been touted as a way to make mutor political parties more viable and avoid primaries. It would allow voters to rank candidates rather than choosing only one. Proponents say it would make people less likely to think they're "wasting" a vote by casting it for a minor-party candidate. More radical revisionists question the whole idea of political

parties. Why not have candidates run solely on the strength of their own name?

But party affiliation has proven a difficult legacy to shake. In St. Paul, for example, City Council electrons are officially nonpartisar; that is, no party affiliations appear on the ballot. But that hasn't stopped political parties from endorsing council candidates.

The three announced candidates for the Ward 4 seat being vacated by Jay Benanav have all said they will abide by the DFL endorsement process — a process that supposedly doesn't even apply to the election in question.

Is this a great country or what?

COMMENTARY

by Yosra Brander

A trip to Egypt was the focus of Dawn Tanner's commentary last month. Lapplaud her efforts to travel, not just into another country but into another culture and religion.

Sometimes, however, while venturing beyond our comfort zone, we need a "cultural informant" to help us understand

what exactly we have experienced. I've walked down the same narrow market streets of Khan Khalili and I know Egyptians well. They are not surprised women without "hejab," the sed to se

Arabic word for veil. Turn on any TV in Cairo and the shows are filled with uncovered Arab actresses. The modest headscarf has only gradually come in use again during the religious resurgence of the last 40 years. To some it

is a private statement of faith and to others a public fashion statement. So why would onlookers stop

and stare at a foreigner? It's rude marketplace

society. All kinds of people crane their necks to see my pale face in hejab, but I know they are individuals, each with their own agenda. And maybe they aren't staring at my hejab. Maybe that's only my perception. In Egypt, some things will attract more attention than others. There are very few natural blondes or redheads, so a fair-

displayed prominently would get puzzled looks, especially a

Piercings are forbidden on a

to do that in any culture, isn't it?

But the rudeness of some need not be attributed to a whole

skinned woman's hair would attract attention. Tattoos are forbidden in Islam, so a person having them

Right down Como at 1/th Avenue you'll find Dar Al-Farooq. Then there is Masjid Al-Huda, up on Central, which has the added benefit of being across from the delicacies of the Holy Land Deli. For more information about these and other mosile, and

Muslim man, and only a woman's ears are pierced in the Middle East. about these and other masjids, go Obesity, an epidemic here, is to www.islamicfinder.org

not seen to such a high degree elsewhere in the world. All of these could garner stares in the

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woman.

Our diners are progressive

When I tell my mother back in Tehran that 128 people trudged through a foot of snow to have dinner with strangers, she'll know I'm in good hands.

in good nanas. We'd like to thank all those who participated in the 21st annual progressive dinner. Even though some folks had trouble getting down the road or up the walk, it appears everyone had a safe and enjoyable wv evening.

Thank you again for opening your homes and your hearts and living the promise of such a special community. We look forward to seeing you all next year — come storm or shine.

Fariba Sanikhatam, St. Anthony Park Karen Kistler, Falcon Heights

Towering over Khan Khalili's restaurants is Masjid Al-Hussein. I use the Arabic "masjid" and not the Spanish word "mosque." The latter term comes from King Ferdinand during the Spanish Inquisition, when he boasted that he would swat out every Muslim

place of worship like a fly, or "mosque." As a Muslim, I invite readers to visit nearby masjids. You don't have to travel across seas to learn what happens in our prayer halls. Did you know there are

eight masjids within four miles of St. Anthony Park? I'll tell you about two of my favorites. Right down Como at 17th

The prayer times will be listed on that site and they change daily. Check the Web site to learn the exact timings for the day you wish to attend.

Muslims are keyed into the wements of the moon for our calendar and the movements of the sun for our daily prayers. The morning prayer must happen before the sun rises, the

noon prayer when the sun is straight above, then the afternoon prayer when the sun is half way, the evening prayer when the sun has just set, and the night prayer when twilight is done. That's five! Since prayer is

interwoven into our daily lives, we might appear brusque at a masjid with our get-in-and-get-out attitude. Fear of the unknown

prevents many of us from trying new things, so I'd like to give you

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On February 3, the Minnesota State Horticultural Society gave its Garden Club of the Year Award to the St. Anthony Park Garden Club. Accepting the award were club members Ron Dufault, Gita Mohr and Ardys Moen.



Left: Murray Junior High School held its History Day Fair on February 27. About 140 students participated, including Khou Lee and Rubi Conteras.

Below: On March 22, students at St. Anthony Park Elementary gathered to celebrate their reading achievement. Students read a collective 171,460 minutes during a two-week period. The school's principal and several teachers (including vocal music specialis Brad Ollmann, below) kissed a pig in honor of the accomplishment.



Commentary from 4

more information about visiting a masjid. Though you are free to dress and act as you like in daily life, without judgment, there are some rules to observe while inside a masid.

For men, as the weather warms, please don't wear shorts above the knee. Yes, men in Islam have dress codes too. They are to be covered from the chest to below the knee, with nothing tight or see-through.

Men are to refrain from trying to shake the hands of women. Between the men, you might see warm embraces and kisses on the cheek.

high see warm enbraces and kisses on the cheek. For women, the dress code for prayer is to show only the face and hands. Again, nothing tight or see-through is allowed. Pants on a woman are

allowed, but please wear a long top that covers your bottom, even if you bend over. If you do not have a big scarf to cover your head and neck, many shops sell

them and inces, many shops our them and in every color. Being clean for prayer is important. No one who is bleeding should attend, and women should not visit during

menses. The correct washing with water is in this order: hands, rinsing of mouth and nose, face, wet hands wiped on top of head, in and out of ears, arms up to elbows, and tops and bottoms of

feet. If it sounds like too much to remember, just shower first. Shoes are worn inside the masjid but not inside the prayer hall. Muslim men and women do not pray together. That's different

not pray together. That's different than in most churches. Sometimes the term "segregated" is used to refer to our prayer practices. Unfortunately, for many Americans that word conjures up images of "Blacks in the back."

I want to assure you that I am equally worshipful of God if I am standing behind the men or in a different room than the men. Frankly, our prostrations of

In a different room than the men. Frankly, our prostrations of humbleness force us to pray separately. We bow before our Creator. We bend our bodies to a right angle, then kneel on the carpet and place our foreheads to the ground. No modest woman would

want to have her backside in the air in front of a group of men. It wouldn't feel comfortable for her. It would only distract the men, who, after all, are only human. The time in the masjid is a

In turne in the maydu is a great opportunity to commune with God. To me, it is a beautiful experience. The melodious call to worship is sounded, "LA IILAH II. ALLAH" (There is no other God than God) "WA MUHAMMADAR RASULLULAH" (and Mohamed is a Messenger of God). The participants line up quickly in straight lines with shoulders and feet touching, arms across chest, waiting to hear the words from the Quran.

The whole prayer lasts around six minutes. You can read more about it at www.islamonline.net.

After the prayer, you can wish peace, "Asalamalaykom," to those who stood beside you from Somali, Lebanon, Egypt, Malavsia and right next door.

Malaysia and right next door. Dawn traveled across the occan to visit a masijd, to come into contact with Muslims and to examine Islam more closely. You have the ability to do all of that within minutes of your home. No plane ticket to purchase and no passport to renew. I am your neighbor. I am

I am your neignoor. I am Muslim, I am thankful for this opportunity to be a cultural informant. Truly our world doesn't need more Christians or Muslims. Our world needs more bridges between the two.

Yosra Brander lived in St. Anthony Park for many years as "Catherine" and still has fond connections with people and places. She remembers Miller's Drug and Bridgeman's, and recalls a time before the Bibelot was an empire. She is a mother of three and a part-time ESL tutor.



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Greetings, No Bones readers. I've just flown back home after a very quick trip to Montana. I was at the Museum of the Rockies, a part of Montana State University in Bozeman, where I did my

undergraduate degree. My husband, Ray, and I headed there to begin planning a summer field season at an exciting new site that we'll be excavating starting in July.

The site is located in Paradise Valley, a gorgeous valley carved into the Absaroka Mountains by the Yellowstone River, Yellowstone Park is just a short drive to the south, and Bozeman is just over a mountain pass to the west.

I'm particularly excited about this site because of the dinosaur we think it might preserve. As an undergraduate I spent about a week at this site helping excavate a few huge leg bones from a giant plant-eating

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sauropod. The site closed in 1993, before all the bones found there were removed from the

ground. As the recovered bones were cleaned and removed from their plaster jackets at the Museum of the Rockies, a skull came to light Finding a skull of a long-necked dinosaur is really rare, and it eems that this skull might belong to a dinosaur first discovered in 1877, but headless ever since.

Edward Cope, a paleon-tologist from Philadelphia infamous for the "bone wars" a lifetime battle with another renowned paleontologist, O.C. Marsh — named a new

Amphicoelias in 1877. The only bones that Cope had as a clue to the shape, size and relationship of this dinosaur to other sauropods were two partial back bones, a part of the hip and a thigh bone found

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genus and species. Unfortunately, the original bones were long ago lost in the American Museum of Natural History, where they were curated, leaving Amphicoelias shrouded in mystery. Cope's original illustrations persisted as the only clues to the relationship of Amphicoelias to other long-necked dinosaurs. The site that Ray and I will

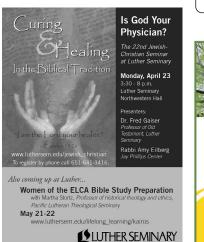
be working this summer not only yielded skull material (including the back of the skull and a lower jaw) but it also provided us with a nearly complete neck and vertebrae, ribs, a femur, hip bones and part of the tail. That's great news because it means that we can compare many of these bones with those in the old illustrations of Cope.

My friends Jeff Wilson and Matt Smith took a look at the femur and a few other bones in

1996 and thought they looked most similar to Amphicoelias. In Montana last week, I worked on describing the complete neck and skull for publication. We don't know for sure yet that the bones are of Amphicoelias, but they are more similar to it than to any other known long-necked dinosaur. This type of work is one of the things I love about

paleontology. There is so much to discover, both in museum collections and in the field.

We are excited about our plan to return to the old localities this summer in search of more clues to the identity of this 150million-year-old mystery dinosaur (and maybe some of its compatriots). Until next time.



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The Birdman 👌 of Lauderdale by Clay Christensen

The other morning when I was out with the dog, I noticed a chickadee in the seed tray at the bottom of our tube feeder. It sat on the sunny side of the feeder, shivering in the subzero air.

I had recently read Bernd Heinrich's "Winter World: The Ingenuity of Animal Survival" and knew that shivering is one way birds and other critters keen m. So I didn't think too much of it.

. The chickadee stayed there while I walked up within four or five feet. I just figured it was really cold

The dog and I went back inside. As my wife and I sat down for breakfast, I told her there was a chickadee resting on the feeder right in front of the window. As I directed her attention to the tray, we watched as the little chickadee rolled onto its back. Its legs went straight up in the air and its feet

curled up. "That doesn't look good," I

into the house The bird looked

unresponsive. I guessed I was too late, but I put it on a towel on the table in the morning sunlight. There was no movement or breathing. After breakfast, I took the

still bird and turned it onto its back. I puffed lightly at the chest area to lift the feathers, which would let me see how much fat the bird had stored on its chest area.

. A bird like a chickadee needs to build up its fat reserves every day because it uses them up almost completely every winter night just trying to keep warm. I didn't see any whitish-yellow fat reserves at all on this little critter. I did feel a lump right at the base of the chin. I wondered if it was a tumor or an obstruction in its esophagus that had made it

difficult or impossible to eat. Maybe it had died this morning because it had a sunflower seed stuck in there. I called my friend Phil Jenni, director of the Wildlife Rehabilita-

tion Center, and asked if I could bring it in for the veterinarian to take a look, especially at that lump. He said he was sure the vet would be glad to do so. I was to keep the bird in the freezer until I could bring it in.

I brought the bird in the next day. Dr. Karen Shenoy took a look at it and said the lump I had felt was merely the bird's throat. She said she would examine the bird when it thawed out and give me a

call. She called later that afternoon and said she could find no obvious cause of death. She agreed that the bird didn't seem to have any fat

deposits. She speculated that it just got too cold and couldn't make it. I was disappointed at this news. I'd been looking for some I hat doesnt iook good, 1 I think ifs dying,⁷ I rushed ourside, lifted the bird off the feeder, hugged it against my body and hustled back try not to show illness, which is a

sign of weakness and makes them vulnerable to predators. He added that by the time you can capture a bird or animal, it's probably pretty sick or seriously injured. This chickadee didn't make any effort to flee when I discovered it. I've since read that chickadees

have a hierarchy in which the dominant birds get first crack at the food. So if this little one was low bird on the chickadee totem

pole, it may not have been able to get enough food to build the fat reserves it needed to make it through the night. It's frustrating because I've got a brand new chickadee

gor a brand box mounted on the garage. Why didn't this little guy use it during the night? As far as I can tell, no bird has made use of it all winter. What's a mother to do?

Through this experience, I learned that you can't always tell that a creature's life is in peril. I guess you have to do the best you can with what you know.

The second annual Ramse County Birding Festival will be May 3–6 at Como Park, Reservoir Woods (Roseville), and the Maplewood and Tamarack Nature Centers, along with displays at Snail Lake Pavilion

The event includes day hikes and other daytime events, plus an evening woodcock hike. All are free, and led by volunteer birding enthusiasts (including yours truly). A kick-off dinner at Roseville

Lutheran Church on Friday, May 4, will feature Laura Erickson, author and birder, speaking on "Backyard Birds: Whoooo Gives a Hoot?" Additional details, directions and registration information are available at www.co.ramsey.mn. us/parks/NaturalResources/urban birdfestival.htm or by calling Ramsey County Parks at 748-2500.











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Fine arts series offers two April performances

works by Copland, Bernstein, Paul Simon and others. Paul Joimon and others. Interspersed with the music will be thoughts and poems by people who have left their homes for new places, many of them settling here in Minnesota. People from Mexico Canada, Somalia, South Afric Targe Chine South Africa, Togo, China, Russia, England, Southeast Asia and other places will share their feelings about coming here. Moberg said that he seeks to form an "integral and symbiotic relationship between the music,

the spoken word and the subject." The forum is not only an exploration of immigration, it is

also a tribute to the contributions "When someone is forced away from their home for

economic or political reasons, it is nothing short of miraculous that that they survive it — indeed, that some even thrive in spite of it," he said.

concert.



These concerts are free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken at each to defray expenses, and there will be a drawing for a stained-glass window at the Vocal Forum

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Visualizing Holy Week at St. Matthew's

by Dave Healy

An ancient tradition is getting a contemporary rendering at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in St. Anthony Park. In preparation for Easter,

in preparation for Easter, church members created 14 Stations of the Cross, which have been available for viewing and meditation in the church sanctuary. The stations portray the

I he stations portray the events of Jesu's last hours in Jerusalem before he was crucified. The practice of "walking" the stations developed as a way for those Christians who could not travel to Jerusalem during Holy Week to remember and participate in "the way of the cross."

The stations are portrayed in a variety of media: oil paints, photography, wood and metal. An accompanying booklet provides a scriptural reading, prayers and an artist's statement for each station.

Ruth Donhowe created Station 13, "The body of Jesus is placed in the arms of his mother."

In the booklet accompanying the exhibit, the St. Anthony Park resident work, "My focus was on Mary, hoping to express the universal grief of a mother mourning the loss of a child. I have been thinking about the many newspaper photos of the women of I raq mourning the loss of sons to the senseless violence of war."

Mar. Although the Stations of the Cross focus on Jesus, Lars Christensen was drawn to one that features another figure in the Passion narrative: Simon of Cyrene. Christensen wrote, "Simon

of Gyrene is presented in the Gospels as a blank slate, a participant in the story given no past or description, who was seemingly randomly coerced to carry Jesus' cross. Because Simon can represent any of us, blundering into the incomprehensible iniquities life offers, he provides a way for us to



Phote by Bruce Network In preparation for Easter, members of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in St. Anthony Park created artworks representing the 14 Stations of the Cross in Christian liturgy. Artist Lars Christensen chose Station 5, "The Cross is laid on Simon of Cyrene," pictured here.

empathize with the suffering of Jesus as well as that of all the less fortunate." Joan Hershbell of

St. Anthony Park painted Station 14, "Jesus is laid in the tomb." She chose it "because to me

the tomb represents the end of the suffering and misery of Christ. I chose large stones to represent the strength of the end."

end. As she painted, she was inspired to use a lighter color at the edge of the tomb representing "the dawn,

representing "the dawn, symbolizing hope." Senior Pastor Blair Pogue said the project has generated energy and excitement in the

congregation. "St. Matthew's is blessed by a vibrant art ministry," she said, "including regular art exhibits in our parish hall. In addition we are trying, more than ever before, to include artists' offerings in our corporate

worship. It is a privilege to be challenged, inspired and spiritually enriched by the images and insights of these gifted artists."

The Good Friday liturgy at St. Matthew's, at 7 p. m. on April 6, will incorporate all 14 stations.

Choral music as well as music for individual instruments and voices will be featured, including solos from Handel's "Messiah," Theodore Dubois" "Seven Lat Words of Christ" and other lesser-known Lenten works. All are welcome to attend

All are welcome to attend Holy Week services and to observe the Stations of the Cross at other times. St. Matthew's is open Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, 8 ann. to 12:30 p.m. For more information about the church, visit www.stmatthewsmn.org or call 645-3058. St. Matthew's is located at 2136 Carter Ave.



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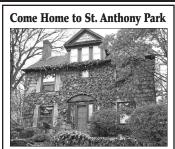
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District 12 Council hears City Council candidates

by Dave Healy

On March 8, the St. Anthony Park Community Council held an open house before their regular monthly meeting. In attendance were the three

St. Paul City Council candidates for Ward 4, a post currently held by Jay Benanay, who has announced he will not run for

re-election. At the beginning of the council me erg, the candidates, all of whom live in the Midway neighborhood, were invited to make brief statements and then entertain questions.

Randy Schubring said he has served as vice president of the Hamline Midway Coalition. He outlined four emphases he would bring to the City Council: · Foster relationships among

citizens, schools and businesses • Make available more resources for crime prevention. · Improve communication and

- cooperation between police and district councils.
- Promote the growth of small businesses in neighborhoods.

Bernie Hesse described himself as a labor activist and said he has lived in the Midway for 23 years. He said that as a City Council member he would: Promote youth employment.

- Support Rock-Tenn in its efforts to find a new power
- source. Make St. Paul more energy
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Russ Stark said he has worked with University United and the Midway Transportation Management Organization. He said the following would be his chief efforts on the City Council: Promote neighborhood-based

- businesses. Increase housing options for
- Make neighborhoods more energy efficient.
 Foster connections among
- neighborhoods.

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In responding to questions, the candidates, who said this was the first time they had been in the same room together, revealed more similarities than differences. All three expressed opposition to a possible westward expansion of Pierce Butler and to the prospect of closing smaller recreation



streetscaping along the length of the route, (b) including the depot

centers in favor of larger regional centers. Differences emerged in

would emphasize streetscaping

process, which means that only one will emerge from the DFL Convention on April 14.





The District 12 Community Council held an open house on March 8. In attendance were the three Ward 4 City Council candidates. Top: Rock-Tenn representative Bob Carpenter and Bernie Hesse Middle: Board member Matt Carlson and Randy Schubring. Bottom: Russ Stark and board member Ranae Hanson.

Minnesota stop. Hesse said he sees the depot

at the St. Paul terminus, (c) a tunnel at the University of Ditterences emerged in response to a question about LRT. The candidates were asked which of three proposals for the Central Corridor they would fight to preserve: (a) façade-to-façade

as an integral part of the Central Corridor. Schubring said he and enhancing neighborhood nodes. Stark said streetscaping is important but added that the Important but added that the dilemma may be a false one if ridership increases beyond projections, as happened with the Hiawatha line. "Maybe we can have all three," he said. All the candidates said they would abide by the endorsement I believe my background as a

civil engineer, construction

project manager and attorney

gives me a unique set of skills to help address issues such as LRT, traffic calming and land use.

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Citizen participation means

District 12 Community Council elections will take place on April 11

Neighborhood elections for the St. Anthony Park Community Council Board of Directors will be Tuesday, April 10, 3–8 p.m. Residents can vote at Hampden Park Co-op, 928 Raymond Ave., or the St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave. Write-in votes are accepted. All District 12 residents age 16 or older are eligible to vote.

former chairman of St. Paul Red Cross and North Central Blood Region. I have also been involved

with the Boy Scouts, Better

Business Bureau, Citizens League and Center for Policy Studies. I

am married, with two children

and two grandchildren. Assets include government,

experience; public policy familiarity; and ability to work cooperatively in problem

Serving on the SAPCC has been

of our neighborhood. As an architect, I

have served on the Land Use

Committee and I chaired the Steering Committee for the

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Citizen participation means that Citizen participation means that every person should be giving their serious opinion. This also means that people should be seriously listening to each opinion regardless of age, gender, religion, race or other bigotry.

strengths I would bring personal knowledge of

I have watched this area grow in many ways and I would like to see it grow into a neighborhood that is idolized by surrounding communities. To do this we, as a communities this we, as a community, must band together with all our neighbors to achieve this goal. Far too long have the same few people controlled your neighborhood. It is time, people, for everyone that has not had their say to stand up and be heard.

Wilbur D. "Chris" Donaldson

Citizen participation is an opportunity to sustain and improve the quality and vitality of the District 12 neighborhoods and communities, whether residential, commercial, industrial or mixed.

I've been a resident of St. Anthony Park for 39 years. I am a retired public broadcasting executive and state government manager. Other

experie include: Humphrey Institute Leadership Program, WW II and Korean War Air Force veteran, Civil Air Patrol, former Minnesota Wing Commander,



I have been an alternate delegate and a member of the Land Committee

> year attendance. I have learned much about St. Anthony Park and look forward to continuing to represent north St. Anthony Park.

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> people and support the viability of our physical environment. We each have many ways to work together, learn from one another, and speak of our joys and

Arnold Ramler

I am an alternate to the Community Council. I am interested in keeping St. Anthony Park



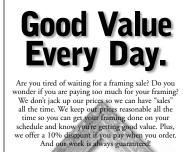
Anthony Park. I have lived off and on in St. Anthony Park for 20-odd years.





serve in numerous officer and committee roles during that time. Significant changes are facing this neighborhood in the next few years, not the least of which is University Avenue development, as light rail comes closer to reality. Active community involvement will be crucial to ensure that this development is good for our neighborhood, for St. Paul and for the environment. I want to continue to use my experience to help influence that change.





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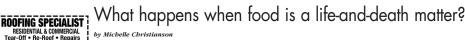
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When it comes to food allergies, most of us think about avoiding

things like milk or nuts that might create an upset stomach. But for some, food allergies

Nona Narvaez and her husband,

Jeffrey Schaefer. They suspected that their

son, Max, was allergic to milk

when he reacted to a small amount on his skin. But the severe reaction he had to his

second exposure to formula led to testing that showed he had allergies not only to milk but to eggs, nuts, peas, fish, shellfish,

peanuts, sunflower seeds, beef and pork. Of course, this was a life-

changing discovery, and they immediately looked for a support group in the Twin Cities but found to their dismay that none

existed. The couple decided to

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start their own organization, and the Anaphylaxis and Food Allergy Association of Minnesota (AFAA) was born. Anaphylaxis is a sudden,

severe, potentially fatal, systemic allergic reaction that can involve various parts of the body. AFAA is a certified

Out of the over 11 million Americans who have food allergies, more than 30,000 will end up in emergency rooms each year, and 150–200 will die. These are not abstract facts for St. Anthony Park residents nonprofit organization run by volunteers financed

families

"You need a village to keep these donations kids safe " and serving

throughout Minnesota. They sponsor an annual conference on food allergies (this year's is April 21 at the University of Minnesota Radisson Hotel), produce a monthly newsletter, present information to school , staff and health care workers, run

support groups, arrange play dates and other food-free outings for members' children, have a speaker's bureau and lobby for

legislation. In 2002, after much hard work, a bill was passed to require

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all ambulances in Minnesota to carry epinephrine, the only antidote to anaphylaxis. Surprisingly, there had been resistance to the mandate from the ambulance lobby, but due to the perseverance of Rep. Alice Hausman, the assistance of Sen. Ellen Anderson and support from

medical experts, the bill passed. Before Max started school, Narvaez was

shocked to find that most — Nona Navarez medications (including epinephrine) were stored in schools' health rooms, often in locked cabinets. She knew that four out of six children who die from anaphylaxis die at school and that seconds in delay could make a difference. It was

time to return to the Legislature. The fight this time was even more fierce. School lobbyists fought to keep this medication locked up, but once again, with Anderson and Hausman's help and the support of many other allergy organizations, the bill passed in 2004. Now allergic students may

have epinephrine with them at all times — on their person, with the teacher or in other areas of the school the child visits in the course of the day. The most common injector is an Epi-Pen, which is quick and easy to administer

The AFAA now works to educate school districts about the law and has taken up the cause of health insurance support for children who must have elemental formula, which is the only thing some babies can eat. Presently the cost for the

formula, which can be up to \$20,000 a year, is only paid if the

formula is administered by intubation in a hospital. This legislation would give parents financial support even if they feed their children at home. Narvaez and Schaefer run the AFAA out of their home and have no support staff. It's a big job but one they are dedicated to. Narvaez puts in some 60-hour work weeks. They would eventually like to have an office

and some support staff. Of course, there is also the day-to-day job of raising children, made more complicated by allergies. Because of his allergies, Max (and now his younger brother, Robby) must eat only food prepared at home — no school lunches, no

McDonald's, no meals at friends' homes, no convenience food. When they are in social

situations involving food, it takes vigilance on everyone's part. There can be no cookies grabbed off a plate or tastes of dishes that

off a plate or taxtes of dishes that might have a minute amount of the wrong thing. "You need a village to keep these kids asfer," says Narvaez. About 6–8 percent of all children and 2 percent of adults have food allergies, and the number is increasing all over the world, as is the severity of reaction. Though most people grow out of their allergies, the problem remains serious for problem remains serious for some. Narvaez says that people need to take food allergies seriously.

eriously. "Don't be nonchalant," she varns. "This can be a life-

threatening problem." For further information about AFAA or food allergies, e-mail afaa@att.net, visit www.minnesotafoodallergy.org or call Narvaez at 644-5937



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MEANDERER MEANDERER Even slower than the Strollers because they never go far in a straight line, especially when holding a metal detector. Many seen in street shoes and slacks because they forgot their tennis shoes back home, or just arrived shoes back home, or just arrived and rushed to see the ocean. Males favor knee-high black nylon socks, cargo shorts hiked too high, suspenders that say Home Depot Lumber. Rarely appear without cell phone. Cendron works show wind Grandma worries about wind damaging her permanent, mother about her toddler's sunburn, husband about missing the game on TV, grandpa about how much this adventure is costing him and whether the airline will lose his bag again on the way home.

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Arts Events

Music in the Park's Annual Gus Donhowe Memorial Concert will feature pianist Steven Mayer in a 4 p.m. concert on Sunday April 1. A preconcert discussion will begin at 3 p.m. Mayer, a previous Music in

the Park Series guest for an American Piano concert, will play works by Mozart, Schumann, Ives, Gottschalk James P. Johnson, Jelly Roll Morton and Art Tatum.

On Sunday, April 29, at 7 p.m., Music in the Park Series will present the Miró String Quartet. They will be joined by guitarist Eliot Fisk for a Boccerini quintet and Leonardo Balada's "Caprichos No. 1."

Both concerts will take place at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. Tickets are \$20. For ticket information, visit www.musicintheparkseries.org or call 645-5699.

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The Luther College Cathedral Choir will perform April 21 at 7 p.m. at Luther Seminary's Chapel of the Incarnation. The 90-voice group is one of six choirs at Luther College. A free-will offering will be taken.

St Anthony Park Lutheran Church will present two concerts in April. The Lakewood Temple

Salvation Army Band will perform Sunday, April 15 at 4 p.m. They will play classical transcriptions, spirituals, hymn arrangements and marches, including Mozarts "Ave Verum" and "Berceuse de Jocelyn," written by Benjamin Goddard and transcribed for solo trombone. On Saturday, April 28, the

Saint Paul Vocal Forum returns for its spring presentation, "Immigration: A choral forum on the movement of people." This 7:30 p.m. concert will include both music and the spoken word, this time on the topic of immigration — both forced and

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chosen. The music ranges in style from early counterpoint to jazz, from Celtic tunes to Broadway to choral classics written by immigrant composers.

Planning has begun for the June 2 St. Anthony Park Arts Festival. The deadline for the juried show is May 1. Applications are available at the St. Anthony Park Library or at www.stanthonyparkartsfestival.org.

Schools

Chelsea Heights Elementary will hold a Kindergarten Roundup on Tuesday, April 17, 3:45–5 p.m. at the school 1557 Huron S School tours begin at 3:15 p.m.

Como Park Senior High's child development students will offer a six-week preschool from April 17 to May 24. Classes meet Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the school, 740 Rose Ave. For more information, call 612-743-1629.

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annual garage sale will take place April 13 and 14 at 3000 University Ave. in Minneapolis. A preview sale will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, April 13. Admission is \$25. Admission is \$1 on Saturday. April 14. That sale will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a \$1 bag sale from 3 to 4 p.m.

Falcon Heights Elementary will hold a tag sale on April 21. Children's articles will be for sale from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with a half-price sale during the last hour.

The school is located at 1393 Garden Ave. W. For more Gauden Ave. W. For more information, call Nicole Sveen at 647-1443.

A spring rummage sale will be held April 18–20 at the Lyngblomsten Community Center, 1415 Almond Ave. Hours are 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Wednesday, April 18; 9 a.m.–

2 p.m.; Thursday April 19, 9 a.m.-noon.

Recreation

Falcon Heights Parks and Recreation Department announces three classes this

spring. Hatha yoga classes will be held Wednesdays, March 28– May 2, 10–11 a.m., at City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur Ave. Cost is \$55 for residents, \$65 for nonresidents.

Tae Kwon Do and selfdefense classes will take place Tuesdays from April 17 to May 29 in the Community Park shelter. Times and costs vary by

age. A babysitter training course Hall on Friday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$64, which includes a babysitting kit

and tote bag. Registration is required for all these classes. Registration forms are available at City Hall or www.falconheights.org. For more information, call 792-7616.

Classes

Classes Without Quizzes, sponsored by the University of Minnesota's College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, will offer seminars on the latest scientific search and how it affects people's daily lives. The event will be held April 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the St. Paul campus. Topics include garden remedies, exercise, eating fish, high-performance and Mi ota wines Cost is \$25 for the public,

\$20 for U of M Alumni Association members and \$15 for students. For information and to register, call 612-624-0822 or go to www.cfans.umn.edu/cwg.

Pratt Community School in Southeast Minneapolis offers over 50 adult education classes this spring. To request a catalogue, call 612-668-1122 or

www.mplscommunityed.com. The school is located of the The school is located at 66 Malcolm Ave. in Minneapolis

Free citizen classes will be offered at the International Institute of Minnesota, 1694 Como Ave. Classes cover U.S. history and government, and are designed to prepare students for the citizenship interview. They meet once a week for 6 weeks. Tuesday classes will run April 3–May 8, 6–9 p.m. Saturday classes will run March 31–May 12, 9:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. The class is free, but registration is required. Call 647-0191, ext. 307.

Seminar

Luther Seminary will host its 22nd Jewish-Christian Seminar April 23, from 3:30 to 8 p.m. "Is April 23, from 3:50 to 8 p.m. is God My Physician? Curing and Healing in the Biblical Tradition" is open to the general public. Rabbi Amy Eilberg and Dr. Fred Gaiser will examine the theology and practice of healing as it has been interpreted in Judaism and Christianity. Cost is \$35 for the general public, \$15 for students. To register, call 641-3416 or visit www.luthersem.edu/iewish christian

Raptor Center

The 2007 edition of **Raptor Tails Story Time** concludes with two sessions this month. April 12 is Fabulous Flight and Mighty Migration; April 26 is Raptor ER

Sessions are 1-1:45 p.m. at the Raptor Center, 1920 Fitch Ave., on the U of M's St. Paul Campus

Participants will meet a live raptor and make something to take home. Cost is \$5 per child; no charge for adults. One adult per five children is required. Call 612-624-9753 to register.

Capitol Region Watershed

The Capitol Region Watershed District's Citizen Advisory Committee will host an open house Wednesday, April 11, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The event marks the completion of several district projects and a newly renovated office. After the open house,

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University of Minnesota professor and St. Anthony Park resident Dr. Mark Seeley will speak. He will also be available to sign copies of his book, "Minnesota Weather Almanac," which will be for sale.

The event will take place at the CRWD office, 1410 Energy Park Dr., Suite 4.

Lyngblomsten

The Lyngblomsten Community Center, 1298 Pascal St., will host Center, 1296 rascal St., will nost a four-hour defensive driving class on Monday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a one-hour lunch break. Cost is \$14 for the class and \$4 for lunch.

For a registration form, call the Minnesota Safety Council at 291-9150. To make a lunch reservation, call 632-5332 by noon on Friday, April 27

AARP volunteers will offer free tax help for seniors through April 12 at the Lyngblomster Community Center. Call 632-5330 to schedule an appointment

Lyngblomsten will offer a free educational session, Community Resources for Caregivers, on April 5, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. The seminar will take place in the Newman-Benson Chapel, Newman-Denson Chaper, 1415 Almond Ave. Preregis-tration is appreciated but not required. Call 952-261-5235 or visit www.lyngblomsten.org.

Sarah Chevaillier, associate director of the Center for Memory Research and Care at the University of Minnesota, will talk about the most recent developments in Alzheimer's research. The presentation will be

The presentation will be offered twice: April 19, 7–8:30 p.m., and April 20, 9:30–11 a.m. Preregistration (jkellen@lyngblomsten.org, 646-2941) is appreciated but not -------required.

Golf

The Como Golf Men's Club is The Como Golf Men's Club is accepting new members, ages 18 to 80. Membership application forms can be picked up at the Como Clubhouse (1432 Lexington Ave.) during business hours

Present handicaps range from -2 to 36. Membership costs \$100 for the 2007 season. An organizational meeting will be held at the clubhouse Friday, April 20, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Gardening

On Tuesday, April 3, Margot Monson, an entomologist at the University of Minnesota will discuss bugs in the garden at the monthly meeting of the

St. Anthony Park Garden Club. The business meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7:15 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park Library

The Minnesota State Horticultural Society will sponsor a class on **butterfly gardening** at the Center for Northern Gardeners, 1755 Prior Ave. N. in Falcon Heights. The class will meet April 10 and 17, 6:30–8 p.m. To register, call 643-3601, ext. 211.

People

Kathy Bjerke, vice president and branch manager for the Park Midway Bank office at 2171 University Ave., was recently named to the Central Corridor Business Advisory Council. Bjerke has been with Park Midway Bank for 10 years. She also serves on the board of directors of the Midway YMCA and as treasurer for the St. Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation.



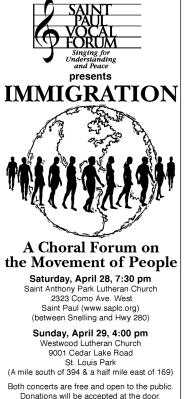


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Instant-runoff voting from 1

Murphy and her group, the Better Ballot Campaign, hope to get St. Paul on board this year. Theyte trying to get the City Council to bring the question to voters in the city elections next fall. In case the council backs off, they're also circularitg petitions in an attempt to get the question on the November ballot themselves.

Because its elections are guided by the city charter, St. Paul — unlike many smaller cities — does not need the Legislature's approval to adopt the measure. The city does have to meet the state constitution's standards for election, however.

IRV is one of several alternatives to the "first past the post" or "plurality" system that has been nearly universal in United States elections for most of the country's history, Proponents of IRV say it will

Proponents of IRV say it will offer voters more choices and open up races to third parties shut out of the current system, as well as save money by eliminating the need for primaries.

the need for primaries. Detractors say voters will only be confused by longer ballots and the need to memorize more candidate choices, and that there's nothing wrong with electing candidates by a plurality either bon a majoiry.

Tather than a majority. Instant-runoff voting lists all candidates on a single ballot and lets voters rank their choices. A voter can tank only a top choice, rank all the choices or stop anywhere in between.

¹ If a candidate gets a simple majority (50 percent plus one) of first-place rankings, then that person is the winner. If no candidate gets a majority, then the candidate sets a majority, then the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated and that candidate's votes are reassigned based on those voters' second choices.

choices. The recounting continues until someone has a majority, hence the term "instant runoff." "I think it's a good form of democracy," Murphy said.

Murphy became interested in IRV during the 2004 legislative session, when the city of Roseville tried to get the state's permission to use IRV in its municipal elections. The measure passed the Senate but died in the House.

It attracted Murphy's attention because she serves the



Midwest Health Center for Women as a lobbyist, and Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life, which opposes Murphy's group on abortion, was instrumental in defeating the Roseville measure. "It ended up being

something that was an MCCLscored vote," Murphy said. "They believed instant runoff would hurt their candidates." That bill would have given

Roseville an exemption from Minnesota law, which doesn't support instant-runoff voting in its current form. Roseville, like many Minnesota cities, does not have its own election rules and thus operates under state guidelines.

Secretary of State Ritchie said he has not taken an official position on alternative voting systems but that as a private citizen is "very interested in seeing what we can learn from the Minneapolic seperience." His office also has a bill

His office also has a bill moving through the Legislature that would fund a \$50,000 task force offering legal research and expertise to help municipalities explore voting systems and stay within legal boundaries. "The goal will be to help

provide some framework," he said. The League of Women

Vitres of Minnesota has published a study, Alternative Voting Systems: Facts and Issues, that finds IRV meets tests laid out in a 1912 state Supreme Court decision that tossed out a Duluth voting system, Brown v. Smallwood. The League's study is weikble at wave howen occ

Available at www.lwymn.org, Murphy said the St. Paul effort is modeled mostly on Minneapolis but that the experience of other U.S. cities has been instructive. She said exit polling in cities

She said exit polling in cities after their first IRV elections showed very positive reactions, and that a "massive voter education campaign" was important in each case.

The St. Paul effort grew from a student project at Mounds Park Academy in which Green Party and Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party activists participated.

Murphy was one of the DFLers in the group, and when the students had wrapped up their project, Murphy said, some of the advisers "stuck together as a leadership group" for a real-life government project. Murphy said she hopes the Sr. Paul City Council will

St. Paul City Council will approve taking the IRV question to the voters. That would allow the council to decide when and how to make the switch and designate funds. "We're not trying to suggest

when it should be implemented," she said. "City leaders should decide when." The city's charter commission can also put a question on the ballot, and a citizen group can do so by collecting enough signatures. Murphy's group, the Better Ballot Campaign, is collecting signatures now and figures they need about 5,000 to meet the standard of 5 percent of the number voting in the last municipal election — plus extras to cover for the inevitability of invalid signatures. They recently pushed for resolutions at DFL precinct

resolutions at DFL precinct caucuses in support of IRV and appeared to prevail citywide, according to press reports. Murphy said at least half the precinces in Ward 4 supported the resolution. An effort in Ward 3 Republican caucuses was voted down. Party caucuses have no direct

bearing on the process, Murphy said, but the group hopes to create a "buzz" in favor of IRV that will encourage the council to

put the question on the ballot. They've set themselves a May 6 deadline to deliver petitions to the council, whether or not they have anough in

or not they have enough, in hopes that the signatures they do have will help persuade the council.

administered by Ramsey County, Murphy's group has sought advice from Joe Mansky of the county's elections office. "He's offering some good insight" but not taking a position on the matter, she said.

Technical issues that county and city would have to work out include the purchase of machines and the appearance of the ballot

and the appearance of the ballot. Murphy said the three major manufacturers of election machines are all working on alternative voting systems, and St. Paul's current scanners might be able to handle the first round

be able to handle the first round of IRV counts but not subsequent rounds. She said the city is not

scheduled to purchase new machines until 2012. The Better Ballot Campaign recommends paper ballots to back up electronic counts.

As for what the ballots would look like, Murphy said they'll look like current primary ballots but that no one has yet gone into design details. For Murphy, the campaign

For Murphy, the campaign for instant-runoff voting has to go on outside long hours in a busy legislative season, as she continues her regular lobbying work.

"I didn't intend to be quite this involved," she said with a chuckle. "There was one week that I think I was at an IRV meeting every single night."



Dear Dr. Sparkplug

My 1986 Yugo hatchback is a great little car, but lately the "check engine light has been turning on. It will stay on for a day or 50, then go off, then go back on. What should I do? — T.C., Lauderdale

Dear T.C.,

The check engine light is one of the worst inventions ever to come down the turnpike. It does nothing but cause car owners needless worry. Tests have shown that in 92.6 percent of cases, warning lights activate for no good reason. When your light comes on, the best thing is to ignore it. If you find that difficult, simply put a piece of black electrical tape over the light and drive in peace.

Dear Dr. Sparkplug,

Recently I noticed fluid on my garage floor. I had my car towed to a repair shop, where a mechanic said that the "clutch slave" was leaking. Is this on the level? — J.R., Falcon Heights

Dear I.R.,

Back in the old days, cars did indeed have clutch slave cylinders, but they were outlawed by an act of Congress in the 1960s, part of a series of civil rights laws passed during that momentous decade. Our elected officials decided — and the American public agreed — that there is simply no place for slavery — automotive or otherwise — in this great country of ours. Your mechanic is either trying to pull a fast one, or he's a racist pig who's still in denial.

Dear Dr. Sparkplug,

Sometimes when I'm driving uphill, my car loses power. What could be causing this? - R.N., Como Park

Dear R.N.,

It should be fairly easy to diagnose this problem. Start by checking the oxygen sensor, mass flow air sensor, manifold pressure sensor and exhaust gas recirculation valve. If those look OK, move on to the fuel pump regulator, relay and electrical plug. Next check the vacuum lines, inline fuel filter, throttle position sensor, inertia switch and temperature sensors. Finally, consider changing your engine's piston firing order. Most six-cylinder engines come out of the factory with a 1-53-62-4 sequence. I get much better results by switching this to 1-65-4-32. As last resort, check the mulfler bearings. If any are pitted or cracked, replace the whole set.

Dear Dr. Sparkplug,

My car gets terrible mileage. My boyfriend thinks it could be the result of sludge. He said to pour a can of engine cleaner in the gas tank. Is this a good idea? — B.D., St. Anthony Park

Dear B.D.,

Are you kidding? It's a great idea! I hope you're planning to marry this guy. Engine additives are one of the best-kept secrets in the automotive industry. It's not hard to figure out why. If the driving automote muscly, as not made to ngate out with the entring public knew that most of their problems could be solved simply by pouring a can of something into the old flivver, most mechanics would be out of business. High-tail it over to the nearest auto supply store and stock up on additives. You can't have too many:

Dear Dr. Sparkplug

Why do we drive on a parkway and park on a driveway? — L.S., Roseville

Dear L.S.,

Technically, I shouldn't answer your question because you live outside our delivery area. However, I can't resist taking this on. To prepare for my career as an automotive consultant, I majored in To prepare for my career as an automotive constantar, finalored in philosophy and inguistics at auto mechanics school. There I learned that language is an arbitrary convention in which a signified. Your question suggests you might still be laboring under a Wittgensteinian search for universal language rules. Most automotive philosophers gave up this fruitles quest years ago. Get your nose out of that book, get in your car and just drive. For cryin' out loud, just drive.

Have a question for Dr. Sparkplug? Send it to this newspaper.

FLASHLIGHT ON THE ARTS

Far from the Mooing Crowd

Performance artist Helen Stroud will sit very, very still all day in

the dairy barn at the University

A summary of cultural goings-on in your neighborhood

A Fella Could Get Kilt

Prayer

The Falcon Heights Bagpipe Quintet will present "Pop Hits of the 708" on April 3. Music of the BeeGees and the Captain and Tenille will be featured. Haggis will be served. Listen for location.

Free-Form Church of Lauderdale will tap their way through the book of Job on April 8 at the

church. This is part of a series of dance interpretations of books of the Old Testament. Look for Leviticus in May.

of Minnesota St. Paul campus. The date has not yet been determined but will be announced as soon as the artist "feels led." Ms. Stroud, according to her bio, has always liked sitting A Buck and a Wing and a quietly among farm animals — and, in warm weather, fish. The Tap Dance Fellowship of the

Flat Foot Folk Fest

The St. Anthony Park Volunteer Police Department Woodwind Ensemble and Rifle Team will present a concert of traditional

law enforcement folk songs April 22 at noon in the depart ment's equipment room. The Auxiliary Dance Line will add improvisational interpretations of the music. They'll be wearing tube tops and Capri pants, so parental discretion is advised.

Go Ahead, Macramé

A traveling exhibit of fabric art and wall hangings created by actor/director Clint Eastwood will open April 27 at the Shooting Gallery in Como Park. Half off the admission price for turning in a handgun in any condition.

Old escalator finds new life in local home Installation sparks controversy among neighbors, activists

Vaite, who admitted upon

further questioning that he hasn't

conceded that the escalator, which he nicknamed "Schindler's

ever actually been in a Kresge's,

Lift," has garnered more than a

Neighbors, who described good relations with the Vaites

overall, have complained about the noise of the motor, which they claim is on 24 hours a day. Also, environmental groups question what they describe as a

little attention.

Echoing what has apparently become a nationwide trend, a 60-something St. Anthony Park resident has recently installed an escalator in his home.

"I read about them in a magazine," said L.A. Vaite, "I've been having trouble getting up and down the stairs lately. Too many marathons, my doctor says Anyway, I saw this escalator on eBay and bought it from a

Detroit salvage company. But there is, Vaite admitted, another reason he had the seven-ton 1961 Schindler Model 4300

waste of energy. Said local environmental activist Les Moore, "The guy has two-story commercial escalator installed in his house: nostalgia. a Think Green sticker on his "Every time I get on that ator, it makes me feel like I'm Prius, but I'm asking you: How green is it to use an escalator to get from floor to floor in your house?" a kid on his way to the candy counter at Kresge's, "he said. "And besides, it's just about the only thing I didn't already have."

Still others have protested the very presence of an escalator

in the neighborhood. "There's never been an escalator in St. Anthony Park before," said Sybil Tongue, president of Dreary Old Weary Neighbors for a United Park (DOWNUP).

"Why does there all of a sudden need to be an escalato here? What's next — 24-hour White Sales?"

DOWNUP members have threatened to picket the Vaite's house and leaflet the area.

house and leaflet the area. Vaite apologized for the noise, explaining that his teenaged son is supposed to turn off the escalator before he goes to bed but always forgets. Vaite promised to put a timer on the machine, but he stands by his right to have an escalator in his house, adding, "That's why we're fighting in Iraq."



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Math + Science + Jazz from 1

Around Much Anymore." Murray Junior High is

combining arts with science. A popular magnet school that draws students interested in its

The jazz band has made a

building, opening for "A Christmas Carol." The group brings together a

I he group brings together a diverse and committed group of young musicians. The jazz band specializes in indigenous American pop music, with pieces by Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Benny Goodman. Swing music and Latin jazz are also in the propertoire

The band is made up of

traditional jazz instruments such as sax, trumpet, trombone, guitar,

drums and piano. But the group also includes French horn, bass clarinet and flute. Johnson's husband, Bill, has studied music

composition and taught at the University of Minnesota. "Any instrument that walks

in the door, my husband will

write an arrangement for," said Johnson.

Johnson said many students

arrive in junior high with the desire to play in the band but fall

the repertoire.

making a good case for





The Murray Junior High Jazz Band peformed at this year's Winter Carnival.



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Harlem jazz culture in the 1930s, well short of national standards in the boys will pull their big trousers high and sport fedoras, and the girls will don glamorous dresses. The trumpet section has music education. Because of budget cuts, she added, many elementary schools no longer have a sequential music been practicing their choreography, and the whole band has been working hard on pieces such as "Evil Ways," "Fiesta Latina" and "Don't Get

curriculum. At Murray, Johnson has built a full-time band program. Beginning band includes students with little or no prior experience. In varsity band, students must demonstrate memorization of scales and knowledge of basic terms and symbols. Students who complete the seventh grade curriculum are eligible to join the

rigorous math and science classes jazz band. Murray also has an instrumental music program that adds to the school's reputation for excellence. Six hours of practice is required each week, five in class and one at home. Johnson makes herself available to support name for itself beyond the doors of the school, playing in venues such as the Dakota Jazz Club and students

"I'm here after school until 4 p.m. and two mornings a week for extra lessons," she said.

the Ordway, opening for B.B. King at Orchestra Hall and being the first school group to play at the brand new Guthrie Theatre What's the motivation for students? Jazz band members interviewed in a group had a variety of reasons: "Band is like having a free hour because I like doing this." "It's challenging music." "We get to go to cool places."

It's clear that the class works hard, has fun and enjoys performing. While only a few expressed professional ambitions as musicians, they all raised their hands when asked if music will

always be a part of their life. Johnson also makes sure that students learn from professional musicians. They hone their skills through master classes during the year. Thanks to funding from the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation, several professional musicians have visited the school, including Marvin Dahlgren, principal percussionist of the Minnesota Orchestra, Jim TenBensel, brass specialist, and Julie Johnson, a flute specialist with an international background.

Dr. Douglas Snapp, head of jazz studies at Mankato State University, has invited the jazz band for an April 20 visit, when the musicians will enjoy a full day of coaching by graduate students.

Iohnson comes from a musical family; her father was a high school band director. A music teacher for over 40 years she has studied trombone, violin and flute, and can play all the

Johnson is proud of her musicians. She noted that two Murray students, Ian Decker and Shawn Halvorson, made the All-

The highlight of the year will be an April 26 performance, part of the Twin Cities Jazz Society's Como High School Jazz Band and the Century College Jazz

Tickets for the 7 p.m. concert at Murray are \$10. Proceeds will help fund Murray's band program. Call the school (293-8740) for more

more investment in school music programs. She is enthusiastic about the vocal music program that was added at St. Anthony Park Elementary this year. She said, "I recently read a book called 'The Paradox of the Silicon Savior.' It said that California's most creative engineers are, almost without exception, practicing musicians

"Being a good band director is like being a car mechanic," she said. "You need to know all the instruments to win the race."

Shawn Plavoison, made the Ali-State Honors Band this year — the only two junior high students from the St. Paul Public Schools so recognized.

Jazz J to Z concert series. Murray's is the first junior high jazz band to perform in this series. They will be joined by the Ensemble.

information. Johnson would like to see



Four teams from St. Anthony Park Elementary School placed in the top three at the March 3 Destination ImagiNation regional tournament at Harding High School. Three of them will compete in the state tournament Aoril 21 in Chaska.

The Super Sonic Solar Scientists team (S4) placed third in the elementary-level CSI: DI problem. Members of that team are Anna Woronzoff, Britta Scott, Ed Eubanks, Henry Johnson, Madeleine Hamerski, Connor Burke and Whitney Manning.

The Hullabaloos team placed first in the elementary-level Round About Courage and are going to state. Team members are Martha Torstenson, Olivia Swartz, Emma Eubanks, Elham Ibrahim, Viola Holman, Rachel Hausman and Abby Larson-Barker.

Team Galileo's Great Geniuses placed second in the elementary-level improvisational problem, Switching Traditions. Team members Brooke Rogers, Lucy Moroukian, Dane Ostlie-Olson, Destiny Munoz, Jacob Cohen, Evan Boening and Chloe Sekhran will compete at the state

tournament. Sixth-grade team Blink! will also compete at the state tournament, after placing first in the middle-level Round About Courage problem. Members are Tom Stinar, Aaron Levin, Ned Leebrick-Stryker, Maddy Hickel and Rachel Hartnett.

Spring is testing time. During April, students in grades 2–6 will take the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments-Series II. All Minnesota students take these tests assessing reading and math skills. Testing standards are set by the Minnesota State Department of Education. The combined percentage of students meeting or exceeding standards in each school is published annually. Parents receive individual scores for their children by mail. Test results usually become available during the summer or early fall.

During March, ELL (English Language Learner) students took the TEAE, the Test of Emerging Academic English. The St. Paul Public Schools have the largest enrollment of English language learners in the state. There are 60 students at St. Anthony Park Elementary who have a home language other than English, representing 17 language groups: Spanish, Ledandic, Marathi, Chinese, Hmong, Tigrinya, German, Somali, Vietnamese, Finnish, Hebrew, Norwegian, Korean, Tamil, Hich Lithuanian and Bengali.

General and vocal music specialist Brad Ollmann has been

by Antonie Young

raising money to support special opportunities for students through sales of a Winter Music Program DVD. So far, over \$500 has been raised. The money will go toward residencies such as two planned for April. One will be with the internationally renowned men's singing ensemble Cantus. Another residency planned is with Steve Heirzeg, a local composer. Fifth and sixth graders are performing his choral piece, "O Colored Earth."

piece, "O Colored Earth." The annual Running Club starts April 17. Students and interested parents gather after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays and

train to run or walk a mile. They will participate in the Melpomene Race on Saturday, May 5, in St. Paul. The kid's halfand full-mile runs begin at 9 a.m.

The Read-a-Thon fundraiser, Reach for the Stars, culminated on March 22 with Principal Dahms giving a peck to a pig. Thanks to all who supported St. Anthony Park students as they read over 100,000 minutes during a two-week period.

Sr. Anthony Park Elementary's Web site is maintained by Dan Clark, technology specialist. Visitors to the site can sample a QuickTime slideshow created by second graders entitled, "Arctic Animals Food Chain Project."

The video features artwork that students generated on computer, set to a song for which they composed both lyrics and melody and then recorded, accompanied by Mr. Clark on guitar. Visit www.stanthony.spps.org and then click on "Classrooms." Follow promps to "Technology Lab" and "Grade 2 Arctic Aminal

Food Chain Song and Video." Murray Junior High School students will have their spring

beak April 2-6. Later in the month, Murray will host a fundniser for the Music Department that includes performances by the Murray and Como Senior High Jazz Bands, au well as the Century College Jazz Ensemble. The event takes place April 26 at 7 p.m. in the Murray auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and

adults, 55 for seniors and students. Como Castle Preschool is coming soon to Como Park Senior High. Child development students at Como will lead thrice-weekly sessions. Students are learning about the growth and development of young children, as well as how to teach children in a preschool setting. The high school students will

plan, prepare and teach developmentally appropriate learning and play activities for the preschoolers. The six-week session runs from April 17 to May 24, and meets Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. The class meets at Como Senior High (740 Rose Ave.) and costs 30. For more information or to sign up, contact Nicole Bates-Childs at 612-743-1629 or incole.bates-childs@spps.org.

Holy Childhood School will celebrate confirmation and Christ Mass at the Sr. Paul Cathedral on Tuesday, March 27. Mass will begin at 7 p.m. All students in grades K-5 will go on a field trip to Orchestra Hall on March 28.

Ar Falcon Heights Elementary, the Falcon Heights Human Rights Commission and Falcon Heights Elementary School are co-sponsoring reduced-price tickets for the RACE exhibit at the Science Museum of Minnesota (\$4 adults, \$3 kids). The tickets will be for sale on a first-come basis at the school and Ciry Hall until April 15.

Everyone who purchases a ticket is expected to attend the exhibit before mid-April and to participate in a special community roundtable discussion of the exhibit on April 17 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Falcon Heights City Hall.

The roundtable will be facilitated by Colette Campbell Stuart, a diversity consultant living in Falcon Heights, a member of the Human Rights Commission and a facilitator for those who use the "talking circle" process at the Science Museum.

Those planning the end-of-theyear staff appreciation breakfast are looking for help and ideas. The committee will meet Wednesday, March 28, at 11:15 a.m., in teacher Nan Knutsen's room 105. Come and be one of the first to find out this year's theme. Help is needed designing the menu, planning decorations, and brainstorming entertainment and gift ideas.

If you carit make it to the meeting, the school could still use your help. Contact Theresa Tostengard (645-2175) or Carolyn Hill (646-6656) for placement in a volunteer group.

Falcon Heights Elementary will hold Family Reading Night on Thursday, April 12, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Each classroom will select one piece of writing for actor-singer-muscian Heidi Grosch to perform.

On Friday, April 27, the Katha Dance Theatre will perform. The group shares dances from India through story and music. Performances will be at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

Fire station may close

by Dave Healy

St. Anthony Park may lose a fire station if recent recommendations from a St. Paul Fire Department audit are followed. An outside review of the

department was commissioned by Mayor Chris Coleman, and that report calls for three stations to be closed, including Station 20 at 2179 University Ave., which borders the Midway and south Sr. Anthony Park neighborhoods.

Sci. Anthony Park neighborhoods. Amy Sparks, District 12 Community Council executive director, said the council has not discussed fire stations recently but would probably take up the matter if the proposed Station 20 closing continues to be discussed seriously at the city level. Sparks said the District 12

Sparks said the District 12 Council has not received reports about slow Fire Department responding to fires, the Fire Department also handles emergency medical calls. Sparks questioned whether the auditors considered recent

the auditors considered recent developments along University Avenue.

She noted that within blocks of Station 20, the first phase of a major housing development by



rein, about close neighbor of the station, is planning to make much greater use of its on-site burners when the steam heat that's been piped to the paper recycling plant is cut off later this year.

She wondered if Rock-Tenn's switch to on-site burners should be factored into the decision making

making. Bob Carpenter, assistant general manager at Rock-Tenn, said that having good response times from the Fire Department is important to their company. "The station has provided

"The station has provided great service for us over the years," he said. "We have appreciated the opportunity to work closely with the Fire Department on prevention as well as responding to calls." In addition to Station 20,

In addition to Station 20, St. Anthony Park is served by Station 23 at 1926 Como Ave. The audit says nothing about closing that location.





Como Ave. from 1

When the small groups reported back to the larger group, several themes emerged. People said they want to keep the following: • Diverse, community-based businesses

- Human-scale buildings
 A walkable neighborhood with a traditional atmosphere
- Green space and meeting places
 Viable schools • Safety Desired changes included the
- following: Safer intersections
- More mixed-use, live-work
- spaces More life-cycle and affordable housing

 Greater density Better parking options
A family-friendly restaurant.
More bike lanes. Several people expressed an

anecdotal sense that the most recent census data, which is now seven years old, may not reflect current demographic trends. In particular, they said, the number of families with young children in the neighborhood seems to be increasing. The evolution of the Como

with aerial photos of the targe area and use blocks to model

2030 plan will continue with three more meetings this spring. On April 11, residents will work city by the end of the year



different kinds of development. That 7 p.m. meeting will be held at St. Anthony Park Elementary. On May 2, the Community Council will host a Como Avenue forum, and on May 24 people

will have another opportunity to discuss a vision for Como Avenue. The planning process will continue with October and November public reviews of the 2030 plan, and the council hopes to submit a final version to the

The Neubecks: Navigating cultural shifts

Gerbard to share his poetry April 16 at St. Anthony Park Library by Judy Woodward

Gehard and Ruth Neubeck have been through a lot together. During their courtship and 66 years of marriage, they and ob years of mannage, they pursued two careers and some absorbing avocational

interests, they raised a family and they continue to assist each other with the natural trials that arise for a couple in

their late 80s. Before they were 20 years old, they lost their language, their nation and most of their friends and relations. Then they were reborn into a

world so different that Ruth says it's as

if they have each been allotted two completely different lives. This month, Gerhard will share the poetry he has distilled from his first 89 tumultuous years of living. On April 16 at 7 p.m., the St. Anthony Park Library has invited him to

celebrate National Poetry Week with a reading from his work. In a life marked by wrenching changes and bewildering transitions, poetry has been a constant in Gerhard's life. He says he began writing in

his native German as a student in pre-World War II Dortmund. He confesses that, had life taken some different turns, he might even have become a professional journalist and writer. Future career plans were far

from his mind, though, in the Germany of the 1930s, where he was chiefly interested in developing his talents as an Olympic-caliber runner and perhaps improving his acquaintance with a young Berliner named Ruth.

The two belonged to the same youth groups, and Ruth occasionally attended track meets where Gerhard competed. They were friends in that distant era, although when asked if she had been a fan of her future husband's cafés, and it was against the law for Jew and gentile to be seen in public together. When Ruth pointed this athletic feats. Ruth recalls tartly. with the dismissive Berlin inflections of her youth, "I was

never a sports fan. The greater world was about to intrude into the private pastimes of German youth, however.

As Jews in Nazi Germany, Gerhard and Ruth encountered increasing obstacles to normal life and self-fulfillment. In 1936. Gerhard lost his chance to compete in the Summer

Olympics held in Berlin that year because the Nazis excluded Jews from the German team. Far worse, of course, was to follow.

After Kristallnacht, the

property and lives that occurred all over Germany on the night of November 9, 1938, Gerhard's

family fled to the relative safety

of Holland. From there they emigrated

to America in February of 1940, just months before the Nazis invaded the Netherlands and cut

off all means of escape. Ruth's family had an even narrower escape, sailing for the United States in the last weeks

before the outbreak of war in

Germany, A German school

Ruth remembers the surreal quality of her last days in

friend was an enthusiastic supporter of the Nazis, while somehow remaining loyal to her

suggested making a stop for coffee. Such a thing was "streng verboten" under Nazi laws. Jews

were not admitted to public

out, her friend looked utterly

surprised. "She had been blind to it

all," says Ruth. The friend said an affec-tionate farewell, but asked for Ruth's address in New York,

adding, "I think we'll be there soon." "She meant," explains Ruth, "that the Nazis would

soon invade New York. Happily for the two refugees, the Nazis stayed on the

September 1939.

Iewish classmate. Jewish classmate. When the friend heard that Ruth's family was departing, she insisted on a final meeting with

her old schoolmate As the two girls walked together, the friend impulsively

wanton destruction of Jewish

Gerhard and Ruth were reunited in New York, where they married and created a private breathing space amidst the dislocations of war and

emigration. Life was difficult in the

early years in the new country. Both had studied formal written English in school, but they arrived in New York unable to communicate in their idiomatic new language. Still, their desperate desire to acclimatize

6 Photo by Christy Ruth and Gerhard Neubeck, married for 66 years, have endured a host of geographical, cultural and vocational challenges. spoke German

Gerhard. "We were so eager to be in America that English came very quickly." Gerhard recalls the pride he

felt when he was able to write poetry again, but this time in

English. Ruth adds dryly, "My first job

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Poet to make two local appearances in April by Judy Woodward

Nationally recognized poet Leslie Adrienne Miller will make two appearances in St. Anthony Park this month.

this month. On April 18 she'll appear at Micawber's Books at 7 pm. to give the first public St. Paul reading from her new work, "The Resurrection Trace" (Greywolf Press, 2007). Later in the month, she'll

return to read at the St. Anthony Park Library on April 25 at 7 p.m. to mark the launching of "Where One Voice Ends and Another Begins: 150 Years of Minnesota Poetry," an anthology published this month by the Minnesota Historical Society

Press. Miller, 50, who is a professor St. Thomas, has published five books of poetry. She's won many fellowships, including a Pushcart Prize and a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in Poetry. She took her inspiration for

her new collection of poems from some unusual interests she developed when she became pregnant with her first child at

Determined to avoid the sort of personal reflection on the journey of pregnancy that has become a staple of recent women's literature, Miller instead became fascinated with antique illustrated medical texts devoted to what one 18th-century French author delicately termed "the

From Hippocrates to Leonardo da Vinci, the giants of science and art have been drawn to the anatomical study of the female body. And not always with the most accurate results.

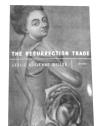
Miller was struck by the sheer comic looniness of the gynecological theories the old books revealed. Until well into the modern

era, for example, the womb was suspected of being a highly mobile organ, capable of wandering throughout the body and afflicting its owner with vague, dislocated feminine maladies from which men were happily exempt. Miller also became a connoisseur of a rather peculiar

type of anatomical drawing called écorché. In its most compelling form, the écorché featured a beautiful,

elegantly coiffed, 18th-century lady presiding serenely over her own naked, heavily pregnant body, which had been flaved from the neck down in order to reveal her underlying musculature. The outer wall of her womb

was peeled back, trap-door style, to reveal the fetus within. Miller was interested in the women who had served as models for these sometimes



wrong-headed explorations of female anatomy.

"Who were these women?" she wondered, "and how did men come to learn about them? Being skinned is a metaphor for being taken advantage of, and these were highly erotic images, published not just for medical reasons. There was some titillation involved." Joined to these speculations

was her absorption in her own developing pregnancy. She recalls, "Being pregnant was like a giant science experiment. I was so fascinated by what my body was doing." The result of these musings

series of elegant literary meditations on the vagaries of the female condition as refracted through the imperfect understanding of what was inevitably male medical science.

Although she started writing etrv when she was a teenager Miller had no girlhood aspirations to a literary life. When she set off for Missouri's Stephens College from her childhood home in Zanesville, Ohio, her plan was to major in fashion design.

"But I signed up for a poetry class," she says, "and that was that.

She wasn't aware of it as an incoming freshman, but Stephens College in the mid-1970s was a powerhouse of creative writing talent. Miller's creative writing professors included several young women who went on to make

women who went on to make towering literary contributions in the decades to come. "I was exposed to women poets of the time, but they weren't famous then," says Miller. Writers like Muriel Rukeyser, Denize Levertor and Tese Denise Levertov and Tess Gallagher were approachable

figures on campus. "Margaret Atwood was Margaret Atwood was there," she says, "but she was just a regular Peggy then — young, with a baby, struggling to hold student conferences."

Perhaps in part because of

the opportunities for easy intimacy with immensely talented mentors, Miller decided, "I like this stuff. I'm going to keep doing it." She describes her relationship

with her work in semireligious terms: "Writing is like a spiritual activity, a faith. The highly concentrated language of poetry bears a resemblance to prayer. I get tranquility of mind from it." But not, alas, a living wage. "The market doesn't value

poetry," she says, "and that's a problem.

In Miller's telling, it's also the foundation of a spiritual paradox. "We poets are free," she adds, "because the market doesn't value it.'

Meanwhile, there's the matter of making a living. After earning a Ph.D. at the University of Houston in 1991, Miller joined the faculty at St. Thomas where she teaches literature and creative writing. Of the two, she believes that teaching writing is harder

harder. "Students need to develop discipline," she says. "You can't teach them to be great writers, but you can teach them to be great readers. You teach technique and craft, and then they can exercise what talent they have."

Although the sales figures for poetry remain lamentable, there is no shortage of aspiring poets, according to Miller. "More people write poetry than read it," she says.

"Everybody does try it secretly. I think it's a natural mode of expression." And what about the baby

whose impending arrival so heavily influenced the content of her current book? Miller's son is now an active four-and-a-halfyear-old.

His mother says, "I never expected to love being a mother so much. It's not in the category of work. It's pure pleasure — lik of work. It's pure pleasure — like having dessert after a long meal."

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Readings

Saturday, April 14, 3 p.m. Micawber's. Novelist Michael Lane ("Wisdom of Yawdy Rum")

Monday, April 16, 7 p.m. St. Anthony Park Library. Poet **Gerhard Neubeck**. Part of National Poetry Month

Wednesday, April 18, 7 p.m. Micawber's. Poet Leslie Adrienne Miller ("Resurrection Trade")

Thursday, April 19, 7 p.m. Micawber's. Poets Sharon Chmielarz and Mary Kay Rummell.

Wednesday, April 25, 7 p.m. Where One Voice Ends Another Begins: 150 Years of Minnesota Poetry. Sponsored by The Friends of the St. Paul Public Library. Reception follows at Micawber's.

Monday, April 30, 7 p.m. Kim Ode ("Baking with the St. Paul Bread Club," nominee for a 2007 Minnesota Book Award).

Groups

Wednesday, April 4, 6:30 p.m. St. Anthony Park Library. St. Anthony Park Writers Group. All welcome.

Monday, April 9, 7 p.m. Micawber's. **Probers' Book** Group. "Grace at the Table: Ending Hunger in God's World," by David Beckman and Art by David Beckman and Art Simon, and/or "Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger," by Ron Sider. Bring ideas about the challenge of world hunger and practical ways we can address it from either or both books. All welcome.

Wednesday, April 11, 7 p.m. St. Anthony Park Library. St. Anthony Park Library Book Club. "The Book of Lost Things," by John Connolly. New members welcome. Phone Carla at the library, 642-0411, for details.

Storytelling

Thursday, April 5, 6:30 p.m. Coffee Grounds. P.J. Stories: A Storytelling Event for Families with storyteller Katie Knutson. Theme: Gotcha! Stories of Tricks and Tricksters.

Library Events

Thursday, April 26, 7 p.m. Maury Landsman, a professor in the School of Law at the University of Minnesota, will lead a discussion following a showing of the film "The Exonerated."

American Life in Poetry

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

Those of us who have hunted morel mushrooms in the early spring have hunted indeed. The morel is among nature's most elusive species. Here Jane Whitledge of Minnesota captures the morel's mysterious ways.

Morel Mushrooms

Softly they come thumbing up from firm ground

protruding unharmed. Easily crumbled and vet

how they shouldered the leaf and mold aside, rising unperturbed,

breathing obscurely, still as stone.

By the slumping log, by the dappled aspen, they grow alone.

A dumb eloquence ems their trade Like hooded monks

in a sacred wood they say: Tomorrow we are gone.

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Local Author

Lauderdale resident Elizabeth S. French has written the eighth edition of "Exploring the Twin Cities with Children" (Nodin Press). The book has been

completely updated and rewritten since the previous edition in 2002. It continues to provide information on area museums, festivals, tours, classes and other events. The book is illustrated by French's brother, Lvnn B. Sandness, a resident of Duluth.

Minnesota Book Awards

St. Anthony Park bookmakers Regula Russelle and CB Sherlock collaborated with author Jim Moore on "What it's like here" (Accordion Productions), which has been nominated for a Minnesota Book Award in the fine press category. This is the third book in a series integrating literature and art.

All Minnesota residents can help choose the state's top book of 2006 by voting through April 15 at www.twincities.com. Scroll down the right column to find a link and cast a vote from a list of finalists for the 19th annual Minnesota Book Awards. The 28 books in contention

for the Readers' Choice Award are finalists in seven categories: autobiography, memoir and creative nonfiction, children's literature, general nonfiction, genre fiction, novel and short story, poetry, and young adult literature.

Panels of librarians chose the finalists from 300 nominated books published by Minnesotans in 2006

The Readers' Choice Award will be presented on Saturday, May 5, 2007, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in St. Paul. Information on tickets and the Book Awards is available at www.thefriends.org.

Local library is one to love

by Dave Healy

How cool is the St. Anthony Park Library? In the opinion of the Berkshire Publishing Group, it's one of the 80 coolest public libraries in the United States and libraries in the United States and Canada. Berkshire recently published a book celebrating treasured libraries: "Heart of the Community: The Libraries We Love." The St. Anthony Park Library was one of two from Minnesota selected for the 170page volume. Berkshire received nearly

300 nominations for the book. They selected 80 that represent historical, geographical and architectural diversity. Each library is featured in a two-pag spread that includes photographs, historical information and

interesting facts.

The St. Anthony Park Library, which opened in 1917, is the oldest branch library in the St. Paul Public Library system. Built for \$25,000, it is one of the last Carnegie libraries in the country. The library was remodeled in 1957 and restored in 1986. An addition that now houses the children's area was built in 2000. Among the library's famous

users are former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Warren E. Burger, former Minnesota Governor Elmer L. Andersen and author/radio host Garrison

Weillor. "The Libraries We Love" is available for perusal at the St. Anthony Park branch, 2245 Como Ave.



Winning library card design reminds readers to keep an eye out for good books

by Lisa Steinmann

Library cards just got more

interesting. St. Paul Public Library cards will soon feature artwork by St. Paul kids. A design by 13-year-old Ruby Thompson of St. Anthony Park was among six winning entries chosen by Mayor Chris Coleman in February. With her cat, Bean, by her

side, Thompson came up with a design featuring a smart-looking, red feline reading a book about dogs. Thompson, a longtime

patron of the St. Anthony Park Branch Library, said, "The library is a good place to read about things you're interested in that

aren't just about you." Thompson entered the contest for a new library card

design sponsored by the St. Paul Public Library, part of festivities

planned throughout the year to celebrate the library's 125 years of service, which will be marked next

Thompson did her artwork on her dad's computer, using a Wacom pen tablet program. In February, she received notice that, from among 1,100 participants, she was one of the finalists.

She and her parents, Pat Thompson and Mark Simonson, were invited to a reception at the Central Library, where Mayor

Coleman announced his picks. According to Ruby, the mayor said that hers was his favorite design.

Tavorite design. The winning entries are displayed at the Central Library and on the library's Web site: www.sppl.org. The new cards will be available this spring.

January.



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What: Como 2030 Block Exercise When: Wednesday, April 11 - 7 p.m. Where: SAP Elementary School

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Every other Sunday, 6pm LST CORINTHIANS April 6, 8pm Paul Dahlberg & Reed Schilleman

April 7, 8pm SDRUCE TOD REVIEW April 14, 8рм

Riverfolk April 20, 8pm

Ira's Jazz Quartet April 21, 8рм

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JERRY RAU BAND April 28, 8pm

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roday Through April 13 at Lawgford Rec Center for T-ball, nearball, softball and baseball

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

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

 CHAIR EXERCISE CLASSES AT SEAL HI-RISE 825 SEAL ST. EVERY MONDAY and Thursday at 12:30 p.m. These classes are free to all area seniors, but pre-registration is necessary. Call 642-9052 to preregister.

• Como Park recycling. Every Monday

• Lauderdale recycling.

3 TUESDAY

• Spring Celebration Party, 4:30-6 D.M. AT LANGFORD REC CENTER. CARNIVAL GAMES, DETTING 200, EGG HUNT AND REFRESHMENTS. AGES 12 AND under. Free.

• Weekly Meditation Circle, 7 р.м All experience levels welcome. Spirit United Church (3204 Como Ave SE, 612-378-3602). EVERY Tuesday.

• COMPUTER AND INTERNET TRAINING AT St. Anthony Park Library, 7-8 p.m Every Tuesday.

• TOT TIME (FOR 5-VEAR-OLDS AND younger), Langford Park Rec Center (298-5765), 10 a.m.-noon. Every Tuesday.

• TOASTMASTERS (645-6675), TRAINING IN Effective speaking, Hewlett Packard, Broadway & 280, 7:35-8:35 a.m. Every Tuesday.

• ST. Anthony Park Garden Club, ST. Anthony Park Library, 6:30 p.m

4 WEdnesday

• Neighbors for Peace planning meeting , 7:15 p.m., Sheila and Ket Richter's home, 2132 Folwell Ave. 644-9677. All ARE WELCOME.

• Free in-store wine sampling at The LITTLE WINE SHOPPE (2236 CARTER Ave.) Stop by between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Must be 21 or older to 7:30 p.m. Must be 21 or old attend. All featured wines are 10 DERCENT OF dURING THE TASTING

 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 at

11 A.M. • 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 services, but pre-registration is necessary. Call 642-9052 to prerequister.

• St. Anthony Park Community COUNCIL LAND USE COMMITTEE, SOUTH ST. ANTHONY REC CENTER 890 Cronwell, 6 p.m. Community Resources for

Caregivers, Lyngblowsten Newman-Benson Chapel (952-261-5235), 1415 Almond Ave., 3-4:30 p.m.

6 Friday

 MOVIE "HUMANITY ASCENDING." 7 p.m. at Spirit United Church (3204 Como Ave SE, 612-378-3602). DONATION, FREE DODCORN, discussion follows

 Story Time for preschoolers ages 3-5 10:30 A.M. AT ST. ANTHOR Park Library. Every Friday.

• SENIOR CITIZEN FUN GROUP (GYM, bowling and darts), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Every Friday.

7 SATURDAY • Nocturnal Bowling (612-625-5246), 10:30 D.M. 5 A.M. AT THE Copher Spot, St. Paul Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave., St. Paul CAMPUS. EVERY SATURDAY

9 Monday

• St. Anthony Park Elementary Site COUNCIL MEETING, 5-6:30 p.M. AT THE school. • Park Press, Inc., Park Bugle board meeting, St. Anthony Park Bank community room, 7 a.m. • St. Anthony Park Block Nurse

St. Avilhovy Park Diock Public Program board of directors meeting, St. Avilhovy Park United Methodist Church library, 7 p.m.

• Join the Falconers for 500 and CRIDDAGE AT 1 p.m. AT FALCON HEIGHTS City Hall.

10 TUESDAY

• Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 7:30 р.м 11 Wednesday EAICON HEICHTS CITY COUNCIL CITY Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave., 7 p.m

Capitol Region Watershed Open House, 1410 Energy Park Dr., 5-6:30 р.м.

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

13 Friday FAICON HEIGHTS RECYCLING:

14 SATURDAY • Classes Without Quizzes (612-624-0822), 9 л.м.-1 р.м., St. Paul CAMPUS

16 Monday • Lauderdale recycling.

17 TUESDAY • MCA-II TESTING AT ST. ANTHONY PARK ELEMENTARY

 St. Anthony Park Elementary School Running Club starts Tuesdays and Thursdays after school in the gym, 3:40-4:30 p.m.

 St. Anthony Park School Association (SAPSA) meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. at St. Anthony Park Elementary.

 CHEISEA HEIGHTS ELEMENTAR Kindergarten Roundup, 3:45-5 p.m., 1557 Huron St.

 COMO CASTLE PRESCHOOL (612-743-1629) starts today and runs through May 24.

• District 10 board meeting. Call 644-3889 for details. 18 Wednesday

• MCA-II testing at St. Anthony Park ELEMENTARY

• Free in-store wine sampling at The Little Wine Shoppe (2236 Carter Ave.) Stop by between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Must be 21 or older to attend. All featured wines are 10

percent off during the tasting. • Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7 p.m.

19 Thursday

• Alzheimer's Research, Lyngblomsten Care Center (646-2941), 7-8:30 D.M.

20 Friday

• Alzheimer's Research, Lyngblomsten CARE CENTER (646-2941), 9:30-11 a.m.

• Como Golf Men's Club meeting, Como Golf Clubhouse, 1432 Lexington Ave., 6:30-8:30 p.m.

21 SATURDAY

• Falcon Heights Elementary (1393 GARDEN AVE.) TAG SALE, 8:30 A.M. 12:30 р.м.

22 SUNDAY

• Special Earth Day Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m. at Spirit United Church (3204 Como Ave SE, 612-378-36021

23 Monday

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

24 TUESDAY

• MCA-II testing at St. Anthony Park Elementary. • Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 7:30 р.м.

25 Wednesday

• MCA-II testing at St. Anthony Park Elementary

• 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 d.m.

27 Friday • Falcon Heights recycling.

30 Monday

Lauderdale recycling.

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Kim Martin Baukol

Kim Martin Baukol, age 54, died March 15, 2007.

Kim was born in Starbuck, Minn., to Magnus and Celia Baukol, on January 27, 1953. His family moved to St. Anthony Park in 1957, where they lived until 1970.

The family then moved to Fresno, Calif., where Kim graduated from high school in 1971. He began working in the construction business and relocated to Palo Alto, Calif., where he worked for the Palo Alto Housing Corporation until 1999

. On October 8, 1988, Kim married Mary Andrews in Palo Alto, They had two children. The family moved to Grass Valley in 1999. Kim owned and operated Referred Home Repair in Grass Valley from 1999 until he became ill in 2004

Kim is survived by his wife, Mary; daughter, Lori; son, Matthew; brother, Michael (Pauline); sisters, Kathleen Griffin and Marcia (Jaime) Burnett; and numerous nieces and nephews He was preceded in death by his sister, Monika Sullivan. Kim was a devoted father

whose true passion in life was his children. He was dearly loved and will be missed greatly by his family and friends. A memorial service was held

on March 24 at Peace Lutheran Church in Grass Valley, Calif.

Melanie Behrendt

Melanie C. "Lonnie" Behrendt, 64, who grew up in St. Anthony Park, died March 8, 2007, in Wabasha, Minn., where she currently lived. She was the daughter of Clyde and Katherine (Barry) Christensen. She worked at the University

of Minnesota's College of Veterinary Medicine and later at the U of M's Institute of Child Development.

Lonnie is survived by her husband, John Behrendt, and two sisters. A celebration of Lonnie's life was held March 18, 2007, at Fagles Nest Coffee House in Wahasha

Mark Berkeland

Mark L. Berkeland, 56, formerly of Lauderdale, died at Regions Hospital in St. Paul on February 17, 2007, after being airlifted there due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Inver Grove Heights. He lived in Kenyon, Minn. Mark and his family moved to Lauderdale from Iowa in 1956,

when Mark was in first grade. His parents still live in Lauderdale. His father was a postal carrier for 35 years, as was Mark. Mark graduated from Lauderdale School in 1962, Fairview Junior High in 1965 and Alexander Ramsey High School in 1968

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Mark is survived by his wife, Kendra; children, Tor (Katie), Andy (Jena Buck) and Maggie (John O'Connell); parents, Robert and Jeanne Berkeland of Lauderdale; and brothers, Paul (Lynn) of Lauderdale and Pastor Steve (Judy). His funeral service was at

Christ Lutheran Church, Faribault, Minn. on February 22,

Maree Davies

Maree Kathryn McQuistan Davies, age 101, died February 21, 2007, in Arden Hills. She was born November 30, 1905, in Gross, Neb. After

graduating from high school in Spencer, Neb., she taught elementary grades in a one-room school house for several years.

Later she studied business administration at the University of Nebraska, graduating in 1932, and subsequently worked for the dean of the Chemistry

Department. In 1935 she and attorney Wayne A. Davies were married in Glenwood, Iowa. They moved to St. Paul in 1941 and lived in the Midway area before moving to St. Anthony Park, where they resided for over 50 years. She and Wayne enjoyed extensive travel with Holiday Tours in their retirement.

Maree was an avid Twins baseball fan and had even attended a game within the past

three years. She was a former member of Hamline Methodist Church and a current member of St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ. She was a longtime member of Chapter CD PEO.

Chapter CD PEO. She was preceded in death in 1999 by her husband, Wayne. Maree is survived by her children, John (Lois) Davies of Sacramento, Calif., Thomas (Holly) Davies of Saratoga, Calif., and Susan (Russell) Currier of Des Moines, Iowa, and five grandchildren. A celebration of life

memorial service was held on March 17 at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ.

Reuben Gornitzka

A. Reuben Gornitzka died in Minneapolis on February 11, 2007, following an extended illness. Rev. Gornitzka was born in Seattle, Wash., in 1917, grew up in St. Anthony Park on Brompton Street and graduated in 1939 from St. Olaf College. He graduated from Luther

Theological Seminary in 1943, serving as an associate pastor at Bethel Lutheran Church, Madison, Wis., before accepting a call to become senior pastor Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Milwaukee in 1944. In 1956, Rev. Gornitzka was

called as senior pastor of Central Lutheran Church in

Minneapolis. During his ministry at Central he also broadcast weekday messages on WCCO radio and television and on KSTP-TV, where he hosted a weeked interaction energy. weekend interview program. In 1963, Rev. Gornitzka left the pulpit at Central to accept a mandate from the American

Lutheran Church synod to become a minister-at-large, with a special focus on the spiritual needs of leaders in business, industry and entertainment This calling actively involved him as a consultant, speaker and counselor, and required extensive

travel throughout the United States and Europe. His role as a minister-at-large was described in 1965 by the New York World-Telegram as "shepherd of a golden flock."

Rev. Gornitzka was preceded in death by his sister, Valborg; brother, Rolf; and by his first wife, Katherine Jorgenson Gornitzka. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, June Gornitzka of Edina; former wife, Ruth Haanstad Dahlquist Gornitzka of Las Cruces, N. M.; daughters, Lynn Kintzi and Katherine (Wally) Brohaugh, both of California, Phoebe (Nelson) Dometrius of Texas and Ann Ziemer of New Mexico; sister, Jordy Asper of Seattle; stepdaughter, Kathleen Erickson of Minneapolis; 14 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held March 13, 2007, at Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis.

Lu Marshall

Lu (Lucille) Marshall, age 96, of Como Park, died peacefully at her daughter's home on March 17, 200

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ward; son, Jerry; and son-in-law, Kermit Piper. She is survived by her daughter, Joanne Piper, two granddaughters, three great-grand children, and special friend, Win

Smith. Lu and Ward were longtime members of Midland Hills Country Club. Lu was also an avid bridge player and enjoyed square dancing with Win for many years. She will be deeply

2007, at Holy Childhood

Fern Van Alstine, age 99, of Prospect Park, died March 4, 2007. She was a longtime member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in St. Anthony Park, where she had many friends of all ages. In recent years she lived at Iris Park Commons but still attended services at St. Matthew's as often as possible

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missed by her family and friends. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on March 22,

Catholic Church in Como Park.

Fern Van Alstine

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in the United States was taking care of children. They are the best teachers of English.

Gerhard's first job was as a hospital porter, where he was called upon to clean the delivery room after the birth of a child.

"It was the origin of my interest in family life," he says jokingly. Whatever the genesis of his professional interests, Gerhard went on to become a leading researcher in the new field of

family social science. The Neubecks moved to Minnesota in 1946, when Gerhard was invited to teach at the University.

In 1967, as a professor of family social science, he created the nation's first-ever college course in human sexuality. Look Magazine published an article on the class entitled, "Sex Goes to

College." Gerhard is firm in his appreciation for the support he received from colleagues and the administration for the ground-breaking class, but Ruth

remembers that there were some "nasty letters." A couple of years later when Gerhard edited a collection of essays entitled "Extramarital Relations," some eyebrows may have lifted even higher.

Still, Ruth had a snappy comeback for anyone indelicate enough to wonder if the professor had some firsthand knowledge of his topic, "I just told them that I

did the research," she reports. After their children grew older, the Neubecks were able to satisfy their lifelong urge to travel. A return to Europe meant that some complicated issues resurfaced

Gerhard recalls that when he returned to Germany in 1959, he was surprised by the strength of

his longing for revenge. "I couldn't wait until I saw the first ruins," he says. "I wanted to see the burnt-out houses. Deep down there's still a tremendous amount of resentment. It all comes back in a jiffy."

"There were difficult feelings that we had to work through," says Ruth, but the Neubecks have succeeded in laving to rest the ghosts of their youth. Ruth tells the story of their oldest son who, as a young man, had an as a young man, nad an opportunity to study in Germany but was reluctant to stir up unwelcome memories for his

parents. "We decided that we couldn't carry all this on to another generation," Ruth says. "So we said to our son, 'Go.

After two-thirds of a century in their adopted home country, the Neubecks have some advice for the political refugees and new

"The U.S. is still the land of opportunity," says Gerhard, Ruth adds some practical counsel. "I would say to them the same thing I told my own children: Keep studying, work hard and be open-minded towards others." Lives Lived from 26

March 10, 2007, at St. Matthew's

Episcopal Church in St. Anthony

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, and is Park, with interment at St. Mary's her husband, Melvin "Pete, Basswood Grove Cemetery.

survived by six daughters, including Peg Houck of St. Anthony Park; 15 grand-children, including Alison Houck Mellin of St. Anthony Park; 31 great-grandchildren; and a brother, David W. Thompson. Her funeral service was held

Juanita Wigdahl Juanita M. "Nita" Wigdahl, longtime Falcon Heights resident, died March 9, 2007, at age 83. She had been active in the

Buddy A memorial service was held March 15 at Roseville Memorial Chapel, with private interment. Falconeers seniors group at Falcon Heights Community Center. She was preceded in death by

three brothers and a sister. She is

David; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Evelyn Maxey (H.B.) and Shirley

Christopher; and her beloved cat,

survived by sons, Doug and

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