

District Councils

St. Paul's 17 district councils promote citizen participation in their respective neighborhoods. The District 12 Council, which serves St. Anthony Park, will hold its annual election for board members in April. Both local residents and business owners serve on the board.

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The Birdman of Lauderdale

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Sherlock and the Gremlin Theatre:

Let 'er Ripp

by Judy Woodward

At first glance, Larry Ripp doesn't look much like Sherlock Holmes. Lounging over a cup of coffee at Jay's Café, the 53-year-old actor/playwright from south St. Anthony Park looks more like an ordinary working guy on his day off. But that's forgetting the transformational magic of the theater.

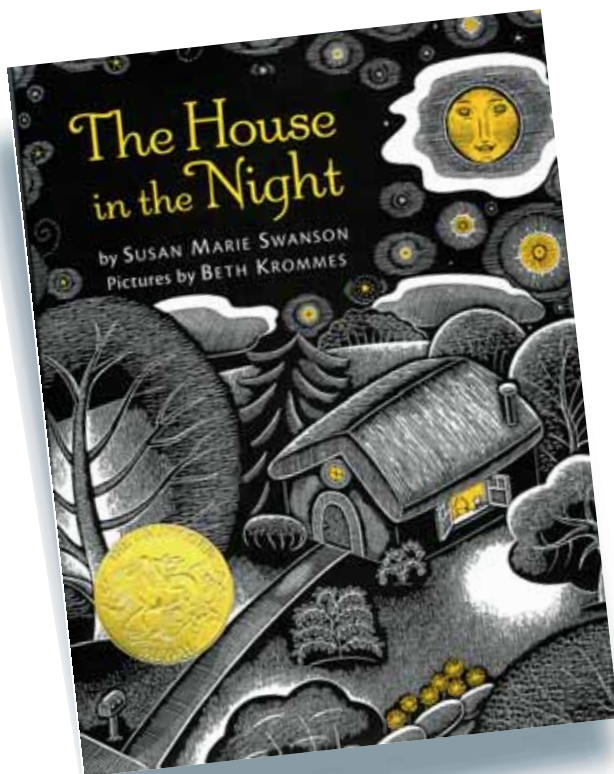
In a few days, the balding, grandfatherly Ripp will trade his faded orange Henley T-shirt for a deerstalker cap and augment his depleted locks with a lush growth of theatrical hair. And then ... suddenly it's 1890, the London fog lurks outside, and within the cozy confines of 221B Baker Street, once again "The Game's Afoot."

Which just happens to be the name of the one-act play that will open at University Avenue's Gremlin Theatre on Feb. 26 as half of a double bill called History and Mystery.

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St. Anthony Park resident Larry Ripp will play Sherlock Holmes in "The Game's Afoot," a one-act play he wrote, directed and produced. It will be performed at the Gremlin Theatre Feb. 26-March 1.



Local author gets national attention

by Dave Healy

Susan Marie Swanson's first children's book, published 12 years ago, is called "Getting Used to the Dark." Today, Swanson finds herself getting used to the spotlight. Since Jan. 26, when the American Library Association announced its 2009 literary awards, Swanson has been basking in the attention that follows from having written the book that won this year's Caldecott Medal.

This book is also associated with darkness. "The House in the Night," published last spring, relates a nighttime journey that moves from a house to a bed to a book, then to the starlit heavens and back.

Swanson describes it as a bedtime book that's about "comfort and adventure at the same time."

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BNSF Railroad tweaks Raymond Avenue bridge repair schedule

by Anne Holzman

After offering an alternate schedule for reconstructing the railroad bridge over Raymond Avenue just north of Energy Park Drive, BNSF Railroad was told by the St. Anthony Park Community Council to complete their work by the State Fair. In response to neighborhood concerns, BNSF reduced the length of road closure from four and a half months to two months.

At its Feb. 12 meeting, the council voted to recommend that BNSF schedule its work in one continuous segment rather than splitting the project into two periods to avoid overlapping with work on the Larpenteur Avenue bridge over Hwy. 280, which will reduce traffic on that road to one lane for much of the spring and summer.

Because the railroad bridge project will necessitate closing Raymond entirely for two months, some residents were concerned that overlapping the two projects would make it more difficult to use 280 as a Raymond Avenue detour.

Those concerns prompted State Rep. Alice Hausman to call a Dec. 12 meeting involving city, county, state and railroad officials.

It became clear then that the schedule for the Larpenteur/280 project, which will be coordinated by MnDOT, could not be changed without losing federal funding.

Hwy. 280 will likely be down to one lane each way during much of that project, according to MnDOT Manager Chris Roy. Traffic will also be routed off and then back on at the Larpenteur interchange, causing further slowdowns.

Although the official detour for Raymond during work on the railroad bridge will be along Snelling Avenue, some members of the St. Anthony Park Community Council predicted that local residents, as well as employees of businesses and others going in and out of the neighborhood, would prefer to use 280 and so requested that BNSF delay their project for one year.

Instead, the railroad devised the split schedule to ease the inconvenience without delaying the work. That scenario would have involved suspending bridge work for the last week of April, all of May, the first week of June and all of August.

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Como Park

Community members are invited to the Visitor Center at Como Park Zoo and Conservatory to view design concepts and comment on the new Como pool, including possible changes to traffic and parking. Sessions will be Mar. 18 and 19, 5–7 p.m.

The public may also observe the work of USAquatics design consultants from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mar. 18 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 19, also at the Visitor Center. A final design from these sessions will be selected for city approval. For updated information, call 644-3889 or visit www.comopark.org.

The Environment Committee of the Como Park Community Council continues its winter/spring lecture series, which is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

“Buckthorn in Your Yard and What to Do with It” will be Mar. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at Lyngblomsten Center, accessible from either the 5-5-1 Club door off Pascal or the main entrance at 1415 Almond Ave.

“The Hosta Habit” will be Apr. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Capitol Region Watershed District office, 1410 Energy Park Drive. For more information, call Mike MacDonald, 952-201-2845.

Three community leaders were added to the city's Neighborhood Honor Roll on Jan. 23, nominated by the District 10 board of directors for contributions to the community.

Marylyn Deneen has been a tireless advocate for environmental issues in District 10. She was a contributor to the first district plan in 1980, and has served for several decades on organizations working on water quality issues.

Jerome Wagner, a lifelong resident of the area and retired science teacher, is a long-serving member of the Capitol Region Watershed District's Citizen Advisory Committee and has been an active participant in the community, from teaching about turtles at Como Lake water festivals to leading Como Park bird walks for St. Paul Audubon's summer kids' camps.

Luke Kuhl was honored for serving in a variety of Community Council roles, but

most notably as chair of the Land Use Committee, where he set a standard for leadership under pressure by actively engaging both residents and businesses in addressing controversial issues in the community.

Falcon Heights

The Falcon Heights Community Garden has a limited number of plots available to rent for the 2009 season. Located in Community Park, at the corner of Cleveland and Roselawn, the garden will open for its third season this May.

Rental fee for a 10' x 12' plot is \$25, and priority will be given to Falcon Heights apartment and townhome dwellers. If spaces are still available, other Falcon Heights residents will be accepted, followed by non-Falcon Heights residents.

For more information, contact Justin Miller by Mar. 20 at justin.miller@falconheights.org or 792-7611. Plots will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis according to the priorities listed above.

Residents can stay connected with the city through a new Twitter page. Go to twitter.com/falconheights to keep up to date with news items, meeting announcements and other timely information. Subscribers can be alerted when the page is updated.

Every Tuesday and Thursday through Apr. 14, AARP will hold its annual tax assistance sessions at Falcon Heights City Hall. Volunteers are available 9 a.m. to noon. No preregistration is required. Trained income tax preparers will be available; preference is given to those with low or middle income and those over 60.

Because of high demand on some days, there may be a lengthy wait for assistance. For more information, including documents to bring along, visit www.falconheights.org.

Lauderdale

Lauderdale resident Jennifer Grimm and her band will be featured at Lauderdale's first Dance and Dessert Buffet for the 18-and-over crowd on Mar. 5,

7–9 p.m., at Lauderdale City Hall. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. For more information, visit ci.lauderdale.mn.us or call City Hall, 792-7650.

The Lauderdale City Council has long supported a recreation reimbursement program for residents who take advantage of recreation programs offered by the cities of Roseville and Falcon Heights. Now they have arranged for automatic reimbursement for the difference in resident versus nonresident fees. Residents simply show proof of residency when registering. For more information, contact Lauderdale City Hall, 792-7650.

St. Anthony Park

St. Paul Ward 4 residents are invited to a conversation with Councilmember Russ Stark about the status of the city and its neighborhoods on Mar. 3, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Goodwill Easter Seals, 553 Fairview Ave. (enter off the corner of Fairview and Charles).

Applications for a plot in the St. Anthony Community Garden will be available on Mar. 1 at Hamden Park Co-op and at www.sapcc.org. Plot fee for 2009 is \$30.

The St. Anthony Park Community Council welcomes people to run for the board of directors. Elections will be held Apr. 9; terms begin in May. Applications are due Mar. 12 and can be obtained at www.sapcc.org or by calling 649-5992.


St. Paul Senior Chore Service has several volunteer organizations lined up to assist older adults (60+) with inside and outside household chores, including painting, repairs, cleaning, gardening and outside spring cleanup. Call 649-5984 for more information or to request services.

The Senior Chore Service will also help seniors who need assistance getting ready for the change to digital TV. The deadline for assistance is Mar. 31. Call 649-5984.

In an effort to create secure and stable spaces for artists in south St. Anthony Park, Artspace USA has been working with the St. Anthony Park Community Council and neighborhood artists to gather information and generate recommendations. Artists and community members are invited to hear the results of this process at 7 p.m. on Mar. 24 at South St. Anthony Rec Center.



— Anne Holzman

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St. Anthony Park Community Council works to promote citizen participation

by Dave Healy

In April, the St. Anthony Park Community Council will hold its annual election for seats on the board of directors. St. Anthony Park is one of 17 districts in St. Paul, each of which is represented by an elected board.

District or community councils are independent 501c-3 nonprofit corporations. They receive money from the city to fund a variety of community activities.

A community council is free to create its own structure. Councils spend most of their money on full- and/or part-time staff. The District 12 office is located in the South St. Anthony Recreation Center.

Two staff serve the district council: Amy Sparks, full-time executive director, and Renee Lepreau, part-time community organizer. Also operating out of the office is the St. Paul Senior Chore Program, which serves St. Anthony Park and nine other neighborhoods. Carole Livingston is the part-time coordinator, and Harriet Mednick is the part-time community liaison.

Individual councils are free to raise additional money beyond what they receive from the city. District 12, for example, carries out an annual fund drive to supplement what the city provides. This year's fund-raising project was a directory of

St. Anthony Park residents and businesses. In addition, the council funds special projects with grant money from a variety of sources.

District 12's annual budget is about \$80,000, which goes to maintain the office and fund crime prevention efforts and citizen participation. The Chore Service Program, which matches youth and adult workers with seniors and disabled residents to enable them to live independently in their homes, has a budget of \$35,000.

The District 12 board consists of 15 delegates and 6 alternates — 5 delegates and 2 alternates each from three constituent groups: south St. Anthony Park, north St. Anthony Park and St. Anthony Park businesses.

Any St. Anthony Park resident can run for membership, and voting is open to all neighborhood residents. Neighborhood delegates serve two-year terms; alternates and business delegates serve one-year terms. Alternates can attend all meetings but only vote when they are filling in for a delegate.

Besides attending monthly full council meetings, board members are also expected to serve on at least one of three committees: land use, environment and community connections. These committees meet monthly and forward

recommendations to the full council. All meetings — committee and full council — are open to the public.

According to Executive Director Amy Sparks, the heart of a council's mission is citizen participation.

"A community council promotes active citizen involvement in local issues, ensures the neighborhood has an effective voice in government decisions and helps connect people in our community," she said.

There are other ways to have an influence in government decisions, of course. For example, besides being divided into districts, St. Paul also consists of seven wards, each of which is represented by a city council member. So a St. Anthony Park resident with a neighborhood concern could contact Russ Stark, who represents Ward 4, the area that includes St. Anthony Park.

What community councils provide, said Sparks, is an opportunity for collective action. By discussing issues at the neighborhood level, citizens have an opportunity to solve some problems without ever involving the city. Other matters that do require city involvement can be discussed first at the community level, and if consensus is achieved, that collective will is likely to be

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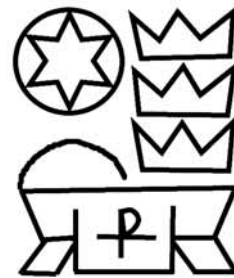
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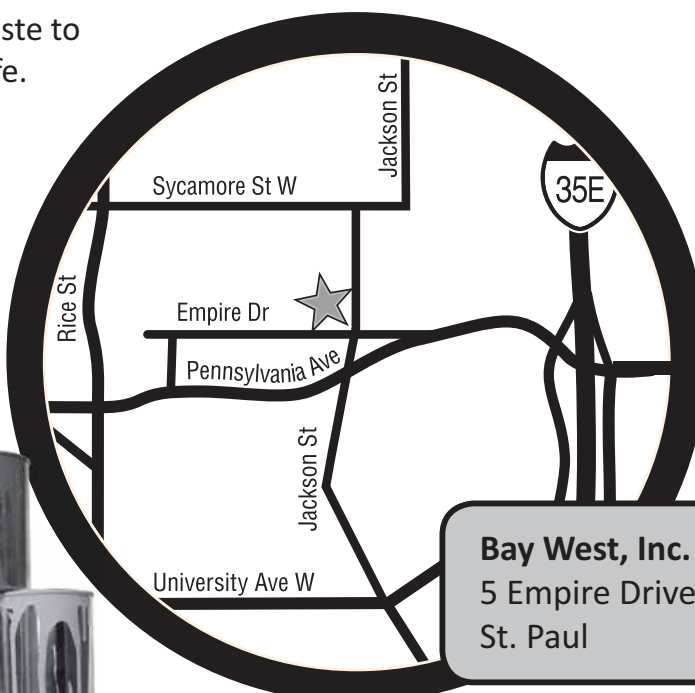
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In addition to valorizing the teaching of reading, we should also reward those who write for children. Here we have a better record. Each year, the American Library Association bestows awards for the most distinguished contributions to children's literature. One of these, the Newbery Medal, is named for John Newbery, whose "Little Pretty Pocket Book" (1744) was one of the first significant publications for children.

L E T T E R S

Como Pool's future

Plans are afoot to build a water theme park as a replacement to the now-vacant Como Pool, bringing thousands more visitors to Como Park, along with their cars.

The city appears intent on expanding and extending activities in the park, like allowing parties and events in the evening hours.

A proposal for a two-block long "Lazy River" (not exactly a way to promote physical fitness) seems to be popular with city park officials. Little wonder, since the process is guided by those who build water parks for a living.

A proposal to consider a chemically free "natural pool" was nixed by Parks and Rec on Feb. 9. (Exploration of this idea is still

possible if outside supporters can fund or move it forward.) A natural pool would surely have been more compatible with green conservation goals and was favored by neighborhood groups. Do neighborhood opinions count for anything?

I urge neighbors to attend a community forum to look at concept designs concerning the future of this piece of Como Park on Mar. 18 and 19. The forums are from 5–7 p.m. each night at the Como Visitor's Center. For more information, check out www.comoparkalliance.org under "Our Projects."

Judith Sims
St. Anthony Park

BNSF from 1

The continuous schedule, which the Community Council voted to approve, has the project ending by Aug. 7. The split schedule, which included breaks for the Larpeur bridge work and the State Fair, would have ended Oct. 30.

At the Feb. 12 meeting, Executive Director Amy Sparks reminded council members that either scenario would result in closing Raymond for the same number of days. The difference has to do with whether the work is scheduled during or around the Larpeur/280 project.

The two scheduling options concern the second and third phases of the BNSF project. The first phase involves pile driving, an operation the railroad originally planned to start in January. When it was determined that pile driving would require a noise variance, as well as having Xcel Energy bury some electrical lines, that phase was delayed. Railroad officials now say it will begin in mid-March.

Phase 1 will involve driving rods (piles) deep into the ground in two rows along 100 feet of track to support a new grade some three feet higher than the existing one. The noise is expected to be somewhere between annoying and disruptive for those who live and work near the bridge.

The railroad's noise variance, issued Feb. 4 by the St. Paul City Council, allows noise levels of 100 decibels within 100 feet of the track, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The variance also allows general construction equipment noise 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The variance extends through July 31.

Several dozen families live close enough to the tracks to cause concern about the noise, especially if children are exposed to it. Staying indoors may reduce noise enough so it's annoying but not dangerous, according to Kathy Webb, executive director of the Sight and Hearing Association, 1246 University Ave.

The Newbery Medal, along with the Caldecott Medal, for the year's most distinguished American picture book, date from 1922 and 1938, respectively. Since then, children's literature has grown from a minor part of the publishing world to a major player.

In 1920, about 500 juvenile titles were published, a figure that almost doubled by 1930. By 2004, there were some 21,000 juvenile titles in print.

Anyone who hasn't written a children's book might suffer from the misconception that the task is easy. To cite only one refutation of that assumption, consider that Dr. Seuss spent nine months working on "The Cat in the Hat."

Seuss (Theodore Geisel in disguise) is also a convenient illustration of the fact that children's literature can take on important social and political issues. Readers have seen in his work evidence of environmentalism ("The Lorax"), racial equality ("The Sneetches"), anti-authoritarianism ("Yertle the Turtle"), anti-materialism ("How the Grinch Stole Christmas") and anti-isolationism ("Horton Hears a Who!").

Yet the best children's literature, like the best literature of any stripe, is not preachy. Seuss himself said that "kids can see a moral coming a mile off."

The best children's literature engages adults as well as children. Grown-up readers willingly come back to "The Polar Express" and "Where the Wild Things Are" and "Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH" again and again.

Indeed, the claim that great literature holds up to repeated readings is tested every day by parents and caregivers of young children, whose thirst for repetition always threatens to drive the adults in their lives over the edge.

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Webb said a child needs hearing protection if exposed to 85 decibels or higher all day. "It's hard to tell until they start" whether the noise will pose a risk, she said.

She recommended buying a noise-level meter (available for about \$50), recording levels for the first few days of work and approaching the city for help if levels seem dangerous.

"My guess is it won't be as loud as you think it is," she said.

The railroad plans to build a pedestrian tunnel and keep it open most of the time Raymond is closed to traffic. The pedestrian tunnel would be accessible except for about 10 days, when pieces of bridge span are laid in place, railroad officials said.

Renee Lepreau, District 12 community organizer, said vegetation along the tracks will be cleared, and the Community Council has asked BNSF about replanting it with native species.

Community Council staff

spent much of February trying to notify everyone who might have a stake in the bridge work that a schedule change had been offered and give them a chance to weigh in, Lepreau said. That included conversations with the Tibetan Cultural Center at Energy Park and Raymond.

Overall, Lepreau said, the railroad bridge has been a major concern for the council in recent months, what with calling railroad and government officials, posting updates on the SAPark e-mail discussion group, publishing information in the council's newsletter and attending meetings.

"If there were no District Council, I think it would've been a lot of work for neighbors to respond to the railroad's plans," Lepreau said.

Sparks added that without the council's efforts, the neighborhood would have endured over four months of the Raymond closure instead of two. "This is a big improvement," she said.



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Lowest Home Price	\$142,000	\$205,000
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Average Home Price	\$325,779	\$379,957
Average Market Time	101 days	79 days

- The average sale price was 88.6% of the list price.
- The average sale price decreased by 14.3% this year.
- At the end of the year, there were 13 houses for sale that had been on the market an average of 168 days.
 - 6 homes failed to sell
- This information does not include duplexes, condominiums or townhouses.

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Let 'er Rip from 1

Ripp handles the mystery side with “The Game’s Afoot,” which he describes as “a conversation with Holmes and Watson” and an opportunity to “get to know Sherlock Holmes as a three-dimensional character — to see the humanity behind the bloodhound.” Author A. Conan Doyle, says Ripp, meant Holmes to be “more than a thinking machine.”

Ripp likely knows almost as much about Sherlock Holmes at this point as Conan Doyle did. He wrote, directed and produced “The Game’s Afoot” for his Vintage Players company. And he’s playing Holmes to Rose Johnson’s Dr. Watson in what he refers to as a piece of “gender-neutral” casting.

The history side of the evening’s entertainment is Philip Morton’s “Testimony; So Runs the World Away,” an account of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln from the perspective of Henry Rathbone, the man who happened to be sitting next to Lincoln in the presidential box at Ford’s Theatre.

And here’s one of those serendipitous connections that delights Ripp. Henry Rathbone was a distant relative of Basil Rathbone, the great Hollywood actor of the 1930s and 40s who played the “definitive” Sherlock Holmes, as far as Ripp is concerned.

“I base my interpretation on the Basil Rathbone incarnation — with a little Christopher Plummer,” he adds.

Another happy coincidence concerns the arrival of the Gremlin Theatre, an established Twin Cities dramatic company that relocated to its current site on the southern edge of St. Anthony Park about a year ago. When Gremlin isn’t using its space for its own productions, it rents the premises to groups like Ripp’s, which, among other benefits, allows him the unaccustomed luxury of being able to walk to his theatrical work.

Ripp admits to being a great fan of Sherlock Holmes, but why another portrait of what must be one of the best-known characters in the English language? What’s left to say about Sherlock Holmes?

Plenty, as it turns out. “This play is not a Sherlock Holmes mystery,” explains Ripp. “It’s an evening with Holmes and Watson, where they reflect on cases and how they met.”

Ripp believes the appeal of the Baker Street duo is undying. “It’s the whole package,” he says, “the Victorian/Edwardian trappings. You feel safe in the knowledge that Holmes is always one step ahead. Normal people feel they miss a lot, but characters like Holmes don’t miss a thing. That’s why Watson stays. You learn so much.”

And the audience will learn something, too, about the background of Holmes. Ripp says all the details of the evening come “from the canon. We didn’t make anything up.”

However, he introduces some nuggets of Holmes lore that belong to the realm of the experts. There’s the matter of Holmes’ mysterious brother Sherringford, for instance, and the exact proportions of the Giant Rat of Sumatra.

Ripp says his greatest difficulty in portraying Holmes is “keeping my weight down” to achieve the appropriately lean Sherlockian silhouette. It probably doesn’t help that he lives just around the corner from Jay’s Café, where his stepson is the chef. Perhaps because of that connection, the café will pay a small role in Ripp’s upcoming production.

“There will be coupons in the theater programs for a free glass of wine at Jay’s,” says Ripp. “You get bargains with your entertainment.”

Entertainment has been high on the agenda for Larry Ripp. He started out as a radio announcer in his native Wisconsin, where he found

himself writing a lot of the on-air advertisements.

“My forte was dialog commercials,” he says. “They were like little plays.”

The “little plays” began to grow — off-mike — and pretty soon they became the real thing, eventually leading to Ripp starting his own comedy group. Soon after, he became an actor, and in 1979 he moved to the Twin Cities to work in other people’s productions and develop some of his. He has two companies now, although the players overlap.

“There’s a core group of about nine,” he says. “We’ve been together for six years.” The Vintage Players handle the “serious” pieces like “The Game’s Afoot.” For comedy, there’s Mindless Mirth Productions, which is currently working on a piece for this summer’s Minnesota Fringe Festival.

When Ripp isn’t immersed in his theatrical life, he’s likely to be found working his “second-shift” job at the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota. Like the Gremlin Theatre, it’s also within walking distance of his St. Anthony Park home, where he’s lived since 1990.

Ripp enjoys playing with his new grandson, but his favorite part of life right now, he says, is when he makes “solitary recumbent bike rides on overnight 100-mile trips.” Maybe that’s when he thinks up further adventures of Sherlock Holmes.

“I hope my Sherlock Holmes is someone you’ll want to see more of,” he says, “because there may be more to come.”

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Arts Events

Music in the Park Series will present the **Chiara String Quartet** in concert at 4 p.m., Mar. 22, at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ. The quartet will play works by Bartok and Korngold, as well as "Icefield Sonnets," composed by Canadian Pierre Jalbert and based on poems by Anthony Hawley.

On Mar. 20, the Chiara will perform a **Family Concert**, "Mole Music," at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. Performances are at 6:15 and 7:30 p.m.

For ticket information regarding either concert, call 645-5699 or visit www.musicintheparkseries.org.

The Gremlin Theatre presents **Hedda Gabler** Mar. 13-29. Friday and Saturday performances are 8 p.m., Sundays at 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the door or by calling 228-7008. Under-30 patrons pay half their age. A pay-what-you-can-performance will be held Mar. 23 at 8 pm. For more information, visit www.gremlin-theatre.org.

The **Undercroft Gallery** will host "Reuse, Reframe, Redefine," an exhibition of art made with recycled materials, March 29-May 15.

Artworks should be dropped off at the gallery, located in St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave., on Mar 26, 3-5 p.m. For more information, call 645-3058 or contact Donna Berry at dberry88@comcast.net.

Volunteers

The **Gibbs Museum** is seeking volunteers in the following areas: seamstress, host/interpreter, animal care, gardening, special events support, summer schoolhouse teachers. For more information, contact Terry at 646-8621 or terry@rchs.com.

Churches

The Church of St. Cecilia will host its annual **roast turkey dinner** on Sunday, Mar. 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the church basement. There will be a raffle and silent auction. Tickets are \$8 for the dinner; children 8 and under eat free. For more information, contact Paula Almer at 644-4502.

St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ is seeking young people ages 14-20 to participate in **Venture Crew**, a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women. Crews focus on special interests and high adventure.

Meetings are bi-monthly.

The first meeting will be Mar. 9 at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Mark Hansen at hanse034@maroon.tc.umn.edu or 644-2561.

Gardening

The St. Anthony Park Garden Club will host "The Latest Hosta Information and Cultivators," presented by Tom Carlson, owner of HostasDirect, Inc. The session will be at 7:15 p.m., Mar. 3, at the St. Anthony Park Library.

Businesses

Carter Avenue Frame Shop, 2186 Como Ave., has been awarded the 2008 Angie's List Super Service Award, the third consecutive year the store has received the honor.

The Super Service Award is given to companies that have achieved and maintained a superior service rating on Angie's List throughout the year. Fewer than 5 percent of the companies on Angie's List meet the requirements to be considered for the award.

TIES, located at Snelling and Larpenteur, recently received a Tekne award in the Technology Services-Small and Growing Company category. Their Web-based FeePay system enables parent of students to pay for school-related items.

Perfect Little Spa and Salon, 2301 Como Ave., will join with Bliss Yoga and Suka-Rama to present a special introduction to yoga on Mar. 8.

Sessions will be held at 2 and 2:45 p.m. For more information, call 645-7655.

Como Zoo and Conservatory

The zoo will host a **Polar Bear Photo Exhibition** by Daniel Cox on Mar. 7 at 10:30 a.m. and noon. Visitors can meet the photographer, hear his tales and watch a slide show of his work. Cox will also sign copies of his latest book.

The conservatory will host **Spring Fling Weekend** Mar. 21-22. The opening of the Spring Flower Show in the Sunken Garden will include gardener talks, story time and crafts.

The Spring Flower Show will showcase tulips, hydrangeas, peonies, daffodils and lilies at the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory Mar. 21-Apr. 26.

For more information about zoo or conservatory events, visit www.comozooconservatory.org.

Fundraiser

The running club at St. Anthony Park Elementary School will participate in the launch of a new

citywide race, **Mema's Run**, on May 2.

The club, which last year involved 160 students, is an after-school program that began in 1986. Students train for three weeks to participate in a citywide race.

Mema's Run, the successor to the Melpomene 5K Walk/Run, is seeking sponsors. Contact Judy Lutter at judymlutter@yahoo.com.

Food Drive

Embodied Health, LLC, a south St. Anthony Park wellness business, will hold its third annual food drive Mar. 1-31. Nonperishable food donations will be accepted at 2500 University Ave. W, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. M-F and 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Sat. They can be left in the designated box outside studio F5.

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The Caldecott is awarded to the year's most distinguished American picture book for children. "The House in the Night" was illustrated by Beth Krommes, a New Hampshire resident.

Swanson, who lives in St. Anthony Park, met Krommes only recently, even though they were both graduate students at the University of Massachusetts Amherst in the 1980s.

"It's not unusual if the author and illustrator of a children's picture book never

meet," says Swanson. "The match is made by an editor or publisher, and most of the communication goes through the editor."

For "A House in the Dark," Swanson adapted a literary form that might be called "cumulative." She was inspired by a nursery rhyme that begins, "This is the key of the kingdom: / In that kingdom is a city, / In that city is a town, / In that town is a street."

Swanson was a poet before she was a children's book writer, and she said she brings "a poet's approach to the picture book."

As a Caldecott winner, "The House in the Night" becomes part of a distinguished literary lineage that includes "Make Way for Ducklings," "Where the Wild Things Are" and "The Polar Express."

"So many of the Caldecott books have meant a great deal to many people," said Swanson. "To be part of that is very meaningful and humbling."

Hans Weyandt, co-owner of Micawber's Bookstore in St. Anthony Park, said that as a Caldecott winner, Krommes and Swanson's book will "get into just about every bookstore there is." He added, "There are so many awards out there now, but the Caldecott and the Newbery are still the gold standard for children's literature."

Rose Ann Foreman, director of the St. Anthony Park Library, said she has used "A House in the Dark" for her weekly story time at the library.

"The children really paid attention," she said. "People will be asking for this book for many years."


Alice Neve is an area librarian for the St. Paul Public Library and a St. Anthony Park resident. She served on the committee that decided the 1999 Caldecott Medal.

"We looked at about 1,000 books that year," she said.

Neve said that the Caldecott dramatically changes the lives of the author and illustrator.

Susan Marie Swanson would agree. "This is the same book now as it was last spring when it was published," she said. "But now everything is different."

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The Birdman of Lauderdale

by Clay Christensen

I went looking for golden eagles with two women and a dog one snowy Saturday in January along the Mississippi River. The women were my birding buddy, Val, and our mutual friend, Kim. The dog was Finnegan, or Finn for short. Finn came with Kim.

Finn turned out to be a very good wild turkey alarm. The first flock we found was crossing the road ahead of us, some dropping out of the trees. There must have been 30 of them. Finn really wanted to chase them and barked like crazy to let them know that he would be hot on their trail if he could just get out of the car.

We didn't see any golden eagles that day, but it wasn't for lack of trying. We were participating in the annual golden eagle survey sponsored by the National Eagle Center in Wabasha, Minnesota. More than 100 observers were out surveying specific territories in southeastern Minnesota and western Wisconsin. We found out later that volunteers spotted 70 golden eagles.

Being the national symbol, bald eagles get all the attention, but golden eagles are just as impressive. They're about the same size, but whereas a bald eagle's head and neck extend beyond the body more than half the length of its tail when seen in flight, the golden eagle's head and neck extend less than half the tail length.

Golden eagles have a uniformly dark brown body and wings. Young birds may have white patches on the underside of the wings, near the ends, and may have a white band at the base of the tail. Both mature and juveniles have a golden sheen to the head and nape of the neck.

Golden eagles breed from the Rockies west and north to northern Alaska and in the far north of eastern Canada. They're short to mid-range fall migrants. Most of the western birds come south along the Rockies. Some roam as far as the mid-Dakotas.

The eastern golden eagles winter locally, but Minnesota and Wisconsin haven't been high on the list of known wintering sites, hence, one of the reasons for the survey.

Our territory was Pierce County, Wisconsin, right across the Mississippi River from Red Wing, Minnesota. This was an

area that hadn't been surveyed before, so we used topographic maps to try to find likely golden eagle winter habitat.

We cruised over 100 miles of back roads and valleys. Many of the streams in the county that feed into the Mississippi have formed coulees, steep-sided valleys with loose rocks at the base of the slopes.



Photo by Ron Green

Golden eagles don't fish like bald eagles do; they prefer terrestrial prey. They hunt on the south- and west-facing slopes of coulees, on what are called "goat prairies." These areas have thin soil over the bedrock, supporting grasses and small shrubs but very few trees.

And it's the prey drawn to these goat prairies that attract wintering golden eagles.

At a training session at the Eagle Center a week before the survey, Scott Mehus, education program specialist, quizzed us on the main food sources for the golden eagle.

We readily, and correctly, guessed rabbits and squirrels. But we were stumped on the next

most frequent prey species, until someone meekly offered wild turkey.

"What?" asked Scott in surprise. "You think a golden eagle weighing 8-10 pounds could take down a turkey that might weigh as much as 15 pounds? Are you kidding me? Well, you happen to be absolutely right!"

Scott said that when he sees a flock of turkeys, he can tell if a golden eagle is in the area by how the turkeys act. If they're hanging close to the woods or running for cover, look up for a golden eagle. If they're just foraging in the middle of a clearing, you can be pretty sure there's no golden eagle around.

And turkeys seem to know the difference between a golden and a bald eagle. The latter won't bother them and they ignore it if one flies over.

Golden eagles often perch in the trees on the northern or eastern side of a bluff. This allows them to use the terrain as a screen to conceal their approach as they swing up over the crest right above the goat prairie on the sunny side of the hill. It's a sneak attack.

You can learn more about eagles and see several bald eagles and a golden eagle named Donald at the National Eagle Center in Wabasha. In March, they'll celebrate their Soar with the Eagles Festival for the entire month. Weekends will feature special exhibitors, including 21 species of raptors on the weekend of March 21. It's a very family-friendly place. Complete details are at www.nationaleaglecenter.org.

And when you find yourself in southeastern Minnesota in winter, look for turkeys on the side of a bluff, on a goat prairie. If you see them begin to run for the woods, there may be a golden eagle overhead. Or maybe Finn has finally gotten loose from Kim.

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more persuasive to city officials than would the opinions of individual, unconnected neighborhood residents and business owners.

Sparks cited a recent example in north St. Anthony Park as illustrative of how the community can band together to improve the neighborhood. Concerned about the safety of a crosswalk on Raymond Avenue just south of Como, several neighbors initiated a discussion of the issue on

SAPark, an e-mail discussion group. Connections were made with then-Council Member Benenav, resulting in a pedestrian island to make the crosswalk safer.

The crosswalk reconstruction was the first phase of a larger traffic-calming project on Raymond Avenue, for which the Community Council helped secure city and federal funding.

Other recent council efforts include a series of "backyard talks" on environmental issues

and a Green on the Screen film series, an "adopt a tree" program in College Park, and Good Neighbor Agreements with local businesses Rock-Tenn and Globe Tool.

Ongoing work includes supporting block clubs, distributing recycling bins, organizing an annual neighborhood cleanup and Kasota Pond cleanup, and educating the community about crime prevention strategies.

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School News

by A. E. Young

Murray Junior High

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http://murray.spps.org

Murray will perform the musical **“Little Shop of Horrors”** Mar. 13–15 in the school auditorium. The Friday and Saturday performances are at 7 p.m., and the Sunday performance is at 2 p.m. About 40 Murray students are in the production.

The **boys’ basketball** season is underway. Murray’s team was 2–0 by mid-February. The **girls’ basketball team** (11–2) placed second this year.

The Murray **Site Council** meets Mar. 2 at 4 p.m. Spring break begins Mar. 30 and school resumes Apr. 6.

The following students placed in the top three in their respective categories at Murray’s January school **Science Fair**. They will compete in the regional Science Fair:

Animal Science: Maddie Kolias, Mei Mei Roen, and Kyle Kobett; Behavioral and Social Science: Kara Forde, Evan Wall, and Charlie Nelson; Cellular and Molecular Biology: Evan Berger; Chemistry: Ari Conroy, Tom Stinar, and Kristina Abbas; Computer and Math Science: Gabriella Moore and Noah Ellis; Earth Science: Alyssa Kolb, Travis Johnson, and Desmond Stewart; Energy and Transportation: Elena Anderson, Katja Lange, and Jack Aughey; Engineering: Madeline O’Meara, Zachary Lee, and Ernest Mantell; Environmental Science: Ian Olesak, Harry Broderick, and Elizabeth Farley; Medicine and Health: Alison Wortz, Willa Murphy, and Lucy Moroukian; Microbiology: Margaret Stover, Maddy Lerner, and Paul Yuska; Physics: Brooke Rogers, Hildie Hoeschen, and Sey Lee; Plant Sciences: Fiona Reid, Emily Cornish, and Anastasia Macey; Product Comparison: Olivia Swartz, Karl Zinkl, and Bjorn Trail-Johnson.

Chelsea Heights Elementary

1557 Huron St., 293-8790
http://chelsea.spps.org

The school needs people willing to **read one-on-one** with three children one day a week. Volunteers can share the responsibility. Currently the school has one husband-wife combination and one mother-daughter combination who share a commitment from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. one day each week. If you think you can help, call Mr. Giese at 293-8790.

February is **I Love to Read Month**. This year Chelsea’s PTO sponsored several activities to help

students find new and fun ways to appreciate reading: guest readers, such as TC, the Minnesota Twins Mascot; “Breakfast with a Book” at the St. Paul Bagelry and Deli; and “Bingo for Bucks,” where students completed activities on a bingo card to raise funds for the PTO and earned a chance to win prizes.

Learning disability teachers Susan Homburger and Melanie Hjelm have completed training in the **Winsor Sondag** reading program. This St. Paul Public Schools-sponsored training is based on Orton-Gillingham reading principles, a phonetic approach to reading. Training enables teachers to integrate Orton-Gillingham strategies into existing curricula and use a multi-sensory approach to teach reading through phonics.

Parent-teacher conferences will be held Tuesday, Mar. 10, and Thursday, Mar. 19, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.; and Friday, Mar. 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

St. Anthony Park Elementary

2180 Knapp St., 293-8735
www.stanthony.spps.org

The question that has everyone on the edge of their seat this month is: Will the students beat last year’s reading achievement of 311,545 minutes in two weeks during the annual **Read-a-Thon** fundraiser?

Principal Ann Johnson is sitting on the edge of the dunk tank seat waiting to find out if she will take the plunge for student success. The goal of the fun fundraiser is to promote the pleasure of reading while raising money for school enrichment programs.

Also this month, the school will be filled with young scientists roaming the halls in white lab coats as they participate in the annual **Science Fair** on Mar. 23 from 2:15 to 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Volunteer evaluators give students individual feedback on their presentations.

Fifth graders are preparing for a visit to **Camp St. Croix** in Hudson, Wisconsin, Mar. 25–27. The purposes for the trip are to build community, become aware of humans’ impact on the environment and experience the natural setting of the St. Croix River.

During February, the school conducted tours and open houses for prospective families. A reminder that the **deadline** for applications to attend St. Anthony Park Elementary or another St. Paul public

elementary school is Mar. 6, and kindergarten registration will be May 14. Contact the school office with any questions.

Destination ImagiNation is a competitive problem-solving activity that meets after school. Eleven teams have been practicing since last fall and will compete in the regional tournament on Mar. 7.

There will be no school on Mon., Mar. 9, as teachers prepare for **conferences** that will take place on Thurs., Mar. 19 in the evening and Fri., Mar. 20 during the day and evening. Mar. 20 is also a day off for students.

Como Park Senior High

740 Rose Ave., 293-8800
http://comosr.spps.org

For the first time, Como sent two skiers to the **state meet** at Giants Ridge in Biwabik, Minnesota. Senior Emma Lee placed fifth in the girl’s section meet, and senior Luke Rustad placed tenth in the boy’s section meet.

During the regular season, the boys’ ski team placed seventh of 12 teams and the girls’ team placed third.

On Feb. 9, **AVID** students and their teachers hosted a dinner at school for their families. Teachers Robyn Asher and Rosemary Hofer, Principal Dan Mesick, and AVID District Coordinator Dr. Darlene Frye congratulated the students on their hard work during the year and provided awards.

Sophomores Dominique Moss and Genesis Andrade, along with junior Jeremiah Brown, shared their thoughts about AVID.

Como’s Concert Choir will present **“Once Upon A Mattress”** Mar. 12 and 13 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors, and are available at the door.

Donna di Cantare (Women of Song) will present a **musical review** with music from “Mulan,” “White Christmas,” “High School Musical,” “Cinderella” and more. The performance is Mar. 26 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Some of Ms. Kahn’s AP Biology students took the challenging **Brain Bee** qualifying round last week. Five students placed in the top 30 in the state for the second year in a row and will go on to the semifinal rounds at the University of Minnesota. Congratulations to Jane Schumacher, Rachel Lee, Lucas Dauner, Kyle Erickson and Qiaodan Jin Stone. Jane, Como’s

top scorer, was eighth in the state.

The **Environmental Club** organized their second annual National Teach-In using in-house expertise. Several students gave short presentations with audience discussion following.

Sarah Davy talked about her trip to Churchill with Polar Bears International. Luke Dauner shared perspectives about ecopolitics. Leif Vandersteen talked about conservation, drawing on his love of the wilderness. Roz Anderson discussed alternative energy.

A panel of teachers — Brian McCarthy, Peter Grebner and Josh Leonard — discussed genetic engineering. Dan Worku and Hannah Nauen introduced the topics and moderated the panel discussion.

That same evening, several club members attended an **Eco Prom** at the Bell Museum, where they listened to the national Focus-the-Nation presentation “Solutions in the First 100 days.” The event was initiated and planned by the Environmental Club.



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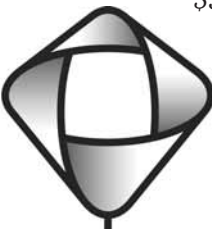
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1 SUNDAY

- Expressions of Stability and Change: Ethnic Dress and Folk Costume. Through June 14. GMD.
- Minnesota Guitar Society event, 2 p.m. CG.
- Open mic, 6 p.m. CG.
- Gentle/Forceful, works by Lyz Preus-Wendland and Matthew Olson. Through April 2. LAG.
- Roast turkey dinner, raffle and silent auction, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Church of St. Cecilia.

2 MONDAY

- AA, 8 p.m. SAPLC. Every Monday.
- Boy Scouts, 7 p.m. SAPUCC. Every Monday.
- Como Park recycling. Every Monday.
- Lauderdale recycling.
- Chair Exercise Class, 12:30-1:30 p.m. SHR. Every Monday and Thursday. Free to seniors.

3 TUESDAY

- Free Internet, word processing and Excel instruction, 7-8:30 p.m. SAPBL. Every Tuesday.
- Tot Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), 10 a.m.-noon. LRC. Every Tuesday.
- Chair Exercise Class, 3:15-4:15 p.m. SAPBL. Every Tuesday and Friday. Free to seniors.
- Saint Anthony Park Garden Club, 7:15 p.m. SAPBL.

4 WEDNESDAY

- English conversation classes, 4-5:30 p.m. SAPBL. Every Wednesday.
- Leisure Center for Seniors, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. SAPUMC. Every Wednesday. Lunch reservations by Monday, call 646-4859. Free blood pressure clinic by St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 11 a.m.
- Chair Exercise Class, 10:30-11:30 a.m. SAPUMC. Every Wednesday. Free to seniors.
- St. Anthony Park recycling. Every Wednesday.
- Open Stage, 7 p.m. GC.
- Lonnie Knight's "When Worlds Collide" podcast, 7 p.m. CG.

5 THURSDAY

- Tot Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), 10 a.m.-noon. LRC. Every Thursday.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Land Use Committee, 7 p.m. SAPCC.
- PJ Storytelling, 6 p.m. CG.

6 FRIDAY

- Senior Citizen Fun Group (gym, bowling and darts), 9:30-11:30 a.m. SSAPRC. Every Friday.
- Preschool story time with puppet show, 10:30 a.m. SAPBL. Every Friday.
- Falcon Heights recycling.
- Sarah Pray and Sticky, 8 p.m. CG.
- Nancy O'Brien of Evergreen Health Advocates discusses senior care, 10 a.m. FHUCC.

7 SATURDAY

- 23rd Annual St. Anthony Park Progressive Dinner.
- The "New Romantics," guitar/piano duo, 8 p.m. CG.
- Polar Bear Photo Exhibit, 10:30 a.m. and noon. Como Park Zoo.

8 SUNDAY

- Grade school art show, 12 p.m. Through April 19. CG.
- Irish Family jam session, 3 p.m. CG.

9 MONDAY

- Park Press, Inc., Park Bugle Board meeting, 7 a.m. SAPBL, 646-5369.
- St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program Board meeting, 7 p.m. SAPUMC.
- Cribbage and 500, the Falconers, 1 p.m. FHCH.
- Informational meeting for Venture Crew, 7:30 p.m. SAPUCC.

10 TUESDAY

- Lauderdale City Council, 7:30 p.m. LCH.
- Murray school play "Little Shop of Horrors" fundraiser, St. Paul Bagelry (1702 Lexington Ave.).

11 WEDNESDAY

- Falcon Heights City Council, 7 p.m. FHCH.
- Bluegrass and Oldtime Jam Session, 7 p.m. GC.

12 THURSDAY

- Full Council Meeting, St. Anthony Park Community Council, 7 p.m. SAPCC.
- "The Re-invention of Scandinavian Folk Dress in the Nineteenth Century," by Laurann Gilbertson. 6 p.m., reception following. GMD (274 McNeal).
- Como High Concert Choir concert: "Once Upon a Mattress," 7 p.m. CPSHS.

13 FRIDAY

- Murray school play: "Little Shop of Horrors," 7 p.m. MJHS.
- Goldstein Quartet, 8 p.m. CG.
- Como High Concert Choir concert: "Once Upon a Mattress," 7 p.m. CPSHS.
- Hedda Gabler opens, 8 p.m. GT.



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14 SATURDAY

- Murray school play: "Little Shop of Horrors," 7 p.m. MJHS.
- Inish Mohr, 7 p.m. CG.
- Grand Ol' Irish Tea, 11 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. LETR.

15 SUNDAY

- Murray school play: "Little Shop of Horrors," 2 p.m. MJHS.

16 MONDAY

- Lauderdale recycling.

17 TUESDAY

- District 10 board meeting, 7 p.m. CPCC.
- Book discussion: "The Soloist," by Steve Lopez, 7 p.m. FHUCC.

18 WEDNESDAY

- St. Anthony Park Community Council Community Connections Committee, 7 p.m. SAPCC.
- St. Anthony Park Booster Club, 7 p.m. LRC.
- Open Stage, 7 p.m. GC.
- Como Pool Design Workshop and Public Open House, 5-7 p.m. Como Park Zoo & Conservatory Visitor's Center.

19 THURSDAY

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20 FRIDAY

- Falcon Heights recycling.
- Kevin Duvio Snowmelter, 8 p.m. CG.
- Family Concert, Chiara String Quarter, 6:15, 7:30 p.m. SMEC.

21 SATURDAY

- Patti Ryan with Pokeweed Pigdawg, 8 p.m. CG.

22 SUNDAY

- Sunday Afternoon Book Group, 2:30 p.m. MB.
- Chiara String Quartet, 4 p.m. MPS.

23 MONDAY

- Cribbage and 500, the Falconers, 1 p.m. FHCH.

24 TUESDAY

- Lauderdale City Council, 7:30 p.m. LCH.

25 WEDNESDAY

- Falcon Heights City Council, 7 p.m. FHCH.
- Bluegrass and Oldtime Jam Session, 7 p.m. GC.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Environment Committee, 7 p.m. SAPCC.

26 THURSDAY

- Roots music showcase, 7 p.m. CG.
- Como High's Donna di Cantare (Women of Song) musical review, 7 p.m. CPSHS.

27 FRIDAY

- Sarah Morris, 8 p.m. CG.

28 SATURDAY

- Volksmarch event, 8 a.m. CG.
- BLT, 8 p.m. CG.

29 SUNDAY

- "Reduce, Refram, Redefine" opens. SMEC.

Items for the April Community Calendar should be submitted to calendar@parkbugle.org by Mar. 16.


CHES Chelsea Heights Elementary School, 1557 Huron St., 293-8790
CG Coffee Grounds, 1579 Hamline Ave., 644-9959, 373-2600
CPCC Como Park Community Council, 1224 N. Lexington, 644-3889
CPES Como Park Elementary School, 780 Wheelock Pkwy., 293-8735
CPHS Como Park High School, 740 W. Rose Ave., 293-8800
CPLC Como Park Lutheran Church, 1376 Hoyt Ave., 646-7127
FHCH Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 Larpeur Ave., 644-5050
FHES Falcon Heights Elementary School, 1393 Garden Ave., 646-0021
FHUCC Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, 1795 Holton St., 646-2681
GC Ginkgo Coffeehouse, 721 N. Snelling Ave., 645-2647
GM Gibbs Museum, Larpeur and Cleveland, 646-8629
GMD Goldstein Museum of Design, 240 McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Ave., St. Paul Campus, 612-624-7434
GT Gremlin Theatre, 2400 University Ave., 228-7008
HC Holy Childhood Church/School, 1435 Midway Pkwy., 644-2791
LAG Larson Art Gallery, U of M Student Center, 612-625-0214
LCH Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 631-0300
LETR Lady Elegant's Tea Room, 2230 Carter Ave., 645-6676
LRC Langford Rec Center, 30 Langford Park, 298-5765
MB Micawber's Bookstore, 2238 Carter Ave., 646-5506
MJHS Murray Junior High School, 2200 Buford Ave., 293-8740
MPS Music in the Park Series, St. Anthony Park UCC, 645-5699
OCC Olson Campus Center, Luther Seminary, Fulham & Hendon
PLC Peace Lutheran Church, 1744 Walnut St., 644-5440
RAAG Raymond Avenue Art Gallery, 761 Raymond Ave., 644-9200
SAPBL St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2245 Como Ave., 642-0411
SAPCC St. Anthony Park Community Council, 890 Cromwell Ave., 649-5992
SAPES St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 2180 Knapp St., 293-8735
SAPLC St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave., 645-0371
SAPUCC St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., 646-7173
SAPUMC St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave., 603-8946
SHR Seal Hi-Rise, 825 Seal St.
SMEC St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave., 645-3058
SSAPRC South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell Ave., 298-5770
TCM Textile Center of Minnesota, 3000 University Ave. SE, 612-436-0464

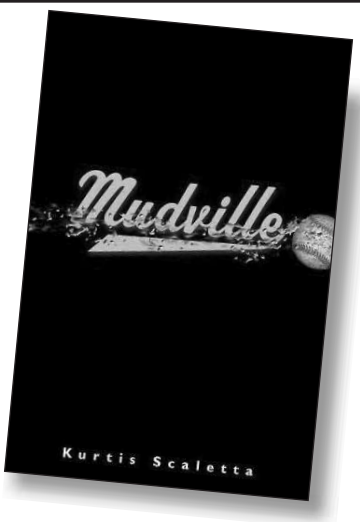
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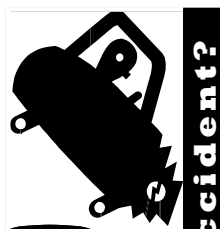
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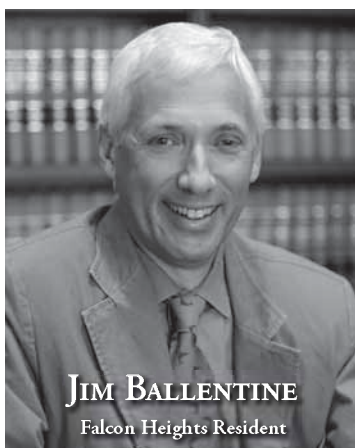


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Jonathan Bentley

Jonathan E. Bentley, age 63, of St. Anthony Park, died peacefully, surrounded by family, on Jan. 11, 2009. He was an active member of the St. Anthony Park Garden Club.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth (nee Kelly); sons, Richard and Anthony (Kristin); daughter, Sheri Mae (Michael) Peterson; four grandchildren; his mother, Edith; and brother, David.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 16, 2008, at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Roseville, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

Barbara Dyball

Barbara Ann Dyball, age 85, of St. Anthony Park, died suddenly on Feb. 6, 2009. Barb was devoted to her family, church and beloved dog, Betsy. She had enormous compassion for people and animals.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George. She is survived by her children, Rebecca Dyball (Hugh Brown), of San Jose, Calif., Brian (Cathy) Dyball, of Stacy, Minn. and Barbara (Fritz) Steimann, of Roseville, Minn; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Her memorial service was held Feb. 21, 2009, at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ. Her cremains are interred in Estherville, Iowa.

Bette Jane Klempka

Bette Jane Klempka, age 85, of Lauderdale, died Jan. 22, 2009. She was born in Annandale, Minn.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Edward; son, Gary (Judy) Stelton; three grandchildren; five great-

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Her funeral was held Jan. 28, 2009, at Sunset Chapel in Minneapolis, with interment at Sunset Cemetery.

Judson Harmon

Judson A. Harmon, age 74, of Roseville, died Jan. 18, 2009, of ALS.

He attended Murray High School, Carleton College and the University of Minnesota. He is survived by two brothers, Gaius and James; his son-in-law, Robert Ledo; his daughter, Kathryn, and her mother, Lenore Harmon; and two grandsons.

A memorial service was held Jan. 31, 2009, at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, with private interment.

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

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Rides available for 10:45 a.m. worship- call the church office before noon on Friday.

Wednesday Lenten Worship and Soup Suppers: Worship at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for soup suppers every Wednesday during Lent, beginning Ash

Wednesday, February 25, from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., and worship at 7:00 p.m. (continuing

March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1). Proceeds help youth pay for summer mission trip and

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Sunday, March 1: New Member Class at 9:35 - 10:30am

Would you or someone you know, like to join the church? You're invited to attend (one

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Sunday, March 8: Service of Prayers for Healing, 9:40 - 10:10am

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10:30a.m. Holy Eucharist (Contemporary language)

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March 5 7:00p.m. Taizé Candlelight Prayer (chants, readings & silence)

March 1, 8 & 15 6:00p.m. "Desert Spirituality for 21st Century Christians"

With Dr. Lois Farag: Soup suppers at 5:15pm. Free.

March 7 9:00 a.m. Half-Day Retreat with Dr. Mary Ellen Ashcroft:

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