

Remembering the trolley

In the 1940s, the intercampus streetcar ran from Gibb's Mountain to the Minneapolis campus, and conductor Skipper Spencer knew all his passengers' names.

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The Birdman of Lauderdale

Every March, migrating lesser sandhill cranes stop at the Platte River in Nebraska to rest, refuel and get to know each other.

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Como Park High School senior Emma Lee received a 2009 St. Paul Area Athena Award. She was honored for her athletic and academic achievements.

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Como Pool plan on way to City Hall

by Anne Holzman

A task force appointed by the city of St. Paul was close to an agreement in April on a design for replacing and upgrading Como Pool. They are expected to submit their recommendations to Parks and Recreation staff in May.

The pool will be on a list of capital improvement budget (CIB) proposals to be considered at a public hearing of the city's CIB committee on May 26. Information and updates about the hearing will be posted at www.stpaul.gov/cib.

Demolition of the old pool is already under way. Parks spokesman Brad Meyer said his department hopes to secure CIB funding as part of the 2010 budget and open the new facility in 2011.

Sketches for the pool design as of mid-April showed a traditional pool with lap swim lanes and diving well, a children's pool with zero-depth entry on one side and small slides on the other, and a "lazy river" feature that would involve running water and floaters to ride on. The new changing areas would include family locker rooms.

The plan assumes a rerouting of Jessamine Avenue, making room for parking near the pool on the south side. A concession stand on that side would also serve the recently upgraded soccer and

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What is believed to be the world's largest K'nex ferris wheel was built by St. Anthony Park resident Austin Granger, a senior at Central High School. The 12 ft. diameter wheel, powered by a variable-speed electric motor, revolves at 1 rpm. The wheel contains over 6,000 pieces, and the entire structure has between 10,000 and 12,000 pieces. Granger built the ferris wheel in 16 days, "with a little help from my friends." He will enter the mechanical engineering program at the U of M's Institute of Technology in the fall.

Intersecting visions for Lexington-Larpenteur

by Dave Healy

What should the Lexington-Larpenteur intersection look like?

Formal discussion of that question, which has been under way for over a year, continued with two recent public meetings at Como Park's Historic Streetcar

Museum. But whether an answer is any closer remains uncertain.

Neighborhood concern about the intersection surfaced in 2007 when MGM Wine & Spirits, which occupies the southwest corner, removed a fence separating its retail store and corporate head-

quarters from the adjacent alley that runs behind California Avenue. The city sought an injunction requiring MGM to reinstall the fence. A Ramsey County district judge ruled against the city, which appealed the decision. A judgment by the Minnesota Court of Appeals is expected this summer.

In early 2008, Ward 5 St. Paul City Council Member Lee Helgen asked the Saint Paul on the Mississippi Design Center (SPMDC) to coordinate a planning process for guiding redevelopment of the St. Paul side of the Lexington-Larpenteur intersection.

"I wanted to make sure there was a process that involved the neighborhood," said Helgen. "The District 10 land use plan, which was approved in 2006, addressed the Lexington-Larpenteur area. The plan prompted some discussions but without any specific definition."

In March of 2008, SPMDC convened meetings with community members, business owners and city staff. Their goal, according to Director Tim Griffin, was to create a "redevelopment vision" for the area.

SPMDC is part of the Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation, a private nonprofit that partners with the



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Como Park

The District 10 community-wide garage sale will be held 9 a.m.–4 p.m. May 16. Registered sales will be included on a map. The District 10 Community Council will have its own garage sale/open house at the Streetcar Station, 1224 Lexington Parkway, on the same date and would appreciate donations from those who will not have their own sales. Proceeds will benefit the nonprofit Community Council.

For information about how to list your own garage sale or donate items to the council's, call 644-3889 or e-mail district10@comopark.org.

Several seasonal attractions at Como Park Zoo and Conservatory open in May:

May 1: Japanese Garden, Cafesjian's Carousel
 May 2: Summer Flower Show, Como Town
 May 9 & 10: Bonsai Show
 May 24: Sparky the Sea Lion Show

Falcon Heights

Falcon Heights is seeking city residents to serve on the

following commissions: Planning, Parks and Recreation, Human Rights, and Neighborhood. Information and applications are available by calling City Hall, 792-7600, or by visiting www.falconheights.org.

The city will try allowing dogs in city parks between May 25 and Sept. 7. Dogs must be under control at all times and on a leash not exceeding six feet in length. Dog owners are responsible for cleaning up fecal material from their pets and disposing of it properly.

Leashed dogs are permitted in parks but not inside designated playground areas or park shelters. Signs will be posted at each park to notify the public of this temporary change. Guidelines will be posted at www.falconheights.org.

The Parks and Recreation Department is taking registrations for summer programs. View and register for programs at www.falconheights.org, or call 792-7616 and request an activity guide.

The University of Minnesota Horticulture Club will hold its

spring plant sale May 7–10 on Gortner Avenue between Larpenteur and Folwell avenues.

All plants are grown locally by the club. Hours will be Thursday and Friday 9 a.m.–7 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.–2 p.m. More information: hortclub@umn.edu.

Lauderdale

The city-wide garage sale will be May 16, starting at 8 a.m. A list of garage sale locations will be available from City Hall the week before the event. Residents can call City Hall (631-0300) by May 11 to be included.

The Fairlanes will play at Lauderdale Community Park for the annual Music Under the Trees event, 7:30–8:30 p.m., Monday, June 15. The park is located at Roselawn Avenue and Pleasant Street. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. All are welcome to attend this free event.

Puppet Wagon Shows will be provided by Roseville Parks and Recreation on Wednesdays at Lauderdale Community Park starting June 24.

St. Anthony Park

The St. Anthony Park Community Council elections resulted in the following roster of board members:

North St. Anthony Park: Gary Carlson, Greg Haley, Brian Longley, Roger Purdy, John Seppanen.

South St. Anthony Park: Ranae Hanson, Matt Hass, Jim Hunt, Joanne Makela, Paul Mix, Arnold Ramler, Gregg Richardson.

Business delegation: Ray Bryan, Linda Hodge, Paul Hanscom, Jackie Lunde, Ferdinand Peters.

There are two vacancies in the north St. Anthony Park delegation and two in the business delegation. Remaining vacancies can be filled by eligible participants selected by the members of their delegation and presented to the board of directors for approval. For more information about the St. Anthony Park Community Council, visit www.sapcc.org.

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Paths and progress in Falcon Heights

by Jean Larson

I run down the embankment from Cleveland Avenue, just south of Larpenet, and head for a thin strip of woods at the edge of the soccer field. Seventy years ago this place was not so different — or was it?

It seems as if the University protects everything around it, like a friendly giant slumped over a book, rustling with its industry and good purpose, its shoulders establishing these heights above the Mississippi valley.

But this silent path in the trees wasn't so quiet back then. This is where, in 1940 and 1941, my father, Curtis Larson, rode the intercampus trolley, a

streetcar line that edged what is now the north perimeter of University Grove. It couried students between the two campuses with Skipper Spencer as conductor.

"It was an institution," says my father, then an engineering student, and Spencer diligently memorized students' names each fall.

Dad lived near Dinkytown with a friend, both small town boys for whom Spencer made the city feel more familiar. The wooded route was "a pleasant variation from city streets and traffic," wrote my father in his memoir.

He couldn't have guessed that he would eye this same terrain — once called Gibb's Mountain — for most of his life. Neither did he suspect that he would teach at the St. Paul campus or live just a field away.

Though my father left Minnesota a few years later — out to sea to fight a war — this stretch of streetcar track would be the first leg of a journey that would loop back to Falcon Heights, a good place for a farm boy, where you can see a storm move in from the west over open fields.

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There's nothing like a swimming pool.

Oh, one could argue that outdoor pools are impractical in Minnesota, where the swimming season is shorter than a French-cut bikini. But those of us who live here know that it's precisely because our swimming days are so few that we have to make the most of our opportunities. And one of the best opportunities for city slickers is a pool.

A public pool is the perfect place for people watching. For one thing, you get to see more of a person there than in most other settings. Plus, there's usually a little bit of everything and everyone: teens, tweens, little kids, moms and dads, even a geezer or two.

The pool is also a venue for rites of passage: first time putting the head under, first time jumping in from the edge, first time off the slide or diving board, first stolen underwater kiss.

People go to a pool for many reasons: to exercise, to cool off, to see and be seen. A public pool is an intensely social place, and some people go there for the same reason they picnic in a park or camp in a campground: to be around others.

The social nature of pools has made them an interesting barometer of relations between the sexes and races. "In Contested Waters: A Social History of Swimming Pools in America," historian Jeff Wiltse notes that between the Civil War and WWI, pools were looked upon more as public baths than as places for recreation.

These pools were used by blacks, immigrants and native-born whites. But although public pools were racial melting pots, they were strictly segregated by sex. Men and women used them on separate days.

Following a pool construction boom in the 1920s, along with

more relaxed attitudes about relations between the sexes, the practice of men and women swimming at separate times began to disappear. However, says Wiltse, that prompted racial fears that black men would "mix" with white women, which led to pools being segregated.

In 1949, when black swimmers entered Fairgrounds Park Pool in St. Louis for the first time, they were assaulted by angry whites. Even after public pools were desegregated, says Wiltse, they were rarely integrated. Blacks and whites seldom swam in the same water.

"When black Americans gained equal access to municipal pools, white swimmers generally abandoned them for private pools," Wiltse writes. "By the 1970s and 1980s, tens of millions of mostly white middle-class Americans swam in their backyards or at suburban club pools, while mostly African and Latino Americans swam at inner-city municipal pools."

Besides being a focal point for racial tensions, swimming pools have dramatized class differences. In the early 20th century, a proposal to put a pool in New York City's Central Park prompted vigorous opposition from the city's elites. Commissioner Charles Stover worried that "it would attract all sorts of undesirable people."

Municipal swimming pools are past their prime. Their heyday was in the 1920s, 30s and 40s, when thousands of cities built pools. A 1933 survey found that as many Americans swam regularly as went to the movies regularly.

Fewer of us use public pools today. But on a hot summer day, the scent of chlorine can still be pure perfume, and one of the most irresistible invitations has just four words: "Let's take a dip."

L E T T E R S

Bugle mysteries explained

As editor of the Park Bugle, I'm stepping out from behind the curtain this month to write a letter from the editor.

My main purpose is to thank all of you who have contributed to our annual fund drive. It's very gratifying to know that the communities the Bugle serves are supportive of our efforts.

The Bugle is published by Park Press Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is guided by a board of directors. You can read their names in the lower-left corner of this page.

The nonprofit status of Park Press Inc. was recently reviewed and confirmed by the IRS, which means that contributions to the Bugle will continue to be tax-deductible. The IRS reaffirmed the Bugle's original educational mission, which has informed the

paper's efforts for 35 years.

Most of the Bugle's revenue comes from the sale of advertising. In addition to paid ads, an important part of our annual budget is gift income.

Accordingly, we mount a fund drive each fall. Everyone who has contributed to the Bugle in the past receives a letter and card, which can be returned with a check.

This year 477 individuals, couples and business responded to our invitation, contributing \$21,581. That represents about 12 percent of our budget for this fiscal year.

These are tough times for many businesses, including some newspapers. Nevertheless, we are confident about the Bugle's future and grateful for the opportunity to continue providing what we believe is an

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We'll launch another drive next fall, but before we close the books on this fiscal year at the end of June, we'd welcome any additional donations to help us stay in the black.

Thanks again for your support.

*Dave Healy
Editor, Park Bugle*

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Artwork by neighborhood children will be on display May–July 24 at the Undercroft Community Art Gallery at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave. Gallery hours are Monday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m., and Sunday, 8 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Work on the railroad bridge over Raymond Avenue was delayed again in April, this time because flooding in Fargo, N.D., necessitated emergency repairs.

In mid-April, Burlington Northern Santa Fe supervisor Jim Lanier said they planned to start pile-driving April 27 and finish that work by May 22. Raymond will be closed May 25–27, open

most of June and closed all of July (including weekends) and until Aug. 20, when the project will be done.

The St. Paul Urban Tennis Program, which was being considered as a possible partner with the city's Department of Parks and Recreation for the South St. Anthony Recreation Center, is no longer interested in the arrangement, according to Marc Miller, Urban Tennis executive director. Miller said problems siting a bubble over the tennis courts were an obstacle to the partnership.

Kathy Korum, manager of recreation services with Parks and Recreation, said several other

organizations have expressed interest in the site but no decisions have been made.

The St. Anthony Park Community Council will have a table at the Hampden Park Co-op grand opening and plant sale on May 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Neighbors are invited to find about what's going on in the neighborhood this summer.

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city to guide development in St. Paul. The Design Center, which has operated since 1997, has been involved with over 100 projects, many in the downtown area.

SPMDC created what it called the Lexington-Larpenteur node plan, but the plan sat on a shelf for almost a year. Then, in early 2009, Paster Enterprises, which owns part of the southwest corner of the intersection, bought a house adjacent to their property and floated their own plan to redevelop the corner. That reignited neighborhood apprehension and led to an Apr. 7 community meeting.

At that meeting, Griffin presented SPMDC's recommendations. He said his interpretation of their charge was to come up with a design for the intersection that would solidify it as a gateway to the city and to the Como Park neighborhood in particular.

The plan calls for an expanded crosswalk, 25-foot building setbacks, reconfigured parking and redevelopment of the intersection's southeast corner.

The part of the plan that drew the most comment at the Apr. 7 meeting was a large

building, possibly 2-4 stories, that would be in the area currently occupied by Flowerama, Ted's Bar and two single-family houses. Residents objected to the size of the proposed building and to the potential loss of residential housing on the site.

Griffin said the intersection is a challenging one to work with because Larpenteur constitutes the border between St. Paul and Roseville. He noted that the north side of Larpenteur is mostly fronted by parking lots and suggested that the St. Paul side should aspire to something more aesthetically pleasing. The node plan calls for widened sidewalks and increased plantings.

Griffin said that redeveloping the southeast corner of Lexington and Larpenteur would require rezoning. Most residents seemed leery of that prospect, in part because they have watched with alarm as MGM has purchased houses to its immediate south, which front California Avenue.

Residents said they fear that rezoning residential property on the southeast corner would create a precedent that could result in

rezoning the property on California west of Lexington, which could enable MGM to expand its operation.

Helgen stressed that discussions are still at the neighborhood input level. "There's no proposal in front of the city yet," he said.

At an Apr. 20 meeting of the District 10 Land Use Committee, Howard Paster, of Paster Enterprises, presented his company's plan for the intersection. They own the Flowerama site and have purchased a residential property to the south. They have also begun preliminary discussions about additional property to the east.

Paster stressed that their plan is different from the node plan. It calls for 13,300 sq. ft. building that would be 20 ft. high. They anticipate having a single tenant, whom they would sign to a long-term lease.

Paster said they have a prospective tenant, whom he did not name, but speculation is that it would be Walgreens, which currently occupies a building that Paster also owns, just north on Lexington.

At the Apr. 20 meeting, discussion of Paster's plan focused on its implications for traffic. People voiced concerns that a large building at the intersection would increase traffic in an area that is already congested.

Several residents also said they would prefer to have several smaller shops rather than a large, single-user building. Paster said that a multi-user building would be less economically viable.

"We're the ones who have to pay for this and make it work financially," he said.

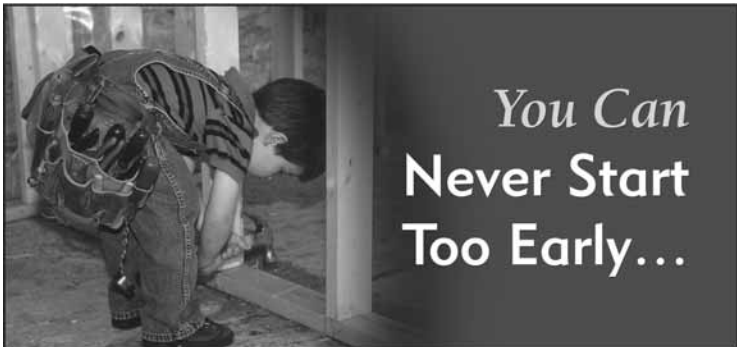
Donna Martinson, who said she often bikes in the area, asked whether the Paster plan would be bike- and pedestrian-friendly.

At its Apr. 21 meeting, the District 10 Community Council voted to create an ad hoc committee to study the node plan and Paster proposal further.

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Roseville Library temporarily relocates

by D. Perry Kidder

The temporary Roseville branch of the Ramsey County Library will hold its grand opening Saturday, May 2, at 2680 Arthur St., a block west of Fairview Avenue and County Road C.

Children's story times, door prizes every hour, games and all-day refreshments are planned. Eric the juggling magician will perform at 11 a.m.

At 8:30 a.m. a groundbreaking ceremony will be held at the old building, located on Hamline Avenue at County Road B.

Friends of the Ramsey County Library will use the grand opening to kick off their capital campaign, and there will be a display of the remodeling project.

The old Roseville Library building closed at the end of March. Moving the collection to the Arthur Street site took about a month, said Bill Michel, library manager.

"We've brought over most books from the old library," Michel said. "Eighty percent of the collection will be available to the public."

Hours at the temporary site will be 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

"We're looking forward to serving our patrons out of this temporary location," said Michel. "And we're really looking forward to going back to our remodeled and enlarged building. I think everyone will be very happy with it. We anticipate reopening in June 2010."

To achieve goals toward sustainable building design and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification, the library has received \$780,000 in grants.

"LEED certification is a good investment in energy

conservation and management," Michel said. LEED-certified buildings provide a standard for environmentally sustainable construction and indoor environmental quality by optimizing water, energy and material efficiencies.

The renovated library building will feature several environmental design elements, including use of renewable resources; water-efficient landscaping and low-flow plumbing fixtures; storm water management through building rain gardens; clerestory windows

and reduced-wattage lighting; improved efficiency of mechanical systems, roofing material and windows; reduction and recycling of construction waste; and recycled flooring and finish materials.

The public will be invited to participate in the flooring project. This summer the library will collect colored glass bottles from patrons to be made into terrazzo floors.

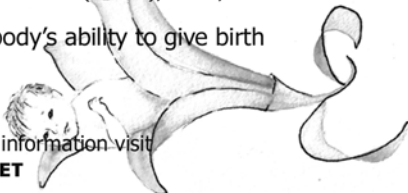
"It's one of several demonstration projects that will help educate our public on energy issues," Michel said.

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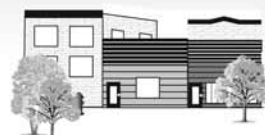


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softball fields, for which additional improvements are also planned.

Meyer stressed that the design concept is still just a plan and that nothing has yet been finalized. "Things may still need to change, depending on final review," he said.

Controversy over the pool design has focused on how it can serve neighbors, attract enough fees to make it financially viable and avoid increasing congestion in Como Park.

Construction on the polar bear exhibit, on track to open next year and expected to attract large crowds and private events, has intensified neighbors' worries about traffic and noise.

A shuttle is scheduled to begin running Memorial Day weekend. For updates, see www.comozooconservatory.org. City officials and neighbors hope the buses, circulating among remote parking areas and Como Park hotspots, will cut down the number of visitors hunting for parking spots on residential streets.

Reports in 2007 that the city's chosen pool designer, USAquatics, was putting together a gaudy water park rang the first alarm among Como neighbors. According to Claudia Daly, who said she can see the pool site from her bedroom window, backyard conversations led to formation of the Como Alliance, a group of neighbors concerned about the pool and other recent development projects in Como Park.

After the pool closed permanently at the end of last summer, city officials acknowledged neighbors' objections and assured them that the neighborhood would be included in the planning process. A task force was appointed to gather opinions from pool users, neighbors and other interested parties; consider financial feasibility; and submit a pool design that all could agree on.

Some observers, including Sen. Ellen Anderson, became excited about the possibility of a "natural pool," using an environmentally friendly filtration system. City staff nixed that idea in January, saying that the city has very few pools, needs this one quickly and doesn't have time to figure out the new regulations that would have to be put in place for a whole new approach. Meeting minutes note that perhaps landscaping could make the site more "green" without

necessitating a more radical approach.

In an April interview, Anderson expressed her disappointment over the demise of the natural pool, which would have been a unique attraction and even a national breakthrough. "We had an opportunity to be a leader," she said.

Anderson had proposed tapping the new arts-and-conservation sales tax fund, and she's chair of the legislative committee that oversees those funds and could have helped make it happen. She said the new regulations could have been worked out, but "the city viewed it as an insurmountable problem."

Anderson said she has fought for state investment in Como Park improvements but thought the original water park proposal was inappropriate.

"We've made the case that this is a regional attraction but that our park is being loved to death and we need regional support. It needs to be a regional park, but not at the expense of the neighborhood," she said.

Art Oglesby lives on the eastern edge of the park and maintains a Web site for Como Alliance (comopark.us). He thinks the new design, while toned down from the water park concept, is still too elaborate. He's unconvinced by the landscaping as a "green" contribution.

"The fact of the matter is, you've got a big motor pumping water for the lazy river," he said. "We want a place to lie in the grass and soak up the sun."

Susan Janda co-chaired the Como Alliance pool committee with Daly and was appointed last fall to the city's task force by Council Member Lee Helgen as the representative for Ward 5. She said the material presented to the group convinced her that some upgrading of the pool was needed in order to make it less of a drain on the Parks Department budget.

For example, Janda said, one neighborhood priority for the pool was to have opportunities for lap swimming, but there weren't enough swimmers showing up and paying the entrance fee to justify staffing the pool with lifeguards.

"If you get better attendance, you get better support" for those less-popular but important amenities, she said. She added that she expects fees will be "comparable to the other aquatics

facilities (Oxford and Highland pools)."

Janda said parks staff were also concerned that teenagers are an underserved population. The hope is that they'll be attracted to the lazy river and want to pay the fees to use it.

Parks spokesman Meyer added that the lazy river might have therapeutic value, especially for seniors, who could walk "upstream" for low-impact exercise.

Janda said that while she had come to support the pool design, including the lazy river, she remains uneasy about the project as a whole. She said the task force process satisfied her, as far as it went, but that its narrow scope left some important questions unanswered. Task force members were repeatedly told that their job was to design a pool, not solve problems for the park as a whole, she said.

If it's to attract more visitors, Janda said, the pool will require more parking. But who's to say that parking spaces near the pool will be available, on a busy summer day, for folks hoping to go swimming? And how many more acres of Como Park would have to be paved over in order to accommodate visitors to the new polar bear exhibit, plus an upgraded pool, plus other future amenities?

"I'd rather have people parking in front of my house than at the pool" if it can save some green space in the park, Janda said.

"We don't see those things being properly linked up," she said of the congestion problems among Como Park features. "That's what we were trying to do in the task force process, and we were told, that's not what we're here to do."

The Metropolitan Council routes state funding to regional parks but will not weigh in on designs for the pool and surrounding areas.

Council Member Helgen expressed confidence in the pool design process and said he looks forward to using the upgraded facility.

"Our goal is to get something that would be an asset to the neighborhood," he said.

Noting that he has two children, ages 4 and 6, he added, "If I can bring my kids and they can enjoy it and they want to go there, that's an asset."

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by Clay Christensen



We looked out across the river and saw what looked like huge clusters of shrubs on the sandbars, as far as the eye could see. After a glance through the binoculars, however, it was clear these weren't shrubs. They were roosting cranes, each with its head tucked under its wing.

My son Drew and I were in a blind on the banks of the Platte River near Kearney, Neb., in late

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The lesser sandhill crane is 41 inches tall, gray with dark

wingtips visible in flight. It has a red crown of skin, not feathers, and its rear feathers puff out like a rooster's tail. We see the greater sandhill cranes here in Minnesota, five inches taller and with a longer bill.

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Paths from 3

My dad recently moved from 1666 Coffman, the stately and curious white abbey-like structure adjacent to Grove Park and the rim of where the intercampus trolley once rumbled. Coffman's residents, retired U of M employees, plant their gardens in back, fertilized by the crumbling rail ties that disintegrate a little more with each snow melt. My father's balcony faced south toward the bramble woods where the intercampus trolley once

passed by, and where now I tramp along with dog-walkers.

In the spring and fall I often meet students on the path, touring with professors, studying the flora or perhaps the erosion — the topic Dad would have chosen as an agricultural engineer.

This place is precious to many, I'd guess. I've made big decisions on this sanctuary-like path, admiring the bare-branch ceiling, startling a deer once, picking my way over exposed ties

and the muddy gulley at its lower reaches where it enters the Lauderdale Reserve woods.

Dad describes how the trolley line passed through a tunnel under Cleveland Avenue, made a sharp turn at Eustis, curving downhill and picking up riders at Como, just like buses do these days, then veered west again along Como. He writes, "Physically, it was a regular Twin Cities streetcar, running on rails and propelled by an electric motor receiving power from an overhead cable."

I hope the new Bell Museum will honor this nearby artifact, the footprint of the intercampus trolley tracing its southern boundary, once ferrying farm kids and Skipper Spencer.

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School News

by A.E. Young

Chelsea Heights Elementary

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Chelsea Heights invites the community to its “**Friend-Raiser**” end-of-the year celebration on Friday, May 29, 5–8 p.m. The event features music, food, kid-friendly activities and a raffle. It raises money for the school’s parent-teacher organization, which funds classroom and building-wide needs.

In addition to being a fund-raiser, this gathering is a “friend-raiser.” Neighborhood families are welcome to join in the fun and get to know the children, families and faculty who make up Chelsea Heights, a community-oriented K-6 school that has been ranked as one of the best public schools in St. Paul.

For additional details about this special party, check the school’s Web site in May.

Congratulations to third-grade student **Alexis Barnes-Merta**, who is this year’s Arbor Day poster contest winner. Members of the newly created St. Paul Tree Advisory Panel made the final decision, judging posters on originality, artistic quality, color and relevance to the theme “Trees Change Degrees.”

A tree will be planted in Alexis’ honor at Chelsea Heights on May 8.

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The **Spring Carnival** will be held on Friday, May 1, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The school promises lots of children with smiling faces, cheerful volunteers, games, food and a school abuzz with excitement.

One way school patrols are recognized for their outstanding service is with the annual **Patrol Parade and Picnic**, which will take place May 12.

The parade features patrols from schools all over the city. It starts at 10 a.m. and runs through downtown St. Paul, starting at Sibley and Fourth and ending at Washington and Fifth Street. Patrol members are then shuttled to Como Park to enjoy a picnic with prizes.

Students have been training twice a week since April to prepare for the **Menudo Run**, a city-wide race that will take place on Saturday morning, May 2. The teacher-coaches for Running Club include physical education teacher Joyce Holoubek, and classroom teachers Colleen Osterbauer, Judy Roe, Mao Lee and Tim Olmsted.

This year’s **plant sale** will take place May 8 and 9. Look for beautiful blooms near the school’s Peace Garden on Friday, 3–6:30 p.m., and Saturday, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Also, look for hanging baskets and annuals for purchase in the library during the Spring Carnival. The sale supports environmental programs at the school.

The final **Site Council** and **SAPSA** meetings of the year will take place May 11 at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Meeting agendas include an end-of-year wrap-up and election of officers for the coming school year.

A **spring barbecue** will take place on blankets spread around the school playground (weather permitting) on May 15. Families are invited to join their children at lunch for hot dogs and beans served by lunchroom staff and volunteers.

The annual **Talent Show**, featuring dancers, comedians, musicians, magicians, jugglers and actors, will take place May 15 at 7 p.m. in the Murray Junior High School auditorium. It’s part of the Celebration of Talent, a spring trio of events that also includes an installation of art throughout the school and publication of the student literary journal.

On May 8, fifth- and sixth-grade band students will attend the **St. Paul Saints Baseball Education Day**. They will join the EXPO and Randolph Heights bands to play the National Anthem. All the school’s second, fifth, and sixth graders will be there to cheer.

The school will host several performances by the band and orchestra during May. There will be a band concert on May 5 at 2:30 and 7 p.m. The fourth-grade band will play for families at 3:30 p.m. on May 19. The Spring Strings concert will be May 21 at 2:30 and 7 p.m.

On May 22 there will be a **Memorial Day** program in the morning, with a flag presentation, songs, readings and recognition of the winner of the patriotic essay contest.

Of the school’s 11 **Destination-Imagination** teams, five went to the state competition and three will compete in the global meet May 20–23 in Knoxville, Tenn. The teams are:

Bright Lights. Manager: Tom Holman. Team members: Kyra Sprague, Iris Holman, Theo Axtell-Adams, Gabe Vasquez, Jasper Flemming, Kate Rogers.

Miscellaneous Laces.

Managers: Matthew and Nancy Hausman. Team members: Katoria Callahan, Mariela Cole Rebekah Hausman, Olivia Berven, Ellie Thorsgaard, Juliana Dokas, Elysia Gauthier.

Rubber Bandits. Manager: Jason Langer. Team members: Maddie Langer, Sophie Skilbred, Lydia Nielsen, Amanda Baden, David Nicholson, Nelson Moroukian, Russell Sweet.

Como Park Senior High

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In regional competition Apr. 2–4, Como’s **Robotics Team**, after advancing to the final rounds, finished ninth out of 51 teams. Team members are Abigail Ampofo, Jeremiah Brown, Chris Dale, Paul Davis, Hannah Diment, Kaw Doh, Clover Eckert, Rebecca Fonville, Mary Gienger, Abdi Hassan, Chris Heer, Qiaodan Jin Stone, Garrett McGraw-Hanson, Jared Nelson, Andrew Rehberger, Valentin Tolmer, Earl Wilson, Fong Yang and Neal Young (from Central High School).

At the **Region 4AA Choir Contest** on Mar. 19, Como’s Donna di Cantare (Italian for “women of song”) received three “excellent” ratings, and the Concert Choir earned three “superior” ratings, scoring higher than any ensemble in Como’s history. The choirs are directed by Carole Whitney.

The **2009 Prom** theme is “Hollywood Nights ... Lights! Camera! Action!” Prom will be held May 2, 7:30–10:30 p.m., at Harriet Island Pavilion. The Grand March will be at the school’s gymnasium, 4–5 p.m.

The **All-Night Graduation Party** will be held June 3. Parents and community members are busy fundraising for this fun-filled, safe event for students. The following fundraising events will be held in May:

Pancake Breakfast. Saturday, May 9, 8-11 a.m. in the Como cafeteria. Menu: pancakes, sausage and beverage. Cost: \$5 adults, \$3 children under 10.

Garage Sale. Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16, at 1670 Victoria St. N. All proceeds go towards the party. Anything not sold will be donated to a charity.

Donations. Make checks payable to Como Grad Party and mail to Como Park High School, 740 W. Rose Ave., St. Paul, MN 55117, c/o Grad Party.

Senior **Emma Lee** received a 2009 St. Paul Area Athena Award. She was honored for her athletic and academic achievements. A member of the soccer, cross country and Nordic skiing teams, she is also a national AP scholar, class valedictorian, school mentor and National Honor Society member.

The following students represented Como at the 2009 regional **History Day** contest: **Documentary**: Lena Zinkl, Shatera Graham, Megan Jacot, Michaela Leimberer, Craig Knuth, Jared Nelson, Claire Holdreith, Nate Rue, Sophia Nielsen, Neil Anderson and Sergio Portesan.

Research paper: Haley Mesick, Lia Hansen, Peder Erickson, Joel Alemseged, Dean Shaff, Michael Clausen, Siri Berg-Moberg, Liam DiZio, Panra Yang and May Vang. **Exhibit**: Rebecca Hervonen, Mabel Smebakken, Whitney Burke, Anna Nicholson, Pa Tao Her, Nina Cha, Cheng Xiong, Alexander Edgerton, Michael McMahon, Ellen Vue, Hannah Perry and Bobby Gienger.

Ten students will participate in the state contest at the U of M on May 2:

Individual exhibit: Hannah Perry, Michael McMahon and Alexander Edgerton.

Group exhibit: Whitney Burke and Anna Nicholson.

Individual documentary: Sergio Portesan.

Group documentary: Jared Nelson and Craig Knuth, Shatera Graham and Lena Zinkl.

During spring break, 36 Como Park Marine Corps Junior ROTC cadets, let by Cadet Colonel Dunleavy, completed their **bi-annual training and orientation** visit to Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base in Norfolk, Va.

During the three-day intensive training and orientation, cadets learned leadership and teamwork while completing several confidence-building exercises, such as the Navy Special Operations Command SEAL obstacle course, rappelling, a close-order drill with rubber rifles and physical training.

With temperatures in the mid-40s, cadets continued the tradition of jumping into the Atlantic Ocean following the graduation ceremony. On the trip home, they visited the Marine Corps Museum in Washington, D.C.

Murray Junior High

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Murray’s **boys’ basketball team** was the city conference champion with a perfect record of 13–0.

The team kept 42 players and added games to provide additional game experience. Coaches Acree and Steenberg were impressed with the players’ positive team attitude along with their strong basketball skills.

The school’s **spring sports teams** are also off to a great start with 200 athletes participating in track, baseball, badminton and softball. Strong student interest plus the addition of paid assistant coaches, uniforms for all participants and transportation assistance with bus cards have contributed to this showing.

Murray will send 20 students to the state **History Day** contest at the University of Minnesota on May 2. They advanced from the regional competition at St. Paul College in April.

The students are Andrew Turner, Ned Leebrick-Stryker, Brooke Rogers, Whitney Manning, Elena Delehanty-Anderson, Kaitlin Waldera, Jimmy Morrissey, Tara Solvang, Caitlyn Norman, Evelyn Moran, Yasmine Mohammed Nule, Rina Yarosh, Kelyn Gress, Katya Lange, Natalie Van Why, Charles Nelson, Rob Thurston, Ian Olesak, Anna Krieger and Anastasia Macey.

Six students received honorable mention awards at the regional competition: Madeline O’Meara, Hildi Hoeschen, Jessye Rodgers, Kristina Abbas, Hannah Brady and Kara Forde.

Four Murray students and one teacher received awards at the **Minnesota State Science Fair** in March. Teacher Sonja Dunlap was given the Mentor Award from Seagate Technology.

Eighth grader Tom Stinar received the Minnesota Academy of Science Bronze Award and the U.S. Office of Naval Research Naval Sciences Award.

Seventh grader Viola Holman received the Minnesota Academy of Science Gold Award and the Seagate First Year Award.

Eighth grader Evan Wall received the Minnesota Academy of Science Silver Award and the Seagate First Year Award.

Eighth grader Maddie O’Meara received the Minnesota Academy of Science Silver Award.

French and Spanish students will head to the **Concordia Language Villages** May 7-10 for language camps in their respective language.

The school’s **Site Council** will meet at 4 p.m. May 4, and the **Murray Parent Association** will hold its year-end business meeting at 7 p.m. that evening. The school year’s last music concert will be held at 7 p.m. May 28.

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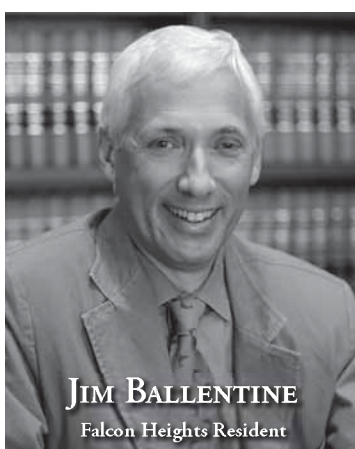
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different times from mid-March to mid-April. Each group spends about three weeks, feeding on waste corn in the fields, seeds, invertebrates, even mice. They add about 20 percent to their body weight.

Those half million cranes use a 90-mile stretch of the Platte River, ideal as an evening roost. It's a wide and shallow braided river with wandering channels, creating sandbars all along its length.

As the dawn gradually brightened, we saw that the cranes were standing ankle deep in a slurry of fast-flowing ice chunks. They were each on one leg, looking like gray flamingos. We were very cold in the blind at 18 degrees. I couldn't imagine trying to sleep standing in ice water all night!

There had been some chattering among the cranes since we arrived — all night

long, according to our guide. As the sun rose higher, some began to raise their heads and look around. Some cranes were leaping and dancing, alone or in pairs, with males trying to impress the ladies or challenging other males for dominance. Or maybe just to keep warm.

The cranes usually leave in family groups. We began to sense imminent departure for a group when they'd raise their heads, extend their necks and stand very erect. Then at some unseen sign, that cluster of cranes would unfold their huge wings and flap, flap, flap into the morning wind.

We estimated there were about 30,000 cranes roosting in the section of the river we could see to the west. Just as the sun cleared the horizon, wave after wave of flapping cranes lifted from the roosting masses, starting in the distance and rippling down river toward us.

It was like fans doing the wave in a sports stadium, except these "fans" didn't sit back down. They jumped into the air and just kept going, with their loud rattling calls echoing across the river.

Soon we saw the explanation. An immature bald eagle came gliding low over the river, exciting the roosting cranes. This strategy reveals any sick or wounded cranes that can't get off the water, which may provide the eagle with an opportunity for a meal later in the day.

Evening viewing of the cranes was an entirely different experience. Cranes came from their distant feeding areas, miles off the river, to a few staging areas near the river. These bordering fields and wetlands provide them with a bedtime snack before heading for the Platte.

The groups of cranes looked like streams of smoke against the fading sky. I estimated 2,000 in one flock.

After the sun had dropped below the horizon, one family group finally decided it was time for bed and landed on a sandbar in the middle of the river.

As more groups passed over, they dropped in to join the group on the sandbar. Soon the assembly had grown to a hundred birds or so, and more were establishing new groups on other sandbars.

Within an hour, most of the cranes were out of the sky and on the river. They shuffled about a little, walking out into the shallow water and settling in for the night.

For years I'd been asked if I'd been down to the Platte River to see the cranes in migration. When I'd answer no, I'd invariably be told, "You've got to go. It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

I decided I wasn't getting any younger, and my son was eager to go, so we made the trip.

It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience to see 30,000 cranes all together in an ancient ritual. Truly inspirational. But it's also a 10-hour drive.

And so it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, because now that I've done it, I don't think I need to do it again.

The Urban Bird Fest, May 13-18, provides free bird walks at a dozen sites around Ramsey County, displays and hikes at Harriet Alexander Nature Center, and a dinner on Saturday, May 16, at Roseville Lutheran Church, featuring Clay Christensen, "The Birdman of Lauderdale," speaking on "Yard Birds: Attracting and Identifying Them."

For more information about the bird walks and dinner reservations, go to www.co.ramsey.mn.us/parks/NaturalResources/urbanbirdfestival.htm.



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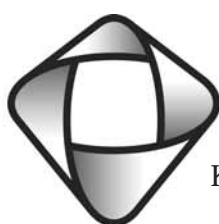


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1 FRIDAY

- “Expressions of Stability and Change: Ethnic Dress and Folk Costume,” through June 14. GMD.
- Jenny Ulmer art show, through June 7. CG.
- “Excess,” works by Becca Shewmake and Mari Richards, through May 17. LAG.
- Mischke and Malone, 8 p.m. CG.
- History: Textiles of India exhibition by Elsa Steenivasam, through June 6. Opening reception 6-8 p.m. “India’s Traditional Textiles in Transition” presentation, 7 p.m. TCM.
- First Fridays: Celebrating the legacy of Elmer L. Anderson, noon-1 p.m. Room 120, Andersen Library, U of M West Bank.

2 SATURDAY

- Gregory Douglass CD release show with Mary Cutrufello, 7:30 p.m. GC.
- Cajun jam session and lessons, 10 a.m. CG.
- Michael Basques and Mark Miller, music and comedy, 8 p.m. CG.

3 SUNDAY

- Open mic, 6 p.m. CG.
- Creative Kids Community Art Show, though July 24. SMEC.

4 MONDAY

- Stewardship Leader Seminar with Terry Parsons, 4-9 p.m. OCC.

5 TUESDAY

- “Early Spring Blooms at Kew, Kensington & Keukenhof Gardens.” Photo show presented by Mary Maguire Lerman, retired horticulturist for the Minneapolis Park System, 7:15 p.m. SAPBL.

8 FRIDAY

- Greg Tiburzi, 8 p.m. CG.
- Phil Heywood, 8 p.m. GC.

9 SATURDAY

- Scandinavian jam, 10 a.m. CG.
- Dan Rumsey, 8 p.m. CG.
- Greg Tiburzi, 7 p.m. GC.
- Nic Garcia, 9 p.m. GC.

10 SUNDAY

- Ice Cream Sundae celebrating Mother’s Day, noon-4 p.m. GM.

13 WEDNESDAY

- YMCA Camps Widjiwagan and du

Nord Spring Garage Sale, through May 16. 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Wed.- Fri.; 9 a.m.-noon, Sat. Minnesota State Fairgrounds Merchandise Mart.

14 THURSDAY

- Rummage sale, 9 a.m.- 7 p.m. Holy Childhood Church.
- Northstar Watercolor Society: Art on a Line exhibition and sale, noon- 9 p.m. Opening reception 5- 9 p.m. Minnesota State Fairgrounds Fine Arts Building.
- Roots Music Showcase, 7 p.m. CG.
- Como Intermediate and Jazz Bands concert, 7 p.m. CPSHS.

15 FRIDAY

- Rummage sale, 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. HC.
- Northstar Watercolor Society: Art on a Line exhibition and sale, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Minnesota State Fairgrounds Fine Arts Building.
- David Olson, 8 p.m. CG.

16 SATURDAY

- Northstar Watercolor Society: Art on a Line exhibition and sale, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Minnesota State Fairgrounds Fine Arts Building.
- St. Andrew’s Family Festival Fundraiser, 2-10 p.m. St. Andrew’s Catholic Church (Como Lake).
- Reed and Paul, 8 p.m. CG.
- Sprucetop Review, 7 p.m. GC.

19 TUESDAY

- Book discussion: “Those Who Save Us,” by Jenna Blum, 7 p.m. FHUCC.
- ArtStart ArtGallery Poetry Reading with Elizabeth Weber, 7:15- 9 p.m. ArtStart (1459 St. Clair Ave.).

21 THURSDAY

- Friends of the Goldstein Garden Party, 5:30- 8:30 p.m. GMD. RSVP deadline May 15.

23 SATURDAY

- Atomic Flea, 8 p.m. CG.

29 FRIDAY

- Richard Griffith CD release, 8 p.m. CG.

30 SATURDAY

- Inish Mohr, 8 p.m. CG.
- Used book sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. SMEC.

31 SUNDAY

- Stringwinds Quintet “Music with a Mission.” Benefit for Luther Seminary Global Mission Institute, 4 p.m. PLC.
- Used book sale. SMEC.

For more events information, go to www.parkbugle.org.

Items for the June Events Calendar should be submitted to calendar@parkbugle.org by May 18.

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

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 Larpenteur 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, Larpenteur 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 Micawbers 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., 6449200

SAPBL St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2245 Como Ave., 642-0411

SAPCC St. Anthony Park Community Council, 890 Cromwel 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

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Sharon M. Colbeth, 77, a graduate of Murray High School, class of 1949, died Mar. 18, 2009, at Presbyterian Homes of Arden Hills. She was a longtime Roseville resident and 45-year member of North Como Presbyterian Church, where her Mar. 25 memorial service was held. Interment was at Roselawn Cemetery.

Julia Geraghty

Julia B. (Steiner) Geraghty, 93, died on Mar. 23, 2009. She had lived in the Como Park area and was active at Church of the Holy Childhood, before living at Lyngblomsten Care Center.

Julie worked for 32 years with exceptional children. She was a teacher at Christ Child School in St. Paul. Later she worked at Wilder with emotionally disturbed children. She retired from St. Mary's Junior College's technician program.

Julia was active in the Women's Club at Holy Childhood Catholic Church and ARC of Minnesota. She was a long-time volunteer at Lyngblomsten Home and member of the Northwest Como Seniors Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo; son, Gerald; daughter-in-law, Lorna; daughter, Judith; sisters, Marie, Rose, Kathryn, Veronica and Josephine; and brother, Leonard. She is survived by a granddaughter; two great-grandchildren; brother, Lawrence Steiner; sister, Eleanor Poppel; sister-in-law, Selma Steiner; and brother-in-law, Owen Gall.

The family thanks the caring staff at Lyngblomsten Care Center, Lyngblomsten Apartments and St. Mary's Hospice for their generous and loving care.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Apr. 3, 2009, at the Lyngblomsten Newman-Benson Chapel, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery.

Lois Holmquist

Lois Jean Holmquist, age 78, formerly of St. Anthony Park, died Apr. 9, 2009. Originally from Kimball, S.D., she was a banker's daughter who became a country school teacher and married Gene, one of seven Holmquist farm boys. They later moved to St. Paul.

Lois is survived by Gene, her husband of 59 years; daughters, Jacquelyn Rae (Kevin) Larson and Jocelyn Kay (Loren "Danny") Danzeisen; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Her memorial service was held Apr. 15, 2009, at Cross of Glory Lutheran Church in Mounds View, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Barbara Lukermann

Barbara L. Lukermann died of cancer on Mar. 23, 2009, at her Falcon Heights home. Lukermann, considered a pioneer in urban planning, joined the Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota in 1982 and was there until 2008. She was a teacher and a senior fellow in the institute's planning program.

She was also a senior research associate with the university's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs. She was a former chairwoman of the Metropolitan Waste Control Commission and a board member at St. Paul District Energy.

Born in Gomersal, England, on Feb. 19, 1930, Lukermann was inspired to go into geography studies by a grammar school teacher. She earned an undergraduate degree from Cambridge University and moved to the United States in the mid-1950s to pursue a graduate degree. She eventually enrolled at the University of Minnesota, said at the time to have one of the best geography

departments in the country.

Her daughter, Kate Plaisance, of Falcon Heights, said Lukermann, after obtaining her degree from the University of Minnesota, started her own urban planning consulting firm.

"She was considered something of a pioneer in urban planning, which was just in its infancy," Plaisance said.

Lukermann had a national and international reputation, traveling to China and Romania in the 1980s to make presentations. She also served as part of a federal advisory group that helped the Navajo Nation with urban planning.

Along with Plaisance, Lukermann is survived by another daughter, Carla Lukermann, of Rexford, N.Y., and by her husband, Fred, former chairman of the University of Minnesota Geography Department.

A private memorial event is planned.

Dagmar Quanbeck

Dagmar Marie Quanbeck, 94, died Mar. 21, 2009. She was born at home in Minneapolis on Oct. 13, 1914, to Christian and Christine Dahl.

She grew up in South Minneapolis and graduated from Augsburg Academy as salutatorian in 1932. She attended Augsburg College before marrying Dr. Warren Quanbeck on Sept. 12, 1942, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

Dr. Quanbeck's profession took them to all corners of the world. They lived in England, Switzerland and Rome, which developed her love of travel. She took many trips with her sister, including destinations in South America, Asia, throughout Europe, the Holy Land, Africa and Australia. Her particular

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favorite was a 1987 trip to her parents' home in Norway with her siblings.
Mrs. Quanbeck was well-known for her generous hospitality, especially for hosting dinners and coffee parties for her

husband's classes while he taught at Luther Seminary. She was a longtime member of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church. She moved to Lyngblomsten Care Center in 2008 and died at United Hospital in St. Paul.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Warren Quanbeck, in 1979. She is survived by one sister, Borghild Krueger, of Willmar, Minn., and one brother, Oliver Dahl, of Minneapolis. She will be dearly

missed by all.
Her funeral service was Mar. 24, 2009, at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, with interment at Crystal Lake Cemetery.

Anna Smits

Anna Smits died Mar. 19, 2009, at the age of 89. She was born in Cesvaine, Latvia, and immigrated after WWII to St. Paul with her husband, George, and son, Valdis, in 1949. In 1956, daughter Anita was born. Anna lived in St. Anthony Park for many years.

With her degree in home economics from Latvia, Anna taught over 3,000 students at the University of Minnesota over 37 years. She was a founding member of the Weavers Guild of Minnesota and participated in many roles for the Guild.

She was an active and loved member of the Latvian Lutheran Church, and in the 52 years Anna and George were married, they supported and participated in many cultural events in the

Latvian community. Her hobbies included a passion for flowers, gardening and handicrafts.
However, her greatest joy was love for family and friends. Anna was a person who made friends easily through her charm and grace. She believed in the value and importance of friendships and was blessed with many in return.

Anna was preceded in death by her husband, George, and sister, Livija Cerbucks. She is survived by her son, Valdis (Brigita), and daughter, Anita (Scott Lichty); two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Her funeral was held Mar. 24, 2009, at the Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. A private family interment will be held later.

For obituaries of Elaine Magnuson, Dennis Murphy, Maria Theros and Charles Workman, visit www.parkbugle.org.

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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9:15a.m. Faith Formation for all ages
10:30a.m. Holy Eucharist (Contemporary language)
Nursery care provided 7:50-11:20a.m.
May 7 7:00p.m. Taizé Candlelight Prayer (chants, readings & silence)
May 3 - July 24 Creative Kids Community Art Show, Undercroft Gallery
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