

These are the people in your neighborhood

Liz Pierce, whose law office is in Milton Square, likes being able to bike to work.

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The Birdman of Lauderdale

The Baltimore oriole builds a classic bird's nest using fibrous material of any kind, including yarn and string. The female does most of the work.

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Prairie roofs make a comeback

by Anne Holzman

n the days of Laura Ingalls Wilder, folks traded in a sod roof for shingles as soon as they could afford to. The reverse seems to be happening now, as homeowners trade shingles for sedum, even though they can't necessarily explain why they did it.

Joe Wild Črea built his new garage to accommodate a green roof

because "it made sense to me." Mary Mergenthal put a green roof on the newer, flatter additions to her home after her grandson suggested it. Diane Norris thought it sounded "fascinating," so she attended some meetings sponsored by the Capital Region Watershed District and persuaded her husband, John, to build their new garage to support vegetation.

The Watershed District recently announced a fresh round of grants to homeowners and organizations for installing green roofs, rain gardens and other water-protection projects. Information can be found at the St. Anthony Park Community Council Web site: www.sapcc.org.

What's so great about putting plants on your roof?

According to Roofbloom, an

organization encouraging Minnesotans to green their roofs, the benefits of green roofs include reducing wear and prolonging the life of roofing materials; reducing heating and cooling costs (not only by insulating but also by cooling through evaporation in summer); reducing stormwater runoff (a roof can absorb as much as an inch of rain) and cooling the water that does run off into sewers and creeks; improving air quality; mitigating climate change, specifically the "urban heat island" phenomenon; adding to urban green space; and providing habitat for birds and insects.

And, of course, the roofs can be beautiful. Ivan Swenson, of Swenson's Workshop, designed and installed Mergenthal's roof. In addition to all the environmental benefits, "We wanted it to look cool from the street," he said.

On all three St. Anthony Park roofs — Mergenthal's, the Wild Crea family's and the Norrises' — sedum prevails, sometimes mixed with grasses or a few other prairie natives. Already the young

transplants show off a rainbow of shades in stems and leaves, and as they fill in, the roofs will become carpets of blended color.

Unlike the sod roofs featured in pioneer tales, roots don't dangle from the ceiling under today's green roofs, which are installed atop a watertight membrane, a root barrier and insulation. Over that goes a



Eric Evenson, one of about 50 volunteers who helped Joe Wild Crea finish the green roof on his St. Anthony Park garage, levels growth medium. For more pictures visit www.parkbugle.org.

applied for a permit to build a new garage, the city took one look at the green roof idea and sent him back to the drawing board, this time insisting on a structural engineer's imprimatur.

Jim Bloom, building official and senior plan examiner for the city of St. Paul, said the city treats a green roof on a garage the way it might treat a second story or any other deviation from the typical twocar garage.

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drainage layer, a filtration system and a pumice-based growing medium that's lighter than dirt and carefully balanced with just enough organic matter to keep desirable plants alive without encouraging weeds.

It's not a job to be done in a weekend, at least not until more contractors get comfortable with the systems. All three projects took one summer of construction and the next spring to finish and plant, and that was after a year or two of research.

One possible surprise awaits in the city's permitting process. Swenson said that while the city treats a green roof as a heavier load, requiring beefed-up structure, "it weighs less than shingles do." Wild Crea said when he

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Read the winning essavs in an annual contest at St. Anthony Park Elementary School.

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Fourth fête-ers go forth

St. Paul's only Fourth of July parade will take place again this year on Como Avenue at 11 a.m. The Saturday parade will be followed by day-long festivities in Langford Park: speeches; children's contests; pony rides; horseshoe, volleyball and tennis tournaments; door prizes; musical entertainment.

Donations are needed to sponsor this event. They may be dropped off at Park Midway Bank or mailed to:

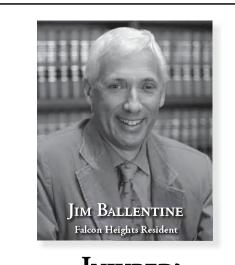
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The city will hold its annual Ice Cream Social July 30, 6–8 p.m., at Falcon Heights Community Park, Roselawn and Cleveland avenues. Root beer floats, ice cream, cake and beverages will be available. Activities include a moon walk, fishing pond, face painting, crafts and tug-of-war. Entertainment this year will be John Steiner and band.

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The event is free, with small fees for food and some activities. Details and a video of last year's event can be found at www.falconheights.org, or for more information call 792-7616.

Lauderdale

The Roseville Community Band will perform at the annual Music Under the Trees event, 7:30 p.m. on July 9, at Lauderdale Community Park (Roselawn and Fulham). All are welcome to attend this free event. Bring lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy the music and ice cream treats. The event will be cancelled if weather is inclement.

Roseville Parks and Recreation will offer two programs at Lauderdale Community Park (Roselawn and Fulham) this summer. Free puppet shows will be held Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m., June 24 and July 8–Aug. 12. Passport to Play camps will be held 1–4 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, July 13–30. For more information, visit www.ci.roseville.mn.us/parks or call 792-7650.

Lauderdale will observe Minnesota Night to Unite (also known as National Night Out) on Aug. 4, 4–6 p.m., with a "going away party" for crime an

"going-away party" for crime and drugs. Blocks registering parties by July 27 can arrange for visits from public safety officials and receive a five-gallon pail of Kemps ice cream from Cub Foods. For more information, call Sgt. John Mangseth, 612-782-3366.

The Lauderdale/Falcon Heights Family 5K Fun Run/Walk will start at 8 a.m., Aug. 15. Entry fees are \$15/individual, \$40/group of up to four. Register online (www.falconheights.org) by July 31 to receive an event shirt. The run kicks off Day in the Park, with a parade at noon, followed by music with Denny and the Dawgs, a 60th anniversary commemoration, puppet shows, food and games.

St. Anthony Park

Changes in the schedule for replacing the railroad bridge over Raymond Avenue north of Energy Park Drive now mean that Raymond will be open until Labor Day, except for closure June 29-July 1. After the State Fair, the bridge will be closed for 2–3 months for the final phase of construction. A passageway for bikes and pedestrians will be available for most of the project.



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The St. Anthony Park Community Council and St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church will sponsor a rain-barrel workshop at 7 p.m., July 14, at the church, 2200 Hillside Ave. Participants will receive materials to make their own rain barrels and will learn about proper use and the environmental benefits of harvesting rain water. Cost is \$10 per barrel for St. Anthony Park residents. To register, contact green@sapcc.org or 649-5992.

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Expert gardener Lois Braun will explain how to get the most out of a late-season garden at 7 p.m., July 21, at the St. Anthony Park Community Garden, on Robbins Street just west of Raymond Avenue. The event is free, but registration (green@sapcc.org) is encouraged.

The Community Council is looking for 200 neighbors to sign up for renewable energy in Xcel Energy's Windsource program. For an average St. Anthony Park household, going 100 percent Windsource will add about \$3.50 a month to their monthly bill. A new Windsource customer is required to make a one-year commitment. To join, visit sapcc.org/windsource.

To encourage residents to switch from gas-powered lawn mowers to environmentally preferable electric or person-powered ones, the Community Council, with the support of the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation, is offering \$50 grants. Households can pair up to purchase and share a reel or electric mower and receive \$50 towards the cost of a new mower. At least one household has to retire their gas mower. There are also coupons for free disposal at the September Neighborhood Cleanup. For more information, e-mail green@sapcc.org or call 649-5992.

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Steinhauser is Spirit of the Park winner

by Michelle Christianson

Sometimes when you think you're standing on your own two feet, it's good to look down at the base under them. The foundations of our lives were built by those who came before us, and without them we would not stand so tall.

One of the people who helped build the structure of St. Anthony Park (and the city of St. Paul) is Fredric Steinhauser, who will be awarded the St. Anthony Park Foundation's Spirit of the Park Award on July 4.

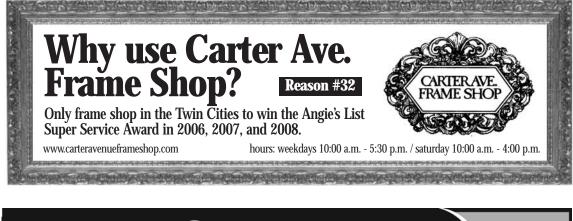
The Spirit of the Park Award is an annual recognition given by the foundation on behalf of the community to an individual who has demonstrated an extraordinary dedication to St. Anthony Park. Steinhauser will receive a framed plaque, and the foundation will donate \$500 to the Fourth of July Committee in his honor. Past recipients of the award are Fred Morlock, Gale Frost, Gerald McKay and Andrew Boss. Perhaps Steinhauser's contributions can best be summed up in the words of his colleague Norman Moen, writing in his citation for Faculty Member of the Year 1970 at the University of Minnesota: "The word in any summary of Dr. Steinhauser's career is service: service through education, military service, and community service. Loyal, dedicated, diligent, effective service."

Steinhauser grew up in Lamberton, Minnesota, during the Depression and learned to do his own plumbing, carpentry and electrical work because, as he said in an interview with the Minnesota Historical Society, "you didn't hire anybody else because you couldn't afford it. So, we learned to do everything."

He helped out in his father's general merchandise store until he was drafted into the Army in 1941, right before the Pearl Harbor attack.

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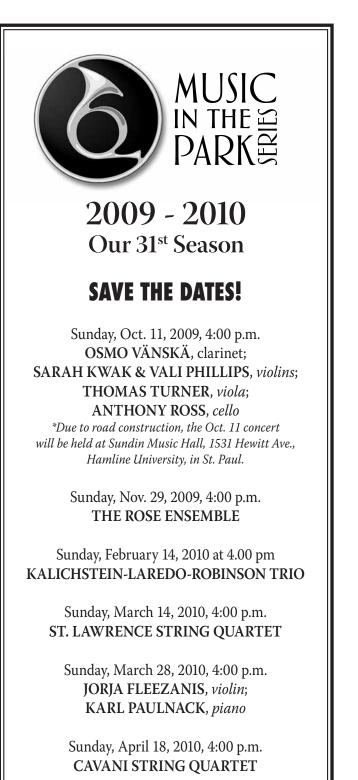
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A written word is the choicest of relics. . . . Books are the treasured wealth of the world and the fit inheritance of generations and nations. — Henry David Thoreau

A relic, minimally, is a physical object. For Thoreau, the written word meant only one thing: inscribing or printing on paper or some other physical medium. Today, in addition to being a thing, writing can occupy a more ethereal realm, existing as a coded series of ones and zeros that live a virtual life . . . where, exactly? Somewhere over the rainbow, perhaps.

Writers of a certain age, most of whom have made some kind of peace with computers, have had to adjust to the fact that what appears on their monitor has only a tenuous existence. Its status can be partially substantiated by "saving," a process that assigns it to some storage medium, typically a hard drive or server.

But what are those things, actually? What kind of magic spectacles does one need to peer into a hard drive and discern its mysteries?

When writing went virtual, our means of describing it retained the language of print. We still create "documents" or "files," which we store in "folders." The illusion of physicality is enhanced by computer interfaces that give these creations a familiar appearance on the screen.

But it really is an illusion. Any writer who uses a computer has experienced the impermanence of his or her creation. Indeed, we've had to become armchair theologians in learning that computers, or the programs they run, can "crash" (another linguistic refuge from the world of physical objects), and when they do, anything that hasn't been saved is lost.

Impermanence takes another, particularly devilish form when one attempts to retrieve a document created years ago using software that no longer exists. You can see the icon on your screen, but you can't access it. Its "presence" mocks you, in a way that no missing piece of paper can.

The truth, of course, is that even printed things can be lost. Children sometimes experiment, or at least they used to, with disappearing ink. But all ink will disappear eventually. And paper deteriorates. It rots and falls apart. It crumbles in your hand.

But the very physicality of print lends its demise a certain poignancy — even drama, at times. Where would filmmakers be without the stock scene where someone strikes a match and sets fire to a piece of paper — a love letter, perhaps, or an incriminating piece of evidence. Hitting delete on a keyboard just doesn't have the same cinematic effect.

Still, even lovers of print have to admit that it does have limitations. One compelling argument for a digital world is access. Shelf space is finite, and accessing printed materials one doesn't own takes time and transport. But if the words one seeks are digitized, they can be summoned in an instant. Indeed, if efforts undertaken by Google reach fruition, most of the world's extant published texts will one day be accessible by computer — or whatever we're calling our reading machines by then.

When that day comes, will there still be room for print? Will sixth-grade students still turn in their essays on pieces of paper? Will that paper go into a box somewhere and be kept by the writer's child or grandchild, to be retrieved decades later and held, passed around the room? Will those essays still be enshrined in newsprint and delivered to front doors?

Publishing companies are consolidating and they're printing fewer titles. Bookstores are closing. Some newspapers have stopped publishing print editions. The written word's days as a relic may be numbered.

But the word's status as a fit inheritance should not be compromised by digitization. What one wrote in sixth grade should be preserved, somehow. As long as there are generations and nations, we will need to know what others have thought, and the process of wrestling those thoughts into written language must be honored and treasured.

If you're reading these words in print, by all means recycle the paper when you're done with it. But feel free to cut out a few things first and put them in a folder — a real one.

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He served in communications and intelligence until 1947, spent another four years during the Korean War as chief of strategic intelligence for the U.S. Joint Command in Tokyo and would have been sent to Vietnam had the war not ended when it did. Altogether, Steinhauser served in the National Guard for 32 years, rising to the rank of brigadier general.

After returning from World War II, Steinhauser received a bachelor's degree in geography from Mankato State, a master's degree from the University of Chicago and a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota, where he taught for 30 years, receiving many awards for excellence in teaching. He also served in executive positions in the Minnesota Academy of Science and in the National Council for Geographic Education. streets that had cut between the elementary school and the park grounds. He also was instrumental in maintaining green space around the school when a gymnasium was added.

One of Steinhauser's many community positions was coordinator of the Fourth of July fireworks display for 10 years.

One project he takes great pride in is a community study undertaken in 1965 with Steinhauser as its chairman. Association members went door to door contacting 97 percent of all those who lived in the area at the time.

The study charted topography, population, zoning, traffic patterns, vegetation, commerce, building distribution and even the occupations of many residents. It was recognized at the time as the most complete community study done by volunteer citizens anywhere. Based on the study, the association prepared a comprehensive plan for the community. A follow-up study in 1975 reflected newly released census data. Steinhauser was also involved in improving the commercial district along Como Avenue, convincing the city to allow tree planting in sidewalk cut-outs and getting business owners to pay for the improvements. Association members did the planting. Realizing that all community organizations would have more clout with St. Paul government if they banded together, Steinhauser spearheaded the Association of St. Paul Communities, becoming its first president and writing its by-laws. The 22 community representatives that made up this group advised the St. Paul City Council about community programs, and the organization later evolved into the present district council system.

Though he is now 90 and retired from leadership activities,

Steinhauser still enjoys serving others. He helps other residents plant gardens at the Luther Place condominiums and visits friends in nursing homes. He's involved in his children's and grandchildren's lives and is happy they will be at Langford Park on July 4 to see him get the award.

If St. Anthony Park stands tall today, the neighborhood can thank those, like Fred Steinhauser, who helped build its foundation.



Thanks from the board

Everyone knows that times are tough. Nevertheless, this year's Bugle

It would seem that Steinhauser had enough to keep him busy during those years, especially after marrying and raising a family of four children, but his move to St. Anthony Park in 1957 began a rich and productive period in his civic career.

Early on, Steinhauser recognized the St. Anthony Park Association as a powerful tool for community action. Soon after joining, he became the chair of the Planning Committee and joined the elementary school PTA, combining the efforts of both organizations to improve the community's park and playground areas, and working to close two fund drive was an astounding success.

The altruistic donations from both individual and businesses contributors have enabled the Bugle to turn a small profit this year, despite the harsh financial slump we're mired in. Is this a great community or what?

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The travails of the newspaper industry are well-known. News about the demise of long-time daily papers is all too common.

Community newspapers are suffering as well. In June, the Bridge, a monthly paper much like the Bugle, covering the Prospect Park, Marcy and Seward neighborhoods of Minneapolis, published its last print edition.

Our community's financial backing has allowed the Bugle to avoid the Bridge's fate. Your support for the Bugle is especially gratifying to the board of directors in these difficult times, and we thank you.

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Why law?

I was a dairy farmer for nine years in Clayton, Wisconsin. When that became too difficult financially, I decided to go back to school. Law school at William Mitchell felt right from the very beginning.

I worked in a downtown Minneapolis law firm for awhile, then decided to go into general practice. I enjoy helping people get through the legal system. I do probate and estate planning, some civil litigation and family law, including divorce, child custody and child support, adoption and unmarried couple dissolution.



Why here?

I live in Prospect Park and like the fact that I can bike to work. Also, my mom lives in St. Anthony Park, so it's nice to be able to see her occasionally during the day. This has been a great location for me. It's nice to be part of a neighborhood.

How long?

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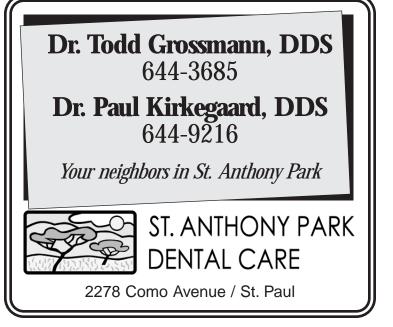
I've been practicing law for 25 years and have been at this location for 7 years.

Who else?

My partner here is Liz Richards. She still maintains a few clients in our office, but now she spends most of her time working for the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women.

What else?

I also have an office in Grand Marais, so I spend some time up there. I volunteer at my church. Most of my time outside work is spent with my two sons, especially watching them perform. Garvin, 18, is a ballet dancer. He'll be a freshman at DePaul University in the fall. Morgan, 15, is an actor and jazz piano player.



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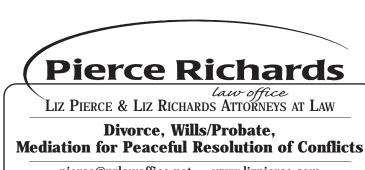
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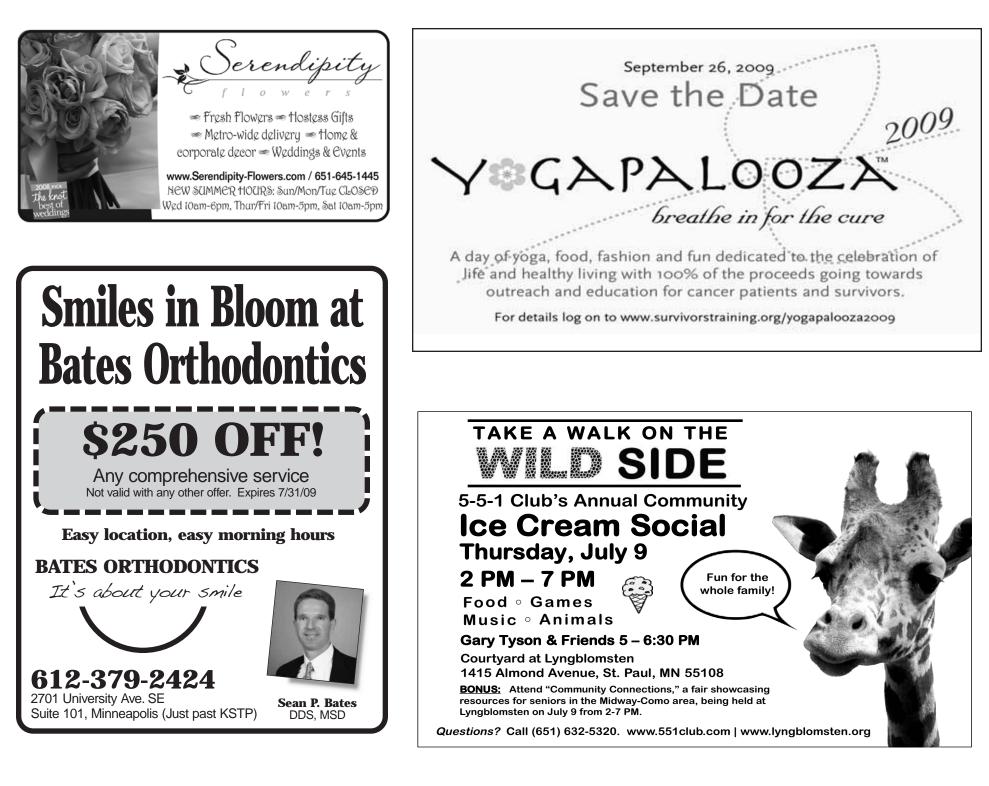


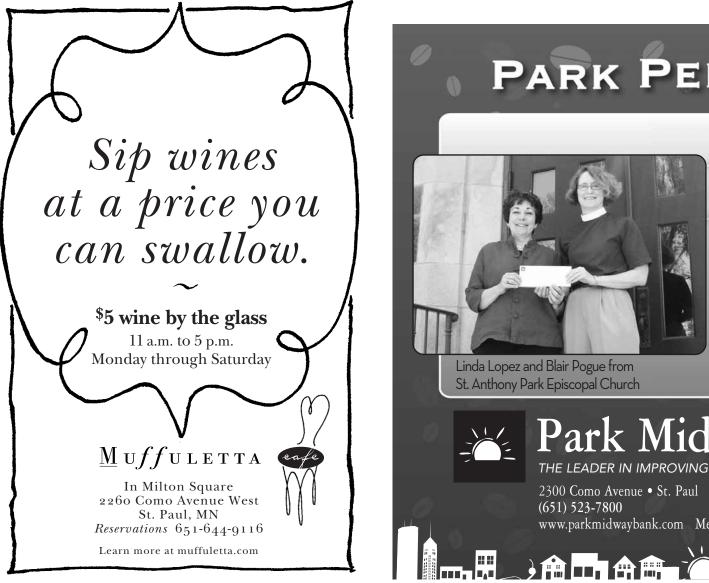
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The Birdman of Lauderdale by Clay Christensen

Sometimes, bird watchers become bird's nest watchers. It's a challenge this time of year, when nests are usually hidden from view by all the leaves that have covered the trees.

But you can discover a nesting site by tracking the birds carrying nesting materials: string, bits of cloth, sticks, grasses, even litter tossed on the ground by careless humans.

Or you can watch for birds constantly carrying food to their hungry, noisy youngsters.

I did just that in late May, when I was on a St. Paul Audubon field trip to the Ramsey County Open Space, near Dale and Larpenteur. It was my second trip through there in 10 days.

I first looked for a completed nest I had seen earlier. That day, I had seen a robin land in a muddy area and thought perhaps it was nest building. Robins finish the insides of their nests with a thin layer of mud.

So I watched as it flew to a nearby tree. There were no leaves or bark on the tree, so the nest was very visible in the main crook of the tree. There were four hungry baby bird mouths sticking out of the nest. The robin hadn't been gathering mud but rather some tasty tidbits for its babies.

When I found the nest on this second visit, it was cocked to the side, empty and quite disheveled.

It's possible that it was too exposed and was raided by a predator, but a more hopeful explanation was that the young had fledged. They're usually ready to fly in 14-16 days after hatching, so they could have flown by this time.

Then we began to find other nests. The first, and one of the most dramatic nests, belonged to a ruby-throated hummingbird. One of our field work its way around the tree, but it never did. So we walked a bit beyond the tree to see more of the other side.

Pretty soon a white-breasted nuthatch peeked out of a hole in the trunk. It had ducked into a nest cavity. We watched as both adults took turns bringing food to the youngsters hidden in the nest hole.

The bottom of the whitebreasted nuthatch nest cavity is covered with flakes and strips of bark, even lumps of dirt, topped by a cup of finely shredded bark, grasses and tiny roots. The cup is lined with soft fur, wool, hair and feathers. An industrious building project indeed, all done by the female. So if you have sheep, watch for lady white-breasted nuthatches plucking wool from their coats.

As we continued our hike, we spotted a starling perched at the top of a dead snag, 30 feet up, and watched it pop into a hole near the top. Here was a starling that didn't depend on a human structure for a nest site, like a stoplight post or power pole, but had gone with a natural location.

Again, a pair was bringing food to the nest. The starlings' nest cavity is a messy collection of stems, leaves and other plant material, with a cup that's lined with feathers, wool and moss. Again, a wool snatcher; watch those sheep.

Finally, we saw one of the truly classic bird nests of summer, that of the Baltimore oriole. It was hanging from the end of a cottonwood branch, high in the tree, with the male perched atop

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it. He attracted our eye and left no doubt whose nest it was.

The female oriole does most of the nest building, weaving a deep pendant pouch from long fibers that she's pulled from plants and vines. She uses hair, string, yarn and any other fibrous material that humans have left lying around.

The rim of the nest is attached to forked twigs. Sometimes twigs extend down the sides and are woven into the structure. The six-inch-deep cup is lined with hair, the down from plants, wool (again!) and fine grasses. She usually completes the nest in 4-8 days.

This one field trip showed us a variety of nest structures and locations. There was the larger nest in the crook of a tree (robin), the tiny nest plastered to a branch (hummingbird), nests in cavities (white-breasted nuthatch and starling) and the spectacular free-swinging nest pouch of the Baltimore oriole.

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trip members spotted a hummingbird and watched it fly right to the nest, sitting on the top of a branch, some 30 feet up in a box elder tree.

The nest looked like it had been plastered to the branch. Ruby-throated hummingbirds start with little fragments of plant material and fashion them into a small cup less than two inches in diameter. The nest is thickly lined with down, held together with spiders' webs and camouflaged with flakes of lichens. And it's a nest that expands elastically as the eggs hatch and the hatchlings grow. Amazing, eh?

Farther down the trail, we saw a bird fly to the far side of a tree trunk and seemingly disappear. We waited for it to



For the 4th

Since 1978, sixth-grade students at St. Anthony Park Elementary School have participated each spring in an essay contest that was started by neighborhood resident Robert Hahnen. The winners ride in the annual Fourth of July parade on Como Avenue and read their essays at Langford Park. Here are this year's four contest winners.

Benjamin Franklin

by Ben Reynolds

any of us have probably heard of Benjamin Franklin. You know, the Many of us have probably ficand of benjamine readers of the second secon with a metal key tied to the end to prove that lightning was electricity. Remember? Yes that's him. But he has done more than that in his lifetime. Franklin's achievements fit neatly into three main categories: science, politics and citizenship.

Franklin was very interested in science. He was the one who conducted the experiment to see if lightning was electricity. Franklin was also a great inventor. He invented bifocals, the glass armonica (a musical instrument different from a harmonica), the odometer and the lightning rod, among other things.

Franklin was also well-known in politics. He helped write the Declaration of Independence in 1776. In 1787 Franklin was the oldest man to sign the Constitution. Throughout his life Franklin also served his colony in the Pennsylvania Assembly.

Franklin's accomplishments as a citizen include creating the first volunteer fire station in Philadelphia The first public lending library in the colonies was also established with the help of Franklin. For a portion of time he was even the postmaster of Philadelphia. He created more effective postal routes using the odometer he invented.

I chose Benjamin Franklin as the person who impacted my life, perhaps not directly, but in the way all of us live in this country today. He was a man who had many interests and talents, some of particular interest to me, such as scientific discoveries and unique inventions. His inventions and discoveries inspire me to experiment with science and

Benjamin Franklin to 12

Rachel Carson: Nature Writer by Morgan Riddle Kimm t was silent — the world around us — a strange stillness. The stream didn't run as quickly as it once had, the tree trunks didn't bend as much and the bird song was a whisper. It was a screaming silence. For 15 years Rachel Carson had been noticing the world of nature was getting dimmer and quieter. Only very rarely did she see a bald eagle or hear an osprey's cry. She knew something bad was causing this. She just hed to form out what And also did this. She just had to figure out what. And she did. Rachel Carson was born May 27, 1909, and died April 14, 1964. She was a marine biologist, ecologist and nature writer. She went to Pennsylvania College for Women and majored in biology. In 1936, she was the first woman to take and pass the Civil Service test. After she passed it, she became the chief editor of all the publications of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. After many years of that, she quit to First she wrote a trilogy about animals and plants under the sea. become a full-time nature writer. Then she wrote a book called "Silent Spring." "Silent Spring" is about Rachel Carson's observations about how the nature around her was getting smaller and quieter. Especially the raptor birds because of an DDT was highly effective and used against malaria and body lice insecticide called DDT. on soldiers. Then people started using it on their fields and as bug spray. It is estimated that in the early 1700s, before DDT was being used, there were 300,000–500,000 bald eagles. In 1950, about 10 years after DDT was being used all over, the population was 412 bald

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Rachel Carson to 12

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Paul Hewson

by Keagan McCully

magine this: You are on the verge of death in a hospital, sharing a bed with five other people. You've seen your friends die, and you won't survive much longer because you can't afford your two pills a day.

Every day, more than 12,500 people are dying from malaria, tuberculosis and AIDS. These are treatable diseases. But the people who suffer from them often don't have the money to pay for treatment. But there are many people with the means to help. A rock star is urging us to pitch in and try to save some of the 12,500 people that are dying every day. His name is Paul Hewson, but more people know him by his band name, Bono.

Bono has received three nominations for the Nobel Peace Prize and was knighted in 2007. He has supported over 20 charities and over 25 causes, including AIDS, kids with mental challenges, hunger

Bono has not only supported these charities, he's also founded one. It is called ONE. It has more than 2 million members who are committed to fight extreme poverty and preventable diseases, particularly in Africa. At ONE, members achieve change through advocacy. They make sure that world leaders keep their promise to

Another program Bono founded is called DATA. It stands for debt, AIDS, trade, Africa. DATA raises awareness and helps solve debt that Africa needs to pay. It supports people who suffer with AIDS. It tries to change unfair trade rules that keep Africa poor. Bono has told people at his concerts about these programs. In

Paul Hewson to 12

Dr. Dennis Slamon

by Quinn Huff

r. Dennis Joseph Slamon has inspired me in may ways. Who is he? He is an American oncologist and a UCLA professor. Dr. Slamon and his colleagues had been studying and testing to find a drug to cure breast cancer. After 12 years of testing and studying, Dr. Slamon finally came up with the drug Herceptin (trastuzumab). This was the key in curing breast cancer.

At first the government did not believe Dr. Slamon. He then had to take part in many activities that finally convinced the government in publishing the drug. The drug helped many women survive who had breast cancer. Dr. Slamon was given many medals in honor of Herceptin.

Dr. Slamon has inspired me in many ways. First off, my mom had breast cancer in 2007. If the drug Herceptin was never invented, she would not have been a survivor like she is. I would not have a mom like I do now. Every year at the Mother's Day walk around the Mall of America I think about how lucky I am to have a mom like I do now. And I stop to think how grateful I am that Dr. Slamon invented the drug Herceptin. How he has changed many lives and has saved many women.

When my mom told me she had breast cancer, I cried in my

Dr. Slamon studied and tested for 12 years to find a cure for







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Then came the fun part. He

"It was so much fun," he said

to and including the roof







The crowd included lots of kids, he said. "That was the best part — the kids that were here. They got to climb ladders and play in the dirt."

and when there were problems

getting a rented conveyor belt

started, folks loaded planting

passing them up the ladder.

Wild Crea said.

medium in buckets and started

than we got with the machine,"

"They bucketed up more

John and Diane Norris did a lot of improvising on their project. John works in industrial salvage, and Diane sometimes

goes along with him to job sites and gathers discarded plants. A steel beam down the center of the garage formerly supported the air conditioning at a large hotel, and there's insulation from a 3M building in Shakopee.

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"Eighty percent came from what I already had in the yard," Diane said of the sedum, day lilies, herbs and prairie plants collected over the years and recently relocated to the garage roof. Because she didn't have to buy many plants, their \$1,200 grant from the Watershed District covered the majority of the roofing project.

"That was the best part — the kids that were here. They got to climb ladders and play in the dirt."

Joe Wild Crea

The Norrises will also install a patio area on the garage roof, which looks out on the commercial area of Como Avenue between Carter and Doswell. A few containers hold more plants. "It's a nice green area that you can sit up on the deck and look at and just enjoy," she said.

Mergenthal's project is the most ambitious, both in terms of space (about 1600 square feet over three areas) and because part of her project is over the addition to her kitchen. She doesn't just park her car under those layers of soil; she sits under them for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Hers is also the only project that draws the full green-roof benefit of energy conservation, because she has central air conditioning that gets a big boost from the extra insulation and evaporation.

She said her grandson Jennings, then six years old, called her four years ago to propose the project. "He said, 'My dad and I have been looking online at green roofs, and we think you should do it," Mergenthal recalled.

The more she thought about

it, the more it seemed a fitting tribute to her husband, recently deceased, for whom the grandson had been named. "He was a great gardener," she said of her husband.

Like Wild Crea, Mergenthal started her research by visiting the environmental building at the State Fair.

She approached Swenson because even though he'd never done a green roof, she trusted him. "I've nothing but gratitude for all the subcontractors I've gotten through the Swenson brothers," she said.

Mergenthal is active in rural land protection and thought first of native prairie plants, but the prairie nurseries she knew and loved turned her down, reminding her that one reason those plants survive in a harsh climate is their deep root systems, which would be inappropriate on a shallow rooftop.

So she turned to Bachman's, where Doug Danielson at the Lakeville site recommended sedum. She said she'd always thought of that as a pesky invasive, "but creeping things are good in the right place."

Swenson said his business connections helped him get good deals on materials for Mergenthal. Still, he estimated the project would be about three times as expensive as a traditional roof.

"It's a system, not a roof," he said.

"It was a great experience," Swenson added. "I hope to do hundreds more. But people have to understand what the purpose is, what they want from it.'

And once the project is "finished," there may be more expenses coming, he pointed out, as plants will probably die and need replacement. The roof will have to be weeded, and varying sun exposure may affect how well the plants do. And it may need watering, although all three homeowners expressed surprise at how well their plants had tolerated the unusually dry



month of May.

Mergenthal and Wild Crea both have rain barrels and plan to pump water from those back up onto their roofs. Wild Crea also has rain gardens to solve some drainage problems around the house and garage.

Wild Crea said green roofs are common in parts of Europe, and he hopes the idea catches on here. "In 15 years, maybe it won't be so new," he said.

Asked by a visiting five-yearold why she had plants growing on her roof, Mergenthal boiled it down to the simplest terms.

"They're going to make my house real cool," she said, "and they're going to look pretty and they'll put good things back into the air."

Real (wo)men use reel mowers

by Dave Healy

You're a good neighbor. You dutifully keep your lawn (or what passes for a lawn) mowed. But are you contributing to air pollution in the process?

If you use a gas mower, the answer is yes. According to the **Environmental Protection** Association, gas lawn mower emissions account for as much as 5 percent of total air pollution in the United States. There's also the matter of noise pollution, more difficult to quantify but

easier to identify. Just ask your neighbors, who are trying to have a backyard picnic while you're mowing next door. What to do?

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push mowers, which are entirely person-powered.

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team up to buy a new mower and at least one retires a gas mower, they're eligible for \$50 toward the purchase.

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Dr. Dennis Slamon from 9

So he kept on fighting and finally came up with the drug Herceptin.

This has inspired me because now I feel that I can accomplish anything I want. I just have to keep trying and never give up, like Dr. Slamon did. If I want to accomplish anything but soon give up, I won't get anywhere. I'll just sit there and feel like a loser. But if I keep on trying I can accomplish anything that I want to.

It bugs me to see someone who is about to accomplish something extraordinary but they just give up because it's too tough or they're too tired. That's life. Trying your best and your hardest is the only way that you're ever going to accomplish anything.

That is why Dr. Dennis Slamon has contributed so much to my life and has inspired me in so many ways. He has changed many lives, including me and my family's. Breast cancer can be tough, but you just have to be strong and never give up. That way you can accomplish anything you want. You just have to keep on trying and be as strong as you can be.

Paul Hewson from 9

2005 he got 600,000 new members for his campaign because he was telling people about them at U2's concerts.

If we help the people in other countries that are in need — like South Africa, with 5,700,000 living with HIV/AIDS; Nigeria, which has about 2,600,000 people with HIV/AIDS; and India, which has about 2,400,000 people living with HIV/AIDS — it can promote health and stop wars from breaking out throughout the world. People in every country of the world are affected by AIDS. We can be patriotic, but we can also love other countries and donate our resources to good causes. Bono is urging us to help. We should help. We need to help.

Bono has inspired me to join his campaign. He has inspired me with his music and earned my admiration by using his fame and wealth to help others in need. It is amazing seeing a rock star that isn't ostentatious and doesn't just care about himself. So think about who you could help save, instead of buying the newest, most hip and coolest Aeropostale shirt for \$90. Just think about it, and donate money. That is what Bono is inspiring us to do. Bring an end to AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis. Save the 12,500 people that die each day.

Rachel Carson from 8

In the U.S. Rachel and many other scientists knew that DDT was the cause of this. The pesticide wouldn't actually make the birds sick, but it would block the eagles' enzymatic processes that transfer calcium to developing eggshells, making the eggs extremely thin. So when the eagles would try to sit on the egg just to warm it, it would crack beneath them.

Rachel Carson was one of the first to write about this. The book was a huge success and thousands of people read it, including President John F. Kennedy. Kennedy banned DDT and other harmful pesticides and insecticides from the U.S. Once DDT was banned, the population of bald eagles in 1980 was up to about 115,000. Rachel Carson helped save the bald eagles.

Rachel Carson has made a big impact on my life. If it wasn't for her, I would never have seen the nation's bird, the bald eagle. She stood up against the big pesticide companies. She was clever and made a scientific issue a public issue. She is proof that one person can make a difference.

She has also made me think about choosing a career path as a nature writer. People who read her books realize that keeping the environment healthy is important. In her first three books about the sea, Rachel Carson wrote about how pollution was killing ocean animals. And in "Silent Spring," she wrote about how pollution and the pesticides were not only hurting the animals but how people see the world too. I know that our country will be more careful in the future.

Benjamin Franklin from 8

also have fun with it.

Franklin's view of civic society and doing good for the community is also an immense inspiration. He believed in teamwork. He thought citizens should help each other whenever they could. Forming the first public library and later the first volunteer fire department are great examples of the way he impacted our democracy and the kind of person he was. Both are examples of how Franklin aimed at helping his community.

We seem to take a lot of public services for granted today, services Franklin influenced and valued. Without the Constitution we would not have as much freedom as we do today. Finally, without the Declaration of Independence we would not be an independent country. Of course these are not things that Franklin created alone. But he certainly played a major role in making them happen. I think that Franklin would like the St. Anthony Park community I live in today. It seems to reflect many of his ideas of what a community should be like. Without Benjamin Franklin's accomplishments and commitment, it is hard to imagine that we would have the same society as we do today. He did so much for our country and the people around him. Franklin knew that without teamwork, we would be nowhere. All of his interests contributed to that idea. As Franklin said, "We must all

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Denise Anderson

Denise G. Anderson, age 57, of St. Anthony Park, died suddenly, of natural causes, on June 16, 2009.

Denise taught in the Spanish-immersion program with the St. Paul School District. She was a graduate of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn. She was a much-appreciated volunteer at the American Swedish Institute and danced for many years with the Twin Cities Swedish Folk Dancers.

She is survived by her mother, Grace Anderson; brother, Jeffrey (Patricia) Anderson; and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Warren.

A memorial service was held June 20, 2009, at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, with interment at Lakewood Cemetery.

Margaret Dynan

Margaret M. Dynan, formerly of Lauderdale, died at age 97 on June 7, 2009, after a long and well-lived life. She was born in Mitchell, S.D., in 1911.

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She was preceded in death by husband, Daniel, three brothers and three sisters. Margaret is survived by her children, Pat (Tom) Curtis, Mary Lou (Tom) Carufel, Bob and Dan (Pam); seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; sisters, Lucille Kane, of Seattle, Wash., and Alice Vauchelet, of Cincinnati, Ohio; and brother, Ralph (Betty) Till, of Hayward, Calif.

Margaret was a member of Corpus Christi Parish for 68 years and taught second grade at the school for many years. Mass of Christian Burial was held on June 12, 2009, at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Roseville.

Colleen Larkin

Colleen J. (Peterson) Larkin, age 80, formerly of St. Anthony Park, recently of Little Canada, died peacefully June 7, 2009, at St. John's Hospital in Maplewood, surrounded by her family. She and her husband were active members of the Church of St. Cecilia and raised their family in south St. Anthony Park.

Colleen will be remembered as a strong woman who was devoted to her family and friends. All who knew her will miss her warm, gracious, funloving and charitable spirit.

She was preceded in death her husband, George. She is survived by daughters Lynne (Dave Wright), Kathy (Jeff Schelde), Beth (Rick Howell) and Shari; three grandchildren; and sister-in-law Carol Larkin.

A Memorial Mass celebrating her life was held on June 25, 2009, at the Church of St. Cecilia, with interment at St. Peter's Cemetery.

David Merrell

Longtime St. Anthony Park resident David J. Merrell died May 13, 2009, at the age of 89. Born on August 20, 1919, in Bound Brook, N.J., Dave graduated from Rutgers University in 1941 and served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1946.

On Mar. 19, 1945, in New York City, he married Jessie Clark of Arlington, Mass., and after the war earned a Ph.D. in zoology from Harvard University. In 1948 they came to Minnesota, where Dave became a professor at the University of Minnesota. Three years later they bought a house on Chelmsford Street, living there until moving to Roseville in 2003. Dave served as professor of zoology, genetics and cell biology, and ecology, evolution and behavior until his retirement in 1987.

Among many other pursuits and pastimes, he was an avid fisherman, gardener, photographer, musician and athlete. Until his 80th year he could often be found playing tennis on neighborhood courts. Dave was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Jessie C. Merrell; his brother, Edward P. Merrell, Jr., and his grandson, John Nemoto Merrell. He is survived by children Edward (Carrie) Merrell, of Gilrov, Calif., David Merrell, of Seattle, Wash., James (Linda) Merrell, of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and Ann Merrell, of Haymarket, Va.; six grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter. A memorial service will be held at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ on Aug. 1, 2009, at 11 a.m. A private military burial will be held at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

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She was preceded in death by her grandson, David Raup. She is survived by loving husband of 68 years, Philip; children, Philip M. Raup Jr. (Marjorie Stamberg), Martha J. Raup (Dianne Joseph) and

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Her funeral service was held June 13, 2009, at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, with interment at Lakewood Cemetery.

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Louise Vickers

Louise R. Vickers, age 94, died May 18, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil M. Vickers. She is survived by sons David (Linda) and Douglas (Barb); four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. A

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