



Music in the Park Series

Music in the Park Series kicks off its 31st season with an Oct. 11 concert by members of the Minnesota Orchestra.

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The Birdman of Lauderdale

Chimney swifts look like flying cigars: black with swept-back wings. Their chittering call matches their nervous, flittering flight. Sept. 11–13 Audubon Minnesota will continue its 2009 Chimney Swift Sit, when volunteers count the number of swifts using a roosting site on a particular night.

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Peg Doheny

Peg Doheny, the new branch manager at the St. Anthony Park Library, is serving her third stint there since 1981. She replaces Rose Ann Foreman, who moved to the Merriam Park Library this summer.

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Making a front-yard statement

by Judy Woodward

Your front yard says something about you. Whether it's your prize-worthy chrysanthemums or your hearty crop of crabgrass, you're sending a message. Lawn ornaments, children's toys, last year's leaves — it all describes you to the world.

Some messages are more pointed than others, though, and it's those intentional communiqués that are especially interesting. Maybe you've got one of those signs that announces who's repairing your gutters or replacing your roof. Maybe you've got a yard sign for this year's mayoral campaign — or maybe you never took down your sign from last year's presidential campaign. Maybe you even continue to display your fading green-and-white Wellstone sign or your somber black-and-white POW/MIA flag.

The First Amendment is alive and well, especially in the front yards of St. Anthony Park, but for some householders that's not enough. Not for them the pre-formulated messages of official campaigns, mass political movements and commercial advertisements. There are those who prefer a more individualized statement, even if the meaning isn't always evident at first glance.

Take the small hand-lettered sign that has graced the yard of a house on Como Avenue for the last three years. Its text is brief and enigmatic: "May 28, 1968 Again?" The placard is the work of homeowner David Lee, who says the date represents the exact mid-point of the carnage in the Vietnam War.

"There were as many U.S. fatalities after that date as before," Lee says. "That is the date on the

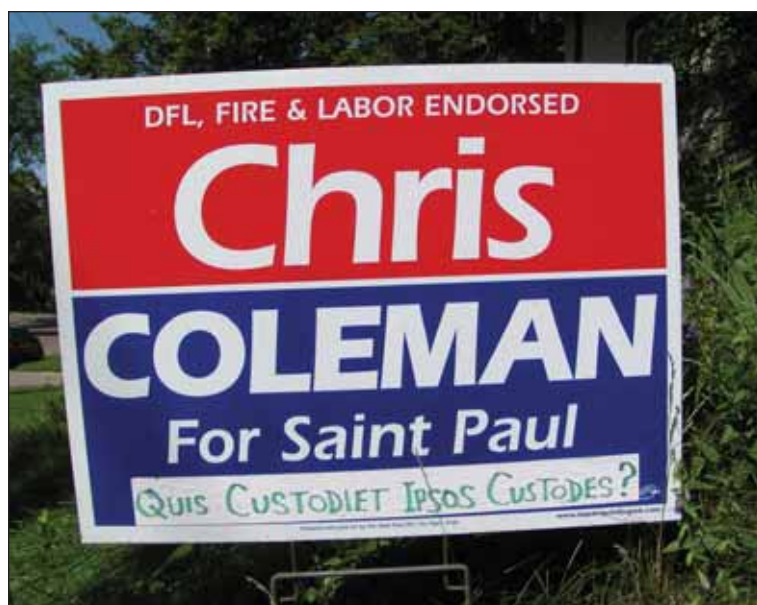
Vietnam War Monument (in Washington) where the two wings meet."

Lee hopes the sign invites passers-by to make the same calculation for the current war in Iraq. Have we reached the mid-point yet?

"Even if we decide to get out of Iraq now," Lee says, "it doesn't end for the people involved."

Lee, a 52-year-old physician, was eleven years old in 1968 —

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St. Anthony Park resident Oliver Steinberg makes a front-yard statement by annotating political lawn signs.

An invitation: Tell us about getting by

by Dave Healy

There's nothing like a recession to get people thinking about ways to live more frugally. Couple that with a growing interest in "living green," and the ingredients are in place for some significant lifestyle changes.

Although they wouldn't have used terms like reduce, reuse or recycle, members of previous generations knew a thing or two about living efficiently and making do with less. Whether it was surviving the Great Depression or dealing with shortages during WWII, people who lived during that time learned a lot about being frugal.

Perhaps you are one of those people. Or maybe you have a parent, aunt, uncle, grandparent or great-grandparent who lived through those eras.

The Bugle is interested in hearing some of the lessons that previous generations learned about frugality. We want to make a list, and we plan to publish some contributions each month in our print edition and to keep a

cumulative list on our Web site.

What we have in mind are specific things you or someone you know did during the first half of the 20th century to economize or "get by."

Your contribution can be as short as a sentence or long as a paragraph. The more specific you can be, the better. For example, "making and rewashing her own sandwich bags" will be more interesting to readers than "reusing things."

Be sure to identify yourself and tell us what neighborhood you live in.

There are two ways you can contribute to this list:

1. E-mail your description to us at: editor@parkbugle.org.

2. Mail your contribution to: Getting By, Park Bugle, P.O. Box 8126, St. Paul, MN 55108.

We'll publish some of your contributions in next month's print edition, and we'll keep a complete list on our Web site (www.parkbugle.org).

St. Anthony Park burglaries thought to be work of metro-wide ring

by Anne Holzman

Burglaries of St. Anthony Park businesses earlier this summer have stirred questions about whether crime is worse in the area than in recent years.

Mostly, no, say police. But there is one oddity about this year's crime patterns. St. Anthony Park is one of many neighborhoods in the Twin Cities metro hit in recent months by multiple commercial property burglaries in which safes have been stolen.

Sgt. Paul Schnell, St. Paul police spokesman, said that law enforcement departments across the metro area have begun cross-jurisdictional comparisons of such burglaries in hopes of identifying patterns and confirming whether the burglaries are the work of a coordinated group.

Burglaries at St. Anthony Park eateries Muffuletta on July 21 and Finnish Bistro/Dunn Brothers on July 22 are believed to be part of the pattern, Schnell said. In both cases, a safe was taken.

A forced entry at the Como Avenue BP gas station on June 23 is thought to fit the same pattern, Schnell said.

Station owner Ned Wessenberg said the thieves stole safes, an ATM and even the video cameras that might have provided some clues to their identity.

"These are people who become sophisticated," Schnell said. They

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Participate in this month's Bugle poll: What's your closest connection to the Great Depression?

C I T Y F I L E S

Como Park

Como Zoo won the Nickelodeon Parent's Pick Awards Best Tourist Spot in Minneapolis/St. Paul, and Como Park was voted Best Playground or Park.

The District 10 Neighborhood Relations Committee will host a meeting to discuss parking and traffic at 7 p.m., Sept. 24, at the Historic Street Car Station, 1224 Lexington Pkwy. N.

For more information, go to www.district10comopark.org or call 644-3889.

Holy Childhood Church will hold its annual Taste of Como Oktoberfest on Friday, Sept. 25, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the church, 1435 Midway Pkwy. The event will feature a sampling of neighborhood restaurant specialties, German beers and wines, and live music. Cost is \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Call Larry McMahon for tickets: 489-2428. The event is for ages 21 and up.

Falcon Heights

The Falcon Heights Human Rights Commission is sponsoring a poster contest for school-age children in Falcon Heights. For theme and submission information, visit the city's Web site (www.falconheights.org) or call City Hall (792-7600). The deadline is 4:30 p.m. Sept. 25.

Winners will be announced at the Oct. 14 City Council meeting. Winning entries will be displayed at City Hall and may be entered in Minnesota's statewide human rights poster contest.

The Minnesota State Horticultural Society will hold a seminar on the emerald ash borer on Sept. 22, 6:30–8 p.m., at 1755 Prior Ave. N. The seminar, led by Don Mueller of the Minnesota DNR, is free, but registration (643-3601) is required.

Falcon Heights Parks and Recreation offers the following classes for fall. For details

(including times for soccer age groups and fees) and to register, see www.falconheights.org or call 792-7616.

Youth soccer for ages 5–10 will be Saturday mornings, Sept. 19–Oct. 24. Each session will include skill development activities and a scrimmage.

Awesome Autumn Leaves, a craft class for ages 2–5 with accompanying adult, will meet 6:45–7:45 p.m., Sept. 15, at City Hall. Cost is \$12 for residents, \$15 for nonresidents.

Three types of yoga will be offered this fall: Slow Flow, Restorative and Basic.

Slow Flow, 10–11:15 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Falcon Heights City Hall, involves slow, continuous movement while focusing on the breath. Cost is \$48 for residents, \$54 for nonresidents.

Restorative Yoga, 6–7 p.m. Thursdays at Falcon Heights City Hall, focuses on chakras, posture, breath work and relaxation. Cost is \$48 for residents, \$54 for nonresidents.

Basic Yoga, 10–11:15 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Lauderdale City Hall, addresses alignment, range of motion, breathing and learning poses so they can be done at home. Cost is \$45 for residents, \$50 for nonresidents.

Yoga classes begin in September and run for six weeks. Preregistration is required.

Lauderdale

Residents interested in running for a city council seat or the office of mayor may file through 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8. Election Day is Nov. 3.

The City Council will set the preliminary levy for 2010 at its Sept. 8 meeting. Residents are encouraged to attend meetings, ask questions and state opinions. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Falcon Heights Parks and Recreation will offer Basic Yoga, 10–11:15 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Sept. 15 at Lauderdale City Hall. Fee for the six-week course is \$45 resident, \$50 nonresident. Preregistration is required. For more information and to register, visit www.falconheights.org or call 792-7616.

St. Anthony Park

The annual Neighborhood Cleanup will be Sept. 26, 8 a.m.–1 p.m., at the State Fairgrounds. Enter from Larpentur Avenue. St. Anthony Park and Como Park households that did not receive a July mailing about the cleanup should contact their respective Community Council, since the mailing serves as a registration form. Falcon Heights

residents, who are also included in the cleanup, can call City Hall with questions.

Thirty volunteers are needed from St. Anthony Park to help make the cleanup a success. Volunteer shifts are 7–11 a.m. and 10 a.m.–2:15 p.m. Breakfast (first shift), snacks, beverages and lunch (both shifts) will be provided for all volunteers. Volunteers will also receive a voucher for free disposal. To volunteer, contact Renee at renee@sapcc.org or 649-5992 and provide your name, mailing address, telephone number, e-mail address and shift preference.

Work on the railroad bridge over Raymond Avenue just north of Energy Park Drive is scheduled to resume at 7 a.m. Sept. 8, at which time Raymond Avenue will be closed for traffic through most of October. Construction will also limit access to Blake Avenue between Scudder and Raymond. A pedestrian tunnel will be available for most of that time, according to officials of Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad. Posted detours will be via Snelling Avenue.

The 19th Annual St. Anthony Park Neighborhood Garage Sale will be 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sept. 19. Registration with \$15 fee is due Sept. 11. Forms can be found at the kiosk at Carter and Como, Hampden Park Co-op, Speedy Market and at www.sapcc.org. For more information, call Rich Nelson at 641-1172.

St. Anthony Park resident and architectural designer and teacher Lucas Alm will open his Brompton Avenue house in a Backyard Talk at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 17.

Alm is involved in the U of M Solar Decathlon solar house project and will share what he has learned from transforming his house while minimizing construction waste and using local materials. To register, call 649-5992 or e-mail green@sapcc.org.

The last Backyard Talk of the season will be held Sept. 30 at 6:30 p.m., when Southeast Como resident Wendy Menken will explain her solar thermal hot water system.

Solar thermal heating is often more cost-effective than producing electricity through solar photovoltaic panels. Contact Renee (renee@sapcc.org or 649-5992) to sign up.

The Teen Club will meet Monday, Sept. 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Langford Rec Center. The club is for ages 11–14.

A Back to School Dance for ages 12–14 will be held at Langford Rec Center on Sept. 11, 6–8:30 p.m. Admission is \$5.

Parent and tot playtime sessions begin Sept. 10 at Langford Rec Center. The unstructured playtime, 9:15–10:30 a.m., is for children ages 5 and under and an adult.

A variety of fall classes for children and adults will be held at Langford Rec Center, including Cooking & Art, Tumbling & Creative Movement, Crazy Craft Fridays, Soo Bahk Do, Pilates, Mediterranean Cooking and Arabic.

For information about classes, call 298-5765.

The Emily Program will host two authors in September. On Sept. 8, Laura Collins (“Eating with Your Anorexic”) will speak at 6:30 p.m. She is the founder and executive director of FEAST (Families Empowered and Supporting Treatment of Eating Disorders) and also leads “Around the Dinner Table,” an online forum. Her book is the story of her family's experience during her teen daughter's recovery from anorexia.

Jenni Schaefer (“Life Without Ed”) will speak at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 9. She is a consultant with Center for Change in Utah and a member of the National Eating Disorders Association's Ambassador Council.

These appearances are sponsored by The Emily Program Foundation and are open to the public. The Emily Program is located at 2265 Como Ave. For more information about these events, contact Kelly King (kelly@emilyprogramfoundation.org, 379-6143).

Children's Home Society & Family Services has added individual and family counseling to its St. Anthony Park location at 2230 Como Ave. Services include pre- and post-adoption therapy and counseling for children, adolescents and families.

Counseling is also available for parent-child relationships, school adjustment, childhood stress, stepfamily adjustments, post-traumatic stress disorder and GLBT issues.

Day and evening appointments are available. Call 635-0095 for more information.

St. Anthony Park's Cub Scout Pack 22 will hold its first meeting of the year on Monday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m., near the gazebo in Langford Park. Cub Scouts is for boys in grades 1–5. For more information about joining Cub Scouts, contact Clayton Helmer at 603-6987.

— Anne Holzman

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Music in the Park Series: *A view from the audience*

by Natalie Zett

"In America everything is big, including orchestras," wrote Hugh Wolff, former music director of the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra. "Sadly, there never has been a tradition of chamber orchestras in America. Can (chamber music) find traction in America?"

Despite this dour dictum, gaining traction hasn't been an issue for Music in the Park Series, now in its 31st season. Although the series is renowned for its top-rate talent and performances, its devoted subscribers, some of whom have also been performers, play a major role in its enduring success.

Pianist Thelma Hunter has performed in a variety of musical settings throughout the years, including Music in the Park Series. The Mendota Heights resident said, "I knew Julie Himmelstrup (Music in the Park Series founder and artistic director), so I was there from the beginning in 1979. From the first concert, it was such splendid playing. It was so good that I just had to participate."

Hunter received her master's degree from Eastman School of

Music and relocated to the Twin Cities in 1947 to teach at the University of Minnesota. Besides performing at Music in the Park, she has also served on its board and subscribes to the series annually.

"The quality of the music is always incredible," she said, "as is the ambiance at the St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ. You often see the same people each year, so it becomes like a family."

But you don't have to be a professional musician to enjoy the series.

St. Anthony Park resident Arla Savage is also a long-time subscriber. "I love music," she said, "but I can't play a note." Still, she enthusiastically endorses Music in the Park.

"This is one of the best things that ever happened to St. Anthony Park," she said. "Julie brought quality music to the beautiful, intimate setting of the UCC church, and my husband and I can walk there. The concerts start at 4 o'clock and there's something magical about that afternoon time. Plus, you can see all your friends in the

audience. It's wonderful — like having the kind of salon they had in Mozart's day."

Savage also appreciates the talks that Himmelstrup gives at concerts. "Julie has educated us," she said. "Many of her programs have new music and she has a lot of premieres. So she stretches us to learn more."

Savage said Music in the Park Series' reputation extends well beyond St. Anthony Park. "I can go anywhere and talk to musicians, and everyone knows Julie and Music in the Park Series," she said. "I don't know how many communities have this kind of thing."

Cellist Laura Sewell has also performed with the series many times. "It's fantastic," she said. "It's a real treasure that we have Music in the Park Series and Julie Himmelstrup."

One of Sewell's first performances with the series was a family affair. "I appeared with my dad, a violinist, and Thelma Hunter, pianist, and her son," Sewell said. "There was a piece commissioned for us by Skrowaczewski (a former

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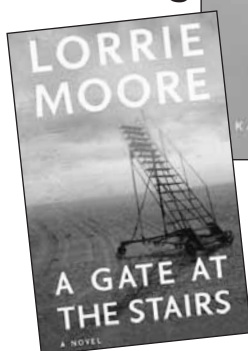


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EDITORIAL

She saved and reused the waxed paper from cereal boxes. She mended clothes for herself and her family. She canned vegetables from her garden. She made quilts from fabric scraps and discarded garments. Maybe that person was your mother, or grandmother, or great-grandmother. She became who she was in part by living through the Depression.

The United States has endured many depressions, but only one rates a capital D. Sometimes, in invoking that time period, we even add an adjective: the Great Depression.

Anyone who didn't live through that era and doubts whether the adjective is merited might consider a few statistics. From 1929 to 1932, U.S. industrial production fell by nearly 45 percent, housing construction dropped by 80 percent, 5,000 banks went out of business, the unemployment rate increased from 3 percent to 25 percent, corporate profits dropped from \$10 billion to \$1 billion, and the average American family's income was reduced by 40 percent.

For millions of Americans, the 1930s was a time of making do, of getting by. Because they had to do without, they economized; they made things last.

Our modern mantra is reduce, reuse, recycle, but it reflects an ethic born of surplus rather than scarcity. We tote our cans, bottles and paper out to the curb every week because there's no more room in the landfills and we have to find another way to deal with all that stuff.

What's our legacy from the Depression? Many of us look back at that era through sepia-tinted glasses that render our forbears' behavior

admirable but quaint. We don't have the time or patience for canning and mending and vegetable gardening and quilting. And if we do take up those pursuits, we treat them as hobbies, not as a way of life.

It's hard for us to see frugality as a virtue, as something valuable in its own right, as more than a necessary response to deprivation. But that alternative vision long predates the Depression. Whether one looks to our Puritan ancestors or to Poor Richard's Almanac, there is ample support in our collective past for the idea that being frugal — saving, conserving, husbanding — is self-justifying behavior. And more than that: living a frugal life might actually make one happier.

That message has echoed throughout our history and is one we need to keep hearing.

"Simplicity, simplicity, simplicity," preached Thoreau in the mid-19th century.

"Small is beautiful," argued British economist E.F. Schumacher in his 1973 book of that title.

More recently, author Sarah Susanka has suggested that one can be happy in a "not so big house."

People have had occasion to think about the Depression of late as we weather our own economic downturn. Making do is what we think about when we think about recessions.

But recessions don't last forever. The economy will eventually pick up again. Perhaps what we've picked up about weathering tough times will serve us well when times get better.

LETTERS

Rethink Como Pool plan

Planned features for a new Como Park aquatic facility include rock-like formations (up to nine feet high), a lazy river, a climbing wall and a zip cord.

However, consider these three reasons for a different vision of the future Como Pool.

1. The past pools already had something for everyone.

Teens who have life-guarded at Como over many years confirm that the pools are full of individuals of all ages. The newly planned features are limited in use (e.g., the zip cord area can only be used by individuals of a certain age and ability). Also, other locations nearby already provide similar features for those who

would like them.

2. Community input was not effectively provided for current design plans.

The 358 respondents to a 2008 survey about Como's pools overwhelming wanted the pool replaced. Their comments centered on upgrading the quality of the pools, keeping the same recreational programming (lap swimming, low diving boards, splash pool, swim lessons) and keeping the project low-impact and affordable.

However, at February 2009 community meetings, no formal voting procedures were used to gauge community reaction to specific components of the proposed Como aquatic facility,

such as plans for the optional and expensive lazy river. Four of the five sketches presented pump-driven rivers. There was no discussion of the merits of individual design features; rather, the public was directed to rank design schemes.

This process allowed for choice between different parking and landscaping layouts, but the components of the new pool plan (with all the trappings of a water park) were not open for discussion with the community.

3. The 1984 Como Park Master Plan, developed to meet state requirements for funding through the Metropolitan Council, does not mention a water park or aquatic facility —

simply an updated pool.

Como neighbors and the Park Master Plan desire a "less is more" pool design, with more quality, not more quantity. The final Replacement Task Force vote (7 aye, 2 nay, 3 not present) and weak February input processes are not sufficient grounds to proclaim community approval of the plans. The 358 respondents surveyed in 2008 expressed no desire for water park designs.

Here is an idea: Build two simple, quality pools and a changing area — not a lazy river water park with concessions and yet another parking lot.

*Sally Worku
Como Park*

COMMENTARY

by Janna Caywood

St. Paul's Como Lake looks especially sad this year, with much of its surface covered by bright green algal blooms and a patchwork of tangled weedy mats the size of small islands.

Many of us who live near the lake go there to walk, jog, bike or skate around it. Some of us go to fish from Compass Point or to take out an occasional paddleboat, kayak or canoe. We may go alone to unwind, exercise or simply sit and gaze at the lake. Other times we socialize at the pavilion, catching up with friends and neighbors.

We go to the lake because we are cheered by it and feel connected to nature when we are near it. Open water has an enchanting effect on the human psyche. We love to see the sunlight glinting off the water's surface, the gently chopping waves moving in

syncopated rhythm, the wildlife splashing about or sleeping on the surrounding shores. For many in the community, this is much-needed therapy for our fast-paced, hectic, urban lives.

But when Como Lake is choked by algae like it is today, what we see is an ugly, swampy, smelly mess. Instead of feeling cheered we feel confused: "What's going on with the lake?" Or we feel depressed, helpless even, trying not to look at it too closely because we don't know what to do. "Somebody should do something about that" we think to ourselves, not knowing that "somebody" is us.

Como is a shallow lake, which means an abundance of aquatic plants is to be expected. But the diversity of plants and fish that provides a balanced ecosystem has been choked off by the overgrowth of harmful algae and aggressive, weedy plants that

block sunlight and take up much of the lake's dissolved oxygen. Sediment can cover plants trying to grow from the lake bottom and can also block sunlight when churned and suspended in the water column. This year, lack of rain has reduced the water level, further exacerbating an already out-of-balance ecosystem.

Como Lake has been stressed for many years. In 1998, the District 10 Community Council's Environmental Committee spearheaded an effort to establish the Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD), which studied the lake's condition and determined that polluted stormwater was the primary culprit in its decline. Two pollutants in particular, excess phosphorous and sediment, have encouraged the overgrowth of harmful aquatic vegetation.

In 2003 a major shoreline restoration project was undertaken for Como Lake, a joint effort of the Ramsey County Soil and Water Conservation District, CRWD and St. Paul Parks and Recreation, with community participation organized by the District 10 Community Council. CRWD installed large rain gardens and has undertaken other water quality improvement projects in recent years to lessen the impact of polluted runoff. Because of this, Como Lake is much improved compared to a decade ago. But it remains impaired.

Como Lake is completely stormwater fed, which makes it an especially challenging lake to manage. Stormwater, which comes from rainfall and snowmelt, picks up pollutants

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St. Anthony Park and Mike in Como Park. But we do work all around the Twin Cities.

How long?

Proteam Painting has been around for 15 years. We've been partners for 5 years. We met through Park Angels Daycare, which Duane's wife runs. Mike's older son went there after the family moved here from California.

Who else?

We have 8 other employees right

now. We'd like to grow to 15–20 employees. Duane's son Tom does some painting for us, as does Mike's wife, Rima.

What else?

Mike spends most of his free time trying to keep up with his two boys, Domantas (8) and Tautvydas (3).

Duane's daughter Alisha (15) is a student at Como Park High School, and he enjoys watching her play softball.

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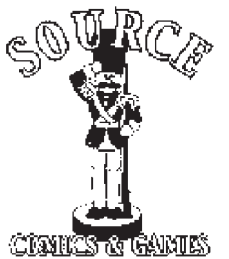
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and carries them directly to the lake via the storm sewer system. Several storm sewer outlets discharge into the lake. Also, direct runoff from parkland, streets and residential properties immediately surrounding the lake contributes polluted stormwater.

When one household in our watershed has polluted stormwater coming off their property and going into the storm sewer and then the lake, we all suffer the consequences. Como Lake's water cannot be partitioned up for each of us to take care of our own little cubic foot. The consequences are shared. Therefore, the problem solving should also be shared.

To that end, several of us who care about Como Lake have started a water stewardship neighbor network. We think our neighbors would be more open to trying some ideas for storm-water management if there were a supportive group of neighbors ready to help them walk through

the process.

The condition of Como Lake is about more than the lake itself. It is about us and about our community. Our ability to take care of Como Lake is reflective of our ability to take care of each other and the quality of life in our community. By working together on projects — water stewardship dialogue groups, leaf-sweeping brigades, rain garden installation parties, grant writing — we can build relationships, collaborate, gain confidence in our civic capacity, develop leadership skills and be better able to take on other challenging public issues that come our way.

Most people want to do the right thing. They just don't always know how or have the right kind of support to get it done. Perhaps together we can change our ways and in the process change Como Lake back to the neighborhood jewel it was meant to be.

A group of neighbors interested in improving Como Lake meets the second Tuesday of each month. Their next meeting is Sept. 8. For information, contact Janna Caywood: 487-8648, jcaywood@goldengate.net.

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Gardeners share love of plants with neighborhood

by Alyssa Neeb

Passers-by at the rain garden at the intersection of McKinley and Frankson streets in the Como Park neighborhood may have noticed a pair of women removing weeds on a sunny afternoon, or tending to small plants peeking out from melting snow in early spring.

One might assume they work for the city of St. Paul or the Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD), but they are

local residents who share a love of gardening. Sharon Shinomiya and Valerie Cunningham both have particular interests that continue to draw them to the rain garden.

Shinomiya, a 14-year Como resident, said she's always been interested in gardening. In addition to volunteering at the rain garden across the street from her home, she also tends the Midway Parkway gardens near the entrance to Como Park.

Shinomiya said she enjoys her work in the community gardens because it's an opportunity to spend time outdoors, and "I'd much rather use that time to do something, rather than just sit around."

She said she also enjoys the social dimension of gardening, since many neighbors stop by to chat or ask questions about the plants and creatures found in the garden.

Cunningham said she became interested in gardening about 15 years ago, when the popular interest in annuals began to shift to perennials. An avid birder and a member of Audubon Society, she's been busy this year conducting bird tours and surveys, some of which call for her to rise very early.

She said she enjoys the early morning sun as it appears over the native prairie in natural areas where many bird species are found. She added that the rain

gardens in her neighborhood provide additional habitat and food for birds, animals and butterflies.

In her own yard, Cunningham tries to plant species that provide both food and habitat. She said her interest in birding and seeing other neighbors enjoying the garden drew her to work in the rain garden.

Both women cited the rain garden's dual purpose — a way of reducing stormwater runoff and also adding to the neighborhood's aesthetic appeal.

Describing one prominent element of the McKinley-Frankson garden, Cunningham said, "The bluestem (a Minnesota native grass) is a knockout." She added that passers-by often ask about grasses that retain their beauty through fall and winter. She said she hopes neighbors will decide to incorporate some native plants

into their own urban landscapes.

The rain garden at McKinley and Frankson is a joint project between the city of St. Paul and the Capitol Region Watershed District and is one of eight such gardens in the Como Park neighborhood.

CRWD was formed in 1998 by the Board of Soil and Water Resources to manage and protect part of the Mississippi River Basin, along with the wetlands, creeks and lakes that comprise the watershed and drain to the river.

CRWD covers 40 square miles and includes portions of Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Maplewood, Roseville and St. Paul. The organization has a staff of eight and is governed by a five-member board of managers. For more information about CRWD, see www.capitolregionwd.org.

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The Birdman of Lauderdale

by Clay Christensen

I've participated in a lot of bird surveys this summer — hiking the same route once a week for two months, bushwhacking across prairies, counts that started at dawn, owl counts after dark.

And now a more relaxing survey: Minnesota's first Chimney Swift Sit. Find a likely chimney, pull up a lawn chair and watch for swifts ducking down the chimney at dusk to roost for the night.

Chimney swifts look like flying cigars: black with swept-back wings. Their chittering call matches their nervous, flittering flight.

Audubon Minnesota is beginning its Chimney Swift Conservation Project this year with the goal of educating folks who have chimneys that swifts could use and telling others who are interested how to build a roost site for swifts.

Part of this project is the Chimney Swift Sit, when volunteers count the swifts using a roosting site on specific nights. Last month the nights were Aug. 7-9. This month the nights will be Sept. 11-13. For information on what Audubon Minnesota hopes will become an annual event, see <http://mn.audubon.org/events/714>.

Here are some of my notes from the first week in August:

On Monday, my friend Bonnie and I scouted out some likely chimneys, including the James J. Hill house on Summit Avenue, one of several huge mansions along Summit with lots of tall chimneys, many of which do not have screens over the top. They looked like tempting roosting sites, and we did see and hear swifts overhead, but none made a move toward any of the chimneys.

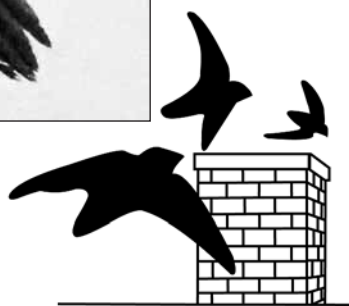
Then we tried an apartment building on Selby Avenue whose chimney was used by some 30 swifts last year. Again, there were swifts in the air, zooming past in small groups, but none took a

dive into the chimney.

Tuesday night I went alone to the Twin Cities Chinese Christian Church in Lauderdale. They've got a relatively short chimney, but it looks to have a large opening. I saw several swifts

pass overhead, but none went down the chimney.

I saw a large group



CHIMNEY SWIFT CONSERVATION PROJECT Audubon Minnesota

of about 20 swifts assemble and head south down Eustis Street, so I made a mental note to check chimney sites farther south later in the week.

Then on Friday, four of us drove down to the Villa Maria in Frontenac, Minn., to count all the swifts we "knew" were using its chimney as a roost site. One of our group, Paul, had been there a few weeks earlier and counted more than 100, even though he'd gotten there after they'd already started going in.

Well, we didn't hit that number. Bonnie saw one go in and two come out, so her count was minus one. I figured I'd seen three to five go in. What happened? Our guess is that since it was an overcast night with drizzle on and off, the birds had gone to bed early and the ones we saw were a couple of wild and crazy teenage swifts staying out as late as they could.

On Sunday night, my wife, Jean, and I took our dog down the Eustis Street hill to watch for any action around the Newmech Company's chimney. I'd never seen any swifts there before, but I suspected that the flock of 20 from earlier in the week might have been heading there.

We saw a few swifts fly over at 25 minutes before sunset. The largest group was 6 or 8 heading farther south down Eustis. Then at nine minutes after sunset, one swift dropped down the chimney. Fist pump!

In the next 18 minutes, five more swifts dropped in, two flew back out, and so we had a net roosting population of four. I was ecstatic, since this site was a bit of a scientific guess on my part.

It's important to do some scouting of potential sites before the actual count period. If the site is on private property, let the owners know what you're up to. You may want to print a copy of the brochure explaining the Chimney Swift Conservation Project to hand to interested people. It's available at <http://tinyurl.com/othguf>.

And, while this survey is called a Chimney Swift Sit, I didn't bring a chair or box to sit on, which wasn't so swift on my part. It was wearying to stand around in one place for an hour.

If you'd like to participate in the Sept. 11-13 survey period, do some scouting in your neighborhood for likely chimneys. Plan to begin about a half hour before sunset. Start a bit earlier if an overcast sky will cause it to get dark earlier. Expect to spend about an hour.

Some lucky observers have reported seeing hundreds of swifts during the August survey period. We only saw single-digit numbers, but an important goal is to identify potential roosting sites.

There's a reporting form available at <http://mn.audubon.org/events/714> to send your observations to the Audubon headquarters. Bring a pair of binoculars and a notepad to record time, temperature and your count.

Get out there and pick a likely chimney. I hope you'll be in double or triple digits in your own Chimney Swift Sit survey.

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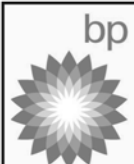
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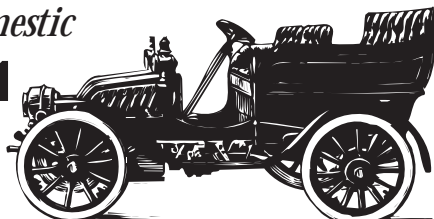
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old enough to remember that President Lyndon Johnson had already announced a de-escalation of the hostilities in Vietnam during a memorable speech on March 31 of that year.

“Once you embark on a course, it may not be easily reversed,” he says. “Even if you change your mind, it may take a while to accomplish it.”

Lee says that his sign “was meant to be a conversation starter. When we’re out of Iraq, I’ll take it down.”

Lee’s homemade sign is succinct. A few blocks away, at the corner of Hendon and Branston, there’s another front-yard communicator who’s anything but. Oliver Steinberg worked until recently as a printer, a vocation that gave him the skills to create a gallery of homegrown political signs that ornament his lawn in seasonal rotation.

Just now, pride of position is given to a Coleman for Mayor sign that’s been augmented with hand-lettered quotations ranging from the late Mayor Richard Daley on Chicago’s Finest (“The police are not here to create disorder. The police are here to preserve disorder”) to George Orwell’s famous pronouncement that some animals are more equal than others.

Is this a Coleman endorsement? If you’re not sure, you may find something more straightforward among Steinberg’s other signs. After the last election, he retired “Down with King George the Worst,” but President’s Day will bring forth an homage to George Washington at Valley Forge, and June is reserved for a commemoration of D-Day, 1944, in honor of one of Steinberg’s neighbors, who served in Normandy.

Steinberg, who describes himself as “someone who writes lengthy diatribes and sends them to the Bugle,” takes his right to free speech seriously. He likens the changing display in his yard to the walls of “big character” posters that were traditionally the only outlet for public dissent in Communist China.

“You never know what will come of the ripples,” he says.

“I’m never at a loss for an opinion,” says Steinberg, who has been posting his signs ever since he moved in around 1980. “I’m very partisan and the neighbors are very tolerant.”

Politics makes for great signs, but not all front yard writing is political. Take the 16th-century Japanese verse that Doug Beasley had painted on his cement retaining wall a few years ago. Written in yellow letters on a terracotta-colored wall on Hendon Avenue, it reads, “Though the current be swift, it cannot sweep away the moon.”

“I just love the sentiment,” says Beasley, 52. “To me it says that no matter how complicated things seem, there’s always some unchanging, underlying truth.”

He says that the text, which frequently attracts passers-by who stop for a second look, holds a special meaning for his life. Beasley, who works as a photographer, says, “I’m a very poor Zen Buddhist, but this reminds me to return to quietness and things that have real meaning.”

Although words are an obvious way to make a statement, they’re not required. Melvyn Jones hopes the dragon-emblazoned banner that he and his wife fly over their front door on Grantham Street will attract support for his second language without any words being said or written.

“It’s the Welsh flag,” he says, “the Red Dragon or ‘Draig Goch.’”

Says Jones, 67, a retired state worker, “I fell in love with Wales years ago on a short visit. The two biggest tournaments in Wales



Top: Doug Beasley’s retaining wall features a 16th-century Japanese verse.

Above: Melvyn Jones hopes the Welsh flag he and his wife display will prompt a passer-by to stop and exchange a few remarks in Welsh.

are rugby and poetry.” At the Eisteddfod, the Welsh national cultural competition, “the most honored chair goes to the winning poet. A boy in Wales can write poetry and his friends won’t beat him up. I love that idea.”

Jones has been studying Welsh for many years, and he hasn’t given up the hope that someday a Welsh-speaking passer-by will note the flag and ring his doorbell to exchange a few remarks in the ancestral tongue. So far, Welsh-speakers have been scarce on his block, but Jones isn’t losing heart.

“I like the feeling I have when I see the flag waving in the breeze,” he says. “It beats all those Xs and stripes and color combinations that other nations have. I hope a little of that bold spirit (of Welsh poetry) will rub off.”

St. Anthony Park Library manager's stint is her third

by Michelle Christianson

Ever had that feeling of déjà vu? "I've been here before?" Peg Doheny, the new branch manager at the St. Anthony Park Library, can certainly relate. This is her third stint at this library.

Doheny, who grew up in St. Paul and earned a degree in library science from the University of Minnesota, got her start shelving books in high school at the Arlington Library, where she was "bitten by the librarian bug." She decided to become a librarian because she enjoys the intellectual challenges of library work and likes helping people with many needs.

After graduating from college in 1979, her first job was as a librarian at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library beginning in 1981, though that position was only for a year. She left on maternity leave with her first child.

She began as branch supervisor at the Rice Street library in 1982 and returned to St. Anthony Park in 1984 as branch supervisor, where she remained for two years, once again departing on maternity leave.

In her 37 years of service, 28 of which have been in supervisory positions, Doheny has held nearly every library position and has served at several branches in the St. Paul Public Library system.

Her longest term, eight years, was at the Central Library, where she was an assistant supervisor of youth services, which included collaborating with other early education institutions, programming, and building and maintaining the collection. While there, she started the Passport to Play program in collaboration with the Children's Museum. This evolved into the popular Museum Pass program, whereby library patrons can check out a pass for free admission to one of many area museums.

When Rose Ann Foreman moved to the Merriam Park Library, Doheny left her position



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Peg Doheny is the new branch manager at the St. Anthony Park Library. She has worked in St. Paul public libraries for 37 years.

at Dayton's Bluff Library to come to St. Anthony Park.

"I am looking forward to working in a library with great community support and good neighborhood collaborations,"

she said. These include the St. Anthony Park Association, the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, the St. Anthony Park

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Minnesota Orchestra conductor) and we premiered it as part of the series. Julie's really great about new music and often has world premieres like this."

Sewell served on the Music in the Park board in the 1990s and continues to subscribe. "I just mailed in my season ticket order," she said.

Sewell said Music in the Park Series provides a great introduction to chamber music.

"It's not as big as a symphony orchestra," she said, "but if you're looking for fantastic repertoire in an intimate setting, then chamber music would be

your thing. That's what's so great about the series: It's in a small space, you're close to the performers and you can really hear each line of the music because it's one person per part. It's like people having a conversation with each other."

Sewell admitted that chamber music once might have been perceived as stuffy, but "that's not so today. The performers talk to the audience and make them feel welcome. They're often very young performers, so there's something hip about these groups."

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Peg Doheny from 9

Garden Club and the University of Minnesota's English conversation group, all of which have some affiliation with the library.

"This is a well-supported library," she said. "I want to continue to build on the strong partnerships already in place, and intend to use the available resources well so that we can keep meeting most needs in this time

of economic belt-tightening."

A self-described "people person," Doheny looks forward to reconnecting with the neighborhood and is happy to be working with youth and youth programs.

One of the most challenging parts of a modern librarian's job is keeping up with technology, and this is a challenge for Doheny, too. Formats keep changing —

books to microfiche to online resources, for example — and the librarian's role is to be an "information broker," to help people figure out the best source of information and how to access it.

The computer has made a huge change in how people use a library, said Doheny.

"There is not as much of an emphasis on printed matter as in the past," she said. "For example, people can now download audio books from an online site. The direction is going toward more computer use in the future."

But no matter how information is shared in the years to come, people like Peg Doheny and her staff will be there to help smooth the way.

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Future of South St. Anthony Rec Center coming into focus

Soccer group emerges as favorite to partner with city in managing center

by Dave Healy

Crunch time is approaching for a decision on the future of South St. Anthony Recreation Center (SSAPRC). The center is one of five that St. Paul's Division of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has proposed for partnering with other organizations.

At an Aug. 20 public meeting to discuss the center's fate, DPR's Kathy Korum said the division is anticipating an \$11.6 million reduction in local government aid (LGA) from the state for 2010. That, together with at \$5.7 million cut in 2008 and \$5.0 million in 2009, means DPR will have lost 12 percent of its funding in three years.

Korum said that rec centers account for about \$8 million of DPR's budget and that they will need to cut \$1.5 million to make up for LGA reductions.

Three centers will be closed altogether. Partnering is an alternative to closing whereby a compatible organization takes over operation of a center.

In a partnership, the city maintains ownership of the building and responsibility for outdoor maintenance: cutting grass, plowing parking lots and so forth. The partner pays utilities and maintains the building. In return, the partner can schedule its own programs and activities at the site. When the partner organization is not using the facilities, they are available for DPR programs and community use.

Korum said DPR has received three viable proposals from possible partners for SSAPRC. The Saint Paul Futbol Club does soccer skills development and training for youth. They would use the fields in the fall and spring, the gym during winter and the tennis courts in the fall.

The YMCA has a wide variety of programs for children, youth and adults. They would primarily use the building but might also run some camps that would use the fields during spring, summer or fall.

Urban Tennis teaches tennis to kids ages 5-18 at over 30 locations. Their long-term interest in SSAPRC is contingent on being able to add one tennis court to the existing two and build a bubble over the courts so they could be used year-round.

Korum said the city has a 10-year history with partnering. She said that usually building hours increase when a partner takes it over.

Korum said that all three partnering proposals would enable the District 12

Community Council to continue renting office space in the building. Existing group meetings, including those of the council and the Langford/SSAPRC Booster Club, could also continue, she said.

Korum said the city has enough money to run SSAPRC through the end of the year. She said agreements with partners can be from one to five years.

At the Aug. 20 meeting, Korum asked for a show of hands to indicate which of the three proposals people favored. The majority of hands were raised for the soccer proposal.

In a later interview, Korum said her office would forward a recommendation to the St. Paul City Council and the mayor's office that the city partner with the Saint Paul Futbol Club. She said that if the club ends up managing the rec center, it

would still be possible for another group, such as the YMCA, to make some use of the facilities.

Amy Sparks, District 12 executive director, said she is pleased that the council will be able to continue leasing space in the rec center building.

"I'm glad the community has had a chance to offer input on the decision," she said.

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Burglaries from 1

appear to specialize in burglaries with safes but may also be responsible for some recent automated-teller machine break-ins, he said. They work in an area for a short time, then shift operations to another area, which makes it harder for law enforcement to catch up with them. "This is an established, sophisticated ring," he said.

A series of burglaries from trucking companies in south St. Anthony Park, also in July, appears to be solved, with a suspect in custody, Schnell said.

Schnell noted that while "crimes of opportunity," such as break-ins to steal cash from a car,

could be tied to an economic downturn, it seems unlikely that a specialized burglary ring has anything to do with that. And opportunity crimes are, if anything, down slightly from previous years, he said.

Schnell said the best defense against commercial burglary is for property owners to consider "a bunch of environmental design issues," such as locks and lighting, as well as protecting the property with alarms and surveillance cameras. But he said such precautions don't always slow thieves down.

Schnell said the one area of police activity that has seen an

increase is domestic incident calls. He said citywide, domestic calls are "up about 15 percent" in the first half of 2009 compared with 2008.

St. Anthony Chief of Police John Ohl also said crime is generally trending downward, although he said he has not yet done a detailed analysis of this summer's statistics. St. Anthony police serve the cities of Falcon Heights and Lauderdale.

"Since 2006 we have seen a steady decrease in crime in Lauderdale," he said, adding that the same holds true for Falcon Heights.

The June 11 murder of Todd Bernard in Lauderdale shocked that community. William Dee Barnett was arrested as a suspect in late July.

Ohl said that case provides a good example of why he's careful about statistics in the three small cities served by his staff of 23. Lauderdale's homicide rate won't look good this year.

"If there's one sexual assault in 2008 and two in 2009, you've got a 100 percent increase," he noted.

The same can hold true of less serious offenses, he said, even in larger numbers. "If one person comes through town and breaks into 30 automobiles, it could significantly skew your statistics," he said.

Ohl expressed pride in his department's record of tracking down perpetrators. "We work every single case," he said, citing a 2008 clearance rate in Lauderdale of 71 percent, or better than seven out of 10 cases solved.

"We believe that when we chase down those small crimes, it keeps the bigger ones from happening," he said, adding that Falcon Heights' 2008 clearance rate was 55 percent.

And, Ohl said, good police work isn't just about the crimes that do occur or the rate at which they get cleared. Prevention matters too, but it's harder to track.

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4 FRIDAY

• The Gleason Brothers, 8 p.m. CG.

5 SATURDAY

• Cajun jam session and lessons, 10 a.m. CG.

6 SUNDAY

• Open mic, 6 p.m. CG.

8 TUESDAY

• St. Anthony Park Garden Club hosts Betty Ann Addison, owner of Gardens of Rice Creek, 7:15 p.m. SAPBL.

11 FRIDAY

• Rummage and plant sale, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. FHUCC.

• Back to School Dance, ages 12-14, 6-8:30 p.m. LRC.

• Steve Harlan Marks, 8 p.m. CG.

12 SATURDAY

• Rummage and plant sale, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. FHUCC.

• Dessert contest and social, 6 p.m. FHUCC.

• February Sky, 8 p.m. CG.

• Walk for Children and Family Fun Day, sponsored by Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Midway Stadium.

13 SUNDAY

• Ice Cream Sundays Sundaes featuring banana splits, GM.

14 MONDAY

• Aspen book club, 6 p.m. CG.

• Teen Club, 6:30 p.m. LRC.

15 TUESDAY

• Book discussion: "The Life of Pi," by Yann Martel, 7 p.m. FHUCC.

17 THURSDAY

• Green Construction Backyard Talk, 6:30 p.m. Registration: 649-5992, green@sapcc.org.

• "Truman Smith: Horticulture as a Way Back." Presentation by authors Barry Cotter and Joan Miller Cotter, 4:30-6 p.m. GM.

18 FRIDAY

• Lonnie Knight, 8 p.m. CG.

19 SATURDAY

• St. Anthony Park Neighborhood Garage Sale, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

20 SUNDAY

• Garden party. Pig's Eye Jass Band, 12:45- 2 p.m. FHUCC.

• Minnesota Guitar Society's open stage, 2 p.m. CG.

21 MONDAY

• 2009 Homecoming Exhibition: Through the Years, through Oct. 11. LAG.

22 TUESDAY

• Emerald Ash Borer seminar, 6:30-8 p.m. MN Horticultural Society, 1755 Prior Ave. N., Falcon Heights. Registration: 643-3601.

24 THURSDAY

• Neighborhood meeting on parking and traffic, 7 p.m. CPCC.

25 FRIDAY

• Anne Deming, 8 p.m. CG.

• Oktoberfest, 5-9 p.m. HC.

26 SATURDAY

• American Girls' tea party, 11 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. LETR.

• St. Anthony Park Neighborhood Garage Sale. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

• Neighborhood Cleanup, State Fairgrounds, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

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27 SUNDAY

• Sunday Afternoon Book Group: "The Elegance of the Hedgehog," by Muriel Babery, 2:30 p.m. MB.

30 WEDNESDAY

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CPHS Como Park High School, 740 W. Rose Ave., 293-8800

CPLC Como Park Lutheran Church, 1376 Hoyt Ave., 646-7127

FHCH Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 Larpeur Ave., 644-5050

FHES Falcon Heights Elementary School, 1393 Garden Ave., 646-0021

FHUCC Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, 1795 Holton St., 646-2681

GC Ginkgo Coffeehouse, 721 N. Snelling Ave., 645-2647

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LCH Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 631-0300

LETR Lady Elegant's Tea Room, 2230 Carter Ave., 645-6676

LRC Langford Rec Center, 30 Langford Park, 298-5765

MB Micawber's Bookstore, 2238 Carter Ave., 646-5506

MJHS Murray Junior High School, 2200 Buford Ave., 293-8740

MPS Music in the Park Series, St. Anthony Park UCC, 645-5699

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SAPLC St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave., 645-0371

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 Dr. Stefanie A. Dojka, age 65, of Falcon Heights, died July 27, 2009. She was a professor of English at Century College.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Michael J. Loupe. She is survived by her daughters, Julia Loupe and Jennifer Loupe; sons-in-law, Damon Anderson and Mike Eastman; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Aug. 1, 2009, at St. Clement's Episcopal Church in St. Paul.

surrounded by her family. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Patrick V. Mascia and William Eagan, and her brother, Leonard Michienzi. She is survived by her sons, Eugene (Patricia), Patrick (Karin); daughter, Joan (Glenn) Baskfield; eight grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was held Aug. 17, 2009, at Holy Childhood Catholic Church, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery.

Josephine Mascia
 Josephine A. Mascia, age 93, of Como Park, died Aug. 14, 2009,

Martin McGowan, Jr.
 Martin J. McGowan Jr., age 88, of Como Park, died Aug. 13,

2009. He was a longtime Minnesota newspaper publisher and former legislator. He was born Oct. 28, 1920, in Appleton, Minn., the son of Martin J. and Olga (Vieg) McGowan.

He graduated from Appleton High School in 1938, and the University of Notre Dame and the University of Missouri School of Journalism in 1942.

Following college graduation, he joined his father on the staff of the Appleton Press, and upon his father's retirement became editor and publisher of the Press until the paper was sold in 1965, at which time the Press had been owned and operated by the McGowan family for over 51 years.

McGowan was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 1958 and represented Swift County in the Legislature until 1967, serving as secretary of the Liberal (DFL) caucus for his last four years.

After the sale of the Appleton Press, Mr. McGowan moved his family to St. Paul, where he joined KTCA-TV as a coordinator of special projects, which involved lobbying at the State Capitol and in Washington, D.C. He also did grant writing and on-air moderating of a senior citizen's program, "Seminars for Seniors."

He later owned and published newspapers in Blue Earth, Winnebago and Elmore, Minn., and New Richmond, Wis. He also served as the public relations director at the College of Saint Benedict in St. Joseph, and as an account representative for Volkmuth Printers in St. Cloud.

Mr. McGowan was married to the former Elizabeth J. Nolan of Brainerd on July 3, 1943, and at the time of his death they had enjoyed over 66 years of married life. In retirement they spent a

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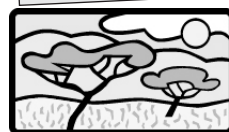
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In 2001 the McGowans moved to the Lyngblomsten Senior complex in Como Park, where he lived at the time of his death. Survivors include his wife,

Elizabeth (Betty); eight of their nine children, Martin III (Mick), of Cranford, N.J., Dan, of St. Paul, Margaret, of Honolulu, Hawaii, Vince, of Las Vegas, Nev., Kevin, of Eden Prairie, Brendan, of St. Paul, Maureen Sinkler, of Chanhassen, and Michael, of Eagan; 17 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Eleanor Simcoe, of Westborough, Mass.

He was preceded in death by a son, Sean, of Las Vegas, Nev., in 2007. Funeral services were held Aug. 19, 2009, at Holy Childhood Catholic Church in Como Park, with interment at the Appleton City Cemetery.

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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