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Getting By

In September, the Bugle asked readers to submit stories of “getting by”: how people in the past lived frugally. Read several submissions this month.

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For the last four years, Falcon Heights artist Brian Sobaski has been constructing large straw sculptures every fall. One sculpture is always displayed at the home he shares with his wife and collaborator, Kristin Schatz, and their seven-year-old daughter, Kai Lu.

Other creations are scattered around Minnesota and Wisconsin. Pictured here is Jack B. Nimble. To see other sculptures, go to myurbanplot.com.

He comes from Iowa with a banjo on his knee

Falcon Heights painter captures ordinary scenes
by Judy Woodward

The banjo has a place of honor in Dan Mackerman's art. Not that the award-winning Lauderdale-based painter and sculptor features banjos in his canvases. Music rarely figures as a subject of his art. But without the banjo, Mackerman probably wouldn't be the artist he is today.

By 35, Mackerman had been “producing art for income,” as he puts it, for nearly half his life, ever since he won a full scholarship at 17 to study art back in his native Iowa. By nature unsympathetic to the self-conscious trends of the contemporary art scene, he was also convinced that landscapes and other naturalistic subject matter were “too conventional.” Although he was commercially successful, an observer might have described him as suffering

from a case of burnout. Mackerman knew only that he was losing the joy that had connected him to art in the first place.

“The idea was you work from a great idea,” he says now. But if Mackerman had any great ideas, he lacked the confidence to recognize them. What he did have was a banjo, left over from the bluegrass music he'd played in high school.

“I'd let the banjo drop when I went to grad school,” he explains, “but at 35, I revived it.”

He also made a discovery. “Playing the banjo was completely pointless. It was just fun, and that was the joy of it. Then it hit me. Inspiration is all about the discovery

Falcon Heights painter to 8

You can't get there from here

Local residents endure months of traffic headaches

by Anne Holzman

During the thawed-out months of 2009, it seemed as if every construction vehicle in Minnesota must be working in either St. Anthony Park or Lauderdale.

Early signs of a busy construction season included utility work during March at the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad bridge over Raymond Avenue north of Energy Park Drive, and at the Larpenteur-Hennepin interchange of Highway 280, as Xcel Energy and other utilities moved their lines clear of the project areas.

At the end of April, the Minnesota Department of Transportation began work along 280. Concrete repairs and guardrail installation at the interchange with I-94 caused a series of closures. The replacement of the Larpenteur-Hennepin bridge and ramps meant that ramps were used as the main roadway, and street access to the ramps was blocked for much of the



Reconstruction of the Larpenteur-Hennepin bridge over Hwy. 280 was only one of several major road and bridge construction projects in the area that challenged motorists' navigation skills and patience.

summer.

The entire project, financed largely by a federal grant, cost an estimated \$10.7 million, according to MnDOT engineer Eric Rustad. He said MnDOT spent the whole grant, beating a July deadline to start all work.

Ramsey County paid for traffic signals and cities paid for street lights

Traffic headaches to 10

Tuesday, Nov. 3, is Election Day. Falcon Heights and Lauderdale residents will vote for city council. St. Paul residents will vote for mayor and school board, and whether to adopt Instant Runoff Voting in future city elections. To find your polling place, visit pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us.

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Neighbors with concerns or comments about parking and traffic issues are urged to attend the District 10 Council's regular board meeting at 7 p.m. on Nov. 17 at the Street Car Station. This discussion was postponed from the October meeting.

Falcon Heights

The City Council has proposed a \$2-per-month fee for all residential properties to help pay for streetlight maintenance. Commercial properties would pay \$.02 per lineal foot of street frontage. The council estimates these fees would generate \$40,000 a year.

A public hearing on this proposal will held during the City Council meeting on Nov. 18. The

meeting, which will be at City Hall, starts at 7 p.m. Questions can be directed to City Administrator Justin Miller: 792-7611 or justin.miller@falconheights.org.

Parks and Recreation will offer the following courses in November and December:

Chricell Rudolph will be back to teach the fundamentals of watercolor painting. The class for ages 7-14 will be 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Nov. 7. Fee is \$35 for residents, \$40 for nonresidents. The adult class will be 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Nov. 21. Fee is \$40 for residents and \$45 for nonresidents. Both classes will be at Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur. Pre-registration is required.

Tae Kwon Do Little Tigers is for ages 3-5. Basic kicks, punches and

strikes are taught through a variety of exercises and games. Winter 1 session will be 5-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Nov. 10-Dec. 1, at Falcon Heights City Hall. Fee is \$25 for residents, \$30 for nonresidents.

Register for these and other courses at www.falconheights.org or call Falcon Heights Parks and Recreation, 792-7616.

Lauderdale

Election Day is Nov. 3, with the polling place open at City Hall 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

St. Anthony Park

The Green on the Screen series continues with a Nov. 19 screening of the documentary film "Blue Vinyl: A Toxic Comedy Look at Vinyl, the World's Second Largest Selling Plastic." Filmmaker Judith Helfand traveled the country to learn more about polyvinyl chloride (PVC). Her film is a humorous but sobering and personal exploration of the relationship between consumers and industry. The film starts at 7 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park Library.

The St. Anthony Park Community Council is asking neighborhood artists and those involved in other creative businesses to participate in a census. Please go to www.sapcc.org/arts to participate.

A public forum will be held Nov. 10 to discuss potential changes to the alignment of Bayless Avenue and Bayless Place next to Hampden Park. The changes are part of the Hampden Park master planning process, but the discussion will be focused on street realignment. The forum will begin at 7 p.m. at the South St. Anthony Park Rec Center, 890 Cromwell Ave.

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In September, the Bugle asked readers to submit stories of "getting by": how people in the past lived frugally. We'll be publishing some of these submissions in the coming months, and we'll keep a cumulative list on our Web site.

Stories can be mailed (Getting By, Park Bugle, P.O. Box 8126, St. Paul, MN 55108), e-mailed (editor@parkbugle.org) or sent from our Web site (www.parkbugle.org).

I was born in 1966, when my dad was 53 and my mom was 43. We lived on a small dairy farm in Wisconsin, so we had plenty of milk, eggs, meat and produce to eat.

My mom saved and reused plastic bread bags to freeze chicken, make crocheted rug mats and put over my feet as a boot liner.

Even though we had well water, we still were conservative. We had a top-load washer and we used a huge garbage can to save the wash water and reuse it for more than one load. We would start with the whites with the hottest water. After the whites were done, we would bail the water back into the washer for the next load. I can't remember how many loads we would do before getting clean water.

Another thing I remember doing when I was really young and before we had a shower was to share our bath water. I hated it and insisted I be the first one in. Then my mom would take a turn.

My mom also sewed most of my clothes while I was in grade school. I had two pair of blue jeans that she made for me, and I did get to buy one pair of pink jeans from JC Penney that were on clearance. I wore them over and over again.

Amy Marshall
Como Park

My mother would cut the bottom off a bread bag to make a sandwich bag and use the top of the bag as the plastic wrap for a homemade cookie in our brown-bag lunches. We had to bring the paper and plastic bags home so they could be reused again and again.

She only bought flat sheets so she could rotate top and bottom sheets for extended wear. When a sheet wore thin in the middle, she cut it in half and sewed the outside edges together in a seam down the center, so the less worn part would then be in the center, then re-hemmed it.

Kids' clothes were handed down to several of us, then to our cousins, and back to our little brother. When they finally wore out, mom cut off the buttons to reuse on new homemade clothes or to replace lost

buttons, and tore up the fabric for dust rags or paint cloths.

Karen Lilley
St. Anthony Park

My grandma made many pies over the years, which always meant homemade crust. I'm not sure if she ever used a recipe or even measuring tools. I always enjoyed helping her.

I watched her trim each pie plate and was excited to see the extra pie crust left on the flour-dusted work space. Grandma would re-roll the

leftover dough and make us grandkids a cinnamon sugar pastry treat. It needed to bake only a few minutes and was always eaten warm out of the oven. Sharing the pastry with my sisters was the hardest part.

I still make this cinnamon sugar pastry treat. Now I have the convenience of ready-made pie crust, and I don't even bother making a pie. The crust I use isn't as flaky as my Grandma's, but the memories are always as sweet as the treat she used to make us kids many years ago.

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To whom do you answer?

The question of authority — who has it, who recognizes it, how it's exercised — is at the heart of political, religious and social life.

For Americans, that question is implicit in our country's very name: the United States. Before there was a federal government, there were individual states, and the evolving relationship between the two has been the source of continuous debate since the country's founding.

That relationship, sometimes broadly referred to as federalism, lies behind nearly every discussion of national policy. In the current debate over health care, for example, a central question has to do with the proper role of the federal government in what, except for Medicaid and Medicare, has hitherto been largely a matter of state jurisdiction.

Should private health insurance companies be allowed to compete for customers across state lines? Should health care reform include a "public" (i.e., federally administered) option?

And health care is only one of many issues affected by federalism. Should states be able to pass air quality laws that are more stringent than federal legislation? Should we enact a constitutional amendment regarding the rights of nonheterosexual couples to legally marry?

A complicating factor of authority and jurisdiction is that we don't just live in a country and a state. We live in counties and cities and districts and neighborhoods. What happens when their interests and authority collide?

A recent example close to home is the welter of local road and bridge construction projects that challenged the patience and navigational skills of motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians over the last six months. One of those projects was a new railroad bridge over Raymond Avenue just north of Energy Park Drive, undertaken by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, a private company. Since BNSF's plan for rebuilding the bridge would involve closing Raymond for an extended period, permits were required. Raymond lies within the city of St. Paul, but it's a county road, so now two units of government and a private company were involved.

Meanwhile, plans were in place to rebuild another bridge nearby — this

L E T T E R S

Consider moving

It occurs to me that some of these St. Anthony Park residents who cannot handle a little noise might be happier if they found a quiet place in the country to live.

*Jim Ashworth
St. Anthony Park*

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*Audrey Estebo
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Vote for Leehy

The election season will soon culminate, I hope, with all Park Bugle readers voting on Nov. 3. As a resident of Falcon Heights, I'd like to recommend a candidate for City Council: Melanie Leehy. As a neighbor and Falcon Heights Human Rights Commissioner, I've had ample opportunity to witness her extraordinary energy, creativity and commitment.

Melanie has a keen vision about important aspects of city life. She is eager to build a sense of community and realizes how important it is to do that by strengthening inter-generational relationships. She is mindful of the challenges faced by senior citizens and is quick to raise related opportunities and concerns wherever she is in dialogue with others.

She is dedicated to ensuring that renters in Falcon Heights find their place alongside the homeowners who

one carrying vehicular traffic on Larpenteur Avenue over Hwy. 280, a state trunk highway overseen by the Minnesota Department of Transportation. That project would involve closing the bridge and restricting traffic on 280.

These two plans came to the attention of the District 12 Community Council, which learned that the recommended detour for Raymond during the railroad bridge project was Hwy. 280. The council was astonished to learn that MnDOT and BNSF officials had never communicated about their plans.

The dearth of major north-south arteries in the area meant that motorists who wanted to avoid 280 had to use Snelling Avenue. But access to Snelling was complicated by a sewer relining project, overseen by the Metropolitan Council, that lasted from May through August and restricted traffic on Como Avenue. Later, Roseville jumped into the act with storm sewer work on the west side of 280 between Broadway and County Rd. B.

District 12, Roseville, St. Paul, Ramsey County, Met Council, MnDOT, BNSF — an alphabet soup of construction projects and no cook to keep track of the ingredients.

Let's say you decide to have a major remodeling project done. The company you hire will work with a variety of subcontractors: excavators, plumbers, electricians, tilers, landscapers, etc. Overseeing all these workers will be a general contractor, whose job is to coordinate the work and make sure things happen in the right order.

The contractor also must keep in mind that you'll be living in the house while the work is being done. You'll need access to a working bathroom and food-preparation area. Managing a laundry list of variables — schedules, sequence, availability of materials, competing needs and wishes — is a challenging job, but without someone doing it, chaos and inefficiency result.

When you cede authority to a coordinator, you give up some individual autonomy. You can't just waltz into a neighborhood at your own convenience, dig a hole in the street and put up a Road Closed sign. At times this summer, that's what seemed to be happening

Where's a traffic czar when you need one?

for many years have appreciated and contributed to the richness of living in the "City that Soars." Melanie attracts and generates many ideas about how to serve these special arenas of commitment, and she is definitely a person who translates idea into action.

Melanie is a neighborhood commissioner (co-chairing that commission) and a neighborhood liaison. As a former city employee, Melanie understands the structures and processes of Falcon Heights city government, ensuring that she would be able to be an effective City Council member from the get-go.

I would be proud to have Melanie as a member of our City Council, and I know that her service would evoke deep appreciation from the Falcon Heights community.

*Judy Connolly
Falcon Heights*

Vote for O'Connell

On Nov. 3 one of the elections is for St. Paul School Board. Many may think that this will not be a particularly important election, but for the students of St. Paul Public Schools and by extension all St. Paul taxpayers it will be of great importance. This new school board will be choosing a new superintendent.

Jean O'Connell, recently retired from 3M and the only candidate endorsed by the teacher's union, has spent time in our schools volunteering in classrooms, at science fairs, and has helped our district develop its current strategic plan. She also was part of the previous superintendent's advisory board and as such knows well the challenges that face St. Paul. Her knowledge of the strategic plan and efforts to implement it will allow her to "hit the

ground running."

Our schools have complex issues to address in the coming years. Jean's proven leadership and the ability to understand complex issues will be very useful in the decision making our school board faces.

Vote to change the status quo. Vote for Jean O'Connell Nov. 3.

*Bill Lerman
St. Anthony Park*

Rethink climate change

There is no question that the globe's climate is changing. It has warmed and cooled before. It is not as warm today as it was some centuries ago, nor is it as cool as it was some centuries ago. These climate changes occurred before there were any automobiles and before there was as much burning of fossil fuels as today.

My understanding is that human activities have very little effect on the climate compared to many other factors, from volcanoes to clouds to variations in the amount of heat put out by the sun.

Among the many findings that dispute some environmental scientists' claims are these:

Man-made carbon dioxide emissions are roughly 5 percent of the total; the rest are from natural sources such as volcanoes, dying vegetation and animals.

Annually, volcanoes alone produce more carbon dioxide than all of mankind's activities.

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Contrary to some scientists' claims, the higher the Earth's temperature, the higher the carbon dioxide levels. In other words, carbon dioxide levels are a product of climate change.

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Peter: I had studied architecture at the U and done some carpentry. I joined Mel in 1981.

We do kitchens, bathrooms and additions. We have our own cabinet shop, so we can create custom trim, cabinets and whatever else we need.

Remodeling and new construction are distant cousins. We've built a few new houses, but most of our work is remodeling. It requires a different kind of relationship with customers. You're working in their home while they're living there.

We tell prospective customers that the relationship has to feel comfortable from the beginning. Remodeling is messy and disruptive.

People are going to be dealing with us being in their house for weeks or months. We all have to be able to get along.

In remodeling, as opposed to new construction, we're able to focus on details. If you have a new house built, the kitchen is just one room of many. But if you have your kitchen remodeled, we can give that our full attention.

Why here?

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How long?

The business was started in 1973. Our first office was across the street in Milton Square. We've been at this location since 1975.

Who else?

Usually we employ a full-time cabinet maker, two or three lead carpenters and several laborers, as well as an office person. This year we've had to lay off some of those people, and we're doing more of the actual remodeling work ourselves.

We have relationships with many subcontractors, who do plumbing, electrical work, tiling, excavating and so forth.

Although the economy has slowed everything down, including our business, this is a good time to remodel. Prices are low, and people would be wise to jump ahead of the curve.

What else?

Mel: I watch a lot of sports, and I enjoy following politics. Every winter I visit family in Mississippi and Florida. I'm looking forward to playing more golf when I'm not so busy.

Letters from 4

What is fundamentally at issue are the explanations, implications and extrapolations of relatively short-term temperature readings.

If we decide that many governments need to get involved with climate change, then we will get legislation that will dramatically affect global economies. Handicapping our use of efficient technologies creates higher energy prices and reduced energy availability. The economic impact from global climate change regulations will be less productivity, a lower standard of living and more people suffering.

Pretending these costs do not exist will not lead to better environmental policies nor will it lead to better economic policies. When governments make decisions based on self-deceptions, things rarely work out as planned. And once laws are written they are difficult, if not impossible, to repeal.

I worry that this issue has become a crusade rather than an exercise in evidence or logic. I worry that many of us are too committed to risking it all on a roll of the dice, which is what turning to anecdotal evidence is.

Whether or not one believes that global warming or global climate change can be affected by human behavior, people can agree that the decisions made regarding this issue could have long-term, serious consequences.

*Paul Kirkegaard
Lauderdale*

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On Nov. 3, Lauderdale voters will elect two City Council members. The three candidates for office were asked to respond to this question: *What are the most important issues facing Lauderdale, and what qualifications and ideas would you bring to those issues?*

Jeremy Carr
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Jeremy Carr did not submit a response.

Mary Gaasch
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My name is Mary Gaasch, candidate for City Council. I have lived in Lauderdale for six years with my family, and plan to remain here for the rest of my life.

I am uniquely qualified to assist Lauderdale in meeting the challenges facing it today. From 2006-2008, I had the privilege of serving on the Steering Committee of the Lauderdale City Council. Our mission was to develop the 2008 Comprehensive Plan, which is the blueprint for guiding Lauderdale through the next 10 years. To ensure we represented the entire community, we hosted multiple community input sessions and conducted a survey. Throughout this process, I learned first-hand about some of the challenges now facing Lauderdale and how citizens want them solved.

This summer, Lauderdale experienced multiple burglaries as well as a murder. As the wife of a St. Paul police officer, I appreciate how crucial public safety is to maintaining a livable community. I will work with the police department to maintain our safe neighborhood.

Like many aging suburbs, Lauderdale has numerous small homes with features that might not meet the needs of today's families. We need to invest in maintaining quality housing stock in order to attract and keep residents. I will work for increased grants and low-interest loans to help homeowners improve their houses.

The time is right to evaluate development on the corner of Larpentour and Eustis. With recent changes to business there, we have an opportunity to develop a more functional and attractive "downtown" for our city.

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I feel one of the most pressing issues for Lauderdale is the absentee landlords. I realize that many landlords in the Lauderdale area are very responsible. However, we continue to have a handful of absentee landlords that need to be held accountable for the care and management of their property. I'm concerned about property values and crime. While I have no previous experience with being on the City Council, I have been a homeowner for more than 30 years and have a personal interest in retaining Lauderdale's quaint charm.

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Keith Gosline

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Please visit my Web site at www.keithforfalconheights.com for more information on my three points of action which our city can benefit from now and for many years to come:

Preparation. Our council has a goal for 2010 to protect the public health. A Prepared Emergency Response Kits project (P.E.R.K.) is an initiative that will help. Using the checklist provided by the state of Minnesota (<http://www.codeready.org/getprepared.cfm>), we can save our community and country time and money while providing revenue for our city.

Prevention. Taking responsibility for our health reduces health care costs. Our city has a rental facility that can host nutrition and exercise classes. Our city should provide flu shots, wellness checks and car seat safety checks at a low or no cost. These initiatives may generate additional revenue for the city.

Progress. We need to move forward with creative, long-term and environmentally secure revenue-generating sources. One way to do so is to incentivize businesses to come here. One type of business we want is a grocery store. I will work to bring an organic, locally farmed and raised, co-op grocery store to our city. This will increase our city's tax base over the long-term.

I have owned and operated a healthcare corporation since 1997. My background is in accounting, health and wellness, post-secondary school administration and management. My curriculum vitae is available at www.pfswellness.com. Please vote for Keith Gosline on November 3rd! Thank you.

Pam Harris

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The most important issue for Falcon Heights continues to be the challenge of maintaining our excellent city services while balancing the budget. We are faced with annual increases in our contract for police services (about one-third of the general fund budget) and significant decreases in local government aid funding in 2008, 2009 and projected for 2010. As always, two-thirds of our land is owned by nontaxpayers.

I am finishing four years of service on our City Council, which has succeeded in meeting these challenges through good ideas from our

residents, hard work by our staff, the use of 19 cooperative agreements and grant funding. In February 2009, the Star Tribune labeled Falcon Heights the second-least expensive city in Minnesota, based on city government cost per resident.

During my term we have also sponsored initiatives to promote open, accessible government, making ordinances and sign-ups for city programs available online, using stimulus dollars to archive records and place them online, and implementing our resident public safety e-mail service.

I am also proud of our innovative environmental initiatives, including the community garden, the permeable pavement and rain gardens at City Hall, our rain barrel program and numerous efforts to make the city more pedestrian friendly.

An 18-year resident of the city, I hope to assist the city in continuing on this thoughtful path. Besides serving on the council, I have been a member of the city planning, human rights and parks commissions. Professionally, I have practiced employment law for 31 years.

Melanie Leehy

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If you're hoping for a council member who will listen and serve, please vote for me. As a four-year Falcon Heights resident, I quickly came to love this fine city and its residents. For three years I've served as a neighborhood commissioner and am now co-chair. I was also privileged to work at City Hall for almost two years.

I believe we are postured to be a model city with caring communities. However, we have the unique challenge of the State Fair grounds and U of M making up more than 60 percent of our land, yet without contributing to our city's revenues. It is vital that their activities and plans for land use flow with our needs. Knowing that our 2009 LGA has been cut \$46,786, with plans for a \$107,953 cut in 2010, means we must be wise with our budgeting.

I believe that my 25-plus years of experience as an entrepreneur with nonprofits, public organizations and banking prepare me for these challenges.

I'm committed to strengthening our sense of community, increasing inter-generational relationships, supporting our seniors, maintaining fiscal responsibility and promoting stewardship of the environment.

With this in mind I intend to increase relationships with U of M staff and our legislators. I want to create bridges of opportunity between our children and university students. It's important that they're aware of our city's strengths, concerns and their need for us.

If I can answer any other questions for you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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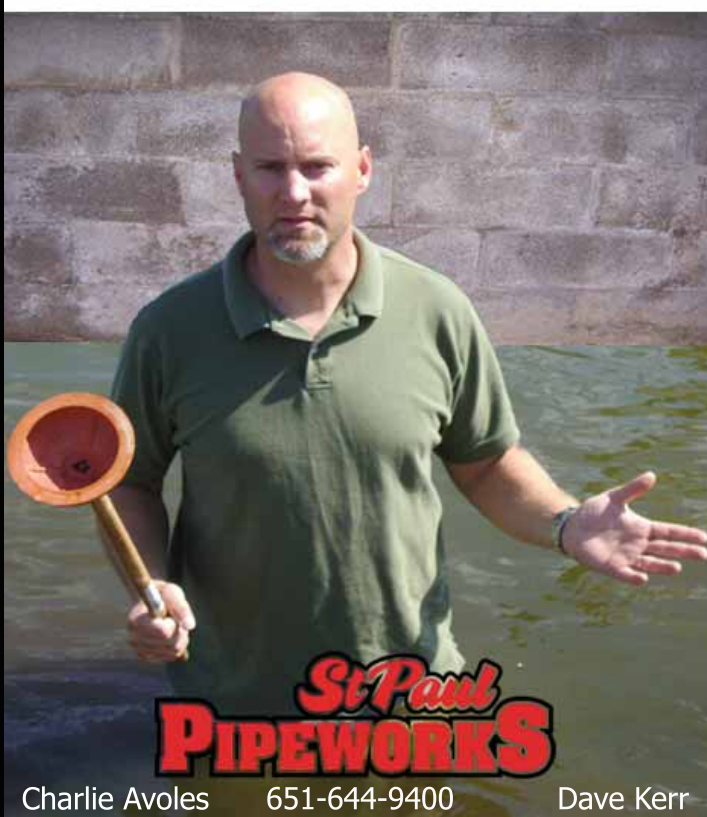


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Dan Mackerman attempts to capture ordinary scenes of Midwestern life, such as this painting, "Farmer's Market-Impatiens."

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of passion. Having fun and being inspired are two steps on the same track."

The inspiration that he had been seeking so grimly in his art welled up unbidden in his music. Hoping to recapture the element of fun in painting, Mackerman tried painting outdoors in the art technique called plein-air. "It was so freeing," he says. "You could just respond to experiences."

Mackerman had found his subject at last in the soft pastel landscapes and the ordinary scenes of life of his native Midwest.

The rest might someday be Minnesota art history, but in the meantime, visitors will be able to see Mackerman's work on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 20 and 21, when his studio is open to the public as part of Art at 2402 Open Studio, the annual art show and sale put on by the 25 or so artists and craftsmen who work in the C & E Building at 2402 University Ave. From noon to 9 p.m. on Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, the public is invited to visit the studios and buy

glass, pottery, painting, sculpture and crafts.

Now 51, Mackerman proudly calls himself a "regionalist" whose work is dedicated to "affirming the overlooked." He cites a canvas hanging on the wall of his studio that depicts a familiar scene at a local farmer's market.

A physically unremarkable, heavy-set woman is buying flowers from a vendor while holding the hand of a little girl in a pink dress. The color of the child's dress is balanced by massed baskets of pink impatiens in the foreground.

The woman in the painting had no idea that she had been the model for Mackerman's art until a relative recognized her painted image from a newspaper article about an upcoming exhibit that included Mackerman's work. The family was definitely not the type that haunts art galleries, but "she turned up at the opening and she was beaming," Mackerman says.

The woman was so proud of her place in art that she had invited a friend to accompany her. When the friend commented rudely, "Who would paint a picture of you?" the woman got her revenge. She told Mackerman, "I was so pissed that I left her at the museum!"

Mackerman calls that story "one of the great experiences of my art." He explains, "I hate stereotypes; I

want to capture real people." Painting ordinary people, instead of air-brushed, idealized models, is "life-affirming," he says.

A rarity among artists, Mackerman is able to support himself through his work. He estimates that he spends about 40 percent of his time on commission work, such as his long-term assignment of sculpting the mannequins for the annual downtown Dayton's/Macy's Christmas shows. More recently, he's been at work on a tree-filled landscape destined to become the signature artwork for HealthPartners.

Although Mackerman is secure in his style now, it wasn't always that way. He grew up in a small town in Iowa where Norman Rockwell defined the aesthetic standards, and a combination of childhood asthma and a natural love of drawing kept young Dan indoors at his sketchpad for hours at a time.

Thanks to the encouragement of his parents and "a high school art teacher who was instrumental in getting me where I am today," young Mackerman eventually reached the art department at the University of Northern Iowa. And that's when he encountered such astonishing new forms as "found object" art and abstract painting for the first time.

"It was a big cultural shock," he says. "I had no idea before college about any of this."

But soon Mackerman was vigorously, if somewhat uneasily, diving into this new world. For his student art show, he says, "I got 30 big acrylic panels and I was throwing paint on them, stomping it, using house paint."

Once the show was over, he had no place to store 30 decorated panels, so without telling anyone, he took them home and stored them in the garage at the family farm. Mackerman was back at college when his father needed some scrap lumber to build chicken pens, and, well . . . you know the rest.

If Mackerman ever felt any rancor about finding the family poultry housed in pens constructed from his scholarship art display, he long ago turned the episode into comedy. He jokes, "A friend said that next year I should have exhibited the chicken pens."

But that's all behind him now. He now thinks of himself, in the words of Monet, an artist whose work seems to resonate with his own, as "an eye" on the Midwestern landscape.

"There's beauty all around us," says Mackerman. "You don't have to get on a plane. It's right next to you, right in your backyard."

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The Birdman of Lauderdale

by Clay Christensen

Each year as I get older I seem to think more soberly about the approaching winter: the cold, the ice, the winds, the short days and the long nights.

This year my mood seemed more gloomy than most because our dog Buffy and I reached the same age. Both ages end in zero. You do the math. So I think part of my dread of the approaching winter is that it's a reminder of the brevity of life in general, and my life in particular.

Fortunately, I got a welcome relief from my malaise, and it came from an unexpected source: one of our most common birds during what I expected to be a rather mundane field trip.

In late September, I was one of several birders who volunteered to take some Como Park High School students on a bird walk in the Como Woods. It was a windy day with the threat of rain, a gloomy day that matched my mood.

We didn't find a lot of birds. Other groups found more, but we did get to see some bluebirds chasing each other, an American redstart (a warbler with oriole-like black and orange markings), several northern flickers and an Eastern phoebe (flycatcher).

But the bird that inspired me was a male downy woodpecker that we found high up on a dead snag. There on that limb-less tree, it was perched just below a perfectly round hole. He sat still for a bit and then went headfirst into the hole until just the tip of his tail poked out.

After a moment or two, he backed himself out again. He was working on this hole. Woodpecker holes turn downward after the initial entrance tunnel, so he was excavating in a head-down position.

What was he up to? Fall isn't the right time of the year for nest-building, so this was probably going to be a roost hole. The entrance hole faced away from the predominating winds. Several of our woodpecker species don't migrate, or they go only short distances. If they've found an area with a decent winter food supply and shelter, they'll generally stay put.

Woodpeckers usually sleep alone in a cavity at night and generally make several of them. Why? Because they compete with chickadees, nuthatches and other woodpeckers who are perfectly happy to squat for the night in a woodpecker roost hole.

You can imagine, just as winter dusk is falling, flying up to one of your favorite roost holes. You stick your head in and whammo! An aggressive beak is thrust at your face. Cavity roosting can be a hazardous prospect.

As I was watching this little male downy woodpecker, I realized that he was teaching me something. He was preparing for winter, for what he knew would be cold nights ahead, but he was too busy to worry about dreading it.

That industrious little downy was teaching me not to waste time and energy dreading the inevitable. Even though I could ponder mortality while he could not, I was no different from the woodpecker.



Photo by Clay Christensen

Several woodpecker species, including the downy woodpecker, stay in Minnesota year-round.

Pondering mortality doesn't give one any special coping skills.

When faced with the inevitable, there is only one thing that anyone can do: Prepare for it as best as you're able and then face it squarely. My malaise was lifted and in its place was a resolution to prepare, plan and face winter squarely.

So let me share with you some of my ideas for winter "roosts" — places to go for birdwatching and other bird-related activities, to ease the pain of the cold season.

The St. Paul Audubon Society has several events planned, including a tundra swan tour to southeastern Minnesota on Nov. 14. Then there's the Christmas Bird Count on Dec. 19. Visit their Web site at www.saintpaulaudubon.net.

The Minnesota Ornithologists' Union hosts a paper session at the Bell Museum all day on Dec. 5. Scientists and researchers from all over the state present a summary of their recent work. There are displays, a fantastic book sale (my downfall) and a box lunch, if you order in advance. Get more information at <http://moumn.org>.

The MOU also has field trips going all winter long. Again, refer to their Web site.

One of the best places to look for birds is where there's open water. Here in the Twin Cities, I like to get to Black Dog Lake at least once during the winter. The heat from the nearby power plant keeps part of the lake open most of the winter, and wintering gulls, ducks and eagles are often seen. Then there's the Mississippi River here in the cities and down below Lake Pepin.

In January, I hope to take part again in the golden eagle survey in southeastern Minnesota. It's run by the National Eagle Center in Wabasha, which is a great place to visit any time of the year. They have

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on bridges, Rustad noted. Detours were worked out with Hennepin and Ramsey counties and monitored by city staff. Rustad said St. Paul city staff "has been out to this project multiple times to adjust the light at Como and Eustis to help traffic."

He said a stop sign at Como and the southbound ramp "strained the traffic in this area" but was needed for safety as cars turned left from the ramp onto Como.

Meanwhile, BNSF was driving pilings and digging out pieces of the existing railroad bridge over Raymond, with crews stopping for trains to pass. The project's final phase began after the State Fair, with Raymond closed and the intersection with Blake blocked by construction equipment.

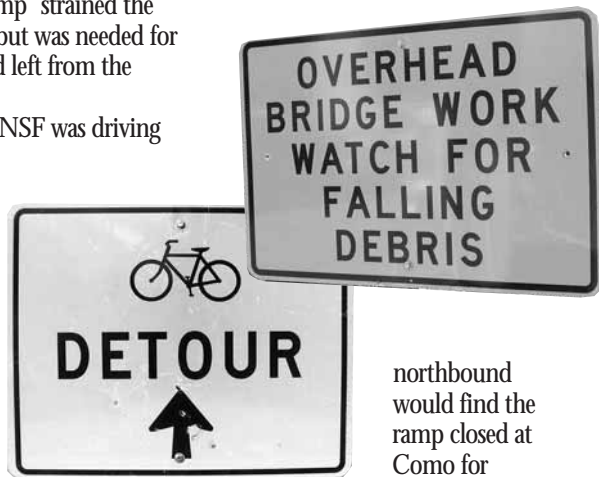
The four-month street closure originally proposed by the railroad was cut approximately in half after the St. Anthony Park Community Council, St. Paul City Council Member Russ Stark and other officials negotiated a revised schedule with BNSF.

"This could have been a lot worse if the city hadn't leaned on the railroad, with encouragement from this neighborhood," said Community Council Executive Director Amy Sparks.

Bike and pedestrian passage under the bridge was closed in late September during work hours because of safety concerns. The railroad offered a shuttle for

pedestrians, and bikes were encouraged to use the U of M transitway. Motor vehicles could either take their chances with the single open lane on 280 or use the official detour over to Snelling.

As of late September, motorists taking 280



northbound would find the ramp closed at Como for

MnDOT's other 280 project for the year, which included construction of a storm sewer east of the highway.

The interchange at Broadway is also being redone, allowing for a city of Roseville sewer project and reconfiguring the interchange so that there will no longer be a left turn from eastbound Broadway onto northbound 280.

Work is expected to wrap up there in mid-November. Storm sewer work at Eustis, the Broadway reconstruction and repaving of the Paper Cal frontage road will cost an estimated \$2.2 million in federal and state funds.

And Como Avenue, even as it served multiple detour functions, didn't escape the diggers. It was narrowed between Snelling and Gibbs from May to mid-August, as Metropolitan Council Environmental

Services replaced a century-old sanitary sewer pipe by slipping the new one inside the old one, which meant they could avoid extensive excavation on that stretch. This project cost approximately \$2,000,000, which came from the Met Council's regional sewer fund. All sewer users pay into that fund; in St. Paul, it's part of every homeowner's quarterly water and sewer services bill.

And along Como from Scudder to Carter, sidewalks disappeared at intersections as the city carried out the Raymond-Knapp RSVP project, a general upgrade to all the residential streets bounded by Carter, Como and Cleveland. A walk through the neighborhood meant muddy street-crossings and hops across ditches. Neighbors on nearby streets reported parking disruptions, and puzzled drivers ventured down streets "closed to through traffic" hoping not to find a pile of dirt blocking their path.

The RSVP project came in at just over \$1,348,000, paid for by the city of St. Paul.

City Engineer Paul St. Martin said there was one more project that originally had been planned for the neighborhood in 2009: a bike lane on Como from Raymond to the west city limits, along with some curb bump-outs to ease pedestrian crossings. But the project had to be approved by MnDOT, which St. Martin said was "tied up with federal stimulus projects."

He continued, "With the delay in MnDOT approval plus all the other construction work in St. Anthony Park in 2009, we have moved the project to 2010."

Location	Project	Dates	\$ Spent	Govt. Units
Como between Gibbs and Snelling	Sanitary sewer repaired, lanes shifted, bike lane closed	May-Aug.	\$2,000,000	Met Council Environmental Services
Hwy. 280 between I-94 and Broadway	Concrete repaired, guardrails installed at I-94, interchange rebuilt at Larpenteur, lanes and ramps closed	April-Oct.	\$10,700,000	MnDOT, cities, counties
Carter Ave. and streets south to Como, west of Cleveland	Raymond/Knapp RSVP project including curb and gutter, pavement, utility upgrades, infiltration, boulevard grading, streetlights and trees; roads and alleys closed, driveways blocked	June-Oct.	\$1,348,000	St. Paul
Raymond Ave. north of Energy Park; Blake Ave.	BNSF bridge repair; road closed, bike and pedestrian access limited	Feb.-Nov.	\$5,000,000 Paid by railroad	St. Paul, Ramsey County
Eustis Street south of Como; Hwy. 280 at Broadway	Storm sewer built, frontage road repaved, intersection rebuilt, lanes and intersection closed	Sept.-Oct.	\$2,200,000	MnDOT, St. Paul, Roseville


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School News

by A.E. Young

Chelsea Heights Elementary

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The National Park Service acknowledged several Chelsea Heights students for their work in the **2009 Big River Student Art Contest**. Winners were chosen from over 500 entries.

The Caring for the River category winner was Gaby Huepenbecker, grade 6. Earning honorable mention in the Mighty Mississippi category were fifth graders Magdalena Alexander and Armando Aguirre. All were students in Barb McIntosh's Artist Workshop.

An award and recognition ceremony was held Oct. 29 at the Science Museum of Minnesota.

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Nov. 5 and 12 from 5 to 8 p.m. and Nov. 13 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact the office at 293-8790 to schedule a conference.

St. Anthony Park Elementary

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

Sixth graders, teachers and parent chaperones spent the week of Oct. 19-22 at **Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center**. Wolf Ridge is a "classroom" of 2,000 acres located in northern Minnesota on a forested ridge overlooking lakes, rivers and Lake Superior.

Students took classes in geology, animal studies, orienteering, stream studies and Ojibwe heritage. There were opportunities to hike, rock climb and try the famous Wolf Ridge ropes course. Students also learned about themselves, their classmates and their teachers by spending a lot of fun time together, sleeping in a dorm and eating meals together.

On Oct. 30, a good time is planned at the **Fall Festival**, an annual fundraising event. There will be square dancing with the Adam Granger Band, pizza and taco-in-a-bag, crafts, a photo booth, a pumpkin patch and a silent auction.

Another fundraising effort is Target's **Take Charge of Education** program. Thanks to members of the community who shop at Target with a RED card, 1 percent of every dollar spent at Target is donated to a designated K-12 school. St. Anthony Park Elementary has received over \$26,000 since 1997 through this program. This year, the money will go toward supporting a new reading program.

Students in gym classes with teacher Joyce Holoubek, with assistance this year from parent Marie Moreno-Webster, will be gathering pledges to raise funds for the American Heart Association. **Jump Rope for Heart** is a national educational fundraising program that engages elementary students in a physical activity (jumping rope) while raising funds to support life-saving heart and stroke research.

Murray Junior High

2200 Buford Ave., 293-8740
http://murray.spps.org

Murray's **school musical** this year is the tenth under director Lisa Schibel. To celebrate, Murray invites alumni to audition for a part in the musical "Grease."

Current students will be the main feature of the production, but alumni will have a chance to sing and dance along. For more information, contact Lisa Schibel at lisa.schibel@spps.org.

Auditions will be at the end of December and performances the weekend of Mar. 19, 2010.

Murray's **Site Council** meeting will be Nov. 2 at 4 p.m. The Murray Parent Association meeting follows at 7 p.m., with a forum on peer pressure. Both meetings are open to all.

Nov. 4 is an **early release day** for students, who will be released at 12:30 p.m. The Wolf Ridge Leadership Retreat is Nov. 9-13. On Nov. 13 there is no school for students.

Como Park Senior High

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

The Concert Choir announces its production of "**Urinetown, the Musical**." Como's annual fall musical production. "Urinetown" will be performed Nov. 19 and 20 at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors.

Donna di Cantare ("women of song") will perform an original musical, "It's My Party," Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5.

Composer **Diana Syre** of Mexico City was at Como Oct. 5-9 to work with the school's choirs. She wrote a piece for Donna di Cantare, who will perform May 25, 2010, at the Basilica of St. Mary's in Minneapolis. They will be joined by Andover and Washburn High Schools, Adams Spanish Immersion and Burroughs Community Elementary Schools.

Sixty-five Como students received **AP test honors**. Awards are based upon the following criteria:

AP Scholar: a grade of 3 or higher on three or more exams.

AP Scholar with Honor: an average grade of 3.25 on all exams taken, and grades of 3 or above on at least four exams.

AP Scholar with Distinction: an average grade of 3.5 on all exams taken, and grades of 3 or above on five or more exams.

AP National Scholar: an average grade of 4 on all exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more exams.

Como is home to the largest AP program in the district. Last May, 246 Como students took a total of 547 AP exams.

Advanced Placement Scholars (31): Reid Anderson, Ross Anderson, Samantha Brown, Samuel Carey, Brian Ciaccio, Paul Claypool, Brittani Cortez, Daniel Crittenden, Carolyn Croce, Lucas Dauner, Hannah Diment, Alexandra Fratto, Mary Gienger, Alexandra Hacker, Anna Hawkinson, Kathy Hoang, Mai Lee, William Lister, Garret McGraw-Hanson, Chelsea Moody, Theodore Olsen, Marie Petersen, Robert Porter, Isabella Powers, Paul Quach, Mary Scott, Mae Stoutenberg, Thuy Tran, Caitlyn Troge, Evan Vogel, Elijah Wilson.

Advanced Placement Scholars with Honor (7): Madeline Berger, Emma Lee, Patrick Nguyen, Christian Perez, Elizabeth Wilcox, John Wolf, Daniel Worku.

Advanced Placement Scholars with Distinction (27): Rozlyn Anderson, Lauren Berger, Brendan Boylan, Stefan Brancel, Mara Chin-Purcell, Philip Condon, Christopher Dale, Matthew Denkinger, Alyce Eaton, Kyle Erickson, Erin Jacot, Qiaodan Jin Stone, Amelia Kahn, Philip Kramer, Joseph Kreisman, Leah Kutschke, Dalton Lindau, Hannah Nauen, Josephine Reece, Leah Roth, Luke Rustad, Evelyn Rwema, Hannah Scherrer, Jane Schumacher, Shoua Thao, Zachary Van Cleve, Adrian Wackett.

Advanced Placement National Scholars: Alyce Eaton, Qiaodan Jin Stone, Hannah Nauen.

With a Homecoming victory against Harding on Oct. 8, the **varsity football team** finished the conference season in a three-way tie for first place with Highland Park and Central. The team was coached by Kirby Scull, assisted by Dan Shuster, Roy Magnuson, Adan Kunz and Len Franco.

Key players were running backs Terrance Williams, Jon Carr and Lennard Redwood; quarterback Joe Conley; offensive linemen Drew Redden, J Frasl, Serge Uwayo, Mike Peterson and Mike Brant; receivers Mike Todd and Willie Arnold; and defensemen Tony Finken, Peter Ojambo, Willie O'Shea, Branden Baker, Sean Halvorson, and Paul Quach.



The **varsity boy's soccer team** won its Oct. 9 game against Highland 8-0 to win the St. Paul City Conference. The team finished 11-1 in the conference and 17-1 overall. They are coached by Mr. Eric Erickson.

Team members are Hussein Adam, Kumbi Bikila, Stefan Brancel,

Matt Buechler, Chue Chang, Andy Fate, Isak Gutu, Matthew Gweh, Royal Htoo, Shedy Htoo, Abdirizak Ismail, Hsu Klay, Steve Mantell, Jeff Nordin, Ted Olsen, Mohamed Sankoh, Justin Scherkenbach, Jon Tetlie and Jenny Wah.

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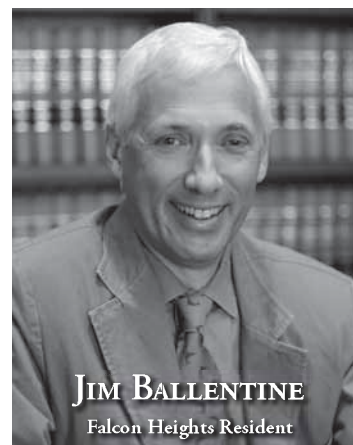
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St. Anthony Park resident **Ted Homdrom** has published a book recounting his family's 35 years as American Lutheran missionaries in South Africa. "Mission Memories II in Apartheid South Africa" is both personal and political, reflecting as it does on the difficulties missionaries faced in working within, and occasionally challenging, apartheid laws. The book is available at Micawber's and the Luther Seminary Bookstore.

Falcon Heights resident **Roger Aiken**, 75, placed first in his age division in the Twin Cities Marathon. Aiken, whose time was 5:48:20, has run every TC Marathon except one. He runs 3-4 times a week all year long.

John Grobel, of Falcon Heights, wrote a chapter in a recently published book from the University of Minnesota Press. "Our Neck of the Woods: Exploring Minnesota's Wild Places" is drawn from back issues of Minnesota Conservation Volunteer magazine and includes contributions from Sigurd Olson, Paul Gruchow, Bill Holm, Peter Leschak and others. Grobel's chapter is called "I Flew with Eagles."

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Events

1 SUNDAY

- Exhibition: Tim Crane, Mike Knox, and Marta Matray, "Three in Clay," through Nov. 20. RAAG.
- Open mic, 6 p.m. CG.

3 TUESDAY

- Election Day.
- St. Anthony Park Garden Club, 6:30 p.m. SAPBL.

5 THURSDAY

- GLBTA Perspectives, Jean Nickolaus Tretter Collection, through Nov. 13. LAG. Opening reception, 6-8 p.m.
- PJ Storytelling, 6 p.m. CG.

6 FRIDAY

- Ikebana Show, through Nov. 15. Como Park Zoo & Conservatory.
- Women's Fellowship meeting: wardrobe consultant Irene Kato, 10:15 a.m. FHUCC.

7 SATURDAY

- Yates/Matheny birthday show, 8 p.m. CG.

8 SUNDAY

- Wedding showcase, 5-8 p.m. Como Park Zoo & Conservatory.

9 MONDAY

- Aspen book club, 6 p.m. CG.

12 THURSDAY

- Design in the Dark: A Film Series, 6:30 p.m. GMD.

13 FRIDAY

- Fiber Fair, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Weaver's Guild of Minnesota.
- The Turtle Creek Boys, 8 p.m. CG.

14 SATURDAY

- Orangutan Awareness Weekend. Como Park Zoo & Conservatory.
- Fiber Fair, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Weaver's Guild of Minnesota.
- Inish Mohr, 7 p.m. CG.

15 SUNDAY

- Orangutan Awareness Weekend. Como Park Zoo & Conservatory.
- St. Croix Horse and Carriage Society First Aid Seminar, 9 a.m. CG.
- Fiber Fair, 12-4 p.m. Weaver's Guild of Minnesota.

17 TUESDAY

- Monthly book group: "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak, 7 p.m. FHUCC.

19 THURSDAY

- "Urinetown: The Musical," 7 p.m. CPSHS.
- Green on the Screen: "Blue Vinyl: A Toxic Comedy Look at Vinyl, the World's Second Largest Selling Plastic," 7 p.m. SAPBL.

20 FRIDAY

- "Corleone: The Shakespearean Godfather," Nov. 20-Dec. 13. GT.
- ARTS @ 2402 open studios and sale, noon-9 p.m. 2402 University Ave. W.)

- Good Design: Stories from Herman Miller opening reception, 6-8 p.m. GMD.
- "Urinetown: The Musical," 7 p.m. CPSHS.
- Bill Cutler, 8 p.m. CG.

21 SATURDAY

- Good Design: Stories from Herman Miller, through Jan. 17. GMD.
- ARTS @ 2402 open studios and sale, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Chittenden and Eastman Building (2402 University Ave. W.).
- St. Paul Vocal Forum concert, 7:30 p.m. SAPLC.
- Boys in the Barrels, 8 p.m. CG.

22 SUNDAY

- Sunday Afternoon Book Club: "Perdido Street Station," by China Meville, 2:30 p.m. MB.

Items for December Events should be submitted by Nov. 11 to calendar@parkbugle.org.

AT Anodyne Arts, 825 Carleton St., 642-1684

CHES Chelsea Heights Elementary School, 1557 Huron St., 293-8790

CG Coffee Grounds, 1579 Hamline Ave., 644-9959, 373-2600

CPCC Como Park Community Council, 1224 N. Lexington, 644-3889

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

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

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

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

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

GM Gibbs Museum, Larpentour and Cleveland, 646-8629

GMD Goldstein Museum of Design, 240 McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Ave., St. Paul Campus, 612-624-7434

GT Gremlin Theatre, 2400 University Ave., 228-7008

HC Holy Childhood Church/School, 1435 Midway Pkwy., 644-2791

LAG Larson Art Gallery, U of M Student Center, 612-625-0214

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

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

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

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

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

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

MSHS Minnesota State Horticultural Society, 1755 Prior Ave., 643-3601

OCC Olson Campus Center, Luther Seminary, Fulham & Hendon

PLC Peace Lutheran Church, 1744 Walnut St., 644-5440

RAAG Raymond Avenue Art Gallery, 761 Raymond Ave., 644-9200

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

SAPCC St. Anthony Park Community Council, 890 Cromwell Ave., 649-5992

SAPES St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 2180 Knapp St., 293-8735

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


SAPUCC St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., 646-7173

SAPUMC St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave., 603-8946

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Robert Anderson

W. Robert (Bob) Anderson, age 83, of Arden Hills, formerly of California and Como Park, died peacefully Sept. 19, 2009, at St. Anthony Park Home.

He attended Como Park Elementary and Murray High School. He enrolled in Macalester College before joining the Navy in 1944, serving as a physician's assistant in California. After his discharge in 1946, he finished his degree at Macalester, graduating in 1949. This past summer he enjoyed his 60th class reunion.

Bob returned to California, where he sought a career in acting and worked for Lockheed Aircraft. He traveled widely and loved to experience new foods and meet new friends. He returned to Minnesota to live a few years ago.

Bob was preceded in death by his brother, John Tracy Anderson. Survivors include nephew, Jevon (Kelly Scanlan) Anderson, and their daughter, Ginger, of Falcon Heights; niece, Tracy Anderson, of Como Park; courtesy nephew, Michael Anderson; and sister-in-law, Lois Anderson, of Como Park.

His funeral service was held Sept. 22, 2009, at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

William Brownlee

William C. "Bill" Brownlee, of St. Anthony Park, was born Dec. 20, 1927, and died Sept. 16, 2009.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Clifford Brownlee. He is survived by daughters, Sandra Moon (David Kraft), Laurel (Carl) Taylor, Sarah (David) Drinnin, Mary Brownlee and Nancy (Thomas) Schaefer; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and brother, Charles "Chuck" Brownlee.

A memorial service was held Sept. 22, 2009, at Johnson-Peterson Funeral Home in St. Paul, with interment at Oakland Cemetery.

Lola Henley

Lola A. Henley, 97, died Oct. 5, 2009. A Como-area housewife, she worked in retail sales for David-Edwins and Field Schlick. In her retirement years she was a regular volunteer at Midway Hospital.

Lola was born in Postville, Iowa, on Mar. 15, 1912. She was raised by her mother and stepfather, Louis B. Kascht. Upon graduation from Waterloo High School in 1930, she moved to St. Paul and went to work for the Federal Land Bank, where she met her future husband. They were married at the St. Paul Cathedral Apr. 30, 1938.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, 3M

executive Truman Henley, and her daughter, Judith Henley. She is survived by her sister, Patricia Bardin, of Garden Grove, Calif.; her sons, James Henley, of Carnation, Wash., and Mark Henley, of Nashville, Tenn.; daughters-in-law, Sally Canfield and Debra Henley; two grandsons; and her nephew, Michael C. Henley, of St. Paul.

Since 2003 she was a resident of The Wellstead of Rogers, Minn., where she received loving care from the dedicated staff.

Barbara Jones

Barbara Lois Jones, 86, of Falcon Heights, died peacefully at Lyngblomsten Care Center on Oct. 4, 2009. She was born Nov. 10, 1922, in Milwaukee, Wis. She graduated from Waukesha High School in 1940 and later from Carroll College, Waukesha, as a medical technician. She was employed by Miller Hospital in St. Paul, retiring in 1984.

Barbara was preceded in death by her brother, Benjamin Jones.

Her memorial service was held Oct. 13, 2009, at Lyngblomsten Care Center Chapel, with interment in Dodgeville, Wis. The family wishes to thank the staff of Lyngblomsten for its loving care of Barbara.

Pernilla Lembke

Pernilla Lembke, of St. Anthony Park, died Sept. 27, 2009. She was born Jan. 28, 1915.

Pernilla taught in Pine Island and Beaver Dam, Wis. She received her MSW at the University of Pennsylvania. She worked as a psychiatric social worker in Delaware and Pennsylvania and then in the Twin Cities.

Pernilla was a pioneering caseworker, scholar and defender of family mental health. She was a tireless, life-long advocate for children, from infants to teenagers. In addition, before the formal development of family systems therapy in the late 1940s and 1950s, she was practicing and defending the need for including families in the treatment of children.

She was preceded in death by her siblings, Winton Lembke, Bernadine Dow, Shirley Knudson and Carmen Busteed. She is survived by 13 nephews and nieces, many of whom grew up in St. Anthony Park.

A memorial service was held Oct. 2, 2009, at the Chapel at Lyngblomsten Care Center.

Kenneth Moser

Kenneth Moser, age 76, of Falcon Heights, died Sept. 28, 2009.

He was preceded in death by siblings Roy, Cecil and Beverly. He is survived by friend, Michael.

Ken served in the U.S. Army 47th Infantry Regiment from 1953 to 1955, stationed in Germany. He was a retired career NSP employee.

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Nov. 17, 7 p.m. - Book discussion, The Book Thief

Nov. 22, 10:30 a.m. - Thanksgiving Sunday, special offering for food pantries

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Maggie Moulton

Marion Skowlund Moulton, 91, died peacefully Oct. 5, 2009, surrounded

by loving friends at Regions Hospital, St. Paul.

Maggie was born in Marinette, Wis., in 1918. She received her bachelor's degree in 1939 from the University of Wisconsin, and later in life her masters degrees in both education and fine arts from the University of Minnesota.

She was a member of the American Red Cross during WWII and was dispatched to Europe. It was there, in Soissonne, France, that she met her future husband, Robert "Bob" Moulton, who was serving in the U.S. Army at the time.

She was a resident of Prospect Park, Minneapolis, for 55 years. Maggie and Bob were lively and spirited members of the neighborhood. She was also an active, enthusiastic member of the University of Minnesota theater arts and dance communities and the greater arts community of the Twin Cities.

Later in life, after many years of supporting others in their artistic talents, Maggie discovered her own creative gift as a watercolorist. She became an accomplished artist in her own right.

Maggie will be remembered as a thoughtful, kind and caring friend to

many. She is survived by her son, Charles Moulton, of Oakland, Calif., Miranda Marland, of Falmouth, Maine; and her granddaughter, Marika Marland, of Yarmouth, Maine.

Maggie was predeceased by her beloved husband, Robert Moulton. The family extends heartfelt thanks to the staff of Eaglecrest Common, Presbyterian Home and Regions Hospital for their care and support of Maggie and her family.

A memorial service was held at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in St. Anthony Park, Oct. 17, 2009.

Leigh Sweet

Leigh M. Sweet, of St. Anthony Park, died peacefully on Sept. 17, 2009, at Lyngblomsten Care Center, at the age of 96. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur L. Sweet, and sister, Theodora Nerhaugen.

Leigh's family lived in St. Anthony Park for over 103 years. Her father built a house on Chelmsford Street. The family lived at several neighborhood locations

before moving to the house on Chilcombe Avenue that was Leigh's home for over 80 years.

Leigh was a lifetime member of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church and the member with the most longevity at the time of her death. Her family originally attended Wartburg Chapel at Luther Seminary (forerunner of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church). Her family was one of the few non-seminary members at Wartburg.

She was a graduate of Mechanic Arts High School and Macalester College. She was a longtime employee of the Federal Land Bank in St. Paul.

Leigh was an avid and adventurous traveler throughout her life, visiting East Asia, Central America and Europe several times. She often expressed regret at not traveling more widely.

She is survived by her daughter, Judith (Dick) Kyro, of Fort Wayne, Ind.; son, John (Gloria), of Lauderdale; and two grandchildren, Claire and Jacob Sweet.

Her memorial service was held at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church on Oct. 6, 2009.

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