Finn-Sisu says goodbye to St. Paul, hello to Lauderdale

by Roger Bergerson

Light rail is coming and Ahvo Taipale is going, moving his ski shop north to Lauderdale after more than 30 years on University Avenue in St. Paul.

He says the new Finn-Sisu store at 2436 W. Larpenteur Ave., near Hwy. 280, the one-time site of the Roselli Dairy Store, will open by June 1, 2010.

Looking around his current, somewhat cramped quarters at 1841 University Ave., near Fairview Avenue, Taipale noted: "The new store will double our size, with better warehousing, more retail, better access and lots and lots of on-site parking."

The Central Corridor light rail transit line, scheduled to begin running between the downtowns of Minneapolis and St. Paul in 2014, promises to encourage commerce and ease traffic congestion. But it’s also

Finn-Sisu, a ski shop, has been located on University Avenue for over 30 years. Next June, a new store, double the size of the present one, will open on Larpenteur Avenue in Lauderdale.

Buttoning up for winter

Workshop will address home energy efficiency

by Dave Healy

The conventional wisdom is that you have to spend money to save money. Homeowners find that true when fixing up a house. For example, although adding insulation will save in heating costs over the long haul, it requires an up-front investment.

But even if you’re committed to forking over some cash to make your humble abode more energy efficient, you might not know the best way to spend that money. Is insulating a good idea? Where should you put your limited resources?

St. Anthony Park residents who want to spruce up the old domicile have a rare opportunity to get some free advice from experts and receive products and services as well. On Dec. 3, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., a workshop by the Neighborhood Energy Squad will be offered at the St. Anthony Park Library. For a $30 co-pay, participants will be eligible for up to $400 worth of energy-saving goods and services, and can also receive a year of personalized home energy reporting.

The Neighborhood Energy Squad represents a partnership among the Neighborhood Energy Connection (NEC), the Metro Clean Energy Resource Team (CERT), the Center for Energy and the Environment (CEE), the Green Institute, Minnesota Conservation Corps, Xcel Energy and the St. Anthony Park Community Council. Funding is provided by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund and the St. Anthony Park Foundation.

To register for the Dec. 3 workshop, contact the St. Anthony Park Community Council at green@spcc.org or 649-5992. Activities for children will be provided.

This workshop was also held on Oct. 19. At that session, Erica Schumacher signed up for a Nov. 11 Energy Squad visit. Three Energy Squad members — Chris Vanek, John Parkes and Daniel Butenhoff — check the house for air leaks.

On Nov. 11, the Home Energy Squad visited St. Anthony Park resident Erica Schumacher’s home to perform an energy efficiency assessment. Crew chief John Parkes did a blower-door test to check the house for air leaks.

On Dec. 5, the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation and local merchants will host Shop Home for the Holidays. The event will include a sale by local artisans in the lower level of Milton Square (9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.), a fundraiser for the St. Anthony Park School Association at Micawber’s Bookstore (10 a.m.–6 p.m.), a wine tasting at the Little Wine Shoppe (1–4 p.m.), Santa Claus and reindeer rides at Park Midway Bink (9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.) and holiday carolers (11 a.m.–1 p.m.).
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Croona Park

The District 10 Community Council seeks volunteers to help plan events such as the Holiday Pancake breakfast and volunteer thank you party. If interested, e-mail Rhonda@d10.comopark.org.

Comrade Heights

The City Council will consider the 2010 budget and tax levy at its Dec. 9 meeting, beginning at 7 p.m. at City Hall. All interested residents will be given a chance to speak to the proposal.

Comrade Heights Parks and Recreation will offer “Candy Creations,” a holiday craft class for ages 6-12 accompanied by an adult, 9-10:30 a.m. Dec. 12 at City Hall.

Participants should bring a box of sugar cubes to make their own cookie and candy North Pole Land; everything else will be provided. The fee is $20 for residents, $25 for nonresidents. Register by Dec. 7, online at www.falconheights.org or by phone at 762-7616.

A Pioneer Christmas will be observed at Gibb Museum Dec. 4-6. The event includes a guided tour, Christmas stories and crafts. Tickets are $10 for adults, $9 for seniors and $8 for children. Tours begin every 20 minutes starting at 10 a.m.

For more information or to reserve tickets, call 646-8269 or visit www.richs.com. The museum is located at Larpeurten and Cleveland avenues.

Lauderdale

The City Council will take public comments regarding the 2010 budget and levy at its Dec. 8 meeting, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

St. Anthony Park

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This workshop is free, with contributions to support this program gratefully accepted. For more information, call 247-6002, e-mail dave@runningtiger.com or visit www.runningtiger.com.

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These turbulent times force us to acknowledge that the passing of time brings change. At the same time, some of us worry that by the end of our current economic turbulence, we will have lost much that is valuable. Consequently, we must now take inventory of those things in our community that we value. We must be sure to preserve the important things that could be lost in the process of transformation.

Newspapers — large and small, daily, weekly, and monthly — are under stress. Advertising revenues are down. Print papers are shrinking. Newsrooms are moving more of their content online.

But print newspapers are by no means dead. There is something civilized and human about eating in a comfortable chair with a newspaper and a cup of coffee. It’s pleasant to browse through a paper in bed before turning in. It’s even more of a bonus when that paper is delivered free to your front door.

The Bugle strives to foster the bonds that knit us together. Every month, the Bugle has featured people and events of community interest. It provides a calendar of local events and news from the schools our children attend. It features regular columns that charm and educate. Ads from local businesses and organizations encourage us to shop and participate locally.

Now, more than ever, the Bugle needs your support. In addition to avoiding the tax-exempt contributions from online readers to keep the Bugle financially viable. If you have given in the past, thank you. This year, please consider adding an extra $10 to your usual donation. It would really help.

If you’ve never given, please consider doing so now. No amount is too small.

The generosity of our readers is indispensable for the Bugle’s continuation. Even though all of us are suffering in these harsh times, we are confident that the Bugle can once again rely on the broad support and generosity of our community.

There are two ways to give:

Mail a check to:
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P.O. Box 626
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Or go to www.parkbugle.org to make your donation online. Remember that to delay may mean to forget.

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Hums tip the balance

The November letter writer is correct that human-caused emissions of carbon dioxide are a significant part of total CO2 emissions into the atmosphere. However, not only does nature emit a huge amount of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, nature removes almost the same amount. The result is that natural flows are quite closely balanced.

On the other hand, we humans put much more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere than we take out. The result is that the amount of carbon in the atmosphere is increasing almost 10 times faster than it would without our human contributions.

There is no doubt that our carbon footprint is big enough to affect nature.

Tim Wulling
St. Anthony Park

The Birdman is a blogger

Clay Christensen, the Birdman of Lauderdale, appears every other month in the Bugle. He now has a blog that can be accessed through the Bugle or the Parkbugle.org website.

Check out Clay’s blog to get his birdwatching news fixes in between columns. H e i l l e n r e s e a r c h e r s , h e l p i d e n t i f y unfamiliar birds and offer his incisive commentary on our fine feathered friends.

Click on the Columns link and then Contact Birdman.

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These are the people in your neighborhood

Terri Schuennemann and Kathy Satersmoen
Garden Safari Gifts
Como Park Zoo and Conservatory
487-8222
www.comofriends.org

Why gifts?
Garden Safari Gifts is a merger of separate gift shops that were formerly operated by the zoo and the conservatory. The store is operated by Como Friends, which oversees all the fundraising activities for Como Park Zoo and Conservatory. Besides the fundraising activities for Como: The Marjorie McNeely Conservatory, where it supplements funding from the city of St. Paul. Some of the money is used for staff development.

Who else?
Terri is the manager, Kathy the assistant manager. We’ve both been here for almost 23 years. We have about 12 additional employees.

What else?
There’s always something new on the horizon. The Holiday Flower Show starts December 5. We have a new book out about the conservatory: “Jewel of Como: The Marjorie McNeely Conservatory.” We’re also very excited about the new polar bear exhibit, which will open next summer. Our bears have been in Detroit for two years waiting for their new home, a $3.6 million facility that was funded by a state legislative appropriation together with donations and money raised by Como Friends.

Why here?
Terri grew up near Como Park, and her mom volunteered at the zoo, providing foster care for zoo animals. As a young adult, Terri began volunteering and was eventually asked to take over the gift shop, which eventually evolved into today’s store.

How long?
Garden Safari Gifts opened in February 2005, in conjunction with the new Visitor’s Center. The zoo is 112 years old, and the conservatory is 94 years old.

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The Murray Jr. High School Community is hosting a Benefit Fundraiser for The DUNLAP FAMILY.
Thursday, December 17, 2009.
Science teacher, Sonya Dunlap & family lost their 10 yr old son/brother to cancer in October.
Chill Dinner & Silent Auction 5:00 – 6:45pm, Band Concert 7:00pm
Details contact: 651-293-8740 (Murray) or www.murray.spps.org

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St. Anthony Park Neighbors for Peace

Our next planning meeting will be in January. Watch for announcement.

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called Taipale’s decision to move Council representative for Ward 4, members.”

causing some real anxiety for our there’s no doubt the loss of parking is survive the construction period. But real benefit to them if they can most want to stay. Light rail may be a business owners say they might move, but trying unsuccessfully to find another suitable location in the city. However, the site he’s leaving, which will have a light rail station right next door, may be perceived as ideal for another type of business.

Another group that’s involved in helping small businesses deal with the challenges posed by light rail is the Neighborhood Development Center, which provides loans and individual consulting for Twin City businesses in high-potential/high-need neighborhoods, including University Avenue. M like Temali, president and CEO of the center, said that despite what he perceives as some apprehension and even anger about light rail, many small University Avenue businesses couldn’t move if they wanted to because of the costs involved and a customer base that would not necessarily follow them.

Lauderdale is delighted with Taipale’s decision.

“We’re very happy to welcome Finn-Sisu to Lauderdale,” said Lauderdale City Council Member Clay Christensen. “We have been looking forward to some development on that site for many years, and this fills a gap with an upscale business.”

Finn-Sisu from 1

causing concern among small businesses along its University Avenue route, who face a lengthy period of construction disruption and the loss of most on-street parking.

The current Finn-Sisu store has no parking lot, and light rail will eliminate the on-street spaces in front of it.

“It’s a shame that Ahvo is leaving, but he knows his situation better than anyone else,” said Linda W inor, executive director of the University Avenue Business Association. “We’ve heard other businesses say they might move, but most want to stay. Light rail may be a real benefit to them if they can survive the construction period. But there’s no doubt the loss of parking is causing some real anxiety for our members.”

Russ Stark, St. Paul City Council representative for Ward 4, called Taipale’s decision to move “a great loss for our community of a long-standing institution. That said, I also believe his parking issues could have been managed.”

Stark cited such options as leasing off-street parking from nearby businesses, something Taipale has tried in the past with mixed success, and taking advantage of programs to assist business owners in developing coping strategies.

Some of the programs are administered by St. Paul’s Office of Planning and Economic Development. Spokesperson Natalie Felski said the staff was disappointed with Taipale’s decision to move.

“The staff did quite a bit of work with him,” she said, “including trying unsuccessfully to find another suitable location in the city. However, the site he’s leaving, which will have a light rail station right next door, may be perceived as ideal for another type of business.

Another group that’s involved in helping small businesses deal with the challenges posed by light rail is the Neighborhood Development Center, which provides loans and individual consulting for Twin City businesses in high-potential/high-need neighborhoods, including University Avenue.

M like Temali, president and CEO of the center, said that despite what he perceives as some apprehension and even anger about light rail, many small University Avenue businesses couldn’t move if they wanted to because of the costs involved and a customer base that would not necessarily follow them.

Lauderdale is delighted with Taipale’s decision.

“We’re very happy to welcome Finn-Sisu to Lauderdale,” said Lauderdale City Council Member Clay Christensen. “We have been looking forward to some development on that site for many years, and this fills a gap with an upscale business.”

immediately adjacent to the new Finn-Sisu site is the former Roselli Service station, closed since 2006. Asked about possible redevelopment, owner Art Peterson Jr. said he has “no plans at this point.”

When Taipale first contemplated opening a cross-country ski store in 1978, he said, “Everybody said, ‘Don’t do it.’” He’s heard the same reaction about light rail, but Taipale is taking a wait-and-see attitude. He’s especially excited about the opportunity to showcase his line of Finnleo saunas and related products, something he describes as the “backbone” of his business.

For now, the Finn-Sisu “family” will continue to consist of four full-time and three to five seasonal employees. But, as Taipale says, if business takes off, “who knows?”

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Retired missionary recalls life in South Africa during apartheid

by Michelle Christenson

Ted Homdrom's first book, "Mission Memories: World War II," gave a compelling look at his experiences as a squadron navigator in the 8th Air Force, for which he received a Purple Heart, a presidential citation and two Distinguished Flying Cross medals. But he ended history when the war was over, leaving his readers waiting to learn about the other mission in his life: his years on the mission field in South Africa. The wait is over.

Homdrom's second book, "Mission Memories II: In Apartheid South Africa," takes up where he left off, telling about his schooling, marriage to his wife, Betty, call to the ministry and decision to go to Africa as a missionary.

Homdrom, a St. Anthony Park resident, spent his first year at the Untunjambili Mission Station in South Africa, learning to speak Zulu. He and his family then moved to Hlabisa District, where he supervised three mission circuits, including Zulu pastors, evangelists and catechists.

It is evident from the beginning of this story that the Homdroms are remarkably free of prejudice, taking each individual — black or white — at his or her own worth as a child of God," as Ralph D. Oellers, president of the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, put it in his introduction to the book. He Homdroms refused to accede to the standards of behavior expected of white people, treating each parish with respect and kindness.

"We had to not worry about the rules," Homdrom said. "We just had to be bureaucrats." Homdrom quickly began to assume higher positions in the church as others realized his capabilities, often doing two or more jobs at once. He was instrumental in merging five mission societies from four different countries into one body, and helped the South African Lutherans move from dependence on missionaries to becoming an autonomous, independent church with indigenous leadership.

The crux of the book is the story of apartheid. Homdrom arrived in South Africa in 1950, just as the African National Party came to power and began to institutionalize the system of segregated races. The Group Areas Act, designated where each race could live and own property, and the pass laws defined who could move or stay or be employed in each area. These laws made it difficult for mission workers to live near or meet with the congregations they served.

"It is horrible to live under such a system — almost like living in Nazi Germany," said Homdrom. Nonetheless, he was friends with and supported such anti-apartheid churchmen as Beyers Naude.

Homdrom retired from mission work in 1985, six years before Nelson Mandela was released and South Africa went through the hard work of reconciliation. He worked for Lutheran Social Services as a volunteer green card coordinator, processing over 18,000 refugees. In 1995 he was one of two Americans presented with the Salt of the Earth award by the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service.

"It was good to see the difference in freedom in South Africa now," he said. "People can live and stay wherever they want to. You see black executives on their cell phones with nice cars; you would never have seen that before. Of course, there is still some emnity and people are safer here than there. But on the whole, I am more hopeful and positive about South Africa than most people."

"Mission Memories II" is for sale at Midtown's and the Luther Seminary bookstore.
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She also appreciated the personal touch. “I could go online and get some general information about making things more energy efficient,” she said, “but this way I got a customized diagnosis of my house.”

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Volunteering Matters

by Lisa Steinmann

“I’m going to show you guys a picture,” says 16-year-old Zoë Bartholomew, propping a poster-size reproduction of a 1934 photograph of New York City by Berenice Abbott on the easel next to her.

A group of sixth-grade students sit on the floor getting a bit with rapt attention. While she talks, “What do you see in this picture?” she is also thinking that it feels strange to be in the same classroom where she once sat as a sixth grader.

Bartholomew also remembers how much fun she had in art class when she was a student at St. Anthony Park Elementary School only five years ago. The class was often noisier. Her instructor, a woman in paint-spattered clogs, laughed a lot and “there was no right or wrong, no grades, it was like recess with learning,” she remembers.

Another fun thing that happened in art class was the annual Art Adventure program. During several weeks, volunteers (Bartholomew’s mom, Carolyn Henry Johnson, was one of them) came into the art classroom to teach about objects from the Minneapolis Institute of Art (MIA).

Those memories inspired Bartholomew, a junior at Como Park High School and a student in advanced placement art history, to return to her old stomping grounds. As part of her plan to pursue a career in museum curatorship, she was looking for an opportunity to review the objects from the MIA’s collection. Each year the selection varies. This year the group of eight objects, organized under the theme People and their Environments, includes such things as a Kpelé Kpele mask from Côte d’Ivoire, a painting by Gauguin titled “Tahitian Landscape” and The Studio of Gravelling Durieux, a period room from China.

Following a thorough viewing and guided discussion of the objects, students do art projects created by Oleen and the team of volunteers. This year students are making masks using materials such as cardboard and toothpicks to explore the rough simplicity of a Kpelé Kpele mask and to understand it in its original context.

The classroom experience culminates with a field trip to the MIA so that students get to see the actual objects they’ve studied.

In preparation for teaching the younger students, she talks to students about the photo “New York at Night,” she compares it to an impressionist painting of a Paris street in the rain by Camille Pissarro. Bartholomew draws students’ attention to the two artists’ shared interest in showing the “busy-ness” of the city through light.

“It’s nerve racking — all these kids staring up at you,” she says. “They’re so honest, so calm and respectful. I remember art class as being wild.”
Steve Townley has been named a 2009 Super Real Estate Agent by RE/MAX Results. The annual award is compiled by two local magazines, Mpls. St. Paul and Twin Cities Business. Nominees are rated for integrity, market knowledge, closing preparation and other criteria. Awards are made by a panel of 25 real estate industry experts.

Townley, who has an office at 2190 Como Ave., has been with RE/MAX Results since 1999.

St. Anthony Park artist Nancy Yermakoff received the Lea Ruth Sprung Award from the National Watercolor Society at its 89th annual juried exhibition at the Brearly Gallery in Brea, California. Yermakoff was recognized for her watercolor painting “Series Four #17,” which will be on display at the gallery until Dec. 20. Entries for the exhibit came from all over the world.

Yermakoff has a studio in the Northrup King Building in Minneapolis and participated in an event called “Art Attack” Nov 6-8, when artists’ studios in the building were open to the public.

Como Park resident Kirstin Seredak Beach has been named a policy fellow at the U of M’s Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. She is one of 37 individuals selected for the 2009-2010 program. Seredak Beach is a member of the Metropolitan Council, where she chairs the Central Corridor Light Rail Community Advisory Committee.

Through a nine-month educational experience that includes workshops, seminars and leadership development activities, policy fellows gain practical training in public affairs leadership while examining national and international issues. Fellows are selected from greater Minnesota as well as the Twin Cities. The program is its 26th year.

An exhibition of sketches and paintings by Falcon Heights artist Hazel Thorsen Stockekeizer is currently on display at the James H. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. The show spans eight decades of Stockekeizer’s work, beginning with a self-portrait from age 14 and including a selection of watercolors from the recent Nodin Press publication “Porthole Views of the World,” a collaboration with poet Elizabeth Wirie. The exhibition runs through Jan. 17.

South St. Anthony Rec Center to partner with Joy of the People

by Dave Healy

Joy of the People, formerly known as the St. Paul Futbol Club, has contracted with the City of St. Paul to lease the South St. Anthony Recreation Center at 890 Cromwell Ave. The organization provides soccer skills training and free-play opportunities for youth and adults.

The South St. Anthony Rec Center is one of five centers that St. Paul’s Division of Parks and Recreation (DPR) proposes for partnering with other nonprofits. Faced with a 14 percent budget cut in 2010, DPR made plans to close three centers.

Partnering is an alternative to closing a center. In this arrangement, the partner takes over day-to-day operations and pays for utilities and building maintenance. The city continues to pay for outdoor maintenance.

Joy of the People was started by Ted Kroeten, formerly the director of coaching and player development for the St. Paul Blackhawks Soccer Club.

Along with several of his soccer-playing friends, Kroeten wanted to create an environment in which kids could learn to play soccer without extensive travel and with more time for learning and playing with friends.

Kroeten said that Joy of the People tried to take the focus off competition and redirect it to skills development and love of the game.

The organization provides space for pickup soccer games and free play, which Kroeten said “facilitate the personal and social building blocks that help grow the love of the game and health for life.”
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Chelsea Heights participated in the 
Thanksgiving food drive for

Kevin-Community Services. This food drive was part of a service project initiated by several students.

St. Anthony Park Elementary

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Shiny red apples were on the snack menu this fall. M argot M onson, a neighborhood resident and grandmother to students Bri and Luke Williams, contacted the school and asked if it would be possible to get locally grown apples on the snack menu.

SAPSA, the parent-teacher organization, helped Monson pay for two bushels of apples. There

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Great River School is a Montessori charter school with 260 students in grades 7–12. On Dec. 6, prospective students and their families are invited to join in a celebration of family heritage and culture from around the world. A light holiday meal will be served at 5:30 p.m., followed by activities in the gym. Cultural performances will start at 6:15 p.m.

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The girls tennis team tied for

first place in the conference. They were led by Aida Hau, Kathy Haung, M iham Dimes, Phuong D iep and V irginia Godfrey.

The girls cross country team

finished third in the conference. Jane Kramer, Leih Roth, Alisha Willour, Evan Hanson, Chris Hutton and Nate Rue were chosen All Conference, with Honorable M ention going to Sophie Nielsen, Kate Wackett and Genevieve Cole.

The volleyball team tied for third place in the conference. Ashley Abbinda and Lynndale Chere were chosen All Conference. Castle Looz, Chelsea Preiner and Aellige Smith won Honorable M ention awards.

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Almost everyone canned their garden vegetables and fruit, usually in Ball glass jars. They made their own tomato juice, pickles, relish and horseradish. They baked their own bread, pies, cake and other pastries. And so it was in “the good old days.”

Fred Steinhauser
St. Anthony Park

I grew up in the Camden neighborhood of North Minneapolis. My two sons, Dave and Mark, live in St. Anthony Park. We usually had boarders living with us. When Dave got married and bought a house, my mother commented that he must be doing well because he didn’t have to take in boarders.

All our food was made from scratch. I remember sugar and flour rationing during WWII, and sometimes making and selling bread and cakes at a neighborhood shop for “rich ladies.”

We always had meat because my father was a butcher, but we made a cut of meat last for several meals. My father always set aside something to give to families who couldn’t afford meat.

As kids we had two pairs of shoes: one for church and one for school. Shoes were never hand-me-downs because it was important that they fit correctly. Besides, we always wore them out before they could be passed on.

My aunt cooked and baked for a wealthy family and was given their children’s clothes, which she shared with our family.

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1 TUESDAY
- Corioline. The Shakespearean Godfather, through Dec. 13. G.T.

2 WEDNESDAY
- Library Book Club, 7 p.m. "Song Yet Sung," by James McBride. SAPBL.

3 THURSDAY
- Bouquets: An Evening of Wine & Food, 7-10 p.m. Como Park Zoo & Conservatory.
- Good Design: Stories from Herman Miller, through Jan. 7. GMD.
- St. Anthony Park Garden Club. Tom Tament of O’buck Nursery, "Native Trees and Shrubs," 6-30 p.m. SAPBL.
- World AIDS Day by Candlelight. Service of Memory and Hope, 7 p.m. FHUCC.
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4 FRIDAY
- Lyngbomber Auxiliary Annual Scandinavian Cookie and Craft Fair, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Lyngbomber, Norman-Benton Chapel.

5 SATURDAY
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6 SUNDAY
- Christmas Benefit Concert, 7 p.m. CG.
- Roseville Wildlife Rehab Center Festival, 5:30 p.m. HC.
- An Evening under the Stars Winter I East Restaurant. Opening reception, 4-8 p.m. Egg and I East Restaurant.
- Cajun jam session and lessons, 10 a.m. CG.

7 MONDAY
- The Last Polaroid Show: Images of Como. Artwork reception, 6-9 p.m. Como Park Zoo & Conservatory.

8 TUESDAY
- Bridge Club Card Players, 6:15 p.m. CG.

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10 THURSDAY
- Design in the Dark: A Film Series - "Unrapped," 7 p.m. GMD.
- Four Poets: A Winter Reading, 7 p.m. SAPBL.

11 FRIDAY
- Holiday tea, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. Como Park Zoo & Conservatory.
- Saturday Stroll, 1-3 p.m. St. Anthony Park UCC.

12 SATURDAY
- Spaghetti dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Claus, 5:30-7 p.m. LRC.
- Annual Craft Sale with live music by Riverfolk, 11 a.m. CG.
- Chancel Choir performs Haydn's "Lord Nelson" Mass, 19:30 a.m. FHUCC.

13 SUNDAY
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18 FRIDAY
- Switchback, 8 p.m. CG.
- Christmas Benefit Concert, 7 p.m. PLC.

19 SATURDAY
- Pocahontas County, 8 p.m. CG.

20 SUNDAY
- Sunday Afternoon Book Group: "Guerney Library and Potato Peel Pie Society," by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Burrows, 2:30 p.m. MB.

31 THURSDAY
- Noon Year's Eve, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Como Park Zoo & Conservatory.

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Nora Bekis
Nora Bekis, age 92, of Lauderdale, died Oct. 21, 2009. She was a retired U M H C employee. She was preceded in death by her husband, Anton, and daughters, Lilly and Liz. She is survived by her son, Larry, and four grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Oct. 27, 2009, at Roseville Memorial Chapel.

Carol Bergstrom
Carol Ann Bergstrom, 72, formerly of St. Anthony Park, died Oct. 29, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband, John (Terry), brother, Billy; and sister, Valerie Hartin. She is survived by sons, John, Bill (Teresa), Steve, 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a brother, Tom (Jann) Jennings.

Her funeral service was held Nov. 4, 2009, at Holum-Bern Funeral Home in Shoreview, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

William Blue
William Blue, 62, died Nov 4, 2009, at his home in Ymir, B.C. He was born in St. Paul, graduated from M urray High School in 1965 and attended the University of Minnesota before moving to British Columbia.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Endert Blue, daughter, Arwen Blue Scheibel, of British Columbia; father, Samuel Blue brothers, Tom and John, and sister, Sarah Blue, all of Red Wing, Minn., and sister, Mary Brittfalls, of Chippewa Falls, Wis. He was preceded in death by his mother, Barbara Blue, and sister, Barbara Sympon.

Ronald Christiansen
Ronald H. Christiansen, 83, of Como Park, died Nov. 10, 2009. He was preceded in death by his brother, Harold, and is survived by his sister, Marilyn, and sister-in-law, Betty.

He was a longtime member of Como Park Lutheran Church, where his memorial service was held Nov. 20, 2009, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Jay Hendrickson
Jay L. Hendrickson, 86, of Como Park, died Oct. 27, 2009. He was preceded in death by son Dale, and is survived by his wife of 63 years, Lorraine; children Varn (M aurice), Bob (Kathy), Donna Wiegelfamer and Terry (Shelly); 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two sisters; and a brother.

A memorial service was held Nov. 2, 2009, at Como Park Lutheran Church, with interment at Oaklawn Cemetery.

Dorothy Hosking
Dorothy D. Hosking, 99, died peacefully, surrounded by family, on Oct. 12, 2009, at EagleCrest Arbor in Roseville.

Hosking was born in St. Paul and spent most of her life there. She was a Gold Star Mother.

Hosking was one of the first female candidates for the St. Paul City Council in the 1950s. In 1958, she ran for Mrs Minnnesota State Legislature for the Como Park and St. Anthony Park district. She also worked as a secretary for the state Legislature for many years.

Hosking was a former real estate broker who owned Shannon Realty. She was also named St. Paul’s Best D ominance in 2005 by the St. Paul Dominternewspaper/news.

She was active in many clubs and organizations, including the St. Paul Athletic Club, the Milli Minnesota Club, the University Club and the St. Paul Pool and Yacht Club. She was also a board member of the Twin Cities Chamber of Commerce and was the office manager of the Minneapolis Star Tribune.

A memorial service was held Nov. 21, 2009, at the Church of St. William in Fridley.

Madeline Johnson
Madeleine Eloise Johnson, age 93, died Oct. 1, 2009. Madeline was born Apr. 25, 1916, in Sioux Falls, S.D. She graduated from Washington High School in Sioux Falls and

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Lives Lived from 14 Park Cemetery, Sioux Falls. Younger sister, Dorothy Johnson. was loved by all who knew her. She was a kind, loving, generous person who had a natural goodness about her. She was preceded in death by children Robert (Sheila Hoffer), Barbara Ross, Rodney Jr., Robert O. Nelson, and by her husband of 59 years, Richard, and son-in-law, Ray Arfman. She is survived by her husband of 37 years, Lowell; daughter, Rochell (Michael) Helgeson; seven grandchildren; sisters, Alice Teppe and Eleanor (Michael) Malmstrom; and beloved companion, Esther Wolf. Her memorial service was held Nov. 13, 2009, at Como Park Lutheran Church, with interment at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery.

David Preus
dA. H. Preus, of Falcon Heights, died Dec. 28, 2009, of complications from Parkinson’s disease. He was born Oct. 20, 1923, and graduated from the Blake School, Yale College and Yale Law School. He flew 38 combat missions in P-47 fighter bomber in the European theater of operations during World War II. Preus practiced law for 25 years, then retired to become president of the Cottonwood Land Company. He was a long-standing member of the Minneapolis Club. He is survived by his wife, Doris, (Toppy); son, Peter; daughter, Catherine; and sister, Helen Mairs. His memorial service was private.

Barbara Ross
Barbara J. Ross, of Roseville, died Oct. 27, 2009, at the age of 80 as a result of a stroke. She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Richard, and son-in-law, Ray Arfman. She is survived by four children, Sharon Arfman, Rick (Pam) Ross, Jen (Tom) Mussiler and Ron (Marge) Ross; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sister, Bevon Tonkin; and brother, Jerry H Alquist. A memorial service was held Oct. 30, 2009, at Como Park Lutheran Church.

Edna Wigen
Edna F. Wigen, 91, died Oct. 27, 2009. She watched National Speed Skating Champion in 1936 (Edna Wigen, 91, died Oct. 27, 2009). She was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley, and sister, Gertrude Shink. She was survived by two daughters, Mary Jane (Rod) Hamblin, and a grandson, Rodney J. Her service was held at 3 p.m. on Dec. 30, 2009, at the church of St. Andrew in Como Park, with interment at Calvary Cemetery. A celebration of Edna’s life was held with the Hamblin family at St. Mary’s Home in St. Paul on Nov. 6, 2009, with Mass in St. Mary’s chapel.