100 years, but who’s counting?

Local couple mark milestone birthdays

By Kristal Leebrick

W hen Fred M. Morlock reflects on his life, he notes that nothing things have changed. He was 8 years old when World War I ended, he graduated from the University of Minnesota during the depth of the Great Depression, and he watched his country enter more wars World War II, Korea, Vietnam. “We’re still at war,” and the United States is experiencing another economic depression, he says.

Morlock, a resident of St. Anthony Park for 68 years, marked his 100th birthday on Sept. 9. His wife, Betty, is still a young thing at 99. Shell turn 100 in February.

In 1932, when Fred graduated from college with a degree in finance, he had planned to get a job in a bank. That never happened. He saw at least 50 banks close that year.

Instead, he became a receptionist at a lumber company before quitting and staying home to raise his family.

The Morlocks raised four children in their home on Carter Avenue. Two of them, Fred Morlock and Anna Skovholt, still live in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood.

A founding member of the St. Anthony Park Association, Fred was in charge of the first Fourth of July parade down Como Avenue . . . which I knew nothing about. I had to take a week’s vacation from work to do it,” he says.

He remembers the days when fireworks were part of the celebration at Langford Park. “We eat fire

Music in the Park joins Schubert Club

H immelstrup says venue and leadership will not change at 32-year-old music series

By Ruth Weleczki

A fter a decade-long courtship, two longstanding St. Paul institutions have decided to tie the knot.

Music in the Park, 32, and the Schubert Club, 127, will join their music-based forces this month. Although the Schubert Club will fold the Music in the Park program into its general operations, both sides say it will otherwise be business as usual. No name changes, no venue changes, no leadership changes. Nothing but a bolstered level of support and a promise to love, honor and cherish one another.

Kathleen van Bergen, artistic and executive director for the Schubert Club, had been flirting with the idea of bringing together the two organizations before she approached longtime St. Anthony Park resident Julie Himmelstrup last winter.

“I thought she [had been] hinting to me,” van Bergen recalls. “She was really just asking my opinion about something. I thought we were thinking along the same lines, but I guess I was thinking it alone.”

Music in the Park’s founder was taken aback — but pleasantly surprised — by van Bergen’s offer.

“M y jaw just dropped,” Himmelstrup says. “It was like a gift from heaven!”

Opportunity, not desperation, prompted Himmelstrup to accept van Bergen’s proposal. “We were not in trouble. We are rock-

Fred and Betty Morlock celebrated their 74th wedding anniversary in June and their 100th birthdays in September (though Betty won’t turn 100 until February).

Como Regional Park Transportation Plan

District 10 residents to vote on plan Oct. 19

More than 3 million people visit Como Regional Park each year. For an area designed more than 100 years ago to be “an outdoor haven for the area’s urban population,” visitors and those who live near the park often are frustrated by full parking lots and traffic congestion.

Throughout the summer, Kimley-Horn and Associates, a consultant that specializes in roadways and traffic, has been working with the city and Como Park residents to come up with a plan to help alleviate the problems.

District 10 residents will be able to vote on that plan at the district’s annual meeting Tuesday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m. at the Historic Streetcar Station.

Kimley-Horn presented draft recommendations at a Sept. 9 meeting that about 32 residents attended. Those recommendations include:

• Create more than one option to access an area to help distribute traffic on the roadways.
• Provide convenient designated vehicle- and shuttle-loading and unloading locations and convert the current shuttle into a circulator to serve the park’s busiest areas.
• Purchase or construct a permanent shuttle lot with 500 parking spaces within 2 miles of the park.
• Create pedestrian and bicycle facilities between the bus and shuttle stops, the sidewalk and trail system, and the major attractions at the park.
• Provide a safe pedestrian and bicycle crossing at Lexington Parkway between the lake and golf course and at the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad tracks.
• Provide better signage about parking and traffic for vehicles and pedestrians in the park.

Public comment to help shape the plan ended Sept. 24, but Jessica Labas of Kimley-Horn says people can still give feedback through their District 10 representatives.

— Kristal Leebrick
Lauren Fulner
St. Anthony Park has a new community organizer, Lauren Fulner. An Illinois native, Fulner graduated from Gustaves Adolphus College with a degree in community studies and arrived at the Minnesota ghetto community, and provided connections between art, community history, and environmental sciences.

The Helene Kilmer M emorial Fire (a.k.a., “Dutch Oven”) is located in the heart of the site.

Kilmer was an American poet who wrote the well-known poem “Trees” (“I think that I shall never see, a poem as lovely as a tree . . .”). The poem is the inspiration for the workshops.

A redecoration booklet containing the students’ poems will be published in May 2011 for the memorial’s 75th anniversary. You can send your donations to the District 10 Community Council, Environmen t Committee, Post- Tree, 1224 Lexington Pkwy N., St. Paul, MN 55103.

Falcon Heights
The Falcon H eights Fire D epartment O pen H ouse will be 11 am – 2 p.m. Oct. 2 at City H all, 2077 W. Larpenteur Ave. Visitors can tour the garage, sit in trucks and check out the gear.

Firefighters will demonstrate stove and car burns in the parking lot and teach the proper use of a fire extinguisher. Admission is free. Popcorn and beverages will be sold for $1. For more information, call 651-792-7600.

A new session of yoga classes with certified instructor Shaila Cunningham will begin Oct. 26, with classes on Tuesday and Saturday mornings. Register online at www.falconheights.org. You can also register by phone at 651-792-7600 or in person at City Hall.

M easy Art for the Season, for ages 3–7, will be held 10:30–11:30 a.m. Oct. 9 at Falcon H eights Community Park, Rosalawn and Cleveland avenues. This is the first of a three-class series. You may register for one class. Cost per class is $12 resident, $17 nonresident. Cost for the series is $30 resident, $45 nonresident. Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.falconheights.org or call Falcon H eights Parks and Recreation at 651-792-7617.

Lauderdale
Lauderdale residents can vote at City Hall on Nov. 2. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

St. Anthony Park
The St. Anthony Park H ome Tour will be held 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Oct. 9. Featuring homes that have adapted quirkily or outdated floor plans to meet modern needs. Advance tickets are $15 and available at Bibelot on Como Avenue, M cCaw Books, The Little Wine Shoppe and H ampden Park Co-op, as well as online at www.sapcc.org ($2 service charge) or at Purchase via PayPay. Tickets will also be available the day of the tour at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library for $20. The tour supports the work of the District 10 Community Council, including citizen participation, chore opportunities for senior citizens, crime prevention, parking, traffic-calming initiatives and planning.

St. Anthony Park residents can receive services from the H ome Energy Squad, a program of the Neighborhood Energy Connection and Xcel Energy. The first step is to attend a free workshop. Next, schedule a home visit in which the crew will install the energy-saving devices such as showerheads, weather-stripping, lights and programmable thermostats.

There is a $30 co-pay for the home visit. Workshop participants will also have access to rebates on high-cost improvements. Renters may sign up for this service with landlord permission to install materials. To register for the workshop, call 651-669-9302 or send an email to green@sapcc.org.
Can a woman have it all?

Ask Dr. Carolyn Johnson Wesenberg

By Judy Woodward

Ladies, can we have it all?
That’s the question that has challenged and greeted women ever since the first cracks began to mar the façade of ’50s-era domesticity. After five decades of unceasing struggle for public achievement coupléd with private happiness, some exhausted women have begun to wonder if it’s possible to pack it all into one lifetime.

My aye that’s because they haven’t met Dr. Carolyn Johnson Wesenberg.

Now 83, widowed, and living in retirement in the same St. Anthony Park house where she raised her children, Johnson may have missed out somewhere along the way on some small facet of the richness and variety of life, but if so, she’s stubbornly refused to bring it to mind.

“I’ve had two lives my whole life,” she says,summing up a lifetime that included children, a long and happy marriage, and a thriving medical practice that spanned more than 50 years. In public, she was Carolyn Johnson, M.D., one of four women to graduate in the University of Minnesota Medical School class of 1951. In private, she was Mrs. Wesenberg, wife of a distinguished educational psychologist, who loved to sing in the church choir and decorate her home with photos of her ever-expanding church choir and psychologist, who

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My dad said to my mother, “Elsie, she’s not going to be in the kitchen with me,” she recalls. “My dad said to my mother, ‘Elsie, she’s not going to cook.’ ”

Dr. Carolyn Johnson Wesenberg and her son, Ned, circa 1970.

Johnson says, “They were tough, those [hippie] women,” but her doctor was equally firm when necessary. “My aye 15 or 20 times we had to go to the emergency room because of childbirth complications.” When the women protested, Johnson would answer, “If you don’t come with me, I’ll never walk into this house again.”

They work, and Johnson is proud that she never lost a woman in childbirth.

After her father retired, she became a St. Anthony Park fixture to the waiting Dobermans. “They were always there to the waiting Dobermans. “They were always there to the waiting Dobermans. “They were always there to the waiting Dobermans. “They were always there to the waiting Dobermans. “They were always there to the waiting Dobermans. “They were always there to the waiting Dobermans. “They were always there to the waiting Dobermans. “They were always there to the waiting Dobermans. “They were always there to the waiting Dobermans. “They were always there to the waiting Dobermans. “They were always there to the waiting Dobermans. “They were always there to the waiting Dobermans. “They were always there to the waiting Dobermans. “They were always there to the waiting

Looking back, Johnson says, “I never had any doubts. I never thought ‘Hm will I do this?’ “Her biggest satisfaction?” Knowing that I did a good job.”

Judy Woodward is a reference librarian at the Rawelli Library and a frequent contributor to the Park Bugle.
We are in the business of storytelling, and we've got a few good ones this month.

Writer Judy Woodward introduces us to Dr. Carolyn Johnson Weingarden—a recounts in her own right—who graduated from medical school in 1951 and spent more than 50 years plying the road for women medical practitioners. N atalie Zett tells the story of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, whose current art show gives new artists a chance to tell their country's story through the lens of a paintbrush rather than news reports. M ichelle Christianson spotlights a family who is spending two years training a service dog before her mom moves on to a new one.

Clay Christianson, our Birdman of Lauderdale, ponders a question that will have you scratching your head once you've read his tale of the parasitic cowbird, which leaves its eggs in songbirds' nests. If a cowbird's rash is raised by a mushroom, does it think it's a mushroom? What an excellent sheriff he will be for Ramsey County. Like me, they know him personally and have worked with him and know what an excellent sheriff he will be for Ramsey County. M at is a clear contrast and choice vs. the present sheriff we have. I know both men, and Matt at Bostrom is far and away the best qualified, both personally and professionally to manage the folks of Ramsey County as their sheriff.

And he continued to improve his skills when he obtained his doctorate in public administration. He is the type of police officer and administrator that every city wishes to have. It is not surprising that many law enforcement leaders in Ramsey County have endorsed Matt. Like me, they know him personally and have worked with him and know what an excellent sheriff he will be for Ramsey County.

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Boy, do we have a story for you

This diversity has enriched our lives, our own Festival of Lights, Chanukah. Now, with our kid in college, we will light a candle on that day as we don’t usually light on our own Festival of Lights, Chanukah. This diversity has enriched our lives, not offended us.

Rumors suggest that S A.P Elementary may scrap observances of certain holidays. I hope this is not so.

Norman Kagan
St. Paul
St. Matthew’s show of Iraqi art aims to promote interfaith dialogue

By Kristal Leebrick

The art of reconciliation

By Natalie Zett

Why move when you can improve!

Local Company Helping to Promote Fire Safety Month
Family opens its hearts and home to help train service dog

Puppy love

If you have ever gotten a puppy, chances are you planned to keep that animal for the rest of its days. But for one St. Anthony Park family, little Jesse is theirs for only two to two-and-a-half years. The Loses, (David, Karin, Jack and Katie) have taken on the responsibility of raising a service-dog-in-training. The Lose family (David, Karin, Jack and Katie) have taken on the responsibility of raising a service-dog-in-training. The Lose family, little Jesse is theirs for only two to two-and-a-half years. The Loses went through an extensive interview process before receiving a dog that matched their lifestyle. Because they don’t have a fenced yard, they got a dog that won’t wander. Of course, all service dogs must get along with other dogs, and the Loses block provides a lot of other dogs for Jesse to interact with.

The organization requires that one person in a family be the primary trainer, and though Katie, Jack (13) and David all learn the skill of the week, Katie is the one who attends the 90-minute classes each week and works with Jesse at least three times a day. He learns basic commands (through positive reinforcement with a clicker and treats) like “come,” “sit” and “stay” and will be moving into skills such as opening and shutting drawers, retrieving objects, turning lights on and off, getting help and assisting a person in getting up from a chair or the floor.

Jesse learns commands by voice alone instead of hand gestures because his prospective owner may not be able to move his or her hands. Since he must be able to support the weight of a person on his back, he had to learn to sit without being pushed down.

You really have to catch him coming close to what you want and reward him for doing it. He then understands the action than you add the word,” says Karin. Because of his breed, he is eager to please, yet calm and easy-going.

Another aspect of the program is socialization. Jesse must respond to all voices, even very quiet ones, and not react to the “triggers” that plague some other dogs (people in uniform, men with facial hair, dogs who might be aggressive). The Loses train him indoors and out, alone and with many people around, so that he learns to follow commands in any situation.

Jesse has a “passport” with stamps in it that tell what skills he has mastered and where he may go. When he has finished his training he will be able to go into places dogs are usually not allowed: restaurants, hotels, taxis, grocery and retail stores, hospitals, theaters, health clubs, parks and zoos. At the end of the training period, the dogs are matched with new owners. Environment, temperament and special needs are taken into consideration. There is no fee for the dog, but the new owner must be able to pay for food and vet services. The dogs and new owners go through an intense three-week training period after they are matched.

The Loses know that it may be hard to let Jesse go, but they are happy that he will be helping someone do what they cannot do by themselves. “And we could always get another puppy to train,” says Katie.

There are many opportunities to assist Helping Paws. If you are interested in raising a dog, providing funding, hosting a demonstration, helping with website design or photography or even building maintenance, contact Helping Paws at 952-988-9359 or visit www.helpingpaws.org. You may be a Jesse in your future.

Michelle Christianson is a piano teacher and musician, as well as a writer. She has lived in St. Anthony Park for 35 years, has two grown children and enjoys reading, curling and making music.
Cowbirds are sneaky parasites that invade songbirds’ nests

As a beginning birder more than 20 years ago, I reflexively learned to revile brown-headed cowbirds whenever I heard or saw them. Cowbirds are brood parasites. They lay their eggs in other bird’s nests and leave the host birds to incubate and care for the nestlings. It seems sneaky to just drop an egg into another bird’s nest and burden the host parents with a new, big mouth to feed. And, for me, it raises difficult moral questions.

The male cowbird is black with a brown head, neck and bib. The female is a nondescript gray. They are smaller than a robin, about 7 inches long, with a thick sparrow- or finch-like bill.

Cowbirds range in all of northern Canada. They often perch on a tree top, perhaps looking for nests they can invade. Their calls include a high-pitched, ascending whistle and a “glug-glug” flight call.

A female cowbird can’t just lay her egg in an empty nest. The host bird would know she hadn’t laid the egg. So the cowbird waits until there are host eggs in the nest, lays hers, and then often removes an egg from the nest to keep the count the same.

The cowbird must get her egg in there before the host starts incubating the eggs. Once the host mama is sitting on them, it would be difficult to slip an egg under her!

Cowbird eggs have a shorter incubation period than most host eggs. When the host cowbird chick hatches, it may push the host bird’s eggs out of the nest. Any baby birds that survive will be competing with the cowbird chick’s big begging beak, which usually gets most of the food.

Some host birds simply abandon their nest, eggs, and even nestlings.

Another defense used by some host birds is to build a new nest right over the offending cowbird egg. But the hosts have to be careful.

Cowbirds monitor the nests they parasitize to be sure their egg is still there and being tended. If the egg has been ejected, a female cowbird will often lay another one.

If she decides the nest isn’t viable for her egg, she may destroy the host nest, eggs, nestlings and all. This isn’t retaliatory mafia behavior; it’s survival instinct. Within a day or two, the host birds often start a new nest nearby, one into which the cowbird can insert a new egg.

Cowbirds are known to parasite at least 132 host species. As a birdwatcher, I am concerned about their impact on songbirds such as cardinals and warblers. I’ve seen a 5-inch chirping sparrow parent trying to stuff bugs into a big baby cowbird that seemed twice its size.

Cowbirds got their name from following herds of bison on the American plains, feeding on the insects kicked up by the buffalo. In fact, they were first called buffalo birds. That’s a theory that because they were following the herd, they didn’t have time to build a nest and worry about incubating the eggs. So, the theory goes, they found a convenient nest (like a meadow-lark’s), dropped an egg, and kept up with the herd.

But if a cowbird chick hatches and fledges in a host nest, is raised by host parents and listens to host songs, why doesn’t it imprint on the host species? Why doesn’t a cowbird chick think it’s a meadowlark, for example, when it grows up?

It turns out that juvenile cowbirds have a very, very strong affinity for other cowbird nests. Soon after fledging, they get together in huge flocks, forage together, roost together and migrate together. They learn their identity from their peers in these large groups.

I wrestle with a moral dilemma when I see cowbirds: Is it right to hate them? Am I projecting my own ethical outlook onto them?

Are cowbirds just doing what comes naturally, trying to make a living? My answer seems to depend on my mood and what other birds could be nesting nearby.

We have encouraged cowbirds with our agricultural and forestry practices. Land that has been grazed provides the short grass in which cowbirds thrive. And feedlots provide convenient feeding stations. Feedlots closest to woodland edges are especially attractive to cowbirds.

Cowbirds like edges. Cutting roads through forests creates edge conditions. Cowbirds don’t penetrate far into large, unbroken tracts. So, more roads mean more cowbirds and more potential cowbird habitat. And conversely, fewer roads mean fewer edges, lesser cowbird habitat.

Cowbirds are here to stay. They’ve evolved away from building their own nests, or forgotten how to do it, and left us to wrestle with the results and our own attitudes. If only they didn’t pick on songbirds.

Clay Christensen is the Birdman of Lauderdale. You can ask him bird-related questions at his blog at www.ParkBugle.org.
Fred and Betty have lived at the St. Anthony Park Home for the last five years. Their family threw a combined 100th birthday party for them Sept. 4, and friends and relatives came from all over the country to attend.

Fred doesn’t claim to be an expert on long marriages (they’ve been married 74 years), but he did offer a little advice: “Number one, don’t go to bed angry. Get it settled before you go to bed or you just continue it the next day.” Betty’s thoughts on staying married for decades: “It’s a good idea,” she says.

What does Fred owe to living for a century? “I quit smoking [pipes and cigars] 50 years ago and I always liked fresh vegetables.” For Betty, longevity runs in the family. Her parents both lived to 99 and two aunts lived to be 109.

Reflecting on his long life, Fred says, “I’ve had a very loving wife. She produced four good children, three boys and a girl, and that’s an accomplishment.” He laughs and then says, “I’ve all stayed out of trouble.”
Eight languages, one team

Como Park boys varsity soccer team is a powerful band of brothers on the field

By Tim Leighton
St. Paul Pioneer Press

Eight languages are spoken among the 20-member Como Park boys soccer team this season, making it a challenge to understand the different international dialects. But the merging of nationalities, personalities and skill sets has helped the Cougars break down language barriers, as well as make them a power on the field and a band of brothers off it.

“We are living proof that soccer is the international game,” said senior defender Jon Tietlie, a lifelong St. Paul resident. “This team, with all of these guys from different international origins, has really opened my eyes to the world.”

Como Park, 7-1-1 after the sept. 20-3-1 victory over Hillgaden Park, is ranked No. 4 in Class A by the state soccer coaches association.

“In school, there is a connection with not only our teammates, but with the other students,” Tietlie said. “We no longer just walk by each other and don’t say a word. We make efforts to say hi and ask others how they’re doing. It feels good to do that.”

Erickson said, “It’s a challenge blending all of the elements from the origins into a cohesive unit, but I think we’re making it a challenge. You can tell there is pride in the Como Park community. Soccer is a unifying thing for them.”

The unification carries over into school.

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Soccer vocabulary

Eight different languages are spoken by members of the 20-member Como Park boys soccer team: English, Spanish, Hmong, Karen, Somali, Burmese, Thai and Oromo.

To help bridge the multiple international origins,Como Park head coach Eric Erickson has come up with 25 English terms to help communicate with his players. Here are some terms and their meanings:

- “Pressure the ball.” Step up and put pressure on the defense.
- “Show for the ball.” Create a positioning advantage.
- “Play it into space.” Pass the ball into the open field for a teammate.
- “Switch fields.” Long pass to the other side of the field.
- “Frame the goal.” Players converge on the goal to create scoring chances.

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She didn’t mean to be a journalist. When Laurie Hertzel walked into the Duluth News-Tribune offices in the spring of 1976 to work as the newspaper’s first clerk—a job that required her to answer phones, write obituaries and keep the coffee pot brewing in a nearly all-male newsroom (she had to use the large sink in the men’s restroom to fill the coffee urn)—she was excited about the $120-a-week salary and sick pay. She was 19. She’d been shelving books at Duluth’s downtown Carnegie library for years. She wasn’t thinking it was the beginning of a 35-year career.

Hertzel, the Star Tribune’s books editor, has made a living telling people’s stories. Now she’s telling her own in her new book, News to Me: Adventures of an Accidental Journalist. She describes her book as a coming-of-age story: shy girl who grew up in a large insular family in Duluth’s East End who had planned to move to a cabin in the north woods of Canada with a bunch of cats and write. But the need for a full-time job and her subsequent hiring at the Duluth paper put her on a different path.

Her clerk job led to more responsibilities at the paper and turned a position she considered temporary into a journalism career—all because she was in the right place at the right time, she says.

From newsroom clerk to librarian to copy editor to Iron Range beat reporter then editor, Hertzel tells her story within the tale of newspapers in the days when reporters punched typewriter keys and dictated their articles by phone from remote places, and women were referred to as “girls” and “ladies” in the news pages.

Hertzel spent 18 years at the Duluth paper. She was there for the big news: the Congdon murders, the establishment of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, the rise of Indian treaty rights. She was also there to tell what she calls the “slice-of-life” stories: the Wisconsin widow who grabbed a plastic crucifix from her bedside to beat off a burglar (headline: “Woman Uses Right Cross to Batter a Burglar”); the 90-year-old Norwegian fisherman who had a compass engraved on his coffin so he could “navigate among the moon and the stars”; the first person in northern Minnesota to die from AIDS and how he was shunned by family and friends at the end because they were afraid of catching his disease. In 1995, Hertzel moved to the Twin Cities to take an interim job with Minnesota Monthly magazine. A year later, she was hired at the Star Tribune as social issues editor.

Laurie Hertzel wanted this photo as her author’s mug. Her husband snapped it at their favorite Dublin pub: Mulligan’s on Poolbeg Street. Not pictured, she says, is the pint of Guinness.

“Every story I covered was eye-opening,” she says. “I learned things about people, polices and places that I never knew existed.”

As a reporter, every story Hertzel covered was eye-opening, she says. It helped shape her worldview because she came to realize she didn’t have everything figured out. “You have to approach stories, and people, with a very open mind, lest you run the risk of not hearing what it is they have to say,” she says in her book.

“I had gone into this job a shy somewhat sheltered young woman from the nice part of town. But now I was learning about nuance and about life.”

You can hear Hertzel read from her book, published by the University of Minnesota Press, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, at Micawber’s Books, 2238 Carter Ave., St. Paul. She says she might serve pumpkin chocolate chip cookies, but she won’t be making coffee.
This Is Not Florida

Jay Weiner’s new book analyzes 2008 Franken-Coleman recount saga

By Roger Bergerson

When Jay Weiner says he hopes that a major election race somewhere in the United States requires a recount next month—and multiple recounts would be all the better—he’s not being perverse, just entrepreneurial.

The timing would be ideal, given the launch of his new book, This Is Not Florida: How Al Franken Won the Minnesota Senate Recount, which he describes as a "how-to and how-not-to" guide for approaching such contests.

Weiner cut a St. Anthony Park resident and former Minneapolis Star Tribune sports reporter, whose coverage of the 2008 recount of the U.S. Senate vote between Norm Coleman and Al Franken for Minnesota Post, a nonprofit news website, earned him a 2009 Frank Preemack Public Affairs Journalism Award from the University of Minnesota.

The title of the book is drawn from the rubix dice delivered by a Minnesota State Supreme Court justice to a member of Coleman’s legal team. By authorizing local canvassing boards to count some absentee ballots that initially had been rejected, attorney Roger Magnuson implied, the State Canvassing Board was opening the way for the same type of “hanging chad” chaos that occurred in Florida during the Bush v. Gore presidential recount in 2000.

Justice Paul H. Anderson abruptly cut Magnuson off with an emotional retort. “This is not Florida… this is Minnesota,” he said.

“There were those on the Coleman side who later looked back on this as an omen of what was to come,” Weiner reflected.

After 27 years with the Star Tribune, Weiner accepted a buyout from the paper and covered the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympic Games for a group of news organizations. On his return to Minnesota that fall, he wrote a few articles for the newly formed MInnPost and, immediately following the election, was asked if he would like to “help out” with the recount coverage.

Weiner agreed, never dreaming that assignment would take up the next eight months. First, the State Canvassing Board named Franken the winner. Coleman contested the ruling in a trial before a three-judge panel. Losing that trial, he appealed to the Minnesota Supreme Court and the Court affirmed the lower panel’s ruling, clearing the way for Franken to be sworn in as Minnesota’s junior U.S. senator.

Early on, Weiner wrote an impressionistic piece about the recount process for MInnPost and, Eric Schultz, Franken’s communications director, suggested to Weiner that he write a book about it. “I said, ‘No way. No money. No knowledge. Didn’t cover the race. Got other stuff to do,’” Weiner recalled. But as the weeks dragged on, he changed his mind.

During the trial phases of the recount, some viewers of television news may have found it wearing to watch the repetitious sides claim victory after each day’s court session, but Weiner said it was an imperative exercise of the element. “If this was costing a tremendous amount of money, and fund- raising fatigue was setting in,” he said. “This wasn’t just a legal and political event, it was also a public relations campaign to keep party officials in Washington and donors convinced that the battle was being won.”

On the tactical front, one of the many moves made by the Franken team that impressed Weiner was its effort to put a human face on those whose votes had been rejected. That task fell to Minnesota Post and, in fact, after reading This Is Not Florida, one could conclude that the Coleman forces were outworked and out-maneuvered at almost every turn.

“I can understand how someone might come away with that impression, but it was more a case of the Coleman people being out-prepared and doing a less thorough job than the Franken side,” Weiner said. “In particular, the Franken team used data and technology very effectively.”

David Schultz, adjunct law professor at H. line University and editor of the journal of Public Affairs Education, says This Is Not Florida is a winner. “Weiner takes the reader from the campaign to the courtroom, describing the personalities, strategies and legal maneuvering that define the closest and most hotly contested Senate race in Minnesota and U.S. history,” he said. “School as well as general readers will find the book to be the definitive description of this race.”

Weiner will launch his book, published by the University of Minnesota Press, with a signing at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, at MInnPost’s Books, 2238 Carter Ave., St. Paul. Nauen will also be there to discuss the recount. Weiner also will have a signing at 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, at the University of Minnesota’s Coffman Union Bookstore.

Saint Anthony Park Community Fall Festival
Saturday, October 2nd, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Como Avenue Retail District

For additional information please contact Jon Schumacher at 641-1455 or jon@sapfoundation.org

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solid. We have a good amount of money in the bank," Himmelstrup says, noting an annual budget of more than $150,000. "It's good for both sides. Together we can cook up a whole lot of things."

Joining a well-established and well-respected institution like the Schubert Club, which has an annual budget of nearly $2 million and a 12-person staff, was a seductive proposition for Himmelstrup, who, with a part-time manager, makes up half of Music in the Park's staff. Still, the decision to merge with M inneap ols oldest arts organization was not made in haste. "We thought long and hard" before accepting Bergen's proposal, says Himmelstrup who started the chamber-music series in 1979.

"She is taking a big leap of faith and trusting us to carry and grow her baby," van Bergen says. "How do you continue to grow this amazing thing that she's built?"

For more than three decades, Himmelstrup has served as artistic director for M usic in the Park, bringing chamber music (including jazz to St. Anthony Park, exposing the neighborhood to nationally prominent and promising musicians and compositions.

Still, joining forces made sense on both an artistic and a financial level. It ensures the future of the M usic of the Park series and expands the program offerings of both organizations. "I worry about what the merger will mean for one of its most treasured assets. An accomplished pianist, Himmelstrup understood the importance of acoustics the first time she walked through the doors of the historic United Church of Christ on Commonwealth Avenue. With talent like pianist M irjam Peseril of Beaux Arts Trio fame opening Music in the Park's 32nd season, her arrival in 2008, she has overseen the $1 million renovation of the Schubert Club's music museum, logo redesign and magazine launch, An die M usik, named after Franz Schubert's love song "To M usic." 

"I get all the credit," Himmelstrup says. Yet, while others in her industry have struggled to survive, Music in the Park has flourished. Even Himmelstrup acknowledges, however, that after three decades of working full time at a part-time job she is grateful for the help and excited about the resources the merger brings.

Music in the Park's success can be credited to Himmelstrup's passion and determination and a long list of community advocates and board members who played supporting roles over the years.

"I get all the credit," Himmelstrup says. "But we would not be at the point we're at now without these people. It takes a village— it took this village and people outside this village—to grow Music in the Park into what it is today."

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The opening concert with Presler and his colleagues from Indiana University and the New England Conservatory is on Oct. 17. The 86-year-old Presler is a founding member and has been a pianist with the revered Beaux Arts Trio for more than five decades. The group will perform Mozart and Dvorak piano quartets, as well as Ravel's "Duo for Violin and Cello."

Other concerts in this season's lineup include oboist Zulifi Bailey and pianist Lydia Ayres, Nov. 7; Imants Winds, Nov. 21; St. Paul Chamber Orchestra concertmaster Steven Copes with pianist Shal Weiler, Jan. 30; the Twin Cities debut of the Jupiter String Quartet and clarinetist Josef French-Bailey, Feb. 27; and return appearances by the Shanghai and Pacifica quartets in March and April.

Ruth Weisz is a freelance writer, editor and artist who lives in St. Paul.
Como Lake Curbside Cleanup is Oct. 16

By Janna Caywood

If you love Como Lake, then you probably noticed, with a tinge of lament, all the algae covering the lake this summer. The cause of the algae scourge is excess phosphorous in Como Lake water. There’s so much that Como Lake is on the M innesota Pollution Control Agency’s list of impaired waters.

Did you know that a major contributor to Como Lake’s excess phosphorous problem is organic material? And did you know the source of this organic material is our own neighborhood streets?

Take a look around and you’ll notice the line of leaves, grass clippings, twigs and dirt spread against our street curbs, waiting for the next rainstorm to wash them down the storm sewer drain. Tons of this stuff gets washed into storm sewers every year and empties into Como Lake and the Mississippi River. When this organic material breaks down in the water, it releases phosphorous, which fuels the overgrowth of tons and tons of algae.

According to the Freshwater Society, just five bags of leaves can contain 1 pound of phosphorous, which can create as much as 1,000 pounds of algae.

The Como Lake Neighborhood Network (CLNN) is organizing a neighborhood cleanup to help curb this “nutrient pollution” at the source.

On Oct. 16, Como neighbors will be asked to grab some gloves, a rake or broom and garbage bags and sweep up the organic material along the stretch of curb in front of their homes. Neighbors should then count the bags they’ve filled, write this number down and then either compost what they’ve bagged in their own bin, use it as landscaping mulch or take it to the Ramsey County Yard Waste Site. If you happen to be in the CLNN project area (you’ll get a brochure if you are), you can leave your bags on the sidewalk for pick up by the Curbside Cleanup Crew.

We encourage you to go to Freshwater Society’s webpage, click the “Community Clean-Up” button and report the number of bags you filled (select the St. Paul, Como community). The Freshwater Society will calculate for each community how many pounds of phosphorous and algae have been prevented from growing in their local lake or river. After Oct. 16, CLNN will report on the Como Park Community Council website how much nutrient pollution the Como Lake neighborhood has prevented from Como Lake and the Mississippi River.

Also involved in the Como Lake Curbside Cleanup are the Capital Region Watershed District, St. Paul Public Works, District 10 Environment Committee, Como Park High School, Hamline University Friends of the Minnesota Valley, Freshwater Society and the Citizens League of M innesota.

Janna Caywood is the founder and coordinator of the Como Lake Neighborhood Network.

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A former foundry and lawnmower-manufacturing facility has been converted into a new office building on Raymond Avenue by the Update Company. Codevelopers, a software company, and the M innesota Literacy Council are leasing space at The Foundry, 700 Raymond Ave. The renovation incorporated used bricks and wood, and instead of tearing down an old pole barn and The renovation incorporated used bricks and wood, and instead of tearing down an old pole barn and sheds at the site, the company sold dedicated at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, during the St. Anthony Park Fall Festival, has been named Guttersen Corner in honor of the former elementary school that sat across from the corner on the site of the Mennonite church parking lot until 1953, when the current elementary school was built. Jon Schumacher, executive director of the foundation, said Townley was the leader in promoting the idea. Townley owns the realty building adjacent to the triangle. Townley wanted to make space available for passersby, especially families on their way back from delivering their children to St. Anthony Park School, which is just down the hill from the park.

Steve Mabey of Landscape Architecture designed the park and Kurt Schrader of Twin Lakes Landscaping implemented it. The foundation and the bank contributed money for the project, as did Townley, who sees it as a place that can also be used by the growing number of members at the 3rd Place, the new co-working office housed in the first floor of Townley’s building. Incidentally, Townley is a distant relative of Gilbert Guttersen, the namesake of the old elementary school.

Guttersen Corner is the new park in town, thanks to Steve Townley, the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation, Park Midway Bank and the city of St. Paul.

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Murray’s new debate coach, with host families in St. Paul. These students are from Turkey, Italy and Germany and are living abroad. Debate is a gateway to the world, to thinking and arguing about the world and current events.” As she puts it: “Debate is a great outlet for students who love to think and argue about the world and current events.”

Como Principal Johnson said she hopes to add a strings program later in the year. Instrumental music will be offered Monday through Thursday, 3:45–5:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. EDL will meet 3:45–5:45 p.m. for students to maintain academic skills and opportunity to improve and out what hands-on science learning is all about. The Fall Festival is from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29. There will be square dancing, pizza and taco-in-a bag, crafts, a photo booth, a pumpkin patch and the hugely popular Science Night will take place at 6:30 p.m. M onday, Oct. 25. Science teacher Jim Schnakler will conduct the first of this year’s popular family science nights (there’s one offered for each grade level throughout the year) where everything gets together to find out what hands-on science learning is all about.

Murray Parent Association Forum will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 7. Parents will receive information on how to help their children prepare for the upcoming conferences. Registration forms can be found online at www.murray.spps.org, or call the office for information. School is not in session for students Oct. 20–22.

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Events

1 FRIDAY
St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ will host “Dealing with Differences in Intimate Relationships” 6-7:30 p.m. Come at 5:15 p.m. for a spaghetti supper. Children welcome.

2 SATURDAY
Apple Festival, Gibbs Museum, noon-4 p.m.
St. Anthony Park Fall Festival, Milton Square, Como and Carter avenues 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

3 SUNDAY
Apple Festival, Gibbs Museum, noon-4 p.m.

5 TUESDAY
The Best Place to Start, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., WomenVenture. Free. Overview of WomenVenture programs and services.
Business Ownership 101, 12:30-2 p.m., WomenVenture, $40.
Creating Your Personal Pitch, 6-9 p.m., WomenVenture, $40.
St. Anthony Park Garden Club, St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, 6:30 p.m. meeting, “Wicked Plants in the Garden” at 7:15 p.m.
Women Can Do It!, 12:30-1:30 p.m., WomenVenture. Free.

7 THURSDAY
Planning to Succeed, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., WomenVenture, $325. (Oct. 7 and 8)
The Best Place to Start 6-6:45 p.m., WomenVenture. Free.

9 SATURDAY
Barn Dance, Hansen Tree Farm, 5:30–9 p.m.; music by Rira 7–9 p.m. Free-will donations accepted. Sponsored by St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

10 SATURDAY
“Walk for the Planet on 10/10/10.” 2 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library; 2:30 p.m., Hampden Park SAPCC Energy resilience Group.

11 MONDAY
Green on the Screen: “Escape from Suburbia.” 7–9 p.m. St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church.

16 SATURDAY
ZooBoo, Como Park Zoo, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

17 SUNDAY
“Walk for the Planet on 10/10/10.” 2 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library or 2:30 p.m., Hampden Park SAPCC Energy resilience Group.

30 SATURDAY
All Hallows Eve, Gibbs Museum. Call 651-646-8219 for a reservation.

31 SUNDAY
Old-Time Halloween at Gibbs, noon to 4 p.m.
Sunday Afternoon Reading Group: “Omer” by J.M.G. Le Clezio, Micawber’s Books, 2:30 p.m.

Contact information:
Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, 1225 Eabrook Dr., 651-646-8201
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Nancy Haley finding her true calling as a Unitarian Universalist minister. Nancy worked as minister of the Unitarian Universalist Society in Iowa City for 12 years. She found great joy in her work at Second Unitarian Church of Omaha. A longtime resident of St. Anthony Park, Nancy loved political discourse, art, theater, music, travel, cooking, gardening and attending neighborhood events. She is survived by her partner of 21 years, Tom Johnson; son, John Haley (Monica Singh) of Los Angeles; daughter, Joanna Haley of Chicago; six grandchildren; and two sisters.

Her funeral service was held Sept. 3 at Unity Church-Unitarian, St. Paul.

Darlys Hastings

Darlys M. H. Hastings, 83, died Sept. 7. She was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Heather, and is survived by her husband, John; eight children, and 18 grandchildren.

M of Christian Burial was celebrated at M of Martyr of Mary Catholic Church in Como Park, St. Paul, on Sept. 10.

Douglas Law

Douglas A. Law, 54, of Mounds View, died Aug. 31. He is survived by his wife, Colleen; children, Ryan (Sarah), Josh (Kellie) and Sara; four grandchildren; and a sister. M of Christian burial was celebrated at M of Martyr of Mary Catholic Church in Como Park, St. Paul, on Sept. 10.

Betty Lockhart

Betty Jane Lockhart, 76, of St. Anthony Park, died peacefully at home on Aug. 24 after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born in M in Minneapolis and spent her early years caring for relatives in M in Dakota.

She graduated from St. Paul Mechanical Arts High School. Later she went back to college and earned her RN degree. She loved working as a nurse at United Hospital. In 1999, after 20 years, she retired. Betty was an active member of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, the Eagle Book Club and Homemakers. She enjoyed playing cards, spending time with her family, tending to her beautiful garden and feeding the birds. Betty had a great sense of humor, occasionally spoke her mind, and her heart was open and large. She lived with fierce independence of spirit and died with the same dignity.

She is survived by her sons, John, Tom, Scott (Connie), and Dave (Julie). New York; her daughter, Jeanne (Mike) Lens, five grandchildren; two sisters; and three brothers. She was preceded in death by her brother, Ron.

A memorial service was held at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church on Sept. 11, with interment in D aey, N.D., at a later date.
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Rose Mary Reich
Resident of St. Paul, she lived a life of service and enjoyed family, friends and travel. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe. She is survived by sons, Mike (Nancy), Tom (Jan), Bill (Liz) and Joe (Debbie); 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and brother, H. Richard Gerlach F.S.C.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 3 at Mt. St. Mary Catholic Church with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Harvey Ruhnow
Harvey W. Ruhnow, 78, died peacefully surrounded by family on Aug. 31.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty. He is survived by his wife, Lois, and daughters, Sandy (Greg) Lanza and Carolyn (Bill Kubiak).

Mass of Christian Burial was held Sept. 2 at Mt. St. Mary Catholic Church in St. Paul, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Ken Sackett
Ken W. Sackett, 92, of Falcon Heights, died Sept. 1.

He was a 1935 graduate of St. Paul Central High School and a 1939 graduate of the U of M Forestry Department. He served in the U.S. Army and retired in 1972 as a colonel. He continued serving as an instructor for the Army Reserves.

Ken worked for various lumberyards until becoming an agent with New England Life Insurance Co. He enjoyed his home and lake cabin and loved his family, watching his grandson play sports, Viking football, telling a good story or joke. Ken loved to visit and will be forever missed by those who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Doris; daughters, Sandra Sackett and Linda (Wayne) Lundeen; and one grandson. A memorial service was held Sept. 13 at Presbyterian Church of the Way.

The Rev. William Smith
The Rev. William A. Smith, professor emeritus, Luther Seminary, died Aug. 26 at age 85. He is survived by his wife, Anita; four children, Brice (Jami), Elyse (Kevin), Bret and Lettie; and six grandchildren.

His funeral service was held Sept. 1 at University Lutheran Church of Hope in Minneapolis with interment at Garden of the Resurrection, Luther Seminary.

Vilah Stromberg
Vilah V. Stromberg, 93, of Como Park, died Aug. 19. She was preceded in death by her husband, James “Eddie”. She is survived by daughter, Barb (George) Carley; son, Jim Stromberg; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a sister and brother.

Her funeral was held Aug. 26 at Como Park Lutheran Church with interment at Incarnation Cemetery.

Bernice Vierow
Bernice E. Vierow, 92, formerly of Lauderdale, died Aug. 31. She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Paul H., and grandson, Gary. She is survived by sons Larry (Helen) and Paul R. (Marilyn); six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. A family memorial service was held Sept. 8 at Presbyterian Homes of Arden Hills.

There is no charge for Park Bugle obituaries. Please and information to Mary Mergenthal, 651-644-1650 or mary.mergenthal@comcast.net.

Announcing a new public park in ‘The Park’

We are proud to announce a new Community Gathering Space at the corner of Knapp Place and Como Avenue in Wonderful North St. Anthony Park. We’ve had the site landscaped and installed picnic tables for everyone to enjoy.

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Many thanks to Stephen Mastey of Landscape Architecture (design work), Kurt Schneider of Lakeside Landscaping (installation), Councilman Russ Stark (approval process) and the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation (financial support), for making our new little park in The Park a reality.

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