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100 years, but who's counting?

Local couple mark milestone birthdays

By Kristal Leebrick

When Fred Morlock reflects on his life, he notes that some things haven't 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. She'll 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, he said. Betty intended to



Fred and Betty Morlock

teach botany when she graduated but never got to do that, either. Instead, she became a receptionist at a lumber company before quitting and staying home to raise her 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



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).

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 set fire

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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 at the corner of Horner and Como avenues. Residents can view the final recommendations for the Como Regional Park Transportation Plan on Oct. 1 at the District 10 website, www.district10comopark.org.

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

- 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.
- Create more than one option to access an area to help distribute traffic on the roadways.
- Provide additional parking spaces within a 5-minute walk to the zoo, conservatory and amusement park, and implement paid parking in the most heavily used 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 Sante 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 Laabs of Kimley-Horn says people can still give feedback through their District 10 representatives.

— Kristal Leebrick

Music in the Park joins Schubert Club

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

By Ruth Weleczki

After a decades-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.

"My 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-

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Como Park

District 10 **annual meeting and elections** start at 7 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Streetcar Station, 1224 Lexington Pkwy. N. If you are interested in running for a board position, contact Rhonda at rhondadebough@district10como-park.org or call 651-644-3889. Residents will be able to vote on the

Como Regional Park Transportation Implementation Plan at the meeting.

The **Como Woodland Advisory Committee** is seeking donations to hire a professional poet to conduct six one-hour workshops for students of two local elementary schools close to the Como Wood-

land Outdoor Classroom (CWOC) project site. The purpose of the **Poet-Tree Workshops** is to introduce local schools to the CWOC, help students bond to the natural world and the local Como community, and provide connections between art, community, history and environmental sciences.

The Joyce Kilmer Memorial Fireplace (a.k.a., "Dutch Ovens") 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 . . ."). That poem is the inspiration for the workshops.

A rededication 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 Environment Committee Poet-Tree, 1224 Lexington Pkwy N., St. Paul, MN 55103.

Shope and Hampden Park Co-op, as well as online at www.sapcc.org (\$2 service charge) or at Purchase via Paypal. 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 12 Community Council, including citizen participation, chore services for senior citizens, crime prevention, recycling, traffic-calming initiatives and planning.

pollution, in addition to traffic and property value impacts on the community. The District 12 committee also encouraged consideration of a warm-mix asphalt plant as opposed to a hot-mix plant if the Roseville asphalt plant is approved. According to the council's letter, a warm-mix asphalt plant would alleviate many of the environmental concerns that a hot-mix plant creates, particularly regarding chemical emissions.

"Escape From Suburbia," a film about climate change and peak oil, is the next **Green on the Screen** show from the St. Anthony Park Community Council. The film will start at 7 p.m. Oct. 11 at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave.

The Community Council's **Energy Resilience Group** invites neighbors to join them in a Walk for the Planet at 2 p.m. Oct. 10, starting at the St. Anthony Park library and finishing at Hampden Park. Bring a sign and your vision for a neighborhood with a lower carbon footprint. There will be a sign-making party to prepare for the walk, at 6 p.m. Oct. 7 in College Park; bring your own sign-making materials.

St. Anthony Park residents can receive services from the **Home 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 651-649-5992 or send an email to green@sapcc.org.

St. Paul

Mayor Chris Coleman is seeking applicants for the following St. Paul committees, boards and commissions: Capitol Improvement Budget Committee, Business Review Council, Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization Board, Heritage Preservation Commission, Human Rights and Equal Economic Opportunity Commission and Planning Commission. You can learn more by visiting www.stpaul.gov or by contacting Chai Lee at 651-266-8512 or chai.lee@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

—Anne Holzman



Lauren Fulner

St. Anthony Park has a **new community organizer**, Lauren Fulner. An Illinois native, Fulner graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College with a degree in communication studies and arrives at SAPCC after finishing a year with Lutheran Volunteer Corps working as the community organizer for the Midtown Greenway Coalition in Minneapolis. Fulner is taking the place of Renee Lepreau, who worked with District 12 for the past three years. Lepreau plans to start a home-birth midwifery apprenticeship in St. Paul in 2011.

The city of St. Paul is leading a study of the **West Midway area** to determine how it can be strengthened as a strategically placed industrial sector and employment base for the city and the region. A community-based task force convened by the Planning Commission is studying the issues and preparing recommendations. You can find out more at the city of St. Paul website stpaul.gov/index.aspx?NID=3915.

The Environment Committee of the St. Anthony Park Community Council has responded to **Bituminous Roadways' plan to build a new asphalt plant** at Terminal Drive and Walnut Street in Roseville in a letter to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. The letter echoed comments expressed in a similar letter by the Southeast Como Improvement Association (SECIA) in Minneapolis. Both groups raised concerns about water, air and noise

Falcon Heights

The Falcon Heights **Fire Department Open House** will be 11 a.m.– 2 p.m. Oct. 2 at City Hall, 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.

Messy Art for the Season, for ages 3–7, will be held 10:30–11:30 a.m. Oct. 9 at Falcon Heights Community Park, Roselawn 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, \$35 nonresident. Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.falconheights.org or call Falcon Heights 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 Home Tour** will be held 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Oct. 9, featuring homes that have adapted quirky or outdated floor plans to meet modern needs. Advance tickets are \$15 and are available at Bibelot on Como Avenue, Micawber's Books, The Little Wine



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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 goaded women ever since the first cracks began to mar the façade of '50s-era domesticity. After five decades of unstinting struggle for public achievement coupled with private happiness, some exhausted women have begun to wonder if it's possible to pack it all into one lifetime.

Maybe 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 can't bring it to mind.

"I've had two lives my whole life," she says, summing up a life 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 brood of kids and grandkids.

And it all began because she didn't like to cook. "I couldn't stand to be in the kitchen with my mother," she recalls. "My dad said to my mother, 'Elsie, she's not going to cook.'"

Dad knew what he was talking about. A general surgeon in the Frogtown area, Carl E. Johnson taught his small daughter how to tie surgical knots at age 7 while she was convalescing from the chicken pox. Johnson says her childhood diary of the time contained an entry that read, "I'm dreaming about my future *perfection*. Like my dad."

When she graduated from medical school at the University of Minnesota in the early 1950s, she was in a class made up largely of returning World War II vets. Not everyone was as supportive of her goals as her father. "It was one lady to every 30 men," she says of her fellow students, "and the [male professors] weren't kind to us." With numbers like those, blending in with the crowd was never a possibility. "[The teachers] would go after us [women]," she recalls. "They got to know our names and we got battered [by their questions in class.]"

Johnson came from tough Swedish stock, however, and she stuck with it. Her male classmates

were friendly, and they invited her to study back at their fraternity house, which in the Greek tradition was well-stocked with copies of previous years' exams. "Eventually," she says, "the professors accepted us women, too."

When she graduated at age 24, Johnson joined her father's practice. Shortly thereafter, in 1954, she married Clarence "Wes" Wesenberg, whom she'd known since "we occupied adjoining cribs at Redeemer Lutheran Church while our parents sang in the choir." Their first child arrived two years later.

By this time, Johnson was officially working three afternoons a week at her father's practice; but she never refused an obstetrics patient, and deliveries—then as now—stubbornly refused to restrict themselves to office hours.

Some of those confinements were her own. By the '60s, Johnson was balancing a medical practice with the demands of a growing family. There were four pregnancies, and after the tragic death of a 5-year-old son from leukemia, the family was completed by the

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— Dr. Carolyn Johnson Wesenberg

adoption of two more children. (One of her sons, Ned, grew up to become a St. Anthony Park fixture as the owner of Park Service.)

Years later, Johnson was in high demand as a source of practical advice for female medical students who wanted to know how she managed. ("They always asked, 'who carries out the trash?' " she recalls.) At the time, though, Johnson relied on a gift for improvisation and her natural energy. She employed neighbor women as housekeepers and, she says, "I had a marvelous helpmeet. My husband was doing double duty."

Her medical practice was never routine. During the heyday of hippie communes, Johnson says, "I was the only doctor willing to go into those . . . houses on Marshall Avenue and the West Bank." Alternative lifestyles meant alter-



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

native birthing styles—and then some! She recalls a family bedroom with children asleep nearby and the pet "Dobermans running around" while the mother gave birth. "One of the kids woke up and asked me who I was holding. 'That's your new baby sister.' " Then the afterbirth arrived, and in a scene that surely none of her medical school professors could ever have imagined, Dr. Johnson stood up and threw the placenta back over her shoulder—bridal-bouquet style—to the waiting Dobermans.

Johnson says, "They were tough, those [hippie] women," but their doctor was equally firm when necessary. "Maybe 15 or 20 times we had to go to the emergency room [because of birth complications]." When the women protested, Johnson would answer, "If you don't come with me now, I'll never walk into this house again." They went, and Johnson is proud that she never lost a woman in childbirth.

After her father retired, she practiced medicine at various locations, including an 11-year stint sharing a practice with the recently retired Dr. David Gilbertson of St. Anthony Park. Although retired from active practice in 2005, she continues to serve on medical boards.

Looking back, Johnson says, "I never had any doubts. I never

thought 'How will I do this?' " Her biggest satisfaction? "Knowing that I did a good job."

Judy Woodward is a reference librarian at the Roseville Library and a frequent contributor to the Park Bugle.

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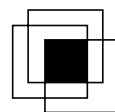
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E D I T O R I A L

Boy, do we have a story for you

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 Wesenberg—a raconteur in her own right—who graduated from medical school in 1951 and spent more than 50 years paving the road for women medical practitioners. Natalie Zett tells the story of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, whose current art show gives Iraqi artists a chance to tell their country's story through the lens of a paintbrush rather than news reports. Michelle Christianson spotlights a family who is spending two years training a service dog before he moves on to a new owner.

Clay Christensen, 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 chick is raised by a meadowlark, does it think it's a meadowlark?

We're featuring two local storytellers—journalists Jay Weiner and Laurie Hertzell—who have released books this fall. And we have two love stories. One is the story of 100-year-old Fred Morlock and his 99-year-old bride Betty. The other is the tale of two St. Paul musical institutions—Music in the Park and the Schubert Club—that have decided to get hitched.

The Bugle will be telling its own story in the next month, as we gear up for our annual fund drive. The Park Bugle was established in 1974, but

it became a nonprofit newspaper in 1975 when Andrew Boss, Gerald McKay and Joseph Skovholt signed the articles of incorporation that brought Park Press Inc. into being. The Bugle is still run by a board of volunteers who come from the four communities we cover: Como Park, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale and St. Anthony Park. We recently welcomed new members to that board. You can find the list of board members at the bottom left-hand corner of this page.

Park Press, Inc. is celebrating the paper's 35 years as a nonprofit community newspaper and you can celebrate with us Saturday, Oct. 9, at a Back to the '70s party in The Lab at the Lyric apartments on Hampden Avenue. Look for our ad on page 8 or on our Facebook page (we're listed as Park Bugle) or website (www.parkbugle.org) for more information.

You can also support the Bugle this month by visiting Park Perks at Park Midway Bank, 2300 Como Ave. The bank will donate October coffee sales to the newspaper.

As the Bugle went to press, we heard more news of home burglaries in the Como Park and St. Anthony Park neighborhoods. Some of these burglaries were particularly aggressive, as burglars broke windows to gain access into the homes. To help our neighbors stay informed about crimes in our area, the Bugle is now posting crime reports from the St. Paul and St. Anthony police departments on its web page. You can find out more in the article at the bottom of this page.

L E T T E R S

Trim your trees

People! You with the tree branches, plants or shrubs hanging over the sidewalk! It's time to get the trimmers out again. If you can't walk straight down the middle of the sidewalk without hitting something, I'm talking to you.

This is not just about aesthetics; it's about safety. Overhanging greenery causes people to walk off the sidewalk, sometimes even into the street. This is unpleasant for anyone but really dangerous for someone with a cane or vision disability.

Be responsible! Thanks! (And sorry for all the exclamation points, but this is really an issue for some.)

*Michelle Christianson
St. Paul*

**Bostrom is clear choice for
Ramsey County sheriff**

As a 36-year resident of St. Paul and 27 years on the St. Paul Police Department before I retired, there is an exceptional candidate running for Ramsey County sheriff. I know how good he is because he both reported to me for two years, and I watched him as he first came into the police department 28 years ago.

His name is Matt Bostrom. Matt impressed me when he worked for me and as I watched his career in the St. Paul Police Department, rising to become an assistant chief with the SPPD. This advancement came to pass because of his hard work, terrific people skills and his intelligence.

Matt was always one I could send into a difficult situation, and his positive dealings with people would lend itself to a peaceful solution. His excellent management skills allowed him to work with the community and the police to work together for common solutions.

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.

Matt is a clear contrast and choice vs. the present sheriff we have. I know both men, and Matt Bostrom is far and away the best

qualified, both personally and professionally to manage and serve the people of Ramsey County as their sheriff.

*Chris Nelson
Retired sergeant
St. Paul*

Holiday humbug

Is it wrong to celebrate holidays in school?

We learned of St. Lucy's Day (no, not Peanuts' Lucy but the Scandinavian "patron of light for the blind," Lucia) when our child

celebrated the occasion at St. Anthony Park Elementary School.

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

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

*Norman Kagan
St. Paul*

November workshop will address light rail's impact on community

St. Anthony Park residents and business owners are invited to the Creative Enterprise Zone Placemaking Workshop at 6 p.m. Nov. 10 at South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center, 890 Cromwell Ave.

The workshop is part of the work of the Creative Enterprize Zone Steering Committee, recently created by the St. Anthony Park Community Council. The committee is made up of business and property owners, artists and residents who are studying issues that will come up in the neighborhood as the Central Corridor light rail line moves into the area. The committee will be working with consultant Tom Borrup from the Creative Community Builders to complete the plan.

The Raymond-University area has been home to artists and creative start-up enterprises for more than 30 years. The historically significant buildings, the affordable industrial and commercial space, and the central location between Minneapolis and St. Paul have contributed to a lively mixed-use neighborhood with one of the Twin Cities' largest concentrations of artists, designers, creative entrepreneurs and nonprofits.

That could change. The light rail lines could make the area so attractive that rents become out of reach for artists and entrepreneurs who are already renting in the area. In an effort to find ways to maintain and nurture these enterprises, the St. Anthony Park Community Council, with funding from the Central Corridor Funders Collaborative and the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation, is embarking on a unique planning process that should result in a blueprint that defines development opportunities, new ways to support the many creative enterprises in the area and action.

Worried about crime in your area?

If you want to stay abreast of crimes happening in your neighborhood, you can check your area's police reports at the Park Bugle website, www.parkbugle.org. Just click on the tab "Crime Reports" on the left side of the page and it will direct you to your police department's weekly crime logs. The crime reports list burglaries, thefts, assaults and more.

The art of reconciliation

St. Matthew's show of Iraqi art aims to promote interfaith dialogue

By Natalie Zett

To some, Iraq evokes images of casualties and destruction. But if the people of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and its Undercroft Gallery have their way, Iraq's vibrant art community may someday overshadow its current status.

St. Matthew's, 2136 Carter Ave., St. Paul, is hosting a show by Iraqi artists called "Iraq: Reconciling Through Art" through Oct. 22.

Blair Pogue, rector at the church, says art is an "incredible medium for dialogue about interfaith issues, which can often be uncomfortable because people are afraid of offending someone. Then you don't always get a sense of the richness in different faith traditions and cultures."

Two years ago, the church hosted a show of Christian and Jewish artists reflecting on the Psalms. "They'd respond to a Psalm they loved by creating a painting or picture and then we had a discussion," Pogue said. "What I learned during that amazing session was art was a really safe and hopeful medium for us to learn about each other's faiths and cultures."

St. Matthew's is working on this show with the Iraqi Art Project, part of the Minneapolis-based Iraqi and American Reconciliation Project (IARP). (The IARP was founded by local restaurateur Sami Rasouli, who sold his business and returned to Iraq a few years ago. He wanted to help rebuild his country via various endeavors, including art, which he brings to the Twin Cities.)

IARP executive director Kathy McKay said, "We've been showing

Iraqi art and interweaving that with various faith communities. That's been extremely successful."

"Artists in Iraq struggle to make the art, yet it's amazing to see their giftedness," Pogue added. Once a painting is completed and cured, the artist carefully removes the staples from the wooden support frame, then rolls up the painting, image-side out (to prevent the paint from cracking). The painting is then placed in a suitcase and transported by a volunteer who brings it to the IARP, where a staff curator frames each painting and produces its labels.

Peg Houck, who has chaired the Undercroft art gallery for years, said the church has never brought in art from another country, "especially a country that we've been at war with."

Besides showing work of adult artists, the show includes the art and letters of Iraqi children. "I see it as communication through art and peacemaking with Americans and Iraqis," Houck said. "It would be lovely if we could get dialogue going more with the Christians, Muslims and Jews in the Twin Cities. If we do it through art, that might open up a door."

According to the International Institute, the Twin Cities is home to a growing number of Iraqi immigrants. "We thought it would be important to learn more about Iraqi history and culture through art," said Pogue.

Lis Christenson, director of children's ministry at the church, scheduled Iraqi artist Adnan Shati

to speak on the history and development of Iraqi art and culture at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, at the church.

Christenson also arranged for a free screening of "The Unreturned" by local filmmaker Nathan Fisher. (The tagline says: "4.7 million Iraqis fled because of the war. Why haven't they returned?") It will be shown at 7 p.m. Oct. 14.

"People need to see the actual people of Iraq— if not in person, then see the images of where they live, what they look like, how they sound—their language," Christenson said. "The film has a nice variety of older and young people and shows how the war has affected them. I hope people will see that these are real people just trying to living their lives after the fallout of this war."

According to Pogue, all sales at the show will directly benefit the artists. "We are hoping that, as a result of this show, people develop greater knowledge and respect for Iraqi people, not as victims or part of a country that we invaded, but as artists," Pogue said. "I just feel like there's a lot of potential to use art as a tool for reconciliation and greater understanding."

For more information, contact St. Matthew's at 651-645-3058 or visit www.stmatthewsmn.org.

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25th annual Clovia Bazaar moves to a new location, has new times

By Kristal Leebrick

The Clovia Bazaar is marking its 25th anniversary this year at a new location and new times. The bazaar has been the major fundraiser for the Beta of Clovia Sorority and a biennial event on the University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus since 1962.

This year, the event has moved to the Continuing Education Conference Center (the former Earle Brown Center), 1890 Buford Ave., which is near the State Fairgrounds parking lot. It will run from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, and 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22. The sale will include the raffle of a vintage hanky quilt made by Peggy Bryan Verkuilen of Roseville, plus eight specialty booths that sell imports from all over the world, gourmet foods made by Clovia alums, holiday items, craft items, and collectibles and antiques.

The bazaar began in an effort to establish a stable revenue source

for the University of Minnesota sorority, which is located at 2067 Carter Ave. All proceeds go toward the general upkeep of the 97-year-old home and scholarships for university women.

Marlene Banttari, one of the event organizers, said that one benefit of the bazaar is that women who belonged to the sorority during their college days have an opportunity to stay in touch. There are two groups that meet monthly to make items for the sale, and many generations of women come together to organize and work at the bazaar.

"Some of our members are very talented," Banttari said. She attributes that to the group's early years, when many of the members were home economics majors. Most of the women had agricultural backgrounds and were members of 4-H. The name "Clovia" came from its 4-H affiliation: the green four-

leaf clover with an H on each leaf symbolizes the organization's pledge of Head, Heart, Hands and Health.

The sorority still has strong ties to agriculture. In fact, three Princess Kays at the Minnesota State Fair have been Clovia members, including this year's princess, Katie Miron. Van Linck, who joined the group in the 1950s, says the college girls living there now are majoring in a variety of areas.

Members across the country create items to sell at the bazaar during the two years leading up to the event. An area of the third floor of the Clovia house is devoted to storing the merchandise for the sale. The sorority relies heavily on help from the Farmhouse fraternity to move the merchandise to the bazaar site when the time comes. It doesn't hurt that the "Beta Boys" have a housemother who is also a Clovia alum.

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Volunteering Matters

by Michelle Christianson

Puppy love

Family opens its hearts and home to help train service dog

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, after which he will be matched with a new owner.

Jesse, a golden retriever, is a service-dog-in-training. The Lose family (David, Karin, Jack and Katie) have taken on the responsibility for his “education,” food, exercise, vet care and socialization, so that when he is ready, he will be able to assist someone with a physical disability other than visual or hearing impairment.

David Lose, a Luther Seminary professor, knew a colleague raising a service dog and the family became interested—especially 10-year-old Katie. She got a book from the library and did some research online, where she learned about Helping Paws, an organization that breeds service dogs, trains volunteers to teach the dogs and matches the dogs with new owners when the dogs are ready. Eight-week-old Jesse arrived on May 14.

Helping Paws got its start in 1985 as a pilot project of the University of Minnesota’s Center for the Study of Human-Animal Relationships and Environments

(CENSHARE Program). The agency became a stand-alone nonprofit in 1988 and adopted the name Helping Paws in 2001. The program moved to a larger facility in Hopkins in 2006, allowing the agency to accommodate more students for team training within a large, indoor, fully accessible facility.

Because Helping Paws has strict requirements for the dogs it places, it has its own purebred breeding dogs (nine of them) that have whelped puppies with reliable temperaments and good health. Since 1988, 125 golden and labrador retrievers have been placed, and there are currently 85 active dogs. Jesse is one of 19 in the training program.

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 Lose’s 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, Karin is the one who attends the 90-minute classes

each week and works with Jesse at least three times a day. He is learning 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 that until he understands the action—then 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



Photo by Kristal Leebick

The Lose family with their temporary family member, Jesse: Karin, David, Katie and Jack.

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.

There may be a Jesse in your future.

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Kylie Gibbons

Author’s note:

Last October, I wrote about Kylie Gibbons, who has tuberous sclerosis complex, which causes her to have many seizures. Kylie’s grandmother, Karen Ueland, was raising money to get Kylie a seizure dog by putting on a Halloween “Spooktacular.” The event was very successful and raised enough money to get the dog. The first dog, however, had problems socializing with other dogs, so is being replaced with a second dog. That dog, a German shepherd mix, is almost finished with training and the family expects the dog to join them before Christmas.

Some stories do have happy endings!



Laurie Hertzell will be here on 10/6/10 at 7 p.m. to discuss her history in journalism. *News to Me* follows her from the 1970s Duluth News-Tribune to her current post as Books Editor at the Star Tribune.

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The Birdman
of Lauderdale

by Clay Christensen

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 birds' 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.

The cowbird's range includes all of North America except northern Canada. They're often perched 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 cowbird chick hatches, it may push the host bird's eggs or nestlings out of the nest. Any host nestlings 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've parasitized 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 parasitize 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 chipping 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, feasting on the insects kicked up by the buffalo. In fact, they were first called buffalo birds. There'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 juvenile cowbirds. 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 attitudes 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.

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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.

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to two homes. One was Gerald McKay's, who was president of the association at the time."

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.



Betty and Fred Morlock in their younger days.

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

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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 meshing 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 Tetlie, 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 Highland Park, is ranked No. 4 in Class A by the state soccer coaches association.

While English is spoken by many Como Park players, it typically is the secondary language.

A typical on-field snapshot goes something like this: While clearing a ball out of the defensive zone, Tetlie often hears a teammate calling to him from midfield in the Karen language.

Up the field, sophomore forward Sunday Htoo, a native of Burma, hears Spanish chatter from linemate Celso Ivan Carreon Rodriguez, a native of Mexico.

In the midfield, Somali natives Abdirizak Ismail and Kumbi Bikila fly down the flanks, excitedly directing teammates toward the goal in Somalian.

"We have a virtual United Nations," Como Park activities director Mike Searles said sincerely.

"We certainly try to celebrate the fact that we represent so many parts of the world, but we emphasize a team-first mentality," Cougars coach Eric Erickson said. "It's a challenge blending all of the elements from the origins into a cohesive unit, but I think we're getting there."

A month ago, Erickson took the Cougars on a team-bonding trip to Austin, Minn. In addition to camping out at a farm in nearby Lanesboro, the Cougars played Austin, a Class A state tournament qualifier last season. In the locker room before the game, Erickson had each player identify themselves, share where they were born and their native language.

"On the bus ride down, there was not a lot of conversation," Erickson said. "I sensed tension and fear. We were about to play a quality opponent, but all I saw were strained faces. I decided to break the ice."

The mood lightened as players shared information about themselves.

"It was an eye-opener. We knew the team was diverse, but I didn't realize just how diverse until

before the Austin game," said Tetlie, a captain who also is the kicker for Como Park's football team.

After the game, the team held a bocce ball tournament and a table tennis competition. Teams were formed with players of different nationalities so they could get to know one another.

Tetlie said a willingness to learn and share cultures is present with the team. He and others supported teammates during Ramadan by sharing in the custom of fasting and not eating until after sundown.

"With all the different languages and cultures, you don't think about soccer right away," senior captain and midfielder Jenny Wah said. "You wonder if we'll all get along."

Wah didn't make the trip to Austin.

He is Htoo's older brother. Between them, they had to decide which would go to Austin and which would stay home to babysit their younger brothers. Wah willingly stepped aside because he believes his brother has a bright future in soccer and wants him to have every opportunity to play.

Htoo and Wah grew up in a village on the border of Burma and Thailand. They played soccer in hard dirt without shoes. They could not afford to play organized soccer in their native country. They emigrated to Minnesota six years ago.

"The first time I wore soccer cleats was here in Minnesota," Htoo said. "It was difficult at first, but I got used to it and now I like it much better than without any shoes."

The Cougars use four defenders, four midfielders and two forwards in their up-tempo, high-pressure attack.

"It happens to be that we do have speed on the outside and they happen to be players from East African nations," Erickson said. "We have Hmong and Karen kids in the midfield who are very crafty players. And we happen to have a goalkeeper and defense (featuring) St. Paul kids. We're not all that unique when it comes to St. Paul City Conference schools. What might make us unique is that we have American players, too."

After its 4-1 victory over Austin, the Cougars won 4-2 over Mahtomedi, last season's Class A state champion.

"They have kids with great skills," Mahtomedi coach Paul Beggin said. "It's very difficult to play them. They have the speed, the skill, the teamwork and the discipline that comes from a well-organized team. We've been playing Como Park for about five years now, and our kids really look forward to it because of the challenge. You can tell there is pride in the Como Park community. Soccer is a unifying thing for them."

That unification carries over into school.

"In school, there is a connection with not only our teammates, but with the other students," Tetlie 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."

Said Htoo: "This is the perfect team. We have highly skilled guys from different countries all over the field."

Languages spoken

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.

Soccer vocabulary

To help bridge the multiple-language gap, 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 passing option.
- "Play it into space." Pass the ball into the open field for a teammate.
- "Switch fields." Long passes to the other side of the field.
- "Frame the goal." Players converge on the goal to create scoring chances.

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News to Me

Journalist's new book weaves tales from her early days in the newsroom

By Kristal Leebrick

She didn't mean to be a journalist. When Laurie Hertzelt 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.

Hertzelt, 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, Hertzelt 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.



Hertzelt 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, Hertzelt 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.

Hertzelt loves her hometown, and at one time couldn't imagine a life in the busy Twin Cities. She lived on the edge of the woods in Duluth, where she romped daily with her dog Toby. Now she lives in the Como Park neighborhood near the south end of lake. That's where she takes her three dogs for a 45-minute walk every morning and gets that taste of nature she craves as she sights groundhogs, eagles, egrets, loons and the occasional



Laurie Hertzelt 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.

red-tailed hawk.

As a reporter, every story Hertzelt 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 Hertzelt 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.

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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 is 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 MinnPost, a nonprofit news website, earned him a 2009 Frank Premack Public Affairs Journalism Award from the University of Minnesota.

The title of the book is drawn from the rebuke 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. . . . [T]his is Minnesota, we've got a case in Minnesota, argue the case in 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 the 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 campaign. 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 respective sides claim victory after each day's court session, but Weiner said it was an imperative element of the exercise. “This was costing a tremendous amount of money, and fundraising 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 Minneapolis attorney (and St. Anthony Park resident) Charlie Nauen. 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 Hamline 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. “Scholars 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 Micawber'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.



Jay Weiner

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Roger Bergerson, a former newspaper reporter, is a freelance writer and longtime Como Park resident who enjoys researching and writing about local history.



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Julie Himmelstrup and her granddaughter, Sila Liljedahl

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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 Minnesota's oldest arts organization was not made in haste. "We thought long and hard" before accepting van 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 Music in the Park, bringing chamber music (including jazz) to St. Anthony Park, exposing the neighborhood to nationally prominent and promising musicians and composers.

Still, joining forces made sense on both an artistic and a financial level. It ensures the future of the Music of the Park series and expands the program offerings of both organizations. "Two healthy organizations coming together—we really couldn't ask for a better scenario," says van Bergen.

The organizations have collaborated on many music-related and community-based projects over the years, forging a strong, friendly working relationship in the process. Himmelstrup worked closely with Schubert Club director Bruce Carlson for decades until his death in 2006 from leukemia.

"Kathleen took over from somewhat of a legend," Himmelstrup says of Carlson, who worked 40-plus years for the Schubert Club. "That's a very difficult thing to do. But Kathleen

is pretty fabulous and very capable. She's just amazing. She knows all the musicians in the world practically!" Himmelstrup says. "She's 34. She's less than half my age! It's painful. But it's a good hurt."

Van Bergen, a New Jersey native, served as vice president for artistic planning with the Philadelphia Orchestra before joining the Schubert Club. Since 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 Musik*, named after Franz Schubert's love song "To Music."

Based in downtown's Landmark Center, the Schubert Club draws world-renowned classical musicians and composers. October features soprano Renée Fleming, a trumpet recital by Alison Balsom, Grammy-nominated pianist Yuja Wang and violinist and MacArthur Genius Award winner Leila Josefowicz.

Both the Schubert Club and Music in the Park share the philosophy that music is about the artist-audience relationship. And community is at the heart of their philosophy. Himmelstrup uses concerts, artist-in-residency-programs and post-concert discussions to unite audiences and musicians. "I want to bring them together," the matchmaker explains. "I think you owe it to the artist to get a good audience, even if 25 people show up for the event."

Like all arts organizations, Music in the Park has felt the economy's squeeze. Gone are "the glory days of arts funding," 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."

That community needn't 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 Menahem Pressler of Beaux Arts Trio fame opening Music in the Park's 32nd season, elbow room is in high demand in the 350-seat church. But Himmelstrup relishes the intimate setting and the fact that it won't be lost as a result of the merger.

"The Ordway is a wonderful place," she says, "but it's not a great place for chamber music. We're based here and we'll stay here. We really don't want to lose the neighborhood feel."

The opening concert with Pressler and his colleagues from Indiana University and the New England Conservatory is on Oct. 17. The 86-year-old Pressler 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 cellist Zuill Bailey and pianist Lydia Artymiw, Nov. 7; Imani Winds, Nov. 21; St. Paul Chamber Orchestra concertmaster Steven Copes with pianist Shai Wosner, Jan. 30; the Twin Cities debut of the Jupiter String Quartet and clarinetist Jose Franch-Ballester, Feb. 27; and return appearances by the Shanghai and Pacifica quartets in March and April.

Ruth Weleccki 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's water. There's so much that Como Lake is on the Minnesota 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 pressed up 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, can help 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 boulevard for pick up by the Curbside Cleanup Crew.

We encourage you to go to Freshwater Society's webpage, click the "Community Clean-Ups" 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 phosphorus 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 Park neighborhood has prevented from Como Lake and the Mississippi River.

Also involved in the Como Lake Curbside Cleanup are the Capitol 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 Minnesota.

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

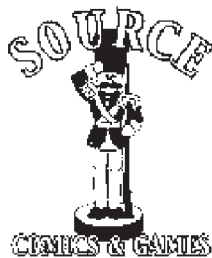
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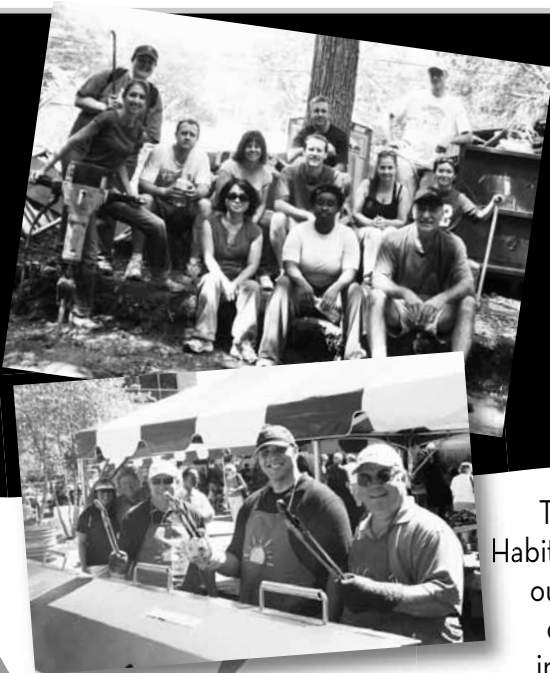
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Business News

A former foundry and lawnmower-manufacturing facility has been converted into a new office building on Raymond Avenue by the **Update Company**.

Codeweavers, a software company, and the Minnesota 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 shed at the site, the company sold

the buildings on Craigslist. Update Company has developed 15 properties in the Raymond and University area.

The **St. Anthony Park Community Foundation** has partnered with **Steve Townley**, the **City of St. Paul** and **Park Midway Bank** to develop a greenspace on the corner of Como and Hillside avenues and North Knapp Place. The new park, which will be

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 Methodist 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 Elementary School, which is just down the hill from the park.

Steve Mastey 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



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.

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.

Attorney Charles Nauen of Lockridge Grindal Nauen was one of 120 lawyers and law professors from 30 countries invited to participate in a conference sponsored by Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Jerusalem in August.

The St. Anthony Park resident said the conference was aimed at discussing legal issues facing Israel, including the de-legitimization of the state of Israel, boycotts, divestments, sanctions and international law issues.

The event preceded the Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, which began in Washington, D.C., Sept. 2.

Nauen was one of two Minnesota attorneys at the conference. They were invited to attend by the Jewish Community Relations Council and the Minneapolis and St. Paul Jewish Federations.

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Como Park Senior High

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Girls tennis at Como is having a winning season so far this fall, coached by Florence Wright. They are currently 3-0 in the conference with victories over Highland Park, Central and Johnson and are ranked first in the conference. Boys soccer, ranked second in the state and coached by Eric Erickson, is currently 7-1-1 and had a win over last year's state champion, Mahtomedi.

Homecoming at Como this year is the week of September 27-October 1. Festivities include decorating hallways, the Battle of the Classes—an all-school event where designated members of each class compete against each other in a variety of games, cheered on by their classmates—and a football game on Thursday, Sept. 30, against Central High School's Minutemen. The homecoming dance will be on Friday, Oct. 1, at the school.

This year there are several **foreign exchange students** at Como. These students are from Turkey, Italy and Germany and are living with host families in St. Paul.

Como's new debate coach, Ms. Boehm Turner, says, "Debate is a great outlet for students who love to think and argue about the world and current events." As she puts together her team, she is encouraging students to consider the academic and scholarship advantages of debate. Como is a member of the Minnesota Urban Debate League.

Parent-teacher conferences are 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7. Parents are encouraged to come and meet their children's teachers.

Murray Junior High

2200 Buford Ave., 651-293-8740
www.murray.spps.org

Interested in tutoring? Join the **Pilot One-on-One Tutoring** program offered Monday through Friday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the school. You can choose the day and time that works best for you. Contact Cindy Thrasher, 651-293-8740, for more information.

Murray ALC returns Monday, Oct. 4. This program provides a fun way for students to make up missing credits and improve their test scores. It takes place from 2:45 to 4:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesday. To volunteer, contact Justin Mosel at Justin.mosel@spps.org.

Murray Junior High began the **2010-2011 school year** with more than 770 students; a new principal, Tim Williams; three new teachers; and an assistant principal intern.

The first **Murray Parent Association Forum** will be held on at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 4 in the school library. The topic is important for parents of new magnet science students at Murray: the Science Fair. Parents will receive information on how to help their students prepare their science projects as well as essential dates related to the project.

Conferences will be held from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, and from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19. All times are scheduled prior to the 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.

St. Anthony Park Elementary

2180 Knapp St., 651-293-8735
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Band is back at the school. Instrumental music will be offered to all 5th- and 6th-grade students as part of the new Extended Day Learning (EDL) program, which replaces ALC (Alternative Learning Center). Students will have the opportunity to improve and maintain academic skills and participate in band and enrichment classes. EDL will meet 3:45-5:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is no charge for participation. St. Anthony Park Principal Ann Johnson said she hopes to add a strings program later in the year.

Wednesday, Oct. 6, is **International Walk to School Day**. St. Anthony Park is proud of its community of students, staff and families who love to walk. Many of

our students and families can be seen walking along the streets around the school every morning and afternoon, with safe guidance from the 6th-grade school patrols. In addition, there is a school tradition of taking walking field trips. Many classrooms walk to nearby St. Anthony Park Branch Library monthly.

October is a busy month. It includes the **Education Minnesota Professional Conference**, always held on the third Thursday and Friday of October. While teaching staff attend professional meetings, students will have Oct. 21-22 off. Students will also have Oct. 20 off school as teachers prepare for parent-teacher conferences in November.

Sixth-graders at the school will spend the week of Oct. 11-15 at **Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center**. Wolf Ridge is located on a forested ridge overlooking lakes, rivers and Lake Superior in northern Minnesota.

First-Grade Family Science Night will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25. Science teacher Jim Schrankler will conduct the first of this year's popular family science nights (there is one offered for each grade level throughout the year) where everyone gets together to find 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 silent auction. The community is invited to join students, families and staff as they celebrate back-to-school autumn traditions. All proceeds support St. Anthony Park Elementary School programs.

Murray recognized nationally for tutoring, community partnerships

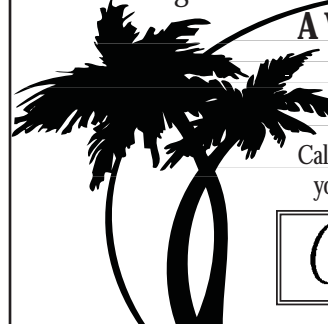
Murray Junior High School received a 2010 Partnership School Award from the National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS) at Johns Hopkins University. The school, a member of NNPS, was honored for making excellent progress in strengthening and sustaining a comprehensive program of school, family and community partnerships. St. Anthony Park resident Cindy Thrasher's tutoring program—One-on-One Support Class—was recognized as well as improvements the school has made in communicating with families at conference time.

Murray has implemented strategies to help increase family and community involvement and support school-improvement goals for student success.

"Murray is demonstrating that research-based approaches can be used to increase goal-oriented family and community involvement that contributes to student learning and development," said Dr. Joyce L. Epstein, director of NNPS.

To become involved in the school's tutoring and support classes, or for more information, contact Gen Nakanishi, volunteer coordinator, at gen.nakanishi@spps.org. You can find out more about the NNPS at www.partnershipschools.org.

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Fall events at Gibbs Museum

Gibbs Museum of Pioneer and Dakotah Life, 2097 W. Larpenteur Ave., Falcon Heights, has a number of fall activities planned starting with the Apple Festival Oct. 2 and 3. Visit an apple orchard, meet Johnny Appleseed and tour the historic site on a hayrack pulled by a period tractor. Visitors can play games, make crafts and sample apple treats with Gibbs' homemade ice cream or wander through the haybale maze. Listen to music popular in Minnesota in 1858 with Curtis and Loretta, who will perform at 2-4 p.m. both days. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for children ages 2-16.

All Hallow's Eve on Oct. 30 features costumed interpreters who lead visitors through the museum grounds where visitors will hear chilling tales of long ago. Pranks, jack-o-lanterns, ghosts and storytelling are part of this two-hour program. Reservation times begin at 5:30 p.m. and are taken every half hour. The last tour begins at 8:30 p.m. Call 651-646-8629. Reservations are first-come, first-served and are not refundable. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors 62+ and \$8 for children ages 2-16.

Old-Time Halloween is Sunday, Oct. 31, from noon to 4 p.m. Visitors will learn about Halloween in the mid-1800s when Europeans, especially Irish immigrants, brought their traditions to America. Carve a turnip to put in your window to ward off evil spirits, trick-or-treat at Jane Gibbs' house, make popcorn balls in the Red Barn and enjoy a cup of cider.

Library hosts flu shot clinics

St. Paul Public Library is offering flu shot clinics at the St. Anthony Park branch, 2245 Como Ave., 3:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 4, and at the Hamline Midway branch, 1558 W. Minnehaha Ave., 3:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 4, and 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7. The cost is \$26.

Bethlehem marks 100 years

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 436 N. Roy St., St. Paul, will celebrate its 100th anniversary 3-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9. The Oct. 10 worship service will also be part of the anniversary celebration. Call 651-646-6549 for more information.

Widjiwagan garage sale this month at state fairgrounds

You can support the YMCA Camps Widjiwagan and du Nord at the annual four-day Fall Garage Sale at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds Merchandise Mart Oct. 13-16. The sale is open Wednesday to Friday 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and 9 a.m.-noon for Saturday's Bag Sale.

More than 250 families contribute clothing, household items, toys, books, antiques, furniture, sports equipment and more. Admission is free. All proceeds go to the camps. For more information call 651-645-6605.

Boo!

ZooBoo at Como Park Zoo and Conservatory will be held 4:30-7:30 p.m. Oct. 16-17 and 22-24. ZooBoo is a non-scary Halloween festival for families where the zoo is transformed into a world of fairytales and fun. More than 200 costumed characters interact with children along an outdoor path. Tickets are \$7 per person at the gate. Discount tickets are available at Como Zoo's Garden Safari Gifts, www.comofriends.org and participating Cub Foods after Oct. 1.

Harvest Fest at MMSA

Maternity of Mary-St. Andrew School, 592 W. Arlington Ave., St. Paul, will hold its 2010 Harvest Fest 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8. Sample food, beer and wine from area vendors. Call the school at 651-489-1459 for ticket information. You must be at least 21 to attend.

Theater discussion at SAP library

Join members of the artistic team from the Minnesota Jewish Theater Company's production of "My Name is Asher Lev," for a discussion about the show and Chaim Potok's work at 7 p.m. Oct. 25 at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2245 Como Ave., St. Paul.

Asher Lev is a 12-year-old boy from a strictly observant Jewish community in Brooklyn whose love of art is awakened when his mother takes him to a museum. As he matures, his unyielding passion

leads him on a journey through the crossroads of heritage, culture, diversity and identity. Go behind the scenes with the director and actors, and receive a discount coupon for tickets to the show.

Library homework centers seeking volunteers

The St. Paul Public Library Homework Centers need volunteers to tutor students of all ages during after-school hours and weekends. Homework Centers offer a place for students to work one-on-one with volunteer tutors. Students come from diverse backgrounds and many are English language learners.

Volunteers can mentor at these library branches: Arlington, Rice Street, Dayton's Bluff, Sun Ray, Riverview or Rondo. Tutors are asked to make a commitment of two hours per week. For more information, contact Davis Good, davis.gooch@ci.stpaul.mn.us or 651-266-7433 for information. You can also find out more at www.sppl.org/homework.

Fall Festival in St. Anthony Park

The St. Anthony Park Community Fall Festival is Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. along Como and Carter avenues.

The family-fun event will feature a bouncy tent, face-painting, pumpkin decorating, kid and kid-friendly performers and Taste of SAP specials at the local food stops.

The Magic Bus will be there with their specialty hot dogs. For the older crowd (21-plus), the annual wine-tasting fundraiser in the Milton Square courtyard on Carter Avenue just north of Como Avenue will benefit the St. Anthony Park Elementary School music program.

Fall and winter a good time to trim oak trees

By Mary Frances

Walking through the Como and St. Anthony Park neighborhoods, you can't miss our neighborhood treasures: the many oak trees, particularly Bur and White oaks.

The abundant oaks are remnants of the oak savanna that preceded development in the area. Many of the oaks have dead branches and tip dieback, evidence of the chestnut borers that have been actively drilling into the trees for at least a decade now.

What can you do? Have your oak trees pruned this fall or winter to remove the dead wood. The best time to prune oaks is September through February. If you are

planning an expansion to your home and you have an established oak nearby, pruning the oak prior to excavation is important. Oak roots will likely be damaged during excavation and that can result in further oak dieback unless you have compensated for the root loss with pruning.

It is always a good idea to get three estimates for pruning. Be sure the tree service you hire is licensed, bonded and insured. If a firm is an International Society of Arboriculture-certified arborist, it means that the firm has earned accreditation based on strenuous training and annual recertification updates.



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Events

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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's 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.

Women Can Do It! 5-6 p.m., WomenVenture, Free.

Business Ownership 101 7-8:30 p.m., WomenVenture, \$40.

"Walk for the Planet 10/10/10" sign-making party. 6 p.m. College Park.

Social Media 101, 7-8p.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.

Back to the '70s birthday party for the Park Bugle, 7:30-10:30 p.m. The Lyric, 727 Hampden Ave. Tickets \$20 on sale at Micawber's Books.

10 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.

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

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

22 SATURDAY

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

23 SUNDAY

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

30 SATURDAY

All Hallow's Eve, Gibbs Museum. Call 651-646-8629 for a reservation.

31 SUNDAY

Old-Time Halloween at Gibbs, noon to 4 p.m.

Sunday Afternoon Reading Group: "Desert," by J.M.G. Le Clezio, Micawber's Books, 2:30 p.m.

Contact information:

Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, 1225 Estabrook Dr., 651-646-8201

Gibbs Museum of Pioneer and Dakotah Life, 2097 W. Larpenteur Ave., 651-646-8629

Hansen Tree Farm, 7440 Alpine Dr. N.W., Anoka; SAP Lutheran church, 651-645-2928.

Micawber's Books, 2238 Carter Ave., 651-646-5506

St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2245 Como Ave., 651-642-0411

St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., 651-646-7173

St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave., 651-603-8946

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Nancy Haley

Nancy Jo Haley, née Shaver, 66, died Aug. 27.

A woman of many talents, Nancy's careers included designing theater costumes, teaching English as a second language, producing and directing a documentary entitled, "Great Branches, New Roots: The Hmong Family" (1981), and filming sessions for the Minnesota Legislature, eventually 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 year 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 grand-children; and two sisters.

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

Darlys Hastings

Darlys M. 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 grand-children.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Maternity 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 (Molly) and Sara; four grandchildren; and a sister. Mass of

Christian burial was celebrated at Maternity of Mary Catholic Church in Como Park, St. Paul, on Sept. 4.

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 Minneapolis and spent her early years caring for relatives in North Dakota.

She graduated from St. Paul Mechanics 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 Froula 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, St. Paul; Tom (Connie), Oregon; and Dave (Judy), 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 Dazey, N.D., at a later date.

Branch Paulson

Branch C. Paulson, 87, died Aug. 23. Branch was born Oct. 17, 1922, in Norrie, Wis. After his time in the service, he settled in St. Paul for the remainder of his life, spending most of his time at the "garage" or lending a helping hand around the neighborhood.

Branch is survived by his wife, Elna; son and daughter-in-law, K. O. (Kent) and Joan; and three grandchildren. A celebration of his life was held Sept. 25 at the Church of the Holy Childhood in Como Park.

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New! Como Evening Prayer Worship Service: Begins Sunday, October 10, 7:00pm
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Annual Bazaar, Bake Sale and Meatloaf Dinner: Saturday, October 16
Bazaar & Bake Sale: 12:00 – 6:00pm
Coffee Shop: 12:00 – 4:00pm
Meatloaf Dinner: 4:30 – 7:00pm
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Sunday, Oct. 17 – Blessing of the Animals, 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 31 – Service of Healing, 11:45 a.m.

Program
Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Study Series: First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God
Wednesdays, 5:45-7:15 p.m. – Youth Group (grades 7-12), with dinner
Sunday, Oct. 17, 11:45 a.m. – P2P-People to People dialogue, "Homelessness Among Teens"
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Rose Mary Reich, née Gerlach, 83, died peacefully surrounded by family on Aug. 29. A longtime 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 (Joan), Bill (Liz) and Joe (Debbie); 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grand-

children; and brother, H. Richard Gerlach F.S.C.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 3 at Maternity of 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) Lanzo and Carolyn (Bill Kubes).

Mass of Christian Burial was Sept. 2 at Maternity of 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 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 (Jann), Elyse (Kevin), Bret and Lette; 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. (Mary); six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. A family memorial service was held Sept. 8 at Presbyterian Homes of Arden Hills.

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