



Critical Fractures

An interview with U design dean Tom Fisher looks at how our post-World War II-era faith in technology doesn't anticipate failure.

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A proposed parking lot at the corner of Hamline and Arlington avenues in Como Regional Park is off the table.

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Perfect Strangers

Alec Soth's photos reveal the everyday that's often overlooked

By Ruth Weleccki

There are three things you should know about world-renowned photographer Alec Soth:

1. He has no photos of his family.
2. The self-described introvert has a gift for connecting with strangers.
3. His success leaves him little time to take pictures.

Capturing that Kodak Moment should be a snap for anyone with a point-and-shoot camera. But Soth admits (rather sheepishly) he is no different than any other parent attempting (not always successfully) to catch The Moment: "Please, smile. Please," he'll implore his 4- and 8-



Photo by Alec Soth

ASHLEY AND KELLY

For his 2007 project *Paris Minnesota* for "Fashion Magazine," Alec Soth contrasts everyday people—like Cass Lake High School cheerleaders Ashley and Kelly—against the ever-camera-ready fashion models of Paris. "The way these people [fashion models] present themselves to the world is very different from my people," Soth told *The Telegraph* in 2007. "I needed to inject that into the project somehow: real people and, also, my people."

year-old children before they blitz off to more interesting activities.

Despite his parental pleading—and much to the chagrin of his family—the walls in the home of this award-winning photographer are not crowded with 8x10s of his loved ones. "They are not happy with me,"

Soth (rhymes with *oath*) concedes. But when shooting photos is a day job, even a famous photographer might want to leave his work at the office.

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The younger of two brothers, Soth, 40, grew up in Chanhassen. In high

school, the shy teenager delved into painting. After graduation, he attended Sarah Lawrence College in New York, "a super-über liberal college that did not believe in grades," he says, laughing. (They did have professors, however.) And

Strangers to 10

Black Bear Crossings provides more than just a meal for those spending Thanksgiving alone

By Kristal Leebrick

The shopping list for Pam Glass' Thanksgiving Day meal includes four 25-pound turkeys, 75 pounds of potatoes, 10 pounds of cranberries and enough pumpkin to fill at least 20 pies.

She's never quite sure how many people she's feeding until they show up at her door.

This is the fourth year that Pam and her husband, David Glass, have offered a free Thanksgiving dinner to anyone who comes to their restaurant, Black Bear Crossings on the Lake at Como Lakeside Pavilion in Como Regional Park. So far, they haven't run out of food.

They served 40 to 50 people their first year, Glass said. Last year, 120 people came to the restaurant for a traditional meal. She has between 10 and 15 volunteers each year and often has to turn down people who

would like to help.

Both Pam and David are volunteers at heart, she said. They spent a number of holidays volunteering when they were dating. When Pam's mother-in-law died in 2006, "that just left a really big void. It was so sad to think about going through a holiday without her," Pam said. So she suggested hosting a free meal in honor of David's mom.

That first year, the couple found that most of the people who came were spending Thanksgiving alone.

"At first I thought it would be people who were having a hardship financially and aren't able to have a nice dinner, but what I found is that those people don't have the transportation to get to us," Pam said. Those who do come are often older with no family nearby, though she says she does get younger people

who don't have the money to go home for the holiday.

One of their regulars customers, a woman in her 80s who has a car, shuttles a number of older women who have no family in town to the

restaurant each year.

This year's meal will be served from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 25. No reservations are needed. Just show up.

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Como Park

The St. Paul Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registrations for **snowboard, cross-country and downhill ski lessons at Como Park Ski Center**, 1431 N. Lexington Pkwy.

The center opens Saturday, Dec. 20, weather permitting, and features 1.7 kilometers of lighted cross-country ski trails for beginner-level skiing, 5 kilometers of intermediate- and advanced-level groomed classic and skate-style cross-country trails, and a downhill area. The ski center has snow machines and four lighted tow ropes for night skiing.

The chalet offers food service, downhill and cross-country ski and snowboard rentals, and affordable lessons taught by professional instructors. The chalet is open Saturdays, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3-9 p.m. It is closed Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. The chalet will have extended hours from Dec. 26 to Jan. 2. Go to www.stpaul.gov/parks for more information or call the chalet at 651-488-9673 after Dec. 20.

Registration for winter classes at **Northwest Como Recreation Center** begins soon. The center will be offering a number of youth classes starting in January, including skating lessons, American Red Cross baby-sitting training, dance and more. Call the center to find out how to see a list of the classes, 651-298-5813.

Falcon Heights

Falcon Heights Parks and Recreation is offering several children's art classes on Saturdays in December and January.

Messy Art for the Seasons, ages 4 to 8, will be held Dec. 4, 10:30-11:30 a.m., at Community Park, 2050 Roselawn Ave. Cost is \$12 for Falcon Heights residents and \$17 for nonresidents. The cost for both the winter and spring series is \$20 for Falcon Heights residents and \$25 for nonresidents.

Kids Holiday Ceramics, ages 5 to 12, will be held Dec. 18, 10-11:30 a.m., at Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur Ave. Cost is \$15 for Falcon Heights residents and \$20 for nonresidents.

Watercolor Painting, ages 5 to 14, will be held Jan. 15, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at Community Park, 2050 Roselawn Ave. Cost is \$40 for Falcon Heights residents and \$45 for nonresidents.

The Curtiss Field warming house, 1551 W. Iowa St., will open Dec. 23 and remain open through Feb. 20. Skating instructors will be available for children just learning to skate at Curtiss Field, Monday, Jan. 17 (there is no school that day), and there will be free hot chocolate until supplies last.

The city of Falcon Heights is seeking residents to serve on the following volunteer commissions:

- **Neighborhood Commission** members work with residents on block parties, emergency preparedness and other city activities. The commission meets the fourth Monday of each month.
- **Human Rights Commission** members work to prevent human-rights violations within the city and respond to them when they occur. Recent committee projects include a youth poster contest and discussions on diversity. The commission meets the first Monday of each month.
- **Planning Commission** members advise the City Council on land-use issues, development proposals and variance requests. The commission meets the fourth Tuesday of each month.

You can find the commission application at www.falconheights.org or call City Hall at 651-792-7600. Interested citizens should complete an application and send it to City Hall.

Lauderdale

A public hearing and presentation regarding **Lauderdale's 2011 levy**

and budget will be held during the Dec. 14 Lauderdale City Council meeting. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall, 1891 Walnut St.

St. Anthony Park

Backyard Talks: Sustainable Winter Sidewalk Management will be held Thursday, Dec. 2, at 1 p.m. at 2314 University Ave. (in the basement of Fortin Consulting).

Learn how to deal with salt and sand this winter to prevent damage not only to the surrounding landscaping but to the overall watershed quality, and learn about alternatives to salt. This Backyard Talk will be presented by Connie Fortin and is sponsored by the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization.

The talk is open to business owners and residents from all neighborhoods. RSVP to Lauren at the St. Anthony Park Community Council, lauren@sapcc.org or 651-649-5992.

The St. Paul Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the draft **St. Anthony Park Como 2030 Small Area Plan and Zoning Study** Friday, Dec. 17, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. The plan was recommended by a neighborhood task force and the District 12 St. Anthony Park Community Council. The draft plan and zoning recommendations are available from principal city planner Allan Torstenson, 651-266-6579 or allan.torstenson@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

The St. Paul Planning Commission will hold a second public hearing on proposed **Zoning Code text amendments and property rezoning** to implement the Central Corridor Development Strategy and station area plans adopted by the City Council on Friday, Dec. 3, 8:30-10:30 a.m. The hearing will address proposed rezoning that would change the zoning classification for individual properties within the study area. The proposed text amendments and proposed zoning map changes are available online at www.stpaul.gov/centralcorridor; click on Central Corridor Zoning Study.

City of St. Paul

St. Paul Public Works has changed its 24-hour street maintenance telephone number to 651-266-9700. To ease the transition for residents, Lallier said that the old number, 651-292-6600, will be active until next spring. Once that number has been disconnected, it will direct callers to the new number, where they can speak with a receptionist.

Shovel those sidewalks. It's illegal in St. Paul to leave snow accumulation on a sidewalk. The city requires snow and ice to be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours of accumulation. To report a sidewalk that's a safety hazard and needs shoveling, call the Department of Safety and Inspections, 651-266-8989.

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Designing our way to disaster

An interview with University of Minnesota design dean Tom Fisher

By Steve Berg
www.MinnPost.com

The collapse of the I-35W Bridge got Tom Fisher to thinking about other critical fractures in the world. And the more he explored the more alarmed he became.

There was the single levy breach in New Orleans that flooded the whole city after only a moderate hurricane. There was the BP oil platform explosion and spill that couldn't be fixed. There was the H1N1 pandemic that failed to kill millions worldwide only because the flu strain was relatively mild. There were the systematic failures of the housing and financial markets that rapidly engulfed the entire economy.

And there are the ongoing trends that portend larger disasters: a disparity in wealth that the world has never seen, and a singular reliance on fossil fuels that pose huge risks to almost every aspect of life. Fisher, who is the dean of the University of Minnesota's College of Design and a resident of St. Anthony Park, sees a common thread running through all of these failures or pending failures: It's hubris.

More specifically, it's a post-World War II-era, technology-driven faith that has led us to design systems—from bridges to levies, from health care to credit default swaps—that seem efficient and innovative when actually they're the opposite because they lack the anticipation of failure. And so, when something goes wrong it goes terribly wrong.

He showed diagrams to illustrate his points about exponential increases in worrisome trends (from world population to natural disasters to temperatures to income inequities), describing all of these as systems heading for smashups.

"We believe that our technology has made us invincible, but we're wrong," Fisher said one morning in late October while discussing his new book (his sixth) due for publication next year, *Fracture Critical: How We Design Our Way to Disasters*.

"I'm not saying we could achieve a perfect world," he added. "But we must rediscover the resilience that we used to build into our thinking and our designing."

"That's a lot to have for breakfast," one listener told Fisher as he finished his talk at the Cunningham Group architectural firm in Minneapolis. I had to agree. Fisher's message was a plateful, so I asked him to sit down for a second cup of coffee and a few more questions.

A designer's eye-view

I've known Fisher for more than a decade. He's not a gloomy man by nature, but cheerful, boundlessly curious and artfully articulate, the kind of public intellectual that universities cherish. In just 15 years, he's transformed the U's architecture school from an excellent technical



Tom Fisher
Dean of the University of
Minnesota's College of Design

training ground to a kind of integrated launch pad that applies design to nearly every human pursuit. To my eye, his designer's lens offers a keen view of the world's problems, a view that hovers between art and science.

A good designer sees the challenge in stark terms (building a house on a slope, for example), then applies creativity to the solution (planting as much ground cover as possible to keep the soil in place). Designers are optimistic by nature, and that makes Fisher's analysis less scary than it first seems.

"We live in an incredibly exciting time," he tells me. "We're at the cusp of a renaissance, but we don't know it yet." Old hierarchies and compartments are breaking down, he says, and we're discovering that everything is related to everything else. The world, he says, is less like a conventional machine than like an ecosystem—or like the internet, made up of infinite connections. Innovation is something that's bound to happen, he says, as long as we come to terms with the flaws in our past thinking.

Here are edited excerpts of the conversation:

Berg: I find politics nearly unwatchable these days, less because of the pettiness than because so much of the rhetoric is irrelevant to the real problems at hand.

Tom Fisher: Exactly. The problems we face in the 21st century are so profoundly different than those we faced just a few years ago. We don't realize that the meltdown of 2007–2008 has brought us into an entirely different era while the political arguments remain the same. Take the issue of taxes. We're still arguing about whether we're for them or against them when the real question is about what we're trying to

accomplish with taxes. I constantly hear talk about redesigning government. But I don't hear any specifics other than squeezing the current system.

You can't just cut without putting everything on the table and asking fundamental questions, like: Why does our military spend twice as much as all of the world's other militaries combined? Who are we fighting and why? We don't yet realize the world we're in. This is no longer about managing situations. It's about finding leaders who will tell new stories about the reality we're in.

Berg: And what would those stories be?

Fisher: We still view government as a machine that you can control by switching a few levers. The world is now more like the internet, where nobody has levers to turn. On the web you just move around obstacles, sort of like the way people are moving around government. We're a human ecology. The question isn't whether we're part of the animal kingdom or not. We are. But we operate as if we're still in an age of survival of the fittest, of competition, of setting up political enemies and polarization, about Democrats and Republicans, when the real world now depends on mutual support and cooperation.

Fisher: How do you interpret the incredible anger you see in politics?

Fisher: There's some connection between inequality and anger; studies show that correlation. But there's also a sense that the old solutions aren't working. The Tea Party is popular because people think it's new. I'm skeptical because it's funded by those who want to perpetuate the inequalities that make people angry and to perpetuate the old ways.

Berg: Aren't people also frustrated because the future we thought we'd have may not arrive in quite the same way? For example, coming out of the Great Recession, how different will our communities and our lifestyles be?

Fisher: Space will shrink. We will live more compactly because we can't afford McMansions anymore. There may be no market for large segments of the suburban landscape. Cities will be more diverse and have smaller footprints, and we'll realize that we must do everything we can to accelerate innovation. And that means a lot of face-to-face contact and interaction because that's how ideas flow.

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Support, connection and the free flow of information

Tom Fisher, dean of the University of Minnesota’s College of Design and a Park Bugle neighbor, says we are living in an exciting time where our old hierarchies are breaking down and we’re discovering that everything is related to everything else. The world, he says, is moving out of an age of competition and survival of the fittest and moving into one that depends on mutual support and cooperation. Recognizing our connections will lead to innovation, Fisher maintains. In an interview reprinted from MinnPost (page 3), Fisher says we need human interaction to make ideas flow. Intellectual isolationism won’t work. That’s a pretty hopeful message coming amid our economic downturn and on the heels of a negative election cycle. Mutual support. Cooperation. Human interaction. Whether it’s working together to find solutions to neighborhood parking issues (see page 12) or supporting local farmers (see page 9), we depend on each other.

We have more examples of that mutual support we find in our community within the pages of this month’s Bugle: Two local restaurateurs, David and Pam Glass, offer a free meal every Thanksgiving to anyone who shows up at their Como Park restaurant. That gesture, the Glasses have found, is less about feeding the hungry and more about companionship and connection. (See page 1.) Once the mercury dips to below freezing, local hockey parents spend nearly every winter night flooding and grooming Langford Park’s ice rinks for the whole community (not just the hockey teams) to enjoy. (See page 13.) And generous and engaged Park Bugle readers have heeded the annual fund appeal and made donations (see the list below) to this nonprofit newspaper because they understand that community news is an integral part of the human interaction we need. It’s what keeps the ideas flowing.

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gracious to me and my family, and we deeply appreciate the kindness you have shown us and all our volunteers. I am ready to serve the citizens of Ramsey County and have begun to prepare for an orderly transition. I am excited for the days and weeks ahead to work with my dedicated law

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- The Bugle has not been sheltered from this trend. In the past two fiscal years, our advertising revenue plunged an unprecedented 22 percent, or a total of \$34,000.

We responded with a number of responsible cost-saving measures, such as reducing the number of pages

we publish. But this crisis also prompted us to take a tough look at what we were doing, how we were doing it and how we can do better. For the first time in years, we embarked on the kind of short- and long-range planning that can help ensure that the Park Bugle not only survives, but thrives.

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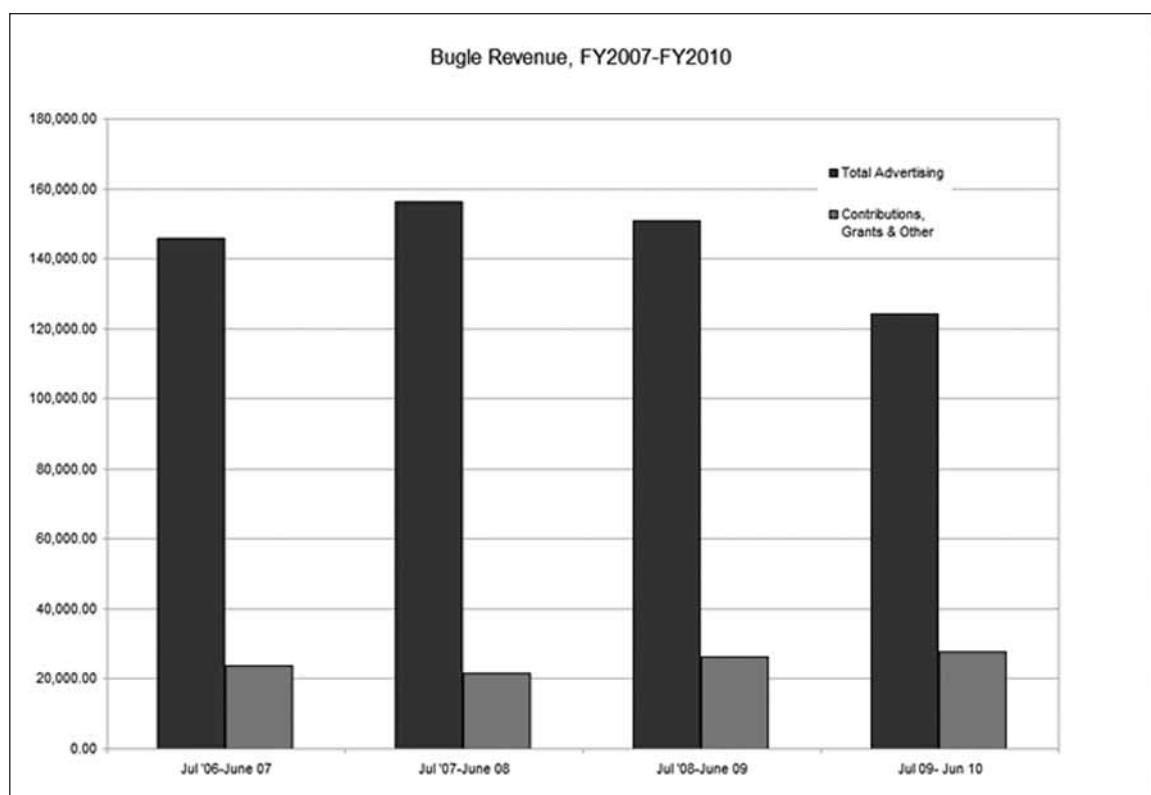
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Police arrest four in area burglary cases

By Kristal Leebrick

The St. Paul Police Department arrested four juveniles Nov. 17 who may have been involved in recent burglaries in the Como Park and St. Anthony Park neighborhoods this fall. Both areas have reported an increase in home and business burglaries since early October.

At press time, senior commander Todd Axtell said patrol officers stopped the juveniles in an area where a burglary had just occurred. The suspects had items on them that were tied to that evening's burglary as well as another crime in the area.

In the two weeks before the Park Bugle went to print, the St. Anthony Park neighborhood experienced four burglaries, three of which were residential. Axtell said in two of those three burglaries the perpetrators entered the homes through unlocked doors.

One resident was in her front yard when her home was burglarized. She reported seeing a man on a scooter parked on the street by the house and talking on a cell phone. When she went inside her house, she

had discovered that her house had been burglarized. The perpetrators had come through the back door.

A reported burglary just a few days before had some similarities. Neighbors reported seeing two young men talking on cell phones in the alley behind the house that had been burglarized during the time period that the homeowner was gone. These two incidents led some area residents to speculate that the burglars were working in teams and using cell phones to alert perpetrators inside the homes as to when a resident may be returning to the house.

Axtell said the police “have no reason to believe” that the people seen talking on cell phones had any connection to the crimes.

Last week's arrest may be connected to ten area burglaries, Axtell said.

The increase in burglaries prompted the St. Paul police Department to send undercover patrols into the neighborhoods, Axtell said.



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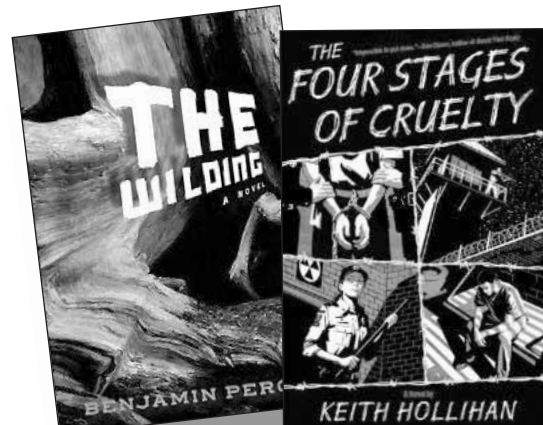
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Berg: Does that mean the office park as we know it is dead? In the post-World War II era, it was the way business was organized. We were insular. We had lunch at the company cafeteria and rarely talked to anyone outside the company.

Fisher: That style has proved detrimental to innovation. It's a monoculture. The Big Three automakers were an example. They were all in one city. They didn't see change coming. They chose the Hummer instead of the electric car when they might have selected both. The companies and cities that are the most diversified in their thinking will have an advantage. Those systems that are both efficient and full of redundancies will prosper. The human brain has both. The World Wide Web has both. That's the new model. This is a shift of the kind that comes every 300 or 400 years. This is equivalent to Gutenberg's invention of the printing press. It's a whole new reality.

Berg: Some people thought that Obama was going to be this change.

Fisher: Yes, but Washington turns out to be this incredible trap of old thinking. All institutions are like that, even universities.

Berg: So, returning to the question of cities and their need to diversify: Is zoning obsolete?

Fisher: Zoning, if it means separating the uses of land, is absolutely obsolete. There ought to be many functions going on on the same block, as there once were. So-called "form-based" codes get us part way there. But they're too concerned superficially with how buildings look. The important thing is experimentation. Let different communities try different things on a limited basis. One neighborhood might want to do farming.

Berg: Is the office building over? What about the high-rise?

Fisher: The office building as we think of it is finished. But we will find increasingly multi-use, mixed-use-towers that include mutually

'... [T]his new world that we're already in will be better than the one we left. But it will be profoundly different.'

— Tom Fisher

supportive functions: offices, hotel rooms, condos. High-rise construction will continue because of its efficiency and its ability. There will be new arrangements for work, as well, including working at home—and certainly working closer to home. We'll see a densifying of suburbs. There will be many nodes, with downtowns being just one of many. The region will be like an ecosystem with an emphasis on local.

Berg: Aren't you worried about protectionism and the break down of global trade under this intensely local scenario?

Fisher: Well, I think we'll travel less and there will be less trade and more emphasis on local economies. We'll be physically more local but increasingly connected digitally. We're not going back into a feudal, medieval world. There's no reason to become intellectually isolated. It will be more important than ever to learn from other people far away.

Berg: Your argument seems skeptical of both big industry and big government.

Fisher: Yes. This is about experimentation. You try something. If it fails you try something else. We've developed big systems that amass power in a few people. Those systems are averse to innovation. They will eventually go down the way Lehman Brothers and Bear Stearns went

down. Wal-Mart will go down when gas prices reach \$10 a gallon. Its model is absolutely unsustainable.

Berg: How much of my inability to grasp what you're saying comes from the fact that I'm embedded in the post-World War II era in which I grew up?

Fisher: There is a generational component to all of this. My students instinctively understand these things. In fact, our grandparents and great grandparents might understand them better than we do because, in some ways, the world is returning to something like their time. We've been living in an aberration. We've seen the rise and fall of fracture-critical phenomena in our lifetime, and it's hard to understand why it failed and why we can't go back to what we think of as the glory days.

Berg: And so the world is full of angry deniers.

Fisher: Yes, but I don't think it's right to portray this as a loss. It's a different kind of gain. I firmly believe that this new world that we're already in will be better than the one we left. But it will be profoundly different. And we don't know yet what to call it.

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It's winter: Do you know the snow emergency rules?

The Nov. 13 snowstorm was a good reminder that it's never too early to brush up on your city's snow emergency policies. Here are the rules for each of the communities in the Bugle distribution area:

Falcon Heights

A snow emergency is declared after two inches of new snow falls and that's also when the ticketing of cars parked on the streets begins. A snow emergency remains in effect until the streets are plowed curb to curb.

Lauderdale

A snow emergency is declared after a snowfall of more than two inches. Parking is banned on city streets for 48 hours or until snow removal has been completed on that street, whichever occurs first.

St. Paul

Plowing begins at 9 p.m. on Night Plow Routes the day the snow emergency is declared. Parking is banned on these routes until snow is plowed all the way to the curb. Night Plow Routes are the main or arterial streets in the city plus the side of north-south residential streets. There are signs that say "Night Plow Route" on these streets, and in the case of the residential streets, the signs say "Night Plow Route This Side of Street."

Tagging and towing begins immediately at 9 p.m. the day the snow emergency is declared and continues for 96 hours after it was declared.

Day Plow Routes begin the following morning. Plowing starts after the night routes are plowed, typically around 8 a.m. Parking is banned on these routes until snow is plowed all the way to the curb. Day Plow Routes are the east-west residential streets plus one side of north-south residential streets.

Residents can be notified of snow emergencies through email or text messages by signing up at www.stpaul.gov/snowalert. You can also follow the emergency declarations on Twitter by signing up at: www.twitter.com/stpaulpublicw. Those without internet service can call the snow emergency hotline 24 hours a day at 651-266-PLOW (7569) or 651-266-9700.



The Birdman of Lauderdale

by Clay Christensen

Winter brings new birds to our feeders, a long journey to our summer friends

Those of us who feed birds in the winter know there are a number of summer species that stay on through the cold and snow. Among these are black-capped chickadees, blue jays, cardinals, white-breasted nuthatches, house finches, house sparrows, goldfinches and at least four varieties of woodpeckers: downy, hairy, red-bellied and pileated.

And actually, some of the birds we see in the winter are not the same individuals we saw in the summer, but rather those that have migrated a short distance from farther north to spend the winter here.

How about those we don't see in the winter? Where do our favorite yard birds go when the snow flies? Where do they winter? Let's cover some of the more recognizable yard birds and a few others.

Nearly everyone knows the American robin. It's a member of the thrush family with a red breast and brown back, head and wings. Robins frequently nest in our trees and shrubs, even atop porch lights.

Not all robins fly south for the winter, however, so the old "with a worm in their mouth" camp song is inaccurate. We have populations that overwinter here in the Twin Cities. For years, there's been a small population that hangs around the University of Minnesota St. Paul campus where the buildings provide a "microclimate" to shelter them from the wind and where they can forage for crabapples and other berries.

One St. Paul Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count discovered at least 650 robins in the median of Summit Avenue, feeding on hackberry trees.

Those robins that migrate head for the southern United States or Mexico. They often migrate in large flocks, looking for places with soft soil or good berry and fruit crops. They're one of the earliest returning migrants each spring.

Most of us see a Baltimore oriole at least once during the summer. They're also robin-sized. The male has striking orange and black plumage. The female is more brown and yellow-orange. Orioles spend winter in Central and northern South America.

The ruby-throated hummingbird is a gem that comes to our nectar feeders and flowers during spring and fall migration and sometimes stays the summer in the neighborhood. The hummingbirds from our area probably winter along the western Gulf coast and into Central America.

The house wren is a chatty summer bird, hopping in and out of brush piles and very willing to use the wren house in your yard. It's a brown bird about 5 inches long, perches with a cocked tail and sings nearly constantly (some find it maddening).

These little guys winter in the southern United States and in Mexico.

The red-winged blackbirds that are so vocal around our ponds and marshes from spring through summer migrate to the southern United States, where they winter with the resident red-winged blackbirds that stay there year 'round.

Some of us have been watching chimney swifts for a number of years. They're described as flying cigars: black with no visible tail in flight, sweptback wings that flutter almost constantly. Scientists discovered where these birds wintered about 20 years ago when a wintering population was found along the Amazon River in Peru. They migrate across the Gulf of Mexico, through Central America and down to Peru, northern Chile and northwest Brazil, a journey of thousands of miles.

Our state bird, the common loon, isn't a yard bird, but we're all excited to hear and see one. Loons migrate from our freshwater lakes to saltwater coastal areas. Many spend winter along the southern United States in the Gulf of Mexico (which gives us concern over effects of the British Petroleum oil spill on the wintering birds). Some winter along the Atlantic coast.

Another bird we see in the summer is the great blue heron. This bird stands in shallow water waiting for food to swim by, a fish or a frog.

Many will stay as long as there's open water. When the freeze hits here, they winter along ice-free ponds, streams or coastal areas, mostly in the southern United States or the Caribbean coast.

You'll also recognize the great egret in flight, a large white bird that looks almost buoyant despite its size. They're waders, too, like the great blue heron. Both egrets and great blue herons have been found in Minnesota on Christmas Bird Counts. Egrets from Minnesota migrate down the Mississippi River to the southern United States and along the Gulf Coast to Central America.

Migration is one of the deadliest times in the life of a bird. An estimated 50 percent of songbirds die on migration, falling victim to bad weather, power lines, windows and prowling cats. So, although it appears as though they're heading for a balmy winter vacation, in fact it's dangerous and exhausting for these beautiful creatures, and a matter of life and death.

All the more reason to welcome them back in the spring.

Clay Christensen is the Birdman of Lauderdale. You can ask him bird-related questions at his blog at www.parkbugle.org.

Audubon program highlights Mongolia's Golden Eagle Festival

You can hear photographers Ron Winch and Toni Meglitsch talk about their experiences at the Golden Eagle Festival in northwestern Mongolia Thursday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. at Fairview Community Center, 1910 W. County Rd. B, Roseville.

The festival has revived the ancient tradition of hunting with these giant raptors, a Kazakh tradition that nearly died out in recent times. Winch and Meglitsch traveled to the three-day festival and brought back extraordinary photos and amazing tales of the awe-inspiring event.

Spectators come from around the world to watch mounted hunters compete in riding and hunting events with their giant birds near the town of Ulgi. "We had first-class lodgings in a ger camp where the toilet was a hole in the ground, night-time temperatures dipped into the 20-degree range and tea water was dipped from the river and boiled," said Winch.

The St. Paul Audubon Society event is free and open to the public. A social time with refreshments begins at 6:45 p.m. For more information, call Val Cunningham at 651-645-5230.

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Business News

Granola maker uses seasonal, local ingredients

By Natalie Zett

Granola, long-touted as a healthy snack, consists mostly of oats, seeds, raisins and nuts epoxied together with honey. Healthful doesn't always translate into tasty, so commercial versions can be overly sweetened, sending blood sugars through the roof. But in Lesley Powers' kitchen, granola is undergoing a makeover as this former restaurateur and chef transforms the breakfast staple into a healthy gourmand's delight.

Powers sits in her dining room amidst various bins of granola bags, ready for delivery to local shops, such as the Bibelot stores in the Twin Cities. "I use mostly local ingredients," she said. "But what's different about my approach is that the granola is totally seasonally focused."

Powers was born in Canada and came to St. Anthony Park via Toronto, the Caribbean and

Australia. "My dad worked for UNESCO, so we moved around a lot," she said.

When she was 14, her family moved to Australia where she mostly remained until adulthood. She worked as a chef in some of Australia's finest hotels and restaurants and eventually opened her own restaurant in Sydney. Long before the local food movement was popular, Powers was using fresh regional foods in her restaurant. "Being connected to what is locally grown in your biosphere has been part of me for a very long time," she said. "My basic philosophy during my restaurant years was simple food done really well with glorious fresh ingredients in season."

Powers came to the United States after marrying a St. Paul native. "Michael walked into my restaurant.

That's how we met," she said.

They lived in Australia during the first 10 years of their marriage where their three children were born. Powers eventually sold the restaurant to raise her family. They moved to St. Paul in 1996 so their children would know their Minnesota relatives. They hadn't heard of the St. Anthony Park but fell in love with the neighborhood and the house in which they still live. "We looked at the house and then we walked down to Milton Square and the whole vibe of it felt really neighborly," she said.

They returned to Australia briefly. "We were living in Melbourne, which has a vibrant food culture with its fresh food and great markets," she said. "Since Melbourne had a well-known pastry school, I took classes to refresh my pastry skills." Upon returning to St. Paul in 2006, Powers was filled with inspiration and ideas for a new business. "I came back with the notion that I wanted to develop a gourmet cookie tin that would fit nicely in the gourmet gift-giving niche, and it was then I launched my company, Bliss. My kids were teenagers, and I didn't want to work full-time, so it was really a great fit and a step into coming back into the food world."

Powers sold her cookie tins to both corporations and via small local gourmet shops, and they quickly became popular. "After I sent two of my kids off to college, I was ready to do something more and I thought of granola. Granola, even from the beginning, was all about nourishing my family. I was tired of the excess honey and sweeteners in granola—if you use less sweetener, you rely on granola's natural goodness and it's pretty much a healthy treat." She asked the owners of the shops that had bought her cookie tins if they'd be interested in granola and they acquiesced. "I started developing this line of four seasons granola and it immediately became successful," Powers said. "When you eat seasonally, it helps you harmonize with nature. We know instinctively that we want to eat lighter in spring and summer, and in autumn and winter we seek food that provides warmth and energy."

Bliss's four seasonal granola flavors are pumpkin spice (fall), pecan cinnamon (winter), cherry almond (spring) and macadamia crunch (summer). "This is my nod to the tropics," Powers said.



Photo by Kristal Leebrick

Lesley Powers began making granola because she was tired of the excess sweeteners in commercial granola, she says.

"Macadamias are grown in the region I'm from in Australia." She's also

developed a new line called "sweet and salty" that's more of a snack or

sells her granola at the Mill City Farmers Market in Minneapolis.

"I love it when I'm at Mill City Farmers Market and kids of return customers come up to me and say, 'Guess what flavor we're getting this week?'"

Powers' success helps the businesses of other local food producers, too. "I know my maple syrup guy, I know my honey supplier, and I know the farmer that produces my oats and seeds. I love knowing the people that grow the food that I use to make my granola. That's a pretty rare connection."

Rich and eloquent are normally not terms used to describe granola, but Bliss Granola is all that and more. "My returning customers sometimes use the granola to augment their oatmeal, just give it a little sprinkling of granola and that gives it a little crunch," she said. "The possibilities are endless. What I love about the granola is that it's healthy. I'm very proud of that."

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Natalie Zett is an award-winning writer and frequent contributor to the Park Bugle.



treat and has two flavors: chocolate hazelnut and butterscotch pecan.

"What's unique about my granola is that it's made weekly—very small batch production—nothing is mechanized. Everything is handmade, hand-turned and hand-packaged. That ensures the freshest, most delicious product possible. If I could make 100 percent Minnesota granola, I would, but to that end as much of the ingredients as possible are local." Each weekend from May through October, Powers

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Restaurant's menu often relies on whatever a farmer digs up

By Kristal Leebrick

It's a Friday morning in early November and "Farmer" Bob Schuett has just shown up at the backdoor of Muffuletta, 2260 Como Ave. W., with a produce delivery that includes Swiss chard, Honeycrisp apples, butternut squash, Brussels sprouts and (believe it or not) tomatoes.

These are the makings of what chef Jason Schellin calls his brown-bag special. Throughout the week, Schellin takes what farmers bring to his restaurant and brainstorms each night's menu. This night, the special will be pan-roasted Hawaiian blue marlin with roasted Brussels sprouts and butternut squash. Schellin plans to combine the apples with the watermelon radishes (green flesh with a bright red interior) he bought from another farmer the day before to create a salad to accompany the dish.

"It's always something different every day," Schellin said. About 40 percent of the restaurant's menu stays the same, and the rest changes with the season.

Farmer Bob is one of seven regulars who deliver produce and meat to Muffuletta throughout the week during the growing season. Schuett and about three other farmers continue their deliveries throughout the winter.

"[Schuett] is known to have really, really nice tomatoes [in the winter] that still taste like tomatoes," Schellin said. The farmer grows them hydroponically so his customers can get tomatoes all year long. He's also known to go to great lengths to provide just the right ingredient to his chefs. Last winter, Schuett dug out a crop of collared greens from a snow bank. They were frozen, Schellin said, but once they were rinsed off they were fine. Collared greens are hardy and can withstand freezing temperatures.

Schellin's favorite season to cook is late summer and early fall when tomatoes and corn are in abundance along with summer beans, peas and carrots. "There's so much to work with, plus at the end of summer you get early butternut squash. You have



Photo by Kristal Leebrick

Chef Jason Schellin calls his weekly farm deliveries "a traveling farmers market." The locally grown produce these farmers bring to him each week is what drives his nightly menu.

the best of two seasons to work with," Schellin said.

Now that the days are short and temperatures are dipping, Schellin is working more with slow-cooked meals. "We do the restaurant's version of the crockpot: braising meat, short ribs, pork shoulder. I love to work with legumes—beans and lentils—in winter." The meats he uses also come straight from farmers.

Muffuletta lists its seven main local farmers on a sign in the restaurant: Farmer Bob of Scandia, Fischer Family Farms of Waseca, Midwest Salad Company of Waseca, Wild Acres Poultry of Pequot Lakes, Hidden Streams Farm of Elgin, 1,000 Acres Cattle Company of Cannon Falls and Footjoy Farms of Sparta, Wis. Schellin also orders lamb from Hill and Vale Farms of Wykoff and eggs, meat and cheese through the Southeast Minnesota Food Network, a cooperative of small family farms.

"A lot of small farms don't have transportation or the means to get

stuff up here," he said. The network allows the farms to pool their resources in order to sell their products in the Twin Cities.

The backdoor deliveries are a traveling farmer's market, Schellin said, a system he prefers to him visiting the cities' markets on the weekends. "A lot of chefs will do the Saturday and Sunday farmers markets because it's good to have them seen doing this. To me it's—for lack of a better term—a waste of time and a waste of money when I can get the same stuff and have them deliver it."

Schellin has been with Muffuletta for three years, but the practice of buying from local farmers began before him. He said Farmer Bob Schuett has stories that go back to two or three chefs before Schellin.

He's carrying on the tradition of farm-to-table seasonal food, he said, and "letting the deliveries dictate what ends up on the menu. That's the fun thing about our job."

B U S I N E S S B R I E F S

Bill Wilcke, an engineer with the University of Minnesota Extension and a resident of St. Anthony Park, has received the Dean's Award for Distinguished Campus-based Faculty. Wilcke was presented with the award by Extension Dean Bev Durgan in October.

In addition to leading the Extension program on post-harvest handling of crops, Wilcke has served on the board of the Minnesota Institute of Sustainable Agriculture and in 2002 became the regional coordinator of North Central Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education.

"Throughout the years, in time of weather emergencies like floods, early frosts and tornadoes, Bill is consistently first to respond with information on recovery options for grains," Durgan said.

Nick Thomey has been named president of FMH Corp., a Fridley-based electronic control systems manufacturer. Thomey lives in St. Anthony Park.

Thomey moved to FMH after a 16-year career at Minneapolis-based ObjectFX Corp., where he served as the company's president and CEO since 2005. A graduate of Dartmouth College, he served in the U.S. Navy for eight years, logging more than 2,500 flight hours, including two deployments to the Persian Gulf. During his last tour as a Pensacola, Fla.-based flight instructor, he earned a master of business administration degree from the University of West Florida.

Nicole Schwarz, M.A., LMFT, has opened a family-therapy practice at River City Clinic, 1360 Energy Park Drive, St. Paul. As a licensed marriage and family therapist, her practice focuses on teaching positive parenting techniques and strategies to decrease conflict and improve communication within the family.

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though he had the skills to take advanced painting as a freshman, he found no joy in it.

"Deep down, I didn't like painting," he says. "I didn't like being in a studio."

He tried outdoor sculpture but was more intrigued with photographing the surroundings than the art. His next challenge was to figure out "how can I leave these people out of the picture?" I was terrified of people," he says. Being people-phobic made photographing them difficult. So a determined Soth immersed himself in people-friendly settings and forced himself to take pictures.

In college Soth worked as an assistant to commercial photographers but grew disenchanted by the mechanical, deliberateness it required. Resigned to the fact that passion did not translate into a livelihood, Soth took various photo-related jobs, including one at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, where he worked for seven years archiving in-house photos.

"It was a decent job, kinda related to photography, and I was done at 5," Soth says.

Eccentrics and outcasts

Soth's big break—which he prompted by printing and giving away 50 ink-jet books—came in 2004 with *Sleeping by the Mississippi*, a five-year photojournalism project documenting the lives that define and line the Mississippi River from Minnesota to Louisiana. *Mississippi* won national acclaim with its powerfully haunting images of eccentrics and outcasts, and it opened the door to opportunities here and abroad.

Soth's photos are deliberate, but

true—a sort of posed-candid hybrid. He looks past the obvious to reveal stark, stunning everyday qualities that are often missed or overlooked. There is nothing "pretty" about his pictures, no instant gratification. His photos require contemplation, and that requires time. What he captures in that post—"Say 'Cheeeese!'" moment is unnerving in its honesty.

From Goth girl to fisherman to mother-daughter prostitutes, Soth's subjects are composed and unapologetic, as though they've looked up from their private lives to say: "Can I help you?" before resuming conversation.

For *Niagara*, the Mississippi follow-up, Soth sought a love story. What emerged from the honeymoon capital was a darker tale that looks at betrayal, suicide, suspicion and pain. Harder than persuading newlyweds to disrobe for the camera, he says, was asking people to share with him their love letters, which express affection, as well as despair, anger, rejection.

"I don't take happy photos," Soth says. "I'm not looking for sadness, but I am attracted to certain kinds of people." Like Kym in the Polish Palace. Sitting in the "V" of a desperate-red, faux-leather booth—a Leinenkugel-bottle light hanging above her on one side, paper hearts on the other—she wears a look of bored resignation, like she is waiting for someone but wouldn't be surprised if they didn't show.

To draw out and then capture that candor requires more than serendipity and a quick click of the shutter. The secret is to help his subjects forget they are the focal point. So, when Soth hauls out the 8-by-10 view camera, the attention shifts. As he moves through the

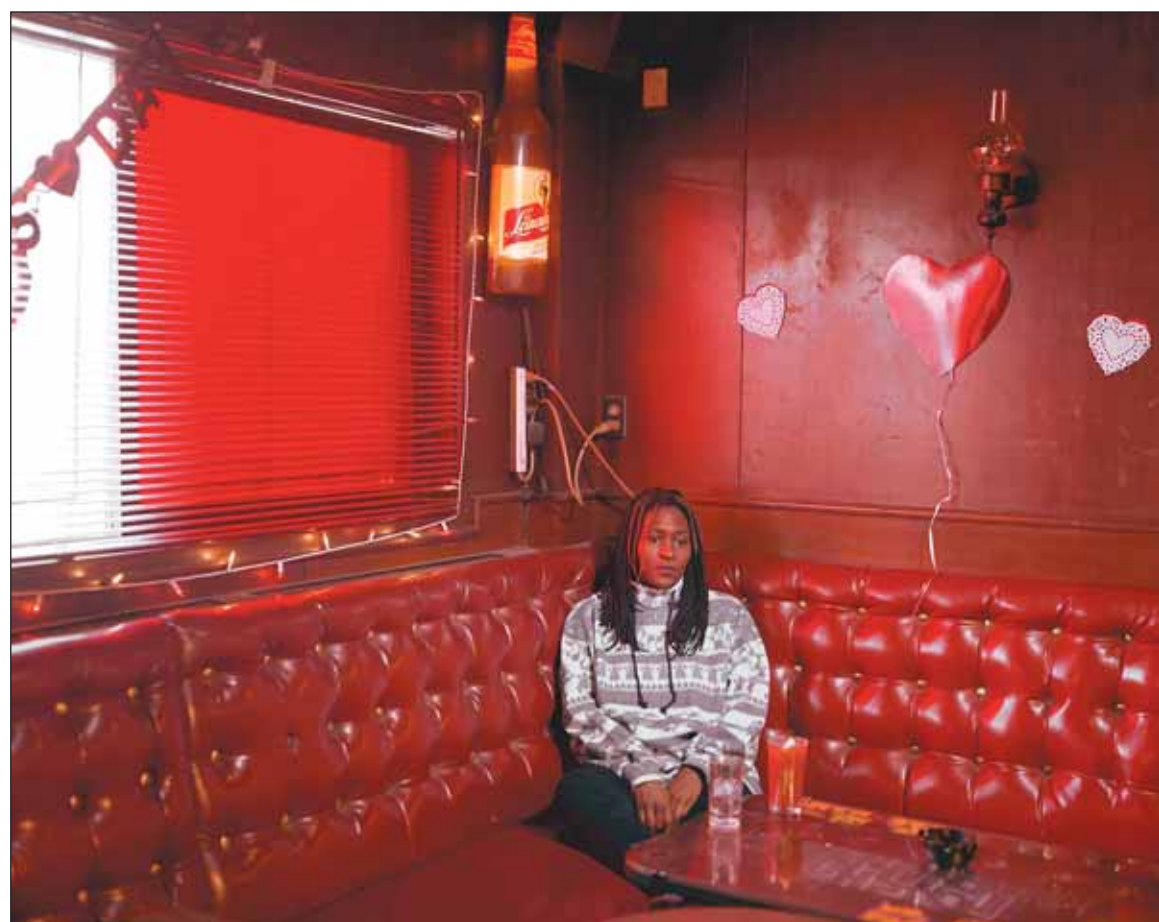


Photo by Alec Soth

cumbersome set-up, snapping the tripod into place, positioning the camera and loading film cartridges—one at a time—his subjects begin to relax. And that's when Soth's gentleness and his quiet, self-deprecating humor come in and The Moment begins to unfold.

Too busy to work

Soth, his two-person staff and his Labradoodle, Misha, work out of a two-room studio in South St. Anthony Park. ("I live in Minneapolis," he says. "Sorry to break it to you.") But these days, the day-to-day business of his business is less about

KYM, POLISH PALACE

The road that led Soth to Kym began with photographing the hands of women who devote much time and money to detailed fingernail painting. Soth took "a whole bunch of pictures of women's fingernails in bars," he said, which eventually led to Kym in a Minneapolis bar. At the time of the photo, Kym was 32, a divorced mother of baby twins and had taken just one trip in her life to New Orleans with a boyfriend. Kym had left her camera in a taxi and had no pictures from her trip. "I told Kym that I'd drive down the Mississippi to New Orleans and retake the pictures for her," Soth told Walker Art Center visual arts curator Siri Engberg.

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CHARLES, VASA, MINN.

Charles is the architect and builder of an unusual four-story house that Soth spotted while driving through Vasa, Minn., one day in 2002. This photo, taken from the roof, shows some of the model airplanes Charles and his daughter built in his fourth-story "cockpit," a room framed entirely by windows.



Photo by Alec Soth

JANE, PARIS MINNESOTA

This photo, taken in 2007, was for the collection *Paris Minnesota* for "Fashion Magazine." "For me, Paris is this glamorous older woman and Minnesota is this beautifully awkward teenager," Soth told *The Telegraph* in 2007. "We found Jane, who was perfect, the ultimate sophisticated Paris woman. It turned out she's originally from Wisconsin, right next to Minnesota. I loved that."

taking photos and more about administrative maneuvering, a skill he is still mastering, he says.

"There is this fantasy that I'm just driving around taking my pictures," Soth says. "I barely take pictures anymore. It's more about just dealing with problems."

"There is no romance, but there are moments of romance," he says. "But it tends not to be here."

Ironically, the business minutia that consumes Soth's time—tracking photos, coordinating shows and schedules, negotiating commissions and contracts—is a product of his impressive body of work that stretches around the world. "So much of my work is from outside the country," Soth says, because "I'd have

a hard time sustaining myself with work in Minnesota, or even just in the [United States]."

Soth spent two years planning the installation of his current show at the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis, *From Here to There: Alec Soth's America*, which runs through Jan. 2. The exhibit features a decade's worth of photos from myriad projects and includes his latest, *Broken Manual*. It's not as easy as it looks—all the planning and designing, organizing and orchestrating that go into a show, Soth says, "but you want it to look that way."

Ruth Weleccki is a freelance writer who lives in St. Anthony Park.



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A DOG'S LIFE

Misha, left, her famous master, and her never-changing to-do list: Look cute. Sniff stuff. Nap a lot.

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Pave paradise and put up a parking lot? *Not!*

By Kristal Leebrick

A proposed parking lot at the corner of Lexington and Hamline avenues will be taken out of the Como Park Regional Transportation Implementation Plan and residents in the western part of Como Park will have permit parking implemented on their streets in May 2011.

At a public hearing Nov. 17, city Parks and Recreation director Mike Hahm told the St. Paul City Council that the creation of a 480-car parking structure at Lexington and Hamline was going to be removed from the plan. And council member Russ Stark assured the dozens of Como Park residents attending the hearing that the approved permit parking will begin in the spring.

The hearing was part of a process that began last summer when Kimley-Horn and Associates, a consultant that specializes in roadways and traffic, began working with the city and Como Park residents to come up with a plan to help alleviate the traffic problems that are plaguing the park and the residents who live around it. In the last five years, the amount of visitors to the park each year has grown by 1 million people. Eighty-four percent of the park's visitors come from outside of the city of St. Paul, according to Michelle Furrer, campus manager at the park.

In October, District 10 residents voted against some of the 47 recommendations in the Como Park

Regional Transportation Implementation Plan and held a "Stop the Lot" rally on Oct. 30 at Hamline and Lexington to protest the proposed lot.

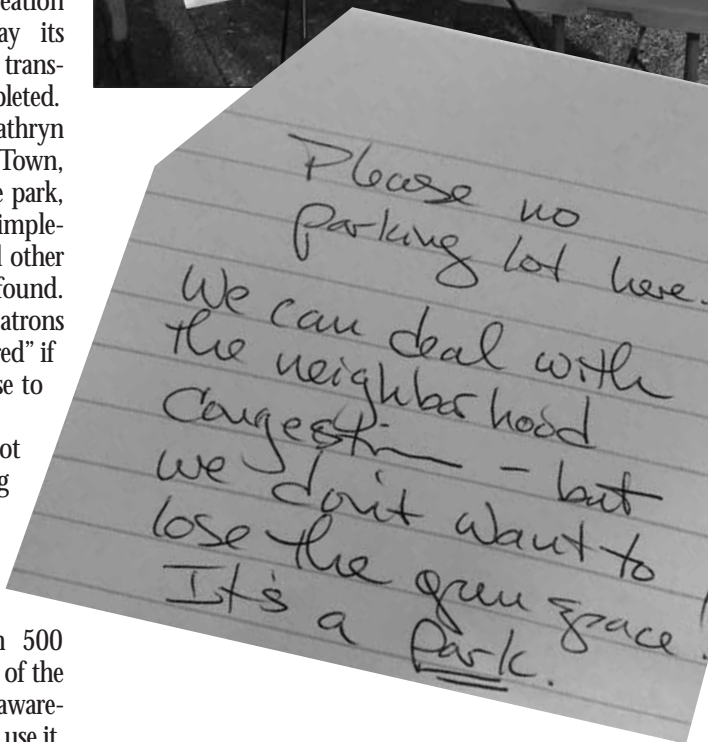
Permit parking was approved last year, but Parks and Recreation asked the council to delay its implementation until the transportation plan had been completed.

At the hearing, Kathryn Holum, co-owner of Como Town, the amusement facility in the park, urged the council to delay implementing permit parking until other parking solutions had been found. She said thousands of her patrons would be "surprised and angered" if they weren't able to park close to the park.

Furrer said there would not be one solution to the parking and traffic issues at the park. Some of the recommendations include purchasing or constructing a permanent shuttle lot with 500 parking spaces within 2 miles of the park and increasing visitors' awareness of the shuttle and how to use it.

Residents who spoke at the public hearing urged the council to consider creating a permanent committee of residents and other stakeholders to address the issues associated with the park and its use.

At the Stop the Lot rally in October, state representative Alice Hausman told that crowd that she'd



Photos by Kristal Leebrick

Dozens of Como Park neighborhood residents gathered at a Stop the Lot rally Oct. 30 to protest the proposed construction of a parking lot at the corner of Lexington and Hamline avenues in Como Regional Park. Above, state senator Ellen Anderson speaks to the crowd (right) as state representative Alice Hausman looks on.

like to see "no more cars in Como Park." She said the traffic issues in the park and the surrounding neighborhood were a "regional transportation problem." All efforts should be toward establishing an off-site shuttle parking area and good public mass transit planning, Hausman said.

Emily Program's latest acquisition will house an adolescent program

By Roger Bergerson

The Toogood Building at 2230 Como Ave. has changed hands, but both its name and legacy of service will live on.

The acquisition by the Emily Program, an organization providing treatment for eating disorders and related problems, brings the number of its locations in Minnesota to seven, including its headquarters at 2265 Como Ave. and the Anna Westin House at 1449 Cleveland Ave.

The Anna Westin House has been the site of a residential program for both adolescent and adult clients, but when the Toogood facility opens next June, it will house the adolescent program, with the Cleveland Avenue location focusing primarily on adults.

The Anna Westin House is a 16-bed facility, while the Toogood site—a name for the program there has yet to be determined—will have 10 beds.

Although the additional capacity will be welcome, it pales when one considers the scope of need, said

Jillian Croll, director of communications, outreach and research with the Emily Program.

"It's estimated that in Minnesota alone there are likely 200,000 people struggling with eating disorders, and once the Toogood program is up and running, we'll have a grand total of 26 beds available for treatment," she noted, adding that there are only about 40 residential treatment programs in the entire country.

Since its construction in 1959, the Toogood Building has been owned and operated by the Children's Home Society and Family Services. It is named for Roger Toogood, the agency's longtime executive director. Croll said her organization developed an appreciation for the building while renting space there.

"On several occasions, the Emily Program expressed interest in buying the building and we began to realize that a lot of therapy and counseling we used to do there was

now being conducted at the client's location," said Amy Brendmoen, CHSFS communications director. "They offered us a fair price and we felt the Emily Program's mission was a good fit for the building." The activities formerly housed there will move to CHSFS headquarters at 1605 Eustis St.

With the exception of additional landscaping and new signage, Croll said the appearance of the Toogood Building won't change.

Croll said the Emily Program is open to other expansion possibilities, in St. Anthony Park or elsewhere, if the right sort of facility becomes available. It is also looking for opportunities nationwide and will open an office in Seattle, Wash., next spring.

Roger Bergerson, a former newspaper reporter, is a freelance writer and longtime Como Park resident.

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Hockey interest grows at Langford

By Anne Holzman

As dwindling public resources chip away at parks programs everywhere, Langford Park Hockey grows stronger by the season, this year expanding to add a Bantam-level team for 13- and 14-year-olds.

About 70 players registered two years ago, said parent and Langford hockey coach Scott Hamilton. Last year there were about 90 and this year they'll have at least 105, he said.

"I'm pretty sure that we've grown by at least five players a year for the last eight years or so," Hamilton said.

No longer a St. Paul Parks and Recreation team, Langford Park Hockey is now independent but plays under the authority of Minnesota Hockey, District 1, along with Edgumbe, the other remaining recreation-center-based team in St. Paul.

Coaches and managers also schedule with District 8, which includes the Johnson Como program that draws players from both the St. Anthony Park and Como Park neighborhoods.

Langford distinguishes itself by using outdoor ice for practice, which enables the team to get by with significantly lower participation fees and by emphasizing play over competition, requiring fewer practices than many teams and allowing absences.

"We understand that families are busy with school and other activities," Hamilton said. "We try to limit practices to two weeknights."

Langford recognizes that families may need to miss practice now and then, he said. "I've heard that some programs penalize kids for not making a game or practice by having them sit out at game time. We try not to do that."

While Langford is seeing a boost in its program, not all hockey programs around the city are experiencing enrollment growth. Increased demands on time combined with higher fees may account for the declining interest in other teams in recent years, according to parent and Langford assistant coach Mark Lundquist.

Hockey participation at public high schools has dropped off, too, Lundquist said, prompting rumors that St. Paul Public Schools will soon be down to one city-wide team.

One reason Lundquist likes Langford is that there are no team try-outs, which means there's no pressure for a child to take up the game until he or she is ready. Lundquist's oldest son didn't join until third grade, he said.

"He was already two or three years behind the skill level of others on his team," Lundquist said. "But Sam ended up loving the game, and he gained his passion for the game by playing at [Langford] with his best friends."

Lundquist said all the players learn and improve together and get equal time regardless of skill level, which he said is often not the case in

more competitive programs. Weaker players can make those teams, then be disappointed by the amount of time they spend on the bench, he said.

Fees to play in the Langford program range from \$155 for the youngest players, up to \$525 for Bantams. In the middle, Langford Squirts (ages 9-10) pay \$425. The hockey season begins in October and can run through February.

Not all teams post their fees online, but a program in South St. Paul lists \$777 for Squirts, which includes a "volunteer fee,"

Despite the hard work, "it's a neat get-together," he said.

All that volunteering, adds up to big savings. Ice time at the indoor arenas used by most teams for practice—and used by Langford teams for most games—costs about \$160 per hour, which accounts for the lower fees to play at Langford, Lundquist said.

Langford Park Hockey gets support from the Langford Booster Club, including access to insurance.

While most Langford games are played at indoor rinks outside the neighborhood, Langford Park Hockey does host a Winter Classic,

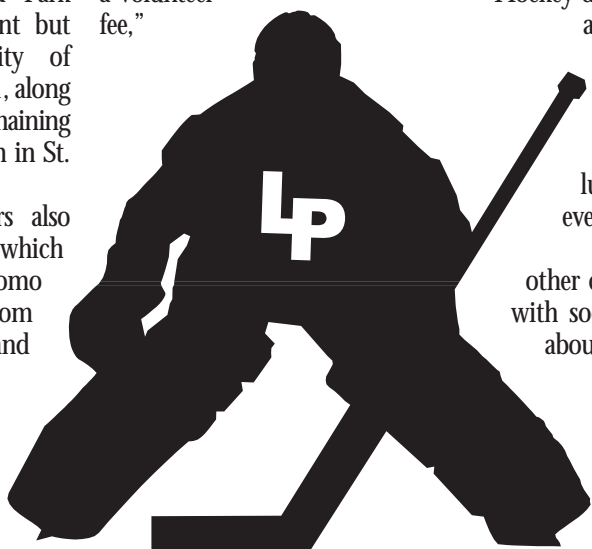
at which neighbors can watch the action and sample the chili, hot chocolate and other treats at the fundraising lunch inside. This season's event will be Jan. 6-9.

Hamilton said he and other coaches have been talking with soccer coaches at Langford about a new approach.

"The hockey program has been such a success," he said, "the Booster Club is going to sponsor a competitive soccer team next fall that mirrors the approach taken with the hockey program."

At press time, Hamilton received word that the club's application had been approved by the Minnesota Youth Soccer Association.

Anne Holzman is a freelance writer who lives in St. Anthony Park.



refundable after 10 hours of duty; Bantams are listed at \$1,086 and also includes that fee.

As in any other hockey program, Langford parents must also pony up for equipment (much of which can be found used), shuttle kids to games, and find time for volunteer organizing and fundraising.

Langford hockey parents have another responsibility: grooming the Langford Park ice rink. The city puts up the boards around the rink and floods it about once a month, Lundquist said. But neighborhood volunteers do the rest, mostly parents of hockey players who sign up for a weekly rotation.

Lundquist said the organizers try to sign up six or seven volunteers each weeknight for 9-11 p.m. shifts to remove snow and flood the rink.



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The fifth-graders at Chelsea Heights have the opportunity three times each year to have a hands-on learning experience through the **Kids-n-Chemistry** program. Retired chemists lead the students in investigations designed to follow the inquiry process, expand chemistry understanding and just have fun with science. On Nov. 2, teams of chemists brought all the supplies, including safety materials such as goggles, for each student. Working with plant chemicals (cabbage juice) to determine pH levels, students tested various household products to determine their acid and base levels

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Como Park Senior High

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More than 60 students from Como Park Senior High worked together on Oct. 29 at **Feed My Starving Children's** location in Eagan, packing more than 20,000 meals that will be shipped to impoverished countries such as Uganda and Nigeria to help combat world hunger. The students were from the AVID program, a college-prep program that supports students in pre-Advanced Placement (AP) and AP classes and the Paws for Peace, an extra-curricular group that works on issues of world peace.

The **boys cross country team** won the conference meet for the first time in the history of the school. The runners from Como who were in the top 10 in the conference are Nate Rue, Evan Hanson, Abdisalan Hassan, Marshall Landrum and Chris Hutton. They are coached by Chris Lundstrom, an award-winning runner himself.

The **Como Mentoring Club** is a group of 80 upper classmen who meet twice a week to help freshmen with their homework or just hang out with them to ease the transition from middle school to high school. The club took a field trip in October to the University of Minnesota St. Paul Student Center bowling alley



Como Park Senior High's cross country team with coach Chris Lundstrom.

with a group of ninth-grade students. About 40 English Language Learner students are part of the program, and the club gives them the chance to connect with non-English speakers.

Como Park Senior High has established a new chapter of **Future Educators of America** this year. It is a dynamic, diverse group of students who are interested in entering the field of education. Como's Future Educators, along with National Honor Society members, began their first project of the school year tutoring ninth-grade students who are struggling in their English classes. Other activities include guest speakers and service projects, including a winter coat drive.

An informational session on Como Park's **Advanced Placement** program will be held Tuesday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. in the school library. It is open to any students and their parents who would like to find out more about this comprehensive rigorous college-preparatory program. Both faculty and students will present information and be available for questions.

Murray Junior High

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Murray's **book fair at Barnes and Noble** in the HarMar Mall is Thursday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. It's a great way to get a jump on holiday book-buying and help Murray. A percentage of the net sales will be donated to the school. Just use a voucher or mention Murray's fundraising code, 10116598, at the time of purchase. Students from Murray's band, orchestra, rock band and poetry group will perform from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

New this year is the opportunity for friends and relatives to shop at any Barnes and Noble store in the United States or online on Dec. 2 to support the school.

A representative from St. Paul Public Schools' Placement Center will be at Murray Dec. 6 for a parent forum on **"Choosing a High School."** The forum will be held in the school library from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The registration process will be explained and former Murray students will talk about why they picked the high school they are now attending.

Since the end of October, magnet science students in grades 7 and 8 have been working on their science fair projects in preparation for the **biggest science fair in Minnesota**. The fair is scheduled for Jan. 18. If you are interested in being a judge at this event, contact Gen Nakanishi at gen.nakanishi@spps.org.

St. Anthony Park Elementary

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As part of the St. Paul Public Schools plan to maintain elementary instrumental music programs, the **Extended Day for Learning Program (EDL)** offers band and strings instruction for students in grades 5 and 6 after school. EDL offers after-school classes for elementary students in reading, math, academic enrichment and instrumental music instruction.

More than 100 children stay after school at SAP for help in math and reading, and for enrichment classes, such as French, science, technology, drama and instrumental music. Thanks to help from the community, our school will continue to be a site for instrumental music education.

Margot Monson, a neighborhood resident and grandmother of students Ben and Luke Williams, has continued her effort to get locally grown apples on the school's snack menu. This year, the parent-teacher organization, SAPSA, helped Monson pay for enough apples from Minnesota orchards so that each

student in the school enjoyed a crisp, sweet snack.

The first round of conferences took place in November. Volunteers provided dinner at the school for staff and conducted the annual **Donate-a-Book sale** for the school library.

Nearly a dozen **Destination Imagination** teams have been organized for students in grades 3-6. The students have begun working on skits for competition in March.

Winter weather is upon us. Families with students are advised to tune into WCCO-TV or radio or visit the school district website at www.spps.org for up-to-the-minute information on **school closing** and **weather-related delays**.

Tours for families interested in SAP Elementary for the 2011-12 school year will begin in January.

Important dates in December:

- The winter holiday music concert is on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m.

- Winter break begins Dec. 20 and school resumes on Jan. 3.

- On Dec. 4, Micawber's Books will donate a portion of the day's book sales to the school.

- Dec. 6 is third-grade family science night with science teacher Mr. Schrankler at 6:30 p.m.

- Parents and neighbors are invited to join Principal Ann Johnson for coffee and conversation at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 9.

- The Site Council meets at 5 p.m. Dec. 13.

- The kindergarten music program and "Make a Memory Day" is Dec. 17.

- Winter break begins Dec. 20.

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Neighbors



Eagle Scout Matt Parker and some of the pajamas and books he collected for children as part of his work with the Pajama Program.

Como Park senior named Eagle Scout

Como Park High School senior Matt Parker has been named Eagle Scout by the Boy Scouts of America. The Troop 285 member collected 221 pairs of new pajamas and 189 children's books as part of his Eagle Scout project, which was part of a national program called the Pajama Program. With the help of some local churches and neighbors, Parker delivered the pajamas and books to distribution agencies that provide care and support to children in the Twin Cities who have been abused or abandoned.

Gibbs Farm takes visitors on a tour of Christmas in the 1800s

Gibbs Farm, 2097 W. Larpentour Ave., Falcon Heights, is hosting a Gibbs Pioneer Christmas, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 4 and 5. The two-hour program will take visitors on a tour of Christmas traditions through four decades of the 1800s.

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Have dinner with Santa and Mrs. Claus at Langford

St. Paul Parks and Recreation will host a "Dinner with Santa and Mrs. Claus" Friday, Dec. 10, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Langford Recreation Center, 30 Langford Park. The event includes a spaghetti dinner, a craft project, cookie decorating, face painting and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus (bring your camera). Cost is \$5 per person with a maximum \$25 per immediate family. Ages 2 and under are free. Call 651-298-5765 to register. You may also register at www.stpaul.gov/parks.

Boutique at St. Matthew's benefits AIDS orphans

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave., is holding an artisanal craft sale to support the Blue House, a home for AIDS orphans in rural Uganda, Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale will offer a variety of handmade knits, foods, gifts, art and a lunch starting at 11:30 a.m. The Blue House was started by the late Beatrice Garubanda, a native of Uganda and resident of St. Anthony Park.

Craft sale helps students at Maxfield Learning Center

The opening reception for a craft sale that benefits students with special education needs at Maxfield Learning Center, St. Paul, will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Egg and I East, 2550 University Ave., St. Paul. The sale will continue through December. The learning center is a Federal Setting 2 program for students in kindergarten through second grade at Maxfield Magnet School, 380 N. Victoria St.

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For more information call 651-698-4543, or visit the website.

Art at Ramsey

Art at Ramsey, a juried holiday art fair, will be held Saturday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Ramsey Junior High School, 1700 Summit Ave., St. Paul.

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The Park Bugle

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Group rates are available, as well as discounts for seniors and Fringe button holders. Monday, Dec. 13, is a "pay what you can" performance that begins at 8 p.m.

Free parking is available in the U.S. Bank lot on Raymond Avenue and on the streets around the building.

Northwest Como U14 girls win city soccer championship

Northwest Como Recreation

Center's U14 girls soccer team was named St. Paul city champion. Players include Lily Brown, Alayna Carrier, Grace Clemens, Anika Gardner, Kennedy Gay, Taylor Koep, Angelike Martin, Mary Miles, Abigail Niemann, Juliet Rohde, Ellie Smith and Alyssa Wagner. They were coached by Josh Rohde and Michael Gay.

Flower show, tea are December highlights at conservatory

The Holiday Flower Show, beginning Dec. 4, in the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory at Como Regional Park, will showcase red poinsettia cultivars Chianti, Freedom Fireworks, Prestige Maroon and Cortez Burgundy complemented with Premium Apricot poinsettias and Pink Ruffles coleus. The show runs through Jan. 23.

On Dec. 5, from 8 a.m.-10

a.m., the conservatory will be open for individuals and families to use the floral setting as a backdrop for photos. Cost is \$5 per person and guests can bring in their own cameras.

Other events at the conservatory include a tea Dec. 10 with an 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. seating. The tea will include three courses and a behind-the-scenes tour. Tickets are \$45. Space is limited and reservations are required by calling 651-487-8250.

Skating is open at Roseville Oval Thanksgiving Day

The Guidant John Rose Minnesota OVAL will open Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 25, for open skating and hockey from 5 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$5 and skates are available to rent for \$4. The Oval is located at the corner of Lexington Avenue and County Road C in Roseville.

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Events

Addresses and phone numbers for the venues listed here are at the end of the calendar of events. Send your events to calendar@parkbugle.org by Dec. 8 to be included in the January issue of the Park Bugle.

1 WEDNESDAY

English conversation group, 4 p.m., St. Anthony Park library.

St. Anthony Park Book Club, 6:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park library.

3 FRIDAY

Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m., St. Anthony Park library.

Block nurse exercise program, 3:15 p.m., St. Anthony Park library.

Art show, Historic Como Streetcar Station, 3-7 p.m.

4 SATURDAY

Shop Home for the Holidays, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., featuring merchant specials in St. Anthony Park.

Artisans at Milton Square, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., lower level.

Blue House Boutique, St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Art Show, Historic Como Streetcar Station, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Art at Ramsey, Ramsey Junior High School, 10 a.m.-5p.m.

Nettie and Friends Show and Sale opening reception, 4-8 p.m., Egg and I, East Restaurant.

Internet, email, Word and Excel training, 2 p.m., St. Anthony Park library.

5 SUNDAY

Blue House Boutique, St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

7 TUESDAY

Baby Lapsit Storytime, 10:30 a.m., St. Anthony Park library.

Block nurse exercise program, 3:15 p.m., St. Anthony Park library.

St. Anthony Park Garden Club, December meeting, 6:30 p.m., St. Matthews Episcopal Church. Presenter from Mother Earth Gardens. Topic: "Creating a Holiday Arrangement."

8 WEDNESDAY

English conversation group, 4 p.m., St. Anthony Park library.

9 THURSDAY

Mongolia and the Golden Eagle Festival, St. Paul Audubon Society, 7 p.m., Fairview Community Center.

10 FRIDAY

Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m., St. Anthony Park library.

Block nurse exercise program, 3:15 p.m., St. Anthony Park library.

11 SATURDAY

Internet, email, Word and Excel training, 2 p.m., St. Anthony Park library.

8th Annual Holiday craft sale, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Coffee Grounds.

14 TUESDAY

Block nurse exercise program, 3:15 p.m., St. Anthony Park library.

15 WEDNESDAY

Sing, Play and Learn with MacPhail, 1 p.m., St. Anthony Park library.

English conversation group, 4 p.m., St. Anthony Park library.

17 FRIDAY

Preschool story time, 10:30 a.m., St. Anthony Park library.

Block nurse exercise program, 3:15 p.m., St. Anthony Park library.

18 SATURDAY,

Internet, email, Word and Excel training, 2 p.m., St. Anthony Park library.

21 TUESDAY

Block nurse exercise program, 3:15 p.m., St. Anthony Park library.

22 WEDNESDAY

English conversation group, 4 p.m., St. Anthony Park library.

28 TUESDAY

Block nurse exercise program, 3:15 p.m., St. Anthony Park library.

29 WEDNESDAY

English conversation group, 4 p.m., St. Anthony Park library.

Contact information:

Coffee Grounds, 1579 Hamline, Ave., Falcon Heights

Egg and I, East Restaurant, 2550 University Ave., St. Paul

Fairview Community Center, 1910 W. County Rd. B, Roseville

Historic Streetcar Station, northeast corner of Horton and Lexington avenues

Milton Square, corner of Carter and Como avenues

Ramsey Junior High School, 1700 Summit Ave., St. Paul.

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

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William Beck

William Beck, 81, of Lauderdale, died Nov. 14. He was a 40-year employee of R. C. Hitchcock & Sons.

He is survived by his wife, Delores; daughters, Judith (Dennis) Havel of Ft. Ripley and Janet (Wayne) Christensen of Maplewood; eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; sisters, Edith Loveridge and Marilyn (Jack) Schreier; and brothers, Dennis (Joyce), Bruce (Gail) and Dr. Bob Beck.

His funeral service was held Nov. 19 at Washburn-McReavy Hillside Chapel, with interment at Hillside Cemetery.

Robert Cooper

Robert E. Cooper, 84, died Oct. 29. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Berdella; sons, Douglas (Peggy) and Kevin (Mary Lynn); several grandchildren and great-grand-children;

and sister, Irene Cooper.

His funeral service was held at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Como Park, with interment at Oakwood Cemetery in Red Wing.

Davis Esty

David J. Esty, 61, of Falcon Heights, died Nov. 8. He was a 3M retiree. He is survived by his son, Steven; daughter, Susan; their mother, Denise; and one granddaughter. His funeral service was held Nov. 12 at Roseville Memorial Chapel, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

Teresa Gross

Teresa Anne Gross, 14, of Falcon Heights, died unexpectedly Nov. 1. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Lawrence and Helen Gross. She is survived by her parents, Michael and Anne Gross; siblings, Matthew, Sr. Leah Marie,

Monica, Christopher, Rebekah, Mary, Michaela and Andrea; grandparents, Louis and Mary Breimhurst; and other family members and friends.

A funeral Mass was said Nov. 8 at Church of St. Paul, Ham Lake, Minn., with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

Paul Hammer

Paul R. Hammer, 61, of Falcon Heights, died Oct. 24. Paul is now fishing, golfing and gardening full time.

He is survived by his mother, Arlene Hammer; son, Christopher Knight; and 11 siblings.

A memorial gathering was held Oct. 31 at the Macalester College Alumni House in St. Paul.

Lindell Hess

Lindell E. Hess, 69, of St. Anthony Park and Belize, Central America,

moved on to his next adventure Oct. 15.

He is survived by his children, Rick (Abby) Hess, Kim (Tom) Belisle, Heidi (Paul) Jensen and Zabdy Hess; seven grandchildren; and other family members.

A private family celebration of his life was held.

Richard Hoska

Richard A. Hoska, 53, of St. Paul, died Oct. 19. He was born April 15, 1957, and was a graduate of Murray High School, class of 1975. He had a 20-year military career and was a marathon runner. Rick ran all but the last two Twin Cities Marathons and was a winner of numerous titles and trophies.

Rick was a huge college and high school wrestling fan. He knew almost every Simpsons episode and loved to travel and spend time with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Ila. He is survived by his brothers, James (Colleen) and Mike (Joanne) Hoska; and special friend, Bonnie; as well as his marathon family.

A memorial service was held Oct. 27 at Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Mary House

Mary Alice Powell House, 101, died peacefully Sept. 16 with her daughters at her side.

Mary was born in Waverly, Minn., on Oct. 18, 1908, and attended St. Mary's Catholic Church and School. She moved to St. Paul in 1924 to work at Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. It was there that she met her future husband. They were married at the St. Paul Cathedral on Jan. 18, 1936. They lived in the Como Park area of St. Paul for 30 years and raised three children there. Originally, the family attended St. Andrew's Catholic Church. In 1947, Mary and Evert became members of Holy Childhood Catholic Church and actively participated in the Church and School Building Fund Committee, where all of their children attended school.

Always willing to be of service, Mary joined both the Women's Club and Rosary Society. In 1968, Mary and Evert became members of the Telephone Pioneers and retired to Sun City Center, Fla. By 1969, they became founding members of a committee that brought the first Catholic church to Sun City Center. Evert died in 1976 and, in 1977, Mary moved back to Minnesota to be closer to family. She settled in Plymouth, and became a member of St. Bartholomew Catholic Church and the Plymouth Seniors. She joined the Rosary Society at St. Bartholomew's. As a volunteer at Interfaith Outreach, she became head of the Transportation Program at the Boardwalk in Wayzata, until she moved to St. Therese residence apartments in New Hope at age 90. Her last three years were spent at St. Therese Care Center.

The family's most endearing memories of Mary are of her dancing and singing in a hot-pink bathing suit in Mazatlan at the age of 75, taking her first motorcycle ride at the age of 80, her flouncy square-dancing costumes and her party hats.

Mary was best known in the community for her unrelenting spirit, loving devotion to God and family, her sharp mind and her generosity to all in need.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 39 years, Evert J. House, and her two brothers, John Powell and Arthur Davo. She is survived by her children, Evert (Mary) House, Barbara J. Witte and Suzanne M. House; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass was said on Nov. 6.

Community Church Directory

❖ COMO PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA

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Saturday, December 4: Advent Dinner, 4:30 – 7:00pm
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Saturday, December 11: Christmas Program, 4:00pm
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Dec. 16 – (Thursday) Homeless March & Memorial Service, Minneapolis; call for details
Dec. 19 – 10:30 a.m., children's pageant, Away From the Manger – 3 p.m., Blue Christmas service
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Dec 11 9:00a.m. Half Day Advent Retreat with Mary Ellen Ashcroft
Dec. 24 4:00p.m. Children's Living Creche and All Ages Service
10:00p.m. Candlelight Service with full Choir
Dec. 25 10:30am. Festival Eucharist

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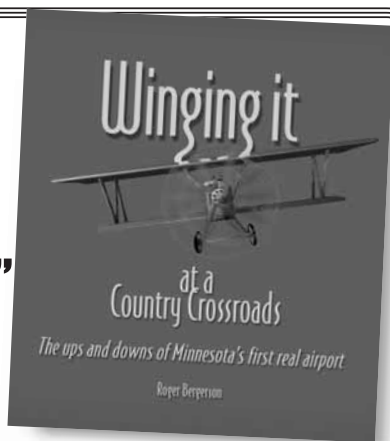
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Cleo Kath

Cleo L. Kath, 93, died peacefully Nov. 9. As a young woman, Cleo attended the Milaca Normal School and eventually taught school herself. She helped her husband, "Clary," with the Kath Bros. service station and, in later years, worked for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota. Cleo also was active in and volunteered at Como Park Lutheran Church, where she was a longtime member.

Cleo was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence; their son, Gary; and her sister, Frances. She is survived by numerous relatives and friends who will miss her sweet and generous spirit.

Her funeral service was held at Como Park Lutheran Church, Nov. 16, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

Karen Merth

Karen Rose Merth died Nov. 10. She lived in Roseville but was a member Holy Childhood Catholic Church, Como Park.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, George; children, Dan (Mary), Monica (Doug) Johnson, Joe (Gail), Katie (Tim) Geist, and Suzy (Dan) Jankowski; 16 grandchildren; and a sister, Nancy (Tom) Chisholm.

Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 13 at Holy Childhood Catholic Church.

The Rev. Charles Nelson

The Rev. Charles E. Nelson, 86, died Oct. 19.

After graduation from high school in his hometown of Grand Forks, N.D., he spent three years in the Coast Guard. He graduated from University of North Dakota in 1951 and Boston University's School of Theology in 1955. Ordained in the Methodist Church, he served 40 years in active ministry. First he served two parishes in Massachusetts. After moving to Minnesota in 1956, he served three churches, including St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church. He was chaplain for the Minnesota Masonic Home in Bloomington before he retired.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Mary; three children; and two grandchildren.

His memorial service was held Nov. 6 at Portland Avenue United Methodist Church in Bloomington.

Gregory Rosemark

Gregory B. Rosemark, 71, of Edina, died Nov. 9 from lung cancer. Greg was a "Como Park Boy," who graduated from Cretin High School in 1957, served in the Navy on the Intrepid aircraft carrier, and had a long career in the hospitality industry. He is survived by his wife, Diana; daughters, Christine, Theresa, and Paula; six grandchildren; and a brother, Jim.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 15 at the Church of Our Lady of Grace in Edina, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Charles Tooker

Charles Taft Tooker, 79, of St. Anthony Park, formerly of Cannon Falls, Minn., died Oct. 22 at the St. Anthony Park Home.

Born July 26, 1931, in Littleton, Mass., he held a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from the University of Massachusetts and master's degree in sociology from the University of Pittsburgh.

He worked as a city planner in Ohio and western Pennsylvania. In 1966, he opened a branch planning office in Minnesota, and in 1971, he opened his own consulting office and continued working with county governments and small communities across Minnesota. During the 1980s, he was an adjunct professor in the Parks and Recreation Department at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

In 1968, the family moved to Cannon Falls Township on a farm near White Rock, where he planted and operated an apple orchard for 30 years. He moved off the farm in 2005 to St. Paul, where he died after gracefully managing the physical complications of Lewy Body Disease.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Anna Lisa Tooker; daughters, Lydia (Wm. Scott) Midness and Rachel (Randy Roberts) Tooker; granddaughter, Brita Midness; brother, Edwin (Polly) Tooker, of Los Altos, Calif.; and sister, Caroline Deming of West Chester, Pa.

Charlie enjoyed collecting and refinishing wood furniture and the variety of outdoor work provided by the apple orchard and farm. Together with his friend and colleague, John A. Koepke (Falcon Heights), Charlie developed the original comprehensive plans for the Cannon Valley Trail, the Mill Town Trail from Lake Byllesby to Faribault and the preservation of archaeological sites

along the trail in Red Wing.

Special thanks from the family to the staff at the St. Anthony Park Home for their kind and loving care over the last two and a half years. A memorial service was held in the manner of Friends, Nov. 7 at the Twin Cities Friends Meetinghouse (Quaker), with interment at the Cannon Falls Cemetery in Cannon Falls, Minn.

Chung Wong

Chung Mean "Jimmy" Wong, 90, of Richfield, Minn. died Oct. 12. He was a longtime faithful member of Twin City Chinese Christian Church in Lauderdale.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Mary; sons, Lai, of Richfield, and Phil, of Minneapolis; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Oct. 23 at the Cremation Society of Minnesota.

David Yahanda

David Takeo Yahanda, longtime St. Anthony Park businessman, died peacefully at the age of 85 on Sept. 21. He was born in San Francisco, Calif., on Oct. 31, 1924. He was married to Ruth Yahanda for 57 years.

After his service in the Army from 1945 to 1947, he worked with his parents for many years in their dry-cleaning business on Cleveland Avenue in St. Paul. He continued to manage it alone after their passing until his retirement in 1986. Dave was an avid fisherman, photographer and cook. His interests ranged from astronomy to technology and world events. He was happiest spending time with family and friends, including his time in the Nikkei Project and JACL.

He will be remembered most for his imagination, humor and optimism. He lived life to the fullest every day. David is survived by his wife; daughter and son-in-law, Nancy Yahanda and Len Sitomer; one grandson; and other relatives.

A memorial service celebrating his life was held on Nov. 6 at Lakewood Chapel in Minneapolis.

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