PEACE CORPS AT 50

One of the first Minnesota volunteers says he took President Kennedy’s call to action to heart.

By Judy Woodward

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Praying for justice

Following is a list of the Neighborhood Honors Roll members recognized at an event in their honor. Three of the nominees to be honored are selected from each of the 17 district communities in St. Paul. To nominate someone, send us a short description of the accomplishments or reasons you believe the nominee should be honored. The District 10 Community Council then selects three of the nominees to be recognized at an event in their honor.

Please send all nominations to district10@d10comopark.org no later than Sunday, Nov. 13 at midnight.

Como pool nearing completion, Lily Pond project set to begin
Construction on the new Como pool facility is nearing completion. Two of the pools have received the final coat of pool plaster. The lazy river was plated and filled in October. Finishing touches on the buildings, including the changing rooms, admissions, lifeguard, concessions and mechanical rooms are being made. Also, the landscaping and perimeter site fencing is being put into place. The pool will be ready for a spring 2012 grand opening.

Construction is about to begin on the restoration of the historic Como Regional Park Lily Pond. The pond walls and bottom will be removed and replaced, and there will be a new overlook and small water cascade between the trail and the pond at the north end, along with a new fountain and seating area and major landscaping and site improvements.

Lauderdale
City of Lauderdale to host annual Hallowe’en party
Lauderdale’s annual Hallowe’en party will be held Monday, Oct. 31, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St. There will be hot dogs, popcorn, apple cider, chocolate, Trick-or-Treat bags and spooky fun. Costumes are traditional for both adults and children. Donations are welcome. Drop off candy or money to City Hall before the event.

School board election Nov. 8
Lauderdale residents can vote for District 623 school board candidates at Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., on Tuesday, Nov. 8. The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Absentee voters need to contact the Ramsey County Election Office, 651-266-2717, to get absentee voting materials sent to them.

Fallon Heights
Vote for city officers on Nov. 8
This City of Fallon Heights election will elect a mayor, a city clerk, five council members on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Residents living east of Snelling Avenue will vote at Fallon Heights United Church of Christ, 1395 Histon St. Residents living west of Snelling will vote at Fallon Heights City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave. Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Visit the city website, www.fallonheights.org, for more information.

Tuesday morning yoga
A six-session Tuesday-morning yoga class will be held from 9 to 9:55 a.m. at Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur Ave., starting Oct. 25. The single-class drop-in rate is $12 or $10 for seniors (identification required). The cost for six sessions is $53 for Falcon Hights residents or $57 for nonresidents. Register at falconheights.org/parks and recreation.

St. Anthony Park
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St. Paul is ready

By D. J. Alexander

You can test drive a Chevy Volt today over at the corner of Highway 35W and County Road C. Just ask for Aaron. At press time, Rosedale Chevy’s lot had just one electric vehicle, surrounded by rows of new Suburbans. But more are on the way, including a Chevrolet hybrid Tahoe SUV and a Silverado pickup. Toyota’s Prius plug-in hybrid is due to be released next year.

In fact, not only are electric vehicles rolling into showrooms, there’s a sequel to that documentary arriving in the Twin Cities next month: The World Trade Center Ramp off Wabasha also plans to serve its monthly clients with two stations. The Lawson Ramp off of Sixth Street will have four charging stations. And more are coming. By May 2012, charging stations should be available near Harriet Island (at Water Street), on Grand Avenue near Macalester (at Fry Street) and on Ford Parkway at the Lawson Ramp each have two stations that will cost $3 for a “charging session” of up to four hours.

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So far, the community has remained divided as to whether the development would remain in place under the new plan. Stark said.

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“Now we’re faced with a site plan that is completely unsuitable for this key site that serves as Desnoyer Park’s gateway to what we hope will be a pedestrian connection between their neighborhood and the light-rail line,” White wrote.

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Let’s reduce garbage-truck traffic

By Jay Coggins

Look around our community and you’ll see plenty of evidence that environmental consciousness thrives here. Many of us compost and recycle. We drive fuel-efficient cars. We buy compact fluorescent bulbs rather than traditional ones. We use public transportation.

But as a community we appear to have an obvious anti-green blind spot: the number of garbage trucks patrolling our streets and alleys. A little bit of community spirit, a small dose of gentle persuasion by a few, could improve our air quality significantly.

Let’s join forces, block by block, and agree on a single hauler in each part of our Bugle neighborhoods. The result will be a reduction in levels of deadly particulate matter in our air. Particulate matter, the microscopic particles emitted when coal, diesel, firewood and other fuels are burned, kills people, mostly due to cardiovascular and respiratory ailments. That the health science on this question is widely accepted.

How many garbage trucks pass down your alley every week? I know that number for my alley, having conducted an exhaustive and attentive air quality study.

Surely we can do better than this.

A couple of summers ago, when the idea of consolidating garbage haulers locally first came across my screen, I decided to see if our block could agree on a single hauler.

In talking with my immediate neighbors, I was surprised to discover the loyalty that many feel toward their refuse is taken. Some know, and care deeply about, owned locally, regardless of size. Some like one that is small company. Some like a large company. Some like one that is courteous, than I, work to convince their haulers. Some like a dirtier than all one. They wake us early and they do their refuse is taken.

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Readers support school board candidate Louise Seeba

I have gotten to know Louise Seeba over the past several years, as our children are classmates at Chelsea Heights Elementary. Louise will be a strong voice for parents and students on the St. Paul school board. Louise believes that well-educated students are the cornerstone of our democracy and that it is essential that all children are prepared to meet the future's challenges.

As an attorney, Louise is skilled and effective advocate, and she has a practical approach to problem-solving that will ensure that effective programs are not sacrificed as the district works to eliminate the achievement gap. Louise will hold the school district administration to a high standard of open communication and will foster productive dialogue among parents, faculty, staff and community leaders to advance St. Paul Public Schools. I hope the readers of the Park Bugle will join me in voting for Louise Seeba for St. Paul school board.

Erin Hanafin Berg
Northwest Como

I endorse Louise Seeba for St. Paul school board and encourage the community to vote for her in the upcoming election. As an active parent in the St. Paul schools, I know the importance of including a parent’s voice on the board. Louise has excellent advocacy skills, is someone who can bring all the stakeholders together to improve the schools, and will work diligently to reduce the achievement gap without sacrificing effective programs, will keep school cuts in areas that don’t compromise classroom integrity and will insist on open communication from the district. Louise’s strong leadership skills will enable her to foster productive dialogue to advance St. Paul Public Schools and take strong action on behalf of children, families and the school district community.

Sara Velez-Mortensen, parent
Chelsea Heights Elementary School

Our public schools are a vital institution in the life of our city and the management of that institution is a critical job. We have a responsibility to vote in November for the stewards of our schools, the members of the school board. This year we have the chance to elect a particularly gifted public servant, Louise Seeba. First and foremost, Ms. Seeba’s heart is in the right place. She is a committed public servant, currently working in the St. Paul City Attorney’s Office, but not a career politician. She is a product of the public schools, her kids are both in the public schools, and her husband, Paul, is a public school teacher. She understands the issues as both parent and teacher and as someone who has worked in and around St. Paul politics and public administration.

Too often, we criticize the board or the superintendent for what they don’t do when, in fact, their hands are tied by the political and financial circumstances in which they work. What the schools need is a sophisticated voice speaking on their behalf, working to change the context. Ms. Seeba is an advocate by profession, and she is passionate about our city and its schools. As someone who works for the City of St. Paul, she knows the players, knows the game and knows how to get things done. I urge you to seriously consider giving her your support in November.

Steve Cohen
Como Park
Some businesses are rumored to be revving up to offer convenience charging in parking lots, including the Mall of America, Cub Foods and Walgreens. It pays to stay tuned, as things unfold.

Are electric cars really “new”? No, they aren’t. Electric cars have been part of the mix since the earliest years of automotive innovation. Along with Stanley Steamers (steam-powered vehicles from the early 20th century), they took a back seat to gas-powered vehicles for most of the last century. But with the price of gas flirting at $4 a gallon and deep concerns about the environment, electric cars from 3

Hello! Here is some information you should know:

A plug-in hybrid like Chevy’s Volt features both a gasoline engine and an electric motor. These cars can be charged overnight using a typical wall outlet or in a few hours using a dedicated 240-volt charger. For the first 40 or so miles—a distance covering typical daily trips—the car uses electricity only. The hybrid’s gas engine kicks in after that, extending the range of a tank of gas upward to around 1,000 miles.

An all-electric vehicle, on the other hand, has no gasoline engine, but its battery is big enough to go 100 miles or more without recharging. Nissan’s Leaf, for example, is 100 percent electric, as is Ford’s new Focus BEV, a car that also includes a commercial van model. The Mitsubishi-i, or iMiEV, has already been road-tested in Japan and will be available here.

For the well-heeled among us, look out for BMW’s i, a luxury car that also has no gasoline engine. The car line also includes a commercial van model. The Tesla Roadster luxury EV sports sedan is rumored to have a range of up to 245 miles. Toyota’s upcoming RAV4 all-electric SUV (which uses Tesla technology) will be on the road in 2012.

To find out more, here are some helpful websites:

- Department of Energy: www1.eere.energy.gov/wip/eecbg.html
- Drive Electric Minnesota: www.energyinnovationcorridor.com/page/showcase/drive-electric-mn
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Electric cars from 3

Highland Village (at Kenneth Street).
Spectrum analysis

By Adam Granger

Sixty-nine percent of cars have an odd number of spokes in their wheel covers. My daily walk is 5,110 paces. I know these things because I’m a compulsive counter. I count everything, all the time, and for as long as I can remember. Center stripes on roads, lights in store ceilings, number of Es in a paragraph.

Eccentric? Yes. Insane? Probably not, although noncounters (who make up the numerical majority) might say so. I was a terrible student, inattentive and disruptive. I limped out of high school with a 1.7 GPA, but I could have told you how many bricks were in the gymnasium wall.

I was coming of age in today’s world, my dysfunctionality—whatever its nature—would be detected, defined and dealt with, but in the 1960s, treatment consisted of a paralyzing annual ritual to the school counselor who would tell me that according to my test scores and my IQ I should be getting better grades. Thanks. We should end world hunger and disease. Too. Here. All fixed. Absent 21st-century enlightenment, I wove my way through the obstacle course of my idiosyncrasies and ultimately made a successful life for myself.

This all comes to mind because of the re-education I’ve undergone in the six years since we learned our now 20-year-old son has Asperger’s syndrome. As you may recall, we’re talking about the kid who was not just taken off from an internship on Neptune because his autism knew, Asperger’s is on the autism spectrum.

By now, we’re pretty much all hip to the more dramatic negative elements of Asperger’s syndrome: social awkwardness, poor eye contact, eccentric speech habits, self-absorption, obsessive focus on one subject, compulsive adherence to routine and—a new word—slimming, repetitive physical movement. My son possesses some of these, but he also has high intelligence, unwavering honesty, trustworthiness, creativity, a very interesting sense of humor and dogged perseverance in the face of adversity. These qualities have made my son a wonderful human being, neither more nor less of a pain in the behind than any of the rest of us.

Asperger’s is calibrated on a scale, the variables being how many of which traits are present, and to what degree. The possible mixes are infinite. The Big Trick seems to be determining which traits need attention and which are harmless, perhaps even to be encouraged.

And by the way, this article is 796 words long.

Adam Granger lives in St. Anthony Park (in the shadow of the trestle).
The St. Paul Port Authority has been working with Allen on a plan for a one-story warehouse with parking lots around it; tenants have not been identified. Under the Port Authority’s standard commitment to producing one job per 1,000 square feet of development, the site would be expected to yield at least 68 jobs.

White remarked in her letter, “196 parking spaces are planned for a one-story office-warehouse building less than 1/4 mile from a light-rail station—does this smell like a future park-and-ride?”

The Port Authority purchased the site from Pelham Properties for $2.6 million in March 2010, according to Ramsey County property records (which list the Pelham site plan from 3 address as 620 Pelham).

Port Authority spokesman Tom Collins said his organization “put about $2.3 million into soil correction, demolition and upgrades.”

Collins said Allen has also “spent significant time and money” on plans for the site, and that he may have further interest in pursuing it, but that was not yet clear in the days immediately following the council decision.

“If he’s through with this property then we would start all over again. We’re not sure he’s through with it,” Collins said.

Annie Johnson, the community organizer for Union Park District Council, said the 650 Pelham debate had “hundreds of community members involved from both Union Park and St. Anthony Park neighborhoods.”

She said neighborhood architects “have been brainstorming about this site for months,” looking for “something that the users of Pelham Boulevard will be proud of.”

Lauren Fulner, Johnson’s counterpart at St. Anthony Park District Council, said this case was an example of how Central Corridor is “providing unique opportunities for building alliances.

“If you see a line between neighborhoods, it doesn’t mean the interests stop there,” Fulner said.

Anne Hdzman lives and writes in St. Anthony Park.
Man donates life's collection of church music

By Michelle Christianson

After dedicating his life to church music, worship, and the arts, Dr. Gerhard Cartford accumulated an extensive collection of books and other materials on the roots of Scandinavian hymnody and Latin American church music and theology, along with many hymnals—some quite old—and his own compositions. Cartford and his wife, Polly, recently donated this collection to the seminary.

Dr. Gerhard and Polly Cartford donated an extensive collection of books, hymnals and compositions to Luther Seminary. Photo by Lori Hamilton

At the hymn sing, Westermeyer will reflect on Cartford's life and ministry between musical portions of the program (which will be comprised of Cartford's compositions, arrangements and translations). Some of the materials from the collection will be on display that day. For those who are interested in all forms of church music and liturgy, it is a program not to be missed.

Michelle Christiansen is a piano teacher, musician, writer and frequent contributor to the Park Bugle.
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If you want to learn more about Eliza Swedenborg’s life as a Peace Corps volunteer, check out her blog: http://delhirondelle.wordpress.com.

Judy Woodward is a reference librarian at Ramsey’s library and a regular contributor to the Park Bugle.

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**Peace Corps today**

Email, Skype and blogging help volunteers stay in touch with home

By Judy Woodward

When Bob Hoyle served with the Peace Corps in the Philippines in the early 1960s, he never once was able to telephone home to M innesota. For now, he and his fellow volunteers passed dog-eared copies of Time Magazine from hand-to-hand and relied on personal letters to fill in the gaps.

Some things couldn’t be more different for 24-year-old Como Park Senior High School graduate Eliza Swedenborg, who has been a Peace Corps volunteer in the African nation of Mali for a little more than a year. She uses email and Skype to stay in touch with friends and relatives. Those wanting more information are invited to follow her experiences on the blog she regularly updates.

In other ways, though, Swedenborg’s Peace Corps experience would be instantly recognizable to veteran volunteers. Like Hoyle, she joined the Peace Corps soon after graduating from college (Gustavus Adolphus in 2009) and she quickly encountered the challenges of a new culture: “Mali can be extremely hot,” she says, “and as a girl born and raised in Minnesota, I still feel I am not supposed to live in these conditions. However, [I] learned fairly quickly to cope with the climate and the food—and squat toilets. This is possible in part because Mali culture is welcoming, friendly and easy-going.”

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**Peace Corps to 20**

Hoyle (left) talks with Minnesota Sen. Hubert Humphrey along with David Ziegenhagen, another Minnesotan (and former St. Anthony Park resident) who joined the Peace Corps at its beginnings. The man to the left of Humphrey dropped out of the corps, according to Hoyle.**Peace Corps volunteer Eliza Swedenborg and her host sister, Amie, in Mali. Swedenborg is a Peace Corps volunteer in the African nation of Mali for a little more than a year.**
Arla Savage lived in a distinctive white house on Carter Avenue in north St. Anthony Park for nearly five decades. A tireless volunteer and a classic good neighbor, she was recognized throughout the neighborhood for her daily walks with the latest of her many dogs. At 85, she continues to be more active than many who are decades younger, but she and her husband, Paul, recently bowed to the demands of age and relocated to a retirement community in White Bear Lake.

Savage: I’m a walker. I’ve been walking dogs ever since we moved to the Park in 1967. We’ve been going down in dog size over the years. We started with cocker spaniels, golden retrievers—then we downsized to shelties. Now we have a 12-pound Lhasa apso. I’m kind of a fixture around here. I have a path down Como, through the seminary, down to Cleveland or Raymond and then back home. I’ve walked when it’s 30 below. I wear stuff for hunters. Foot warmers, Will Steger boots, layers and something over my face. I’m usually the only person out [on really cold days]. Sure, I walk when it’s icy. The answer is cleats. I buy them at the running store on Randolph Avenue. I tell people, “Jesus walked on water. Arla walks on ice.”

Before this, we lived in Roseville, but I wasn’t happy in the suburbs. I had nobody to talk to. Here [in the Park] you always found somebody you could relate to. The Park attracted people of like mind. It still does. I was out walking, and a woman came up behind me near the seminary. She asked “Where’s Stub Hall?” We walked together and I found out she was [attending a] conference there. [She told me] the theologian Walter Brueggemann was leading it. He’s one of my favorite authors!

I remember in 1971, when my husband, Paul, was the president of the [St. Anthony Park Association] at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church. Women prepared and served the meal; then they exited through the back door when the meeting began. Then a local businesswoman approached Paul and said, “I want a voice.” Paul said, “Why don’t you come for the business meeting?” That night, a whole raft of women walked in for the meeting. The men were not that pleased. Their jaws dropped.

Fourth of July [the late, longtime St. Anthony Park resident], Igor Raitskoff and his Oomph Band were playing at Langford Park. Somebody yelled up to Igor to play ‘Happy Birthday’ for Paul. Igor yelled back, “I’m not playing for Paul. He’s the one who let women into the Men’s Club!”

In our yard, we always had the neighborhood parties. You know how big our yard is. We have a double lot. Our house is too much for us, now. We’re moving, but people told us, when you sell it has to be written into the contract that the parties will still be at the [Savage house].
Opening Acts

Pastor brings his sabbatical experiences following the Aegean Sea journeys of Apostle Paul to a community class that’s open to all

By Mary Mergenthal

Pastor Glenn Berg-Moberg has done a fair number of performance gigs where he or his group of performers were the opening act. His November Thursday evening offering will be far different: a time for teaching, not performing. The reference to “acts” here notes that his subject is the “Book of the Acts of the Apostles” in the New Testament, a recounting of missionary journeys of Paul and others.

“This will not be a thorough study of Acts, but an opportunity to explore what we can find in this book that is helpful for today,” says Berg-Moberg. It’s more a survey than an in-depth study.

No need to have previous biblical knowledge. “It will be a user-friendly experience for all,” Berg-Moberg says. “Bibles will be available, but all are welcome, whether or not they’ve used a Bible before.”

Berg-Moberg is eager for November, because this is his first time teaching in the community at-large, something the St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church pastor says he always wanted to do. This particular opportunity will be enhanced by his discoveries and experiences during a recent three-month sabbatical in which he and others traveled by sailboat in the Aegean Sea to the ports that the Apostle Paul visited long ago. They toured those cities and reflected on what things would have been like then and what thoughts for the current day came forward. That sabbatical was funded by the Lily Endowment.

The class will be offered four Thursdays, Nov. 3, 10, 17 and Dec. 1, 7 to 8 p.m. at The 3rd Place, 2190 Como Ave., at Como and Hillside. Free parking is available on the street and in the lot across from The 3rd Place.

The same course will be offered on four Sunday mornings, Nov. 6, 13, 20 and 27, at 9:45–10:45 a.m., at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave. W. Both forums are open to the public and free.

Mary Mergenthal edits the ‘Bugle’’s feature Lives Lived.
Stefan Brancel  
Gold-medal juggler  
Stefan Brancel, a Como Park High School alumnus and St. Anthony Park resident, was awarded a gold medal at the 64th annual International Jugglers’ Association festival and convention in July in Rochester, Minn. Brancel and his juggling partner, Ben Hines—whose team name was Showy Motion—were also awarded the People’s Choice Award at the festival.

Gremlin’s next production to be performed in Hill House kitchen  
Gremlin Theatre will present After M Is Julie by Patrick Marber in 10 performances Nov. 9-20 in the kitchen of the James J. Hill House. 240 Summit Ave. The play is set entirely in the servants’ kitchen of an English country house in 1945.

Seating is limited and reservations are recommended. Tours of the James J. Hill House will be offered following each performance and are included in the ticket price. Tickets are $20. Those under 20 pay half their age. Discounts are also available for seniors. Fringe button holders and members of the M Innova Historic Society have priority seating.

For more information go to www.gremlin-theatre.org.

Audubon talk to address the decline of purple martins  
"Purple M artins in M innnesota: Bring Back Our Backyard Friends" with Kelly Applegate, wildlife biologist and director of the Purple Martin Working Group, will be presented Thursday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. at Fairview Community Center, 1100 W. County Road B, Roseville. The 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.

Do the Dow in November  
The joint art project of the Dow Building, 2242 University Ave., for Do the Dow, the annual "one-building crawl," on Friday, Nov. 11, and Saturday, Nov. 12. The event will feature more than 30 artists who will open studios from 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday and noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

The herculean media includes oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, encaustic, collage, printmaking, photography, stained glass and sculpture. In addition, the Dow-owned building will host drum circles and demonstrate a variety of drums.

St. Matthew’s hosts annual Children’s Community Art Show  
St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, 2156 Carter Ave., is hosting its annual Children’s Community Art Show in the Undercroft Gallery Nov. 27-Jan. 7. Art of any medium by children of all ages may be dropped off at the church Saturday, Nov. 19, from 10 a.m. to noon and Sunday, Nov. 20, from 10 to 2 p.m. Children interested in selling their work are welcome to include a price. Registration forms may be picked up at the church, the Roseville Anthony Park Branch Library or on the kiosk outside the Finnish Bistro at the corner of Carter and Como avenues. For more information, call Antonia Busby at 651-987-5567.

Drum center’s got the beat  
The Women’s Drum Center will present "She’s Got the Beat," an all-female drum concert, on Saturday, Nov. 5, at St. Catherine University’s Jeanned Arc Auditorium from 7 to 9 p.m. The concert will include rock, jazz, blues and world music, plus arrangements that involve multiple drum kits, marimba, fiddle, dancers and more. Tickets are available at www.womensdrumcenter.org and at the door.

Neighbors

Pasta dinner at Peace Lutheran  
Peace Lutheran Church’s annual pasta dinner will be held Saturday, Oct. 29, from 4 to 7 p.m. The church is located at 1744 Walnut St., Lauderdale. Call 651-643-5440 for more information.

Looking for a good scare?  
Two Ramsey County organizations are offering frights this Halloween.  
The Ramsey County Sheriff’s Office annual Fright Farm Haunted House is open Friday, Oct. 28, through Monday, Oct. 31, from 7 to 10 p.m. at 1302 47th Ave. S.E., St. Michael.

Located at White Bear and Frost avenues in M inneapolis, Fright Farm is a large-scale, professional quality haunted house constructed and staffed by volunteers from the sheriff’s office. Admission is $10. A "low-scare" matinee is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 30, from noon to 4 p.m. Admission to the matinee is $5.

For the younger set, H arriet Alexander Nature Center, 2520 N. Dale St., Roseville, is hosting Spook- tacular Saturday, Oct. 29, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Activities include trick or treating, music, face painting, a hayride and more. The event is designed for children 10 and under and costs $1.50 per person. Call 651-792-7110 to register.

Halloween at Gibbs  
An Old-Time Movie allowance celebration will be held at Gibbs Museum, 907 Larpenteur Ave. W., Sunday, Oct. 30, from noon to 4 p.m. Admission is $5 for adults, $3 for seniors 62 and older, and $2 for children ages 2-11. M usic, activities, crafts and food are included in admission. Find out more by calling 651-646-8869.

St. Anthony Park Foundation Annual Open House  
Join neighbors for refreshments, music and socializing at the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation’s annual Open House at the Park Midway Bank building, 2300 Como Ave. T hursday, Nov. 3, 5-7 p.m.

Old-time radio at the library  
The Prime Time Players will present: "Dr. D rauma and M ystery on the Radio" Wednesday, Nov. 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library. The players are a group of professional local actors who use original and classic scripts, sound effects and music to create classic radio shows like those from the golden age of radio. The program will include audience participation, music from 1930s radio commercials and several short radio programs, including The Shadow and Sherlock Holmes.

Antiques club hosts trunk show  
The American Swedish Institute is bringing its Immigrant Trunk Show to the St. Anthony Park Antiques Club on Thursday, Nov. 10, at 1 p.m. at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2334 Como Ave. The presentation is open to the public with a suggested donation of $5. Contact Ellen Healy, 651-646-8045, or contact Mealey, 651-646-8565 for more information.

St. Paul Vocal Forum’s concerts inspired by 9/11 anniversary  
"Sing Me to Heavens," a performance of the St. Paul Vocal Forum’s (SPVf) upcoming set of November performances was inspired by the 10th anniversary of 9/11.

In fulfilling the long-standing SPVf mission of singing for understanding and peace, the forum’s new artistic director, Karen Barrett, has programmed 10 works that touch on love, grief, loss and hopes, including Herbert von Karajan’s Requiem and music by William Harris, Stephen Paulus, Ralph Vaughan Williams and others.

The concerts will be held on three dates in November:  
• Sunday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m.: St. Helios’ Lutheran Church in Roseville  
• Saturday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.: Salem Lutheran Church in North St. Paul  
• Sunday, Nov. 13, 3 p.m.: St. Peter’s Catholic Church in North St. Paul

Admission is free, though donations to SPVf will be accepted. Donations of nonperishable food items will also be collected at each concert.

For more information, go to www.SPVF.org or call 612-618-0219.

New show at Raymond gallery  
"Consorting With The M ighted D ream," a new individual and collaborative work by the husband-and-wife team, sculptor Kinji Akagawa and fiber artist Nancy Gipple, opens Friday, Nov. 4, at Raymond Avenue Gallery, 761 Raymond Ave. T he show will be on view through Friday, Dec. 16. A reception with the artists will be held Nov. 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. and is open to the public.

The gallery is open Monday to Friday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. and Saturday, 12-4 p.m.

Talk addresses caregiver issues  
St. Anthony Park Area Seniors will present its bi-annual film series and a talk on "Caregiver Issues and Assistance" on Saturday, Nov. 12, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2245 Como Ave. Speaker Jim Tift of the Alzheimer’s Association will present "Living and Dying with Alzheimer’s Disease" and address caregivers’ issues.

"Supporting Yourself" with Rev. Lorraine L. Smith will take place on Friday and noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13.

For more information, call 651-987-5567.

"Low-scare" matinee is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 12, from noon to 4 p.m. Admission is $5. "The Great Creep Great Escape," a low-scare matinee, takes place also this weekend, Oct. 28 at noon and Oct. 29 at 11 a.m.

Costumes are encouraged, but not required. Special effects and make-up are employed, but there will be no scary or frightening situations in the show. It is completely appropriate for children, parents and grandparents, regardless of age.

For more information, call Val Cunningham at 651-645-5230.
St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church wants your art for its annual

Children’s Community Art Show

Undercroft Gallery

Open to ALL children ages 0-18 years
Each child may enter one piece of artwork, any style, any medium:
- Drawing, painting, clay sculpture, mobile, fabric, origami, etc.

Registration forms may be picked up at St. Matthew’s Church, St. Anthony Park Public Library or on the kiosk outside the Finnish Bidlo in St. Anthony Park.

Any questions, please contact Antonia Busby at 612-987-5567.

Drop-off times: Nov. 19 10-a.m.-noon, Nov. 20 noon-2 p.m.
St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Avenue
St. Anthony Park, 651-645-3088

Venue information is listed at the end of the calendar. Send your events to calendar@parkbugle.org by Nov. 9 to be included in the December Park Bugle.

1 Tuesday
Baby storytime, 10:30-11 a.m., St. Anthony Park Library
St. Anthony Park Garden Club, “Is the Season—Tran-seasonal Designs and Bulb Forcing!”, 7-8 p.m., business meeting at 6:30 p.m., St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church

2 Wednesday
Open computer lab, every Wednesday, 1:30-3:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library
English Conversation Circle, every Wednesday, 4-5:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library
St. Anthony Park Book Club, Visitmen by John Räiminger, 6:30-8 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library

3 Thursday
Parent-toddler play time, 9:15-10:30 a.m., ages 4 and under, ongoing, Langford Park Recreation Center
Soo Bahk Do for Youth, ages 4-15, 5:30-6:30 p.m., weekly, Langford Park Recreation Center
Soo Bahk Do for Adults, 16 and older, 6:30-8 p.m., weekly, Langford Park Recreation Center
St. Anthony Park Community Foundation open house, 5-7 p.m., Park Midway Bank

4 Friday
Preschool storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m., St. Anthony Park Library

8 Tuesday
Falcon Heights Book Club, The Zookeeper’s Wife by Diane Ackerman, 7 p.m., Falcon Heights City Hall
(Contact: Irene, 651-646-2354)

9 Wednesday
The Prime Time Players present Drama and Mystery on the Radio, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library

10 Thursday
Art: 3D, Paint and Clay, ages 3 1/2-6, 4 sessions, 9:30-10:45 a.m., Langford Park Recreation Center
Cooking and Art, ages 3 1/2-6, 4 sessions, 10:45-12:15 p.m, Langford Park Recreation Center

11 Friday
St. Paul public libraries will be closed for Veterans Day
Preschool storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m., St. Anthony Park Library

12 Saturday
Be Well as You Age Film Series: Caregiver Issues and Assistance, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library

14 Monday
Falconers Card Club, 1 p.m., Falcon Heights City Hall

15 Tuesday
Baby storytime, 10:30-11 a.m., St. Anthony Park Library

18 Friday
Preschool storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m., St. Anthony Park Library

20 Sunday
Sunday Afternoon Reading Group, Empire of the Summer Moon by S.C. Gwynne, 2:30 p.m., Micawber’s Books

24 Thursday
Thanksgiving Day

25 Friday
Preschool storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m., St. Anthony Park Library

27 Sunday
Children’s Community Art Show, Undercroft Gallery, St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church

28 Monday
Falconers Card Club, 1 p.m., Falcon Heights City Hall

Block Nurse Exercise
The St. Anthony Park Area Senior block nurse exercise classes meet at these times and places:

- Tuesdays and Fridays, St. Anthony Park Library 3:30-4:15 p.m.
- Mondays and Thursdays, Seal High Rise, 815 Seal St., 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, SAP United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave., 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Contact information:
Falcon Heights City Hall, 2677 Larpenteur Ave., 651-644-5050
Langford Park Recreation Center, 30 Langford Park, 651-298-5765
Micawber’s Books, 2238 Carter Ave., 651-646-5506
Park Midway Bank, 2300 Como Ave., 651-642-0411
St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 3:15-4:15 p.m.
Rise, 825 Seal St., 12:30-1:30 p.m.
St. Paul public libraries will be closed for Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Day

Lyngblomsten Auxiliary’s Annual Scandinavian Cookie & Craft Fair
Friday, December 3, 2011
9:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Newman-Benson Chapel at Lyngblomsten, 1415 Almond Ave., St. Paul
Admittance numbers available at 9:00 AM.
Donations of cookies (and other baked goods) will be collected on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. Please bring them in dozens to the front desk at the Lyngblomsten Care Center.

Questions? Call Allyson Linden at (651) 632-5357.

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Avalon charter school settles into new digs

By Harvey T. Rockwood

Like their University Avenue neighbors, Avalon School is coping with being in the midst of the Central Corridor light-rail system now under construction. School officials say they’ve managed with the noise and daunting traffic jams.

In fact, the school, which includes students in grades seven through 12, pulled off a move of the whole school from its one-time location fronting University to its new location just off Molyve Avenue to the southwest. The sojourn was finished in time for the start of the 2011-12 school year in September. Avalon held a celebration Oct. 12 to mark the switch to the new, well-insulated building that now is home. Carie Bakken, the school’s program coordinator, said the new building is designed around project-based learning. "It builds upon an award for their design," she said.

The school, located at 700 Glendale St. S., is one block east of Raymond Avenue. "Our front door is on Glendale," Bakken said. "Glenzdale does not go through to University so you must get there via Raymond or Pelham and then to Myrtle, which is one block south of University."

The project-based school is built around individualized learning plans, student-initiated projects, small student-centered seminars, public presentations and multidisciplinary senior-thesis projects, Bakken said. Avalon’s project-based learning has replaced conventionally structured classes and grade levels. The school offers post-secondary enrollment options to enable Avalon students to pursue college-level courses and credit at local colleges and universities.

The most distinctive feature of Avalon is the lack of traditional classes and grade levels, Bakken said. Instead of giving students a class schedule to follow throughout the day, students are assigned to multi- age “advisories.” Nearly 200 students are enrolled for 2011-12. With 20 faculty and staff members, the advisory-to-student ratio is one to 18.

The seventh- and eighth-grade model is proposed after the program developed for high school students personalized learning, academic excellence, respectful and safe community, authentic learning, belief in social justice and life-long learning.

Harvey T. Rockwood is a Twin Cities- based freelance writer.
Frederick Cooper
Frederick Alexander Cooper, professor emeritus, Department of Art History at the University of Minnesota, 74, died at his home in Falcon Heights on Sept. 25. He began his teaching career in Minnesota in 1971 and retired in May of this year. He taught art history and was affiliated with the Department of Classical and Near Eastern Studies and the Classical Civilization Program. He is a specialist in ancient Greek architecture, but he appreciated all periods of art, particularly cutting-edge modern.

In addition to his work, he was a 1061 Professor of Classic Studies at the American School of Classical Studies, Athens. Greece, from 1982 to 1985. Cooper received the Morse Alumni Teaching Award in 1993.

His books dealt with the architecture of Greece, notably his four-volume treatise on the Temple of Poseidon at Bassai.

Cooper spent summers in Greece directing archaeological projects and conducting hundreds of students from Europe, the United States, and Canada.

He was preceded in death by his stepdaughter Barbara Griebel. He is survived by his wife, Helen Bradley Foster; daughters, Laura Cooper and Georgia Cooper (Shane Thomas); stepson, Charles Griebel IV (Molly Cole); two sisters; and a brother.

Dolores Gibbons
Dolores “Dee” Gibbons, longtime Falcon Park resident, died Sept. 22 at the age of 103. She was preceded in death by her husband Dan, and her brother, Robert Anderson. She is survived by six sons, Mike, Dan, Tim (Sky Lyn), Duffy (Sally), Kelly (Kathy Jo) and Andy; two daughters, Collin (Carol) Heiskelder and Brig (Dwayne) North; two sisters, Joan Queenel and Lois Britton; a nephew, Dennis (Judy) Anderson; 19 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.


Evelyn Kolars
Evelyn (Linda) Kolars (née Brandenburg), of Falcon Heights, died Sept. 22 at the age of 103. She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry, and was survived by her daughter, Phyllis (Philip) Probst; stepgrandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Helen Brandenburg.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Sept. 27 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, with interment at Fort Snelling.

Eileen Miley
Eileen G. Miley, 90, died Sept. 9. She was born in Rose Township and was a champion 4-H poultry judge in 1941.

After graduating from the University of Minnesota School of Agriculture, class of 1941, she served on the board of that institution for many years. She retired from the Department of Agricultural Economics at the U after 38 years of service.

In retirement, she enjoyed many happy hours with her sewing circle, neighbors at 1660 Coffman and friends at Church of Corpus Christi and St. Anthony Park Leisure Center. She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Grant; sister, Elizabeth Giesen; and foster sister, Beverly Kosiniensna. She is survived by a daughter, Nancy (Richard) Wood River; and grandchildren, Dr. Tim (Dr. Mary) Miley of Hopkins; and one great-grandchild.

Wallace Roepke
Wallace W. Roepke, 83, died Aug. 16, in Sarasota, Fla. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; son, Larry (Mara); daughter, Cheryl; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Oct. 15 at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church in St. Anthony Park.

Sheila Richter
Sheila Richter, former director of the St. Anthony Park Nursery School, died on Oct. 11, at the age of 79, after fighting lung cancer for more than four years. A resident of St. Anthony Park, she has been teaching in Falcon Heights schools since 1959, Sheila worked passionately to make the world a better place through teaching, gardening, community endeavors and political activism.

Sheila is survived by her sister in-law, Helen Bradley, and one grandson.

Sheila’s involvement with the St. Anthony Park Nursery School began when her daughters attended in the early 1960s. In 1979, she became the school’s director and lead teacher, and she continued in those roles until retiring in 2000. Sheila took pride in working with every student and parent to meet his or her specific needs. Many families returned to Sheila for guidance and support for decades after their children left nursery school. As a parent at the school once said, “Politicians talk community, but Sheila practices it.”

Sheila served on the boards of the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program and the Park Bugle and briefly became a Falcon Heights commissioner. She was active in St. Anthony Park Neighbors for Peace and belonged to two Quaker groups.
Sheila Richter and some of her students from St. Anthony Park Nursery School, circa 2000.

Meet/Support
Al Oertwig
Candidate for School Board

Dates: Oct. 27 and/or Nov. 3
Time: 5 - 6:30 PM
Place: Water & Oil Gallery
506 Kenny Road
(Payne, just north of East 7th St.)
Info: Oertwig2008@hotmail.com

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If you want to know the 50 favorite books of independent booksellers across the country, ask Hans Weyandt, co-owner of Micawber’s Books. By mid-October he’d collected more lists than he cares to count from booksellers spanning the country: from City Lights Books in San Francisco to Harvard Book Store in Boston to sellers in Iowa City, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Phoenix, New York City and Durango, Colo. And the lists keep coming.

What started as a playful project to gather favorites from roughly 20 booksellers has snowballed into a massive work-in-progress. He’s stopped counting the number of lists he’s received.

The project began in August, after a Micawber’s customer asked Weyandt for 10 of his Top 100 books. Initially, he says, he thought she was asking for Micawber’s bestsellers. She said no, she wanted Weyandt’s personal favorites. This set him off on what he calls “a crazy-fun task.” He began to call and email contacts at other stores asking them for a list of 50 favorite reads or best handsells and the names of other booksellers who might be interested in giving him a list.

“My whole goal was to get 20 lists, because I thought that would give us a nice round number of 1,000 books—obviously not all different titles. But I did that, called five or six people originally and went from there,” he says.

“I probably talked to 50 people. Nineteen people got back to me.”

He began posting the lists on his blog on weekdays, starting with his own on Aug. 31. Then he got some media attention. Publishers Weekly ran a story, as did Shelf-Awareness, an industry newsletter that’s published daily on the web. He was asked to address the project in a panel discussion at the fall Midwest Independent Booksellers Association trade show in Minneapolis.

That publicity has prompted even more booksellers to send him lists, though some aren’t quite following the rules, he says. He’s received lists of 100, 60, even 46. And then he gets requests from people who want to change their lists.

One of his favorite contributions came from New Orleans, hand-written by 78-year-old Joseph J. DeSalvo Jr., former lawyer-turned-bookseller, whose store—Faulkner House Books—has the coolest address of any bookstore in the world, Weyandt says: 624 Pirate’s Alley. DeSalvo wrote that his list—which is filled with classics such as Moby Dick and The Odyssey, and books by Tolstoy, Dostoevsky, Joseph Conrad, Mark Twain and William Faulkner, of course—was his Top 50 favorite books at the time he sent the letter but “next month it will likely be a bit different.”

“The whole thing has been a tremendous amount of fun,” Weyandt says. “Every list is weird in its own way.”

He describes the list from the book buyer at City Lights Books in San Francisco: “It’s full of Beat stuff, philosophy, bizarre fiction, and Wind in the Willows pops up. A kid’s book.”

American classics land on every single list, Weyandt says. “That’s why you can count on me to get you all the discounts you deserve.”

“Next up: “My big goal is to get a list from every state,” he says. Any plans to compile and bind this list into book form? “We’re talking about it,” he says. "It’s not a done deal." You can see the lists at micawbers.blogspot.com.
Business Briefs

After more than a century as a family business, Hermes Floral has changed hands. Hermes employees Alan DeGrand and Sandy Biedler bought the store and florist business in July from brothers Don and Jim Hermes. The brothers closed the company’s wholesale plant business this summer. DeGrand had managed the store for eight years and has an extensive background in the florist business.

Georg Sawdey, who has been the Hermes floral designer for many years, has stayed with the new owners.

Many things will stay the same at the store. Hermes will continue to provide flowers for retail, delivery, weddings and funerals. Tree farmers Nancy and Harold Augen will continue to sell their Christmas trees at the store each year. The biggest change is that the new owners will no longer operate a garden center.

Biedler and DeGrand also plan to expand the products in their retail store. “We are looking at bringing in local products,” said DeGrand. They are selling locally-made items such as honey and lotions as well as art on consignment from local artists.

For the week of Nov. 14 to 19, Hermes is offering a promotion where people who bring in two nonperishable food times to be donated to an area food shelf can buy a dozen roses for $10.

Hermes is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sarah Brown of Sarah’s Beauty Salon, 898 Raymond Ave., has brought a new stylist into her studio, Claudia Fousard. She then renovated the salon at the corner of Raymond and Long avenues in March 2003 under the name Sarah Brown at one studio. After working alone for nearly nine years, she decided to “share my space with another hairdresser and open the doors to the neighborhood.” Brown said. “I have found the perfect fit with Claudia Fousard. I am so excited to offer her abilities to you.”

You can contact the salon at 651-209-3479.

Molly Green was named director and lead teacher of the St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church Nursery School, 2200 H Avenue, in July. The nursery school has offered a half-day program to preschoolers for more than 50 years. Green attended the school as a child and notes that the school’s parent board chair, Kara Hridman, and another parent, Gretchen Brouard, are also UMCM nursery school alumni. “It’s a testament to the longevity of this well regarded and well supported center for early learning,” Green said. “I think it’s pretty cool.”

The school is owned by the St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church but does not teach church doctrine. Green said. It offers half-day morning programs with enrollment options for two to five days a week. The school’s curriculum includes integrated music and movement, visual art and the exploration of the natural world. Green is working with the Senior Center at the church to partner with the nursery school on an intergenerational program where the children would read, cook and garden with senior buddies. You can find more out about the program at sapnurseryschool.com.

Holiday Shopping Guide 2011

Merchants: Use the Park Bugle’s full-color Holiday Shopping Guide to help you sell your wares this season. The shopping guide is published with the December Bugle, which will hit the streets on Dec. 19, right before Thanksgiving.

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