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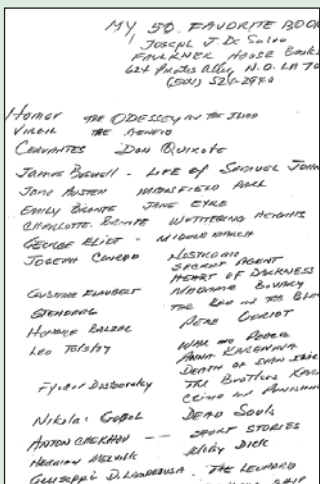
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Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor *ice* will keep this woman and her Lhasa apso from their daily walks.

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Reading lists

A simple task of asking booksellers to list their Top 50 books has snowballed into a massive work-in-progress for local bookseller Hans Weyandt.

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A lovely day for a parade

Como Park Senior High School ROTC members and the school's football team march in Como's first-ever homecoming parade Oct. 15. School officials say they hope this is the start of an annual tradition.
Photo by Megan Thrasher

PEACE CORPS AT 50

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

By Judy Woodward

His father thought he was crazy. His employer was baffled, and many who knew the quiet, rather retiring young man who'd recently graduated from St. Olaf College must have wondered why he was turning his back on a promising career to go spend two years in the jungle. But 21-year-old Robert Hoyle had heard President John F. Kennedy's famous call to service, and he was about to find out the real meaning of "ask what you can do for your country."

In November 1961, 50 years ago this month, Hoyle, who lives in St. Anthony Park, became one of the first two recruits from Minnesota to join the newly formed Peace Corps.

In September, Hoyle and his former Peace Corps colleagues met to reminisce and share memories as the agency celebrated its 50th birthday.

For Hoyle, the choice had been clear. "President Kennedy had called me!" he remembers thinking. How could he refuse? Now in his 70s, Hoyle smiles gently at the memory



Bob Hoyle and his wife, Karen

of the idealistic young man he had once been. "The 'Ask not what your country can do for you' message had electrified people," he says. "I remember thinking, 'If I don't do this, I'll always be sorry.'"

Hoyle was working as an industrial relations intern at Ford Motor Co. and had just been admitted to grad school at the University of Minnesota when he

was accepted by the Peace Corps. After a few months of training, the young man who had barely traveled beyond the borders of his home state was on his way to Dumangas, a town on Panay, a small island in the central Philippines. His family had difficulty locating it on a map. "Eventually my dad gave his blessing," recalls Hoyle, "but his first reaction was, 'Where the hell are the Philippines?'"

Hoyle and his fellow volunteers had been chosen for their adaptability, open-mindedness and resiliency; and they needed whatever inner strength they possessed for their

first days of adjustment to the new society. "All the training in the world doesn't prepare you for the shock" of a new culture, he explains. There were the physical discomforts of a world where everything from the bus seats to the furniture to the dinner portions that were too small for the tall, sturdily built young American. And the disorientation of a country with 76 different languages and the dawning realization that Filipino English bore only a passing

Peace Corps to 10

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Como Park

Good eats at pancake breakfast

The District 10 Como Community Council and the Hubert Humphrey Job Corps Center will host the third annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Job Corps cafeteria, 1480 Snelling Ave. N. Get some ghoulish good eats and help fundraise for District 10 programs. Costumes are welcome.

The menu includes pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk and juice. Tickets are \$5 for ages 13 to adult and \$3 for children ages 3 to 12. Children 2 and under eat free.

You can purchase a ticket in advance at the District 10 office, Historic Streetcar Station, 1224 N. Lexington Parkway, or on the day of the event. Free parking is available in the lot near the intersection of Arlington and Snelling avenues.

Questions? Contact the District 10 office at 651-644-3889 or district10@district10comopark.org.

Try the Como Regional Park self-guided tree identification trek

The District 10 Environment Committee has organized a self-guided tree-identification program to introduce Como Regional Park users to the variety of interesting trees and botanical treasures in the park. For example, the magnolia is a non-native tree that was planted by past horticultural designers. Other unusual trees include the ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, catalpa, black walnut and Kentucky coffee tree. Each tree is signed with additional information. The location of each tree can be viewed on a downloadable map, at district10@district10comopark.org.

The Environment Committee recommends that you start with the green ash by the fountain. Trees you will find on the identification trek are Austrian pine, black locust, black walnut, bur oak, hackberry, honey locust, mulberry, Ohio buckeye, red oak, Scotch pine, white fir and white pine.

Send your nominations for the Neighborhood Honor Roll

It's time to nominate a deserving neighbor for the annual Neighborhood Honor Roll, set for Friday, Jan. 20. Each year, St. Paul residents can nominate a neighbor who helps make their neighborhoods a better place to live, work and play. These awards typically go to members of our community who have made a sustained and lasting impact in the neighborhood and city.

Those nominated and chosen for the Honor Roll attend a dinner

on their behalf, along with three honorees from each of the 17 district councils 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@district10comopark.org no later than Sunday, Nov. 13 at midnight.

Como pool nears 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 plastered 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 Halloween Party

Lauderdale's annual Halloween 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, hot 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, 651-266-2171, to get absentee voting materials sent to them.

Falcon Heights

Vote for city offices on Nov. 8

This City of Falcon Heights will elect a mayor and two at-large city council members on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Residents living east of Snelling Avenue will vote at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, 1795 Holton St. Residents living west of Snelling will vote at Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 Larpen Avenue. W. Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Visit the city website, www.falconheights.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. Larpen Avenue, starting Oct. 25. The single-class drop-in rate is \$12 or \$10 for students (identification required). The cost for six sessions is \$51 for Falcon Heights residents or \$57 for nonresidents. Register at www.falconheights.org-parks and recreation.

St. Anthony Park

Raymond Avenue traffic calming public hearing is Nov. 2

A public hearing for on the Raymond Avenue Traffic Calming project will be held Wednesday, Nov. 2, at 5:30 p.m. at the St. Paul City Hall, 15 Kellogg Ave. Visit www.sapcc.org/raymondtrafficcalming for information on the project. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, send your testimony to Councilmember Russ Stark before the hearing by emailing ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

District to use ranked-choice voting for LRT station names

The St. Anthony Park Community Council will be using the ranked-choice voting system to help determine its recommendation to the Met Council for the two station names in our neighborhood. Visit sapcc.org for instructions for voting and a link to the poll for the Raymond Avenue station. Send your recommendations for names for the station presently referred to as Westgate to lauren@sapcc.org so they can be included in a separate poll.

Calling all artists: Participate in creative placemaking

If you are an artist—of any level, experience or discipline—who lives, works or has a personal investment in Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) neighborhoods, Irrigate invites you to use your talents to have an impact on your neighborhood, your local businesses and organizations, and the light-rail corridor. Irrigate is offering creative placemaking training workshops, after which artists will be eligible for collaborative placemaking project funding through a simple application process. For more details and registration information, visit irrigatearts.org.

Creative ConCensus survey looks at creative enterprises in area

Clues that a creative and artistic community exists in the Raymond and University area can be found in the embellished stairwells, diverse building directories and the occasional intriguing window, but it's been hard to quantify the numbers and types of creative enterprises. Thanks to a grant from CURA for research assistance, the St. Anthony Park Community Council, has a better picture of who works in the creative enterprises and what they do. You can download a copy at sapcc.org/creativeconcensus.

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Electric cars? Bring 'em on

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.

What once seemed a lost cause—have you seen the activist documentary *Who Killed the Electric Car?*—is now solid reality. In fact, not only are electric vehicles rolling into showrooms, there's a sequel to that documentary arriving in the Twin Cities next month: *Revenge of the Electric Car*.

As car manufacturers begin stocking local dealerships with their electric vehicles (called EVs), buyers will be looking for charging stations,

to be sure. St. Paul is ready.

Planners for the City of St. Paul joined federal and local stakeholders to help provide start-up infrastructure for the new electric vehicles. Thanks to a creative combination of energy-efficiency funding, gap financing and public/private partnerships, public

a public charging station on the second level (at a cost of \$1 an hour), while RiverCentre off Kellogg Boulevard and the Smith Avenue Ramp each have two stations that will cost \$3 for a "charging session" of up to four hours.

Monthly commuters can enjoy several downtown parking choices.

Lowertown Ramp off Sibley Street offers two stations for monthly contract parkers. 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

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Como Park Pavilion will have two solar-powered plug-in stations installed in December.

EV charging stations are cropping up all over town.

Como Park Pavilion will host two ChargePoint plug-in stations come December. The stations will use solar arrays and service will cost \$1 an hour. Downtown St. Paul has seen stations pop up in parking garages. The Spruce Tree Ramp hosts

Site plan for 650 Pelham rejected

By Anne Holzman

In a victory for neighborhood groups seeking development friendly to walkers and bikes, the St. Paul City Council voted Oct. 12 to reject a site plan put forth by St. Paul Port Authority and developer John N. Allen of Industrial Equities for an office and warehouse business at 650 Pelham Blvd.

Speaking after the meeting, Councilmember Russ Stark said concerns about parking for the site weighed heavily in his successful motion to grant the neighborhood groups' appeal of the city's previous approval of the plan.

"Even though it's an industrial use, which we welcome, the site plan didn't fit" with other plans for development of the area, Stark said.

Central Corridor area plans call for building right up to the street rather than allowing setbacks for parking lots, as Allen's plan showed, Stark said.

The site, now a grassy vacant lot, lies on the east side of Pelham, bordered by Interstate 94 to the south and Wabash Street to the north. It borders the planning area for the Raymond Avenue light-rail station, which shows a park called Wabash Commons to the north and undefined buildings abutting the street at 650 Pelham.

The site is surrounded by industrial uses, at least some of which would remain in place under the evolving plans. "We need to make industrial development fit into our hopes and dreams for the Central Corridor, because a big part of our vision is to attract good-paying jobs and new housing to the same area," Stark said.

However, Desnoyer Park, a large residential area, lies just over the bridge across I-94, and neighbors noted that Pelham Boulevard is a north-south artery in the city's bike

plans and will serve as a pedestrian connection between their neighborhood and the light-rail line.

Neighbors questioned whether the plan really would boost employment and objected to aesthetic shortcomings in a neighborhood trying to establish itself as a center of creative arts.

District Council 13 (Union Park District Council) board member Anne White submitted a letter to the City Council on Oct. 11 asking that the challenge to Allen's site plan be upheld.

"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 become a thriving TOD [transit-oriented development] district around the Raymond LRT station," White wrote.

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EDITORIAL

The Bugle and you: A shared legacy

The *Park Bugle* that lands on your doorstep each month is more than the culmination of a month's worth of work. It is the legacy of a commitment made more than 36 years ago, to tell and share the stories of our neighborhood – Como Park, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale and St. Anthony Park.

You are a critical part of that legacy.

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This year, we are hoping to raise \$35,000 in donations from readers like you.

As a business, the *Bugle* does not take your support for granted. We are committed to earning it by covering the stories, personalities and issues that people want and need to know about – and won't find anywhere else. Readers and advertisers turn to the *Bugle* to learn about the impact of light rail on our

community, to track the performance of high school sports teams or to celebrate the achievements of neighbors and friends.

We are also committed to being wise stewards of donations by readers and advertisers. This means operating as efficiently as possible, and making strategic investments that will boost the *Bugle's* relevance and importance to readers and advertisers alike for years to come. Donations last year, for example, will be used to upgrade the *Bugle* website.

If you've donated to the *Bugle* in the past, thank you; please consider giving more this year. If you've not given, now is the time. You will make it possible for the *Bugle* to keep telling our stories for another five, 10 or 35 years.

You can donate at www.ParkBugle.org and click on the green "giveMN.org" button in the upper-right corner. You can even set up automatic monthly payments. Or mail a check to: Park Bugle, P.O. Box 8126, St. Paul, MN 55108.—*Eric Wieffering, president, Park Press Inc.*

COMMENTARY

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 by the truckload. Sierra Club bumper stickers abound.

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, and we 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 diesel, coal, firewood and other fuels are burned, kills people, mostly due to cardiovascular and respiratory ailments. The health science on this question is widely accepted.

How many people? Each year more than 24,000 Americans die prematurely due to fine particulates,

according to a recent study by the Massachusetts-based Clean Air Task Force. On average, their lives are shortened by 14 years. (See: www.catf.us/resources/publications/files/Dirty_Air_Dirty_Power.pdf.)

Diesel trucks and buses are a major source of particulates in our air. Nationwide, they make up only 2 percent of the vehicle fleet, but they account for one-quarter of all particulate emissions and one-third of nitrogen-oxide emissions. Nitrogen oxide is a precursor of ground-level ozone, also deadly. (See: des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/factsheets.)

Diesel engines have become much cleaner in the past decade or two, but they're still dirtier than all but a tiny fraction of cars, especially those in trucks that are more than five years old.

How many garbage trucks pass down your alley every week? I know that number for my alley, having conducted an exhaustive and exhausting study. That is, I sauntered down our alley with the dog for three blocks last Tuesday, counting garbage containers not hidden away in garages.

On my alley block I spotted containers from five different haulers. On the next block down, four. And on the block below that, five again. All told, at least seven different trucks travel one or more segments of the three-block stretch. Every week.

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 garbage haulers. Some like a small company. Some like one that is owned locally, regardless of size. Some know, and care deeply about, the location of the landfill to which their refuse is taken.

Being a loyal soul myself, I understand the impulse to resist change. But in this case I urge a certain flexibility. These considerations are trumped, hands down, by that of particulate emissions in the neighborhood.

I understand, too, the appeal of having several companies from which

to choose. The competition keeps prices down. Each hauler has to be attentive; none can gouge any of us.

But that competition would still exist if one hauler took garbage once each week from six or eight blocks in my area, and another hauler took garbage once each week from yours. Air quality would improve all around.

Many companies offer discounts to residents who band together to use the same hauler in a given area. Call a few and get the details. Then, if you're more courageous than I, work to convince your neighbors to agree on one. Any one.

Garbage trucks are noisy and heavy. They wake us early and they shorten the life of our alley pavement. These are excellent reasons to reduce truck density. But they pale in comparison to the effects on air quality and the health of our kids and everyone else who breathes the air.

Let's protect our environment and our health by reducing garbage-truck traffic.

Jay Coggins has lived in St Anthony Park since 1995.

Give the Max to the Bugle on Nov. 16

Give to the Max Day is a 24-hour opportunity from GiveMN.org to give to the *Park Bugle* and help us receive matching grants for your donation and qualify for prize grants. From 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16, you can

give to the max by going to www.parkbugle.org and clicking on the green Donate Now button at the top of the page.



L E T T E R S

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 a 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 dialog 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 urge 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, 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 Veblen-Mortenson, parent
Chelsea Heights
Elementary School*

Our public schools are a vital institution in the life of our city and the management of that institution 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*

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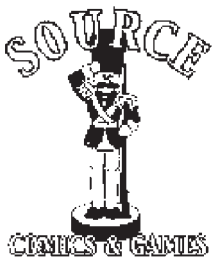
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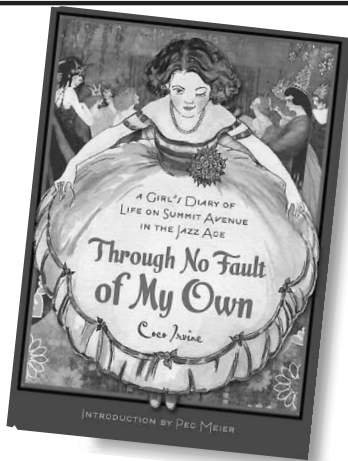
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Electric cars from 3

Highland Village (at Kenneth Street). 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,

these cars are looking more attractive.

What is an EV? It's not simply one kind of car but a spectrum of technologies. Consumers will have choices. While there are caveats in buying an EV, including sensitivity to the kind of cold weather like we have in Minnesota, handsome federal tax breaks will reward early adapters, and rebates from manufacturers are geared to ease the cost of installing home-charging systems.

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 beefy 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 line 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 Mini-E, already tooling around on the coasts. Meanwhile, Tesla's 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/eeebg.html

* **Drive Electric Minnesota:**
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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 have 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.

Were I 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 perfunctory annual trip 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. There. 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 anyone not just back from an internship on Neptune knows, Asperger's is on the autism spectrum, so hearing that my son was thus afflicted was alarming: To people my age, the word *autism* conjures an image of a helmeted child sitting alone in a rubber room bouncing a ball on the floor for his entire life. To find out, then, that my son is in the same neurological group ...

But then I found out he's not anywhere near that rubber room, and



Adam Granger

that helmeted kid shouldn't have been either, that those rooms existed because we didn't know how else to deal with autism and somewhere along the way I realized that my impatience with my son was equally inappropriate and archaic.

By now, we're pretty much all hip to the more dramatic negative elements of Asperger's syndrome: social awkwardness, poor eye contact, hypersensitivity to various stimuli, eccentric speech habits, self-absorption, obsessive focus on one subject, compulsive adherence to routine and—a new word—*stimming*, 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 posterior 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.

My son's diagnosis and the counseling we're getting are a godsend to our family. My occasional

concerns that his diagnosis will become an end unto itself, with him not trying to make life in the neurotypical (another new word) world work, prove consistently to be without foundation. If he ever plays the Asperger's Card, it is rare and, I would guess, legit.

The questions I am pondering are: Would my life have been better had I been diagnosed and treated for whatever it is that's wrong with me? Was there character-building value to my growing up in a world at a time that said, essentially, "Get over it, kid," or would I have flourished earlier had I not had to blaze a sometimes-perilous DIY trail? How would my son's life be different if he hadn't been diagnosed? When is it appropriate to play that Asperger's Card, and when should one say, "I think I'll just try getting over this one?" And should we be referring to people, as I did above, as "having Asperger's"—as though it were scurvy—when in fact the syndrome defines a broad peninsula on which all of us own property?

That's right, all of us: Read those Asperger's traits again and tell me there's a person living who doesn't have any of them to some degree. And if, against odds, there is, then they're on some other spectrum. There's not one of us who doesn't have something about which any reasonable person would say, "Now that's weird."

So here's my suggestion: I'll keep on counting steps and spokes and bricks, you keep on doing your quirky little things and my son can keep doing his, and we'll all watch each others' backs and intervene if there's a need to. Deal?

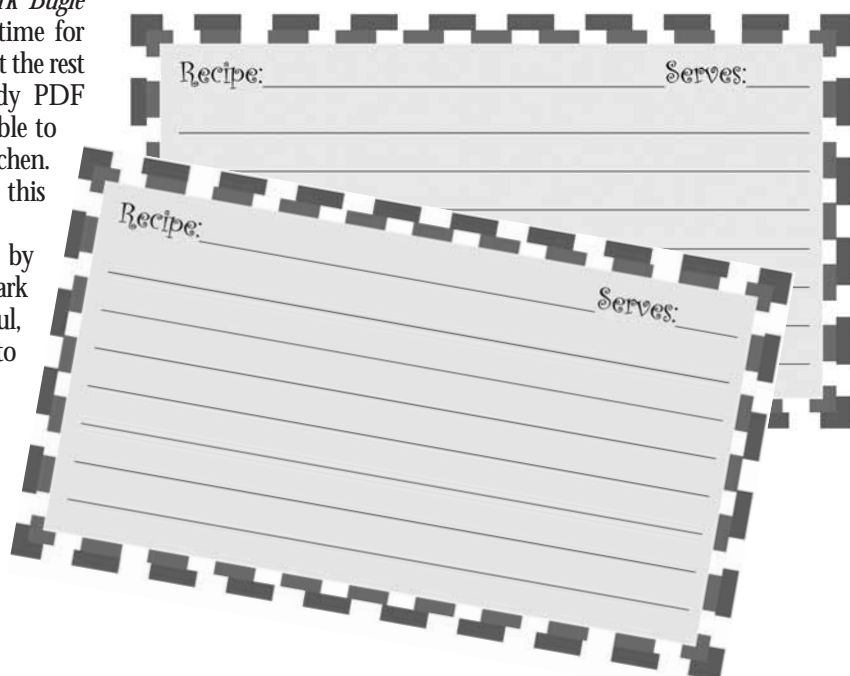
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Adam Granger lives in St. Anthony Park (in the shadow of the trestle).

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Pelham site plan from 3

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 nonnerv records (which list the

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."

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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 Luther Seminary, 2481 Como Ave., where it will be archived and catalogued for research both in the library and online.

The 88-year-old's gift reflects his open-minded approach to church music and his eclectic curiosity about other cultures and languages, said Paul Westermeyer, Luther Seminary professor of church music. Cartford is an authority on Scandinavian and Spanish music and liturgy, and the musical, theological and historical works in the collection are priceless.

In recognition of this gift, the seminary is hosting "Oh, Sing to the Lord: Gerhard Cartford and the Cartford Collection of Worship, Music, and the Arts," a hymn sing and reception in honor of the Cartfords on Thursday, Nov. 3. The hymn sing begins at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of the Cross in Northwestern Hall at the Seminar. A reception will follow in the lower atrium at 3 p.m. The hymn sing will be led by Westermeyer and Mark Sedio (emeritus organist of Luther Seminary and cantor at Central Lutheran Church).

Cartford came by his knowledge of Scandinavian culture through his parents, Richard Cartford and Marie Morensen, both Norwegian immigrants. After meeting at St. Olaf College in Northfield, the couple married and then attended Luther Seminary, where Richard became a pastor. They then traveled as missionaries to Madagascar, where Gerhard spent most of his childhood. Even then, he was interested in other cultures and the variety of religious practices. He learned English and Norwegian from his parents, and French and Malagasy from the surrounding culture. At the age of 16, Cartford left Madagascar without his parents and traveled by ship for two months to France and Norway, stopping at many ports along the way. This trip fed his curiosity about the wider world.

From Norway, he traveled to Northfield, Minn., where he lived with his older brother, Olaf, and attended high school. After serving in the army for three years, he attended St. Olaf College, graduating in 1948 with a degree in music. He next attended Union Theological Seminary in New York City, where he met his wife-to-be, Polly Ferguson

(also a music student), and received a master's degree in sacred music. The couple traveled to Oslo, Norway, where Gerhard was on a Fulbright Scholarship. While there, he met parishioners from Grace Lutheran Church of Eau Claire, Wis. They recruited him to be their minister of music and brought him back to the Midwest.

After serving three years in Eau Claire, Cartford decided he needed to become more grounded in liturgy. He was hired as an organist and choir director at both Luther Seminary and Bethel Lutheran Church, Minneapolis. His search for meaning in liturgy led him to the University of Minnesota, where he earned a doctorate in musicology. He then was hired by Texas Lutheran College, where he taught music for 13 years and directed the chapel choir.

"I was a sort of itinerant musical evangelist," Cartford said. He went on to teach worship and church music for three years at Luther Northwestern Seminary, where he helped to assemble the liturgical music for the new *Lutheran Book of Worship*, and was later hired as a musical missionary by the American Lutheran Church. After spending four years in Bogota, the Lutheran World Federation hired him as a director of music and worship. He served six years in Buenos Aires and a year and a half in Santiago, Chile.

He had learned Spanish by studying in Mexico for eight months before going to Colombia and was keenly interested in the local music. After leaving South America, Cartford became co-editor of the Spanish language hymnal that was created for Hispanic communities, translating from Spanish to English.



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

Quite a few of these Spanish hymns ended up in the present hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. Gerhard has continued to write liturgical music, often setting Psalms or other biblical passages to music.

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.


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resemblance to the language he'd grown up speaking in Minnesota. And the psychology of a culture where public shame can be a deadly social deterrent. Everything was unfamiliar and needed to be mastered by the young volunteer.

Hoyle laughs when he recalls a mass meeting conducted in Filipino English where the subject under discussion was "galvanized tin sheets" used in construction. The trouble was, the Filipino pronunciation made use of the short *i* sound, transforming "sheets" into a word that the gently reared Hoyle had never before heard uttered in public.

But that was nothing to the shock that he felt when he asked the district supervisor of the local school why the man carried a 45-caliber pistol. The official told him, "There are a lot of mad dogs around here." Hoyle pauses. "But he didn't mean dogs."

The shock of the new cut both ways. Hoyle remembers the uninhibited wonder with which his prospective students at the local school took their first look at blue-eyed Americans. The Peace Corps volunteers had what the smooth-skinned Filipinos found completely unfamiliar: European body hair. "We arrived in the central square, and the kids piled out of school. Right away, they started stroking the hair on our arms," Hoyle explains. "A little girl looked in my eyes and asked, 'Do you see blue?' She'd never seen white people before."

"It was a time of discovery," Hoyle says, and one conversation from that time has stuck with him. A Catholic missionary priest told him, "When you come here, you have a soft heart; but crying is of no worth to anyone. When you leave, you'll have a hard heart, but one that understands. ... You'll be more effective then."

Sargent Shriver, the dynamic first director of the Peace Corps (and, not-so-coincidentally, the brother-in-law of JFK) made the same point when he visited Hoyle's remote village a year or so later. Hoyle and



Twenty-one-year-old Bob Hoyle (right) and Mike Menster (left) are welcomed to the town of Dumangas by Ramon Durmendes, the mayor of the community. Hoyle was one of the first Minnesotans to be accepted into the Peace Corps 50 years ago.

fellow volunteers made lunch for Shriver and then presented him with a long list of complaints about daily problems they were having. Shriver listened to the discourse, then told them frankly, "You guys didn't think you were going to help anyone here, did you? Your help to this place will come years from now when you've become the leaders of a more informed American foreign policy."

Although Hoyle eventually created close ties with the villagers—friendships that now extend to the second and third generations of their families—he also recognizes that Shriver's words were prophetic. Hoyle went on to a long career of international service. Until his retirement in 2005 he was the head of the International Institute of

Minnesota on Como Avenue, a job he enjoyed so much that he says, "They paid me a salary for doing just what I wanted to do."

He also spent years organizing international aid projects for nongovernmental organizations. At least one local businessman benefited directly from Hoyle's work. Mahmoud Shahin, the proprietor of Lori's Coffee House and Mim's Café on Cleveland Avenue, grew up in Halhul, a town on the Palestinian West Bank. The health clinic he attended as a child had been built decades earlier under Hoyle's leadership, by the Lutheran World Federation. Hoyle remembers showing Shahin photos taken of the

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 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 Minnesota. For news, 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."

Swedenborg says that her exposure to Mali society has also taught her something about her own country. "I have never been a fan of the culture of consumption in America," she reports. "On the other hand, there are things about America in which I have a renewed pride: our creativity, . . . our freedom, our efficiency, our education system and our relatively functional democracy."

Finally, like Hoyle, she's confident that the relationships she is building as a volunteer will stay with her for life. "I'd say that the projects we are doing are actually less meaningful than the relationships we build," she notes. "I don't think I will ever lose my connection to this country, or my desire to make the lives of my friends and [host] family here easier."

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 Roseville Library and a regular contributor to the Park Bugle.



Peace Corps volunteer Eliza Swedenborg and her host sister, Amie, at her host family's compound in Mali, where Swedenborg has been for more than a year.

Voices

Arla Savage

By Judy Woodward

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.

Next Fourth of July [the late, longtime St. Anthony Park resident], Igor Razskazoff and his Oompah 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



Arla Savage and her dog, Riley. Photo by Lori Hamilton

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].

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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.

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Pastor Glenn Berg-Moberg

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*.

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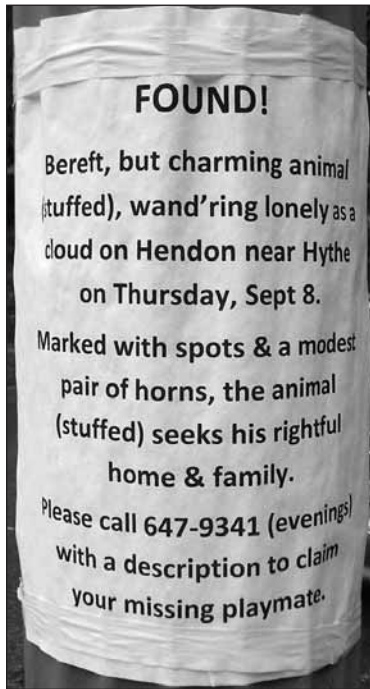


Neighbors

Lost and found

The lost (stuffed) critter found by St. Anthony Park residents Gordon and Barbara Murdoch back in September remains in the care of its finders. Despite taping signs on lampposts (see below) and posting listserv notices in the community, the Murdochs haven't heard a word about the origins of the poor (stuffed) animal.

"Not a peep," Gordon said. "I actually suspect our signs were too cute and not a sufficiently straightforward communicative. I've thought of replacing the signs with something more direct: 'Lose your giraffe? Cute toy. Wants to come home.' " Murdoch said the animal could become a dog toy "but it is cute and we hate to think of it just being shredded."



Roseville senior named National Merit Semifinalist

Margaret DiGiorno, St. Anthony Park resident and senior at Roseville Area High School, has been named a National Merit Semifinalist. The 2012 National Merit Scholarship program awards this honor to students who score in the top 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors on the preliminary SAT test.

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 651-644-5440 for more information.

Looking for a good scare?

Two Ramsey County organizations are offering frights this Halloween.

The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office's annual Fright Farm Haunted House is open Friday, Oct. 28, through Monday, Oct. 31, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Located at White Bear and Frost avenues in Maplewood, 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, Harriet Alexander Nature Center, 2520 N. Dale St., Roseville, is hosting Spooktacular Saturday, Oct. 29, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Activities include treats, music, face painting, a hayride and more. The event is designed for children 10 and under. Cost is \$6 per person. Call 651-792-7110 to register.

Halloween at Gibbs

An Old-Time Halloween celebration will be held at Gibbs Museum, 2097 Larpenteur Ave. W., Sunday, Oct. 30, from noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors 62 and older, and \$5 for children ages 2-16. Music, activities, crafts and food are included in admission. Find out more by calling 651-646-8629.

St. Anthony Park Community 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., Thursday, Nov. 3, 5-7 p.m.

Old-time radio at the library

The Prime Time Players will present "Drama and Mystery on the Radio" Wednesday, Nov. 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2245 Como Ave. 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 the 1930s and 1940s, old-time 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 Judy Payne, 651-646-4565, for more information.

St. Paul Vocal Forum's concerts inspired by 9/11 anniversary

"Sing Me to Heaven: Love Songs and a Requiem," 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, Karin Barrett, has programmed 10 works that touch on love, grief, loss and hopefulness, including Herbert Howells' Requiem and music by William Harris, Stephen Paulus, Ralph Vaughn Williams and others.

The concerts will be held on three dates in November:

* **Sunday, Nov. 6,** 7 p.m.: St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Roseville

* **Saturday, Nov. 12,** 7 p.m.: Salem Lutheran Church in North Minneapolis

* **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 Mingled Dream," 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. The work 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 Be Well As You Age 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 ElderCare Rights Alliance will discuss issues caregivers face in taking care of themselves. The film *The Dollmaker* will also be shown.



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 Hestness—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 Miss 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 30 pay half their age. Discounts are also available for seniors, Fringe button holders and members of the Minnesota Historical Society.

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

Audubon talk to address the decline of purple martins

"Purple Martins in Minnesota: 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, 1910 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

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

The range of media includes oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, encaustic, collage, printmaking, photography, stained glass and sculpture. In addition, the Women's Drum Center 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, 2136 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 noon 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 St. 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 612-987-5567.

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 Jeanne d'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.



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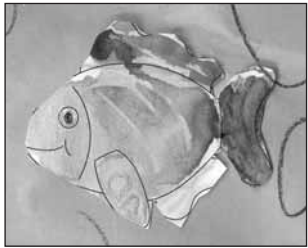
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Any questions, please contact Antonia Busby at 612-987-5567.

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, 651-645-3058

NOVEMBER

Events

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, "Tis the Season—Tran-seasonal Designs and Bulb Forcing," 7-8 p.m., business meeting at 6:30 p.m., St. Matthews 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, Vestments by John Reimringer, 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 6-15, 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, 6:30-7:30 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 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. Matthews Episcopal Church

28 MONDAY

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

BLOCK NURSE EXERCISE

The St. Anthony Park Area Seniors block nurse exercise classes meet at these times and places:

Tuesdays and Fridays, St. Anthony Park Library, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Mondays and Thursdays, Seal High Rise, 825 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, 2077 Larpeur 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.

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

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Como Park Senior High
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Former Como Park Senior High School biology teacher Josh Leonard, who now directs Belwin Nature Center in Afton, has opened the center to older students. In mid-October, **Como students visited Belwin** as part of a biology and history interdisciplinary activity. The students used the environmental learning to reflect and connect with this year's History Day theme of "Revolution, Reaction and Reform." History teacher Nancy Plagens and biology teacher Kathy Kahn teamed up in hopes that some of the students will find a theme for their project in an environmental or science context.

Como Park's student council is holding a **food drive from Oct. 24 to Nov. 18** for the Emergency Food Network. Each grade will compete to see who can bring in the most canned and boxed food items. The winning class will receive a \$200 donation from the Student Council.

James Otto, computer technology instructor, is the new **Robotics Team** coach and advisor. The purpose of the Robotics Team is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering and technology skills. It's described as the varsity sport for the mind. Teams of 25 students or more are challenged to raise funds, design a team "brand," hone teamwork skills and build and program robots to perform prescribed tasks against a field of competitors. It is as close to real-world engineering as a student can get.

The **Cougar's boys soccer team finished 7-3 in the conference**, which earned second place. Head coach Eric Erickson was selected as the St. Paul City Conference Coach of the Year. All-conference honors were awarded to senior forward He Moo, junior goalie Joe Krivit and sophomore defender Yeng Yang. All-conference honorable mention was awarded to the starting defenders senior Hussein Mohamed, sophomore Hsa D Moo and sophomore Zach Lee.

The **College Board has recognized 72 Como students** from the classes of 2011 and 2012 for their outstanding performance on AP exams. The Advanced Placement Scholars (students who score a 3 or higher on three or more AP exams)

are Joel Alemseged, Siri Berg-Moberg, Carter Brown, Ian Carriere, Geneva Cole, Feven Gerezgiher, Shawn Halvorson, Andrew Hanson, Evan Hanson, Dylan Heise, Aaron Johnson, Giri Kasuh, Mara Keyes, David Kutschke, Nicole La Fontaine, Sydney Law, Robert Maniak, Kevin Muehlbauer, Jared Nelson, Sophie Nielsen, Allan Ojambo, David Quach, Tyler Redden, Nate Rue, Greta Schrader, Kristel Spiegelberg, Jonathan Tetlie, Gina Thompson, Kayla Vorlicky, Katherine Wackett, Rachel Wolters, Vang Yang, Anders Ziebell and Zachary Zippel.

The AP Scholars with Honors (students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams) are Nathan Brant, Hayley Frederick, Maxwell Freier, Rebecca Hervonen, Michaela Leimberer, Reid McConnell-Johnson, Haley Mesick, Erik Sateren, Dean Shaff, Anne Sinner, Joanna Swenson, May Hlub Vang and Panra Yang.

The AP Scholars with Distinction (students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams) are Neil Anderson, Zoe Bartholomew, Matthew Buechler, Whitney Burke, Laura Burnes, Collin Davis-Johnson, Alexander Edgerton, Peder Erickson, Andrew Fate, Lia Hansen, Claire Holdreith, Megan Jacot, Craig Knuth, Rachel Lee, Sydney Marshall, Michael McMahon, Justin Miller, Sean O'Connell, Michael Peterson, Keith Phelps, Sergio Portesan, Chelsea Preiner, Adam Reece, Mabel Smebakken and Haley Van Cleve.

The National AP Scholars (students who receive an average score of at least 4 on all AP exams taken) are Zoe Bartholomew, Matthew Buechler, Collin Davis-Johnson, Andrew Fate, Rachel Lee, Justin Miller, Michael Peterson and Haley Van Cleve.

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

A parent forum, "**The Adolescent Brain, a Work in Progress**," will be held on Monday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m. in the school library. The presentation will include information from current research on adolescent

growth and approaches to help parents as their children go through the profound changes at this time of their lives. All are welcome.

The Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center's environmental and multicultural leadership retreat will be held Nov. 7-11. Fifty-six students and 16 eighth-grade student leaders will spend the week doing the usual environmental activities, but the leaders will also teach classes on four of the major cultures represented at Murray. Parent volunteers, administration and staff accompany the students.

Murray had more than 160 student athletes participate in fall sports. In mid-October, girls volleyball, boys soccer and co-ed flag football teams were all undefeated. The girls soccer team had one loss. Girls basketball and wrestling will begin the first week of November.

University of Minnesota graduate students and Dr. John Ward from the Plant Biology Department are mentoring more than 15 Murray science students with their science fair projects. The science fair is in January. More can be seen at murray.spps.org.

St. Anthony Park Elementary
2180 Knapp St., 651-293-8735
www.stanthony.spps.org

A group of volunteer parents have launched an after-school **Math Club for grades 4 through 6** to challenge students and help make math fun. The club started in October and meets every other Wednesday until April. Contact Phil Carlson at phil.carlson@bonestroo.com for more information.

The school is holding **SAP Night at Davanni's**, 1905 Perimeter Road, Roseville, the last Wednesday of the month in October and November: Oct. 26 and Nov. 30. The school receives 20 percent of all purchases on these monthly fundraising nights.

The **second-grade family science night** will be held Monday, Nov. 4, from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. in the multipurpose room. The event will include hands-on science stations and whole-group activities.

Charter schools hold progressive open house

Four St. Paul charter schools will hold a progressive open house on Tuesday, Nov. 15, from 5 to 8 p.m. Great River, Avalon, River's Edge and Twin Cities Academy will offer refreshments and information during the three-hour open house. You can visit the schools in any order you choose.

Here are the addresses and phone numbers of each school:

- * **Great River School** (grades 7-12), 1326 Energy Park Drive, 651-305-2780
- * **Avalon School** (grades 7-12), 700 Glendale St., 651-649-5495
- * **River's Edge Academy** (grades 9-12), 88 West Plato Blvd., 651-234-0150
- * **Twin Cities Academy** (grades 7-12), 835 East 5th St., 651-205-4797



Gabbie Hedberg, left, and Gabbie Ryan work on projects in Avalon's new learning area. Avalon has moved to a new site just southwest of University and Raymond avenues. *Photo by Harvey T. Rockwood*

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 Myrtle 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. Carrie Bakken, the school's program coordinator, said the new building is designed around project-based learning. "The builders are up for an award for their design," she said.

The school, located at 700 Glendale St., is just one block east of Raymond Avenues. "Our front door is on Glendale," Bakken said. "Glendale 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

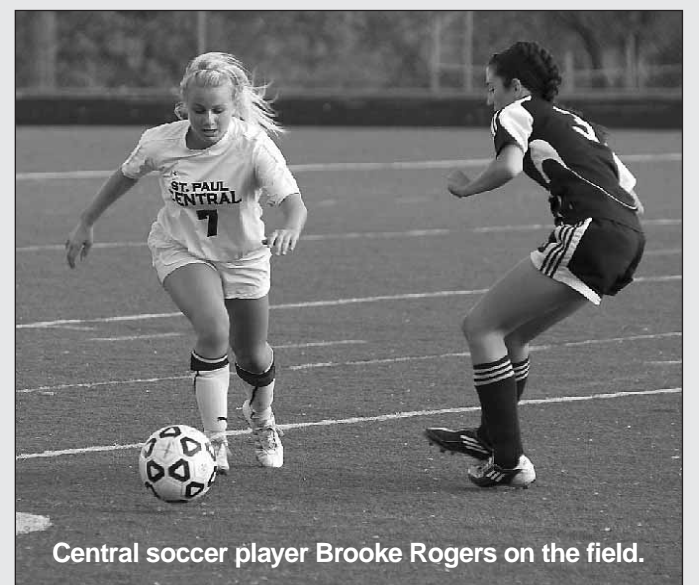
around individualized learning plans, student-initiated projects, small student-centered seminars, public presentations and multidisciplinary senior-thesis projects, Bakken said. Avalon's project-based learning has replaced conventionally structured classes and grade levels. The school offers post-secondary 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 advisor-to-student ratio is one to 18.

The seventh- and eighth-grade program is modeled 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.

SPORTS CORNER



Central soccer player Brooke Rogers on the field.

Jonah Van Why spotlights athletes from Como Park and Central high schools on his blog, Sports Corner. Go to www.parkbugle.org and click on Sports Corner to read all about it.

L I V E S L I V E D

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. His specialty was ancient Greek architecture, but he appreciated all periods of art, particularly cutting-edge modern.

In addition to his tenure at the university, he was Mellon Professor of Classic Studies at the American School of Classical Studies, Athens, Greece, from 1982 to 1985. Cooper received the Morse Alumni Distinguished Teaching Award in 1991.

His books dealt with the architecture of Greece, notably his

four-volume treatise on the Temple of Apollo at Bassai.

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

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

Dolores Gibbons

Dolores “Dee” Gibbons, 84, longtime Como Park resident, died Oct. 5. She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel Gibbons, and brother, Robert Anderson. She is survived by six sons, Mike, Dan, Tim (Sky Lyn), Duffy (Sally), Kelly

(Kathy Jo) and Andy; two daughters, Colleen (Caroll) Hecklinger and Brigid (Dwayne) North; two sisters, Jean Quesnel and Lois Brisson; a brother, Dennis (Judy) Anderson; 19 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 14, at St. Pius X Catholic Church in White Bear Lake, with interment Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Evelyn Kolars

Evelyn Lucinda Kolars (née Brandenburg), of Falcon Heights, died Sept. 22 at the age of 103.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry, and six brothers and sisters, Louise, Lena, Rudolph, Raymond, Laura and William. She is survived by her daughter, Phyllis (Philip) Probst; three grandchildren; 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 1666 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 Koshenina. She is survived by a daughter, Nancy (Richard) Wenkel of Falcon Heights; a son, Dr. Tim (Dr. Mary) Miley of Hopkins; and one grandson.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 15 at Church of Corpus Christi in Roseville, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

Wallace Roepke

Wallace W. Roepke, 83, died Aug. 16, in Sarasota, Fla. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; son, Larry (Marcia); 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 and Falcon Heights since 1959, Sheila worked passionately to make the world a better place through teaching, gardening, community endeavors and political activism.

Sheila Mills was born in Panama City, Panama, where her father was an American diplomat. She met Marcel Richter when they were freshmen at Swarthmore College, and they married after graduating in 1954. The Richters moved to Minnesota in 1959, when Marcel took a position in the Economics Department at the University of Minnesota. They lived in St. Anthony Park before building a house in University Grove in 1967.

Sheila’s 55-year teaching career spanned nursery school, junior high and high school. After receiving an M.A.T. from Radcliffe College, she taught at a junior high school in Needham, Mass.; at West High School in Minneapolis; at Mounds View High School; and, for more than 20 years, at the St. Anthony Park Nursery School (now the St. Anthony Park Co-op Preschool), which, based on Sheila’s philosophy, continues to help children solve problems and resolve conflicts.

Sheila’s involvement with 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 lives 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,

Community Worship Directory



❖ COMO PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA

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www.comoeveningprayer.org
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651-646-7127
Handicapped Accessible
Sunday Fall Worship Schedule
8:30 and 10:45 a.m. Worship (nursery care provided from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.)
9:35 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Education
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Wednesday, November 23, 7 p.m.: Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Pie Social
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Director of Music Ministry: Thomas Ferry

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1795 Holton St. at Garden, 651-646-2681
www.falconheightsucc.org
Sundays: 10:30 a.m. worship
Communion, first Sunday of the month
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Nov. 6 – 10:30 a.m., Celebration of the Circle of Life
Nov. 10 (Thurs.) – 7 p.m., Juncture One worship
Nov. 13 – 11:30 a.m., Attic Treasure Sale
Nov. 20 – 10:30 a.m., Thanksgiving Sunday
Dec. 1 (Thurs.) – 7 p.m., World AIDS Day service
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❖ HOLY CHILDHOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

1435 Midway Parkway, St. Paul, MN 55108 Handicap Accessible
Rectory/office 651-644-7495, www.holychildhoodparish.org
Sunday Masses; Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 7:45 and 10 a.m.
Daily Mass 7:45 a.m. with Rosary following Mon.-Thurs. and 6:30 p.m. Thurs.
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❖ MT. OLIVE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH-WELS

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Thursdays at 3rd Place, Nov. 3, 10, 17, Dec. 1 7-8 p.m.
Wednesday Community Dinners 5 – 6:30 p.m.
Thanksgiving Worship – WEDNESDAY, Nov. 23, 7 p.m.
(No Wednesday dinner that night)
Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church 1:30 p.m.

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Nov. 6: All Saints Day Celebration with Dixieland Jazz, 10:30am service
Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Eucharist 10:30am, followed by a
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Sheila Richter and some of her students from St. Anthony Park Nursery School, circa 2000.

the Twin Cities Friends Meeting and the Prospect Hill Friends Meeting.

Sheila is survived by her husband, Marcel; daughters, Cynthia Richter (Martha Reis) and Leila Fiester (Reid Fiester); granddaughter, Soléa Fiester; and grandson, Carlos Reis-Richter.

A celebration of Sheila's life will be held in St. Anthony Park in the spring. Memorials are welcome to Swarthmore College and the American Friends Service Committee.

Mary Jane Selb

Mary Jane Selb (née Farrell), 88, of Como Park, died at home Sept. 20. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray, and son, Mike. She is survived by four daughters, Nancy (Sam), Carol, Joanne (Wayne) Sack and Barbara; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Jerry "Lefty" (June) Farrell.

She was a longtime member of St. Andrew's Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Maternity of Mary Catholic Church Sept. 26, with interment at Calvary Cemetery.

Lorraine Schmugge

Lorraine Schmugge, 86, died Sept. 25. She was a lifelong member of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, where she sang in the choir. She was retired from Deluxe Corporation and enjoyed traveling.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Loren and Reuben Schmugge, and sister, Dorothy

Lindholm. She is survived by her siblings, Marcella Voss, Fred (Doris), Art (Maxine) Schmugge, Betty Crossfield, Bob (Nancy) Schmugge, Luanne Tollefson and Bill (Elvena) Schmugge.

Her funeral service was Oct. 1, at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Como Park, with interment at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery.

Sylvia Snowden

Sylvia L. Snowden, 77, of Como Park, died Sept. 28. She worked in the payroll department at St. Paul Companies. Sylvia will always be remembered for her generous giving and caring for others.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lowell "Vic" Snowden. She is survived by three sons, Steven (Mary Jule) Erickson, Richard (Mary) Erickson and Michael Mahle (Cindy Langseth), and seven grandchildren.

Her funeral service was held Oct. 3 at Mueller-Beis Funeral Home-Roseville.

Grace Steinhauer

Grace R. Steinhauer, 96, of St. Anthony Park, died Sept. 20. Steinhauer graduated from Lamberton (Minn.) High School. She took training that qualified her to teach in rural schools, which she did for one year. She married Armin Steinhauer on Aug. 27, 1934. They lived in Lamberton for seven years, then moved to St. Paul. They moved to St. Anthony Park in 1960.

Steinhauer was a devoted

mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She enjoyed homemaking, gardening and sewing. She served her community through the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, canvassing for charity, serving on a PTA and being a Cub Scout den mother.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Armin; brothers, Arthur, Elmer, Laurence and Norman; and sister, Marie. Grace is survived by three children, four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Sept. 27 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, with interment at Lamberton Cemetery.

Rita Mary Warn

Rita Mary (McLaughlin) Warn, 68, formerly of St. Paul, died peacefully in her home in Mesa, Ariz., on Sept. 12. Rita was known for always telling it like it is with a wink and a smile, her fun-loving and warm nature, acceptance of others and a competitive spirit.

She is loved and missed dearly by her children Dan, Megan, Erin and Matt; her special friend Joe; and six grandchildren.

A remembrance ceremony was held at the Como Lake Pavilion on Oct. 8.

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Business News

American Top 50
(books, that is)

By Kristal Leebrick

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.

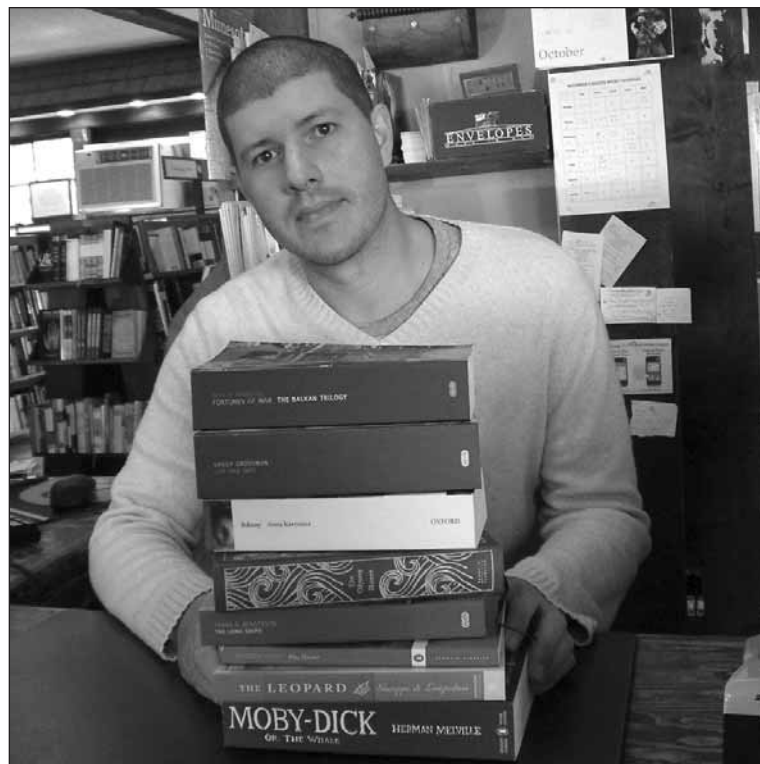
The project began in August, after a Micawber's customer asked Weyandt for 10 of his Top 100 books. Initially, he says, he thought she was asking for Micawber's bestsellers. She said no, she wanted Weyandt's personal favorites.

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 hand-sells 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.



How many lists of favorite reads has Hans Weyandt collected from booksellers across the country? He's lost count. Photo by Emily Blodgett

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 head 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 proof to me that people were listing stuff they actually did love, not to look smart or impress people."

One book that he's seen land on many of the lists is *Up in the Old Hotel* by Joseph Mitchell, who wrote for the *New Yorker* in the 1930s. "It's been a cult classic for years," Weyandt says. "I'm surprised how many lists it's made it onto."

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.

You can find more business news on page 20

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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.

Biedler had managed the store for eight years and has an extensive background in the florist business.

Georgi 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 Haugen will continue to sell their Christmas trees at the store each year. The big 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 Foussard. Brown opened the salon at the corner of Raymond and Long avenues in March 2003 under the name Sarah Brown Hair 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 Foussard. I am so excited to offer her abilities to you." You can contact the salon at 651-209-3479.

Molly Breen was named director and lead teacher of the **St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church Nursery School**, 2200 Hillside Ave., in July. The nursery school has offered a half-day program to preschoolers for more than 50 years. Breen attended the school as a child and notes that

the school's parent board chair, Kara Hirdman, and another parent, Gretchen Broussard, are also UMC nursery school alums. "It's a testament to the longevity of this well regarded and well supported center for early learning," Breen 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, Breen 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. Breen 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 out more about the program at <http://sapnurseryschool.com>.




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opening ceremonies at the clinic. Shahin was amazed to recognize several of his relatives among the dignitaries. Then he pointed to an unfamiliar figure in the photo and asked who it was. "That," responded Hoyle, "was me!"

At their 50th reunion, Hoyle says, "Everybody agreed that we Peace Corps volunteers got more than we gave. The experience gave me confidence. ... Once I'd been in the Philippines, [if] the subject [was] the developing world, I felt I could hold my own with anyone."

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