Red state, blue state

50 years ago, Bugle-area voters leaned Republican, but the partisan divide wasn't quite as deep as it is today

By Judy Woodward

No one who has witnessed the small forest of political lawn signs arising over the last few weeks would be surprised to learn St. Anthony Park, Como Park, Falcon Heights and Lauderdale are among the most reliably Democratic legislative areas in the state.

But was that always the case?

The 1950s and ’60s were a golden era for DFL politics in Minnesota—a time when the national influence of state Democrats far exceeded the state’s Electoral College strength. Hubert Humphrey, Walter Mondale and Gene McCarthy bestrode the national stage in those days, but they did so

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State Fair lawn parking under tax scrutiny

By Roger Bergerson

In the eyes of many residents on the east side of the Minnesota State Fairgrounds, a certain state agency should keep its hands off a neighborhood tradition.

The Minnesota Department of Revenue is dunning those who sell parking space on their lawns during the fair for sales tax on those earnings, in some cases going back six years. Residents on Canfield Avenue, Arona Street, Midway Parkway and Simpson Street are among those known to have been contacted.

The reaction? "It varies greatly," said David Delaney, a revenue tax supervisor in the Sales and Use Tax Division. “Many people are upset about the sales tax law applying to the parkers, but others have been cooperative and very courteous. The department’s primary objective is to encourage voluntary compliance by working with homeowners to help them understand the tax laws and by making paying taxes as easy as possible."

While those people the Park Bugle talked to don’t necessarily dispute that the income is subject to tax, they don’t think it’s right to collect it, though nobody would say so for attribution.

Some feel they are performing a public service; others say the parking fees are a form of compensation for the noise and hassle associated with living close to the fairgrounds. For seniors on a fixed income, it’s a way to defray school expenses. "I work my tail off during the fair, it’s the hardest money I’ve ever made," said a Simpson Street resident. "I’ve said for years all the parkers should boycott one year and hear from the public about the horrible parking situation. Then maybe the naysayers would change their tune."

Another thing people don’t like to talk about is how much money can be made during the fair. With the ebb and flow of traffic and fees ranging from $5 to $20 per space on any given day, that’s somewhat difficult to estimate. But it’s probably safe to say that somebody close to Snelling Avenue with space for 10 cars can take in several thousand dollars during the 12-day run.

Elmer Andersen campaigns in the 1960s. Who wouldn’t vote for a guy who serves coffee out of a camper kitchen? Photo courtesy of the Minnesota Historical Society.

The cover to a 1962 election brochure urges Minnesotans to vote Republican. From the collection of Glen Skovholt

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COMO PARK

Como Park
The District 10 Como Community Council meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Como Streetcar Station, 1224 N. Leighton Parkway

Have a voice in Como planning
District 10 is updating the Como community’s planning document and needs help. The planning process allows citizens to discuss their vision and set priorities for the future of the neighborhood. An updated district plan will assist in creating a vision for the future of Como and in planning for our growth and change. If you are a resident, business owner or otherwise involved in District 10, you are invited to participate in several planning opportunities.

Interested neighbors can attend a community discussion on Monday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Historic Streetcar Station, 1224 N. Leighton Parkway. Participants will have the opportunity to interact and discuss land use, transportation, parks and recreation, housing, water resources and historic preservation.

Also, residents can take an online survey and help set planning priorities by answering important questions about planning issues. The survey will be available through Friday, Nov. 9. The survey is at www.district10comopark.org. District plansurvey.html or you can obtain a hard copy at the District 10 office.

For more information, contact Jessi at 651-644-3889, district10@district10comopark.org or go the the district website, www.district10comopark.org neighborhoodplanning.html.

Pancake Breakfast is Oct. 27
The District 10 Como Community Council and Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Center will host the fourth annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 27, 9-11 a.m. at the Job Corps Cafeteria, 1480 N. Snelling Ave.

Support your district council and join in for fun with the whole family, including pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk and juice. Adults tickets are $6, ages 3-12 years $3, and children under 3 eat for free.

You may purchase a ticket in advance at the District 10 office or on the day of the event. Free parking is available at the lot near the intersection of Arlington and Snelling avenues. Costumes are welcome. All proceeds benefit the District 10 Como Community Council.

Falcon Heights
The Falcon Heights City Council meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpent Ave.

Cities collaborate on sustainability
Mnayor Jeff Dains of Lauderdale, Peter Lindstrom of Falcon Heights and Jerry Faust of St. Anthony Village have been coordinating their residents this fall to collaborate on making their communities more sustainable. The effort is being led and facilitated by University of Minnesota students and instructors as part of coursework regarding the Sustainability M Minor program.

A workshop focusing on development of specific strategies for sustainability will be held on Thursday, Nov. 1, 6-9 p.m., at Silverwood Park’s Great Hall with Silverwoodparks.org/parkserve/wood-park.aspx in St. Anthony Village. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. A workshop was also held in October.

After the November workshop, a report will be compiled for each community to document outcomes from the workshops and recommend next steps.

Mayor Lindstrom highlighted the importance of this work noting that “our short- and long-term health and well-being are directly tied to how smart we are about building and maintaining our communities and carrying out our daily lives.

“We know there’s still plenty of room in our communities to be more strategic and efficient with the resources we use in all our systems—from food and water to transportation and buildings to energy,” he said.

“We want this effort to be jointly held by residents and their local governments and want to partner with our neighboring cities so we can be more effective and have a greater impact. We all matter and can have an impact when it comes to making our lives more sustainable.”

ST. ANTHONY PARK

St. Anthony Park
The District 12 Community Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at South St. Anthony Recreation Center (SSA), 890 Cromwell Ave. The district Land Use Committee meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at SSA. The St. Anthony Park Community Foundation meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of the month. Email erg@sapcc.org to find out the location each month. The next committee meeting is at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month at SSA.

Photos wanted
What images do you think represent St. Anthony Park? District 12 is seeking photos (high-resolution, at least 300 dpi, as .jpg, .tif, or .eps files) for a photo library that will visually represent our community on the Raymond light rail station kiosk. Email photos to lauren@sapcc.org.

Keep leaves out of the street
Prevent pollution of our waterways by keeping your leaves out of the street.

Wheels for recycling bins are available at District 12 office
If you need assistance getting your recycling bin to the curb each week, the District 12 office has wheels that you can attach to your recycling bin. Call 651-649-5992 to schedule a time to pick up a set from our office at 890 Cromwell Ave.

Recycle printer cartridges, phones
The council has partnered with Planet Green, a primary cell and phone remanufacturing and recycling company, to start a fundraiser that recycles recyclable phones and used printer cartridges. Bring your used cartridges and cell phones to the District 12 office, 890 Cromwell Ave., to be recycled and raised for council.

Backyard campfires banned in Falcon Heights and Lauderdale
The St. Anthony Fire Department, which serves the cities of Lauderdale and Falcon Heights, has issued a ban on recreational fires in the two communities due to extreme dry conditions. No campfires, open burning or recreational fires are allowed in the cities of Falcon Heights and Lauderdale at this time.

The City of St. Paul Fire Department has not issued a ban on recreational fires in the two communities at this time.

The district’s Land Use Committee held its bi-monthly meeting on Oct. 11, at 7 p.m., at SSA.

The meeting was held to receive an update from the Job Corps Center andits open house at Park Midway Bank, 2300 Como Ave., on Thursday, Nov. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. The open house will include a presentation about the center and upcoming events.

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Community Foundation’s open house is Nov. 15
The St. Anthony Park Community Foundation will host its annual open house at Park Midway Bank, 2300 Como Ave., on Thursday, Nov. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. The open house will include a presentation about the center and upcoming events for the St. Anthony Park Elementary School music program.

All are welcome to celebrate the community’s nonprofit organizations and find out more about their programs. Join your neighbors and friends for treats, beverages and conversation.
Learn more about bees

Public attitudes toward urban beekeeping grow sweter all the time as the positive benefits of bee pollination to neighborhood gardens and fruit trees are better understood.

• The City of St. Paul permits backyard beekeeping. The city’s Department of Safety and Inspections, in the Animal Control Center, inspects hives and issues annually renewable permits. Call 651-266-1100 or go to www.stpaul.gov/index.aspx?NID=16563.

• The City of Lauderdale’s animal ordinances haven’t specifically addressed the issue of bees at present—chickens are already permitted—but it’s on the urban-farming radar, according to city administrator Ester Bulkowski.

• University honeybee scholar Mike Spivak this summer organized a Bee Squad that can help new beekeepers by providing hands-on training with personalized visits. (Go to http://beelab.umn.edu/BeeSquad for more information.)

• John Teisberg’s beekeeping teacher, Robert Sitko, will be teaching another eight-week hands-on course at Century College next spring. It generally fills up by mid-January. (Call Century College 651-779-3341 to register.)

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He’s the beekeeping ambassador of Como Park
A man with ‘too many hobbies’ adds a rooftop apiary to his list.

By D. J. Alexander

To meet John T eisberg of Como Park is to know a man of many enthusiasms.

He’s a wood turner who fashions funeral boxes for cremation ashes. As a member of a men’s mentoring group, the Mankind Project, he helps host the groups semi-annual warrior adventure retreat to the woods. He does volunteer buckthorn clearing with a local youth club. He plays “deep” baseball with some blind buddies. He collects model trucks, one of which happens to be the full-size, 60-year-old classic pumper truck gathering dust rather majestically out by his garage in the alley behind Simpson Avenue.

In that garage, you could find evidence of another pet project: a honey-spinner, which he borrowed from a “fella” he got to know at the Minnesota Hobby Beekeepers Association, which meets nearby on the University of Minnesota’s St. Paul campus. From time to time, T eisberg, who somehow also finds time for his day job as a technical illustrator and animator, helps this beekeeping friend work the demonstration colonies at Harriet Alexander Nature Center in Roseville.

In fact, T eisberg once rescued a swarm from a tree across the street from his house and drove it—slowly, carefully, in the dark of night—over to Harriet Alexander, he in his full bee suit, half-hoping he’d been stopped by the law.

“So I drove up to Roseville with 30,000 bees!” he recalls gleefully. The whole adventure was quite the tale, since the neighborhood watched as he first started shaking what he describes as a “basketball pile of bees” into a big cardboard box and learned, “Stand back. I’m going to capture this.”

“All the bees went bloop, right in the box,” he says.

Well, most of them did.

“A lot of them spilled out on the ground. Apparently, I didn’t get the queen on the first shake, so they started climbing back up there.”

With all the neighbors watching, if from a safe distance, he gave the branch a violent shake and the remainder fell into the cardboard box. He carried the buzzing burden to his backyard, with an audience in tow, and prepared an extra hive, or “super,” meanwhile resting the box full of bees on the rounded fender of his fire truck.

“I started taking some frames out as I could pour the bees in,” he recalls. “Everybody was standing in the yard, and the cardboard box fell onto the ground.”

T eisberg didn’t panic. The box had tipped on its side, but fortunately, the queen remained in the bottom of the cardboard box and the bees soon followed her into their new home.

T eisberg’s enthusiasm is infectious as he describes what a swarm is, how mellow a swarm can be, how the hive splits in two like cell division, with one group following their new queen and exploring to find a new home, then moving in.

“That’s a thing called the March of the Bees,” he says. “When you’re capturing a swarm, you capture the queen, and if you dump them in the hive, they all march like a wave of water into the hive. It’s like water flowing backwards.”

Despite his obvious familiarity with bee-wrangling, T eisberg began beekeeping just a few years back, after taking a class from a master beekeeper at Century College, Bob Sitko. Several years in, he learned that, oops, he was supposed to have purchased a permit for his “fun little strange critters.”

“I got busted,” he chuckles.

When the man with the clipboard came out to inspect his two hive stacks made of high-density Styrofoam, which sit up on the roof of T eisberg’s office bump-out behind the kitchen, it wasn’t quite regulation.

Normally, the City of St. Paul requires a high, solid, lockable fence to force bees to fly high up over people’s heads and a sign warning “BEE’S” in large letters. Not a problem, if your hives sit so far above

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Up on the roof: John T eisberg keeps his bees on the roof of his home. Photo by Lori Hamilton.
When the mom of a local high school kid looked outside her bedroom window after hearing a loud crash in the wee hours of a late September morning, this is what she saw: more than a dozen political signs that did not belong there planted in her lawn; orange-construction cones on her doorstep; several recycling bins and pumpkins from other homes tossed about the yard; lawn furniture from the backyard moved into the front; a sprinkler—that did not belong to her—spraying full blast on the lawn, the house and on the dozen books that were strewn about; a neighbor’s large wooden sign uprooted from the front yard of the house next door leaning against her boulevard tree; the heavy window boxes from underneath her living room window turned upside down, the herbs and flowers she had tending all summer dumped into the bushes below; and a neighbor’s Little Free Library smashed into a bush by her front door. The library—built by a dad and his daughter who live two doors up—had been pulled out of its concrete footing. The wet books in the yard had come from the library. It gets worse. Someone had defecated on the side of the house and the ample amount of excrement had slipped down onto the sidewalk. Oh, and did we mention the toilet paper?

Chalk it up to your friendly neighborhood homecoming revelers. For decades mischief-making has been part of some students’ extracurricular homecoming activities at all of the area high schools—public and private. What may have once been viewed as annoying yet harmless pranks have crossed the line into criminal behavior.

Yet parents don’t want to report it. “People don’t want to talk because of vindictive stuff,” said the mom, who didn’t want her name used for that very reason. “Parents kind of laugh it off. ‘Oh, it’s just tradition,’ but sometimes it’s even perpetuated by parents who were part of the tradition themselves, so they don’t report it.”

Or parents know the parents of the kids who are doing the vandalism. “But the kind of prank this mom saw that morning ‘crosses the line,’” she said.

And if parents don’t report the vandalism to both the city police and the high schools, the behavior escalates. The kids keep one-upping each other. As the parent of more than one teen, this mom is a homecoming veteran. “I hate it,” she said. “I am on edge the whole time. We feel violated. If they are going to do this, what will they do next?”

But what she really wants to know is: “Where are parents when these kids are out in the middle of the night?”

Correction

In our October issue, Brad Meinhold, owner of Parrot Head Remodelers, was incorrectly listed as Brad Meinke in the article “Homeowners continue to repair the ‘Monkey Island’ in Como Park.” The Bugle has been your neighbor since 1974. Your gift will make it possible for the Bugle to keep telling our stories for another five, 10 or 35 years.

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Autistic resident reaches out to new neighbors

Dear St. Anthony Park, especially north-siders H, I named Arron. I moved to St. Anthony Park in June 2012. I am part of six generations to live on the north side dating back to my great-grandfather in 1935. [St. Anthony Park] has always been a special community embracing diverse interests and a tolerant community unlike other communities. We moved after five years in Lauderdale, another special community but not realized at the time. We have the utmost respect for the police and neighbors there. We have the best police and will always be grateful for their compassion and professionalism.

I have autism, well, atypical autism to be exact as terms in my presence since moving to [St. Anthony Park] has generated "fear and suspicion." It is the last thing I want.

I am 20 years old. I may look angry and frustrated. My mom calls me "caveman" sometimes. I struggle a lot with nonverbal presentations and am not angry or frustrated. I was confirmed at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, I attended Murray Junior High in 2005 and I worked at Speedy M arket in 2006. I know some of you in the community and you are aware of my uniqueness. I also have a lot of sensory pieces to my autism. I am reminded by my family to stay to this other social time. I have created a group where I am most respected, so if you see me talking to what seems like myself, I am talking to myself with my friends.

I can look scary when I practice my ringits it helps calm my anxiety. I do not have a lot of friends, although, I want real friends. I don't want to intimidate anyone, but it seems my behaviors seem to do that here. I misspent, what is being spoken easily. People tend to get frustrated easily and chaos then can ensue.

I also have a post-traumatic stress disorder from my experiences when chaos ensues. I want to avoid that from happening.

I hope this letter is the start of a way to not to let this continue to happen, by telling you about myself. I don't mean to intimidate. I don't notice that others are even around me most of the time. I continue to work on these things. Like everyone, I have good days and bad.

Thanks for taking the time to read this. I hope it helps so that the neighborhood can be the place my mom tells me it is for everyone.

Written through the eyes of Arron Lammers

St. Anthony Park

Vote yes for St. Paul schools

I am writing to encourage neighbors to vote yes for the St. Paul Public Schools referendum on the ballot next month. Many ingredients are involved in fostering great schools in our city, and while all ingredients financial resources are an essential part of them.

If we do not approve the referendum on Election Day the district will be faced annually with a $30 million hole in its budget and will be forced to lay off over 400 staff members and our schools can't afford that.

Join me in investing in the future of all of St. Paul's kids, and in the future of our city.

Jen Cammers
St. Anthony Park

Support for Gwenn Willems for Ramsey conservation board

I'm writing to encourage voters to re-elect Gwenn Willems to the Ramsey Conservation Board of Supervisors. The district is our local agency that has responsibility for natural resource management in our county. It is governed by a board of five elected supervisors. Gwenn has already demonstrated that she is an excellent supervisor.

After personally serving for four years as an elected supervisor on the Ramsey Conservation District Board and previously for 16 years as an elected supervisor on the Dakota County District Board, I understand the challenges needed for an effective supervisor. Gwenn has them.

During her current term as a supervisor, Gwenn has been active and dedicated. She cares deeply about protecting our water quality, stopping soil erosion from polluting our lakes and streams, and protecting our gardens of deep-rooted native plants to capture water to recharge our groundwater drinking supplies. She also regularly participates in educational programs to help residents learn how to protect all of our natural resources. Delays in this effort might be avoided if we have a responsible, effective supervisor. Gwenn has them.

In addition to Gwenn Willems, there are candidates running for supervisor positions in two other sections of Ramsey County. While Gwenn will be representing Falcon Heights and Lauderdale and the rest of the northern corner of Ramsey County, she will be a hard worker for all of Ramsey County. We will be well-served if Gwenn is re-elected. I strongly encourage you to vote for Gwenn Willems.

Dorothy Waltz
Falcon Heights

Gwenn Willems is running for re-election to the Ramsey Conservation District Board of Supervisors. She is a Falcon Heights resident who as vice chair of the board has proven record of leadership. She has won my support, as well as that of the DFL's Congressionalwoman Betty McCollum, Sens. John Marty and Mary Jo Muirne, Reps. Alice Hausman and Mindy Greiling, Ramsey County Commissioners Victoria Reinhardt and many others.

I met Gwenn Willems through her involvement in local nonprofit organizations, including one of the City of Falcon Heights commissions. She brings a thoughtful approach to tough issues, a steady hand and a solid work ethic to the job.

Please join me in voting for Gwenn Willems for Ramsey Conservation District Supervisor.

Peter Lindstrom
M ayor, Falcon Heights

Thanks for those orange signs

Thank you, neighbors, for making me feel safe and proud to live among you. Each time I see an orange sign, I am reminded that people who have placed signs in their yards supporting the equal right to marry. As a gay woman, I have been moved to tears on more than one occasion while driving through our neighborhood. I am old enough to remember a time, and unfortunately that time still exists in far too many states and communities, when this dignified human right was denied.

I initially was dismayed by the groundswell of states and countries that began, in earnest, to grapple with the issue of gay marriage. I was dismayed because we are now in a time when so few states had equal rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people. I thought, "Well, great, we can get married, but we can still be denied employment, be harassed at our jobs, fired from our housing, denied the right to be housed, bringing into our apartments, denied access to our loved ones in the hospital and on and on. But, hey, at least we can still love who we want to love.

Then I read an article regarding gay marriage and it changed my feelings dramatically. The gentleman who wrote the article talked about how different his life may have been had he grown up knowing that he could marry and build a life with the person he chose—that it would not be an oddity, just a common occurrence.

I thought about all of the times I told my mom, "Some day you’ll grow up and find a man who you love and you’ll get married and start a family of your own," and even at a young age having a feeling of nameless dread that I chose to live in a state where someone like me will be able to walk up to the mailbox and write letters to someone who is different from "the norm."

There are only 16 states in our country which are now differing levels of coverage—the same rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people as their heterosexual counterparts. Our government is mute and seemingly unable on this subject. But that will change.

Thank you, neighbors, for making me feel safe and proud to live among you. Each time I see an orange sign I think of a child who may grow up never thinking twice about who they will marry, just that they will be able to marry the person that they love.

Amy Saman
St. Anthony Park

Marty opposes amendments

In the new legislative districts drawn early this year, I am seeking re-election to the Senate in District 66, which covers many St. Paul neighborhoods, including part of St. Anthony Park, Roseville, Como Park, North End, Hamline-Midway and Payne-Phalen, and the suburbs of Lauderdale, Roseville and Falcon Heights.

On election day, I would be honored to have your support. In all the time I have been in office, I have never thought of any voter to vote "no" on both constitutional amendments that were proposed by Republicans in the Legislature. The constitution exists to guarantee the rights of people, not take them away. Both of these amendments go against the opposite direction and take away peoples rights.

I am proud of my leadership—working for living-wage jobs, for health care for all instead of health insurance for some, as well as my record of passing environmental protection, government ethics and many other programs. My record shows that they work.

Feel free to get in touch with me at the Capitol, jmarty@lsatmn mn or 651-296-8340. I have questions related to the campaign, marty@johnmartyn org or 651-633-8934.

John Marty
Rossville

Reader urges seniors to vote no on voter ID amendment

I am writing about the voter ID amendment. If the governor signs it into law, I will be asked to decide on this coming November. I feel compelled to write this letter because I care about our senior citizens and their ability to continue to have a voice in the political process.

I am concerned that the voter ID law, if enacted, would make it extremely difficult for many senior citizens to continue to be eligible to vote. The legislation on the ballot this year represents one of the most restrictive voter ID proposals in the nation. Other states allow more types of identification to be used to vote (Medicare card, military ID, student ID, government badge) and in the referendum proposal passes, many senior citizens who have contributed much to our community, would become ineligible to vote because they lack the "proper ID."

I’ve been a Minnesotan since 2002, and I have always been proud that I chose to live in a state where voter turnout is always (to quote a famous radio personality) “above average.” If the voter ID proposal becomes law, fewer of our citizens— disproportionately our senior citizens — will be able to exercise their right to vote. Seniors who have taken pride in voting their entire lives should not now be silenced by a flawed law. It is up to all of us to vote these amendments down and fight for present and future generations.

The last pecan roll

I was the last customer at the Edge Coffee House on University Avenue. I had two pecan rolls and my favorite. It is now deserted. There are no buyers for this establishment on the light rail.

Ya Ya, the former owner, was most kind with the last bite of pecan roll made for radio. She was a mom—charming, loving and warm—every time I visited. She painted her nails with pink and red colors and strung sparkling little white lights. She even made the bathroom pretty. The only bath was good enough for her famous pecan rolls. The shop was a nice place to be for a kid who drank milk instead of coffee.

I told Ya Ya I had fond memories of what I did to the neighborhood. She chirped, “Things change.” I would like to know the location of her next start.
State fair lawn parking from 1

For the record, the Department of Revenue provides this background: In August 2000, a letter was sent to all homeowners within a four-block radius of the fairgrounds, informing them that lawn parking during the fair was subject to sales tax. In August 2010, department staff visited residents in person to provide information about tax liability and how to comply. And following that year’s fair, letters were sent to addresses where it had been observed that fees were being charged. About 10 percent of the recipients responded.

This past September, about 80 letters were sent to households that did not answer the earlier communication and about 60 percent of those recipients got in touch with the Department of Revenue by its Oct. 1 deadline. The department acknowledges that it may have missed some lawn parkers.

“We are reviewing our outreach and education efforts to ensure that the information taxpayers need to voluntarily comply is widely available,” Delaney said.

This underground economy of sorts dates back at least to the 1930s, when the going rate for parking on lawns along Snelling was 25 cents per car. Demand grew in the 1940s as State Fair crowds grew and on-street parking became harder to find.

By the mid-1970s, lawn parking was commonplace as far east as Hamline Avenue, although that began to change with the advent of the State Fair’s Park & Ride program. Gradually, fairgoers warmed to the notion of parking for free in a remote lot and busing, again for free, to the fairgrounds. According to Brienna Schuette, the State Fair’s marketing and communications manager, about 500,000 people rode the shuttles to and from the fair in 2011, the most recent year for which records are available.

Lawn parking has contracted back toward Snelling, but there are still plenty of people doing it. And unhappy as they may be about paying sales tax, nobody told the Park Bugle flat out that they were getting out of the business.

Roger Berganson is a freelance writer and local historian who lives in Como Park.

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St. Matthew’s exhibit highlights a family’s four generations of artists

By Natalie Zett

Various traits—from eye color to ailments—often run in families, but artistic talent can also course through the veins of several generations, as evidenced by the members of the Hunt family.

St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church’s Undercroft Gallery is currently hosting Linked Lives – 4 Generations of Hunts, an exhibit of paintings and photographs of the John and Frances Hunt family of St. Anthony Park. “It’s more than an art exhibit; it’s also a history of the community, as the Hunts helped found several neighborhood institutions.”

John Hunt was a botanist who is also a master gardener, weaver and flutist,” said Susan. “Our parents inspired by our great-grandfather thought that art was not suitable for a lady!” Eva’s grandmother thought that art wasn’t suitable for a lady!” Eva’s grandmother was raised like a proper British family from Canada,” she said. “She wanted to take art classes but she only painted until she had us kids.”

Joan Hunt Abbas came up with an idea for a show featuring her sister, Susan, who lives in Madison, Wis., and their late mother, Frances, who died in 1997. Susan (who revived her art career after retiring) approached Peg Houck, the art chair at St. Matthew’s, about doing an intergenerational art exhibit there. “Initially, I thought we would just include my paintings and my mother’s, but I wanted to involve other family members too,” she said.

John lived in the same St. Anthony Park house that she and his siblings grew up in. “My parents came to [St. Anthony Park] early in their marriage and lived in our house for over 50 years,” she said. “My dad [John Hunt 1901-2004] got a job at Park Bank. He started as a cashier and worked his way up to executive vice president. He retired twice and ended up working there for 69 years [1927 to 1996].”

Hunt had leadership roles in many neighborhood organizations, including the St. Anthony Park Association and St. Matthew’s. “John Hunt loved photography, Susan said, and his work is featured along with photos taken by two of his grandchildren, John and Kristina Abbas, Joan’s children.

Susan points to her paternal grandmother, Eva Hunt (1884-1976), as one of the first known artists in the family. “My grandmother was raised like a proper Victorian lady—they were originally a British family from Canada,” she said. “She wanted to take art classes after she graduated from Central High School, but apparently my great-grandfather thought that art was not suitable for a lady!” Eva’s work also appears in the show.

The show features several of Frances Hunts’ paintings. Frances grew up doing ballet and painting and later got a scholarship to the St. Paul School of Art, Susan said. “At that time, Cameron Booth was teaching there.” Booth was called the “Dean of American Painters” by the Minnesota Historical Society. She was well-known and had worked in many museums. “When my mom took painting from him, it was just about the time of the WPA and the New Deal (the late 1930s and early 1940s), so her work has that character. It’s influenced by the Bauhaus and Ash Can School and even industrial landscape approach, but she only painted until she had us kids.”

John and Frances Hunt had five children: four girls and one boy. “Growing up, we had poetry readings and singing at the table,” Susan said. “It was a very literate upbringing. We liked nature and my mother was a director at Northwoods Audubon Center in Sandstone for a number of years. She did many other things and I recently learned that she and another woman got the educational courses started at the library.”

The family encouraged the children to follow their dreams. “One sister does jewelry and synchronized swimming and another is a botanist who is also a master gardener, weaver and flutist,” said Susan. “Our brother is mechanical and has a heating and cooling business. Joan is immersed in raising her family and likes needlework.”

“Our parents inspired by example,” Joan said.

The show, which runs through Dec. 1, is “an homage to my mother because she had quite a bit of talent,” said Susan. “And she continued, I’m not sure where she would have gone. But there’s certain joy in seeing her work. Mostly, I would like people to walk out and feel as if they’ve been with a family.”

“Linked Lives: 4 Generations of Hunts” can be seen in the Undercroft Gallery at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave., Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and after church services on Sunday. Find out more at www.ematthewsmn.org or call 651-645-3058.
The other morning, I was out in the front yard watching our pup, Buffy, when suddenly I heard a ‘whack’ on the roof of the platform feeder behind me. A bird swooped over my head and up into our neighbor’s oak tree. It was a Cooper’s hawk.

Like other members of the accipiter family, the Cooper’s feeds mainly on other birds, so it must have had a target on the feeder, or perhaps it had had luck in the past with a strike out of the blue, startling some bird into flight.

As a bird watcher and one who feeds birds, I experience a certain amount of pain to think of a Cooper’s hawk deciding to use my yard as a place to find victims. But a bird feeder feeds all kinds of birds, even birds that eat other birds.

The Cooper’s hawk is 14 to 20 inches long, the female is larger than the male. They have short wings and a long tail, enabling this forest-dwelling bird to zig and zag through the trees chasing other birds.

The top of the head, neck and back are gun-metal gray. The front and belly have rusty orange bars across them in the adult and rusty streaks down the front on the juvenile. The tail appears barred on the underside with alternating bars of black and white, a white terminal stripe. But that’s very hard to distinguish unless the bird is perched just right.

One of my field guides compares the Cooper’s hawk’s body size to that of a crow and the sharpies to that of a robin or pigeon.

Cooper’s hawks tend to take larger birds as prey, including mourning doves, woodpeckers, robins, pigeons, blue jays, flickerers and starlings, as well as the occasional chipmunk. Sharpies take smaller birds and mammals, sometimes dragonflies and moths.

On a day when I took a break from writing this column, Buffy and I were in the alley when a Cooper’s hawk came zooming down the alley right toward us, below eye level. It executed a smooth right turn, flew between the houses, right out to our front-yard feeders. Coopers often use a stealth attack, popping out of sight, the hawk’s talons empty.

It took its prey, flew to the roof of the platform feeder, stopped there for a second and then headed out. Jean was in the alley when a Cooper’s hawk decided our feeders are a good source of prey. The accipiters we’ve seen have a one-in-four success rate. I saw no evidence of a kill on the ground and the hawk’s talons were empty. Looked like a miss this time.

This was just the first of a series of attempted hawk attacks here in our front yard, all while I’ve been working on this column. Inspiration? A day or so later, a Cooper’s hawk swooped down and landed on the wooden table out front. It stood ramrod tall, surveying the area and then stalked across the table to get a better look at the nuts next to the house. It was quite impressive, Marching upright, with a focused stare. It apparently didn’t see anything, or nothing moved, so it took off, and zoomed across the street, again at no more than 4 feet off the ground.

Within a day or two, a juvenile sharp-shinned hawk used the table for the same survey, but then dropped down to walk around on the patio for a closer look. It even crouched down and crawled in under a low-spreading Russian cypress, perhaps looking for the chipmunk that usually hides there.

Then it flew to the base of a large Korean boxwood and looked up into its branches as if daring any of the house sparrows in there to make a move. None did. It made another walking tour of the patio, tried the boxwood again and then the same survey. It was a very assertive hunter.

Most recently, my wife was sitting at the kitchen table, reading, when a sharpie flew in and nailed a white-breasted nuthatch on a feeder just 2 feet from the kitchen window. It took its prey, flew to the roof of the platform feeder, stopped there for a moment and then headed out. Jean considered trying to rescue the nuthatch, but I don’t think her running into the yard would have changed the outcome.

So the bird-hunters have decided our feeders are a good source for prey. The accipiters we’ve seen have had a one-in-four success rate. I just hope the little birds will be ever vigilant, on guard and able to beat the odds.

The Birdman is Clay Christensen, who watches and writes about birds from his home in Lauderdale.

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By Anne Holzman

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Beekeeping from 3

the fray that you need a ladder to work them.

In the beginning, most of his neighbors had no idea he kept bees until he had to walk around to seek their official permission. (In order to be licensed, Teisberg needed approval from 75 percent of those living nearby.) Now they know whom to call in case of a swarm.

St. Paul Animal Control approved his two hives (the rule is one hive per thousand square feet of yard), and he paid his permit fee: $75 the first year; $28 each year after that. Teisberg spent time on standby to call in case of a swarm.

It’s fun.” Photo by Amy Unger

John Teisberg’s bees seem to thrive in this urban environment: less than a mile from the St. Paul campus, between Como Regional Park and the State Fairgrounds, Teisberg believes his is a great spot for beekeeping—less than a mile to the St. Paul Animal Control approved his two hives (the rule is one hive per thousand square feet of yard), and he paid his permit fee: $75 the first year; $28 each year after that. Teisberg spent time on standby to call in case of a swarm.

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Kristy Lynn Allen wears a bike helmet with antennae and black- and-yellow clothes when delivering the honey; “I always dress up like a bee. People smile and wave and say weird things. It’s fun.” Photo by Amy Unger

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**Couple uses social media in their adoption search**

By Michelle Christianson

Jess and Anna Heitland want to adopt—so much so that they have created a Facebook page entitled “Jess and Anna Want to Adopt,” a Gmail account, using the same handle jesandanwantoadopt@gmail.com), business cards, window decals, YouTube videos, a Craiglist ad and a website, www.jessandannadopt.com. They have also posted their profile on a third-party site called Adoptimist.com.

The Heitlands began their journey to adoption in September 2011 with the traditional home studies and interviews for Lutheran Social Services that most adoptive parents have done in the past, plus they created their pages for “the book,” a resource for birth mothers. The book is a scrapbook in which prospective parents are allowed four double-sided pages to attach to the two forms everyone fills out, write notes, post pictures and generally state their case for being the best match for a baby.

The Heitlands decided that it would be in everyone’s best interest if the adoption waiters, meaning the biological and adoptive parents have access to some personal information about each other. Michelle Frazier, senior program manager of infant adoption at Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota (LSSMN), says 95 percent of all adoptions completed through Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota (LSS MN), says 95 percent of all adoptions completed through the infant adoption program include some degree of openness; the organization promotes open adoption. “Families range in their comfort level with engaging in adoption outreach. Some families choose social media, some choose to include their personal network, and some choose to not utilize any outreach options. At LSS, we strongly believe in empowering our families to use technology and their personal networks to inform others about their interest in adoption.”

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St. Paul voters will also be asked to vote on a request for a property tax levy

**'No' vote on school referendum could mean $30 million in cuts**

By Kristal Leibrick

What would a defeat of the St. Paul Public Schools Board of Education's 2012 Strong Schools, Strong Communities referendum mean in November?

Thirty million dollars in cuts next year, according to Jean O'Connell, chair of board.

For Greg Copeland, chair of the St. Paul Republican City Committee and the referendum's most vocal detractor, it would send a strong message to 360 Colburn, the district's headquarters: "You guys are out of control," he said.

On Nov. 6, voters in the capital city will be asked to say yes or no to a referendum that would provide nearly $33 million a year for eight years (beginning in 2013-14) to the district—$30 million would extend the expiring excess property tax levy that was approved in 2006 and $9 million would pay for technology that the district says will help personalize lessons for students.

If approved, owners of a median value home—$149,000—would see their property taxes rise by $61 above the $375 levied with the current levy.

Copeland calls that increase "bad, marketing in a time of economic hardship in St. Paul."

O'Connell acknowledged that this is not an ideal time to ask for more money. "It is a tough economy," she said, "and asking for an increase any time is asking a lot of people."

But something that many people don't understand, O'Connell said, is that St. Paul Public Schools—the second largest district in the state—has the fifth lowest levy in the state's 37 districts. SPPS ranks just above Farmington, St. Cloud, Shakopee and Brooklyn Center. The current St. Paul excess levy provides $546 per pupil. Anoka-Hennepin, the state's largest district, has an excess levy of $1,226 per pupil. Districts in the state's 10 metro-area districts that have an excess levy, O'Connell said, would stay in the bottom 10 of the state's 37 districts. SPPS ranks just above Farmington, St. Cloud, Shakopee and Brooklyn Center. The state's largest district, has an excess levy of $1,226 per pupil. Districts in the state's 10 metro-area districts that have an excess levy, O'Connell said, would stay in the bottom 10 of the state's 37 districts. SPPS ranks just above Farmington, St. Cloud, Shakopee and Brooklyn Center.

The extra $9 million in the referendum would pay for technology that O'Connell said would "personalize teaching to all kids."

This doesn't mean that the district is supplying iPads to every child, she said.

The district wants to use technology to help teachers personalize instruction "to make learning better for each kid in the system," O'Connell said. Teachers will be able to share lesson plans online, or use videos from other teachers to teach students who may need extra help or accelerated lessons. Students could access these lessons at home on their computers.

The idea is to give kids and teachers better materials to use. Parents would have access to grades, schedules, lesson plans, homework assignments and a lot more information than they do now," she said. "It costs money. The district has spent less than 1 percent on its total budget on technology. We are woefully behind. In many schools, computers are used more than a third of the time for testing. State MCA tests and other (standardized) tests are all computerized. So rather than our kids having access to those computer labs for classrooms, they are locked out. We are asking kids to do tests on computers when some of them don't even get the chance to use computers other than at test time."

Copeland doesn't think the district needs the extra $9 million. "You want to tell me they can't make adjustments to account for $9 million?" he asked. He also feels the SPPS Board of Education shouldn't have lumped both asks into one referendum. "They had the opportunity to separate the questions," he said. Instead, they are saying, "Take it or leave it, St. Paul."

Last summer, six out of the seven board members voted in favor of putting the renewal request and the increase request, as one question on the ballot. O'Connell said she made her decision after the results of a board survey showed that "more than 50 percent of the public would support an increase for schools."

"We are in a very complicated election year," O'Connell said, "and with other initiatives on the ballot, specifically the two amendments [voter ID and marriage], the presidential race and other races in the state, we needed to have as simple a message as possible. The one question was that simple message."

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Como Park and North End residents could see a significant gain. But St. Anthony Park, however, falls into the five districts where housing prices have stayed relatively stable and residents there could, in fact, see a tax increase.

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**SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTIONS**

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**STRONG SCHOOLS, STRONG COMMUNITIES REFERENDUM**

The Board of Education of Independent School District No. 625 [St. Paul Public Schools] has proposed, beginning in 2013, to renew the existing referendum levy authority of $846.56 per pupil general education revenue that will expire at the end of 2012 and to increase its general education revenue by an additional $175 per pupil. The revenue will be used to fund classroom instruction. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would increase annually by the rate of inflation and be applicable for 8 years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 625 be approved?

**Voter ID:**

Sensible or sinister?

By Judy Woodward

Republican state senators have proposed a constitutional amendment requiring voter identification to prevent fraud. Or is it a Republican plot to discourage voting among those most likely to vote Democrat? The answer depends on which side is doing the talking.

Proponents of the measure point out that Minnesota already shows identification for activities as minor as renting a DVD or...
VOTE YES! VOTE NO!

ballot? Minnesotans will be asked to vote on two constitutional amendments. Increase. Need a little clarity before you step into that voting booth? Read on.

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On the other side, organizations such as the League of Women Voters and Catholic Charities Office for Social Justice claim that groups like the elderly, the poor, the young and the transient are already less likely to possess standard government-issued identification. Making identification a condition of voting, they say, would only further marginalize those groups and suppress their legitimate participation in the political process. What’s clear is that for the overwhelming majority of ordinary voters, the requirement to produce a government-issued photo ID in order to receive a ballot would not present much of an obstacle. Left your driver’s license in your other pants? You could still vote provisionally, but you’d have to

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Failure to vote on a constitutional amendment will have the same effect as voting no on the amendment.

To vote for a proposed constitutional amendment, fill in the oval next to the word “YES” on that question. To vote against a proposed constitutional amendment, fill in the oval next to the word “NO” on that question.

AMENDMENT 1
RECOGNITION OF MARRIAGE SOLELY BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN

Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide that only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Minnesota?

☐ YES
☐ NO

AMENDMENT 2
PHOTO IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR VOTING

Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to require all voters to present valid photo identification to vote and to require the state to provide free identification to eligible voters, effective July 1, 2013?

☐ YES
☐ NO

Passage of marriage amendment would bolster barriers to same-sex marriage

By Anne Holzman

The marriage amendment, if it passes on Nov. 6, would enshrine in the Minnesota Constitution the existing law against marriage of same-sex couples. If the marriage amendment is defeated, same-sex marriage would remain illegal in Minnesota but would not become unconstitutional.

“Right now it’s against the law for gays and lesbians to get married,” explained Kate Brickman, press secretary of MInnesota United for Families, which opposes the amendment. “If the amendment is approved by voters, she said, “practically speaking, nothing changes.” Except it would be harder to change the law, she said, should the Minnesota electorate feel differently in future years. Allowing same-sex marriage in Minnesota would require another constitutional amendment, rather than resolution by the Legislature or the courts, Brickman said.

“This amendment shuts down the conversation,” she said.

Kate Lehmann, who lives in the Como neighborhood, said she’s taking the amendment fight personally.

“My partner and I were married in Massachusetts back in 2005,” she said. “It means that our marriage will never be recognized in Minnesota.” She, too, said it’s clear that defeat of the amendment would not legalize same-sex marriage. But without the constitutional amendment, she said, “at least it’s possible” that someday her own marriage would be recognized.

Proposed changes to the Minnesota Constitution

There are proposed changes to two sections of Minnesota’s Constitution that will be on the Nov. 6 ballot. The new language proposed to be amended into the Constitution is in italics. You can find out more about the proposed amendments at the Minnesota Office of the Secretary of State website, www.sos.state.mn.us:

Section 1. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED. An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is proposed to the people. If the amendment is adopted, article VI, section 14, shall be added to the Constitution, to read:

☐ YES
☐ NO

Sec. 13.

Constitutional Amendment Proposed. An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is proposed to the people. If the amendment is adopted, a section shall be added to article XIII, to read: Sec. 13. Only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Minnesota.

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Red state, blue state from 1 area residents.

In those days, this was the most Republican precinct in the City of St. Paul," says retired lawyer, Byron Olson, of his neighborhood in north St. Anthony Park. And Olson would know. As the unsuccessful DFL candidate for the M Innnesota House in what was nationally the landslide Democratic year of 1964, he lost to the heavily favored incumbent, John Tracy Anderson, a Republican from Chaska.

"(Republican Barry) Goldwater got skunked in the presidential election that year," he recalls with a laugh, "but so did I."

The election records show that 1964 was no fluke. Going as far back as the 1940s, Republican candidates could count on reliable support from area voters. Sometimes the victory margins were far more than comfortable. Republican Elmer Andersen, for example, won roughly 80 percent of the vote from north St. Anthony Park when he ran for re-election as governor in 1960. Of course, it didn't hurt that Andersen lived in the precinct. In those days before M Innnesota acquired an official governor/vanishing, Andersen—and his neighbors—saw nothing amiss in him running the affairs of state from his home on Hoyt Avenue.

In many ways, Andersen epitomized the political philosophy of his era. During those years, Glen Skovholt, who was long active in state Republican politics, remembers Andersen as "first and foremost" a public-spirited citizen, not a Republican. "Andersen as "first and foremost" Republican politics, remembers Skovholt. "He embodied the progressive social agenda of the early 20th century."

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In those distant days, political alignments were more fluid, and it was still possible to talk about the liberal wing of the Republican Party. Retired banker Bill Sands of Falcon Heights points out that such factions of progressive thought were thought the M Innnesota State Department of Human Rights and the Mropolitan Council were both created in the 1960s during Republican administrations.

"In those days, this was the most politically close neighborhood in the state," notes Skovholt. "It was a very agriculture-focused community," he says. "The St. Paul campus was the farm school and almost all the professors lived in St. Anthony Park. The University of M Innnesota campus had a tremendous influence. People came from farms and rural communities, which were "(largely)" Republican.

W hat everyone remembers was the sense of common purpose and civic unity that reached across the political divide in the area. For those who grew up in more politically polarized times, the memories of Skovholt, Sands and Olson strike a note of barely believable comity.

"They were all good guys," says Olson of his opponents from those days.

"There was a lot more compromising then," recalls Sands.

Notes Skovholt, "The partisan divide was reserved for Election Day."

At other times, the community acted together through groups like the St. Anthony Park Association, founded in 1947 as a means to work on expanding neighborhood educational and recreational opportunities.

Change came, of course. By the late '50s, the nation was in political turmoil. "Op position to the Vietnam War joined with the struggle for civil rights and the ensuing culture wars, no neighborhood was left untouched," says Skovholt.

Skovholt attributes the shift in voter loyalties to several factors. St. Anthony Park, he says, became more attractive as a residence to faculty members from the historically non-political campus. At the same time, "Op position to the Vietnam War was used by the DFL as a unifying factor."

"Finally, with the adoption of the 26th Amendment in 1971, the voting age was lowered to 18. Suddenly, the large number of students who lived in the neighborhood was able to cast ballots and their voting priorities had little in common with the fast-good era of Eisenhower politics.

By the dawn of the new century, the change appeared to be permanent. For Republicans, 2010 seemed to be a banner year everywhere but here. According to figures released by the M Innnesota Secretary of State's Office, that year DFL candidates carried every precinct in Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Como Park and St. Anthony Park by 15 percent or more. In the 2008 presidential election, the results were even more striking. Democratic candidate Barack O'bama carried the north St. Anthony Park precinct that the late Gov. Hubert Humphrey once called home with 84 percent of the vote. Other nearby precincts in St. Paul and Falcon Heights raked up similar margins for the DFL.

Numbers like those don't faze Lois Anderson. She remains a stalwart Republican who "absolutely will vote for [Mitt] Romney.""

"Others have their own explanations for the shift in political allegiances. "I'm not sure that (St. Anthony Park) has changed as much as the issues have changed," says Sands. "Things have gotten really I'm not sure that (St. Anthony Park) has changed as much as the issues have changed," says Sands. "Things have gotten really"

"I'm looking for something I have in common with [GOP vice-presidential candidate] Paul Ryan. I feel as if my party left me," Come Election Day, Skovholt is voting for O'bama.

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

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This map from a 1962 John Tracy Anderson campaign brochure shows the boundaries of M Innnesota's 43rd South Legislative District. Hoyt Avenue is the northeastern boundary. University Avenue is the southwest boundary. Hamline, Lexington and Victoria avenues are the eastern borders.

From the collection of Glen Skovholt

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Elliot Moormann, a junior at Como Park Senior High School, got a great excuse to skip school in October. He was chosen as one of 24 Americans—10 boys, 10 girls and four coaches—to spend 10 days in Moscow and train with Russian hockey players as part of the U.S. Department of State’s ice hockey exchange program.

Moormann and his delegation participated in ice hockey drills with their Russian counterparts for a couple of hours a day and had the opportunity to learn Russian culture and tour national landmarks.

Moormann, who plays hockey on the Como Park varsity team, said he saw something about the program on the USA Hockey website last summer. He wrote an essay in August and later was one of 10 Minnesota hockey players and two coaches who were asked to participate.

The players played and stayed with 12 Russian kids at the Olympic training center in Moscow, he said. He found some differences in his Russian counterparts. “Russians are really fast and can pass really well compared to everyone else,” he said.

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M. The best part of the trip for Moormann was meeting new people and taking in the Russian culture. The U.S. kids relied on two Russian boys who could speak English to translate during social gatherings. “I know like seven words of Russian,” Moormann said.

The Russians seemed excited to meet the Americans, he said. At gatherings, they “came running up to us” and brought food and other gifts.

The other participants in the ice hockey exchange came from San Jose, San Jose State and University of California, Santa Barbara, and Venice, Calif., and Elk River, Minn. — Kristal Leebrick

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Anders Himmelstrup and Joan Cox (in Cox’s studio) are two of more than 30 artists who will open their studios Nov. 9 and 10 during the annual “one-building art crawl.” Do the Dow. Photo by Kristal Leebrick

Send news about upcoming events or your interesting neighbors to editor@parkbugle.org. The next deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 7.
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651-646-3732 for more information.

2 FRIDAY
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• Children ages 8-12 can learn to bake holiday cookies on two Mondays, Dec. 10 and 17, from 5 to 6 p.m. Fee is $5 per person.

• Karate-Soo Bahk Do is a traditional martial art emphasizing discipline, concentration, self-confidence, personal development, self-defense and conditioning. Classes for youth ages 6-15 begin Thursday, Dec. 6, 5:30-6:30 p.m. The fee is $45 a month plus an additional fee for a karate outfit and patch. Classes for ages 16 to adult begin Thursday, Dec. 6, 6:30-8 p.m.

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Chemistry of joy author to speak
The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of M Innesota will hold its state conference on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the St. Paul RiverCentre 175 W. Kellogg Blvd. The conference, titled "Breaking Down Barriers," will feature The Chemistry of Joy author Dr. Henry Emmons and 15 workshops on current mental health issues. NAMI provides education and support for children and adults with mental illnesses and their families, and advocates for better mental health services and treatment. For information or to register, call 651-645-2948 or go to www.namihelps.org.

The Rev. Melanie Homan
Methodist church has new pastor
The Rev. Melanie Homan was named pastor of the St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church last summer. Homan holds a bachelor’s degree from Wartburg College in Iowa and a master’s in divinity with a justice and peace concentration from Iliff School of Theology in Colorado. She has served in the Como Park neighborhood for the past 10 years with her husband, Brennon Schaefer; daughter Rylee, 3; and son Dylan, 1.

Gypsy Festa explores music, dance and history of Gypsy tradition
The St. Paul Public Library will present Gypsy Festa—a series of programs highlighting Gypsy music, dance, and history, as well as a display of Do and Jean Reinhart and Gypsy jazz history photographs and other memorabilia—from three nights in November.

A series begins with "Forever Djangó" at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, at Highland Park Library, 1974 Ford Parkway, with music Clearwater Hot Club. Django biographer Michael Dreig will narrate the program: "Flamenco from Spain" will be presented on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 6:30 p.m., at the James J. Hill Reference Library, 60 W. Fourth St., and include flamenco dancer Mchael Hauser, guitarist Pedro Cornejo, drummer Mike Munoz and dancer and choreographer Susana di Palma.

"An Evening of Gypsy Jazz," will take place Wednesday, Nov. 28, at the Highland Park Library, with music by the Twin Cities Hot Club and accordionist Dan N. Wooten. Photographs of the Gypsy jazz era, along with posters and handbills from concerts, programs from shows, records and a vintage Gypsy guitar will be on display at the St. Paul Central Library, 90 W. Fourth St., during November.

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How to put your landscape to bed

By Mary Maguire Lerman

There are two ways to protect your plants for the winter:

1. Add moisture
   At this writing, the Twin Cities had received no significant rains. Our landscape still need water. One can continue watering late into November and even early December if the weather holds out. How? If the daytime temperatures are above freezing, nighttime temperatures stay in the upper 20 degrees F and you can easily drip a shovel into the soil, you can continue watering.

   To do this successfully without damaging your hoses overnight, simply allow the hoses to slightly trickle water during the night hours and then no ice will accumulate in them.

   When it is finally time to stop watering, put your hoses on a slope and roll them up allowing the water to drain out of them. Using three long zip ties, secure each hose for winter storage in the garage. Then go to your basement and close the valves that supply water to your outdoor faucets. Once that is done, open the outdoor faucets and leave them open until all water drains out. This simple process prevents you from having a costly plumber visit.

2. Install hardware cloth fences around your woody plants
   This is particularly important for young trees that have not developed hard outer bark. His task must be accomplished before frost is in the ground, unless you want to haul hot water out of your home to warm and then throw the spits.

   Count how many trees or shrubs you need to protect and measure the circumference needed to surround the trunk or branches, providing a somewhat loose fit. Visit your local hardware store and purchase enough 1/4-inch hardware cloth. A bolt of at least 26 inches or more is best to cover the total circumferences of each plant to be protected. Purchase wire (not plastic stem) marking flags (usually sold in handfuls of 50) and some plastic zip ties (at least 8 inches long), tin snips and leather gloves.

   At home, roll out the hardware cloth on the ground, and with leather gloves, cut with tin snips one length for each woody plant you feel needs protection. Remember to add 6 inches in additional length to the circumference measurement for each fence you are assembling.

   After cutting, wrap the hardware cloth around your plant, overlapping both ends by 3 inches. Be sure the fence is at least 2 to 3 inches back from the bark/shrub branches. Using three zip ties for each fence, lock the overlaps together and zip closed. Next, take three or more marking flags and slide them slowly down through the lower grid openings, placing them equal distances around the fence.

   If you encounter resistance as you push the wires down, you’ve probably hit rock. Carefully pull the wire out (holding it at the base never pull on the flag itself) and relocate into another grid opening nearby. When you have nearly pulled all wires into the ground, bend the last 6 inches of the wire back over and down from the fence as this will hold the fence and keep it from being windblown. Check to make sure that the fence is secure down into the upper soil surface, then water around the entire perimeter of the fence.

Mary Maguire Lerman is a consulting horticulturist and a member of the St. Anthony Park Garden Club.

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Congratulations to LYNN BLOMSTRAND MORATZKA, Lutheran Seminary coordinator of donor relations, awarded the prestigious Order of the Polar Star by the King of Sweden for her 26 years of service as executive director of Gammelgården Museum in Scandia.

94-year-old pastor has walked for hunger relief for nearly 25 years

By Mary Mergenthal


The walk around the State Capitol honors people worldwide who must walk long and difficult distances for clean water, food or medical help and it raises funds for the award-winning hunger-relief efforts of Church World Service (CWS), which provides on-the-ground, emergency relief and long-term sustainable development.

A quarter of the money raised supports local food shelves. The St. Paul CROP Walk was one of many held all over the country.

The 94-year-old retired pastor, a member of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, has participated in the walk for nearly 25 years and is always a top fundraiser. He started getting in shape at a young age, walking 3 miles to and from elementary school.

Being on a mission to help others is nothing new to H omdrom. His book, M iason M emories, W orld W ar I, tells of his 30 missions over Germany and France during the war. D-d a-y over N orm any on June 6, 1944, was his 28th mission. Those missions earned him the rank of captain, the Distinguished Flying Cross (twice) and the Purple Heart.

After his honorary discharge from the U.S. Army Air Corps, he returned to teaching history for a while, before attending Luther Seminary to become a pastor. He and his late wife, Betty, served in South Africa for 35 years. His second book, M iason M emories II: I n Apartheid S outh A frica , relates the challenges of that mission journey.

He counts former Nobel Peace Prize winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu as a personal friend.

After returning to St. Anthony Park in retirement, he and Betty took up yet another mission: the St. Paul–Lawaaikamp Sister Commu-nity effort. St. Paul has been a Sister City to the South African community of Lawaaikamp since 1988, when citizens there were threatened with eviction under the apartheid government of South Africa.

For Homdrom, walking to help those abroad and locally who need assistance is no new mission, just one he can do close to home. Readers who watched this year’s Fourth of July parade in St. Anthony Park may have watched this tall man walking in Army fatigue, alone, quietly reminding us of those who fought and died in World War II. That was Ted Homdrom, always on a mission.

H omdrom’s second book is at St. Anthony Park Library; both are available at M earker’s Books and Lutheran Seminary Bookstore.

Mary M. Maguire Lerman is a consulting horticulturist and a member of the St. Anthony Park Garden Club.

Ted Homdrom, left, is shown before the CROP Walk with St. Paul Council of Churches CROP Walk director, David Lestzke. Both men live in St. Anthony Park. Ted walked with the St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church team. Teams from Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, and the United Methodist Church also participated. Photos by Patricia Lull
Actors from Como Park Senior High School’s production of “Guys and Dolls” for two weekends starting Oct. 26.

The Como Park Cougars boys soccer team: 2012 champions.

By Eric Erickson
Soccer coach

The Como Park Cougars boys soccer program had an excellent season this year on all levels. The players on the school’s three teams represented Como with first-class effort and hard work, which resulted in success and fun on the field.

The varsity team won the St. Paul City Conference championship and had an overall record of 15-1-1 and are heading to state after winning the Oct. 18 game against Smiley High School with a score of 3-0. The JV team also claimed a conference championship and achieved an overall record of 13-3-3.

Como’s youngest and newest players on the C Team were 10-3-2. With the varsity team’s championship, many of the stars were selected to St. Paul City All-Conference, including senior John Ward, senior Anke Niemela and their child in school. If you are interested in the academy, contact Cindy T. Harter at 651-744-5232.

One on-one classes

Murray has nearly 70 students involved in one-on-one mentoring and tutoring. If you are interested in tutoring one to three hours a week, contact Cindy T. Harter at 651-744-5232.


Roseville Area High School (RAHS) will present the musical “Guys and Dolls” for two weekends starting Friday, Oct. 26, at the high school’s Nielsen Performing Arts Center. The show will run weekends, Oct. 26-27 and Nov. 1-3 at 7:30 p.m., and Oct. 28 and Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. Reserved seat tickets are $10 for adults and $8 for seniors and students. General admission seating, which can be purchased at performance time, is $5.

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Fall Festival Fundraiser, Sunday, Nov. 11, 12:30-5:00 p.m. Luncheon, bake sale, golf tournament, a fundraiser for the Como Park Booster Club, which was held on Saturday, Oct. 6. From left, Peter Schrader, Tommy Fritts, Jay Schrader and Danny Cronick.

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Barbara Christiansen

Barbara Joan Christiansen, 59, of St. Anthony Park, died recently. She was an artist, who worked in sketch, painting, acrylics and some sculpture. She taught art for many years and enjoyed teaching the full range of K-12. In addition, she taught for a number of years at New Horizon childcare. She was semi-retired then.

She had been married to a man from Waverly, Iowa, and moved to Saudi Arabia for a short time before the family returned from there, they moved to St. Paul. Barbara was a member of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church for many years.

Barbara was preceded by her father C. Arthur Christiansen, in 2010. She is survived by her mother, Grace Christiansen; a daughter, Megan Rude; three sisters, Amy Christiansen (Santos), Sarah Sadtre, and M. Alicia Stueder (Bill); and a brother, Eric (Lena).

Her memorial service was held Oct. 19 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

Dagnar Kamprud

Dagnar Kamprud, 83, of MInneapolis, died peacefully on Sept. 27 after battling rheumatoid arthritis for many years.

She enjoyed a rewarding career at the University of Minnesota medical school, working with Dr. W. Wesley Spink for 30 years and with Dr. B.J. Kennedy for the final eight years. Spink dedicated his book "The Art and Science of Survival" to her in 1978.

As a University of Minnesota retired volunteer, she was a mentor to third-graders at St. Anthony Park elementary school for eight years. She was an enthusiastic world traveler, visiting six continents.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Virgil; sister, Helen (Virgil) Tweme; a niece and godchild Kristy Wellnitz. She is survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and other special people in her life.

Graveside interment service was held at the Lutheran Cemetery in Etrick, Wis., where she was born in 1929.

Donald Ottery

Donald E. Ottery died on Oct. 5. Don was born in Sioux Falls, S.D., on July 2, 1930. He grew up on a dairy farm near Crooks, S.D. His interest in the early dairy industry began when at age 4 when he herded his first cow. He graduated from Lyons High School and attended South Dakota State University (SDSU) where he majored in dairy education.

Following his graduation in 1953, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany. He went on to earn a master's degree in dairy science from SDSU and a Ph.D. in animal nutrition from North Carolina State University. In 1963, Don joined the faculty of the University of MInnesota as a professor of Animal Sciences. His distinguished career spanned 35 years, during which time he made many contributions to the dairy industry through his teaching and research activities. He compiled his career as the head of the department of animal sciences.

Upon his retirement, Don was awarded the distinction of professor emeritus by the University of MInnesota. Don demonstrated his interest and caring for other people throughout his entire life. He was a devoted and active member of Cropallar Lutheran Church for many years.

Don had a wonderful sense of humor and a contagious laugh that demonstrated the joy he found in life and in the people surrounding him. He will be remembered for his genuine kindness he showed to all and missed by the many people whose lives he touched.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Curtis and Leonard, and a sister, Hazel Moe. A memorial service was held on Oct. 12 at Como Park Lutheran Church.

Irene Soete

Irene C. Soete, 91, died on Sept. 26. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald. She is survived by her sons, Gary (Mary), and daughter, Diane.

Funeral mass was celebrated Oct. 3 at Holy Childhood Catholic Church in Como Park, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Francis Trumble

Francis Xavier Trumble, 90, died Sept. 23. He was original from Worcester, Mass., as he is preceded in death by nine siblings. He is survived by his son, Sean; his wife, Clara and his sons and daughter, Ray (Barb) Forrit, and Maria (Chen) Forrit and Julie (Scott) Olson.

Memorial mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 28 at Holy Childhood Catholic Church in Como Park, with interment at Fort Snelling.

Roger Wald

Roger L. Wald, 82, of Falcon Heights, died at home from esophageal cancer on Sept. 26. He was born in Minneapolis, died peacefully on Sept. 26. He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Elizabeth (Palmer) Wald. He is survived by his son, Sean; his wife, Clara; and his daughters, Karen (Marine) Remoldes, Judy Warner (Mike), Beth (Anzal) and David (Karri); 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Oct. 6 at St. O'dilla Catholic Church in Shoreview.

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By Kristal Leebrick

Midcentury furnishings store sets up shop in former pop-up site

MidModMen + friends, a furniture and accessories store that specializes in modern and midcentury items, has opened at 2401 W. University Ave., the site of last summer’s St. Anthony Park Pop-up Shop.

Neal Kielar and John Mehus, who have been operating MidModMen as an online business for more than a year, have joined forces with Mary and Erik Warner (the “a+friends” part of the business) of Little Falls, who specialize in retro furniture, housewares and décor. In the “spirit of the pop-up shop,” Kielar says they have committed to three months in the shop, though they hope to be there “through the year.”

MidModMen held its grand opening on Oct. 11. The store will be open Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and during three-day events in November and December.

Kielar and friends found the University Avenue shop after meeting Ben Shadow, a member of the Starring Project—a group that matches artists, entrepreneurs and retail or office space-seekers interested in short-term rentals along University Avenue. Shadow suggested that they look at the Starring website for properties available for rent.

They visited the space in August during the last Pop-Up Shop event of the summer.

Kielar had always thought of Raymond and University as commercial corridor, he said, but when he visited the storefront, he was surprised to find it’s a neighborhood where people live, work and walk.

“People were walking their dogs, popping in and out of the liquor store,” he said. “I hadn’t anticipated that.”

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The shop now has a fresh coat of paint and clean floors and is filled with furniture and items from the middle of the 20th century: “Our core is midcentury [1950s, ’60s and a little ’70s],” but MidModMen + friends leans strongly toward anything modern, no matter what decade it came from, he said.

November’s three-day event is scheduled for Nov. 9-11. The shop will also be open on Black Friday, Nov. 23. The December weekend event is scheduled for Dec. 14-16.

To find out more about the shop, visit its Facebook site at www.facebook.com/MidModMen.

New microbrewery breaks ground in St. Anthony Park

As all the noise surrounding Surly Brewing Co.‘s possible move into Prospect Park hits the streets, a new microbrewery quietly broke ground in an industrial corridor of south St. Anthony Park in mid-October.

Husband and wife Jay and Sandy Boss Febbo hope to have Bang Brewing Co. open for business by mid- to late February. The building at 2320 Capp Road—which was designed by local architect Geoffrey Warner—is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

Bang Brewing Co. will focus on American ales and strive to use locally sourced and organic ingredients, Sandy Boss Febbo said. If all goes according to schedule, the company’s taproom will be open and customers will have the ales in hand by late winter.

We’ll tell you more about Bang Brewing Co. in our next issue.

 Neal Kielar of MidModMen + friends. Photo by Kristal Leebrick.
To place a classified ad, send it to classifieds@parkbugle.org or P.O. Box 8126, St. Paul, MN 55108, or call Fariba Sanikhahat at 612-362-3074. Ads are $5 per line. Adding a box around your ad or art costs $10 each. Business-card-size celebration ads with photos are $40. The next deadline is Nov. 9.

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The language of the amendment does not address specific situations like this, but in 2011 Gov. Mark Dayton vetoed a voter ID measure passed by the Republican-controlled Legislature. That earlier piece of legislation did provide for college students who wanted to vote near campus. Under that law, students could vote at their college address, in addition to presenting a valid driver’s license or government ID with their home address, they were also able to show “a current student fee statement that contains the student’s … address … in the precinct.” Assuming that passage of the amendment would eventually lead to similar legal provisions, the student would be able to vote if she remembered to bring her driver’s license and a statement from her college to the polling place.

Case 2: An elderly widower gave up his driver’s license a decade ago and has no current photo ID. He lives alone, stays mentally alert, but is badly crippled by arthritis and uses a walker. Wary of braving the November weather, he has voted by absentee ballot in the last two presidential elections. How would the voter ID requirement affect him?

The language of the amendment requires that those “not voting in person” will be subject to “substantially equivalent identity and eligibility verification” before their ballots can be counted. Assuming the provisions of the vetoed 2011 bill would prevail, this means the widower would have to obtain a Minnesota voter ID. To establish his identity, he would be required to present a birth certificate or other acceptable legal record. If he didn’t have these documents in his possession, he would have to obtain them from the appropriate authorities. That’s a process that could take quite a while, particularly if he had to apply for them from another state.

Although, by law, the Minnesota voter ID would be free, he would have to pay whatever charges arose for getting certified copies of his legal records. Because the voter ID would include his photo, presumably he would have to travel to the nearest driver’s license station to have his photo taken. For a non-driver with no close relatives, such a journey is no small undertaking.

Case 3: A prospective voter is new to the area and hasn’t had time to change his driver’s license, but he has an old friend who has lived in the precinct for several years. Can the voter register on Election Day by bringing his friend along to vouch for him at the polls?

Personal vouching would no longer be allowed under the amendment. Again, assuming the provisions of the vetoed 2011 bill would prevail, the voter in this case would be allowed to cast a provisional ballot. Within seven days, he would have to apply for an updated driver’s license and return to the county clerk with proof of his new residence. If he didn’t return, his ballot wouldn’t be counted.

In each of these three cases, there would be an extra step before the voter’s ballot could be counted. Would the student remember to get a statement from her college? Would the elderly non-driver arrange for a ride to the driver’s license station and figure out how to order a duplicate birth certificate? Would the provisional voter be willing to take off work to stand through lines at government offices in the seven days after the election?

Or would each of them decide that voting was just too much trouble? When does a minor bureaucratic hurdle become an insuperable obstacle? Those are some of the questions that voters must consider in November when they decide on the voter ID amendment.

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