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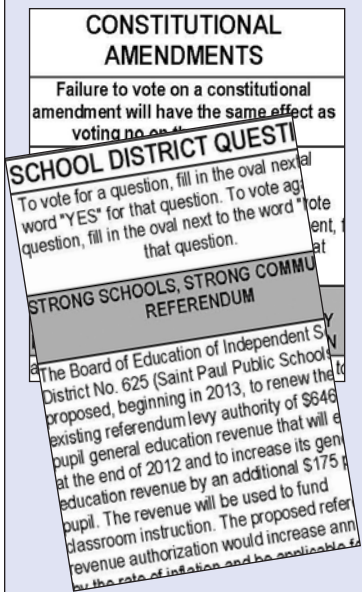
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# Park Bugle

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## 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?

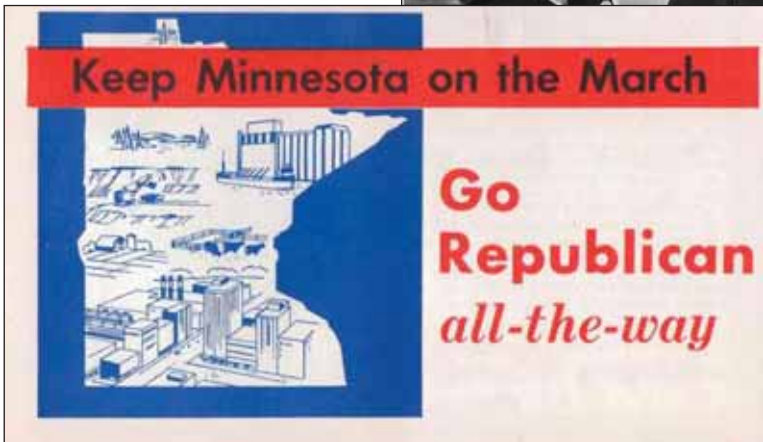
The 1950s and '60s were a golden era for DFL politics in Minnesota—a time when the national influence of state Democrats far exceeded the state's Electoral College strength. Hubert Humphrey, Walter Mondale and Gene McCarthy bestrode the national stage in those days, but they did so

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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



## 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 State Fair parking, 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 generate a little extra cash; for younger people, the opportunity 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.

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### 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. Lexington 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 the decision making involved in long-term development and land-use issues in the community. 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. Lexington 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/districtplansurvey.html](http://www.district10comopark.org/districtplansurvey.html) or you can obtain a hard copy at the District 10 office.

For more information, contact Jessie at 651-644-3889, [district10@district10comopark.org](mailto:district10@district10comopark.org) or go to the the district website, [www.district10comopark.org/neighborhoodplanning.html](http://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. in the Job Corps cafeteria, 1480 N. Snelling Ave.

Support your district council and join in for ghoulish good eats, including pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk and juice. Adult tickets are \$6, ages 3-12 years are \$3, and children under 3 eat 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. Larpenture Ave.*

### Cities collaborate on sustainability

Mayors Jeffrey Dains of Lauderdale, Peter Lindstrom of Falcon Heights and Jerry Faust of St. Anthony Village have been gathering 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 related to the Sustainability 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 [www.threeriversparks.org/parks/silverwood-park.aspx](http://www.threeriversparks.org/parks/silverwood-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 completed 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 to 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.”

### Lauderdale

*The Lauderdale City Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St.*

The General Election is Tuesday, Nov. 6, and all Lauderdale residents vote at Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Extended hours for absentee voting are Saturday, Nov. 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at City Hall. Absentee voting continues on Monday, Nov. 5, until 5 p.m.

## 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, according to Steve Zaccard, public information officer for the department.

### 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 wine tasting and sale to raise funds 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.

### 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's Land Use Committee meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at SSA. The Energy Resilience Group meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of the month. Email [erg@sapcc.org](mailto:erg@sapcc.org) to find out the location each month. The Environment Committee meets 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](mailto:lauren@sapcc.org).

### Keep leaves out of the street

Prevent pollution of our waterways by keeping your leaves out of the street. Here's how:

Rake leaves out of your boulevard, yard and gutter. Collect them in compostable bags or add them to your backyard compost. Know that you're preventing phosphorus pollution, which is roughly one-fifth of a pound per bag of leaves. The Mississippi River thanks you.

### 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 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 printer cartridge and cell phone remanufacturing and recycling company, to start a fundraiser that recycles mobile phones and used printer cartridges. Bring your used cartridges and cell phones to the District 12 office, 890 Cromwell Ave., to be recycled and raise money for council.

# 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 Teisberg 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 group's semi-annual warrior adventure retreat to the woods. He does volunteer buckthorn clearing with a local youth club. He plays "beep" 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, Teisberg, 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, Teisberg 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 be 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 warned, "Stand back. I'm going to capture this."

"All the bees went bloomp, 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 clumping 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 so I could pour the bees in," he recalls. "Everybody was standing in the yard, and the cardboard box fell onto the ground!"

Teisberg 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.

Teisberg'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.

"There'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, Teisberg 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 Teisberg'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 "BEES" in large letters. Not a problem, if your hives sit so far above



Up on the roof: John Teisberg keeps his bees on the roof of his home. Photo by Lori Hamilton

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## Learn more about bees

*Public attitudes toward urban beekeeping grow sweeter 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=1637](http://www.stpaul.gov/index.aspx?NID=1637).

- The City of Falcon Heights has been studying the issue as part of its overall goal to adapt land-use ordinances for sustainable initiatives. Chickens and bees have dominated the Environment Commission agenda for months, as they examine a model ordinance provided by the Minnesota Hobby Beekeeper's

Association. (Find out more at [www.mnbeekeepers.com](http://www.mnbeekeepers.com).)

- The City of Lauderdale's animal ordinance doesn't address the issue of bees at present—chickens are already permitted—but it's on the urban-farming radar, according to city administrator Heather Butkowski.

- University honeybee scholar Marla 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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# EDITORIAL

## Homecoming pranks have become criminal acts

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 dozens of books that were strewn about; a realtor'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'd been 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?"

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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.

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## Give the Max to the Bugle on Nov. 15

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 midnight to 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15, you can give to the max by going to [www.parkbugle.org](http://www.parkbugle.org) and clicking on the green Donate Now button at the top of the home page.



## Corrections

In our October issue, Brad Meinhold, owner of Parrot Head Remodelers, was incorrectly listed as Brad Meinke in the article "Homeowners continue to repair and remodel."

In the article "Monkey Island Update," also in the October issue, readers were incorrectly instructed to write checks to the St. Anthony Park Community Council. Checks should be made to the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation, with "Monkey Island" written in the memo line, and dropped off at Park Midway Bank, 2300 Como Ave.

# L E T T E R S

*The Park Bugle welcomes letters and commentaries from our readers. Send your submissions to editor@parkbugle.org or to Editor, Park Bugle, P.O. Box 8126, St. Paul, MN 55108. The deadline for the December issue is Wednesday, Nov. 7.*

## Autistic resident reaches out to new neighbors

Dear St. Anthony Park, especially north-siders: Hi, my name is 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-great grandfather in 1935.

[St. Anthony Park] has always been a special community embracing diversity and a mentality of 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 had the best police and will always be grateful for their compassion and professionalism.

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

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 Market in 2008. 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 in this world all the time. I have created a group where I am most respected, so if you see me talking to what seems like myself, I am interacting with my friends.

I can look scary when I practice my ninja; it helps calm my anxiety. I don't 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 misinterpret 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 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  
Arron's mom  
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 stable, sufficient financial resources are an essential part of the mix.

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 teachers. Our kids 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.

*Jon Commers  
St. Anthony Park*

## Support for Gwen Willems for Ramsey conservation board

I'm writing to encourage voters to re-elect Gwen Willems to the Ramsey Conservation District Board of Supervisors. The district is our local agency that has responsibility for natural resource management programs for all of Ramsey County. It is governed by a board of five elected supervisors. Gwen 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 qualities needed for an effective supervisor. Gwen has them.

During her current term as a supervisor, Gwen has been active and dedicated. She cares deeply about protecting our water quality, stopping soil erosion from polluting our lakes and streams, and using rain gardens of deep-rooted native plants to capture water to recharge our groundwater drinking supplies. She actively participates in promoting educational programs to help residents learn how to protect all of our natural resources. She also has the insight and financial know-how to make the most of our district's modest finances.

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

*Dorothy Waltz  
Falcon Heights*

Gwen Willems is running for re-election to the Ramsey Conservation District Board for District 2. She's a Falcon Heights resident who as vice chair of the board has a proven record of leadership. She has won my support, as well as that of the DFL, Congresswoman Betty McCollum, Sens. John Marty and Mary Jo McGuire, Reps. Alice Hausman and

Mindy Greiling, Ramsey County Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt and many others.

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

Please join me in voting for Gwen Willems for Ramsey Conservation District supervisor.

*Peter Lindstrom  
Mayor, Falcon Heights*

## Thanks for those orange signs

Thanks to the amazing number of 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 type of sign would have invited hatred, ostracizing and outright violence to the person courageous enough to post it.

Initially, I was dismayed by the groundswell of states and countries that began, in earnest, to grapple with the issue of gay marriage. I was dismayed simply because there were so few states who 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 jobs, denied housing, be thrown out of our apartments, denied access to our loved ones in the hospital and on and on. But, hey, at least we can still get the tax advantage!”

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 commonplace occurrence.

I thought about all of the times I was told, “Someday 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 because I knew, somehow, that that would not happen for me.

I thought about all the times I had attended weddings, the radiant bride, the nervous groom, but more important, the smiles and support of those people witnessing the ceremony. Up until a few years ago I figured, if I was lucky I would end up living with my love, being the neighborhood eccentrics—to put it mildly—a couple of old maids who probably had too many cats.

But now it's different. And Minnesota has decided that it will ask its citizens to vote on whether

someone like me will be able to walk down an aisle, or stand by one of our beautiful lakes some June day, and join hands in love and in accordance with the law and become wedded. It still sounds a bit like a fairytale to me, but I know it will come home solidly when I walk into a voting booth in November and cast my ballot.

We still have a long way to go. I have found that less than about 5 percent of the people I come across are aware that there is no federal law that prohibits being denied employment, being denied renting or purchasing a home, being harassed in the workplace, being fired from a job, or denied seeing a loved one in the hospital etc. etc., for no more reason than baldly vicious hatred for someone who is different from “the norm.”

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

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 Seaman  
St. Anthony Park*

## Marty opposes amendments

In the new legislative districts drawn earlier 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, as well as Como, 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.

Also, I strongly encourage voters 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 the opposite direction and take away people's 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 mental health legislation.

Feel free to get in touch with me at the Capitol, jmarty@senate.mn or 651-296-5645, or if you have questions related to the campaign, marty@johnmarty.org or 651-633-8934.

*John Marty  
Roseville*

## Reader urges seniors to vote no on voter ID amendment

I am writing about the voter ID amendment that Minnesotans will be asked to decide on this coming November. I feel compelled to write this 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 being eligible to vote. The legislation on the ballot this year represents one of the most restrictive voter ID proposals in the nation. Other states' laws allow more types of identification to be used to vote (Medicare card, military ID, student ID, government badge or ID document). If the amendment proposal passes, many senior citizens who have contributed much to our communities 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 ridiculous to think our seniors would ever think to engage in election fraud.

I value the viewpoints and contributions of our senior citizens. Their voices in the political process should be protected.

For any seniors reading this, I urge them to vote *no* on the voter ID amendment. If it passes, this election might be their last opportunity to vote without excessive and unreasonable limits on their rights.

*Shawn Pearson  
Como Park*

## The last pecan roll

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

Ya Ya, the former owner, was model slim with a musical voice made for radio. She was a mom—cheerful, warm and loving—every time I visited. She painted her coffeehouse walls jewel colors and strung sparkling little white lights. She even made the bathroom pretty. Only the best was good enough for her family of customers. Her shop was a nice place to be for a kid who drank milk instead of coffee.

I told Ya Ya how much she meant to the neighborhood. She chirped, “Things change.” I would like to know the location of her next nest.

*Linda M. Manquist  
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### 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 Bergerson is a freelance writer and local historian who lives in Como Park.*

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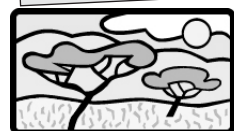
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**By Natalie Zett**

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.

Joan lives in the same St. Anthony Park house that she and her 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 1910-2004] 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]." John Hunt had leadership roles in many neighborhood organizations, including the St. Anthony Park Association and St. Matthew's.

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.

A black and white photograph of a young woman sitting on a large, dark rock by the ocean, painting on a canvas. She is wearing a striped short-sleeved shirt and shorts. The ocean is visible in the background.

character. It's influenced by the Bauhaus and Ash Can School and has an 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. "Had 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."

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The Birdman  
of Lauderdale

by Clay Christensen

## Accipiter action in his own front yard

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, nape and back are a 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 blue-gray and white. The tip of the tail usually appears rounded and ends with a broad white band, a terminal stripe.

Another almost identical accipiter is the sharp-shinned hawk or sharpie. The sharpie is smaller at

10 to 14 inches long, but at a quick glance, the two species look almost the same. The sharpie has more of a squared end to its tail and a narrower 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 sharpie’s 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, flickers 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 suddenly from behind cover, to surprise their prey.

I came out front to see if it had caught anything, and it flew up from our yard to the neighbor’s tree. 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

swooped down and landed on the wooden patio table out front. It stood ramrod tall, surveying the area, and then stalked across the table to get a better look at the shrubs 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 hopped 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 in 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 disappeared. 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 littler 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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# Prospect Park musicians launch classical recording project

By Anne Holzman

Bill Eddins is the first to admit that it's a little strange to build a state-of-the-art recording studio above the garage.

Having built it, he and his wife want to share it with local musicians—in a big way. On Dec. 21, they'll launch the HEAR Project with an "end of time" concert to be broadcast live on Classical Minnesota Public Radio. Their first recording will feature music from that concert.

They are raising money in the hopes that the nonprofit HEAR (Help Empower Artists' Recordings) Project can become a source of real income for top-quality, innovative chamber groups and provide a showcase for their work.

The backyard studio started out half a decade ago, with a common problem faced by families living in lovely old Twin Cities homes: the need for more space.

They loved their neighborhood, the kind of "village" they needed to raise their two boys, Eddins said. Both boys attend St. Anthony Park Elementary School in spite of living across the city border.

Eddins and his wife, Jen Gerth, are musicians, and they needed to separate their workspaces, Eddins said. When they bought the house, "Jen's studio was tacked onto the back of the house—illegally, I might add." They thought about putting a second story on the existing addition, but the foundation wasn't adequate.

So they looked a few feet farther, out the back window. "We had this horrible garage," Eddins said. "We didn't even like to park the cars in there. So we tore it down, built a new garage and realized we could put a studio on top of that."

Eddins is an orchestra conductor, most recently at the Edmonton Symphony in Ontario, Canada. His accomplishments include winning kudos in the New York Times for a performance last spring at Carnegie Hall.

Gerth is in her 15th year as principal clarinetist for the Duluth Symphony, teaches at the University of St. Thomas and Augsburg College, and finds freelance work with other area ensembles.

They weren't going to settle for less than perfection when it came to their backyard studio. So they hired acoustics expert David Braslau, who worked with Acacia Architects to design a state-of-the-art recording studio.

"He was intrigued," Eddins recalled. "No one builds studios like this."

Now Gerth can teach and practice in the house while Eddins plays his lovingly rebuilt Steinway piano and studies scores above the garage. But that's not enough, Eddins said.

"Always in our minds was the idea of doing something creative," he said. So while he prepared for his September collaboration with



Jen Gerth and Bill Eddins in their backyard studio. Photo by Kristal Leebrick

violinist Joshua Bell and the Cincinnati Orchestra, Eddins also spent the summer planning Baktun 14, a gala marking the Maya calendar end-time (the end of the 13th *baktun*, or epoch), on the winter solstice of 2012.

"Time is going to end on the 21st of December," Eddins said with a chuckle. "So we might as well go out with a party."

To that end, Eddins has been scaring up funds to book the Weisman Art Museum in Minneapolis for his late-evening concert. The HEAR Project has garnered fiscal sponsorship from Springboard for the Arts, a Twin Cities arts incubator, and is looking for donors through a fundraising campaign at USA Projects, which ends Nov. 15.

The centerpiece of the Dec. 21 concert will be Olivier Messiaen's "Quartet for the End of Time," composed in a German prison camp in 1941. "We thought it would be great to perform 'Quartet' on that date," Eddins said.

"It's one of those pieces that has an immediate impact on people," he added.

Music from the concert will be included in the HEAR Project's first release, early next year. Also in the works are a trio by Stephen Paulus and a jazz-influenced piece by Fred Sturm, originally written for Bobby McFerrin.

Eddins said he's still considering further releases and is open to proposals.

"Our focus is classical chamber music," he said. "There are a lot of different elements in that."

Anne Holzman lives, writes and listens to music in St. Anthony Park.

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# A sweet new year

By Kristal Leebrick

When a woman dressed as a bee showed up on a bicycle with Bugle reader Amy Unger's honey order from the Beez Kneez Delivery in September, Unger couldn't resist snapping a photo and sending it to the Bugle. Kristy Lynn Allen, owner of the Beez Kneez, has been delivering honey by bike for two years. The honey comes from Bar Bell Bee Ranch in Squaw Lake, Minn., which is owned by Allen's uncle.

The Beez Kneez mission is two-pronged, says Allen: one aim is to deliver local, raw and unprocessed honey in a sustainable manner (that means she delivers only by bike). The business also strives to educate and raise awareness about the honeybee's vital role in our food system.

To that end, Beez Kneez has launched Community Bees on Bikes with partner Erin Rupp, an educator at the Bell Museum in Minneapolis, and some help from entomologist Marla Spivak and the Bee Lab at the University of Minnesota. Allen and Rupp bring educational programs to six host sites in the Twin Cities where



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

Beez Kneez has 12 hives, two at each site.

Eventually, Allen plans to

renovate a building in south Minneapolis to create an urban beekeeping center. She sees beekeeping as a community-oriented endeavor. "Beekeeping is not easy to do on one's own and can be very expensive," she says. "I'm hoping to help people get into it." For now, that project is in its infancy stage.

Allen delivers her honey three days a week. If you look at her website,

[www.thebeezkneezdelivery.com](http://www.thebeezkneezdelivery.com), you'll see that she only delivers to Minneapolis residents at this time. Back to our Bugle neighbor, Amy Unger, who learned about Beez Kneez from postings about Bees on Bicycles on Facebook. She called Allen and they met at the St. Anthony Park library to seal the deal.

Allen crossed the river to St. Paul for Unger "because it was Rosh Hashanah and she was really excited and super happy to get it on her holiday."

Unger did, indeed, serve the honey for the Jewish New Year, and her plea for the sweet stuff got Allen to say, "We are looking at some partnerships in St. Paul and eventually expanding."

## 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 believes he's in a great spot for beekeeping—less than a mile from the St. Paul campus, between Como Park and the State Fairgrounds.

"That's a lot of open land still," he says. "I'm surprised when I go up in that old space needle at the fairgrounds and look around. It's all trees," he says, "like a forest. There's lots of green stuff in spite of all the roads and houses."

His thousands of bees forage for nectar within a radius of a few miles. The bees seem to thrive on the exuberant variety of urban flowers in his neighborhood. They visit his across-the-street neighbor's birdbath for water. (She doesn't mind.) As Teisberg explains, it may be the process of trucking hives out to pollinate one single crop after another in huge, monoculture fields sprayed with insecticides that weakens and kills the bee colonies of professional beekeepers. While no one knows quite what causes Colony Collapse Disorder, the bane of large-scale pollination businesses, it appears city beekeeping is good for gardens and for urban beekeepers, as well.

During the 2012 State Fair,




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. Photo by Lori Hamilton

Teisberg spent time on standby to spin honey at the demonstration hives inside the Agriculture Building. "This is definitely a hobby," he said. "I have too many hobbies. I turn wood. In fact, I turn pens out of buckthorn."

Indeed, when this reporter visited his home, she noticed some


trimmed buckthorn branches stacked against the back fence and asked if he'd like some more. His face lit up. "If I could get any that were bigger than that, I'd come over with a saw."

D.J. Alexander lives and writes in Falcon Heights.



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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: jessandannawanttoadopt@gmail.com), business cards, window decals, YouTube videos, a craigslist ad and a website, [www.JessAnnaAdopt.com](http://www.JessAnnaAdopt.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 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 were open, 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 the infant adoption program include some degree of openness; the organization promotes open adoption for all, but honors the wishes of birthparents who choose closed adoption.

Lutheran Social Services provides online classes and a day class onsite that give prospective parents the tools they need to be as involved as they wish in the adoption process.

“Adoption can include an emotional wait for many families, so for some families, adoption outreach is a good fit because it empowers families to make their own choices



Jess and Anna Heitland

and be more proactive with their adoption plan,” says Frazier. “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.”

The Heitlands, who met as students at the College of Visual Arts in St. Paul, were familiar with both technology and design and so were excited to take an active part in the adoption process. The Facebook page was up and running in June and the website in September.

“You just have to offer yourself to the world and hope the right connection happens,” says Jess, an interactive designer who works in social media. “We rely on friends and family to share our page so that it makes it available to people we have never met.”

Since June 18, their Facebook page (which is open to anyone on the web) has had more than 150 “likes,” reaching an audience of more than 2,000 people in the United States and people from at least 20 other countries.

“We’ve noticed that many

people have questions about open infant adoption,” says Anna. “The Facebook page allows us to enlighten friends, family and other acquaintances. Hopefully, someday, especially with social media, outreach won’t be such a secret.”

The people at Lutheran Social Services are finding that the use of social media in adoption is becoming more common. Frazier says that they don’t know exactly how many adoptions are influenced by social media, but they are seeing an increase in the number of birthparents who start their search for an adoptive family on the internet. “Each year typically over half of the adoptions we complete are designated adoptions,” Frazier says, “which means that adoptive families and birthparents are connecting on their own and coming to LSSMN for adoption services.”

The Heitlands are realistic about how long they will have to wait to find a baby—a domestic open adoption generally takes two years. But they know they will move up on the list, and they feel that taking some control in the outreach process may help them make a happy connection for birthparents, a child and themselves that much sooner.

*Michelle Christianson lives and writes in St. Anthony Park.*

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Confused about what a yes or a no vote means on the Nov. 6 General Election 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 Leebrock

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 \$39 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 \$175 levied with the current referendum.

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 \$646 per pupil. Anoka-Hennepin, the state's largest district, has an excess levy of \$1,226 per pupil. Districts in Bloomington, Wayzata, Edina and Minnetonka all have excess levies of \$1,500 to \$1,800 per pupil.

If the levy increase passes on Election Day, the district would receive \$822 per pupil in excess levy funds. Even with that increase, SPPS would stay in the bottom 10 of metro-area districts that have an excess levy, O'Connell said.

Currently, the \$30 million that is set to expire funds all-day kindergarten, pre-kindergarten classes for 4-year-olds (the state pays for only half-day kindergarten and no pre-K classes) and Early Childhood Family Education. It also goes toward increased math and reading staff in elementary schools, support for existing English Language Learner programs, federally mandated special education services that are not funded by the state, smaller high school math and science classes and more high school guidance counselors.

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 lessons on line, 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, lessons, homework assignments and a lot more information than they do now," she said. "That 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 get the chance to use computers other than at test times."

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."

"We are not asking for an excessive amount of money when you look at places like Edina," she said. "The board has tried to use dollars wisely and ask for a minimal amount to make sure our kids get what they need."

Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose

In September, Chris Samuel, Ramsey County manager of Property Records and Revenue, announced that homeowners in 12 of St. Paul's 17 districts could see lower tax bills due to declining property values and an infusion of additional revenue to the county from the state's Fiscal Disparities Program, which spreads revenue from the metro area's commercial and industrial tax base to different cities.

Como Park and North End residents could see a significant tax drop. 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.

### SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTIONS

To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "YES" for that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "NO" for that question.

### STRONG SCHOOLS, STRONG COMMUNITIES REFERENDUM

The Board of Education of Independent School District No. 625 (Saint Paul Public Schools) has proposed, beginning in 2013, to renew the existing referendum levy authority of \$646.55 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?

☐ YES  
☐ NO

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

## Voter ID: sensible or sinister?

By Judy Woodward

Republicans say that if the voter ID amendment passes on Nov. 6 it will stop corruption and abuse at the polls. Democrats say, no, it will stop Democrats.

Is the voter ID amendment, which will appear on November

ballot, a necessary move to curb voter 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 Minnesotans already show identification for activities as minor as renting a DVD or

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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.

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?
<input type="radio"/> YES
<input type="radio"/> 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?
<input type="radio"/> YES
<input type="radio"/> NO

The sample ballot above shows the questions that will appear on the Nov. 6 ballot in Minnesota concerning the proposed changes to the state constitution. At right are the proposed constitutional amendments. A sample ballot of the St. Paul school district's levy questions is shown at left on page 12.



## 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 here.

### 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 language of the proposed amendments appears below. 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's website, [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://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, 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.*

Section 1. **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.** An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is proposed to the people. If the amendment is adopted, article VII, section 1, will read: Section 1. (a) Every person 18 years of age or more who has been a citizen of the United States for three months and who has resided in the precinct for 30 days next preceding an election shall be entitled to vote in that precinct. The place of voting by one otherwise qualified who has changed his residence within 30 days preceding the election shall be prescribed by law. The following persons shall not be entitled or permitted to vote at any election in this state: A person not meeting the above requirements; a person who has been convicted of treason or felony, unless restored to civil rights; a person under guardianship, or a person who is insane or not mentally competent. (b) *All voters voting in person must present valid government-issued photographic identification before receiving a ballot. The state must issue photographic identification at no charge to an eligible voter who does not have a form of identification meeting the requirements of this section. A voter unable to present government-issued photographic identification must be permitted to submit a provisional ballot. A provisional ballot must only be counted if the voter certifies the provisional ballot in the manner provided by law. (c) All voters, including those not voting in person, must be subject to substantially equivalent identity and eligibility verification prior to a ballot being cast or counted.*

obtaining a library card. Why shouldn't the infinitely more important activity of casting one's vote require an equal level of self-disclosure, they ask. 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

### Red state, blue state from 1

largely without the votes of Bugle-area residents.

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

"[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 Minnesota acquired an official governor's mansion, Andersen—and his neighbors—saw nothing amiss in him running the affairs of state from his home on Hoyt Avenue.

In many ways, Andersen typified the political philosophy of the area in those days. Glen Skovholt, who was long active in state Republican politics, remembers Andersen as "first and foremost" among his political heroes. "He embodied the progressive social philosophy," says Skovholt. "He was a public-spirited citizen, not a machine person." A successful businessman and in many respects a fiscal conservative, Andersen was also an unabashed progressive when it came to education and civil rights.

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 bastions of progressive thought as the Minnesota State Department of Human Rights and the Metropolitan Council were both created in the 1960s during Republican administrations.

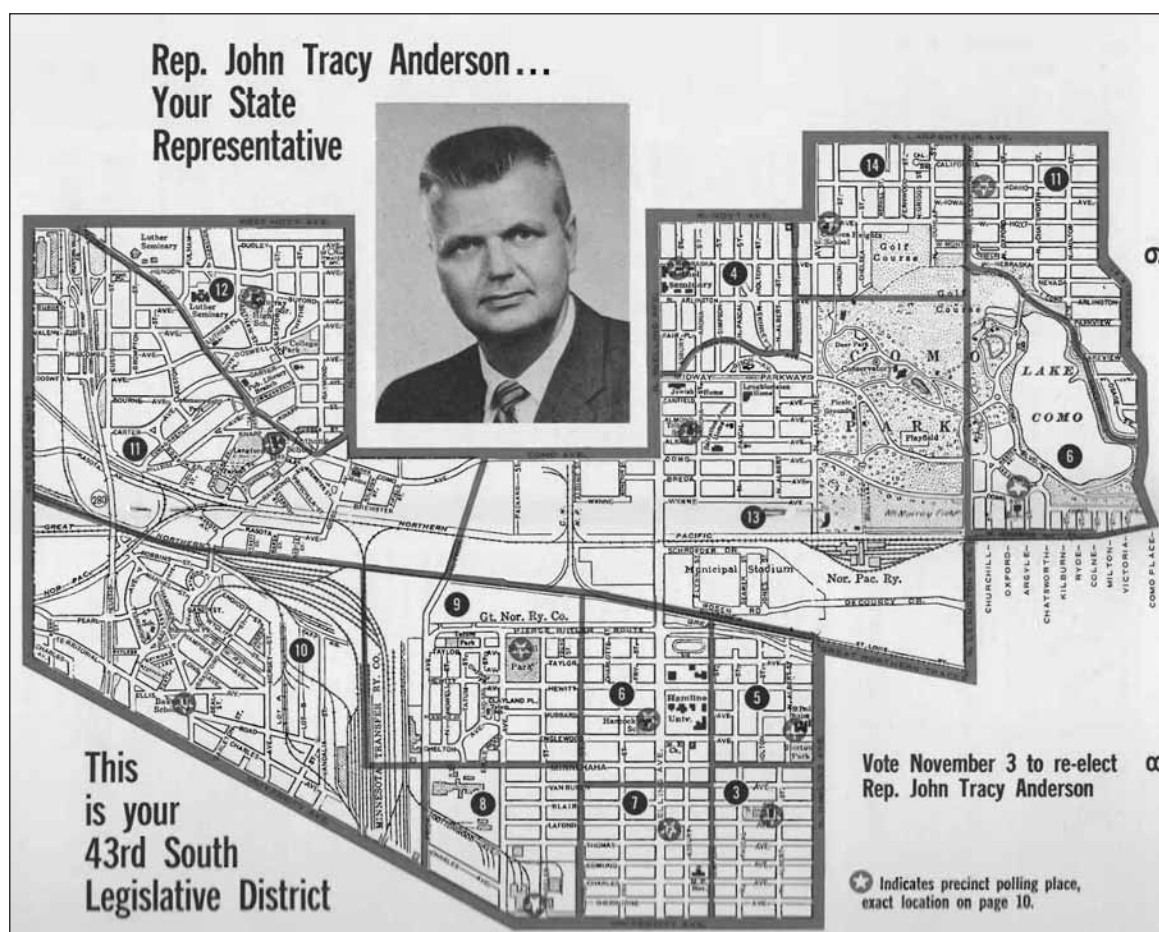
"Those people were progressive and committed to education," he says. "Elmer Andersen was one of the most revered men in the state."

Hubert Humphrey, who came to represent the national face of Minnesota politics, was no hero to the voters of this area. "There was not much of a positive feeling about Humphrey," says Skovholt. "He was viewed as a radical ... supported by labor."

For many area voters in the decades after World War II, it was organized labor—"the unions"—that played the role of nemesis in their political drama. "The Democratic Party was controlled by organized labor," asserts Skovholt. Adds Sands, "Democrats [who] were union members were pretty conservative [on social issues]. Unions weren't open to people of color or women."

Skovholt explained that before definitions of acceptable commuting distance expanded, St. Anthony Park and environs was dominated by faculty members from the nearby St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota, as well as those affiliated with the neighborhood's two Lutheran seminaries.

"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 Minnesota] campus had a tremendous influence. People came



This map from a 1962 John Tracy Anderson campaign brochure shows the boundaries for Minnesota's 43rd South Legislative District. Hoyt Avenue is the northwestern boundary. Larpenteur 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*

from farms and rural communities, which were [largely] Republican."

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

"They were all good guys," says Olsen 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, originally founded as a men's organization to work on expanding neighborhood educational and recreational opportunities.

Change came, of course. By the late '60s, the nation was in political turmoil. Opposition to the Vietnam War joined with the struggle for minority and women's rights, and in the ensuing culture wars, no neighborhood was left untouched.

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 Democratic-leaning Minneapolis campus. At the same time, "Opposition 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 feel-good era of Eisenhower politics.

Lois Anderson, widow of Sen. John Tracy Anderson, attributes her husband's eventual defeat in 1972 to changing demographics. "For the first time, university students could vote," she says. "It brought in more liberal [politics]."

The man who defeated Anderson was a young Episcopal priest named Bob North. Four years earlier he had been the first Liberal Caucus candidate to win the Minnesota House District, which included St. Anthony Park in what was still officially a nonpartisan election. Now retired and living in Illinois, North recalls that his first intimation of victory came when he learned that he'd lost the north St. Anthony Park precincts—Elmer Andersen territory—by "only" 20 points. Heavier DFL turnout in other parts of the district would carry him to victory over Rep. Jack Morris of St. Anthony Park, the last Republican ever to hold the seat.

"When I was initially asked to run I [said] that, as a priest or pastor, I had very little time to spend raising funds or going door to door campaigning, but that I did have time to go to two coffee parties on at least two nights each week to explain my positions," North says. "They responded that the DFL in our district had a booth at the State Fair where they sold 'those little doughnuts' which would raise all the monies that the campaign needed."

A few years later, attorney Neil Dietrich became the first area legislative candidate to formally adopt the DFL label during his 1972 campaign for the Minnesota House. By the mid-'70s the sea change in local politics was accomplished, and Democrats have dominated the voting here ever since.

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 Minnesota 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 Obama carried the north St. Anthony Park precinct that the late Gov. Andersen once called home with 84 percent of the vote. Other nearby precincts in St. Paul and Falcon Heights racked up similar margins for the Democrats.

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 dogmatic. It's very difficult for me to support the Republican candidates in Minnesota today because of the issues."

As for Skovholt, the longtime Republican Party activist says wryly, "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 Obama.

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

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## Neighbors

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Victoria Huynh, Laura Bowman, Como Park Senior High School junior Elliot Moormann, Alexander Stoley and Gabby Monaco pose in Red Square in Moscow, Russia.

### Como hockey player tests the ice in Moscow

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 4 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.

The program began in 2009 to facilitate cooperation and joint projects that would strengthen the ties between Russia and the United States.

Through the U.S. Sports United office, non-elite athletes ages 7-17 are invited to participate in the program. Sports teams don't compete. The program uses sports to bring people together to foster understanding among different cultures.

Moorman 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.

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 and Venice, Calif., and Elk River, Duluth and Maple Grove, Minn.—  
*Kristal Leebrick*

**New gallery hosts work by Nancy and Warren MacKenzie**  
Gallery 1639, located at 1639 W. Larpentour Ave., Falcon Heights, is showing the work of fiber artist Nancy MacKenzie and her legendary potter husband Warren MacKenzie through Nov. 10. The gallery is located in the common area of the Cox Insurance building.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 to 8 p.m., and Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The gallery plans to have five or six shows a year on a casual basis. A festive show displaying the work of a mother-daughter graphic design team is planned for the holiday season. The holiday show will run

from Saturday, Nov. 17, to Saturday, Dec. 15.

You can like Gallery 1639 on Facebook for more details. To learn more about future shows or to suggest an artist for the gallery, email [gallery1639@gmail.com](mailto:gallery1639@gmail.com).

**'Birding superhero' to present at Audubon monthly meeting**  
St. Paul Audubon will host "Recent Changes in Minnesota Bird Life," presented by Robert Janssen, on Thursday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. at the Fairview Community Center, 1910 W. County Road B, Roseville.

Bob Janssen has been described as a "birding superhero" and as "The Birdman of Minnesota." A birder for 65 years, he completed an 11-year study in 2009 of 72 Minnesota State Parks and developed a bird list for each location. He has documented 427 Minnesota birds by sight and sound. Janssen is the author of three birding books.

The event is open to the public. A social time with refreshments begins at 6:45 p.m. For more information, call Linda Goodspeed at 651-647-1452.

**Here's what's happening at Langford Park this fall**  
It's not too late to register for basketball at Langford Park. Call the center at 651-298-5765 or check the website at [www.stpaul.gov/parks](http://www.stpaul.gov/parks) to

*Neighbors to 17*



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

### Do the Dow on Nov. 9-10

More than 30 artists will open their studios at the Dow Building, 2242 University Ave., Friday, Nov. 9, and Saturday, Nov. 10, for the building's annual "one-building art crawl."

The event will feature a range of media, including oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, encaustic, collage, printmaking and photography, as well as stained glass and sculpture. In addition, Drumheart, a women's drum group, will perform and give demonstrations.

Hours are Friday, 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, noon to 6 p.m.

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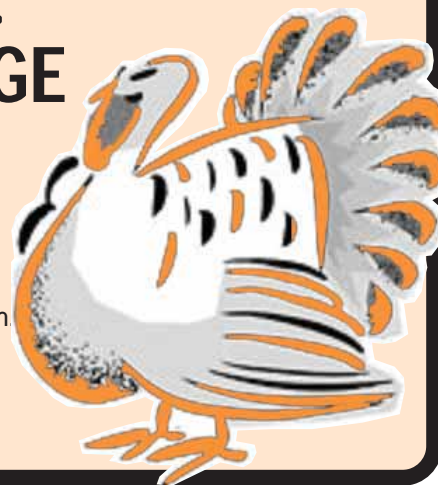


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## Events

### 1 THURSDAY

International & Domestic Adoption Information Session, 6-8:30 p.m., Children's Home Society & Family Services

### 2 FRIDAY

Preschool Storytime, every Friday, 10:30-11:30 a.m., St. Anthony Park library

"Cabaret," Hamline University Theatre, Nov. 2, 8, 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Hamline University's Drew Fine Arts Center.

### 3 SATURDAY

First Saturday Contra Dance, music by Adam Granger and Bob Douglas, 7:30-10 p.m., Celtic Junction. Call 651-646-3732 for more information.

### 4 SUNDAY

Ikebana Show opens and runs through Nov. 11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Majorie McNeely Conservatory

### 5 MONDAY

English as a Second Language, 1-2:30 p.m., each Monday except Nov. 12, St. Anthony Park library. Call 651-642-0411 to register.

St. Anthony Park Cub Scout Pack 22 meeting, 7 p.m., St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church

### 6 TUESDAY

Election Day, find your polling place at [pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us](http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us)

Baby Storytime, 10:30-11 a.m., birth to 2 years, St. Anthony Park library

### 7 WEDNESDAY

Free blood pressure screening, first Wednesday of the month, 11-11:30 a.m., Blomberg Pharmacy. Sponsored by Como Park/Falcon Heights Living at Home Block Nurse Program.

English Conversation Circles, Wednesdays, 4-5:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

One-on-One Career Building, every Wednesday in November, 5-7 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

St. Anthony Park Book Club, "Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption," by Laura Hillenbrand, 6:30-8 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

### 8 THURSDAY

St. Anthony Park Senior Cinema Series: "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel," 2-4 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

Adoptive Parents Group: Parenting Adopted Adults, for parents whose adopted children are now adults, 6-8 p.m., CHSFS

St. Paul Audubon: "Recent Changes in Minnesota Bird Life," 7 p.m., Fairview Community Center

### 11 SUNDAY

Fall Festival fundraiser: luncheon, silent action, vendors, readers, healers, 12:30-5 p.m. Spirit United Church.

Women's Brazilian Drum Class, 1-3 p.m., \$25, drums provided, Women's Drum Center

Wedding Showcase, 5-7:30 p.m., Marjorie McNeely Conservatory

### 12 MONDAY

St. Paul Public Libraries closed for Veterans Day

### 13 TUESDAY

St. Anthony Park Garden Club, "Water-Smart Landscaping," presented by Gregg Thompson. Business meeting at 6:30 p.m., social time at 7 p.m., program at 7:15 p.m. St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall.

Adoptive Parents Group: Minnesota's Waiting Children, for parents who adopted through Minnesota's foster care system, 6:30-8:30 p.m., CHSFS

### 14 WEDNESDAY

Minnesota's Waiting Children Information Session, learn about adopting children who live in foster care, 6-8 p.m., CHSFS

### 17 SATURDAY

International & Domestic Adoption Information Session, 9-11:30 a.m., CHSFS

St. Jude Give thanks. Walk, register at 7 a.m., walk at 8 a.m., Target Field, Minneapolis, [givethankswalk.org](http://givethankswalk.org)

### 20 TUESDAY

Baby Storytime, 10:30-11 a.m., birth to 2 years, St. Anthony Park library

### 22 THURSDAY

Thanksgiving Day, libraries and other public buildings are closed

### 29 THURSDAY

Bouquets: An Evening of Wine, Beer and Food and a preview of the Holiday Flower Show, 7-9:30 p.m., Marjorie McNeely Conservatory. Buy tickets online at [www.comofriends.org](http://www.comofriends.org) or all 651-487-8229.

### BLOCK NURSE EXERCISE

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

**Tuesdays and Fridays**, St. Anthony Park library, 2245 Como Ave., 3-4 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:

Blomberg Pharmacy, 1583 N. Hamline Ave., 651-646-9645

Celtic Junction, 836 Prior Ave N.

CHSFS: Children's Home Society & Family Services, 1605 Eustis St., 651-646-7771

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

Hamline University Drew Fine Arts Center, 1530 Hewitt Ave., 651-523-2905, [tickets@hamline.edu](mailto:tickets@hamline.edu)

Marjorie McNeely Conservatory, Como Regional Park, 1225 Estabrook Drive, 651-487-8201

Spirit United Church, 3204 S.E. Como Ave., Minneapolis, 612-378-3602, [www.spiritunited.com](http://www.spiritunited.com)

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

St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave.


St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave., 651-645-3058

Women's Drum Center, 2242 University Ave. W., [www.womensdrumcenter.org](http://www.womensdrumcenter.org).



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- **Parent Toddler Play Time** is an unstructured time for parents and children to play in the gym. Various toys, small wheeled bikes, scooters and balls will be available. Children must be 4 years old and supervised by an adult at all times. Play Time is free and is held on Thursdays, 9:15 to 10:30 a.m., starting Dec. 6.

- 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 \$15.

- **Join Santa and Mrs. Claus for a spaghetti dinner** on Friday, Dec. 14, 5:30-7 p.m. Activities include dinner, cookie decorating, a craft and face painting. The cost 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. Cost is \$55 per month.

For more information, call instructor Allen Hoggarth at 651-360-3787.

## Youth programs at NW Como

Basketball registration is still open on for ages 3-14 at Northwest Como Recreation Center, 1550 N. Hamline Ave. Enrollment will be accepted while space is available.

There are also openings for these youth classes: Tae Kwon Do, Orchestra Jam (Music), Tantalizing Taste (science), Dry Ice Capades (science) and Babysitting Training.

Register now for dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Claus at Langford Recreation Center.

Call 651-298-5765, go online at [www.stpaul.gov/parks](http://www.stpaul.gov/parks) or register for any of these classes or events at the recreation center.

## Chemistry of Joy author to speak

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Minnesota 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](http://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 lived in the Como Park neighborhood for the past 10 years with her husband, Brennon Schaefer; daughter Rylee, 3; and son Dylan, 1.

## Gypsy Fest explores music, dance and history of Gypsy tradition

The St. Paul Public Library will present Gypsy Fest—a series of three programs highlighting Gypsy music, dance, and history, as well as a display of Django Reinhardt and Gypsy jazz history photographs and other memorabilia—on three nights in November.

The series begins with “Forever Django” at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 7, at Highland Park Library, 1974 Ford Parkway, with music Clearwater Hot Club. Django biographer Michael Dregni 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, 80 W. Fourth St., and include flamenco dancer Michael Hauser, guitarist Pedro Cortés Jr., singer Jesús Montoya and dancer and choreographer Susana di Palma.

“An Evening of Gypsy Jazz,” will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 28, at the Highland Park library, with music by the Twin Cities Hot Club and accordionist Dan Newton.

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.

## Workshop addresses coping with children's challenging behavior

A free, one-day workshop for parents and caregivers of school-age children will address raising children or adolescents with challenging behaviors. The workshop is approved for two hours of training for foster care families.

Presented by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Minnesota, the Children's Challenging Behaviors class will be held Tuesdays, Nov. 13 and 20, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Open Cities Health Center, 409 Dunlap St., in Conference Room C.

To register, call NAMI Minnesota at 651-645-2948.

## Baroque Christmas favorites part of November Music in the Park

The Schubert Club will present the Aulos Ensemble with soprano, Dominique Labelle on Sunday, Nov. 25, at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth. The concert is part of the Music in the Park series.

One of the first American “original instrument” ensembles, the Aulos Ensemble and Labelle will perform a program of Baroque Christmas favorites that include traditional French carols and music by Vivaldi, Bach, Scarlatti, Corrette and Rameau.

Tickets are \$24 for adults and \$12 for student rush.

You can order tickets online at [schubert.org/musicinthepark](http://schubert.org/musicinthepark) or call 651-292-3268.



Murray history teacher Carrie Newman and her new book *War on the Prairie*. Photo by Kristal Leebrick

# Dakota War subject of local teacher's new book

After years of teaching about the Dakota War of 1862 to junior high school students, Carrie Newman has found a new angle: the voices of two fictional girls whose lives are torn by the war.

The girls—one a German settler, the other a Dakota girl—are the protagonists in *War on the Prairie*, a historical fiction novel written by Newman for young adults. It was published in October by North Star Press.

When Newman began writing the book about five years ago, she wrote from the perspective of the four braves, whose killing of a white family 150 years ago, was the catalyst for the war. “I couldn't connect and couldn't understand what it was like to be a boy,” she said. “I started the story about four times, and then three years ago, I decided to write it from the girls' perspective. The story is told by two girls on opposite sides of the war seeing the struggle through their eyes.”

Once she “channeled my girlness” she said she was able to get into the characters and the two girls “started talking” to her.

The Dakota War is a subject that Newman has been obsessed with for a long time, she said. “I researched it, wrote about it. Every year I taught it differently. It is such a horrific piece of Minnesota history.”

Teaching younger students about the war has been challenging, Newman said. “There are very few resources for young scholars. It was such a brutal war. There is a lot of stuff told about it, but it very quickly gets over students' heads. I've been teaching it for so many years; I was trying to get at the unjustness and unfairness of what happened, to get younger students—fifth-, sixth-, seventh-graders—interested in concepts without it getting so horrible for them.”

A book launch for *War on the Prairie* will be held at Micawber's Books, 2238 Carter Ave., on Saturday, Nov. 10, at 2 p.m.

What's next on Newman's writing list? Another historical fiction book, this time set during World War II and featuring a “Rosie the Riveter” character. —*Kristal Leebrick*

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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 landscapes 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, night temperatures stay in the upper 20 degrees F and you can easily slice 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 barks. This task must be accomplished before frost is in the ground, unless you want to haul hot water out from your home to warm and thaw the soils.

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 width of at least 36 inches or more is best) to cover the total circumferences after adding 6 inches additional circumference for each plant to be protected. Purchase wire (not plastic stem) marking flags (usually sold in clumps of 50 or 100) 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 tree bark or shrub branches. Using three zip ties for each fence, lock the overlaps together and zip closed. Next, take three or more metal 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 a rock. Carefully pull the wire out (holding it at the base; never pull on the flag itself) and relocate in another grid opening nearby. When you have nearly pushed all three wires into the ground, bend the last 6 inches of the wire flag out 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.*

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

By Mary Mergenthal

Ted Homdrom joined hundreds of walkers from around St. Paul on Sunday, Oct. 14, in the annual CROP Walk, sponsored locally by the St. Paul Area Council of Churches.

The walk around the State Capitol honors people worldwide who must walk long and dangerous 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 Homdrom. His book, *Mission Memories, World War II*, tells of his 30 missions over Germany and France during the war. D-Day over Normandy 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



Ted Homdrom, left, is shown before the CROP Walk with St. Paul Council of Churches CROP Walk director, David Leitzke. 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 St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church also participated. *Photo by Patricia Lull*

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, *Mission Memories II: In Apartheid South Africa*, relates the challenges of that mission journey.

He counts 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 Community 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 recall a single, tall man walking in Army fatigues, alone, quietly reminding us of those who fought and died in World War II. That was Ted Homdrom, always on a mission.

Homdrom's second book is at St. Anthony Park Library; both are available at Micawber's Books and Luther Seminary Bookstore.

*Mary Mergenthal is a former editor of the Park Bugle.*



## School News

*The Bugle welcomes news about students and schools in the area. The deadline for the December issue is Wednesday, Nov. 7. Send your news to [editor@parkbugle.org](mailto:editor@parkbugle.org).*

**Chelsea Heights Elementary**  
1557 Huron St., 651-293-8790  
[www.chelsea.spps.org](http://www.chelsea.spps.org)

Upcoming events at Chelsea Heights include the following:

- **Picture retake day**, Thursday, Oct. 25
- **Davanni's Night fundraiser**, Thursday, Oct. 25
- **No school** on Friday, Nov. 2
- **Club's Choice delivery** on Wednesday, Nov. 14, between 2:45 and 5:30 p.m.
- **Evening conferences** will be held on Thursday, Nov. 15, and on Tuesday, Nov. 20
- **Daytime conferences** will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 21. School will not be in session that day.
- **Thanksgiving break** is Thursday and Friday, Nov. 22 and 23.

**Como Park Senior High**  
740 Rose Ave., 651-293-8800  
[www.comosr.spps.org](http://www.comosr.spps.org)

### Fall musical is Nov. 8-9

The Como Park Senior High School Concert Choir will perform the musical *Thoroughly Modern Millie* Thursday and Friday, Nov. 8 and 9, at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors.

### AP information evening

An information evening about Como Park high school's Advanced Placement program will be held Thursday, Nov. 29, 7-8:30 p.m. in the Como Park Senior High School library. Prospective students and parents are invited to attend. The evening will include presentations from current AP students at the school.

### Debate champs

Dai'Quan Robinson and Stryker

Thompson and Troy Murphy and Yassin Ahmed attended the national debate tournament Mid-America Cup at Valley High School in Iowa during the last weekend in September. Dai'Quan and Stryker brought home a quarter-finalist trophy from this prestigious tournament. On the same weekend, Shamso Hashi and Hibak Mohamed earned a fifth-place JV trophy at the Minnesota Debate Teacher's Association opening tournament in Chanhassen.

### Library resources from home

Many online resources are available to students from home at <http://connect.spps.org/resources> or <http://comosr.spps.org>. The sites include encyclopedias, databases and reliable websites. The Como Park Senior High web page includes links to student and parent portals and to the media center.

**Murray Junior High**  
2200 Buford Ave., 651-293-8740  
[www.murray.spps.org](http://www.murray.spps.org)

### Physical education needs your help

Murray Junior High School physical education students have collected bikes and have been riding them from Murray to the fairgrounds. If you have bikes to donate, the school will take them.

The school is also looking for new tires and tubes for the bikes, a few bike pumps and adult and larger child bike helmets. The school would like to offer an after-school bike maintenance and repair class and is looking for people who know how to tune bikes and can help with that. For more information, contact Jenny Wamsley at 651-744-5263.

### Science news

Murray is offering a comprehensive second- and third-trimester course for eighth-grade Earth Science students. The course will give the students additional exposure to chemistry, biology and earth science



The Como Park Cougars boys soccer team: 2012 champions.

# Champs!

*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 and are heading to state after winning the Oct. 18 game against Simley High School with a score of 3-0. The JV team also claimed a conference championship and achieved an overall record of 13-0-3.

Como's youngest and newest players on the C-Team were 10-3-2. With the varsity team's championship, many of the starters were selected as St. Paul City All-Conference, including seniors Joe Krivit, Keiron Sauer and Abdurazak Omar, junior Zach Lee and sophomore Will Kidd. All-Conference Honorable Mention was awarded to senior Simer Sho and juniors Jacob Cohen and Seik Seik.

All the players in the program will celebrate a special and successful season at the Como soccer banquet on Tuesday, Oct. 30.

content. Students will be working outside at the Como Woodland Outdoor Classroom developing observation and exploration skills and will spend a school year weekend at a Minnesota state park.

Two weeks during the summer will be spent at Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center in northern Minnesota. Also included in the curriculum is a visit to the Raptor Center at the University of Minnesota. The coursework will meet the standards in the seventh-, eighth- and ninth-grade sections of the Minnesota Academic Standards of Science K-12. By completing this course, students can choose the challenge pathways of science courses at the high school level, as well as investigate possible career choices.

### A shout out to the U

For many years, John Ward from the U of M's College of Biological Sciences has brought senior undergraduate and graduate students to serve as mentors for Murray's science fair projects. They were back this year to give presentations to each magnet science class and to meet with students who want to use plants

in their science fair projects. Murray appreciates the way the U of M has reached out to work with the schools in our community and, especially, the work of John Ward and Anke Reinders from the College of Biological Sciences.

### Parent Academy

The Parent Academy is under way at Murray. It is designed to provide parents with the tools necessary to build trusting, lasting relationships between the school, parent and community. The six-week program includes topics that support parents and their child in school. If you are interested in the academy, contact Cindy Thrasher 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 Thrasher at 651-744-5232

### Fall sports

More than 200 student-athletes played on one of four sports teams offered at Murray in the fall. Boys

soccer, flag football, girls soccer and girls volleyball were all undefeated at this writing. Flag football goes for its fourth-straight city title. Both boys soccer and volleyball are going for their third straight city titles. The season consists of eight games against each of the other St. Paul junior and middle schools.

### Roseville Area High School

1240 W. County Road B2  
[www.isd623.org/rahs](http://www.isd623.org/rahs)

### Guys and Dolls starts Oct. 26

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.

A special senior matinee will be



Actors from Como Park Senior High School's production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie* march in the school's Sept. 29 homecoming parade. Photo by Megan Thrasher

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### Cougar Classic Golf Tournament

Here are the winners of Como Park Senior High School's inaugural 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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presented on Wednesday, Oct. 31, at 1 p.m. This performance is free for area seniors.

Online reservations are available at [www.rahsdrama.net](http://www.rahsdrama.net) or call 651-604-1481.

Roseville Area High School is located at 1240 W. County Road B2 in Roseville.

### Drama department fundraiser

On Saturday, Nov. 3, the public is invited to a silent auction and pizza and dessert benefit to support the RAHS Drama Department.

Auction items include Guthrie Theater and Minnesota Orchestra tickets, framed photography, voice lessons, restaurant gift certificates and more. Pizza, desserts and beverages will be available for purchase.

The auction will be held in the RAHS cafeteria following the 4 p.m. performance of *The Pirate Hamlet*, staged by Roseville's Traveling Troupe, and will precede the 7:30 p.m. performance of *Guys and Dolls*.

### St. Anthony Park Elementary

2180 Knapp St., 651-293-8735  
[www.stanthony.spps.org](http://www.stanthony.spps.org)

### Follow SAPSA

The St. Anthony Park School Association now has a blog—[www.sapsablog.com](http://www.sapsablog.com), a Twitter account—@sapsablog, and a Facebook page—Saint Anthony Park School Association.

The goal is to interact with the school community and provide timely information about school issues, events and fundraising. Please check out the new venues.

### Fall Festival is Oct. 26

The annual Fall Festival will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26, at St. Anthony Park Elementary School.

This is a big fundraiser for the school, and there will be live music and dancing, food, crafts and activities. There is a long list of silent auction items, many from businesses in the St. Anthony Park community.

### Hmong College Prep Academy breaks ground on new addition

On Oct. 17, Hmong College Prep Academy, 1510 Brewster St., St. Paul, broke ground on a construction project that includes a three-story addition.

The addition will house a second lunchroom, allowing the school to have two lunch periods; a second gymnasium; a performance space with a theater for the school's band, choir and drama program; and a new technology lab and library. The school also plans to remodel its current building to offer 39 classrooms for grades K-8.

"This is an exciting time for everyone affiliated with HCPA," stated Dr. Christianna Hang, superintendent at the public charter school.

"Our vision is to create a state of the art school that will serve the needs of our students and their families as well as the community at large."

*Don't miss the holiday outing to the*

## American Swedish Institute

Thursday, November 15th, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

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# Community Worship Directory



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Pastor: Martin Ericson | Director of Music Ministry: Thomas Ferry  
[ComoParkLutheran.org](http://ComoParkLutheran.org) | [ComoEveningPrayer.org](http://ComoEveningPrayer.org)

Sunday: 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. worship | Holy Communion: 1st & 3rd Sundays  
9:35 a.m. Sunday school & adult education | Nursery care: 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Rides available for 10:45 a.m. worship. Call before noon Friday.

Como Evening Prayer: Candlelight contemplative service, Sundays at 7 p.m.

Wednesday evening activities: 7th- & 8th-grade confirmation, senior high youth group, adult & children's vocal choirs & bell choirs

Wed. evening meal: 5–6:30 p.m., adults \$6, children 3-11 \$3, family max. \$20

Wednesday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m.: Thanksgiving Eve worship & pie social

Join us for worship at 7 p.m. Pie, coffee and fellowship follow the service.

Nonperishable and monetary donations accepted for food shelf and world hunger.

*Questions? Please call Como Park Lutheran Church: 651-646-7127*

### ❖ HOLY CHILDHOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

1435 Midway Parkway, St. Paul, MN 55108. Handicap accessible

Rectory/office: 651-644-7495, [www.holychildhoodparish.org](http://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. Thursday

Confession: Saturday, 3:30-4:30 p.m., and Sunday, 9:30-10 a.m.

### ❖ MT. OLIVE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH—WELS

[www.mtolive-wels.net](http://www.mtolive-wels.net), 651-645-2575

1460 Almond Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108

Handicapped Accessible

Sunday worship: 9 a.m.

Pastor: Al Schleusener

### ❖ PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH—ELCA

1744 Walnut (at Ione), Lauderdale, 651-644-5440

[www.peacelauderdale.com](http://www.peacelauderdale.com)

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2357 Bayless Place. 651-644-4502

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Saturday Mass: 5 p.m. at the church

Sunday Masses: 8:15 a.m. and 10 a.m. at the church

### ❖ ST. ANTHONY PARK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

2129 Commonwealth Ave. (corner of Commonwealth and Chelmsford)

651-646-7173 [www.sapucc.org](http://www.sapucc.org)

9:15 a.m. Christian education for all ages; 10:30 a.m. worship

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[www.sapumc.org](http://www.sapumc.org), 2200 Hillside Ave. (at Como), 651-646-4859

Pastor: Melanie Homan

Sundays: 10 a.m. Worship celebration

11 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments

6:30 p.m. Free young adult dinner in parlor

Monday: 7:30 p.m. Community Bible study in parlor

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Sunday worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m.

Sunday education hour for all: 9:45 a.m.

Choir school (Baby-Grade 6): Wednesday afternoon

Wednesday Community Dinner: 5-6:30 p.m. (free-will offering)

Thanksgiving worship: Wednesday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m.

(No Community Dinner that evening)

### ❖ ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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7 p.m. Night prayer + Eucharist, with dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 2: "In Memoriam, A Concert of Remembrance": music and silence to

remember those who have died, with cellist Kirsten Whitson, 7 p.m.

Nov. 4: All Saints Day Celebration with Dixieland Jazz, 10:30 a.m. service

Nov. 22: Thanksgiving Eucharist 10:30 a.m., followed by a Community Dinner at noon.

Undercroft Gallery: "Linked Lives: 4 Generations of Hunts" through Dec. 1.

# L I V E S L I V E D

*The Park Bugle prints obituaries free of charge as a service to our communities. Send information about area deaths to Mary Mergenthal at [mary.mergenthal@comcast.net](mailto:mary.mergenthal@comcast.net) or call 651-644-1650.*

## 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 when she died.

She had been married to a man from Waverly, Iowa, and moved to Saudi Arabia for a short time. When 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 predeceased by her father C. Arthur Christiansen, in 2010. She is survived by her mother, Gwen Christiansen; a daughter, Megan Rude; three sisters, Amy Christiansen (Santos), Sarah Saetre, and Melissa Stoessel (Bill); and a brother, Eric (Lena).

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

## Dagmar Kamprud

Dagmar 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. Wesley W. Spink for 30 years and with Dr. B.J. Kennedy for the final eight years. Spink dedicated his book *Infectious Diseases* 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, Jerome; sister, Harriet (Virgil) Twesme; 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 inurnment service was held at the Lutheran Cemetery in Ettrick, Wis., where she was born in 1929.

## Donald Otterby

Donald E. Otterby died on Oct. 5. Don was born in Sioux Falls, S.D., on July 2, 1932. He grew up on a dairy farm near Crooks, S.D. His early interest in the dairy industry began at the age of 4 when he milked his first cow. He graduated from Lyons High School and attended South Dakota State University (SDSU), where he majored in dairy husbandry.

Following his graduation in 1954, 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 Science.

His distinguished career spanned 35 years, during which time he made many contributions to the dairy industry through his teaching and research activities. He completed his career as the head of the department of animal science.

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 Como Park 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 the 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 a son, Gary (Nancy), and a 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 originally of Worcester, Mass. He is preceded in death by nine siblings. He is survived by his son, Sean; his wife, Clara; and her sons and daughter, Ray (Barb) Forliti, Mark (Cheri) Forliti 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 in 1930. He grew up in the Longfellow neighborhood and graduated from Minneapolis South High School in 1948 as valedictorian and class president.

After serving in the U.S. Army, he attended the College of St. Thomas. There, he was managing editor of the college newspaper, which he led to All America honors.

He married Peggy Christenson of Litchfield, Minn., on Aug. 22, 1953, and then began his 39-year

career in public education as a social studies and math teacher at Belle Plaine High School.

He joined Roseville Area Schools in 1958. He was a guidance counselor and teacher at Alexander Ramsey High School, then went to Fairview Junior High, where he was assistant principal and head counselor from 1959 to 1967.

In 1966, he was named the first principal of Parkview Junior High and held that job until 1977.

He was principal of Fairview Junior High from 1977 to 1980 and was then promoted to director of secondary education in 1980 and oversaw the formation of Roseville Area High School and Middle School. He was assistant to the superintendent and director of operations from 1986 to 1991.

In his last year before retiring in 1992, he served as principal of Roseville Area Middle School.

He was preceded in death by his son Mark. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Peggy; his children, John (Marianne Remedios), Judy Werner (Mike), Beth Hanzal, Tom and David (Karin); 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Oct. 6 at St. Odilia Catholic Church in Shoreview.

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## Business News

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

By Kristal Leebrick

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 "+ friends" part of the business) of Little Falls, who specialize in retro furniture, house wares 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 Shardlow, a member of the Starling Project—a group that matches artists, entrepreneurs and retail or office space-seekers interested in short-term rentals along University Avenue. Shardlow suggested that they look at the Starling 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."

The location also had a "convenience factor," for Kielar and Mehus, who live in Golden Valley.

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



Neal Kielar of MidModMen + friends. Photo by Kristal Leebrick

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](http://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 hit the streets, a new microbrewery quietly broke ground in an industrial corner 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 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.

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### Voter ID from 13

return within a few days after Election Day to prove your identity. But what about some other cases?

**Case 1: A college student lives at school. Her driver's license shows her home address, but she wants to vote at her campus residence. Is she out of luck?**

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 if, 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 built in 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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