Schneider Drug Store will be missed

Community center, concert hall, ‘bastion of civic engagement’: neighbors lament Tom Sengupta’s departure

By Anne Holzman

Prospect Park and surrounding neighborhoods reacted with shock to the news that Tom Sengupta would soon sell Schneider Drug Store in order to face surgery for cancer in late January.

“We went up in flames,” said neighbor and longtime customer Elaine Frankowski.

In mid-January, neighbors were scrambling to assemble a tribute book for their beloved pharmacist.

“Dear Tom, I hope you can accept our caring, our love and our prayers for the journey you’ve now been set upon,” ran one of the tributes sent in by neighbor Katie Priest. “You truly deserve a great helping of compassion and mercy. We feel blessed to know you, a person who actually exhibits behavior we all aspire to.”

Born in Kolkata, India, Sengupta moved to the United States in 1958 to attend Loyola University in New Orleans. He moved to Minneapolis in 1961 and worked in a downtown drugstore for some years before buying Schneider Drug from the previous owner, Earl Schneider, on March 1, 1972.

He has rented the downstairs space in the building at 3700 University Ave. S.E. ever since. Built in 1906, it is owned by Lorraine B. Conger and managed by Rick and Nancy Bergman of Roseville. An apartment is rented on the second floor.

Sengupta and his wife have two daughters and three grandchildren. Sengupta said that upon moving to Minnesota, he became inspired by politician Hubert Humphrey.

“Humphrey influenced me quite a bit with his politics of hope” Sengupta said. “Later on, Paul Wellstone became a close friend.”

He said the men’s philosophies guide his business as well as his politics. “We are all struggling,” he said. “Even everyday living is hard, if you can make things a little bit easier, you have an obligation to make a difference.”

Sengupta said he likes to think of his business as “not a business, but a service center.”

He has asked that customers wishing to express their support consider a donation to Wellstone Action. He said his vision for the future is best conveyed at his website, www.changingthenormofsociety.org.

Frankowski, who lives on Bedford Street, a few blocks south of the store, said she’s been shopping at Schneider Drug Store since before Sengupta bought the store. “It’s become a community center for all sorts of things,” Frankowski said.

“He holds concerts and political meetings in the aisles. He has dog biscuits for the dogs.”

“I try to represent how civil discourse is discussed in the world,” Sengupta said. “I try to represent how civil discourse is discussed in the world.”

One person can make a difference,” says pharmacist Tom Sengupta, and for many Prospect Park area neighbors, Sengupta did just that. Photos by Kristal Leebrick

This mural on the wall outside Schneider Drug expresses Sengupta’s worldview.

St. Paul DFL will caucus Feb. 3

Seven city council seats and four school board seats are up for election in November

By Kristal Leebrick

St. Paul DFL will hold precinct caucuses on Tuesday, Feb. 3, and choose delegates to the ward conventions, some of which will be held the same evening at the same location immediately following the precinct-caucus. D-F-L caucuses are scheduled in the cities of Lauderdale and Falcon Heights.

Four seats on the St. Paul Public Schools Board of Education and all seven St. Paul City Council seats will be up for election on Nov. 3. The first day to file an affidavit of candidacy for these seats isn’t until July 28, but a number of candidates have announced their intention to run.

Ward 4 city councilmember Russ Stark is seeking re-election and is the only announced candidate for that ward at this time. Councilmember Amy Brendmoen has announced her candidacy for Ward 5, along with challengers David Glass and David Sullivan-Nightingale.

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Como Park
The District 10 Como Community Council meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Historic Streetcar Station, 1224 N. Lexington Parkway. Contact 651-644-3899 or www.district10como.org

Dale Street Ad Hoc Committee
The District 6 and District 10 community councils have created the Dale Street Ad Hoc Committee to examine residents’ concerns with the current design of Dale Street and whether there are potential modifications that could address those concerns.

The committee, which is comprised entirely of local residents, met in December at North Dale Rec Center and again on Jan. 22. Members are compiling residents’ concerns about Dale Street and will examine potential solutions in late winter to early spring.

If you would like to provide input for the committee to consider or would like to be added to an email list that receives monthly updates, send an email to either District 6 or District 10 at district6@d6spec.org or district10@d10como.org.

Meet your neighborhood heroes
Each year, the District 10 Como Community Council recognizes three neighbors who have shown a sustained commitment to making the Como Park neighborhood a better place by nominating them to the City of St. Paul’s Neighborhood Honor Roll.

Honor Roll recipients will be recognized by Mayor Chris Coleman and council president Amy Lantray at a citywide event to be held 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at the University of St. Thomas. The public is invited to the event, which includes light hors d’oeuvres and music by the Daul Senju Jazz Trio. Tickets are $10 advance or $15 at the door. You can purchase a ticket by sending cash or a check to Summit Hill Association, 860 St. Clair Ave., St. Paul, MN 55102, or by going to http://www.eventbrite.com/e/saint-paul-neighbourhood-honor-roll-2014-awards-night-tickets-1515899727.

Here are the Honor Roll recipients:

Jon Knox
Jon Knox has been the board chair of the District 10 Como Community Council for five years. He was elected during a time of organizational crisis when the council had lost the neighborhood’s trust and was effectively bankrupt. Knox’s steady hand, commitment to a fair and open deliberative process, and personal time investment were major factors allowing the council to successfully navigate the crisis and become an effective advocate for the neighborhood.

Alexei M. Semenov
A resident of the South Como neighborhood that was annexed to District 10 in 2014, Alexei M. Semenov has Jump-started full force into becoming an active volunteer with the Como Park Neighborhood Council (CPNC). He spearheaded the effort to successfully launch a neighborhood-wide ice cream social, worked hard to help organize programs, and modelled and helped others take the limelight. M. Semenov exemplifies the best of neighbors working together to improve the Como Park neighborhood.

Ted Blank
Ted Blank has been a board member, committee chair and treasurer on the District 10 Community Council. He is an active volunteer staff to and for the council. As an active volunteer of the council, he has helped create successful fundraising and community-building events. Blank helped guide District 10 through the expansion to include the South Como neighborhood.

Falcon Heights and Lauderdale
The Falcon Heights/Lauderdale City Council meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in Falcon Heights City Hall, 277 W. Larpenteur Ave. Contact 651-792-7650 or www.falconheights.org.

The Lauderdale City Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Lauderdale City Hall, 1191, Walnut St. Contact www.lauderdalemn.org or 651-792-7650.

Lions Club offers scholarships
The Falcon Heights/Lauderdale Lions Club is once again sponsoring two $1,000 college scholarships for a female and a male 2015 graduating senior from Roseville Area High School.

The only selection criterion is that the recipients be residents of either Lauderdale or Falcon Heights.

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include St. Anthony Park Community Foundation executive director Jon Schumacher, the father of two daughters who graduated from St. Paul Public Schools; Steve Marchese, a lawyer who runs the state bar association’s pro bono program and the father of a sixth-grader at Capitol Hill magnet school; Zach Williams-Ellis, the mother of a fourth-grader at J.J. Hill Montessori, who chairs the parent-teacher organization there and trains parents for the Parent-Teacher Home Visit Project in St. Paul; Mary Puffenberger, who worked as the Head Start collaboration director for the Early Childhood Education Center from 2005 to 2014; former school board member Al Owrey; Robert M. Clcian, a 46-year St. Paul resident who has two daughters graduate from Central High School, a grandmother attending Gaultier Elementary and has served as a community resource volunteer at Mifflin and Bruce Vento elementary schools and as a board member with the St. Paul Children’s Collaborative, Neighborhood, Justice Center and St. Paul Police Civilian Review Board; Rafael Espinosa, a father of four children of St. Paul Public Schools, who has been active in his kids’ schools and his community; and Jessica Banks, whose biographical information was not available at press time.

Ward 4, which covers the Como Park neighborhood, is expected from a resident acting political party.

For the last 24 years, Rich Nelson has sponsored the neighborhood garage sale each September. He hand-painted every one of the wooden “sale” signs. He runs the sale each sale, he collects the fees, posts advertisements; he compiles the addresses of each sale and puts it all together in a map. He does it all. Nelson continues to build community through his garage sales in St. Anthony Park.

Mary Bak
Mary Bak, retiring as chair of the St. Anthony Park Area Senior Center, has overseen a time of dynamic transformation for this critical nonprofit. She led a board renewal that produced a passionate commitment to undergraduate and other educational, health and community-building events. Their passion and commitment to this important issue has garnered a renewed interest from around the metro and throughout the state. Nelson was recently honored when he was a $15,000 three-year grant from the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation.

Transition Town ASAP
The Transition Town ASAP initiative has engaged the community in conversations about citizen action to lower District 12’s energy use. Members of the initiative have energized and empowered neighbors to take action, developing solutions in multiple areas that can be implemented neighborhood-wide and community-wide. Their passion and commitment to this important issue has garnered interest from around the metro and throughout the state. Nelson was recently honored when he was a $15,000 three-year team from the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation.
Music in the Park family series still wows audiences after 25 years

By Teresa Townsend

January sun reflects cool, blue light on the blanket of snow outside and into the dining room at Julie Himmelstrup spreads photographs from more than two decades of music in the Park Family Concert Series on her dining table. She has a memory for each.

A little redhead gives her first vocal performance. A boy learns to play a rhythmic instrument next to its creator. Children mesmerized by the variety of instruments from across the globe. The basement of St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church in St. Anthony Park filled with families simply enjoying music together.

This year, the music in the Park Family Concert Series celebrates its 25th anniversary. Not much has changed since the beginning. Himmelstrup began the Family Concert Series because she wanted to bring acoustic and classical music to the next generation of audience members. Artists who perform in the series tailor their concert for children and families. However, Himmelstrup emphasizes that there is no dumbing-down of the performance just because it is directed at children.

Instead, the program brings an authentic classical music experience to children and families. “I had a lot of adults come last year,” she says. “They were in awe.”

Serious fun

The concert series combines a serious interest in classical and acoustic music with the joy of listening to, participating in and creating the art form. Throughout the years, the concerts have allowed children to not only experience a variety of music but to perform it as well.


Himmelstrup believes that seeing the audience react to these experiences is the most rewarding. “It is a moment of joy that is lasting,” she says.

This year, music in the Park Family Concert Series includes the “creation of a new leader” and the opening in 2002 of Ralph Rapson Hall, the greatly enlarged and renovated building on the U’s East Bank, which now houses the Architecture School.

“I also have seen the college and design generally, play a more visible role in this community, which is important in an era in which we need new, more innovative and sustainable ways of living and working,” he said. Karen Hanson, the U’s senior vice president for academic affairs and provost, described Fisher as “a leader in the public interest design movement, a strong and effective advocate for using design to tackle the major economic, environmental and societal challenges facing the world.”

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Tom Fisher, dean of university’s College of Design, to step down

By Judy Woodward

Longtime St. Anthony Park resident Tom Fisher will step down in June as dean of the College of Design at the University of Minnesota.

Fisher originally came to the U as the head of the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. After an administrative reorganization, he assumed the top post at the newly formed College of Design in 2006.

Of his decision to step down, Fisher said, “By June, I will have been a dean for 19 years, which is a long time for a person to be in any leadership position. I’ve thoroughly enjoyed the work, but I am ready for a new leadership challenge and I think the college will benefit from new leadership as well.”

Asked about his legacy, Fisher noted that he “led the college through a lot of transition,” including the “creation of a new college” and the opening in 2002 of Ralph Rapson Hall, the greatly enlarged and renovated building on the U’s East Bank, which now houses the Architecture School.

“With the new leadership, I think the college will benefit from new leadership as well,” Fisher said. “I also have seen the college and design generally, play a more visible role in this community, which is important in an era in which we need new, more innovative and sustainable ways of living and working.”

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My first encounter with pharmacist Tom Sengupta at Schneider Drug was during one of my more challenging moments of parenting: my fourth-grade daughter had lice. We limped bagged up the stuffed animals and pillows, washed all the clothes, linens, sheets and blankets, and now I was in search of the harshest remedy I could find to tackle what felt like a nightmare.

Sengupta stepped out from behind the pharmacy counter and walked me through the painstaking process of ridding the pest from a child and home. He steered me away from harsh over-the-counter chemicals. Turns out—despite the lack of “scientific evidence” according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention—a concoction of mayonnaise and tea tree oil seemed to do the trick.

Sengupta spent a lot of time with me that day, something no one who has been in that store would. “I try to interpret how civil society ought to be,” he told Anne H. Olzman when she spoke with him for the story (see page 1) about the site of his store at the corner of University Avenue and Bedford Street in Prospect Park.

A civil society. What does that mean?

For Sengupta, it means “making things a little bit easier” for your fellow citizens as we all travel through our life struggles. If you have the means to do that, he said, “you have an obligation to make a difference.”

It seems silly to write about a childhood case of lice when writing about a man who has spent his life trying to be the voice of hope for all. But that’s the thing: for Tom Sengupta, everyone matters. The mural on the wall outside his store says, “We have the power, opportunity and obligation to change our society based on not greed or selfishness but on a real community where everyone matters.”

Tom Sengupta has made an enormous difference in many people’s lives and we wish him the best, as he faces cancer surgery and the sale of his business—Kristal Leibrick.
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Letters from 4

Wake up, baby boomers!

You who were so important to change in society's values during the '60s and '70s need to take on one more issue, treatment of older Americans.

Why? It started with a letter instructing a man to take a driving test with no reason given. Then a Hennepin County social worker came for an uninvited "visit" with him and his wife. Though the house and yard were pristine under the care of this couple, both of whom had advanced degrees, this visit resulted in the threat to their son, "You take care of them or we will put them in assisted care and we will take the house to pay for it." Next arrived a company representative who told them they were "homebound" and proceeded to take over the household. The couple told them to leave, but eventually yielded to pressure from the county and hired their own private helper several hours a week.

My mother received the same experience from Goodhue County workers, who told her she was "homebound." She didn't think she could even leave the house for a lunch date!

Another woman reported to me of a Minnesota Department of Human Services for advice on some handrails for her aunt. The next thing she knew, the aunt was in assisted care and her house was sold.

Hospitized elders who are placed in a nursing home for rehab or any reason are routinely given a "cognitive test," which Medicare requires, though a person can refuse it. I was at a diagnostic meeting where a woman was told to take the driver's test. She responded, "I just took it two months ago." The occupational therapist told her to take it again.

I was visiting a neighbor in a rehabilitation nursing home after she was hospitalized for pneumonia. The woman's "dementia" was discussed by her physician in front of her, as if she were not present. Nor was she not so elementary as not to know what he was saying. She keeps house for herself and a son and keeps up with news and her neighborhood. Maybe she didn't say the four numbers backward or something in the cognitive test, but so what?

What does it have to do with one's daily tasks?

The relationship between one's daily activities, including driving, to one's daily tasks? How do you test the relationship between one's daily activities and the cognitive test? That is, does the test measure what it is supposed to measure? Is it possible that a person may forget the three words without even for them later and still be able to drive to the hardware or grocery stores in one's neighborhood.

People are having their lives curtailed based on these very gross and simple measures. A good start would be to develop more tests of functional capacity for different activities.

And what is the relationship of these private home-care companies and the counties that come uninvited into a home on the word of a social worker?

How should healthcare workers be trained to deal with the elderly? People should be as familiar and normal a facade as possible. They help keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal." Instead, we keep people "normal.”
Comodale?

Nineteenth-century home had nothing to do with shopping

By Roger Bergerson

A photograph of William G. Hendrickson conveys the impression of a man not to be trifled with, a fitting demeanor for one of the first pioneers to settle these parts.

In 1852, only three years after the Minnesota Territory was formed, the 26-year-old Hendrickson bought 80 acres of land in Rose Township on what is now the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. He married Melvine Gibbs to the west, among them.

Hendrickson’s neighbors were the few other farmers in the area, Lorenzo Hoyt to the east and Heman Snelling to the west, among them. In the 1860s, the Ramsey County Poor Farm, home to the indigent elderly, was established to the south.

When the growing Hendrickson family—he and his wife raised six children—needed more room, he simply bought the building used by the fair’s administration for various purposes, including as an office for the tourist camp. In 1948, the addition was torn down and the rest of the building met the same fate in the mid-1950s.

Hendrickson died in 1900, a few years after his wife, and was buried in St. Paul’s Oakland Cemetery at 927 Jackson St., as were many other pioneers. At his funeral, the minister described him as “one of nature’s noblemen, a country gentleman of the old school.”

In 1907, the State Fair acquired 40 acres of Hendrickson’s former farm, including Comodale, although family members continued to live in the house for at least another decade. From the mid-1930s on, the building was used by the fair for various purposes, including as an office for the tourist camp. In 1948, the addition was torn down and the rest of the building met the same fate in the mid-1950s.

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The formidable William G. Hendrickson. All photos courtesy of Randy Quale

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A granddaughter recalled him thumping his heavy cane on the floor if anyone was insufficiently responsive to his wishes.

The formidable William G. Hendrickson. All photos courtesy of Randy Quale

Hendrickson’s neighbors were the few other farmers in the area, Lorenzo Hoyt to the east and Heman Snelling to the west, among them. In the 1860s, the Ramsey County Poor Farm, home to the indigent elderly, was established to the south.

When the growing Hendrickson family—he and his wife raised six children—needed more room, he simply bought another house, moved it, then connected it to the original structure.

Hendrickson commissioned Alexis Jean Fournier to paint a picture of Comodale, asking it, “so that the young man doesn’t starve to death before he gets work.” Fournier later studied in France and went on to become a well-known Minnesota-born painter.

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Schneider Drug from 1
society ought to be," he said.
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Beasley noted that where most businesses
use their front windows to promote products, Sengupta
has filled his with statements about ideals and politics.
He also carries books by local authors, arranged on the
counter where prescriptions are picked up—a space occupied
by advertisements in many pharmacies.
When M. Ilver Pharmacy in St.
Anthony Park closed, we were
bereft," recalled St. Anthony Park
resident Mary Mergenthal. Her family
"tried a large commercial outlet for a while but were put off by
the impersonal nature of transactions there. When we
discovered Tom could take our insurance plan, we went there gladly."
Mergenthal continued, "We had no idea how glad we'd be.
However! Tom's sensitive, thoughtful pharmaceutical help has been
a blessing over and over to my household and to my guests from far
and wide. I pray for his healing so he can continue his service to the wider
community through social, political and personal service of many kinds."

Schneider Drug is known for its
welcome to children. There is a toy
section, where children freely handle
the merchandise. Sengupta doles out
pennies from his register for visiting
children to use in his gumball machine, which bears a sign that says
"If you can make things a little bit easier, you have an obligation to make a difference."
—Tom Sengupta

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note for the pharmacist.
"I can't think of any place in the Twin Cities you could send a 9-year-old with a $20 bill and expect him to come back with any money, let alone the correct thing," Gerth said. "Tom came back with not only the plastic covers for the thermometer, but some kiddie Tylenol and jelly beans for when Riley was feeling better."
Sengupta has been the first source of care for many customers. Beasley said her first visit to Schneider was to fill a prescription. He stopped to use the blood pressure machine in the store. Sengupta advised him to see a doctor.
"Sometimes he would deliver this harsh advice," Beasley recalled with a chuckle. "T om did see a doctor and was diagnosed with hypertonin. He really cared about how I was doing," Beasley said.
Many customers have appreciated Sengupta's flexibility when it came to payment. "Both my children were born during a time when we did not have health care," St. Anthony Park Elementary School art teacher Courtney Oleen wrote in an email, "and Tom was always there to give advice and help keep costs manageable."
Frankowski said she can testify to the convenience of keeping a tab at Schneider. "He runs credit for customers," she said. "I run up a bill with him. It's remarkable that he would keep credit."

Among Sengupta's favorite causes is public education, and he has often displayed flyers for events at the Pratt School.
Pratt parent Jackie K-ydd-Fidelman wrote, "I ran up to the store many times when someone in my family was sick just to get advice or medicine. When I needed a gift, card or something else, I would go to the drug store and Tom usually had what I was looking for."
"Tom was supportive of Pratt School and contributed to the silent auction," she added. "He was free with his thoughts and conversation. To him all had value. Tom is a neighborhood treasure, and he will be greatly missed."

City Pages named Schneider Drug Best Pharmacy in 2008, citing it as "one of the great local bastions of civic engagement."
"Perhaps the most frequent appreciation for Sengupta, as the tributes roll in, is his memory for each customer's face and health history," Courtney Oleen wrote. "He is always asked after my children, years after they were grown. My oldest son attended a social justice meeting at the store when he was in college and was amazed to be recognized that night."
As Sengupta put it, "One person can make a difference."

Anne Holzman is a freelance journalist and longtime Schneider's customer, now living in Bloomington.
**Crossword puzzle**

**In the Hood**

By Dave Healy

You can find the answers to the puzzle on page 12.

**AKROSS**

1. Fly ball paths
2. Subway rider’s handle
3. What one does for the home team
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11. “Where homies hang out—”
12. Sunglasses
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14. What one does for the neighborhood
15. Didn’t putt ‘er there
16. He preached the power of positive thinking
17. Affirmation
18. A pal might take one for you
19. Lives it up?
20. Kind of pressure
21. One can be electric
22. General
23. Break a sentence?
24. Son of Cliff and Claire Huxtable
25. Added on
26. Seize
27. In whatever spare time he has
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49. Vinly
50. Type
51. Start to cycle
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53. Fragile
54. Privy
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56. Glands of the Wraith figures
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58. Civilization
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61. Door fastener part
62. Video star, nowadays
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**Music in the Park from 3**

concerts. “Just watching these kids groove on these programs is really thrilling,” she says. “We’ve been able to bring groups from all over the world.”

The program has maintained an emphasis on drawing in talented musicians throughout its 25 years. But some things have changed.

“It’s gotten a lot more organized,” Himmelstrup says. The series is able to bring new groups with international reputations. Younger ensembles have performed, and have brought with them a different style of training, playing both classical music and jazz for their audiences.

A M innesota focus

This year’s series features an all-Minnesota lineup. According to Himmelstrup, they are all major influences in the music they present. String quartet Artilia will start the season off with “Making Friends through Music” on Friday, Feb. 27. Their performance will also feature a teen quartet from the Artilia Chamber Music School.

On Friday, March 13, Ross Sutter, Laura McKenzie and Danielle Embrol will perform “Northern Grace — Music and Dance from Ireland and Scotland.” The audience will have a chance to sing along, play instruments and learn some dance steps.

Leo and Kathy Lara will finish the season with “Folk Music from Latin America” on Friday, April 10. The interactive concert will introduce authentic folk instruments, and children of all ages will get to sing a Cuban lullaby and simulate the sounds of the rainforest.

There will be two 45-minute performances each night, at 6 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. As the sun sets on our conversation, Himmelstrup’s husband, Anders, turns on a light. He believes in the value of the series too. “It’s the education of the real meaning of music— it's emotional,” he says.

“Sometimes the simplest things are most effective,” Julie Himmelstrup adds, remembering a performance where parents and children sang “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star” together. “The simple act of singing or participating in something is such a wonderful thing.”

To buy tickets or find out more about the concerts, go to schubert.org or call 651-292-3285.

Teresa Townsend is a freelance reporter and coffee-roaster in St. Paul.

**Fisher from 3**

architectural planning process.

“Directing the MDC will allow me to work on projects that I didn’t have time for as dean,” he said. “My goal at the MDC is to help our region thrive in the 21st century, and to creatively rethink many of our development policies inherited from the last century that are increasingly ill-suited to the changing economics, demographics and market realities of our region. I want to see the MDC also help communities envision better, more economically vital, socially equitable, and environmentally sound futures for themselves.”

In whatever spare time he has professionally this year, he will also assume the presidency of the National Academy of Environmental Design, a group he helped to found.

Although he will remain a faculty member at the College of Design, Fisher has no intention of offering unsolicited counsel to his successor. “I am happy to offer advice and to support my successor when asked,” he said, “but I intend to stay completely out of the ongoing leadership and operations of the college. I was dean long enough and I have no interest in becoming a shadow dean.”

Retirement is not on the table for Fisher at this point, but he confesses that he’s looking forward to having a little more time for his family, including two-year-old grandson, Gus, who lives nearby. Himmelstrup “also hopes to be of help to the neighborhood around development issues,” says Fisher, “as I have tried to be in the past.”

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Local ‘talent’ lines runway at inaugural I AM ST. PAUL!

By Alex Lodner

On a brisk evening in mid-December, some of the beautiful people of St. Paul gathered at the Amsterdam Bar in downtown St. Paul, for the inaugural I AM ST. PAUL! fundraising event featuring local talent and “non-models” in a lively variety, music and fashion show.

Those runway non-models included Comosown Hans Logren, beer guru at craft beer distributor Original Gravity; Elizabeth Tinuvi, co-owner of Colossal Cafe in St. Anthony Park; and South St. Anthony business owners Eric Strait of Foxy Falafel and Malia Schroeder of Junk Love.

The St. Paul show is join in 1 AM MPLS, which celebrated its fifth year at First Avenue a week earlier. Both events help fund 1 AM, an organization that connects local artists and professionals with opportunities to network and volunteer in their community. The effort is the brainchild of fashion stylist Sarah Edwards, who hoped to bring together a variety of people to generate not-so-random acts of kindness through the Twin Cities.

The organization is also a network of local talent that provides a platform for people to collaborate and participate in open discussion on how every person can help their community in little and big ways, according to I AM ST. PAUL! coordinator Carol Glarner.

“When you bring people together you create something new,” Glarner explained. “Little gestures of kindness count as much as grand ones.”

Infectious in her passion and conviction, Glarner had been working tirelessly around the clock in preparation for the I AM ST. PAUL! event, which included local music, a talk show, dance, an improvisational comedy performance and a fashion show featuring a group of local influencers—people you usually don’t find on a fashion show runway, like Logren and Tinuvi—who promoted the catwalk like old pros.

“Didn’t know what to expect but it was much fun,” Logren said of his moment on the walkway. “I loved the choice of using ‘non-models’ because it speaks a lot for St. Paul. We are not pretentious; we are who we are.”

There are so many phenomenal people in this world giving their time and resources,” Glarner said. “I am proud to be a part of this movement.”

You can find out more about the event at iamstpaul.com.

Alex Lodner is a Como Park writer and regular contributor to the Park Bugle.

Craft beer distributor Hans Logren walks down the runway at the inaugural run of IAM ST. PAUL!, a fundraising event that included a fashion show featuring local “non-models.” Michael House Photography

Neighborhoods

Local artist to exhibit paintings at Hudson Hospital show

An exhibit of recent work by St. Anthony Park artist Linda Rickelicks Baudry will be on display in the administration area of Hudson Hospital, 405 Stageline Road, Hudson, from Feb. 2-April 12 as part of the hospital’s Healing Arts Program.

Through a partnership with the Philip Morris Center for the Arts, original artworks are selected for their ability to inspire, reduce stress and create dialogue with patients installed throughout the hospital campus. Rickelicks Baudry’s work plays with rich vibrant colors to explore emotional spaces, using imagery loosely based on nature’s sheaf. Her regular studio and gallery spaces in the Northrup King Building in Northeast Minneapolis.

The exhibit is free of charge and open to the public. A public reception will be held 6-8 p.m. on February 13.

Workshop for parents of adult children with mental illness

Transitions is a free workshop offered by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of MN to help parents of young adult children living with a mental illness. The workshop aims to help parents gain tools to prepare their young teen or young adult for independence, learn about special education, employment, college, transportation, life skills and housing. It includes tips for living with young adults who aren’t ready to leave the nest.

A Transitions workshop will be held in St. Paul, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at Macalester Plymouth United Church, 1658 Lincoln Ave. Registration is requested. Contact Amanda at 651-645-2948, ext. 106.

Groundhog Day: the true story

Why should Punxsutawney Phill get all the glory when MInniesa has a far greater claim to the lore and legend of the groundhogs? Learn everything you want to know about Phill and his furry friends, from local historian, J.B. Anderson. at 7 a.m. Feb. 2, at Roswell Library 2380 Harline Ave. N.

Come and find out why Anderson’s entertaining and insightful lectures on often-obscure corners of American history effortlessly fill the hour.

SAP United Methodist hosts young adult dinners Sundays

All young adults are invited to come to the St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 HiLine Ave., Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for worship, dinner, fellowship and laughter. Young children, Bible stories, musical instruments and friends are all welcome. Call 651-646-4859 if you have any questions.

Celtic junction to host local music center

The Center for Irish Music and Tom Cron, host of "All Things Considered" on Minnesota Public Radio, invite you to dress up in your finest, bring your friends and join us at the Celtic Junction, 836 Prior Ave. N., for "Eireg C". A Gala Event, on Saturday, Feb. 21.

The "Eireg P" s, an Irish word used for festivals celebrating traditional Irish arts and culture, is a fundraiser for the Center for Irish Music (CIM). This semi-formal evening event includes two ticket options for attendees: $5.5 to 6:30 p.m. and $11 to 8:30 p.m. to purchase a meal provided by a Cara Irish Pub. or come later for a silent auction and concert featuring the traditional Irish music of CIM instructors.

For more information go to www.centerforirishmusic.org/galsa-2/

Tickets are available online or by calling 651-815-0083.

Jehovah Lutheran series explores Christianity through M arch

Jehovah Lutheran Church’s Bible study on "LivingFaith: Exploring the Essentials of Christianity" continues Sundays through March 22.

Each session includes a 25-minute DVD-based discussion led by N. T. Wright, a former bishop in the Church of England who now teaches at the School of Divinity, University of St. Andrews in Scotland. Other participants via DVD will be the Rev. Joel Quie, pastor of Prairie Lutheran Church in Edin Prairie, and Marilyn Sharp, former columnist for Metro Lutheran.

A full listing of topics is at www.jehovahlutheran.org.

The free sessions begin at 9:30 a.m. Sundays in the church lounge.

Coffee and snacks are provided.

Jehovah Lutheran is at 1566 Thomas Ave. in St. Paul.

Cannabis research topic at February garden club meeting

University of Minnesota professor and plant biologist George Weiblen will present "Lead Us Not Into Temptation" at the St. Anthony Park Garden Club meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 3, at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall, 2136 Carter Ave. The presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. Social time will begin at 6:45 p.m. All are welcome.

Weiblen’s talk will draw on scientific and historical facts to address common misconceptions about America’s most controversial plant.

Weiblen is one of few researchers permitted by the U. S. government to study the plant. What his research has discovered challenges opinions on all sides of the issue.

Cannabis sativa, a plant cultivated for thousands of years, contains a genomic region responsible for the production of the psychoactive chemical, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). It is this chemical that earned Cannabis its illicit label, "marijuana," and motivated U.S. lawmakers to outlaw its cultivation more than 70 years ago. The resultant debate to legalize Cannabis involves many social, political and economic issues.

Cannabis took root in America during the 16th century when it was legally grown to produce paper, clothing, canvas and rope for nearly 400 years. In 1937, all forms of Cannabis became illegal to grow in the U.S. with the passing of the Marijuana Tax Act.

To find out more about the event at stpaulchamber.com.

Alex Lodner is a Como Park writer and regular contributor to the Park Bugle.

Valentine’s Day dining at the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory

The Marjorie McNeely Conservatory will open its gardens for a special Valentine’s Day dinner on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 13 and 14. The event will include music by the Baroque Trio, a double-entendre gourmet dinner and the opportunity to see the conservatory’s 2015 Winter Flower Show. There will be two seatings each evening, at 5:30 and 8 p.m.

Cost for the event is $65 per couple. The facility is also offering children’s Como Kids Club, which will entertain children with games, crafts, story time and animal visitors from the zoo. Cost is $25 for each child and $20 for each additional child. Preregistration is required by calling 651-467-8271.

To find out more about the dinner and to make a reservation, go to www.comozooconservatory.org.

Music Under Glass at Como

The free concert series, "Music Under Glass," will run through March 1 on select Sundays at the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory in Como Park. Concerts will run from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and will include beer, wine, pop and light snacks to

Briefs to 11
Rock cellist to perform concert series at Underground Music Café

Rock cellist Aaron Kerr, a Como Park resident and Chelsea Heights Elementary School parent, will perform a series of Saturday shows at the Underground Music Café, 1579 Hamline Ave. N., Falcon Heights.

Kerr will perform solo at the January show. In February he will perform with Aaron Kerr’s Osonian Creatures. The March show will include the Modern Spark Trio, and the April show will be performed with Heavy Pedal Cello.

Kerr, who is known around the Como Park neighborhood as the guy who hauls his children and cello around in a pedicab, has taught cello in private lessons and in an after-school program at Northwest Como Rec Center. He also composes music, writes cello curriculum and has made numerous recordings.

Tickets are $10-15, which includes admission and pizza or a sandwich. Go to undergroundmusiccafe.com to find out more about the series. Go to aaronkerr.com to find out more about Kerr.

Como Park writer’s play ‘God Girl’ opens Feb. 7 at History Theatre

Como Park resident Kristine Holmgren’s play “God Girl” will premiere at the History Theatre, 30 E. 16th St., St. Paul, on Saturday, Feb. 7. “God Girl” tells Holmgren’s story of being in one of the first large classes of women accepted to the master of divinity program at an Ivy League seminary.

In 1975, the Vietnam War had ended, the women’s liberation movement was in full swing, and Holmgren, a spirited Mcalister College graduate, decided to change the world starting with her ordination to ministry. Holmgren, now a retired Presbyterian pastor and former Star Tribune columnist, tells the stories of women who broke through the stained glass ceiling of the Protestant church.

Physical attacks, humiliation, sexual harassment and inappropriate use of power are a few of the experiences Holmgren writes about in the play. “God Girl” will be performed Thursday-Sunday through March 1. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. The show has two morning performances at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12 and 19.

Each Sunday matinee will be followed by a free post-show discussion for ticketed patrons about topics relating to the production, featuring artists and special guests. The Feb. 6 discussion is topic is Family and Marriage, the Feb. 12 topic is Pay Equality, the Feb. 22 topic is Women’s Equality, and the March 1 topic is Women in Ministry.

The theater is offering two “Preview Pay-what-you-can” performances at 8 p.m. Thursday and Feb. 5 and 6. The Feb. 5 preview is a pay-what-you-can performance.

You can buy tickets by calling the History Theatre Box office at 651-292-4323 or online at www.historytheatre.com/tickets.

Holmgren's political commentary appeared in the Star Tribune for more than a decade and has also appeared in the Guardian, New York Times, Chicago Tribune, Boston Globe, Baltimore Sun and Los Angeles Times. She is a frequent commentator on National Public Radio’s “All Things Considered.” Her plays include “Paper Daddy” (Northfield Arts Guild, 2011; Talking Horse Theatre, Columbia, Mo., 2014) and “Sweet Truth” (Berlin Theatre, Columbia, Mo., 2013). “God Girl” is her first autobiographical play.

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**FEBRUARY EVENTS**

Venue information is listed at the end of the calendar. Send your events to calendar@parkbugle.org by Wednesday, Feb. 11, to be included in the March issue.

**3 TUESDAY**
Babysit/ widths lap (storytime/ages birth to 2 yrs) every Tuesday in February, St. Anthony Park Library, 4-5:30 p.m. and 11:30 a.m.-noon.

St. Anthony Park Garden Club program, “Lead Us Not Into Temptation—the History of Hemp in the History of Slavery,” by Elizabeth Gilbert, 2:30 p.m.

**4 WEDNESDAY**
English Conversation Circles, every Wednesday in February, St. Anthony Park Library, 4-5:30 p.m. Connect for Kids: Learn about becoming a mentor for a child in Colombia awaiting adoption, CHSLSS, 6-7:30 p.m.

**5 THURSDAY**
Preschool Mandarin Chinese storytime, with stories, rhymes and songs in Mandarin Chinese, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m.

**6 FRIDAY**
Preschool (ages 3-5) storytime, every Friday in February, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

**9 MONDAY**
Domestic and international adoption information session, CHSLSS, 6-8:30 p.m.

Bubble Gum Group: activity and discussion group for adopted youth ages 8-11 and a corresponding parents’ group, six sessions, CHSLSS, 6:30-9 p.m. Register online at chslss.org/supportgroups.


Adoptive parents group: For parents who adopted children through Minnesota foster care system, CHSLSS, 4:30-8:30 p.m.

**11 WEDNESDAY**
Learn about adopting children who live in foster care, CHSLSS, 6-8:30 p.m.

**12 THURSDAY**
Parents of Adopted Adults, for parents whose adopted children are now adults, CHSLSS, 6-8 p.m.

**19 THURSDAY**
Preschool Mandarin Chinese storytime, with stories, rhymes and songs in Mandarin Chinese, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m.

**22 SUNDAY**
Sunday Afternoon Book Club, “The Signature of All Things” by Elizabeth Gilbert, Micawber’s Books, 2:30 p.m.

**23 MONDAY**
The Rose Ensemble: discussion and demonstration of “The Requiem of Pedro de Escobar,” which the ensemble will perform in late February in Duluth, St. Paul and Minneapolis, St. Anthony Park Library, 7-9 p.m. Go to www.rosemusical.org to see the concert schedule.

**27 FRIDAY**
Chili Night Fundraiser, Avalon School, 6-8:30 p.m.

**28 SUNDAY**
Domestic and international adoption information session, CHSLSS, 9-11 a.m.

**3 MONDAY**
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**VENUE INFORMATION**

- Arbor Pointe Senior Apartments, 635 Maryland Ave. N.
- Avalon School, 700 Glendale St., 651-644-5495, www.avalonschool.org
- CHSLSS, Children’s Home Society and Lutheran Social Services, 1605 Eustis St., 651-644-7771
- Como Park Senior High School, 740 W. Rose Ave., 651-291-8164.
- Falcon Heights Town Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave., 651-644-9350
- Falcon Heights Town Square Senior Apartments, 1530 Larpenteur Ave.
- Hamline United Methodist Church, 1514 Englewood Ave., 651-645-0667
- Laurerdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 651-631-0300
- Roseville Library, 2180 Hamline Ave. N., 651-628-6803
- Spirit United Interfaith Church, 3104 Como Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, 651-444-6445, www.theosophical.org
- St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave., 651-642-0411
- St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2233 Como Ave., 651-645-3371
- St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter St., 651-645-3508
- Women’s Drum Center, 2242 University Ave. W., www.womensdrumcenter.org

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- STRAP
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HWY North pop-up shop showcases work of local artists

By Alex Lodner

Emily Anderson follows her heart. As a child, while her friends wanted to grow up and be teachers or superheroes, Anderson dreamt of being a shopkeeper. That quaint dream was not fully supported by her family, who steered her toward more profitable endeavors. Anderson grew up, got a real job and started her own family. Then when a “For Lease” sign went up in a building in her neighborhood, Anderson saw an opportunity to make her childhood dream come true.

The building on the corner of Hamline and Minnesota avenues in the Hamline-Midway neighborhood was the perfect location for her tiny shop, which Anderson envisioned as a place where crafters and artists could showcase their wares in a warm and welcoming environment. But it took friends, family and an extended community of neighbors to make owning a gift shop a reality. Through a crowd-funding campaign, Anderson was able to raise enough capital to open HWY North—a corner store brimming with handmade gifts, art and home-goods—in November. The store’s lease runs through March, but Anderson hopes to extend it.

Almost all of the items in the shop are on consignment, making it a low-risk effort for Anderson and her artists. The artists, who are chosen by Anderson and a team that meets once a week to curate the shop, are on a first-come first-served basis, and the artists can drop off new pieces on a rotating schedule. Anderson sells everything from jewelry to wall art to household items, and it’s all available for shoppers to take home.

Anderson and her artists are finding success with their diverse offerings. “We have a lot of people that are really interested in handmade gifts,” Anderson said. “We have a lot of people who are really interested in unique gifts.”

The goal is to create a “multi-purpose art space where we invite nonprofit arts organizations in to participate in puppet shows, dance, open mic, slam poetry. Every time you come in it could be a very novel experience,” Pennington said.

Anderson recently created an “Surviving Minnesota Winter” shelf, complete with the Grand Marais roaster Fika Coffee’s Sub Zero blend, mugs, bath salts and soaps, cozy knitted goods and up-cycled mittens. Through a set of glass doors, a hallway leads to a charming community room that is used for workshops and demonstrations on a variety of creative out takes. Classes in homesteading activities, such as soap-making and leather artistry are especially close to Anderson’s heart, who calls these “forgotten skills.” Classes in beer making, seaweed and weaving are also being planned. A preschool craft class on Thursdays is especially popular.

Eventually, Anderson wants to host book launches, art shows and small community soirees. Whatever the future holds for HWY North, Anderson’s vision of a homey shop that offers shoppers a variety of unique gifts, home goods and original art, along with a hot cup of tea and friendly conversation, has come to life. HWY North is open Tuesday through Sunday. You can find the shop’s hours and see its long list of classes at www.thehighwaynorth.com.

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Wellington Management marks 30th anniversary in December

Commercial real estate firm Wellington Management, 1625 Energy Park Drive, celebrated 30 years in business in December at a party at the Union Depot in St. Paul.

Founded by St. Anthony Park resident Steve Wellington in 1984, the firm oversees a $350 million portfolio of 90 commercial buildings located in 20 Twin Cities communities. Wellington manages office buildings, shopping centers and industrial properties with more than 500 tenants.

Boston natives, Wellington and his wife, Kathy, moved to St. Paul in 1974. Wellington started his career working for St. Paul Mayor George Latimer for eight years, before starting his own company in 1984. Wellington's first project was the St. Anthony Park Bank building at 2265 Como Ave. (now the Emily Project headquarters), which broke ground in 1986.

Wellington’s development projects include Bandana Square on Energy Park Drive, Emerald Gardens off University Avenue and the Snelling Office Plaza in St. Paul; the Hi Lo Lake Shopping Center and Penn Lowry Crossing in M inneap o lis; and Woodbury’s City Center.

Its latest development project is a $12 million mixed-use affordable senior housing and retail development on Lake Street in M inneap o lis.

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To find out more, contact Atkinson at christi@cancanwonderland.com or call 612-871-2545. You can also find Can Can Wonderland on Facebook at facebook.com/cancanwonderland.

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Florence Carlson
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Lives Lived from 15

and Jeffrey; 14 grandchildren; and
great-grandchildren.

Her funeral service was held Dec.
22 at Holy Cross-Henry-Boom-
Burford Funeral Home in Shoreview,
with interment at Roslawn
Cemetery.

Dorothy Nelson
Dorothy Elaine Nelson, 87, of
Falcon Heights, died peacefully at
home on Dec. 22.

She was preceded in death by
husbands, Harvey Gustafson and
Andrew Nelson; and five brothers.
She is survived by her children,
David (Mauri) Gustafson, Larry (Elyse) Gustafson, Ann Gustafson and
Linnea (Tony) Bittner; eight
grandchildren; six great-
grandchildren; three stepchildren,
Mark (Laurel) Nelson, Andrea
(Haard) Bottolfsen and Renee
(Dean) Hanson; six step-
grandchildren; and a brother, Bobby
(Lorraine) Soderquist.

Her funeral service was held
Dec. 29 at Sunset Memorial Park
Chapel in Minneapolis, with
interment in Sunset Memorial Park.

Robert Ogren
Robert J. Ogren (Bob), 92, died Dec.
12.

Born Jan. 8, 1922, Bob grew up on
McKinley Street in the house
built by his father and attended
Tilden School, Murry High School
and Dunwoody Institute.

During World War II he served in the
Pacific Theater in the Third
Marine Division. While home on leave in
1944, he married Elaine
Schudtke.

He is survived by his wife,
children, Denise (Jim) Stochler, Judy
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With a lifelong interest in art, Bob
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recently taking classes in the Artful
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In retirement he also started a
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Bob donated his body to the
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Medicine Anatomy Bequest Program. His service was held Dec.
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Snelling National Cemetery.

Donald Peterson
Donald Allan Peterson, 74, Siren,
Wis., died Dec. 23. He was born in
St. Paul on Dec. 31, 1939, to Walter
and Muriel Peterson (aka, Muriel
Ayres). Following graduation from
Murray High School in 1957, Dol enlisted in the U.S. Navy serving on the
USS America.

He is survived by his wife,
Pauline Lynn (Fitzsimmons) Hamilton,
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His funeral service was held at
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Webster, Wis., Jan. 3 followed by full
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Shirley Peterson
Shirley L. Peterson, 88, formerly of
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She was preceded in death by her
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William Robert Utecht was born on
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Bill was a World War II army
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preceded in death by his wife and
their infant daughter, Mary
Kathleen.

Mae of Christian Burial was
died Dec. 29 at St. Pius X Catholic
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National Cemetery.

Merikay Young
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Avalon School
700 Glendale St., 651-649-5495
www.avalon.school.org

Chili Night
Avalon School will host its annual Chili Night Fundraiser from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27. The night will include a chili dinner, silent auction, live auction, handmade bowls, live music and good times. If you have questions or want to make any donations, please email D. Aard at david@avalonschool.org.

Read Brave
Avalon School has partnered with the St. Paul Public Library for its Read Brave program. This year, students in grades 9-12 will read “How it Went Down” by Kekla Magoon, a novel about a black youth who is killed by a white man, but the facts of the case are few and far between. Add to that a cast of characters whose perspectives obscure as much as they illuminate the tragedy. The author will visit Avalon later in February to discuss the book and its implications.

Chelsea Heights Elementary
1557 H uron St., 651-293-8790
www.chelseaschool.org

Food drive
Chelsea Heights Elementary recently collected more than 1,250 nonperishable food items—a whopping total of 1,050 pounds—as part of its food drive to support Neighborhood House Food Shelves. The food drive was a fun contest, where the winning classroom, which brought in 185 items, enjoyed a pizza lunch with Principal Jill Gebeke.

Como Park Senior High
740 Rose Ave., 651-293-8800
www.comoross.org

Holiday food drive
The Como Park Student Council recently accepted more than 1,250 new or used donations at the donor’s convenience. Contact Mary at mnh88@hotmail.com or 651-645-7950 if you want to donate goods.

Como Park Winterfest
Como Park Winterfest will be held Feb. 9-13. The event includes a week of theme and spirit days, a sports recognition assembly, Winterfest coronation, and a dance on Feb. 13. Como will offer tours to prospective students and families on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in February at 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Shadowing opportunities are also available. Call Sandy K estner at 651-744-3997 or email sandy kestner@spps.org if you would like to set up a visit.

Falcon Heights Elementary
1393 Garden Ave., 651-646-0021
www.falconheights.org

Carnival night
Falcon Heights Elementary School will host a Family Fun Night from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 6, at the school. Events will include family-friendly games, a cake and book walk, a pizza and snack bar, a raffle, silent auction, dance and movies. It’s an inexpensive way to spend a cold Friday night indoors. All proceeds will benefit Falcon Heights Elementary School.

Murray Middle School
2200 Buford Ave., 651-293-8740
www.murray.spps.org

The show goes on
Murray M iddle School will perform “Into the Woods Jr.” Friday-Sunday, March 13-15, in the school auditorium. The show is a frantic six weeks that ends on Tuesday, Feb. 17. Check out the team’s progress at beastbot2855.com.

Como Park High School
700 Glendale St., 651-649-5495
www.comoross.org

Holiday food drive
Como Park High School collected 195 pounds of food and nonperishable items for the local Keystone food shelf during its holiday food drive. A special thanks to all students, staff and community members who donated.

Band news
Four Como band members—Shyan Salvarda, Noah Freese, Dominic Wolters and Kathryn Proper—were accepted into the Augsburg College ninth- and tenth-grade Honors Band, featuring competitive membership from the entire state. The experience ended with a concert Jan. 17 at Augsburg’s Hoverston Chapel.

The Como Instrumental Concert will be held Thursday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m. at the school.

Girls basketball
The Como Park girls basketball team won its bracket at the Rochester Rotary Tournament, held at the Mayo Civic Center D ec. 29-30. The Cougars defeated Burismille in the final game to claim the trophy. Junior Andrayah Adams leads the team in scoring with a 29-points-per-game average and was selected as an Athlete of the Week in both the Pioneer Press and Star Tribune.

Robotics Team
The Robotics Team kicked off its competitive season on Jan. 3 with the release of this year’s challenge, Recycle Rush. Teams must build a robot that can move recycling containers around a field. The build season is a frantic six weeks that ends on Tuesday, Feb. 17. Check out the team’s progress at beastbot2855.com.

Quiz Bowl
Como Park will send two Quiz Bowl teams to the statewide Academic WorldQuest Competition at General Mills headquarters in Golden Valley on Wednesday, Feb. 4.

Como Showcase
The Como Showcase will be held at 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10. Families and prospective students are invited to visit Como teachers and students and learn about all of Como Park’s academic offerings, musical programs, athletic opportunities, student clubs and more.

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Tour Como
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Fourth-grade teacher Linnelia Blevis and school secretary Mary Kay Lynch are also set to retire this year.

Falcon Heights Elementary School is in January, third-grade teachers Judy Roe, Colleen Osterbauer and Kathy Maguire announced their retirement at the end of this school year. Earlier this year office secretary Ma ry Kay Lynch and fourth-grade teacher Linnelia Blevis also announced that they would end their long tenure at the school and retire this spring. The Bugle will have more about these women and their years in education in a subsequent issue.

The Saint Anthony Park Community Foundation
2015 Grants Program
Deadline: Applications must be submitted by Tuesday, March 31, 2015, to P.O. Box 8038, St. Paul, MN 55108
Grantmaking Priorities: Improving our environment, Strengthening learning opportunities, Enhancing livability, Supporting aging-in-place solutions, Promoting business vitality, Cultivating life-long appreciation for the arts
Eligible Organizations: Not-for-profit organizations, neighborhood, and community-based groups serving the needs of the St. Anthony Park/District 12 area
Grant Application Forms: Available on-line at sapfoundation.org or contact the Foundation
Grant size: $5,000 maximum
Questions: Contact Jon Schumacher at 651-641-1455 or on-line at jon@sapfoundation.org

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Nomadic Cougars hockey team started season with 12-game winning streak

By Eric Erickson

The Como Cougars are creating a special season, playing spirited hockey whenever and wherever they can. The St. Paul Pioneer Press took notice, which has raised eyebrows in the “State of Hockey” and beyond.

A high school sports beat writer Tim Leighton’s Jan. 14 story in the Pioneer Press highlighted the nomadic nature of the Cougars. The article explained that with the Minnesota State Fair Coliseum closing its hockey operations last year, Como doesn’t have an arena, or even a sheet of ice, to call its own.

The newspaper story brought immediate international support. That same morning, Como athletic director Mike Searles received a call from a local sporting goods retailer stating that a bag of hockey pucks was waiting for the team. They had been purchased by a gentleman in Dublin, Ireland, who read the story online, promptly called the store, and charged the pucks to his credit card.

The kind gesture from across the Atlantic should ensure the most basic object of hockey is always in high supply for the Cougars, even if ice time is not.

Coach David Bakken is in his fifth year leading the Cougars. He is grateful for his team’s acceptance of things they can’t control, and believes the work ethic of his team.

Bakken says his team does “all the right things on the ice that don’t bring attention to ourselves but just simply help the team win.”

“If we don’t have guys trying to make highlight-reel moves that would cause a turnover with the puck ending up in our own net,” Bakken says, “they practice ‘a lot of shot blocking and our coach really values it.’

Bakken and assistant coach Carl Hamre even take time to recognize and re-visualize the best block, best back check and best pass after each game to reinforce the ‘right things’ that the team did and needs to continue doing.

Combine the disciplined approach to the game with the talents of hard-skating scorer Ian Tully, and an immensely skilled goalie in Carter McCoy, and your neighborhood hockey team entered the final month of its season with a record of 15-1.

Season highlights include a 12-game winning streak to begin the season, a dramatic overtime victory over Coon Rapids made possible by McCoy’s hot hand, and winning the Highland Holiday Tournament in convincing fashion, sweeping all three games in consecutive days.

The Cougars are averaging 5.2 goals a game while only allowing 1.6, yet the quest for improvement is constant. Como’s toughest competition is looming with challenging opponents St. Louis Park, Minneapolis and Inneinha Academy on the upcoming schedule.

That’s the reality of a remarkable team that can’t control when or where it plays, but faithfully plays for each other every time they skate on the ice—wherever that ice may be.

Eric Erickson teaches Como Park High School and has coached a variety of school and youth sport teams in St. Paul over the last 20 years. Follow twitter @eestp for current school sports news.

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Thanks to all who participated!!!

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Murray Middle School's annual science fair was held Jan. 13 and 14 in the school's gymnasium. Forty-four students will move on to the St. Paul Regional Science Fair at the University of Minnesota Field House Feb. 27 and 28.

The students who will be moving on to regionals and their research category are listed below:

**Animal science:** Emilie Pagel, Raef Eddins and Connor Nourse

**Behavioral and social science:** Celia Olson, Amira Boler, Olivia Ahrens and Eloise Rein

**Biochemistry:** Eli Powell, Annika Erickson and Alex Hamel-Snapp

**Cellular and molecular biology:** Ella Vadnais, Jared Ruskin and Austin Lazaro-Stai

**Chemistry:** Ruby Backman, Eva Naira and Sawyer Wall

**Computer and mathematics:** Gabriel Hart, Alistair Pattison and Ben Bogie

**Earth science:** ZoA Ward, Zipporah Cohen and Alexandra Harris

**Energy and transportation:** Will Altman, Mohamed Geilani and Peter Schik

**Engineering:** Jackson Lee, Nicholas Jacobsen and James Carlson

**Environmental science:** Lila Seeba

**Forensic science:** Quincy Altman, Thomas Heesch and Madalynn Neal

**Microbiology:** Valeria Bares, Maasia Apet and George Yetter

**Physics and Astronomy:** Henrie Friesen, Adrian Yang and Zachary Konkol

**Plant sciences:** Jillian Brenner, Thomas Freberg and Elinor Kleber Diggs

**Product comparison:** Hannah Lender, Simon Grow-Hanson and Livia Havens