Shoe Shopping
By Mimi Jennings
I sit, try on shoes touching the seams that someone in China has sewn. Fingerprints between my feet, skin oil of the last person.

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As the Bugle went to press, our newspaper learned that Micawber's Books in downtown St. Anthony Park is preparing to "close at the end of April" due to health problems of its long-time owner Tom Bielenberg.

"Friends of Micawber's will be saddened to learn" Bielenberg fell on Sunday, March 3, "and fractured his hip and broke several bones," said Dave Healy, former Bugle editor who is active in book events at the store, 2230 Carter Ave. in Milton Square Shops. "He is looking at a long and intensive recovery of at least three months. Due to this accident, Tom will be closing Micawber's."

Initially, Healy reported, "Micawber's will be closed until further notice." Then, two days later, he provided an update, noting, "Micawber's will close at the end of April. A going-out-of-business sale will be held on two weekends in April." The times and dates are 10 am to 6 pm.

SAP church taking on taboo topics
By Scott Carlson


Those are three subjects that many people are reticent to talk about with friends and family.

But Victoria Wilgocki, pastor at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, said her congregation is looking to take those topics "out of the shadows" and bring them into the light to the public when it launches a three-part series called "Sex, Death and Money." The first event, on sex and sexuality, is scheduled for Friday, April 26 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the church, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. Programs on the other two subjects are tentatively scheduled for this coming September and November.

"These three topics are often taboo – shame-based at worst, avoided at best," Wilgocki said. "We also acknowledge that people's past experiences with these issues in a religious context could have been harmful, troubling, or again, avoided altogether."

However, SAP United Church of Christ considers holding conversations on these subjects "essential to a life-giving spirituality and faith," Wilgocki said. "We have taken these topics out of the shadows and we shine honesty, integrity and gratitude on them. We educate all ages with developmentally appropriate approaches, and we equip people with tools and resources to use on their own."

While, the church's three-part series is new, it has had ministries on sexuality, death and money for some time, Wilgocki said. "We have amazing in-house experts on each issue – members of our congregation who are leaders and teachers in each of these fields."

The church has had a human sexuality and faith curriculum called "Our Whole Lives" (OWL) for eighth, ninth and 10th graders since 2013, and death and dying education for its confirmation students since 2010. Meanwhile, the church's monthly bereavement support group has been up and running since 2016.

For further information on the program about sex and sexuality, call the church at 651-646-7173.

German School project on hold for EAW review
By Scott Carlson

The Twin Cities German Immersion School (TCGIS) will have to wait longer to see if it can proceed with razing its current facility – the former St. Andrew's Church – and replace it with a new building.

The St. Paul City Council in early March postponed voting on whether to approve some variances for the school’s building plans until its planning department completes an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) to determine if the project warrants a full environmental impact statement.

The neighborhood citizen group Save Historic St. Andrew's (SHSA) earlier this month petitioned the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board to conduct an EAW. "We filed an EAW because the TCGIS project will result in an increase of net carbon emissions as a result of demolishing St. Andrew's and building a new gym and classrooms, rather than repurposing the structure," said Bonnie Youngquist, a leader with SHSA.

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District 12 St. Anthony Park Community Council

Neighborhood Honor Roll

The District 12 Council is honoring the following people for their community contributions:

Kim Frain: Kim has been a pivotal member on the council’s Transportation Committee, especially as a liaison with Seal Hi-Rise residents and management. Kim helped committee members better understand the needs of these neighbors, while assuresly working with Hi-Rise administrators. That was crucial in accomplishing projects, such as the tire-barrier painting, Metro Transit disability card outreach, and “Stop For Me” event on Territorial Avenue.

Margot Munson: Margot is an entomologist who has educated children and adults for years at the Peconic Stewards of Nature. Munson has taught about the role of insects in aquatic ecosystems, with a focus on mosquitoes and disease vectors. She has also been active in local community groups, including “Transition Your Money” and “Local Dough.”

Pat Thompson: Pat is one of those people whose work is at the heart of expanding a community’s well-being. They inspire, connect and energize others, while doing the nitty-gritty work that gets things done. Pat is a leader on the district council’s board and transportation committee, helped write the 10-year plan, serves on the board of the Creative Enterprise Zone, helps organize the St. Anthony Park Garden Club Plant Sale, and is a planning group member of Transition Town, where she helped establish the local investment groups “Transition Your Money” and “Local Dough.”

Upcoming public meetings:

Land Use Committee
Thursday, April 4, 7-9 p.m.
Monthly on the first Thursday
Jennings Community School
2455 W. University Ave. St. Paul

Equity Committee
Monday, April 1, 5:30-7 p.m.

SAPCC Board meeting
Thursday, April 11, 7-9 p.m.
Monthly on the second Thursday
Jennings Community School
2455 W. University Ave., St. Paul

Transportation Committee meeting
Tuesday, April 30, 7-9 p.m.
Monthly on the last Tuesday
St. Anthony Park Community Council
2395 W. University Ave., St. Paul

Meeting times and location subject to change.

Submitted by Kathryn Murray, executive director of the District 12 St. Anthony Park Community Council

SUNDAY SERIES
Spring is on the way! District 10’s 2019 Sunday Series will get you thinking about spring and summer. First up: mosquitoes. One of our most invisible government agencies — the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District — talks about how they control the blood-sucking and disease-spreading pests, middle-of-the-night maneuvers, what’s in those fog machines, and even what those red triangles on what’s in those fog machines, and even what those red triangles on storm grates mean.

Details: Mosquitoes, Sunday, March 24, 1-3 p.m. Como Park Streetcar Station. Free.

Future Sunday Series presentations:

Put It on Your Calendar

• Sunday Series: How to be a citizen scientist. Sunday, April 14.
• Sunday Series: Reduce, reuse, recycle. What do you really know? Sunday, May 5.
• Como Neighborhood Garage Sale. Weekend of May 17.
• Como Community Seed Library’s “Seed Your Dream.” Saturday, May 18.
• District 10 Community Yoga. Sunday, June 9.
• District 10 Ice Cream Social. Friday, July 12.
• Corner Neighborhood Pollinator Garden Tour. Saturday, July 13.

Submitted by Michael Kuchta, executive director of the District 10 Como Community Council

North suburban officials contesting FCC rules change

By Anne Holzman

Officials in Lauderdale, Falcon Heights and the other seven cities served by local government cable access — through the North Suburban Cable Commission (NSCC) — have been invited to weigh in about proposed changes to the cable fees supporting those services.

NSCC operates the nonprofit CTV television station, which records, broadcasts, and archives government meetings and produces videos about local events, including school sports and performances. Content can be viewed on the CTV channel or online. Like similar nonprofits around the country, CTV relies on fees added to customers’ cable bills for a large proportion of its budget. Cities receive payments and use them to pay for community TV. The fees appear on cable customers’ bills as “franchise fees” and “PEG (Public, Education, and Government Services)”

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering changes that could “radically reduce the level of monetary support” for local-access government services, according to CTV Executive Director Dana Healy. A four-page graphic in Healy said that while the details of the proposed changes were not yet settled, likely changes would include allowing cable companies making donations of equipment to count in-kind value against their monetary obligations to “pay for community TV”

Joy Sims, of the NCTA Internet and Television Association, said of the proposed changes, “cable operators have worked for decades with local communities to make public access programming widely available — first to our subscribers and now, even more broadly across streaming video. We pay more than $3 billion a year in fees that local governments can use to fund PEG and other priorities, and we separately pay for construction of studios and other facilities. We will continue to provide that support going forward.”

Healy contended the proposed rule change “is designed to hobble the cable companies and knock down the municipalities.” She urged citizens to enter comments at the Commission’s website. She said she has been working with staff at Rep. Betty McCollum’s office to defend the existing franchise fees.

The city of Lauderdale budgets about $20,000 annually in cable fees, City Manager Heather Burkowski said. Of that amount, about $5,000 is the city’s contribution to CTV operations.

“Additional dollars are used to pay CTV for services they provide the city such as web streaming of council meetings,” Burkowski said. “About the net heat cap is used to cover a small portion of the salary of the employee that runs our cable equipment at meetings, etc. The rest is saved for equipment replacement as needed.”

In any given week, dozens of people tune in to CTV to watch city council meetings or view other community events. “There’s a lot of people that this is their primary source of being tuned into their community,” Healy said.

Sue Majerus, who represents Falcon Heights on the North Suburban Communications Commission, said CTV reaches people who can’t drive to a meeting, or who want to see their grandchildren in the school play but can’t get there. “There’s just no other media that provides that,” she said.
Poetry: Community builder, change maker, world saver?

By Mimi Jennings

Nationwide, poetry is news. Book sales, readings, slams, festivals, and online poetry all thrive “largely thanks to young poets making incredible work and finding new paths,” says Don Share, the editor of Poetry magazine.

In the Twin Cities, we have more than a dozen poetry presses. Our performance scene vibrates daily with readings, open mics, and slams (the youth slam “The Heard MN” has its finals March 30). Metro Transit features poetry broaddside, and our city has two poets laureate, Carol Connolly and, for youth, Dante Collins. Meanwhile, the Park Bugle has hosted an annual poetry contest for nine years, focused this time on transformation and change.

Poetry as a transition tool

Speaking of changing times, District 12’s Community Council has tasked Transition Town – All St. Anthony Park with finding tools to survive— even thrive—while confronting climate degradation. During National Poetry Month, we declared that poetry—reading, writing, listening to it—helps create the teamwork needed to do planet repair. It heals, fights indifference, puts what is elusive into words, invites nuance with possibilities for the resilience needed to live in the world we’ve irrevocably altered.

U.S. poet laureate Tracy K. Smith’s students turn to poems “to grapple with... forced migration, shifting gender norms, the environment, mental illness and technology—along with old standbys of love, loss and the changing of the seasons.” “Poetry really can save the world—but not all by itself,” says poet Alice Duggan, also of St. Anthony Park. Another local poet, Margaret Hasse, notes that it “tells a community’s story, as well as an individual’s. It imagines how things could be—if a war ended, if kindness prevailed.”

Let’s start on Earth Day at CoCreart

On Monday, April 22, 7:30 p.m., five featured poets will read at CoCreart, 2388 University Avenue (corner of Raymond Avenue). Then the floor opens for other poets, including first-timers. How else can we harness the power of poetry? Tasks for writers:

• Use our inborn love for the natural world
• Speak in sympathy with silenced voices
• Amplify calls to action from frontline activists.

And, in the words of Dave Archambault II, Standing Rock Sioux, we can “…stand for our relatives/the ones that crawl, the ones that fly, the ones that burrow/the ones that swim, the ones that flower/for themselves/for our ancestors/for those children/who are not yet born.”

A transition tip for all of us: Notice the joy place from which we can take up heartening work. To feel less alone: That cancels out the noise of fear and dread. Believe in yes and you will make it so.

Mimi Jennings is a St. Anthony Park poet and former French teacher at St. Paul’s Central High School.
Clayton Howart's op-ed commentary in the March issue of the Bugle ("Opposing the Twin Cities German Immersion School expansion") set off a flurry of passionate and sometimes angry responses in the school community.

We have received letters and numerous online comments to the article from Howart, the executive director of the Galter Parent Organization. In the wake of the feedback, we learned that not everyone at Galter School agreed with his analysis.

Meanwhile, one German Immersion School parent suggested the Bugle agreed with Howart merely because we published his commentary. Not true. The Bugle has taken no editorial stand pro or con on the school's expansion plans.

Our role, as I see it, is to provide a forum where the community can debate such issues, pro or con. Along those lines, we published TCGIS director Ted Anderson's commentary in our February issue and asked Bonnie Youngquist, of Save Historic St. Andrew's Church, to explain their viewpoint, in our March issue.

Out of this debate, I have gained a greater appreciation on how each side feels. I have also seen occasions where it feels like both sides are not really listening to one another, that people are talking past one another rather than to one another.

At the end of the day, I wonder if it would be helpful to have a mediator come in to help both sides find common ground and try to work out a joint solution.

---Scott Carlson

Letters to 5

**LETTERS**

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Further, the rebuild is a responsible environmental step. Twenty-five percent of the current building is unusable for the school due to vestibules, steep staircases, and other non-accessible areas. The new building with another floor will double the usable square footage for the school, without any significant increase in building footprint.

Also, the former church building is uninsulated and costly to the school and to our environment. A modern insulated structure will emit significantly less carbon dioxide than the uninsulated structure with voluminous heated space that is unusable by the school. Furthermore, the former church site has grandfathered stormwater management from the 1920s. The new building adds stormwater management to help improve near Como Lake. The proposed changes are in line with community values and city goals regarding climate action.

Finally, having this unique, thriving school in our midst is a benefit to the community in many ways. The school adds vitality to the neighborhood and its environment. And our community values strong. Also, the school provides a public option, equally available to all, for language immersion education. Half of TC GIS graduating eighth graders go on to high school at St. Paul Central, the school with whom they partner to continue advanced language instruction in German.

I hope we, as neighbors, can see the benefits of the proposed TCGIS rebuild.

---Laura Sackrider

**Letters to 5**
By Adam G ranger

Well, we've had quite the winter, haven't we?
The snow piled up so high that we could only see each other from the waist up: A guy could have that we could only see each other glycerine ice and frigid temperatures filled our ERs with broken ankles. It seems fitting, then, to ruminate on least another column.

I grew up hearing the hometown locals declare, "We've got a saying around here: If you don't like the weather, just wait five minutes." They always said this with avuncular pride, as though Norman, Okla., was the only place that such an assertion could credibly be made. It wasn't until I traveled the world that I realized everyone everywhere makes the same claim. I don't speak Danish, or Welsh, or Czech, but I know I've heard it said in those languages, because I recognized the tone of avuncular pride. And of course, one hears it said here as well. I mean, heck, Minnesota's got sun, rain, snow, sleet and tornadoes. Our weather ranges from tedious to tsunamis yet, but we're working on getting those sea levels up. (Ops: I wasn't going to mention climate change.

When I moved to the Twin Cities in early 1975, my first job was working in the box office at Guthrie Theater. On days when weather threatened to make attendance of that night's performance difficult, theatergoers would sometimes telephone and ask to exchange their tickets for another date. We were instructed to say—

diplomatically and politely, of course—that the Guthrie Theater had never canceled a performance for any reason, including the weather, that patrons were responsible for deciding whether they thought they could make it to the theater or not, and that if they couldn't, they had to forfeit their tickets. No one ever complained. There was, in those days, an understanding that we lived in a region where weather could ground things, and that we, as residents of that region, would be expected to absorb some cost and inconvenience from time to time as a result.

When a couple of years after my tenure at the Guthrie, I was playing guitar on A Prairie Home Companion, we would often do our live broadcasts from the old Science Museum, across the street from what is now the Fitzgerald Theater. In the summertime, we had the option of using the Museum's theater or doing outdoor broadcasts in its garden area. A couple of hours before air time, we'd make the inside-outside decision based on a highly approximate recipe: a call to the National Weather Service, gut feeling (whatever that meant) and a healthy dollop of sky-gazing—seriously. Despite the alchemic nature of this process, we got it wrong only once, when a squall forced a 20-minute suspension of the broadcast, while we—all—audience members included—humped gear and instruments from the outside to the inside, set everything back up and resumed the show.

Heading out on the road in the winterstimes in those days carried with it a prosaistic risk potential. My first wife is from Rhinelander, Wis.; my second and final wife is from Red Lake County, Minn.; and I'm from Oklahoma. Lots of thanksgiving and Christmas trips were made to those places, and if you add in a lifetime of traveling to gigs as a musician, I've had more than my share of winter driving drama: sliding into ditches, collisions and near- collisions, standoffs and the like. And I'm one of the lucky ones: a survivor. Back then, there would be several little articles in the paper ("little" because in that time they weren't major news) about some poor soul whose vehicle was found buried in a snow bank on some section road somewhere. We accepted this as part of living here—

German Immersion School PTO response

In response to Clayton Howatt's 2/17 commentary piece in the Bugle opposing the Twin Cities German Immersion School expansion:

We, the PTO of the Twin Cities German Immersion School, were very disappointed to see the Park Bugle article written by Galter Community School's PTO president attacking our school. Similar to you, Clayton, our parent volunteers work hard to support our school for our kids and the kids in our neighborhood, which makes it all the more disheartening that this attack comes from another involved parent/PTO member.

TCGIS is the largest German immersion school in North America and the only German immersion school in Minnesota. TCGIS is only one of three public German immersion schools in the entire country. TCGIS not only fills a niche not available through SPPS, it fills a niche that is hardly available anywhere else in the country. Similar to the parents in SPPS seeking our Adams Spanish Immersion or L'Etoile du Nord French Immersion, our families are seeking out a German language immersion program.

Regarding the question of diversity, we acknowledge there is an issue and welcome any input that would help get our school's mission to the broader population.

But Clayton's comparison of our single school demographics to the entire SPPS district is a bit distinguished. You are comparing a sample size of 385 students to 37,000 students. Our demographics are similar to our neighborhood demographics. Please know that we welcome ALL students into our annual lottery.

As educators, involved parents and community members, we hope that we share the same goal to increase opportunity and access for all students. Pointing fingers and making hurtful accusations is divisive and does not accomplish this goal. This is the current tone of our community; we expect better from our schools, educators and parents in our own community.

Our public schools are underfunded as a whole, but especially in the area of Special Education and English Language Learning. Twin Cities German Immersion School is not to blame for this nor are charter schools. Unfortunately, they become an easy target to attack instead of looking at the bureaucratic system that is to blame for a lack of appropriate funds and a deliberate effort to segregate neighborhoods, which in turn segregates schools.

We share the same wonderful urban community, let's work together to learn and support each other as neighbors, educators and parents.

TCGIS PTO
Clayton Howatt, Galter Community School's PTO president. Clayton has been teaching in SPPS for many years and has contributed to the Park Bugle in the past.

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The children instead of dinging mud at each other and wanting precious resources.

Pia Sektnan, Como

TCGIS takes measure of recent snowfalls at his house. Photo by Renee Bergerson.

Adam G ranger has written for National Lampoon magazine, A Prairie Home Companion and Bicycle Greeting Card. He lives with his wife and his cat at St. Anthony Park, and makes his living as a guitar player.

Bugle seeks new members for governing board

The Park Bugle is seeking candidates to fill openings on our board of directors.

The volunteer board consists of residents and businesses from the communities we serve, namely St. Anthony Park, Como Park, Lauderdale and Falcon Heights. The board, which meets monthly, is beginning short- and long-term strategic planning to continue the Bugle's mission of providing community news and information.

We are looking for candidates who have one or more of the following skills or backgrounds: organizational management or strategic planning skills, especially with nonprofits; prior experience on a nonprofit board; some background in fundraising or grantwriting, sales, advertising or legal experience; and a strong connection to the community.

To apply, please send a short note and biography to editor@parkbugle.org with DIRECTORS in the subject line, or mail to a letter addressed: Arm: Directors Park Bugle, P.O. Box 8126, St. Paul 55108.
Micawbers from 1

a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 6, 7, 13 and 14.

St. Anthony Park residents lamented the news of Micawber’s imminent closing. “This will be a huge loss to the neighborhood and to book lovers all over the Twin Cities,” said Mary Mergenthal, a long-time St. Anthony Park resident and a former Bugle editor.

This is at least the second recent setback for downtown St. Anthony Park. In January, the popular apparel and craft store Bibelot closed its location as its founder retired and new owner, White Bear Lake-based Good Things, did not keep the St. Anthony Park location open.

Meanwhile, Bielenberg’s family has set up a GoFundMe campaign to help pay for his medical expenses. To learn more, go to https://www.gofundme.com/tom-bielenberg-recovery-fund.

---Scott Carlson, managing editor

German School from 1

“Simple embodied energy calculation provided by city officials suggested over 2,000 tons would be taken to landfills, not to mention the fossil fuel use, the smell of diesel fuel and oil, road damage, traffic, and air quality impact from heavy construction and demolition in a small area surrounded by dozens of private homes.”

Youngquist added, “The purpose of an EAW is to collect information about the likelihood of significant environmental effects and how they can be avoided or mitigated. The Saint Paul Planning and Economic Department has up to 30 days to decide if an EAW will happen or not.”

“But Sam Walling, chairman of the TCGIS board, blasted the SHSA’s EAW petition as ‘another blatant abuse of the public planning process that again reveals the unneighborly selfishness of a few NIMBYs [Not in my backyard] neighborhood activists who would preserve an old building it doesn’t own, literally at the expense of educating public school kids.”

Walling concluded, “They [SHSA] have also filed two labor-intensive and costly requests for documents pursuant to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. More egregiously, they have threatened TCGIS students twice on their social media pages, for which they have yet to publicly apologize. Hopefully public officials will see through these actions for what they are and move forward with educating kids in an appropriate modern environment by approving our renovation.”

Walling questioned, “They [SHSA] have also filed a petition for historic designation over the schools objection and without notifying the school; filed a lawsuit against the school without notifying the school.”

SHSA leaders left little doubt they also unhappy with TCGIS leaders. “We have appealed to TCGIS to protect and adaptively reuse the former St. Andrew’s church, but the board has refused to consider any option to save the building repeatedly,” Youngquist said.

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SHSA also “opposed the school’s site plan and variance requests at every committee and commission despite the review and approval of professional City staff, then appealed the school’s site plan and variance requests to the City Council,”

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Neighbours

Bredel leaves Midway Chamber
Beth Bredel recently left the Midway Chamber of Commerce as director of events and programs to become the director of corporate relations and events at Junior Achievement. Her first day at Junior Achievement was March 11.

 Asked what she liked best about working for the Chamber during her nearly five-year tenure, Bredel said, “Developing and strengthening relationships as we work to support the Midway. The energy and vitality of the business community is incredible—both for profit as well as nonprofit.”

SAP Garden Club April program
St. Paul city forester Karl Mueller will discuss “Climate Change: How it Influences your Choice of Tree Selection” at 7:30 p.m. on April 2 at the monthly meeting of the St. Anthony Park Garden Club. The program will be held at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave. Refreshments and social hour precede the program starting at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend the free event. For more information, contact Sandee Kelsey at kelsey005@umn.edu.

Hall & Oates booked for 2019 State Fair
The Minnesota State Fair has added pop singer Daryl Hall & John Oates to its 2019 Grandstand show lineup. The Hall & Oates show is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28. Tickets, which are now on sale, are $67 and $57, all reserved seating.

Tickets will be available through Etix at etix.com or by calling 800-514-3849. For more State Fair ticket information, call 651-288-4427.

Cuban tamba, a co-ed beginning class, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, April 12. Instruments provided. Cost is $20. No experience necessary. Register at www.womensdrumcenter.org. The Women’s Drum Center is located at 2242 W. University Ave.

Lions waffle breakfast April 7
The North Suburban Evening Lions Club will hold an “All the Waffles You Can Eat” breakfast from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. April 7 at the John Rose Oval Skating Center, 2661 Civic Drive in Roseville. Sausage, coffee, milk and orange juice are also included. There will also be a cake walk and raffle. The breakfast is free for ages 5 and under, $6 for ages 6 to 10 and $8 for ages 11 and older. Ticket proceeds will go to support community projects. Also, old eyeglasses and hearing aids and their used batteries can be brought to this event.

Tuesday Scholar Talks resume
The Roseville Library’s Tuesday Scholar/OLLI series resumes with a new series of weekly talks scheduled from March 26 to April 30, at 1:00 p.m. The library is located at 2180 N. Hamline Ave., Roseville. All programs are free to the public and no registration is required. Here is the lineup:

March 26 — How do racial attitudes influence American politics?
Howard Lavine, the Arlen C. Carlson professor of political science and psychobiology at Macalester College, Minnesota, will discuss the elections of Barack Obama and Donald Trump and how they have brought about fundamental changes in the political role of race. Lavine, who is director of the Center for the Study of Political Psychology, is also the author of Open versus Closed: Personality, Identity and the Politics of Redistribution.

April 2 — A Conversation with Senator Durenberger
A recognized expert on healthcare policy, Republican Dave Durenberger served three terms in the U.S. Senate in far less politically polarized times than our own. He and his co-author Star Tribune journalist Lori Sturdevant will talk about their new book, When Republicans Were Progressive (Minnesota Historical Society, 2018). Durenberger represented Minnesota in the U.S. Senate from 1978 to 1995.

April 9 — Economics with Ed Lotterman Part I
Pioneer economics columnist Ed Lotterman will provide an illuminating—and entertaining—look at the ups and downs of American economic history. His topic will be “Booms and Busts over 230 years of U.S. History.”

April 16 — Economics with Ed Lotterman Part II
Join Lotterman for a look at some of the more exotic ways Americans have saved their money over the decades. He will talk about “Wildcat Banking to Shadow Banking: Private Banks in U.S. Economic History.”

April 23 — Economics with Ed Lotterman Part III
Lotterman talks about the Government’s Role in Banking from the Days of Alexander Hamilton to Janet Yellen. Why do we have a Federal Reserve System, and does it work the way the Founders intended?

Lotterman writes the “Real Minnesota History” column for the Pioneer Press. He has taught economics at the college level.

April 30 — Minnesota History with Peg Meier
Legendary Star Tribune reporter Peg Meier shares true stories she has uncovered at the Minnesota Historical Society and other local archives. She is also a recognized expert on healthcare policy, Republican Dave Durenberger served three terms in the U.S. Senate in far less politically polarized times than our own. He and his co-author Star Tribune journalist Lori Sturdevant will talk about their new book, When Republicans Were Progressive (Minnesota Historical Society, 2018). Durenberger represented Minnesota in the U.S. Senate from 1978 to 1995.

The play offers glimpses into interactions that shape and define our lives. The intersection of momentous and mundane moments grouped together reveal who we are, and why we are, right now.

Fundraiser successful for SA PSA
The St. Anthony Park School Association (SAPSA) on a Friday night in early March held a food and raffle benefit at Nico’s Taco & Tequila Bar which proved to be a boon. Attendees packed the restaurant and raised close to $8,000 for the school.

Come home to St. Anthony Park and beyond...
Bugle poetry Contest Winners Capture Changes

With April commencing National Poetry Month, the Bugle has conducted its ninth annual poetry competition.

This year, we asked our lyricists to draw their inspiration from these two words: transformation and change. All entries were judged anonymously by former Bugle editor David Healy, also a long-time writer and poet from St. Anthony Park.

Healy chose what he considered the top three entries. Our first-place winner and recipient of $50 is Mimi Jennings, a St. Anthony Park poet and former Bugle editor David Healy, also a longtime writer and poet from St. Anthony Park. Second- and third-places go to Catherine Reid Day and Alice Duggan, respectively. Here are our top three poems:

**First Place**

**Shoe Shopping**

By Mimi Jennings

I sit, try on shoes,
touching the seams that someone in China has sewn.
Fingerprint unsewn beneath mine, skin oil
of the last person to touch them before me.
I velcro them, stand, test the sock-inside interface—nice.
What do I know of China?

I think about comfort resting
on workers in poor countries
and the shoes get uncomfortable.
I think about bad
walk questions through the day.
If Nature allows a vacuum doesn’t she create
a kindness void? In the name of all that is physics
can this imbalance go on?

Why not a world where we’d get snapshots of the people
who twist our ties around our charger cords?
What if we at least had a name to attach to a purchase?
Whose fingers left their unseen prints on the goods we buy?

Healy’s review: “The world of commerce is often impersonal.
But if we at least had walk questions through the day,
If Nature allows a vacuum doesn’t she create
a kindness void? In the name of all that is physics
can this imbalance go on?”

**Second Place**

**After Listening to Marie Howeon the Radio**

“I don’t know about the soul.”

By Alice Duggan

Put your heels down first, says the physical therapist,
dramming my life or at least the way I walk, as I follow
the floor tiles, swinging my head from side to side,
inside this edifice built to launch orphans into new lives,
a way station with playmates, meals and a good milk cow,
bonded by shining new street car tracks.

Back a hundred years or so, they called this the Children’s Home,
and into its arms came a river of giving, women to
mend and hem and darn, farmers bearing potatoes, cabbage.
Do you find yourself distracted
easily, the therapist asks; and Yes, I don’t say, I don’t say I
want to find the room where my husband’s mother died.
Could she have more morphine, we ask, as she writhed
in her bed.

It’s too much to unfurl all at once. They call it the Nursing Home,
and I blame my wondering gaze on these weary
halfway photos, taken of residents here. These are our elders.
I am they.

and we the brief owners of these halls.

Healy’s review: “We pass through buildings all our lives.
What traces of ourselves do we leave behind? What messages
does a room, a hallway, hold for a new occupant? If could
never pondered such questions before, I bet you will now
after reading Alice’s lovely poem.”

**Third Place**

**They Call it the Nursing Home**

By Alice Duggan

What I know is the ground, the way
the soles of my feet open
when I free them from shoes.
Touching earth
rough and smooth and
moist with waters
reborn each morning in the dew.

A bean seed emerges from darkness,
sloughing a crinkled brown seed casing,
a jaunty cap tipped to one side,
its pale green stalk straight and proud.
It will feed us in July.

I hand them back,
and the shoes get uncomfortable.

I think about wearers in poor countries
on workers in far-off lands
I velcro them, stand, test the sock-inside interface—nice.

It’s tempting to steal.
What I know lives inside me.
It flows with a knowing
depth as the lake.
Inside, a rhythm beats true and steady.
Inside, I hear my truth, and read
bare-handed into my muck,
Pull myself up by my roots,
lift my truth toward the sun,
blink back blindness
and see brilliance.

Healy’s review: When I first read this, we were still in the
grasp of an unexpectedly mild winter. Catherine’s image —
bare feet opening, bean seeds emerging, chipmunks foraging
— would be potent any time but are especially so when
spring is but a hazy memory.

By Catherine Reid Day

If Nature abhors a vacuum doesn’t she revile
a kindness void? In the name of all that is physics
can this imbalance go on?

— would be potent any time but are especially so when
spring is but a hazy memory.

Smile.

Park Perks raised $500 for Walker West Music Academy in February.

During the month of April we will be collecting for St. Anthony Park Student Association.
Lucy Brusic, a resident of St. Anthony Park, won second place in a Juried Art Show sponsored by the Benedictine Center in Maplewood. Her fiber creation, entitled “Contemplation on an Icon” is the result of her weaving as slowly and prayerfully as someone painting a sacred icon.

She is a 15-year member of the Textile Center in Minneapolis, which is a national center for fiber art. For many years she used her skill to create liturgical stoles for the Lutheran Church and now enjoys “playing and experimenting with colors and fibers.”

Several past entries in this Juried Competition at the Benedictine Center have earned her Honorable Mention awards. She’s also won awards at the State Fair.

Brusic has lived in St. Anthony Park for 25 years, with her husband, the Rev. Robert Brusic, who is a retired Lutheran minister. He worked 15 years at Luther Seminary as pastor and director of Discipleship.

The juried exhibit, called “Seeing God,” features area artists whose creative process captures a sense of the divine when seeing the world. About 65 artists submitted their work, which will be on display at St. Paul’s Monastery until March 2. The top three winners share a $375 prize.

This exhibit is part of the Benedictine Center’s “Art & Spirituality” series designed to show how art sustains and expands the spiritual imagination and deepens awe for the beauty of creation. The Center sponsors six exhibits annually, featuring area artists. They are open to the public free of charge from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, go to www.benedictinecenter.org, call 651-777-7251 or email info@benedictinecenter.org. The Benedictine Center, a ministry of the Benedictine Sisters at St. Paul’s Monastery, is located at 2675 Benet Road in Maplewood.

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Fiber creation done by Lucy Brusic.
Frederick Arny

Frederick D. “Rick” Arny, M.D., 82, died on Feb. 23.

Law, Marilyn Arny.

Frederick Arny, M.D., 82, served in the United States Air Force for two years following the completion of his residency. He was a graduate of Murray High School and the University of Minnesota Medical School, Army 49 years after his retirement in 1999.

When Rick was not caring for others, he enjoyed photography, biking and spending time with his family. As a generous man during his living years, his generosity continues in death by the donation of his whole body to the Anatomy Bequest Program at the University of Minnesota. A celebration of life was held March 8 at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ. Memorials are preferred to the church.

Beverly Clarck

Beverly Clarck, 90, of Falcon Heights, was born Nov. 13, 1928, and died Feb. 27.

She was preceded in death by her sons, Michael and Patrick; granddaughter Lora Hatlesad; former husband Maurice; her parents, Lawrence and Margaret Ewist; brother and sister-in-law James and Mary Ewist. She is survived by daughter Margaret; daughters-in-law Peggy Clark and Rebecca Clarck-Dunham (Steve); three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 5 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Roseville.

Nina Jorgensen

Nina Joyce Halling Jorgensen, longtime former St. Anthony Park resident and University of Minnesota staff member, died Feb. 22 in Alexandria, Minn., where she had

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Blegen.

moved a few years ago to be near family. She was 103 at her death.

Nina lived here in one of the Brewster Street apartments near the railroad tracks and was known far and wide for her garden on a plot near the tracks. Other residents of those apartments include many new immigrants. She befriended them all and they watched over her, in turn.

Nina worked at the University of Minnesota Plant Pathology library from 1965 until 1985. She traveled extensively, loved gardening, playing cards, going to the lake and having coffee with her St. Anthony Park friends.

She is survived by children Durs (Larizeta) Jorgensen of Alexandria and Charlotte (Wal) Ray of Mora, Minn.; six grandchildren; three step-grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. A celebration of Nina’s spirit and life will be held in July 2019 in Alexandria. She will be buried in the Aro City Cemetery.

Joseph Michels

Joseph Michels, 91, longtime resident of St. Anthony Park and a retired architect who practiced here for nearly 50 years, died recently.

Joe was particularly known for residential designs. His signature houses were respectful of their sites and featured striking forms, generous windowss, unpainted wood, and occasionally decorative floral or geometric colored-glass panels. Architecture as a form of art interested him more than architecture as a business, and perceptive clients often became his personal friends. Some of his designs were built in the Park United and University Grove neighborhoods.

The son of Oscar and Lucille Michels, Joe grew up in the Minneapolis suburb of Shorewood.

He moved to Minneapolis after being discharged from the Navy following the end of WWII. With the GI Bill in hand, he enrolled at the University of Minnesota to study architecture. After receiving his degree, Joe and Ellen Manning, an architectural historian, were married. Their son James was born several years later.

Richard Swenson

Richard “Dick” David Swenson, 88, died on Jan. 10. He and his wife Grace were active members of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

Dick got his Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the University of Iowa in 1961. He served on the Atomic Energy Commission.

He joined the faculty of Wisconsin State College-River Falls in 1955, where he taught chemistry, physics, mathematics and taught Great Ideas in Science. In
Como Park High School

• The Como Culinary Club recently participated in the St. Paul Public Schools Culinary Arts Competition at Como Park High School. The club has eight dedicated members who are passionate about cooking. They have taken classes at Como, including Introduction to Culinary, Advanced Culinary, and International Cuisine.

Como Park chefs swept the first and second place prizes at the St. Paul Public Schools Culinary Arts Competition at St. Paul College on Feb. 23. Photo by Courtney Gbolo

Courtney Gbolo teaches the Culinary Arts courses and coordinates the club.

To promote the St. Paul event and display the skills they’ve learned, Como juniors Isaac Vu, Ong Vang, and Miguel Ortiz Loveland did a cooking demonstration on the Feb. 19 edition of the Fox 9 Morning News show. “Anytime students have the opportunity to showcase something they’re passionate about, the sky’s the limit,” Gbolo said.

The competition required students to prepare a three-course meal in an hour and Como’s students shone brightly. The team of Robbi Link, Ong Vang, Jillien Brenner and Emma Luchinger came in second place. They prepared a starter of pink prawns with a pesto, niotta and beet sauce, entrée of glazed black cod with a honey-curry and crunchy grapes, and dessert of chocolate, avocado and lime parfait.

To complete the Como sweep of the bring in mentors to help serve Como Park students. Every Wednesday, 10 mentors visit Como to tutor 20 freshmen with their algebra skills during advisory period. The mentors are from Math Motivators, coordinated with the Actuarial Foundation, and represent companies and institutions including Securian Financial, Travelers Insurance, the University of Minnesota and the University of St. Thomas. AOF Coordinator Kris Somerville said the external support from the foundation can help students achieve while strengthening partnerships in the community. “By getting help with math freshman year, students will be more confident academically in their high school years while also building relationships with outside professionals and mentors,” Somerville said. “Win! Win!”

As a Bugle went to press, the club was still cooking after school and preparing for the State ProStart Competition.

• The Academy of Finance (AOF) and Math Department are partnering with local businesses to coordinates a project with the Helen Keller Institute that provided every Como student an opportunity to receive a free eye exam at school and receive free glasses. Many Como students don’t have access to regular eye exams or resources to secure corrective eyewear. Altogether, 869 students were screened. Of that number the 869 students who were screened, 194 students are getting glasses, while an additional 32 were referred for further treatment.

“Students were thrilled to see clearly! Being able to choose their frames brought a whole new level of excitement!” said English Language Learner (ELL) teacher Jan Sevaid. ELL teacher Jill Wigles added, “Even for students who had glasses, many had frames that were outdated or damaged. Students were extremely thankful for an updated pair.”

• Senior Adina DeGetaano and Bridget Proper organized Como’s Annual Blood Drive with the Red Cross on Feb. 27 in the Como gymnasium. After careful screening and medical clearance, approved students were able to donate 40 pints of blood to help those who will need it.

• History Day at Como featured the presentation of final products by 11th-grade U.S. history students. History scholars who qualified for the St. Paul regional competition on March 9 include the following students:

Group Exhibit — Dinnae Riley, Dedeela Robinson, Aniza Moreno and Kayla McDonald for Emmett Till.

Group Website — Noelia Matin Leal, Mai Chau Xiong, Njama Aden and Moses Sue for Women’s Suffrage. Gemma Pham, Kow Mu, and Paw Say Wah for Jonas Salk’s Polio Vaccine. Alicia Rivera, Dulce Ruiz Contreras, Mariya Zubke and Angeles Cabellero for Frida Kahlo’s Paintings. Way Hho and Shar Too for WAVES (Women’s branch of the U.S. Naval Reserve). Ly Nong, Rose Say and Maisee Her for the Immigration Act of 1924.

Individual Website — Melody Yang for Penhurst State Hospital, Jorge Nieto Plegio for Warren Robinson’s Easter Egg, Ethan Lee for The My Lai Massacre, Mai See Her for Anne Frank, and Lillian Sticha for NASA’s Human Computers.

Individual Documentary Film — Lisa Saechao for the Hmong Genocide, Wyen Hanou for the Jazz Singer, and Yeebong Yang for 9/11.

Research Paper — Isaac Vu for The Tragedy of Pearl Harbor, and Aleyar Ke for the State of Minnesota vs. Dennis Linehan.

—Eric Erickson is a social studies teacher at Como Park High School.

Students from Como’s Future Farmers of America (FFA) program met with officials at the state capitol on Feb. 28. FFA advisor Julie Ketterling (left) and club members are pictured with State Senator John Marty. Courtesy photo
1970, he was named the Johnson Foundation Distinguished Professor. Dick and Grace were among 31 awarded the Department of State’s Millennium International Volunteer Award in 2000 for their contributions to international educational and cultural exchange and enhancing the cause of global understanding.

He was preceded in death by his grandson Thomas, and is survived by his wife Grace; six children, including Linda Haefemer (Jeffrey) of Como Park; 19 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be given to UW-Richard and Grace Swensen Scholarship, Lutheran World Relief or St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

A memorial service was held at the church Feb. 2.

Richard Thorp
Richard Glenn Thorp, 92, formerly of Falcon Heights, died Feb. 16. He was a former Roseville Area Schools physical education teacher and coach. Richard was preceded in death by wife Ann Thorp, his parents, Henry and Alice Thorp, and siblings Alice Matson, Henry, Earl, Bob, Donald, and Willard Thorp. He is survived by his son Rick Thorp (Cindy) of Brooklyn Park; daughters Dr. Deborah Thorp (Kathleen Murphy) of Minneapolis and Ann Benesh (Bill) of Nashville; as well as by 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and his brother-in-law, Gerhardt Thode and Eugene Zakrazewski; parents Ole and Olga Lerdal; two brothers and four sisters.

Memorials are requested to UW-Roseville Area Schools Foundation or Park Nicollet Foundation.

Lives Lived from 10
Cougars, Pilots wrap up winter sports season

Sports news and analysis

More than 200 students at Como Park High School and Murray Middle School played in 11 athletic programs this winter and, win or lose, hopefully they all benefited from that experience.

For the Bugle community, we offer a snapshot of the winter sports season and with these programs produced at Como Park High School and Murray Middle School.

Remuto and freshman Soren Sackreiter placed third in the city meet. Junior Jack Schumacher joined Napierala, Warnberg-Lemn and Sackreiter for the same relay race in the section meet, where they finished fourth.

Sophomore Ian Brudnak Voss was part of the 200-yard freestyle relay team that was third in the city. Junior Mason Salverda helped swim a big leg of the of the 400-yard freestyle his career with a medal, finishing third in the 126-pound weight class, narrowly missing a state tournament berth.

With a second-place finish in the 138-pound division, sophomore Stone Frasl qualified for the state tournament at the Xcel Energy Center. While Frasl lost his two matches in the state meet, he represented Como well on the big stage and gave the Cougars a chance to cheer on their teammate where everyone wants to finish the season—at the X in downtown St. Paul.

Boys’ Basketball — The Cougars had many close and competitive games this season, both in the St. Paul City and in their non-conference schedule. While the team didn’t win as many of those games as they’d have liked, Coach Robinson and the seniors were pleased with the effort they put forth.

Como finished 3-9 in the conference and 6-20 overall. Seniors Josh Ward, Mohamed Ahmed, and Donzello Barros all stepped up at different times to lead the team in the major statistical categories of scoring, rebounding, and assists. Their leadership kept the Cougars working hard throughout the entire season.

Nordic Skiing — There are three St. Paul Public Schools that have Nordic Skiing programs — Como, Central and Highland. To create more events, the St. Paul teams are part of the Twin Cities Nordic Conference, which also includes Onoto, Mound-Winston, Holy Family, and Visitation. The Como boys finished fourth in the conference and the girls finished fifth.

Girls’ Basketball — For the fifth consecutive season, the Como girls’ basketball team won the St. Paul City Conference Championship. Dating back to 2015, the Cougars are on a 52-game winning streak within the conference. Como capped off its regular season with another Twin Cities title by defeating Minneapolis South, the champion of the Minneapolis City Conference, with a dramatic 56-55 victory.

In the Section 4AAA tournament, the Como Girls’ Basketball had a record of 23-2 and won their fifth straight city title. Top Row (L-R): Andre Tolls, Jada James, Linda Mitchell, Cloeey Dmytrysh, Head Coach Alexis Gray-Lawson. Middle Row (L-R): Dlonna Johnson, Kaylynn Aiberry, Jaylen Smith, Dernya Riley, Yolanda Englund. Front Row (L-R): Shaniah Nichols, Ronnie Porter, Dinnea Riley, Shakyia Walker, JaShawna Baker.
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Sports from 14

Coomo defeated St. Anthony Village 78-56 in a quarterfinal game at home. The semifinals are held at neutral sites. The Cougars faced highly-ranked DeLaSalle at East Ridge High School in Woodbury on March 2, falling to the Islanders by a score of 66-54.

The young Cougars featured a starting lineup of four freshmen and a sophomore, finishing the season with the best basketball record in school history at 25-3.

Girls’ Basketball — The St. Paul Sibley Riveters were formed by merging the St. Paul Blades and the Henry Sibley High School programs, creating full junior varsity and varsity teams for the 2018-2019 season.

Senior Gigi Gabrielli was the Riveters’ leading scorer, tallying 10 goals and seven assists for the varsity team that finished 4-19-1, while playing in the Metro East Conference. Senior Isabelle Hoppe, junior Anisa Smith, and sophomore Emilee Hanson were the other Coomo Park students in the program.

Gymnastics — The Cougars had an exciting season with the highest participation in many years. Fifteen girls brought energy and fun to practice while improving their skills. Sophomore Amelia Christ was the top Coomo finisher in all four of the events. She finished 10th in the conference for the all-around competition. The second-highest placement in each of the events for the Cougars included Lily Klett on the vault, Alyssa Aarthon on the uneven bars, and Jennifer Rosso on the floor exercise and the balance beam.

Murray Pilots

Wrestling — The Pilots started the season with just four returning wrestlers. With a fun, inclusive, and welcoming practice setting, the team welcomed several first-time participants and grew to a roster of 15 wrestlers.

Murray finished third in the city meet at the end of the season, keeping the Pilots’ position in the top tier of the conference. Jeremiah Ayala was the city champ in his weight class. Second-place medals were earned by Diedonne Respone, Peter Hae, Ju Lei Hei, Yves Res Shar, Jackson Olenksi and Yaz Lightfeather.

Girls’ Basketball — The Pilots put together an undefeated season in the middle-school division of the St. Paul City Conference. With an overall record of 15-0, the team started strong and kept improving while capturing the city title.

Murray defeated Highland Park (the second-placed team) on two occasions, by scores of 36-30 and then 42-19 in the final game of the season. The Pilots also posted an impressive non-conference victory defeating Roseville Middle School 25-24.

Boys’ Basketball — With the bulk of the schedule falling during the Polar Vortex and record month of February snow, the Pilots had to be patient to get their games played. Despite the disruptions, cancellations and make-up games, the boys were developing chemistry as the season progressed and had compiled a record of 7-1 (as the Bugle went to press), which put the team in a tie for first place.

Spring Sports — Murray track and field, baseball, softball, and badminton begin practice on April 8.

Eric Erickson is a social studies teacher at Como Park High School and a longtime coach of school and youth sports in St. Paul.