John Marty runs for governor
State Senator hopes to upset DFL's favorite sons

by David Anger

E ven though John Marty bombed at the ballot box against Arne Carlson in 1994, the State Senator from Roseville — who led the city against a taxpayer-financed Twins stadium — is weighing an uphill battle to win the DFL gubernatorial nomination.

Marty, who also represents Falcon Heights and Lauderdale, is a self-described underdog and joins a crowded DFL race dominated by the children of famous men, namely Mark Dayton, Hubert Humphrey III, Mike Freeman, and Ted Mondale.

Still, Marty said, "I have been pleased with the positive response we have received. We have opened an office, we're hiring staff, and we've received encouragement, dedicated volunteers, and many contributions."

Marty believes that his reform-oriented politics will resonate with voters, especially since his name recognition is much higher than it was four years ago. In addition, Marty said that 1994 was a Republican landslide in which Minnesota, typically more progressive voters than the rest of the union, elected the conservative Red Grum over liberal Ann Wynn to represent them in the U.S. Senate.

The State Senator said that he learned from the 1994 debacle, adding that he has developed an election-winning strategy.

Marty's political career began in 1986, when he was elected to the State Senate at the age of 29. Six years later, he won the DFL gubernatorial nod over Hemepin County Attorney Mike Freeman. While Marty barely won 35 percent of the vote (the worst in DFL history), he won reelection to the State Senate two years later with 62 percent of the vote.

Once again, Marty is running on a good government platform. As an advocate of campaign finance reform, he is rejecting large contributions from individuals as well as donations from special interest groups. His other concerns include anti-smoking legislation, medical insurance reform, environmental protection, and education funding.

Laura Jeffrey: An American pioneer in the Park

by Judy Woodward

I knew I was African-American, but I never thought I'd be part of history," says 82-year-old Laura Jeffrey. "It's safe to say that Black History Month wasn't high in Jeffrey's mind forty years ago when she became the first African-American at the St. Paul Public Library to earn a master's degree in librarianship. A year later, in 1959, she became the first — and so far only — black person to head the St. Anthony Park Branch Library.

There are unsubstantiated reports of an earlier black employee at the St. Anthony Park Branch, and Jeffrey herself mentioned that a woman named Frances Hughes was probably the first black person to work for the library system. But, as far as anyone knows, Jeffrey was making history when she was put in charge of the St. Anthony Park Library.

Jeffrey grew up in St. Paul and graduated from Macalester College in 1935. She became a librarian partly because she was shuffled, on account of her race, in her first choice of profession.

"They wouldn't hire me to teach in the St. Paul Public Schools. A little later they were going to hire a black teacher — just one." Jeffrey didn't get that job, so she started working for the downtown branch of the St. Paul Library in 1951, instead. She never considered getting a professional library degree until she became acting head of the Arlington Branch in the mid-fifties.

"I never thought of myself as a pioneer. I was there at the St. Anthony Park Library to be the best kind of librarian I could be."

"I decided that if I was doing the job, I might as well get the degree and have the title," she recalls. Over the next three years, she attended library science classes at the University of Minnesota while working full-time at the library.

A matter-of-fact woman who never married, Jeffrey is not given to easy rhetorical flourishes. Like Jeffrey to page 2

Communities challenge billboard blight

by Jane McClure

hen the Cromwell Bar was torn down last year and replaced by a large two-sided billboard, property owner Joe Connors thought he was doing the neighborhood a favor. Now, many neighbors and the St. Anthony Park Community Council disagree, saying the large billboard on the site is more of a blight than the old brick building ever was.

What happened at University Avenue and Highway 280 reflects a trend that has affected St. Anthony Park and other neighborhoods near freeways.

Billboard companies, using a city code-designated system of sign credits, tear down smaller signs in neighborhoods and put up larger signs in higher-traffic locations. That trend raises red flags in neighborhoods where residents and business owners now find themselves looking at larger signs.

It also is a concern for Ward 4 Council Member Bobbi Megard and her successor, Jenny Benaviz. Benaviz is taking on Megard's plan to enact a moratorium on new billboards and a St. Paul Planning Commission study of the city's current billboard regulations.

Although most City Council members favor a study of the billboard ordinance, feelings are mixed about a moratorium. The moratorium would ban any new billboards until the study is completed. On a 7-0 vote, the City Council passed ordinances calling for the study and moratorium last November. Mayor Norm Coleman vetoed the two measures in late December. But with four new City Council members now in place, it is unclear whether there is enough support to override the veto by early February.

"It's very frustrating and disappointing," said Megard after the December 30 meeting, her last on the City Council. "I can't understand why there would be such a problem with studying this and enacting a moratorium. The ordinance we have obviously isn't working."

Megard's intent was to allow no new billboards after January 1, until the city sign ordinance could be studied. St. Paul has about 1,200 billboards. Since 1988, 39 signs have been removed. A total of 18 new signs have been erected in that same ten-year period for a net loss of 21 signs, said St. Paul Licensing Director Robert Keeler.

Contending that the moratorium and billboard study are anti-business, Coleman vetoed the two ordinances. Deputy Mayor Tim Marx said the mayor would also veto the ordinance finalizing the moratorium.

The administration would be willing to work on a study of the existing sign ordinance and look at possible changes, he said.

Coleman said the city already has a "very strict ordinance" regulating billboards. "The City Council's decision to enact a significant restraint on business activity is not justified," Coleman stated in a letter announcing the veto.

The sign ordinance was last updated in 1988. Non-dummy signs were banned. Regulations were also set limiting sign size and the space between signs. Signs that did not comply with the code were grandfathered in. The 1988 changes allow sign companies to remove signs and accumulate sign credits, which allow them to put up new signs in other places.

Signs can be put up without sign credits if locations meet distance, height and setback requirements. Coleman does concede that the sign credit policy is confusing, adding it has not prevented the overall effectiveness of the sign ordinance from limiting the location and number of new signs which have been erected. He said that fewer than eight billboards have been erected in the last four years.

Megard disagreed, stating the Billboards to page 2

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The Community Council welcomes neighbors to its February 11 meeting at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Community Room at the South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center.

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Laaura Jeffrey . . . from page 1

many native Minnesotans, she'll never be accused of self- dramatization or being overly fond of the sound of her own voice. Tensely, she explains, "I never thought of myself as a pioneer. I was there at the St. Anthony Park Library to be the best kind of librarian I could be. I didn't worry about being the first, or last."

Then, as now, the Park was a highly educated community with a sprinkling of black families. Jeffrey remembers the problems in the nine years she ran the library. "The people who worked for me were very supportive, and I had support from the community."

Then, after a pause, she recalls a person who didn't—or rather, wouldn't—work for her. "One woman applied for a job and then wouldn't take it when she found out she'd be working someone to remind me. A lot of do-gooders some of them. Some whites just about bent over backwards to appear unprejudiced. There was a kind of condescension about them."

Sicilo, Jeffrey reports that she had to handle occasional incidents based on whites' imperfect understanding of her race, while she carried on with her job. "You did the best job you could, although you knew being black, you had to work harder.

Jeffrey retired from the library in the late 1970s and still lives in St. Paul. Although slowed by physical ailments, she remains a strong supporter of libraries and a voracious reader. Lately, black authors from Walter Mosley to Toni Cade Bambara have been her top choices. “I also liked that woman who wrote Waiting to Exhale,” she reports.

When asked if she has a message for the younger generation, her response is characteristically tart. “That kind of thing has always left me a little cold. I’ve never been into leaving messages.”

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Neighbor serves on Caldecott committee

St. Anthony Park's Alice Neve will help select best literature for kids

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St. Anthony Park resident Alice Neve, youth service coordinator for the St. Paul Public Library, will soon begin serving a one-year term as a member of the Caldecott Award Selection Committee. The Caldecott is a coveted award of distinction which has a history dating back to 1937. The 15-member committee selects the most distinguished American picture book for children from books published during the preceding calendar year. Each year the Caldecott and Newbery Medals are awarded by the American Library Association. Both medals were created, said Frederic C. Melcher, "to encourage original and creative work in the field of books for children; to emphasize to the public that contributions to the literature for children deserve similar recognition to poetry, plays, or novels; and to give those librarians who make it their life work to serve children's reading interests an opportunity to encourage good writing in this field."

Neve has been working to increase children's opportunities and reading interests for close to 30 years. Becoming a member of the committee is an honor, a recognition of many years of commitment, and one more example of her saying yes to the promotion of children's literature and literacy. Neve was invited to serve on the committee by Elizabeth Watson, president of the Association of Library Services to Children. The first group of books for her to read and consider will be arriving shortly. In the meantime, Neve has been reading about the system and criteria set up for selecting a Caldecott Medal winner.

When asked how she was going to fit the added work into her busy schedule, Neve replied, "I've never considered reading to be work!"

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More than a hobby

by Natalie Zett

I once took up a hobby. Because I had no natural ability as I assumed it would be a short-term interest. Eight years later, no one is more surprised than I that this hobby, martial arts, has become a major component of my life. Like all relationships, it has often consumed and inspired me. At other times, it’s annoyed me to the point where the remaining few sparks don’t seem worth stirring up. Yet they rekindle somehow, and the cycle continues.

My first exposure to martial arts came through a self-defense class. This peaked my interest, which led to more in-depth study. This brought forth hope — what was possible, how far could I go with this?

I’ll never forget my first year of martial arts training and still wonder why I stayed. It seemed a decade comprised of a series of disgraceful episodes. First was the mortification of realizing that most students (especially the children) performed the moves with greater ease than I. Then, I failed my first test! Now, this was an unintended ground — I was used to excelling in intellectual undertakings and assumed that would impart into my training. In fact, my ability to overthink and intellectualize proved my undoing in the martial arts. Fortunately, my instructor sensed my anguish and said, “Keep showing up and working hard. You’ll get it eventually.”

I can’t work hard — harder, in fact, than I had ever worked at anything. I began tapping into a different type of wisdom — one that resided in my body. This intelligence bypassed my thinking processes by moving, blocking, and protecting me from punches and kicks long before my mind caught up. Eventually, my skill increased (and I began passing tests!). At first, it was about testing and moving up through the ranks toward the ubiquitous black belt. But “belt changing” seldom holds people’s attention when the going gets tough, which it does.

Throughout my career I’ve had mostly wonderful (though occasionally dreadful) instructors and fellow students. The greatest challenge, though, has come from dealing with the hydra within comprised of multiple layers of fear and ego.

I faced a lot of things in my training that were, frankly, uncomfortable — tremendous strides followed by interminably long plateaus. During those frightening times, I seemed to be regressing. That was where the unique camaraderie of fellow artists came in. In martial arts training you get to know the essence, the intent, of people. You detect it through the way they train and especially how they interact with you in sparring situations. There is no time for sarcasm, nor other than the strict etiquette of the art. You are too busy moving, learning, sparring, and generally getting stripped to the core of your being to make small talk.

The effects of this did not go unnoticed by friends and family. Some were amused, others annoyed that this engrossed much of my free time. A friend I hadn’t seen for years remarked, “You seem very peaceful and calm. I didn’t think you could be calm!” My favorite comment, though, came from my nineteen-year-old nephew who said, “I told all my friends that my aunt could kick all our butts at the same time! Cool, huh!”

Through this makes for interesting conversation, I seldom tell people anymore that I train. When I do, they inevitably ask, “Ever use that stuff?” I used to say “no,” because interestingly enough, since I started training, I’m better at avoiding potentially violent situations. But when I reflect on the focus, the discipline, the self-awareness and, yes, the ability to take care of myself, I usually respond, “I use it every day of my life.”

Area code 651

First impressions by a Lauderdaleian

by Kirstin D. Anderson

“E”ant Metro will get new 651 area code as I read the article to make sure Lauderdale was mentioned. Finally, toward the end of the piece, I found the list: “St. Paul, Roseville, New Brighton, Arden Hills,...” and other points east get 651.” I know Lauderdale is small, but having been featured earlier as one of the best places to live in the Twin Cities area, I couldn’t accept that we were non-existent. Ah, “For a map see Page 3B.” And there we were, not forgotten at all. Not only were we mentioned on the map, we were included on the west side of the dividing line. “We get to keep 612!”

“But that’s crazy!” I thought, and I found myself wanting to have one more new number in my life.

“Hmm, a campus divided?” Absurd. On the other hand, this is a small part of Lauderdale on the other side of 280, where some businesses are located. I wonder if they feel more allied to Minneapolis, even though their mail comes through St. Paul. If I were a business owner, with a phone number well established, I would not be concerned about calling long distance to my area church, library and close friends. I would be delighted to save the expense involved when such a change is made.

On the other hand, that may be a brief sigh of relief for business folks, especially if they use St. Paul in their mailing address. I suspect my friends, who know I live in the greater St. Paul area, will know of the change and call the new area code, only to find they have reached a wrong number. The same is likely to be true of Lauderdale businesses, since the phone company and the media will see it there is no lack of advertising regarding the change.

Maybe, even if I were a business person, I would prefer to make the change now rather than worry about the possibility of forever remaining digitally separated from my St. Paul connections. Bottom line — I want to stay with my neighbors and not be separated from my St. Paul community. Give me a 6! Give me a 5! Give me a 1! Hooyah!”

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Gerald McKay thinks this event is the best thing the Park Association does next to the Fourth of July celebration. Plus peek inside your neighbors' homes.

by Michelle Christianson

What?! You say you're going to miss the St. Anthony Park Association's progressive dinner on February 21? I'm going to have to hear your excuses for this one! You say you don't know the details? Well you and friends, neighbors, acquaintances meet for appetizers at the United Methodist Church on Como between 5:30 and 6:20 p.m. Then at 6:30 p.m. you meet with a small group of six to eight for salad at a home in the area that you may not have gotten to visit before. At 7:30 p.m. the groups join another bunch for the main dish and the evening finishes at still another location with dessert and coffee with different people. The time allotted for the last course is from 8:45 to 9:45 p.m., but, of course, conversation could last longer.

Don't know how to sign up for the dinner? Fill out the form in this issue or call Marie O'Connor, the progressive dinner chair, at 645-2043.

So you say that you're a vegetarian? Believe it or not, the organizers of this event have taken that into account. There is a place to check on the form for vegetarian entrees, so you will have no beef-eating worries there.

Aha! I can anticipate your next concern. You would prefer locations that are handicap accessible. There is a place to note that on the form, too. In the past, some people have worked out driving arrangements, coming with grown children or friends. So don't let that stop you.

What's that you say? You're a little shy? Just moved into the neighborhood and don't know many people? Then this is the perfect activity. People come to this dinner to meet new people as well as to cement existing relationships. Diane Young, who chaired this event for the last three years, first came the year she moved from New York in 1989 and has only missed one dinner since. She appreciated the warm atmosphere and the stimulating conversation.

Speaking of not missing any dinners, if I may digress, Gerald McKay has been to all 11 of them! He likes to see what people are doing with their houses and has appreciated the chance to try new food. One year it snowed so hard that his group had to shovel their way into the first house. "And it was worth it!" His wife always makes lemon pie for dessert, and a friend of theirs always stops over after the dinner to have a piece no matter where else he has been. McKay thinks this event is the "best thing the Association does after the Fourth of July celebration."

Are you worried about the cost? For the price of providing a part of a meal for six to eight people, you get back in return a full meal, an evening's entertainment (including the chance to peek inside some interesting homes) and forge new friendships. Where else could you get such a deal?

So you say you're going to try it? Great! I'll see you there! I hope to visit Marie O'Connor's home for the entire—she always makes Indian food!"

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Representatives of district councils, the Friends of the Parks and Trails of St. Paul and Ramsey County, and the Scenic America/Scenic Minnesota anti-billboard group spoke in support of the moratorium and study at public hearings December 22 and January 17. Several speakers complained about the intrusive nature of billboards, especially large billboards.

Billboard company representatives, representatives of unions whose members manufacture billboards and the city's Business Review Council disagree, saying a study of the ordinance can be conducted without a moratorium.

Some also said the current sign ordinance works fine and needs no changes.

St. Anthony Park Community Council Executive Director Heather Worthington and Commers squared off over a new two-sided billboard at University and Highway 280 in December. Commers, who owns Commers Company real estate firm, recently bought the property and tore down the old Commers Wall that had stood there for many years. The Commers had a roof billboard.

Commers said the income Avenue are two of the neighborhoods with special sign districts, which prohibit new billboards and in some cases call for all existing billboards to be taken down.

"Why have Ward Three and Ford Parkway gotten special privileges?" asked Benanov. He said that Highway 280 could also be placed in a special sign district. His constituents' neighborhoods along freeways are "bombarded" with large billboards, he said.

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To participate, mail the following form to arrive by February 6, 1998 to:
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The Architecture
A St. Anthony Park Resident

by David Anger

Michels gravitated toward the Graham-Lind's firm after completing. Michels honors wood and glass, an idiosyncratic. Indeed, Michels is a composer who has found few other. "I've been a lover in the field. I don't know the score of the song."

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... and, joining Carl Goebel, Graffunder, like many other architects. More still, none I would have been especially eager to see his Medici. It was Michels to design the or Cono and Dowell. In its heyday he its age. Michels is keenly aware of his influence on many architects. His understanding of the urban environment is widely undervalued. He, along with his wife, Eileen, who is an architectural historian, are fervent preservationists. They own four elevator doors from the great Metropolitan Building, one of Minneapolis' most historically significant buildings, the Michels' elevator. And countless others, affection for the turn-of-the-century jewel proves that architecture is eternal. It can be destroyed and trampled on, yet it never disappears. True enough, 37 years since its demolition people remember the building fondly, while the few can name who served as mayor of Minneapolis in 1961. Glancing out the window to Cono Avenue, Michels sighed, "The shelters will be here for a short time. Someone will eventually come along and tear them down. It's too bad because if we waited, if we were patient, they too would become part of history, like the library and Milton Square." Yet, Joe Michels' concerns seem unwarranted. No doubt about it, Michels' designs are already a memorable highlight of St. Anthony Park's enduring landscape and enduring history.

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Be my valentine

All seniors age 70 and over are invited to a "Be my valentine" party sponsored by the Community Network for Seniors. The party will be held at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church on Saturday, February 14 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Reservations may be made with any church office or by calling the Block Nurse Program office at 662-9052.

Martin Luther commemoration

Luther Seminary is holding a special service to commemorate Martin Luther on Wednesday, February 18 at 10 a.m. The service will be in the Chapel of the Incarnation in the Olson Campus Center on the corner of Hennepin and Fullham streets.

Jewish-Christian seminar

The presence and absence of God in the midst of suffering, as seen through the Book of Job, is the focus of the 13th Jewish-Christian Seminar at Luther Seminary on Monday, March 30. Registration for the fall one-day conference is $30 and includes lunch. Advance registration is due March 23. Call 641-3416 for more information.

YOUTH NEWS

Como Park ski team

The Minnesota Youth Ski League began its 10th season last month. Now, children ages 4 to 14 are welcome to participate in the non-profit venture, which meets on Sundays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. through February. The weekly sessions consider many aspects of skiing, including proper clothing, equipment selection, technique, introductory ski games and advanced lessons for those with some experience on skinny skis. The program emphasizes fun and fitness as the primary elements of the family activity with a focus on non-competitive skiing as the best way to learn and develop.

Each youngster should have their own equipment plus comfortable and warm clothing. (Equipment rental is available through the Como Ski Chalet.) For information call 487-6714.

Mounds Park Academy open house

Prospective kindergarten through 12th grade students and their parents are invited to attend an Open House/Information session at Mounds Park Academy on Thursday, February 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. The school is located at 2051 East Larpenteur Avenue in South St. Paul. Call Eve Stoecker at 777-6878 for information.

ARTS EVENTS

Music in the Park stages two concerts

The Music in the Park Series begins its Family Concert schedule February 6 with "Strings and Stories," featuring such string instruments as the mandolin, Chinese pipa (flute) and guitar. The first concert, on Friday, February 6, spotlights "Mandolin Mania" with Peter Osterwein, Joan Griffith and friends. Performances are set for 6:15 and 7:30 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library. Call 646-5260 for information.

Enjoy music by the Ahn Trio, a young and dynamic trio of sisters, at Music in the Park Series' upcoming concert on Sunday, February 15, at 4 p.m. The concert is held at St. Anthony

Mary Jane Munson serves elde neighbors at a recent tea. This event was sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program and neighborhood churches.

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This prestigious award is sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges. Awards are given every two years — twoationally and eight nationally.

Holmes received her award at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. that was attended by over 100 presidents, chancellors and top administrators from America's elite research universities and land-grant colleges.

Holmes is the first Minnesotan to win the Excellence in College and University Teaching in the Food and Agricultural Sciences Award.

Holmes teaches a variety of courses that range from entry-level horticulture and plant propagation courses to a graduate course teaching. Among her many teaching honors are the American Society of Horticultural Science's Outstanding Undergraduate Educator Award, the University of Minnesota's Morse-Alumni Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education, and the College of Agriculture's Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award.

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Sunset Music

Como Park Conservatory presents its 5th Annual Music under Glass winter performances series on four consecutive weekends beginning February 6. All performances are free with Como Park Conservatory admission and open to the public. Concerts will be from noon to 1:30 pm, on Thursdays from February 1 to March 12.

NOTICES

Home tour nominations

Every year, some of those who check out the popular Minneapolis and St. Paul Home Tour eventually buy a home of their own in one of the neighborhoods they discovered in St. Paul.

Home nominations are due no later than Friday, February 13, but are encouraged sooner. All homes will be selected by early March. Homes on the tour are typically not for sale.

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Fishing Buddies: An Interracial Dialogue

by Judy Woodward

They’re long-time fishing buddies with almost everything in common. Both are 67 years old; professional psychologists who grew up poor but, by dint of hard work and natural ability, achieved satisfying careers and are now enjoying a comfortable retirement. Their family men whose 30-year friendship has allowed them to watch each other’s children grow up.

In only one respect they differ. But 130 years after the Emancipation Proclamation, almost 40 years past the end of legal segregation, and soon midway through Clinton’s designated year of interracial dialogue, their difference is one that most Americans still find an impossible barrier to cross.

Garland Meadows is black; his good friend John Sineps is white.

One recent afternoon, Meadows and Sineps met to discuss the subject of race and to ponder why their friendship should be considered so unusual that somebody wanted to put them in the newspaper because of it.

Meadows is a slender, elegant man who wears a loose, multicolored sweater with an air of casual grace. White-haired Sineps is a more substantial, earthbound figure in his cloth cap and navy blue wool jacket. Like all old friends, they sometimes finish each other’s thoughts and don’t hesitate to set each other straight on the facts. “John taught me how to fish,” declares Meadows. “No, I don’t think so,” his friend cuts in. “I hadn’t done that much fishing before we met.”

Whatever the details, the two men agree that their friendship began in a fishing boat. In the late 1980s Meadows and Sineps’ wife were professional colleagues. John Sineps’ wife was pregnant, so the Meadowses invited him to take her place on a fishing trip. It was to be the first of many.

“In those days,” remembers Meadows, “we used to discuss the subject of race and to ponder why their friendship should be considered so unusual that somebody wanted to put them in the newspaper because of it...”

When the fish weren’t biting, the men talked. And talked. It’s a conversation that’s been going on and deepening ever since. “The most amazing conversations come up while we’re sitting in the boat. Things about our childhood, our beliefs,” says Meadows. “Gar asks the most penetrating questions,” adds Sineps. “Relentless, but kind questions. He had understanding that won’t quit.”

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29 THURSDAY
- Long time St. Anthony Park resident Gerhard Neubeck reads poetry, St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 7 p.m.

2 MONDAY
- Boy Scouts, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 7 p.m. Every Monday.
- A.A. St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. 770-2646. Every Monday.

3 TUESDAY
- Toastmasters, Hewlett Packard, 2025 Larpenteur Avenue, 7:30 a.m.-6:45-6:675. Every Tuesday.
- St. Anthony Park Garden Club: Philippe Gallandia, owner of Swiss Gardens, will give a presentation entitled “Pruning Demystified: It’s a Pretty Good Thing,” St. Anthony Park Library meeting room, 7-9 p.m.
- English tea and a slide show of Lincolnshire, England, presented by Omega Travel. Conference room, St. Anthony Park Bank, 10 a.m.

4 WEDNESDAY
- St. Anthony Park recycling.
- Leisure Center for Seniors, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday, 379-8928. Every Wednesday.

5 THURSDAY
- Parent-child play group, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell Avenue, 10 a.m.-noon. Every Thursday.
- Tot Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), Langford Park Rec Center, 10 a.m.-noon. Every Thursday.
- St. Anthony Park Elementary School Association (SAPSA) meeting, 7 p.m., SAP Elementary School Library.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 5 p.m.

6 FRIDAY
- Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.

9 MONDAY
- Como Park recycling.
- Park Press Inc.—Park Bugle board meeting, Park Bank community room, 7 a.m.
- Falconers Senior Club, Falcon Heights City Hall, 1-3:30 p.m. Call 488-3061 or 644-9055.

10 TUESDAY
- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 7:30 p.m.
- English tea and a slide show of Lincolnshire, England, presented by Omega Travel. Conference room, St. Anthony Park Bank, 4 p.m.

11 WEDNESDAY
- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 7 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7-9 p.m.

12 THURSDAY
- Prairie Star Coffeehouse readings by Brian O’Brien, M.J. Fitzgerald, and Becky Mara McKay, 2399 University Avenue, 7:30 p.m.

14 SATURDAY
- Valentine’s Day.
- Community Network for Seniors’ Valentine’s Party from 1 to 3 p.m. at St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Avenue.

16 MONDAY
- Presidents’ Day.
- St. Paul schools are closed.

17 TUESDAY
- District 10 Como Community Council, 7 p.m. Call 644-3889 for location.
- Lauderdale Planning Commission, City Hall, 1891 Walnut, 7:30 p.m.
- Falcon Heights Book Club, 7 p.m., Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur Avenue.

18 WEDNESDAY
- St. Anthony Park recycling.
- Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7:30 p.m.
- Latin Mass commemorating Martin Luther’s death at Luther Seminary, 10 a.m.

19 THURSDAY
- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 7 p.m.

20 FRIDAY
- Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.

21 SATURDAY
- Lauderdale 500 Club, Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 1 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park Association 12th Annual Progressive Dinner.

23 MONDAY
- Como Park recycling.
- Falconers Senior Club, Falcon Heights City Hall, 1-3:30 p.m. Call 488-3061 or 644-9055.

24 TUESDAY
- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 7:30 p.m.

25 WEDNESDAY
- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 7 p.m.

28 SATURDAY
- FARE For All distribution and registration at Holy Childhood Church, 1405 Midway Parkway, 9:30-11 a.m. Call 644-7495; or St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave., 11:30-10:30. Call 644-8833.

Items for the March Community Calendar must be submitted to the Bugle office by 6 p.m., Friday, February 13.

Peter Ostrowski performs with Joan Griffith and friends at Music in the Park’s upcoming family concert on Friday, February 6, at 6:15 and 7:30 p.m., at the St. Anthony Park Branch library.

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OBITUARIES

Emily Bacon
Seal Hi-Rise resident Emily M. Bacon died on January 4. She was 88 years of age.
Bacon was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, St. Anthony Park Methodist Church, and St. Anthony Park Association.
She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers and sisters. Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

Irene Clausen
Irene K. Clausen, who lived on Browster in St. Anthony Park, died on December 29. She was 93 years old.
Preceded in death by her husband, Harry, she is survived by her son, Philip; grandson, David; and, James; and five great-grandchildren.

Cecelia Condon
Cecelia A. Lehten Condon died on January 10, at age 96. Condon was a member of Holy Childhood Catholic Church.

Preceded in death by her husband, James, and daughter, Rosemary, nine brothers and sisters, Condon is survived by daughters, Vonda Moore and Lenora Galvin; sons, John and Alfred; 27 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Agnes Gravad
Lyngblomsten resident Agnes Gravad died on December 21 at the age of 100.
Gravad was preceded in death by her husband, Carl, and is survived by daughters, Carolyn and Marian Woloren; son, Robert; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Louise Bibee Jefferson
Louise Bibee Jefferson died December 27, at 88 years of age. She lived at Lyngblomsten Care Center.
Jefferson worked for West Publishing and for Gillette. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and a volunteer at Lyngblomsten.

Joseph Neng Sun Kwong
Como Park resident Joseph Neng Sun Kwong died on January 4. He was 82 years old.
Born near Canton, China, Kwong received his B.S. from Stanford in 1957, master's in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Michigan in 1959, and a doctorate in Chemical Engineering in 1942 from the University of Minnesota.
Kwong was a half-century member in the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and the American Chemical Society. He developed the Redlich-Kwong equation of state in thermodynamics and developed and patented epoxy curative in 1959. He also developed and patented SCOTCHCAST (tm) resin system.

Myrtle Mallory
Myrtle M. Mallory, age 92, died on December 19. She was a resident of Lyngblomsten Care Center.
Mallory was a longtime resident of Como Park and a charter member of Como Park Lutheran Church.
Preceded in death by her husband, George; son, George; daughter, Shirley Mallory Hawkins; and a great-granddaughter, Holly Marie Davey, she is survived by daughter, Elaine Davey, two sons, Richard and Gordon; 15 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Ulah Denny Lawrence
Ulah D. Denny Lawrence of Lauderdale died on Christmas Eve. Lawrence was a member of St. Anthony Park Methodist Church.
She is preceded in death by her first husband, Lyle Spars; sisters, Anna Kline; Ellen Rosch; Lois Harper; and brothers, Elton and Edmund Denny. Survivors include her husband, Donald; sister Alice; brother Gene; sons, Dennis Spars, Michael Spars, Kevin Lawrence, and David Lawrence; daughter, LuAnn Snopak; 14 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Ruth Carlson ranheim
Ruth M. Carlson Ranheim died on December 26, at the age of 87. She was a resident of Lyngblomsten Care Center.
Ranheim was the Nursing Supervisor for the State of Minnesota Crippled Children's Services for many years. She was a longtime volunteer at Lyngblomsten and a member of their board. She was a member of Como Park Lutheran Church.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Glen, and son, Steven. Survivors include a daughter, Karen Fenske; son, Theodore; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Clarence Sandberg
Clarence F. “Sandy” Sandberg, age 87, died on January 12. He was a resident of Como Park on West California Avenue.
Sandberg was a retired machinist from Capital Gear Company. He was a member of Como Park Lutheran Church.
Preceded in death by his wife, Doris, he is survived by his son, David; daughter, Donna Anderson; three granddaughters; three great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

— Compiled by Ann Bulger

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the company of a white female companion. The nervous knell that forms in his stomach when he pulls up outside of a rural diner and sees too many Harleys and pick-ups — symbols for him of white racist good ole' boys — parked outside. The sense of schismatic division he feels between the "white" world of his profession and his Lauderdale residence, and the released welcome he receives at the black barber shop in North Minneapolis where he has his hair cut. "Race relations are getting worse in this country," he says, adding that he thinks a race war in America is not impossible. "There are too many people with weapons in the U.S."

Sineps' outlook, perhaps not unusually, is bleak. "On a covert level, race relations may be worse; but overtly and legally, they're better. Sixty years ago we would never have been friends, because our paths would not have been allowed to cross.

Sineps came to the United States as a young Latvian refugee after World War II, and he retains something of the immigrant's single-minded pursuit of Americanization. "Race apart, I had to leave my Latvian identity aside in order to succeed in American life." He adds candidly, "As an adolescent, of course, you want to leave home. As you get older, you do want to go back — but you can't. So you go fishing." More seriously, he says, "I do and yet I don't understand pessimism in the fight of progress that's occurred."

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