



# Park Bugle



St. Anthony Park, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale & Northwest Como Park

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## Wellstonians work hard to keep the dream alive

*"The Conscience of a Liberal" discussions slated for February*

by Natalie Zett

Though Paul and Sheila Wellstone's lives ended tragically in October 2002, their words and spirit continue, thanks to the commitment of individuals and organizations such as Wellstone Action.

Wellstone Action, located in the old Baker School on Raymond Avenue in south St. Anthony Park, is one of three programs listed on the organization's Web site ([www.wellstone.org](http://www.wellstone.org)). The other two are Camp Wellstone, a day program devoted to training participants in the art of winning grassroots political and electoral

campaigns, and the Sheila Wellstone Institute, which is committed to ending violence against women and children.

**"The goal is not to make the Wellstones into icons but to organize—to carry on their vision. Paul Wellstone was a real futurist; he could see beyond the despair. We want the organization to impart that hope."**

—Pam Costain, Wellstone Action

All three programs share the goal of developing a large national network of supporters into a force for progressive social change. As such, Wellstone Action is spearheading an upcoming nationwide discussion

on Paul Wellstone's book, "The Conscience of a Liberal."

February 5, 2004 is the official date for the Wellstone Civic Dialogue Project. On that evening, discussions will take place in Falcon Heights (7-9 p.m. at Commonwealth Cooperative) and Como Park (5:30-7 p.m. at Black Bear Crossings on the Lake). In St. Anthony Park, the book discussion will be held February 10 at the St. Anthony Park Library from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Interested participants can

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The St. Anthony Park Business Council recently had 29 banners installed along Como Avenue. The banners were designed by St. Anthony Park resident Warren Hanson and were funded by a STAR grant with matching donations from local businesses.

## St. Anthony Park woman applies her strong stomach to pursuit of forensic entomology

by Natalie Zett

"What's My Line" was a hit game show during the Golden Age of television. There, four panelists had to discern a guest contestant's occupation.

The fun was when a guest's appearance and occupation clashed—for example, when a bejeweled woman turned out to be a roving evangelist instead of the exotic dancer she resembled.

If they ever revive that show, my first vote for guest contestant would be Val Cervenka.

One would never guess that the south St. Anthony Park resident and mother of 7-year-old twins is a forensic entomologist—more precisely, the only board-certified female forensic entomologist in the United States.

The recent traveling exhibition, "CSI: Crime Scene Insects," at the Science Museum was devoted to this topic. For those who didn't attend the exhibit, a forensic entomologist identifies insects found on a corpse and establishes the site or time of death.

That job description may explain why the profession isn't exactly bursting at the seams with applicants. Yet, such individuals offer invaluable expertise to law enforcement because the presence of insects in a corpse can be a critical clue in estimating the time of death.

Sipping herbal tea in the kitchen of her Seal Avenue townhouse, Cervenka reflected

on the twisty career path that led to this calling.

"Some people know about my full-time job—I'm the gypsy moth trapping coordinator for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture—but not the forensic work," said Cervenka. "I do the forensic work part-time. I don't advertise, and I really try to keep



a low profile."

Growing up in North St. Paul, Cervenka always loved the natural world. "I was kind of a geek that way," she said.

An English major at the University of Minnesota, she didn't develop an interest in horticulture until five or six years after graduation. That, in turn, morphed into a passion for entomology.

"Under a microscope, insects are a sparkling sculpture. They're beautiful," said Cervenka, pointing to a small display case of pinned and mounted insects on the dining room table.

After receiving an M.S. in entomology, Cervenka worked in biocontrol, which is using insects to control insect pests. "We wanted to control flies in cattle," she said. "The flies cause all kinds of problems, such as increasing disease susceptibility."

When flies lay eggs in manure, calf bedding, wet feed or silage, the larvae hatch and maggots develop for about a week before reaching the pupal stage.

Inside the pupa, protected by a hard reddish-brown shell, the developing fly metamorphoses from maggot to fly.

Fly pupae have a natural and effective enemy in the small, parasitic wasp that Cervenka and her team studied under controlled circumstances.

"We introduced tiny wasps that fed off the fly pupae," said Cervenka. "This had never been tried in colder climates, although it was successful in other regions."

In a controlled situation, she raised wasps and flies, studying them together and separately.

"The flies loved the rat chow—the smellier, the better," she laughed. Although the study did not continue, the experience would serve her well.

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## Director Moberg does it his way

by Michelle Christianson

Everyone knows how most vocal concerts are planned. In the beginning, the director holds an audition to pick sopranos, altos, tenors and basses—the best he or she can find. Then the director chooses music that fits the voices in the group, comes from diverse styles and eras and will appeal to a large audience. After much rehearsal, the concert is held.

That's the way it usually works. But David Ryan Moberg is not interested in doing it the usual way.

Moberg will hold auditions January 31 and February 1 for his part of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church's "Little Light Music" concert series. But he has already chosen the music and is, in essence, looking for just the right voices to fit it.

Furthermore, Moberg did not select the music to showcase the voices, but actually chose the theme for the concert first and then picked music to fit the topic. The theme for this, the first of what he hopes to be many musical forums, is "Abraham: Father of Three Faiths."

Moberg has already chosen

most of the music, which covers a wide range of styles and types of ensemble. And because he believes that current events in the Middle East can be traced to differences between the Judeo-Christian and Islamic traditions, he has selected music to fit all three traditions.

**"The last thing this city needs is just another choir. I wanted to find a niche and define how this group would be different."**

—David Ryan Moberg

The piece representing the Jewish faith is Benjamin Britten's "Abraham and Isaac," a tenor and alto duet with accompaniment.

"Father Abraham Have Mercy on Me" by Heinrich Schütz (a Christian work) calls for a small ensemble of tenor, bass, three female voices and a larger chorus. The Islamic work is a chant taken from the Koran.

Moberg will supplement these longer pieces with several shorter works—Leonard Cohen's "The Story of Isaac," a piece for solo voice and piano by W. C. Handy called "Aunt Hagar's Blues," "Highway 61 Revisited" by Bob Dylan and an arrangement of "Rock-a-my-soul in the Bosom of Abraham."

The concert is scheduled for May 2 at 7:30 p.m., and

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# CITY FILES

## Como Park

Mayor Kelly will attend the February 17 council board meeting. Citizens are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be at North Dale Recreation Center, 1414 N. St. Albans, at 7 p.m.

The St. Paul Board of Zoning Appeals has approved a compromise variance request for Mendota Homes. The compromise permits a five-foot setback with regard to the lot line.

## Falcon Heights

The Falcon Heights/Lauderdale Lions Club has donated \$3000 for the purchase of new playground equipment at Community Park. The money was raised through the annual Christmas tree sale.

A task force has been established to look at possible traffic concerns and strategies for the northeast quadrant of the Snelling/Larpenteur intersection.

## St. Anthony Park

The city of St. Paul has cut the citizen participation budget for each district council by 7 percent. The St. Anthony Park District Council plans to hold a house tour on May 15 as a fundraiser.

At a St. Paul City Council organizational meeting on January 14, allocation formulas were reviewed for the distribution of city funds to district councils. The council decided to maintain current formulas at present and to review the situation again in April.

On February 14, 21 and 28, St. Anthony Park Neighbors for Peace will distribute information for caucus-goers for the four main parties in Minnesota: DFL, GOP, Green and Independence. The group will be at the St. Anthony Park Library's community room from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Maps will be posted of caucus boundaries and locations, and information from the four parties as well as the secretary of state's office will be available.

On December 11, the University of Minnesota Board of Regents approved the renovation of the former Health Services Building at 1518 Cleveland Avenue as a central chilled water facility for portions of the St. Paul campus. The building, constructed in 1938, is currently vacant.

When completed, this project will serve 40 percent of the entire campus's need for air conditioning. The project will involve restoring the facade of the building, removing the roof and insides, and installing cooling equipment and cooling towers inside the shell. Construction will begin this spring and will include installing underground chilled water distribution piping. The project is not expected to disrupt traffic on Cleveland Avenue.

-Susan Conner

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Lowest Home Price	\$160,000	\$175,500
Highest Home Price	\$640,000	\$428,000
Average Home Price	\$329,589	\$267,816
Average Market Time	36 days	22 days

- The average sale price was 98.3% of the list price.
- The average sale price increased by 23%.
- At the end of the year, there were 4 houses for sale, that had been on the market an average of 79 days.
- This information does not include duplexes, condominiums or townhouses.

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## Pacifica, percussion, puppets highlight this year's Music in the Park Family Concert series

by Anne Holzman

There's the evening out for adults, perhaps dinner at a jazz club or nouveau cuisine and an orchestra concert. There's the afternoon show for the kids, with ear-splitting amplification and brashly colored costumes.

And then there's the Music in the Park Family Concert Series, which for over a decade has provided early-evening performances that really are for the whole family.

"We seek out artists first and foremost who can relate to children—and do a program that's not so cutesy the adults won't like it," organizer Julie Himmelstrup said.

Himmelstrup, who was recently nominated to the St. Paul Neighborhood Honor Roll for her work with Music in the Park, said she also looks for "someone who can perform without a microphone," and she tries to include classical music in each season's fare.

This season's classical artists will be members of the Pacifica String Quartet, scheduled to perform April 2.

The series begins February 6 with Speaking in Tongues playing an array of percussion instruments. On March 5, Ross Sutter returns, with musician Laura MacKenzie and puppeteer Margo McCreary.

Those who attended last



Speaking in Tongues will perform February 6 as part of Music in the Park's Family Concert Series at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

year's series may remember Sutter's lively stories and folk songs, as well as the entertaining jazz class with Ruth Mackenzie and Joan Griffith, and the evening of musical storytelling with the Danielle Daniel Trio.

All performances are at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Avenue, in St. Anthony Park. Each evening includes two shows, beginning at 6:15 and at 7:30. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. Season tickets are available, and Himmelstrup said "advanced purchase is advised," as the concerts "come pretty close to selling out."

The Family Concert Series is supported by the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council from an appropriation by the Minnesota Legislature, the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation and the Lillian Wright and C. Emil Berglund Foundation.

Himmelstrup said the search for funding "gets harder and harder" as government and nonprofit resources dwindle. "Ticket sales don't begin to cover it," she said. The series budget runs between \$15,000 and \$20,000 annually.

For more information, call 645-5699 or look online at [www.musicintheparkseries.org](http://www.musicintheparkseries.org).

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## EDITORIAL

*Exercising the franchise*

Election season is upon us. More precisely, elections are upon us. The election season has become like the professional golf season—it never really ends. Being elected to public office these days means that the new campaign begins shortly after the inauguration ceremony ends. Had he lived in a democracy, the Preacher of Ecclesiastes might have observed that, in addition to books, of the making of many elections there is no end.

For some citizens, the first foray into the electoral fray every four years is a caucus. Here the party faithful meet to wrangle over candidates and resolutions. Resolutions passed at the precinct level are tossed into the deliberative stream, which flows to the state and then national level, where surviving resolutions are shaped into planks, which then get hammered into the party's platform, which then gets . . . well, one hopes it gets stood on by somebody, at least for awhile.

The process is a little like dropping a stick off the bridge, hustling downstream to see if it survives the rapids, then watching it drift away and wondering where it will end up.

Caucuses give way to primary elections—depending on the state and the party and the year. In Minnesota this year, Republicans will require no caucusing to select their presidential hopeful. DFLers will have several announced candidates to choose from, though exactly how many may depend on the results of earlier primaries in other states. For the Independence and Green parties, caucuses will provide an opportunity to discuss whether the party should nominate their own candidate this year.

And of course the primaries will give way to the general election in November, when those harried souls who aren't by then thoroughly disillusioned with the whole process will drag themselves off to the polls once more. A winner will be declared—unless, of course, the events of four years ago repeat themselves, and John and Jane Q. Citizen find themselves wondering if they really should have sent their son Chad off to Electoral College. Is that place accredited?

So, elections are upon us, which means it's time to consider again a host of vexing procedural questions. Should television stations be enjoined from announcing election results until everyone in the country has voted? Do the differing mechanics of voting from state to state result in an unfair system? Should voters be able to correct an incorrect ballot? Should we be able to vote on the Internet or the telephone?

But these questions pale in significance beside the one great interrogative that arises before every election. It's a question that has echoed down the hallways of history: Does your vote matter? Assuming you punch the card all the way through or pull the lever all the way down or properly connect the broken arrow's two halves—does your vote matter?

If past elections are any guide, over half the citizenry will say no. They'll vote with their feet—not to vote. Despite pre-election reminders that their franchise was won at great cost, despite dire warnings that civic life goes to those who show up, despite attempts to inform them and inspire them and arouse them and harangue them and shame them, they'll stay home. With Melville's beleaguered scrivener Bartleby they will declare, "I would prefer not to."

And so the post-election punditry will produce one more Big Question: "Does he have a mandate?" With only x percent of the population voting, does he have a mandate?

It would be nice to believe in mandates. It would be nice if the people spoke with a collective voice and their elected officials merely had to implement those policies that reflected the national will.

Maybe this will be the year that a consensus emerges. The lines at polling places will stretch outside and around the block. The electorate will be of one mind. The winning candidate will be assured of universal acclaim and support.

It would be nice. But it wouldn't be democracy.

**A choice confirmed**

A few weeks ago, I dropped my two children off at St. Anthony Park Elementary, only to return shortly after to bring their shoes, which both children managed to forget—a situation I'm sure many parents are familiar with.

As I walked along the hallways, I paused to note what was going on, activities I assume happen every day.

The first thing I noticed was that almost all the classroom doors were open, yet the corridors were quiet and calm.

When I glanced into the classrooms, I saw children completely engaged in what they were doing or what the teacher was telling them.

Some rooms had children working in small clusters at desks; some had children on the floor in a cozy corner of the room.

In one classroom, the teacher was on the floor with the students, and everyone looked like there was no place else they would rather be at that moment.

Voices I heard, both teachers' and students', sounded inquisitive, excited and gentle.

The classrooms were marked by an organized clutter consisting of student work, favorite books, cozy reading corners and special items, all of this making each room an inviting place to be.

Experiencing this brought back the reasons we chose St. Anthony Park Elementary for our children to attend.

We wanted a school that was comfortable, safe and inviting, one that encouraged learning on different levels and in different ways. A place my children would look forward to going every morning—OK, at least most mornings.

Walking through the school that morning reconfirmed our decision.

Mary Boyle  
Como Park

**Join your neighbors**

The 18th annual St. Anthony Park Progressive Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 6. We hope you can join us for a wonderful evening.

It's a great way to see old friends and meet new neighbors. The dinner will begin with

appetizers at the Methodist Church at 5:30 p.m.

To participate, call Karen Kistler at 645-7706 or e-mail Fariba Sanikhatam at pruittmcg.net.

Please sign up by February 20 so we have time to plan the schedule. We hope to see you there!

Karen Kistler  
Falcon Heights  
Fariba Sanikhatam  
St. Anthony Park

**Get out and caucus**

As a free citizen in a free country, obviously I want my ideas and values to be heard. I want to influence the choice of candidates and I want the platform of my political party to reflect issues of peace and justice.

So of course I will go out on a cold night in March to attend my precinct caucus. I urge all my neighbors to do the same.

A precinct caucus sounds intimidating if you've never gone to one, but it's just a neighborhood get-together to express ideas and elect delegates.

If you are a first time caucus-goer, the nonpartisan "Cookies and Caucuses" meetings at the St. Anthony Park library are a place to get information on your precinct boundaries, where your caucus will be held and how your caucus will work.

Cookies and Caucuses will be held on the last three Saturdays in February, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. There will be information about the four major parties in Minnesota. All this and cookies too!

Democracy is a participatory sport. It's great fun. It's vitally important. I hope all my neighbors will be players.

Sheila Richter  
St. Anthony Park

**Thanks for a banner effort**

The St. Anthony Park Business Council was encouraged by the results of the recent neighborhood profile that demonstrated the community's desire for a strong retail and commercial presence in St. Anthony Park. The Business Council has garnered the energy of area merchants and business

owners for many years to work together to promote area businesses.

For quite some time, this group has dreamed about street banners that would easily identify the area as well as create a sense of unity. As with any project, there are always champions who work to make dreams into reality. These banners would not have happened if not for Warren Hanson, local artist, and Tim Smith, owner of Carter Avenue Frame Shop.

A public thank you to Warren Hanson. St. Anthony Park knows him as a passionate and devoted supporter of many elements of life here: neighborhood, business, education and arts. He generously and actively participated in this project with a simple, relevant design, and he worked with the Business Council to see that the project came to completion.

Tim Smith was the driver of this project from the start. Thank you Tim!

And a round of applause to our contributors as well. Regardless of the amount, your donations have made it possible for us to highlight our neighborhood in a lasting way:

Bibelot, Carter Avenue Frame Shop, Children's Home Society, Como Rose Travel, Emil Gustafson Jewelers, Holtzclaw & Associates, Holtzclaw Property, Paul Kirkegaard, Muffuletta, Murray Junior High, Ned's Park Service, Beth Richardson Remax, James Roehrenbach, St. Anthony Park Bank, St. Anthony Park Community Foundation, Tim & Tom's Speedy Market, Thomas Landscaping, Steve Townley Remax Results, Transformed Tree, Arlene West and Wellington Management.

The St. Anthony Park Business Council will continue to work together to bring quality businesses to the area and to help promote those that are here. Thank you, the St. Anthony Park community, for your loyal patronage. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

Allyson Tarnowski, chair,  
St. Anthony Park Business Council  
general manager,  
Muffuletta in the Park

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## COMMENTARY

by Barbara and Gordon Murdock

You can influence the outcome of the next election—and you can do it long before November. How? By attending your precinct caucus on Tuesday, March 2 at 7 p.m.

Precinct caucuses are the grass-roots base for Minnesota's major political parties. They're the most local of a series of party conventions that, in presidential election years, culminate with the national party conventions.

If you're a citizen, a precinct resident, at least 18 years old by November 2, 2004, and not an active member of a rival political party, you can take part in your party's precinct caucus.

You can simply show up, sign in and vote for delegates who support your favorite candidate or issue. Or you can seek to be a precinct officer or a delegate to the legislative district convention.

From there, you can become a delegate to the congressional district convention, state convention and, in presidential election years, national convention.

At a caucus, you'll find well-informed advocates for candidates and issues. So, while you should try to learn as much as you can before you come, a caucus is a great place to learn more and listen to other people's arguments.

If you want to promote a candidate or an issue, this is the place. A caucus is not a party insider event. It's a gathering where you can learn more, have an effect and have fun. Many

friends and neighbors will be there.

Each major Minnesota party—DFL, Green, Independence, Republican—will hold precinct caucuses.

If you attend a caucus as a voting participant, you sign a statement that you support its party and candidates.

If you're not sure which party you support, call the parties and ask for literature. Or look on the Web (see below).

Each caucus must carry out four tasks:

1. Elect a caucus chair and precinct officers to do campaign work, fund raising and organization for the next two years.
2. Elect delegates and alternates to the legislative district conventions. Delegates chosen at the caucuses go on to debate and vote on candidates and issues at the district convention and choose the delegates who will proceed to the next level.
3. Hold a presidential preference ballot.
4. Debate and select resolutions relevant to state and national issues that might be addressed by legislation.

**Electing Delegates**

Here's where things get interesting. Nominees for delegate support particular candidates and issues.

You'll want to know their qualifications and their reasons for supporting a particular candidate or issue. Ask the chair if each one might make a

statement and answer questions. If you want to run, have a short statement ready.

Then it's time to select delegates. Caucuses may do it differently.

If there is a contest, some caucuses vote by secret ballot. Others have a "walking caucus," in which potential delegates walk across the room to form groups for particular candidates or issues.

Because each precinct has a set number of delegates, candidates with weak support wash out quickly.

If a subcaucus group doesn't have enough people to entitle it to a delegate, it dissolves and its members throw their support to a stronger candidate or issue.

Some delegates from each caucus serve on committees (Rules, Credentials, Resolutions) to plan the next convention.

Serving on a committee is a great way for new delegates to get acquainted with the political process, so let your caucus chair know if you'd like to serve. In most cases, people who want to work get to work.

**Presidential Preference Ballot**

This year, Minnesota requires a straw poll in the caucuses. In the DFL party, this year's balloting results will be binding.

The proportion of delegates allocated to each presidential candidate at the Democratic National Convention will reflect the statewide results of the presidential balloting held in the

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## St. Anthony Park Neighbors for Peace

Organizing meeting: February 11, 7 p.m.  
St. Anthony Park Library, St. Paul

Will you join us?  
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Amidst the hoopla surrounding the construction of St. Paul's ice palace, cold-weather construction continues out of the spotlight on two projects that will endure long after the ice melts this spring. In Como Park, an addition next to the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory is slated to open by January 2005. In Falcon Heights, the southeast corner of Snelling and Larpenteur will be home to Town Square, part of which is scheduled for completion by the end of this year, with additional townhouses slated for late 2005.

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In Como Park, a new Visitor and Education Resource Center is taking shape next to the Conservatory. The \$31 million building will house zoo education facilities as well as gift shops and a variety of customer services. It is scheduled to open by January 2005.

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## Peace project focus is on schools and children

by Mary Maguire Lerman

Why is it that we often don't know what's in our own backyard? The Twin Cities area has many treasures that long-time residents are unaware of.

Twenty years ago reconstruction of a rock garden near Lake Harriet began following a destructive tornado. This project was a labor of love, and as donations poured in, additional areas were constructed.

In last summer's Minneapolis/St. Paul magazine, garden writer Marj Hols described this garden as the "jewel" of Minneapolis gardens because of its outstanding design and color display from early spring until late fall.

But there's more to the story.

Featured in the Lake Harriet garden are very special peace artifacts. In 1985 a peace bridge fashioned in the Japanese Yatsu-Hashi style was constructed in the garden, and a gift stone from the Hiroshima Peace Museum was installed at the south end of the bridge. This stone was part of a bridge near ground zero of the August 6, 1945 bombing.

The next year, through the efforts of St. Paul's Nagasaki Sister City Committee, a stone from Nagasaki was placed at the north end of the bridge. This stone was part of a public walkway near ground zero of the August 9, 1945 bombing.

Minneapolis is the only city in the United States that has received artifacts from the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Peace Museums.

In 1988 a peace pole was dedicated at the garden. (A similar peace pole anchors the St. Anthony Park Elementary School Peace Garden.) Since 1985 the Lyndale Park Peace Garden near Lake Harriet has been a focus for peace events for metro-area residents.

Now, another special project is planned for this garden. Some

Americans may remember the story of Sadako Sasaki, the young Japanese runner who died from "atom bomb disease" (leukemia) at the age of 11 in October 1955. She was 2 years old when the bomb fell on Hiroshima.

Like many children, Sadako appeared healthy, and she was an avid runner. One day at a running meet she became dizzy and collapsed. When she awoke, she found herself at Hiroshima Hospital.

Depressed by this turn of events, her friend Chizuko told her the Japanese legend of a thousand paper cranes. It is said that if you fold a thousand paper cranes, you will be granted a wish.

Sadako wanted her health restored so that she could run again. Friends and hospital workers found every scrap of paper they could, and Sadako began folding. She had folded over one thousand cranes when she died on October 25, 1955.

Sadako's school friends and children throughout Japan collected coins to build a shrine to Sadako and all the children who had died as a result of the bombing. Many children were out collecting wood when the bomb fell on August 6. Each year over 2 million paper cranes are sent to Sadako's shrine from children around the world.

In 1993, I attended a peace conference held in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and I saw the Sadako shrine. On the morning of August 6, when walking in the Hiroshima Peace Park, I saw many elderly women crying for the children they lost that day. Participating in the ceremonies in those two cities is something that can never be erased from my memory.

Now for the end of the story. An effort is underway to install a "Spirit of Peace" sculpture at the Peace Garden near Lake Harriet. St. Paul artist Caprice Glaser created the design, which shows

the steps involved in folding a paper crane.

In addition, a series of boulders will surround the sculpture. On each boulder will be a small bronze plaque showing one of the steps involved in folding a crane. Visitors can then move from boulder to boulder folding a crane, either to take home or leave at the garden.

A volunteer committee has been formed to raise the necessary funds to install this sculpture by the summer of 2005. Why? August 2005 is the 60th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and October will be the 50th anniversary of Sadako Sasaki's death. Special peace programs will be held in connection with those events.

The committee is suggesting that school children and individuals from throughout the metro area and greater Minnesota help raise funds for this sculpture, as was done in Japan with Sadako's shrine.

The estimated project cost is \$100,000. Donations of any size are encouraged, and each donor will receive a thank you card with a folded paper crane. All donations are tax deductible.

Donors who provide \$2,000 or schools that raise \$500 will have the opportunity to select a word of peace that will be inscribed in the bronze base of the sculpture. Special fundraisers will also be held, including a Sadako Race/Walk at Lake Harriet on May 2.

To learn more about this project, pick up a brochure about the peace garden project at Ginkgo's in the Park or at Ginkgo's on Snelling Avenue. You can also view information at: [www.minneapolis-parks.org/default.asp?PageID=815](http://www.minneapolis-parks.org/default.asp?PageID=815)

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### Progressive Dinner

The 18th annual St. Anthony Park Progressive Dinner will be held Saturday, March 6. The dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. with appetizers at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church and then moves to people's homes for the main course and dessert.

To participate, call Karen Kistler at 645-7706 or e-mail Fariba Sanikhatam at pruittmc@mcg.net by February 20.

### Audubon Society

"Protecting and Restoring the Natural Beauty of Your Shoreland" will be the topic of a talk by Jan Shaw Wolff, ecosystem education program coordinator for the DNR's division of ecological services.

Wolff will discuss the DNR's multimedia guide, "Restore Your Shore," as well as ongoing efforts to educate shoreland owners, the nursery and landscape industry, realtors, developers and others to promote collaborative efforts to protect and restore natural shorelines.

The talk is sponsored by the Audubon Society for the East Metro Region, and will take place Thursday, February 12 at 7 p.m. at Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur W.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Patricia Freeman at 763-587-4932.

### Gardening

Ellen Wold will speak on "Structures in the Garden" at the February 3 meeting of the St. Anthony Park Garden Club. Wold's talk will begin at 7 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park Library. The meeting is open to the public.

### Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer will be celebrated at Corpus Christi Catholic Church on Friday, February 26 at 10 a.m. Women from St. Anthony Park and surrounding churches will conduct the service. The theme for this year's observance is "In Faith Women Shape the Future."

Men and women are invited to participate in the event. The church is located at Fairview and County Road B. For more information, call Verna Mikesch at 645-2791.

### Cookies and Caucuses

St. Anthony Park Neighbors for Peace will host a series of informational meetings for first-time caucus-goers at the St. Anthony Park Library.

General information on precinct boundaries, caucus locations and how a caucus works will be available for all the major political parties.

The sessions will take place February 14, 21 and 28 between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. For more information, visit [www.ParkPeace.org](http://www.ParkPeace.org).

### Recreation

Registration will be held February 2-27 for three sports at Langford Recreation Center: volleyball, indoor soccer and gym hockey.

Volleyball teams are available for children ages 10-16, indoor soccer for ages 6-12 and gym hockey for ages 10-12. Register in person or by phone: 298-5765.

February 3 from 6-8 p.m. is Movie Night at the Rec Center for ages 9-14. All movies are

rated G and PG. The cost is 50¢. Popcorn will be served.

Finger painting for ages 6-12 begins February 12 and continues for eight sessions, 6-7 p.m. The cost is \$2.

A ski party for youth and adults takes place (weather permitting) Friday, January 30 from 6-9 p.m. at the Como Park Ski Facility.

Langford Winter Sports Days will be Saturday, February 7 and Sunday, February 8.

Hockey games take place Saturday afternoon, starting at 4 p.m. Basketball games will go on all day Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

A variety of family events will take place Sunday afternoon including snow sculpting (weather permitting), skating races, coronation of Prince and Princess Antonio, and a medallion hunt.

The concession stand will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. For a detailed schedule, stop by the Rec Center.

### Composting

Eureka Recycling will offer two free workshops on composting with worms. They will take place Saturday, February 7 from 10:30 a.m.-noon at the Sun Ray Public Library, and Tuesday, February 10 from 7-8:30 p.m. at Hayden Heights Library.

Worm composting bins are easy to maintain, and a pound of worms can consume the food waste generated by a typical family of four.

At the workshops, supplies will be available for purchase, including worms (\$24), compost bins (\$20) and copies of the book "Worms Eat My Garbage."

The workshops are free; however, registration is required. Call 222-7678 to register.

### Town Meeting

Senator Ellen Anderson and Representatives Alice Hausman and John Lesch will hold a town meeting on Saturday, January 31 from 10 a.m.-noon at the Como Lakeside Pavilion.

The St. Anthony Park and Como Park neighborhoods and the city of Falcon Heights are part of District 66B, which is represented by Sen. Anderson and Rep. Hausman. Residents of those areas are invited to attend the town meeting.

The legislators are interested in hearing local residents' views on education, energy and environment, transportation, health care, taxes and other issues affecting our area.

For more information about the town meeting, contact Sen. Anderson's office at 296-5537 or [sen.ellen.anderson@senate.mn](mailto:sen.ellen.anderson@senate.mn).

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## Schools

**Parkview Center School** in Roseville is accepting K-8 registrations for the 2004-05 school year. New families and siblings of current students should register now to place their child(ren) on a waiting list. Enrollment confirmation will be completed by the end of May.

Enrollment forms are available from the school office, 701 W. County Road B, or by calling Chris Cook at 487-4381. For questions about Parkview or to arrange a tour of the school, call Kathy Farrell at 487-4381.

## Cyber Village Academy

announces that it is now able to provide online instruction to home-bound and hospitalized children in grades 4-8. New legislation eliminates the requirement for such children to be transported to a school building at least five hours weekly.

CVA has provided hybrid online education since 1998. Most students attend on-campus classes two days a week and connect from home the other three days.

CVA's new program is called HeLP (Hospital/Homebound Learning Program). For more information, contact Robert Bilyk (bbily@cva.k12.mn.us or 612-627-3963) or visit the CVA Web site: [www.cva.k12.mn.us](http://www.cva.k12.mn.us).

**Open houses** for prospective students and their parents will be held on February 10 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Murray Junior High School, and on February 10 from 7-8:30 p.m. at Como Senior High School.

**L'Étoile du Nord French Immersion School**, located in the Como Park neighborhood, announces the adoption of official school colors: green, representing the seeds of opportunity the school tries to plant in students; gold, for the star (étoile) that symbolizes the school; and blue, for the limitless potential represented by the sky.

More information about the school is available by calling 221-1480.

## Valentine's Day

The Como Park Marjorie McNeely Conservatory will hold its fifth annual **Valentine Soiree** on February 14 from 7-11 p.m.

Activities include a cake walk, a birthday celebration for A.J. Penguin, massages and classes on how to make your own scented lotion.

From 7-9 p.m., the Baroque Trio will play classical music in the Sunken Garden.

A chocolate factory will be set up in the North Garden, the gift shop will be open and

holiday refreshments will be available for purchase.

The winter flower show will be in full bloom, featuring azaleas, cyclamen and oriental lilies, all in a candle-lit setting.

Cost for the soiree is \$3 per person. For more information, call 487-8200.

## People

**JD Fratz** is the new executive chef at Muffuletta in the Park. Fratz, from Winona, Minnesota, has previously worked at Café Trieste, Pronto Ristorante, café un deux trois and Chino Latino. In his spare time, Fratz enjoys traveling, kayaking and yoga.

**Dr. William Harrison**, of St. Anthony Park Dental Arts, has achieved membership in the Dental Organization for Conscious Sedation. Conscious sedation is aimed at people who are especially fearful or anxious about the prospect of dental care.

For more information, visit [www.sapdentalarts.com](http://www.sapdentalarts.com) or call 646-1123.



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## Arts Events

**Music in the Park Series** presents cellist David Finckel and pianist Wu Han in concert at 4 p.m. on February 8 at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Avenue.

The duo will perform sonatas by Schubert and Chopin, and the Minnesota premiere of Sonata No. 1 for violincello and piano by the Russian-American composer Lera Auerbach.

Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door and \$12 for students (when available). Advance tickets are available at Bibelot and Micawber's, or by calling 645-5699.

## Workshop

St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ will host a workshop on **understanding and dismantling racism**. The workshop takes place Saturday, March 20 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The registration deadline is March 1.

The workshop facilitators are from the Minnesota Churches Anti-Racism Initiative, a joint program of the Minnesota,

St. Paul Area and Greater Minneapolis Councils of Churches.

The registration fee is \$6. For more information, e-mail [office@sapucc.org](mailto:office@sapucc.org) or call Joanne Sylvander (776-6311) or Lee Heilman (644-0400).

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# Pet owners have many

## Pet care service gives owners a "paws"

by Anne Holzman

If all your vacations start with a trip to the kennel or a hunt for a neighbor to feed your bird and water your plants, Jeanne Baumann would like to help you out. If you need help with pet care while you recover from surgery, or if you're packing for a move and can't find the energy to walk the dog, Baumann's services may be just what you need.

Baumann's new business, A Wing and a Paw Pet Care, offers pet sitting and home security services, based out of her home in the Como Park neighborhood. In addition to visiting pets while owners are on vacation, she does daily walks for dogs, especially puppies who need extra exercise. She's also hosted dogs overnight while a noisy party was going on at their owners' home.

Baumann said her own dog, a lab-spaniel mix named Murphy, seems to enjoy the company when dogs stay overnight. She's had Murphy for 14 years, Baumann said, and "I've always taken care of other people's dogs," as a neighbor and friend.

Baumann used to clean cages and prepare dogs for adoption at the Humane Society, and she volunteered at the Wildlife Rehab Clinic, where she cared for birds.

"This summer I fed a baby hummingbird by hand. It was just the tiniest little thing you can imagine," she said.

When Baumann's fundraising job disappeared last fall, she decided to turn a favorite volunteer activity into a business. Having launched it, she called her mother and said, "Mom, I'm getting paid to play with dogs!"

She likes to take her clients' dogs to the Woodview off-leash exercise area in Roseville, where everyone gets a good workout. She said the middle of the day, when it's sunny and a little warmer, is the best time for dogs to enjoy off-leash exercise, at least during the winter months. Since owners are often working then, they can hire her to give their dogs the best hours at the dog park.

Her work isn't all play, however. "The difficulty is being constantly involved in the marketing side," Baumann said. "How do you get the customers to start calling?"

Her efforts so far include a press release, an information-packed brochure, a business card that shows a cartoon dog relaxing on his bed and a Web site that's still under design.

Starting up a small business required "an amazing amount of information," she said. An established pet sitter offered her a few hours of coaching and told her all about the business side of the work.

People call on her in emergencies as well as for routine care. A neighbor who had surgery needed pet care during recovery. Baumann learned how to do medical injections so that she could help care for a diabetic cat. She has Red Cross Pet First Aid certification, is bonded and insured, and is a member of Petsitters International.

Baumann's rates for one or two pets are \$15 for a half-hour home visit, \$16 for a half-hour dog walk and \$30 for an overnight stay in her home. She will also sometimes stay overnight in a client's home, and she offers pet transportation (usually to the vet or the groomer) for \$15 per half hour plus 40 cents per mile.

Baumann can be reached at [awingandapaw@hotmail.com](mailto:awingandapaw@hotmail.com) or 647-9233.

## Pets and owners mind their manners

by Susan Conner

A small office on Como Avenue is the home of a well-organized and successful citizen constituency. ROMP—Responsible Owners of Mannerly Pets—has had its office at 1563 Como Avenue since 2002.

ROMP is an organization of dog owners that seeks "to help people and

their companion dogs live full lives together," said Director Barb Heideman, by finding ways that dog owners and their companion dogs can successfully and happily live within the rest of society. Their mission is "Access, Education and Advocacy: Making a World of Difference for People and their Pets."

ROMP began in 1996 as a grass-roots organization when a group of dog owners, who had repeatedly found each other romping with their dogs off-leash in clandestine locations around the metropolitan area, decided to legitimize their fun.

Laura Jean Rathmann and Barb Heideman were the co-founders. Rathmann was from Seattle and had seen large dog parks both there and in California. "Why not here?" she thought.

Rathmann and Heideman approached Ramsey County, which was willing to give the idea a try. Two pilot sites were established, in Battle Creek and Shoreview. They were very successful and happily used. There is now a third county site in Roseville.

Since then ROMP has worked with the city of St. Paul to establish an off-leash site at Arlington and Arkwright. Other communities have followed the lead, and the metropolitan area now includes 16 off-leash dog park areas. "People want them," said Heideman.

Sites vary. Some have trails for walking and sniffing, while others are wide-open areas preferred by the "party dogs" (those who like to chase and wrestle each other). Dogs and owners find their preference.

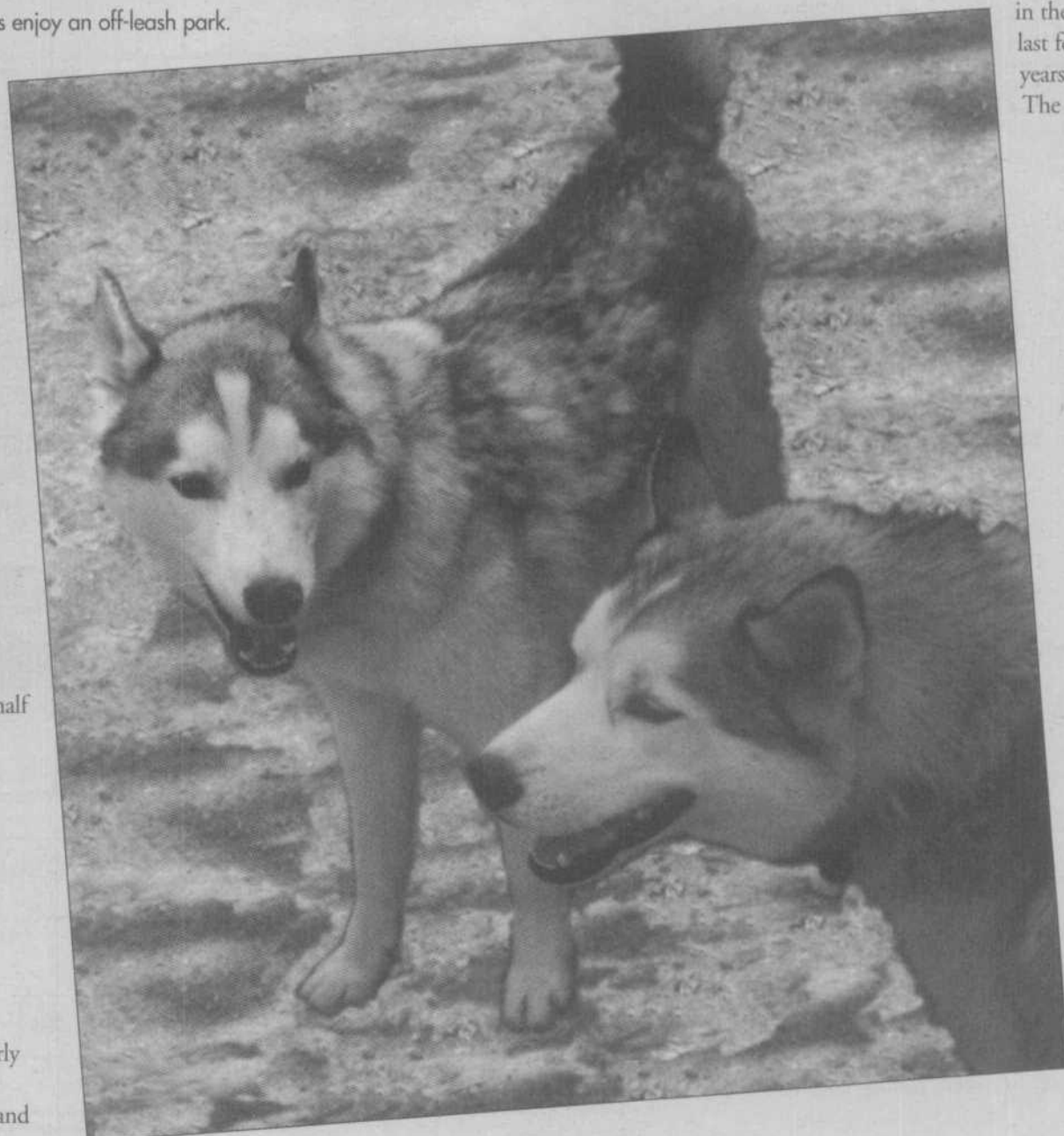
The sites do not belong to ROMP. Their role has been to advise citizens and facilitate the creation of these options by helping dog owners with relevant education, advocacy and organizing.

"Interest in the concept has just exploded in the last few years. The last



Above: Jeanne Baumann corrals her charges for a photo op. Bailey is content to pose, but Murphy would rather play. Murphy is Baumann's dog. Bailey was staying with Baumann while her owners were away.

Below: Two Siberian Huskies enjoy an off-leash park.



# Services to choose from

Minnesota Parks and Recreation Association state convention workshop on the topic of off-leash parks was full to overflowing," said Heideman.

With off-leash dog parks established and growing in popularity, ROMP is turning its attention to a new goal, said Heideman: "to enable responsible companion dog owners to gain access to more rental and multifamily housing options as well as vacation rentals."

This initiative, called the ROMP Registry, has two parts. The responsible dog owner can earn ROMP certification by (1) participating in an interactive seminar to learn about dog behavior and skills to manage dogs, and (2) passing a practical "show what you know" evaluation.

By paying a yearly fee and signing a ROMP Registry agreement (which commits owners to adequately supervise, manage, license, vaccinate and clean up after their dog), the owner is then listed as certified.

A property management company, vacation property, rental unit owner or business may choose to become a ROMP Registry Affiliate. These businesses then have access to the growing pet-friendly marketplace via advertising and to ROMP staff for pet-related questions. By choosing to welcome ROMP-certified clientele, they know they are working with responsible pet owners.

As a nonprofit organization, ROMP is sustained by memberships and grants. A membership includes a subscription to BARK, "the modern dog culture magazine." The office has current listings of all the local off-leash sites (also available at [www.dogROMP.org](http://www.dogROMP.org)) and provides brochures about dog behavior, tips for owners and safety for dogs and children at such parks.

The Web site includes a variety of pages still under construction. The ARF business directory, for example, will list dog-related businesses and services.

This organization has plans. As their membership brochure states, "First we unleashed off-leash dog parks. Now, we're ready to ROMP and ROLL!"

## Custom Cat Purrrniture a purrrfect fit for feline lovers

by **Antonie Young**

"Let us put your cat on a pedestal," the motto of Custom Cat Purrrniture, is an insightful slogan both literally and figuratively. Darryl Michaelson, owner, designer and builder of Custom Cat Purrrniture's cat furniture products, makes a variety of pieces to pamper his feline customers. Their "catisfaction" is guaranteed.

Now located on the corner of University and Hampden, in south St. Anthony Park, Custom Cat Purrrniture debuted in 1990, when Michaelson went to buy a scratching post for his two kittens and could not find any furniture that met his standards.

"The folly of cat furniture," he said, "is that it is substandard."

Michaelson decided to try making his own. He collected pallets, which he disassembled and reassembled into his own cat furniture creations, and a business was born.

"The first ones took me all weekend to build," Michaelson said. "I had no design in particular—I just knew they needed steps and a tall scratching area."

He maintains that building these posts is like making couches for cats—comfortable spaces for lounging, sleeping and, for cats, playing.

After his first post, made from wood and carpet, Michaelson decided building cat furniture would be a good hobby. Disassembled pallets gave way to electrical spools, which come apart more easily than wood pallets and are found in a variety of sizes. After a year of his new hobby, Michaelson had created a dozen different cat furniture designs.

It was beginning to seem like he could generate some business.

"I always had an entrepreneurial spirit," he admitted. "One day I went out with fliers and dropped them off at a bunch of places. This was in June 1991. I dropped one by the State Fair; they called and said they had space in their Pet Center for me if I wanted it. It was perfect timing."

Faced with a budding business, Michaelson needed a name. "My sister gets credit for it," he said. "Then I set up a booth at the Fair and showed my models."

By the following year, sales were picking up. Michaelson began working on Custom Cat Purrrniture full-time in 1993.

In 1994, Michaelson decided that one of the problems with doing furniture shows was the lack of a place to go once the show was over. He decided to rent space where he could show his furniture on the weekends.

"It took a while for it to get going," he said, "but after three years it had a life of its own. The business was mostly word of mouth and outside displays, until I decided to move into my current location in February 2002."

Custom Cat Purrrniture has been so successful that Michaelson offers a four-week "catisfaction" trial period. "I've only had four returns," he said proudly.

His showroom displays a wide array of furniture models to choose from, and Michaelson also takes design requests. "That's why I keep the word 'custom' in the name," he explained. "Everyone has their own ideas, and I try to accommodate that."

Michaelson built Custom Cat Purrrniture from the ground up, but he attributes much of his success to his wife. "She has been so supportive of my business, especially while I was getting going," he said. "I try to offer fair prices to satisfy customers and support my family. The business lets me know that I have a good product."

With the solidly built and creatively designed cat furniture Michaelson creates, it's not hard to see why after over 10 years, feline owners continue to be "catisfied" with Custom Cat Purrrniture's products.

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## Forensic entomology from page 1

When the fly study was winding down, Cervenka, attended an entomology symposium and was drawn to a lecture on forensic entomology.

"That was it," she said. "I was hooked. I found a place where I could use my experience and maybe help out, too."

"This was 1990," she continued, "and I found out that no one in Minnesota was doing this sort of thing." She talked to other forensic entomologists who suggested that she contact the medical examiners office.

"I cold-called both the Hennepin and Ramsey County Medical Examiners, explaining my background and experience. I also added

that maggots don't scare me." Both offices welcomed her with open arms.

"How this works is really very simple," Cervenka said. "Dead things stink, and that attracts certain types of insects. Different insects are attracted to a corpse during its different states of decomposition. The type of insect found helps date the corpse in terms of time of death, and the information is used as corroborative evidence."

The medical examiners' offices were now calling Cervenka, and she was visiting crime scenes or morgues, identifying insects.

After a year of volunteering, she was confident enough to offer her services as a consultant. Soon she had more business than she could handle.

"I still had and have a full-time job—so, with two children and being a single parent this gets tricky."

Still, the word spread, and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension also began soliciting her services.

When she gets a call, Cervenka goes to the crime scene or the morgue to investigate insect activity.

"When it's less than 55° F, insect activity is doubtful," she said. "But in the warmer months, you'll see evidence of blow flies."

Though the term may be unfamiliar, everyone has seen blow flies.

"They're the shiny flies that you've noticed on dog poop," Cervenka said. "I collect them

from the corpse and store them in alcohol." Indeed, the metallic green or blue blow flies usually beat everyone else to the crime scene and are most important in establishing postmortem intervals.

"The smell of a corpse will attract them, or blood will attract them," said Cervenka. "They are active during day-time. Flies will lay eggs on the body, and a half day after that, maggots appear—thousands of them." Left to their own devices, these insects can skeletonize a corpse in short order.

Cervenka collects insects at all life stages—eggs, larvae, pupae or adults. When collecting fly

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—Val Cervenka

larvae (maggots), she tries to place at least 10 of each size into 70 percent ethyl alcohol for

preservation. Before doing this, the larvae must be "cooked" in very hot or boiling water to prevent them from decomposing in the alcohol.

Although forensic entomology may seem an innovative modern device, the first documented use was reported by the Chinese lawyer and death investigator Sung Tz'u in the 13th century.

He described the case of a stabbing near a rice field. The day after the murder, the investigator had the workers lay their sickles on the floor. Invisible traces of blood drew blow flies to a single sickle. So confronted, the sickle's owner confessed to the crime.

Although she has curtailed her forensic entomology activities, Cervenka enjoys educating audiences, which includes a PowerPoint presentation that no one will snooze through.

As interesting as the information and history is, it's the slides of corpses that leave a lasting impression. After spending time with Cervenka, one leaves with a deeper respect for the fly!

As the only woman certified by the Board of Forensic Entomology, Cervenka stands alone. When asked what she would recommend for someone going into the field, besides the education and experience, she said, "A strong stomach helps."

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## L I V E S L I V E D

**Benjamin Sherwood Pomeroy**

Dr. Benjamin Pomeroy, a resident of St. Anthony Park, died January 16, 2004 at the age of 92.

Dr. Pomeroy followed his father into a career in veterinary medicine. He practiced part-time with his father and two brothers, James and Harold, in their downtown St. Paul office.

Dr. Pomeroy started as a veterinary diagnostician in the extension division at the University of Minnesota in 1934. He served as professor and chairman of the Department of Veterinary Microbiology and Public Health, and also as assistant dean and acting dean.

Due to a career-long interest in avian diseases, especially involving turkeys, Ben was often referred to as "Mr. Turkey" and spoke often on the topic "The turkeys I have known."

He loved his rose garden, the Minnesota Twins, and Gopher football and hockey.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret; brothers James (June) Pomeroy and Harold Pomeroy; brother-in-law Robert Lyon and wife Ruth; and special friend Mary Lambert.

He is survived by two sons, Benjamin A. Pomeroy and Sherwood (Sharon) Pomeroy; daughters Catherine Pomeroy and Dawn (Darrell) Hewitt; sister-in-law Mary Pomeroy; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of his life was held January 23, 2004 at House of Hope Presbyterian Church.

**Jessie Mae Shoffner**

Jessie Mae Shoffner, a long-time resident of St. Anthony Park, died January 11, 2004 at the age of 82.

Mrs. Shoffner worked as a travel agent. She was active in a variety of community affairs, serving as a board member of the League of Women Voters, Council of Human Relations and International Institute.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Robert Shoffner. She is survived by a daughter, Sonya (Dellaneo) Coleman; a son, Robert (Stephanie) Shoffner; and a grandson, Logan Shoffner.

A funeral service was held January 16, 2004 at Holcomb-Henry-Boom Funeral Home in St. Paul, with interment at Fort Snelling.

**Doris Turnquist**

Doris Enid Evelyn Arnold Turnquist, 92 years old, died December 1, 2003 at Lyngblomsten Care Center. She was a long-time member of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

Doris Arnold was born July 21, 1911 near Salem, South Dakota, the eldest of nine children born to Erik and Hannah (Jonson) Arnold.

She married Rev. Oscar Emil Turnquist, from Harwood, North Dakota, on May 3, 1933. She earned a B.A. cum laude degree from the University of Minnesota, majoring in piano and organ.

Doris served with her

husband in the following parishes: Dalesburg-Ahlsberg Lutheran Church, Vermillion, South Dakota; Svea Lutheran Church, Svea, Minnesota; Mount Carmel Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota; Iowa Lutheran Hospital (chaplain), Des Moines, Iowa; Faith Lutheran Church, Harcourt, Iowa. Her husband died in 1970.

Mrs. Turnquist was a member of the American Guild of Organists and served as president of the Augustana Lutheran Church Women, at both the district and state (Iowa) level. She was vice president of the national church women's group (LCW) during the merger of the Augustana Synod, which formed the Lutheran Church in America, now ELCA.

She used her musical talents in the parishes to teach piano and organ, direct choirs and serve as organist, including 12 years on a 38-rank (1900 pipes) Stevens-Moore tracker organ at Zion Lutheran, Iowa City, and later at Lyngblomsten.

She is survived by daughters Rev. Arlynne Turnquist, St. Paul, Dr. Marilyn (Theodore) Molen, Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida, Carolyn (Maynard) Linn, Fresno, California; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one brother, two sisters and other relatives.

A funeral service was held Dec. 5, 2003 at Svea Lutheran Church near Willmar, with interment in the church cemetery.

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## Running and writing across the neighborhood

by Jean Larson

Have you ever been driving home on Larpen at dusk and felt the muddle of life like a kitchen utensil drawer dumped over your head?

You pass through Lauderdale, lucky that your right foot maintains 30 mph, pass by the townhomes, and then catch sight of the startling lone oak on the U of M clubhouse hill. It passes too quickly so you look back over your shoulder to see mad jags of branches form a perfect sphere against sunset.

I imagine that many have done so. This is a magical place where we live.

Having lived in Falcon Heights all my life, I pretend to be many people—big city girl, small "townie," farm girl—depending on my travels for the day.

As a runner, plodding the ditches and paths, skirting the farm fields, and climbing what

used to be called "Gibb's Mountain," I feel I've been blessed with an intensified point of view.

I see two determined adolescents, slogging on a melting rink, just as I once did, hockey sticks and skates defying inches of water on ice.

*My breath catches and pounds as time backs up under the archway of trees, heavy in snow, sparkling in St. Anthony Park street light.*

I notice the tilt of a cottonwood cluster next to the U of M tennis courts as they cock their heads to the side, awed by our frenzy as we rush up Cleveland.

My breath catches and pounds as time backs up under the archway of trees, heavy in snow, sparkling in St. Anthony Park street light.

I see aging support walls battling the neighborhood's hills,

bearing artful cascades of coneflower, impatiens, and nameless (to me) new breeds born over the hill in Horticulture Department greenhouses. I find dirt paths in woods that conjure up hobbits and wizards.

So I write when I arrive home from my run, quickly shutting my bedroom door before the images and words fade away.

My fleece jacket seals in my sweat until it chills against my body. But I write anyway, feeling like each thought could, just maybe, change me when I read it again the next day or week.

I write, compelled by the mystery of words and thoughts combined with the power of familiarity—having traced these scenes with my mind for my entire life.

I imagine that many have done so—or meant to. This is a magical place we live.

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reserve a spot at the location of their choice by going to the Wellstone Action Web site: [www.wellstone.org](http://www.wellstone.org).

The idea for the project began when St. Anthony Park resident and Wellstone Action volunteer Meredith Sommers saw a gap that needed bridging. On the heels of Wellstone's death, said Sommers, many voters—rather than being galvanized by the tragedy—swung wildly in the opposite direction.

Said Sommers, "The election right after Paul's death said to me that many people may not know why they vote the way they do, and may not realize the ramifications of their decisions. The book discussion is not about issues, though, but rather about values—about developing a commitment to working together for the common good."

The first book discussion, based on the introduction and first chapter of Wellstone's book, is called *Can We Dream Again?* The title was inspired by Martin Luther King and Gandhi, who, in turn, inspired Wellstone.

The organizers hope that instead of sinking into hopelessness, reading Wellstone's book and meeting with other like-minded individuals might restore hope and spark action.

With February 5 bearing down, Pam Costain, director of education and advocacy, and the only paid staff member at Wellstone Action, has been in a slight panic.

"We expected that there would be about 100 facilitators for the book discussion," she said. "Instead, we have about 650 in 39 states. We anticipate 10,000 people will be involved in

the first night's discussion of *Can We Dream Again?* After that, each group will have the option of continuing. We've created a curriculum and are distributing packets to facilitators. This book discussion allows a lot of people to participate and provides structure, yet is decentralized—very much grass-roots."

Costain, the former director of Resource Center of the Americas, met Wellstone some 30 years ago as a student at Carlton College, where he taught. Years later, she worked on his first campaign. Since August 2003, she has been at Wellstone Action.

"The goal," said Costain, "is not to make the Wellstones into icons but to organize—to carry on their vision. Paul Wellstone was a real futurist; he could see beyond the despair. We want the

organization to impart that hope."

As a politician, Costain said, Wellstone believed in the power of everyday people in public life. He was committed to a civil discussion of differences and respect among those who disagree.

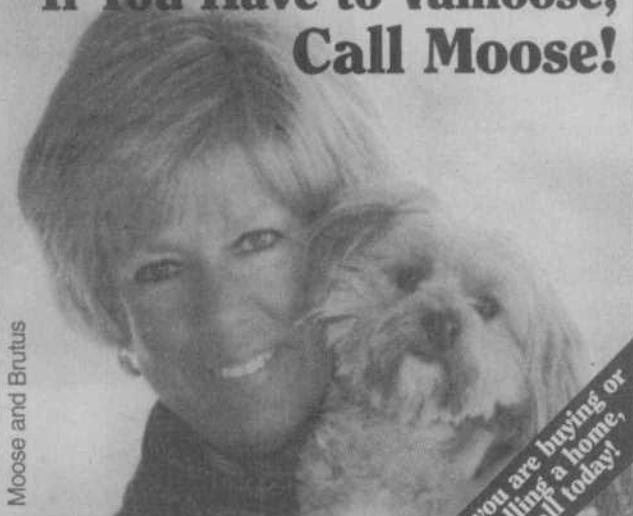
"This is an experiment that we hope will stimulate more interest in reading the book. Out of that, we hope action groups will emerge all over the country," said Costain.

If people want to contribute, she noted, they can participate in a discussion group, join Wellstone Action and/or make individual donations.

Although people may register on the Web, the actual book discussions across the country will be face-to-face, not virtual.

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### Questions for the first night's discussion of "Conscience of a Liberal":

1. Tell a story about something you did that had a positive impact in your school, community, neighborhood, city, state or nation. What happened? Who was involved? What did you bring to the effort? What did you and others learn from it?
2. Sometimes we experience a gulf between the values we try to live and those practiced in public life. Which of your values are most important to you? Which values do you find especially lacking in public life?
3. Paul Wellstone speaks of "being on a common journey." Other people talk about the common good. What does the common good mean to you? Where do you see people working for the common good? What would it look like if the ethic of the common good were more prominent in public life?
4. Paul Wellstone speaks of a "politics that enables people to dream again." What are your hopes and dreams for your family, community, neighborhood, city, country or world?

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## No bones about it

by Kristi Curry Rogers

This installment of "No Bones" describes one of the greatest paleontological adventures that my husband, Ray, and I have ever had. In December, the two of us and our 8-month-old daughter, Lucy, boarded a flight for Neuquen, Argentina.

Neuquen is one of the largest towns in Patagonia, and is known for producing apples, peaches and plums, as well as for being close to some amazing rock exposures that yield tons of dinosaur bones. (You can read about this part of Argentina in the January issue of National Geographic magazine.)

We were scheduled to meet up with our colleagues Leo Salgado and Rodolfo Coria, two Argentinean paleontologists who specialize in dinosaurs.

One of the interesting things about this expedition for Ray and me was bringing Lucy along. Although she'd accompanied us to Montana to dig dinos when she was only 3 months old, this time she was mobile. She had just started crawling and we weren't sure how happy she'd be in the special backpack we planned to carry her in while we searched for bones.

The other interesting thing about this expedition was that Ray had to do it with a very

recently broken arm. It was actually broken by a train door on our way to Argentina. In spite of these twists on traditional dino expeditions, we had a great time and made some fantastic discoveries.

The expedition was funded by a grant that Leo secured from the National Geographic Society. We planned on surveying some areas of badlands that were known to produce fossils but had never been explored in detail. The neat thing about the area is that some of the first dinosaur eggs, eggshells and nests ever found were discovered there. We were hoping to find more nests, especially some containing eggs with embryonic dinosaur bones.

The only sure way to identify dinosaur eggs is by identifying the embryos they contain, and preserved embryos are incredibly rare in the fossil record. With broken arm and baby in tow, we began the expedition with several days of prospecting. We wandered through the hills and valleys surrounding the camp, keeping our eyes on the ground in search of fossilized bones and eggs.

Once our eyes were trained to spot the differences between bones and rock, we began to notice petrified wood, bones and

eggshells everywhere. A couple of days into the field trip we located a site where at least four dinosaur nests were uncovered, one of which contained 21 grapefruit-sized eggs. Another site may have actually preserved a small meat-eating dinosaur sitting on its nest, just like a modern bird!

All the great finds of dinosaur eggs and nests excited Ray, but the best part of the trip for him was the amazing geology. The rocks we walked in were around 70 million years old. They contained evidence of ancient rivers, lakes and even dunes in a desert.

Of all the truly exceptional fossils we found, I think the field of 66 fossilized termite mounds (like those huge mounds that exist today in Africa) was the pinnacle of Ray's field season. With all of the geological data he collected, he and our friend Alberto will be able to reconstruct the environment that all these dinosaurs and termites were living in.

I'll be sure to keep you posted as we continue to analyze the data from our expedition. In the meantime, keep your questions and comments coming to [krogers@smm.org](mailto:krogers@smm.org).



## 4-H News

by Bobby Ragoonanan

I'm trying very hard to get this article done by 7 o'clock tonight so I can get to basketball practice, so bear with me if it isn't the greatest article ever. (Remember: only nine months until Halloween.)

To start the meeting on January 12 we played a game where we tossed a yarn ball to people, and they said their name and something about themselves. Everybody thought it was boring. Even the creator, John Weber, said "I know I did a bad job." This is why we elected a new recreation leader. (The old ones have left the club, and John was filling in.)

We did roll call. To respond you told your favorite Christmas present. Mine was a Gameboy Advance SP. Then we talked about the usual—secretary's

report, Cloverbud dismissal and so on.

We discussed the International Foreign Youth Exchange sewing project. We decided to have it on the same date as the cookie baking for seniors—February 7 at 10 a.m. Some people can bake and some can sew. We also talked about Food-a-Rama, where you make a menu, select an item from your menu and cook it.

After the meeting we had a demonstration by Michaela Alderink on how to make chocolate mousse frosting. Afterward, we had a snack of Kool-Aid and muffins. Next meeting, we sew, bake and visit the nursing home elders.

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February 15, 6pm
- Paul Jones  
February 19, 7pm
- Matt Fox with Zack  
February 20, 8pm
- Booley Band  
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- Carol Jean and the Blue Gills  
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- Big Pig Gig  
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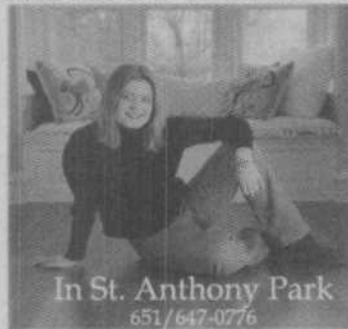
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# FEBRUARY CALENDAR

## 2 Monday

- AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church (651-644-0809), 8 p.m. Every Monday.
- Boy Scouts, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 7 p.m. every Monday.
- Como Park & Lauderdale recycling.

## 3 Tuesday

- Tot Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), Langford Park Rec Center (651-298-5765), 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Every Tuesday.
- Toastmasters (651-645-6675), training in effective speaking, Hewlett Packard, Broadway & 280, 7:35-8:35 a.m. Every Tuesday.
- St. Anthony Park Garden Club, 6:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library.
- Free blood pressure clinic and health resources by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, Seal High Rise (825 Seal St.), 1-3 p.m. every Tuesday.
- Chair Exercise Classes - Seal High Rise, 825 Seal Street every Tuesday and Thursday at 1:30 p.m. These classes are free to all area seniors, but pre-registration is necessary. Chair exercise classes are appropriate for all fitness and ability levels, and offer cardiovascular workout. All major muscle groups are exercised. Call 651-642-9052 to pre-register.

## 4 Wednesday

- Women's Connection, a women's networking organization (651-603-0954), Hubert Humphrey Job Corps Center, 1480 Snelling, Building #1, 8 a.m. Every Wednesday.
- Leisure Center for Seniors (651-603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. Every Wednesday.
- St. Anthony Park recycling.

## 5 Thursday

- Tot Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), South St. Anthony Rec Center (651-298-5765), 10 a.m.-noon. Every Thursday.

- Toastmasters (651-649-5162), U.S. Forest Service, 1992 Folwell Ave., St. Paul Campus, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Every Thursday.

- Chair Exercise Classes - Seal High Rise, 825 Seal Street every Tuesday and Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Call 651-642-9052 to pre-register.

- St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 6 p.m.

- St. Anthony Park Writers, 6:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library. 645-1345.

## 6 Friday

- Senior Citizen Fun Group (qym, bowling and darts), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Every Friday. (First Friday, blood pressure clinic by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, 9-10 a.m.).

- Preschool story time, 10:30 a.m., St. Anthony Park Library. Every Friday. Call 642-0411 to register.

- Falcon Heights recycling.

## 9 Monday

- Park Press Inc., Park Bugle board meeting, St. Anthony Park Bank Community Room, 7 a.m.

## 10 Tuesday

- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 7:30 p.m.

## 11 Wednesday

- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave., 7 p.m.

- Leisure Center for Seniors (651-603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. Free blood pressure clinic by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program.

## 12 Thursday

- Full Council Meeting, St. Anthony Park Community Council, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

## 13 Friday

- Free blood pressure clinic and health resources by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, St. Anthony Park Library, 10-11 a.m.

## 16 Monday

- Como Park & Lauderdale recycling.

## 17 Tuesday

- District 10 board meeting, call 651-644-3889 for details.

## 18 Wednesday

- Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7 p.m.

- St. Anthony Park recycling.

## 20 Friday

- Falcon Heights recycling.

## 23 Monday

- St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, board of directors meeting, 7 p.m. United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave.

## 24 Tuesday

- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 7:30 p.m.

## 25 Wednesday

- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave., 7 p.m.

- St. Anthony Park Community Council Housing & Human Services Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 5:30 p.m.

- St. Anthony Park Community Council Environment Committee, So. St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

- Leisure Center for Seniors (651-603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. Free blood pressure clinic by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program.

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By Jon Schumacher  
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And just like that we're into the new year.

I don't know if you experienced this, but with all the short weeks during the holidays it seems as if I lost one somewhere. When that first Monday in the year rolled around I realized our annual jazz concert was only six days away! Luckily, our partners in this wonderful event, Music in the Park Series led by Julie Himmelstrup, had done their usual thorough job of preparation, Butch Thompson's Ragtime orchestra was superb, and the event was another success.


Through the years, other non-profit entities have piggy-backed on this event much to our delight. Now St. Matthew's Episcopal Church holds an art show and a BBQ dinner on the day of the concert to help raise funds for youth service projects. This one event benefits four different non-profits; this kind of partnering is one of the primary goals of the foundation and helps to strengthen our entire community.

As we move forward into 2004, our partnership with the District 12 Community

Council will be increasingly important. It has already generated a neighborhood report, survey, and forum and will soon generate a process to develop a neighborhood plan defining the long-range interests of St. Anthony Park. The community council is now putting together a representative group of neighbors to steer this critical initiative and the foundation looks forward to a continuing role in support of this process.

For this plan to be successful it must be based on a realistic vision that engages the kinds of development that will honor the core values of our community. In order to achieve that, we must be willing to participate and work hard. I urge you to stay informed by reading the Bugle and take advantage of opportunities for community input.

Together, we can make a difference for all generations here in St. Anthony Park.



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## Aging Gracefully by Mary Jo Tarasac

Most of us are pretty proud of our homes and our community. We probably wouldn't live where we do if that weren't true. But most of us also pollute our homes—and our community—on a daily basis, without even thinking about it.

The landfills are full to overflowing. The air and soil and water around us contain toxins. What can each of us do to reduce the waste we produce?

We can carry a canvas shopping bag to the grocery rather than take home paper bags each week. Most of the people I know end up with a great many paper bags spilling out of cupboards or closets. Plus, carrying a canvas bag makes it easier to walk to the market—and get a little more exercise.

We can look at the cleaning products we use and see if they contain toxins. If they do, we can switch to healthier products. In the old days, many of us used vinegar, lemon, baking soda and other common, nontoxic products to clean our homes. There was nothing wrong with it then and there is nothing wrong with it now.

We can consciously choose to reduce, reuse and recycle more

in our lives. Need a spring jacket? Check out the thrift and consignment stores first. You might find exactly what you need at a very reasonable price—and save a perfectly good garment from the landfill. And if spring cleaning is on your agenda, make sure you take all of the good, usable items you no longer need to a place where they can be reused.

Beginning in February and throughout this spring, the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program will deliver a new digital thermometer free to the home of anyone who wants to trade in an old mercury thermometer.

Mercury is one of the worst pollutants found in common household items like thermometers and thermostats, and mercury in the environment has been linked to nerve damage in humans and other animals.

The Block Nurse Program will also be working with local markets to provide sturdy canvas shopping bags free to those over 60. (If you really want one and are younger, call us and we'll work something out.)

Round up your neighbors this spring and have a rummage sale for the whole block. You can

all make money and be environmentally responsible at the same time.

When you pack lunches for school or work, use reusable containers rather than plastic and paper. It's a little more work but a lot better for the earth—and cheaper, too.

As we age, most of get a lot of joy from our children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews—those who will live in the future. In addition to having healthy homes and a clean community for ourselves, wouldn't it be nice if we left them breathable air, clean water and some natural habitat rather than a world of gas masks and landfills?

The St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program has produced a pamphlet on "clean" living. If you would like more information on reducing your personal pollution, please let us know and we'll see to it that you get a copy.

*The St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program offers services to support caregivers. We hope that "Aging Gracefully" is helpful to older adults and those who care about and care for them. We welcome ideas and feedback for this column at 642-9052 or sapbnp@bitstream.net.*

### Commentary from page 5

precinct caucuses. Candidates who get less than 15 percent of the balloting will not receive delegates.

In the Green and Independence parties, the straw poll will not be binding. The Republican Party has already chosen its presidential candidate.

### Resolutions

People who attend a caucus also introduce, debate and vote on resolutions—their recommendations for planks in the party's platform.

Have an issue you'd like to see in the party platform? Bring copies of a statement—around 50-100 words—that you can nominate as a resolution.

Come early so you'll have

time to lobby others to support your candidate or resolution. Resolutions that survive to the state or national conventions become planks in the party's platform.

Remember, democracy is something we do, not something we have. To keep it in shape, lots of us need to show up, participate at some level and make a difference.

Caucuses are the first Tuesday in March at 7 p.m. This year, that's March 2. Precinct locations will be announced after February 11.

You can go to your party's Web site (see below) or call the county auditor or party headquarters to find out where your caucus will be.

Party phone numbers are:  
DFL: 651-293-1200 or 1-800-999-7457.

Green Party of Minnesota:  
612-871-4585.

Independence Party: 651-487-9700.

Republican Party: 651-222-0022.

The Ramsey County elections office number is 651-266-2171. If you have more questions, you can call the Ramsey County auditor's office at 651-296-2803.

### Web Sites for More Information

Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party:  
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Green Party of Minnesota:

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rehearsals (Sunday nights from 7 to 9:30 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church) will start in mid-February.

Moberg is excited about the shape that the new ensemble (to be called the St. Paul Vocal Forum) will take.

"The last thing this city needs is just another choir," he said. "I wanted to find a niche and define how this group would be different."

It will be different in many ways. Of course, the fact that he is programming each performance around a single theme is different. But the singers will practice for only one concert and will have to readjust for the next after a break.

"Many people have a hard time making a long-term commitment to a group like this," said Moberg. "But this way, the singers will know that they are only committed for the time leading up to the concert. Then they are free to audition for the next concert or do something else. I also don't want to take people away from their church commitments."

Moberg has had lots of experience with choral music. He grew up in Virginia, Minnesota, and got his undergraduate music degree from St. Olaf College, where he sang with that choir.

After graduating he taught junior and senior high school vocal music in Byron, Minnesota. He has a master of music degree in choral conducting from the University of Minnesota and has done additional graduate work in composition.

After moving to the Twin Cities, Moberg directed church choirs at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Roseville and at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church. At the same time he was a paid singer in the Dale Warland Singers, taught private voice lessons and, at one point, was also a flight instructor. Now he flies full time for Mesaba Airlines and sings (when he can) with the St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church choir.

Moberg's plans for additional concerts will probably include more "traditional" fare. He still wants to keep a tight focus on a single theme but will likely pick pieces for the next concert that are for choir with accompaniment.

"The risk you take is that there may not be enough pieces to fit the theme," he said.

Moberg has done quite a bit of composing in the past and may do some to fill out the Vocal

Forum programs, but he doesn't have time to do much right now with his flight schedule.

He would like to find contemporary pieces in the classical choral tradition and will probably end up arranging some works written for other instruments or as solo pieces. He would also like to experiment with electronic manipulation of the voice.

Whatever the form, the theme will be served.

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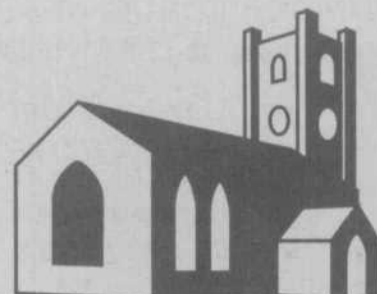
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