Civil Air Patrol flies to keep skies friendly
by Michelle Christianson

Many different groups march in the St. Anthony Park Fourth of July parade, and some of them are easily identifiable: Neighbors for Peace, the Boy Scouts, the lawn mower brigade. But what of the others? They are your neighbors, surely, but what activities “ring their bells?” With what group do they identify so closely that they want to march in our most well-known national celebration? One such organization is the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), three of whose members live in St. Anthony Park: Gordon Miller, Chris Donaldson and Stephan Sylvander.

Miller, a neighborhood resident for 31 years (after leaving his native California), is married, has two children and is a member of the Civil Air Patrol—St. Paul Squadron, Minnesota Wing. Other squadron members are Paul Markegard (left) and Roger Plath Sr. (right).

Langford playground plans move nearer to completion
by Susse Conner

The Langford Recreation Center play area will undergo major improvements this year. Preliminary ideas were presented to the community at a public meeting on January 26.

Kathleen Angelo, a landscape architect from the city of St. Paul, presented three concepts for discussion:

Concept 1 is a curvilinear design that accommodates the curves and swells of the natural landscape. Equipment, benches and the like would be made of recycled materials and natural elements. Play areas for toddlers and older children would be separated, yet both would be visible to parents and caregivers.

The toddler area would be 1400 sq. ft. and the other area would be 3300 sq. ft. Swings would be metal, and the like would be made of landscape. Equipment, benches and the like would be visible to parents and caregivers.

Concept 2 is a rectilinear plan based on the current park building. Materials would mimic those in the current building. Play equipment would be metal, with colors mimicking the building or bright colors. The plan includes a seating area, play area for toddlers (1700 sq. ft.) and older children (3700 sq. ft.) would be separated, with the same visibility as in concept 1.

Concept 3 largely maintains the area’s current size and shape. It would bring equipment and surfaces up to current code regulations, using a combination of sand and resilient surfaces. The play area would be primarily for children 5 and up. Swings would be no swings because the area (2600 sq. ft.) would not be large enough to accommodate them.

All three plans provide for rebuilding the tennis courts, keeping the basketball area adjacent to those courts, enclosing the dumpster, and renovating the volleyball and basketball area.

In addition to fielding oral comments and questions at the January 26 meeting, Angelo invited written comments and suggestions. A show of hands indicated an overwhelming preference for concept 1.

Angelo synthesized the comments and suggestions from the community meeting and presented a formal proposal to the St. Anthony Park Community Council’s Environment Committee on February 23. That design is presented at the Langford Rec. Center, as well as on the council’s Web site (www.sapcc.org).

District 12 moves discussion of plan to committee meetings
by Dave Healy

The St. Anthony Park Community Council, which is in the process of revising its district plan, has decided that the next step in that process will involve community participation in meetings hosted by three of the council’s committees.

The new plan was prompted by the city’s decision to “sunset” all existing district plans by the end of 2005. District 12’s current plan dates back to 1983. On December 15, the council hosted a community meeting where neighborhood residents were introduced to preliminary goals for the plan.

On the basis of that session, council members created a first draft of the new plan. In March, April, May and June, neighborhood residents will be encouraged to attend committee meetings, where their input will be sought on that draft.

St. Anthony Park resident Gordon Miller (center) is a member of the Civil Air Patrol—St. Paul Squadron, Minnesota Wing. Other squadron members are Paul Markegard (left) and Roger Plath Sr. (right).

Como High School weather controversy
by Judy Woodward

After almost a year of escalating tensions among parents and staff, Como Park Senior High School Principal Sharon Eichten has requested reassignment. Her decision to leave was announced by St. Paul School Superintendent Pat Harvey at a midwinter “check-in” meeting held at the school on February 1.

Eichten’s interim replacement will be retired Como Principal Brad Manor, who will take the reins until a new head can be appointed for the 2005-2006 school year.

Eichten’s departure is the latest development in a school crisis that has been brewing for much of the past year. At issue were charges by some parents and staff that the school administration lacked flexibility in scheduling decisions and that communications between parents and staff had broken down.

Over the past several months, six parent-staff committees have been at work on those and other issues in connection with a special School Quality Review process. Some solutions had been proposed even before Eichten decided to leave.

Eichten, who has served as the school’s principal for six years, refused to comment on factors that led to her decision to step down, except to note, “I’m proud of what I accomplished at Como, and I think staff will continue to do good work.”

She also pointed out that, despite cutbacks in funding and repeated government-mandated changes in graduation requirements and educational standards, Como Park High School’s record improved under her watch.

“If people listen to the discourse, they would bear a committed group of people who want a better school for everybody.”

—Kathy Magnuson, Como H.S. parent

“Test scores have risen, and there have been waiting lists for entrance to our school for the last two or three years,” Eichten said. “There’s a strong interest in students coming to Como.”

Conflict at the school first surfaced last spring, and separate meetings for students, staff and parents were held in order to give participants a forum for expressing concerns with school procedures and culture. More than 60 pages of anonymous comments and findings that arose from these “listening sessions” were eventually posted on the school’s Web site.

Amid the welter of charges and countercharges, one theme stood out. Some parents complained of “unresponsiveness” from the highest level of school administration. From reports of unreturned phone calls to vague perceptions of official disdain for academically proficient students, the charges ran the gamut of parental distress signals.

Not all the negative comments were directed toward school administration. There was also a persistent undercurrent of suggestions that, as one comment put it, “St. Anthony Park runs Como High School.”

By this logic, the discontented parents were characterized as high-handed newcomers who were attempting to remake solidly blue-collar Como High into a haven for the sort of student who was formerly steered by ambitious parents toward academically enhanced opportunities at Central High School.

Changes in St. Paul School District policy have reduced the number of students who cross boundaries to attend schools outside Como’s attendance area.

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The city of Falcon Heights was presented with a Community Recognition Award by the director of the suburban Ramsey Family Collaborative. This is the first time the organization has presented such an award. The collaborative coordinates systems and services for at-risk children. They had a need for box springs, mattresses and blankets. The director sent a request to the Falcon Heights listserve and was flooded with responses.

Students at Falcon Heights Elementary School collected $1,380 for victims of the recent Elementary School fire. Students at Falcon Heights were located in Falcon Heights.

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Students at Falcon Heights Elementary School collected $1,380 for victims of the recent tsunami. The money will be matched by a corporation.

After an intensive period of study, citizen input and discussion about organized trash collection, the City Council voted unanimously to require licensed haulers to sign a memorandum of understanding by March 15, 2005. A memorandum of understanding is a pledge of good faith, not a legally binding contract. All the city can do is publicize it if a particular hauler fails to meet the memorandum’s conditions.

The terms of the memorandum are as follows:

- West and East
  - Haulers shall bring trucks into the city empty.
  - Haulers shall train drivers to enter and exit alleys with left turns where practical and feasible.
  - Haulers shall not drive on alleys where they do not have any customers.

- Customer Service
  - Haulers shall provide an option for trash to be picked up every other week at a reduced rate for those customers who produce minimal amounts of trash.
  - Residents shall have the option of temporary suspension of service.
  - Haulers shall collect yard waste and have options providing for appliances and other large objects.

- Education
  - Haulers shall provide information on how to purchase compost bins at a reduced rate through the county.

Haulers shall provide information, provided by the city, in bills to customers regarding hazardous waste and recycling.

Haulers will use the Resource Recovery Facility to the extent that they have current contractual agreements with Ramsey County and/or Washington County for disposal of solid waste.

St. Anthony Park

Elections for District Council representatives will be on April 5. Hours for voting are from 6:49 p.m. to 1:19 p.m. North St. Anthony Park will vote at Hampden Park Foods. North St. Anthony Park will vote at the library. Interested candidates should contact the District 12 office (654-3992). Candidates need to file by 10 a.m. March 14.

Rose Gregoire and Chris Woodall will serve on the Capitol Improvement Budget task force for the next three months.

A proposal for housing at the Johnson Brothers site—bounded by University Avenue, Hampden Avenue, Charles Avenue and Cleveland Avenue—would create 130 units of housing in existing buildings. The District Council supported a change in the zoning to TN3 (traditional neighborhood) for this site.

The council supported a conditional use permit request by Wellington Management for its Metro Lofts project at 2650 University Avenue. This request would permit an increase in height from 55 feet to 66 feet and result in an increase of the total units from 51 to 67.

The first draft of the new district plan is available on the St. Anthony Park Community Council Web site: www.sapcc.org.

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Local resident asks “Who is my neighbor?”

by Michelle Christianson

This is a story about a baby—about hope and trust and being a neighbor. It should really be in the December issue of the Bugle, for the story takes place near Christmas time. Yet its lessons are universal, transcending religion and going to the heart of caring.

The story begins on a train from Chicago to St. Paul last December 7. Mary Mergenthal, a St. Anthony Park resident and former Bugle editor, is returning home after a visit with relatives. She is newly widowed, having lost her husband of 36 years, Jennings, on October 1.

Also on the train are Henry and Lydia Bontrager, an Amish couple from tiny Homer, Michigan, an enclave of 36 families. They are coming to St. Paul to meet their new adoptive son, who has just been born at Regions Hospital.

The Bontragers had planned to greet Rachel, the birth mother of their new son, in Battle Creek, Michigan, where she was expected to deliver on December 10. But on Rachel’s trip from Montreal Lake, Saskatchewan, she went into labor early, and her baby ended up being born in St. Paul.

The Bontragers got this news from neighbors who have a phone. They hastily made arrangements for friends to take care of their six-year-old daughter, MaryAnn, and for others to look after their animals on the farm. They borrowed a cell phone and got a ride with a non-Amish friend to Battle Creek to catch the train.

On the train Mary was intrigued by an Amish couple using a cell phone and was even more interested when she overheard the words “baby” and “hospital.” When they arrived, the Bontragers asked her, “Are we in St. Paul? How do we get to Regions Hospital?"

Mary was reluctant to just put these people in a cab. She was being picked up at the train station by neighbors, so she couldn’t drive them herself. Fortunately, her neighbors were willing to give the Bontragers a ride to Regions. During the trip, Mary and Rachel’s friends heard the whole story.

They learned that Henry is a farmer and carpenter, and Lydia makes and sells candy. They live on a wood stove for heat. Lydia and Henry were married on December 7, their adopted daughter was born on December 7, and now their new son was also born on that same day.

When the birth mother, Rachel, learned she was pregnant, she decided she would give up her baby for adoption. She asked for a religious family but didn’t designate a specific religion, so the Bontragers were a match.

Knowing that this unexpected trip had already added to the costs of the Bontragers’ adoption, Mary was concerned about how they would manage. After convincing the guards at Region’s emergency entrance to let Henry and Lydia into the maternity ward, she promised to check on the family the next day.

When she got back to the hospital, Mary found Lydia cradling Nathan in her arms. She and Henry had spent the night at the hospital. They hadn’t eaten for 36 hours, so Mary insisted they go to the cafeteria. There they talked about the Bontragers’ options.

Because the adoption would now be finalized in Minnesota rather than Michigan, the process would probably take longer. Mary knew their finances were limited, and she worried about whether they could afford to stay in a hotel while they waited for the adoption to play itself out.

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Henry, Lydia and Nathan ended up staying with Mary for 10 days, while the bureaucratic machinery of adoption lurched and sputtered and dragged. During that time many friends and neighbors joined in supporting the little family. Some brought meals and baby clothes, another loaned a car seat. The St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church quilters made a baby quilt, and the church nurses

St Anthony Park resident Mary Mergenthal relaxes at home. In December, Mergenthal shared her home for 10 days with a couple who came to St Paul unexpectedly to pick up their adoptive son.

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worked for Cray Inc. as a technical support analyst for 21 years.

So far, a fairly ordinary history. But in 1996 he began training to be a pilot, got his pilot license in 1999 and joined the CAP two years ago. Then his life became slightly out of the ordinary.

The Civil Air Patrol was established December 1, 1941 as a civilian volunteer organization. Originally the pilots planned to do only liaison and reconnaissance flying, but soon they began to harass and even bomb German submarines off the United States coastline during World War II.

Over the course of the war, the CAP flew 24 million miles and found 173 submarines, hitting 10 and sinking two. Sixty-four aviators lost their lives in the line of duty. The Air Force was created as an independent armed service in 1947, and the CAP became its official civilian auxiliary the next year.

Today the CAP is involved in aerospace education, cadet training, general emergency services, and search and rescue missions. Disaster relief and homeland security to counterdrug and homeland security instruction and mission simulations—sometimes with police, fire and other service organizations.

Right now the squadron consists of 25 senior members and six cadets, and meetings cover training, squadron business, safety instruction and cadet education.

The group meets at the Minnesota National Guard Aviation Facility at Holman Field in St. Paul. Each member pays $10 a month for pilot dues and $65 a year to the Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters. The Air Force provides the planes and equipment; Miller's group hopes to raise enough money for its own hangar.

Miller is in a plane about once a week and has participated in two search-and-rescue missions. He is qualified to be a mission scanner (direct visual observations) and a mission observer (who runs the radio and GPS and is in contact with the ground).

He will be qualified to be a mission pilot as soon as he does a check ride with a mission check pilot, though he is a licensed pilot already.

Miller is also qualified to do radiological monitoring and general emergency services, and he's a skills evaluator. Yet there are 28 other areas in which he may become qualified. It is not surprising that he is excited to go to meetings and training sessions.

Though Civil Air Patrol members are by definition civilians and will not be called to combat duty, they can be called up for any national emergency. They may help out with evacuation at nuclear facilities or search for missing persons by air or land.

So when you see the Civil Air Patrol in next year's parade, you may want to thank them for their service to their country. Or you may want to join them.

If you are interested, contact Miller at this e-mail address: gordon4mlr@netscape.net.

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Who's in charge here?

That question eventually gets asked just about anytime people work together on something. Wherever two or three are gathered there will be a discussion about leadership. As organizations grow in size and complexity, administrative levels proliferate. In the rural one-room school of a century ago, a teacher didn't have to worry much about accounting to anyone else. In today's public school classroom, on the other hand, the teacher represents just one stratum in a multi-layered hierarchy that includes department heads, team leaders, principals, site councils, curriculum coordinators, school boards and legislators.

And, of course, parents. But figuring out where parents fit in the educational world isn't easy to do. Professional educators are divided when it comes to parental involvement in schools. Most teachers and principals agree that parents should be involved in their children's education. But what does that mean?

Elementary school teachers are happy to have parents chaperone field trips and help out occasionally in the classroom. Choir directors want mom and dad at concerts. Teachers at all grade levels hope their students have someone at home who sees to it that they are properly fed and clothed, and who helps encourage the timely completion of homework. Teachers know that students who live with people that value education have a leg up on those who don't.

But what happens when parents go beyond merely supporting what's happening at school? What happens when they start to weigh in on such things as subject matter and classroom management?

Teachers are like anyone else. They don't really care to have others tell them how to do their job. Of course, all of us have to answer to somebody. If you're being paid to do something, someone—supervisor, manager, board of directors, client, customer—will have something to say about how you perform. But who is qualified to judge your work? And if you live in a stratified world, as most of us do, to whom do you listen?

For the people who work in schools, those questions can be thorny indeed. Consider, for example, the high school English teacher. Whose opinions should she consider when deciding what to cover in a sophomore world literature course?

The very fact that she's teaching world literature to sophomores exposes students to manageable chunks of it at appropriate times. In the language of educators, they determined "scope and sequence" and "developmental levels." But who are "they"?

Maybe they are the English department at the high school. Maybe they are school district personnel. Maybe this school is subject to state-wide standards that dictate a particular range of topics. More than likely, any given decision about what to teach and when reflects input from several levels in the educational bureaucracy.

But our English teacher isn't only concerned with what to teach, but how. She must decide, in other words, about pedagogy as well as curriculum. What proportion of class time should be devoted to lecture? To discussion? To reading? Writing? Small groups? Testing?

Here again, various constituencies and overseers have to be acknowledged. And so do certain logical facts of life. Let's say our English teacher has four classes a day with 30 students in a class. How much writing should she assign? A three-page paper in all four classes will generate 360 pages for her to read and evaluate. How often can she make an assignment?

What about tests? What kinds of knowledge should her students be expected to show? And for what audience?

Our teacher will have to give her students grades, and she will have to justify those grades based on measurable performance. But that measurement doesn't stop with a course grade. She has to justify those grades based on measurable performance. But that measurement doesn't stop with a course grade.
Ginkgo mulls future in St. Anthony Park

by Dave Healy

In a caffeinated world, how does a small coffee shop stand out? You do it, says Kathy Sundberg, by providing something of value to the community you’re located in. Sundberg is the owner of Ginkgo in the Park, a coffeehouse in the Park Midway Bank Drive-up building at 2300 Como Avenue.

The St. Anthony Park neighborhood. “The business is to the community you’re located in. You do it, says Kathy Sundberg.”

Sundberg also runs a Ginkgo Coffee and Smoothie Bar at two hospitals: St. Joseph’s in downtown St. Paul, and St. John’s in Maplewood.

Though Ginkgo in the Park is primarily a coffeehouse, they sell a variety of other food products—soups, sandwiches, baked goods, ice cream, smoothies—as well as several retail items, including greeting cards and small toys.

The Como location opened in 1999. “People in the area invited me to consider locating in St. Anthony Park,” said Sundberg, “I love being here because it’s a distinct and cohesive neighborhood.”

For Sundberg, feeling connected with the community is an important part of owning a business. “We participate in special events like the Fall Festival and the Art Fair and contribute to community fundraisers,” she said.

“We make our downstairs meeting space available for free to neighborhood groups. I hire from the neighborhood, and I like to think we provide something of value to people in St. Anthony Park and other communities near by.”

Lately, though, Sundberg has had occasion to wonder how important Ginkgo is to the neighborhood. “The business here hasn’t grown like I had hoped,” she said, adding that her other locations have been more successful.

She cited the small space and lack of visibility as challenges for a business that depends primarily on foot traffic. But she believes those shortcomings can be offset by superior quality and service.

“I’m very proud of our products and service,” Sundberg said, pointing to several things that set Ginkgo apart from other similar places: the grilled panini, whole-fruit smoothies and Izzy’s ice cream. And, of course, there’s the coffee, which is roasted daily by Alaka! Coffee Roasters. She also touted Ginkgo’s outdoor seating area, an especially attractive option for families.

Though Ginkgo’s cramped space is a limitation, Sundberg said she’s not looking for another location. “I’d like to stay where we are,” she said, “if we can make a go of it.”

Making a go means that business will have to improve. “I’m not in this just for the money,” Sundberg said, “but any business needs to make a profit. I want to feel like I’m adding something to the community which I believe we’re doing here.”

Sundberg praised what she described as “a core group of loyal customers,” adding that Ginkgo “wouldn’t still be here without them.” And she emphasized her desire to be responsive to what the community wants.

“I’d like to encourage people to make this their own place,” she said. “Let us know what we can do to serve you better.”

St. Anthony Park Neighbors for Peace

Planning meeting (all are welcome):
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Rock-Tenn has city, state and nonprofits scrambling to keep its jobs in St. Paul

by Anne Holzman

One of St. Anthony Park and the Midway's biggest businesses is finding less of help—but so far no long-term solutions—after a division closing and the impending loss of its power source caused turmoil during the past year.

The Rock-Tenn recycling business on Vandalia between University and I-94 is getting a boost from the St. Paul Port Authority to encourage it to keep its remaining jobs here. The Port Authority recently granted Rock-Tenn a $100,000 forgivable loan for an engineering study to figure out how the company will replace its power source when Xcel Energy finishes converting its High Bridge plant from coal to natural gas sometime in 2007. The conversion will bring an end to the steam Rock-Tenn has been piping from the plant to drive its manufacturing.

The Port Authority grant is based on the fear that "the company is at risk for leaving St. Paul" and taking its jobs with it, according to Port Authority spokesman Tom Collins. Rock-Tenn is based in Norcross, Georgia.

The St. Paul plant uses recycled paper to make cardboard and employs over 500 people, down from the roughly 750 that were employed there before a carton-producing division was shut down in recent weeks. Even at 500, the company is still one of St. Paul’s largest employers, and its jobs are relatively well paid. A typical employee makes around $47,000 a year, according to Jack Greenshields, general manager at Rock-Tenn.

Brian McMahon, executive director of University United, a neighborhood planning coalition, said there’s another reason to like the jobs at Rock-Tenn. As St. Paul’s population density increases, planners also look at job density, and Rock-Tenn scores well in that department compared to many industries, he said. Because it employs workers in shifts, the recycler packs more jobs per acre than many other industrial uses. Its “eco-industrial” qualities make it a valuable neighbor, McMahon said.

Based on surveys of other companies, McMahon estimated that about a third of Rock-Tenn’s employees live in St. Paul. Greenshields said he didn’t have figures on where his employees live, but “most people live fairly close in.”

The energy source problem has leaders in the for-profit, nonprofit and government sectors scrambling for a solution. That will involve agreeing on a vision for long-term development—in the neighborhood, the region and even the entire state.

Rock-Tenn wants an “efficient and reliable” energy source, said Greenshields. For the short term, that probably means upgrading a gas-and-oil-fired generator that it has been using as a backup system.

Greenshields estimated the startup studies for the generator upgrade would cost half a million dollars, compensated in part by the Port Authority’s recent grant. Greenshields said the company hoped to submit its paperwork to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency by the end of February, seeking a modified air emissions permit for the upgrade. Public hearings will follow soon, and they expect to have the permit in hand in the fall of 2005.

“What we’d like to do is ensure that everyone is in agreement—make sure we handle questions and concerns ahead of time,” Greenshields said.

Neighbors in St. Paul and Minneapolis have complained over the years about emissions, noise and odor from the plant. In 2003, a stir was created when at least two neighborhood organizations did not receive notice of an emissions permit renewal process and were denied the chance to weigh in with suggestions for the MPCA and Rock-Tenn.

While focusing on an immediate replacement for the High Bridge steam, Greenshields said Rock-Tenn is also “looking, at what we can do on a longer-term basis,” and a biomass burner remains a possibility. Biomass—plant material such as wood chips or even cornhusks—is usually favored by environmentalists because it generally burns cleaner than coal and uses renewable, rather than fossil, fuels.

Much of downtown St. Paul is heated by District Energy’s biomass power plant, which burns wood waste, heats water and circulates the water through a network of pipes in the downtown area.

In South Minneapolis, the Green Institute is working on a biomass energy project near the Institute’s headquarters, at 28th Avenue and Hiawatha, that would serve a network of small industries. The site has served as a citizen waste drop-off center and would need significant cleaning up.

Carl Nelson, the Green Institute’s energy program director, said the plan is to use waste wood, like the District Energy plant. “Ours is actually a little bit cleaner yet,” he said, because they will incorporate beds of sand to grind up the material, burn it more efficiently and cut back even further on pollution and waste.

At one point there was talk of cutting Rock-Tenn in on that deal, he said, but “their steam demand is quite a bit larger” than the planned Hiawatha plant could handle.

Rock-Tenn, University United, the Port Authority and
The book that my colleagues and I have been putting together is called "The Sauropods: Evolution and Paleobiology." It is the first in-depth look at these awesome dinosaurs.

We tapped into the work of a new generation of paleontologists that aren't daunted by the size of these behemoths (a thigh bone of an adult sauropod usually exceeds 5 feet in length). Instead, the authors in the book ask more pertinent questions about sauropod paleontology, and are dramatically changing our view of sauropods in their ecosystem.

For example, the long-standing myth that dinosaurs spent most of their long, boring lives as cold-blooded, overgrown lizards up to their necks in swamps has undergone its most recent revision with sauropods.

We now know, thanks to studying the bones of sauropods under microscopes, that these animals likely had elevated metabolic rates as well. They grew from 3-foot hatchlings to 75-foot, 30-ton adults by the time they were only 10 years old! But that’s not all. How many of you have seen the movie “Jurassic Park,” and think of those gruff, herbivorous brachiosaurs eating from the tops of trees? New work on computer models of sauropod neck vertebrae demonstrates that most sauropods would have broken their necks if they had to bend their necks to eat from the treetops. They probably operated more like giant vacuums, using their long necks to increase the range of feeding near the ground, where nutrient-rich ferns and other plants grew.

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Sauropods are found all over the world, from Montana to Madagascar, from Antarctica to Alaska, and everywhere in between. Sauropods lived on the planet for over 150 million years, and were around from near the very end of dinosaur times until just 65 million years ago.

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went to Central, almost all the kids in the neighborhood went there," said St. Anthony Park resident Kathy Magnuson, whose son is a student at Como. “Now most kids in this neighborhood go to Como.”

Magnuson described herself as one of the organizers of an e-mail list that has served to connect parents interested in implementing changes at Como. She acknowledged that “a lot of vocal participants in the change process have come out of St. Anthony Park.”

But she strongly denied that these parents formed any sort of special interest group. “If people listen to the discourse, they would hear a committed group of parents who want a better school for everybody.”

Magnuson said the parents she knows feel “no sense of victory” over the impeding departure of Eichten. She looks forward to “a fresh start, moving ahead” and said that “a different style of leadership will lead in different directions.”

Not everyone shares Magnuson’s optimism. Steve Heckler is a former long-time resident of Como Park who now lives in Minneapolis. He was a Como High parent for eight years and is a former chair of the school’s Parent Advisory Committee.

Heckler is forthright in his support of Eichten. “Communications have always been open at Como,” he said. He described the February 1 meeting as “not constructive,” adding, “It seemed as if it was about anger, scapegoating, finger-pointing and vengeance. The meeting was about appeasing angry people.”

For many teachers at Como, the real pain has come from the blow to the school’s reputation. Nancy Carpenter is chair of the math department. “Very little of the good we’ve done has reached the public,” she said. “We have strong academics. Test scores are rising and discipline problems are dropping. I think the communication issues got out of hand. Everything snowballed.”

Steve Vaerst, a math teacher in his fourth year at Como, described the school as “wonderful compared to suburban schools” where he formerly taught. “There’s overall more support here—both collegial support and administrative.”

Colin Marsh has taught at Como for seven years. A member of the staff working group that organized last spring’s listening sessions, Marsh believes that scheduling inflexibility may have been an unintended consequence of the admirable goal of treating all students fairly.

“In an effort to treat all students with equity, we treated them all equally,” he said. “It’s not the same thing.”

Equal treatment led to friction when some students were forced to forgo specialized courses in music or other electives because they had to make room in their schedules for mandatory courses that the students—and their parents—felt were unnecessary.

A required introductory course called Como Connections, which taught career exploration and keyboarding skills, was particularly irksome. As a result of the improvement process over the past year, Marsh said, some requirements, including Como Connections, have been eased.

“For the kids,” he said, “programming flexibility has improved. Students now have options.”

That sentiment may be the only thing that everyone—parents, teachers and administration—inolved in the Como conflict can agree on.
Parents join February 28 rally for schools

by Lisa Steinmann

“What if education had all the funding it needed, and the military had to hold a bake sale?” That bumper sticker sums up the feelings of many supporters of public education.

In an effort to get PTA members out of the house and into the streets, various organizations and the St. Paul Public Schools will hold a rally on February 28, at 5 p.m. on the steps of the State Capitol. The purpose of the rally is to join voices in demanding that the state legislature make full funding for Minnesota public schools a priority.

The St. Paul Public Schools have created an Educational Action Team to facilitate political action on behalf of schools. The district has also joined forces with the Network of Education Action Teams, an independent St. Paul organization formed in 1999 to unite and support parent organizations such as PTAs and site councils. Another activist group sponsoring the rally is Parents United for Public Schools, a nonpartisan statewide organization that advocates for quality public education.

The rally planned for February 28 was preceded by meetings for the public such as Advocacy 101: Making a Difference, and Straight Talk, a discussion about state government and public school budgets.

Parent groups at Como Elementary, St. Anthony Park Elementary, Murray Junior High and Como High School will send buses to the rally. Parking will be available in the upper lot of St. Paul College, 235 Marshall Avenue, and at the Rondo Educational Center, 360 Concordia Avenue. Shuttle buses will run from there to the capitol before and after the rally.

Specific information about a particular school’s involvement can be obtained from that school. Information on the rally is available at the St. Paul Public Schools Web site: www.spps.org. The site offers detailed information on the legislative agenda approved by the School Board in November 2004, a summary of district student achievement and links to legislators.
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Rock-Teenn from 6
the Green Institute collaborated with some other sponsors last spring on a one-day Eco-
Industrial Workshop that examined energy generation as a component of planning the 
Midway area's long-term growth. Participants cited the plans for biotechnical research in 
St. Anthony Park/Midway as an advantage in seeking financing for energy projects. They also 
described an existing printing and publishing industry that could be further developed to 
take advantage of Rock-Teenn's paper recycling, both as a disposal site and as a packaging 
source.
The workshop report, written by the Green Institute's Michael Krause, notes that "it is uncertain whether Rock-Teenn would be willing to commit to 20-year contracts for steam although such contract terms, or alternative 20-year strategies, will need to be in place for the financing of new energy generation. If Rock-Teenn locks into a steam contract for 10 years but relocates thereafter, the area is unlikely to find another industrial user with the same heavy steam requirements."
The report also points out that University Avenue is at the front of the line for new rapid transit, and that the neighborhoods along transit lines become attractive for developing housing and retail.

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Playground from 1
The design will then be taken to the full council for approval on March 10. Work will begin in the fall.
At the January 26 meeting, Marty Wolf, past Booster Club president, said that a proposal for this project was first submitted to the city three years ago. He noted that in 1998 the mayor named Langford as one of the 10 worst play areas in the city.
This year the Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) request for this project was approved and the money made available for Langford.
The improvement of the Langford play area is one of 12 initiatives identified by the SAPLINING master plan.
SAPLINING's (St. Anthony Park Langford Initiative for a Neighborhood Good) was an ad hoc group of city representatives, neighborhood organizations and local residents.
In 2000, SAPLINING held meetings with various groups in St. Anthony Park as well as two community meetings. They sought ideas and consensus for improvements and care of the entire Langford Park area.
SAPLINING identified 12 initiatives, which became the Langford Park Master Plan. Two recent projects, the new play area by the elementary school and the sidewalk along the edge of the park between the school and the playground building, were a part of this plan.

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Muffuletta promotes charitable causes

by Dave Healy

Two March 6 events will showcase Muffuletta Café’s commitment to worthy causes.

An art sale, silent auction and special dinner will take place at the restaurant, 2260 Como Avenue in Milton Square. Proceeds will go to St. Anthony Park Elementary School’s art program.

On the same evening, JD Fratzke, Muffuletta’s executive chef, will participate in Flavors of Minnesota, a benefit for the American Liver Foundation that will be held at the Radisson Plaza in Minneapolis.

The art sale at Muffuletta represents a collaboration between the restaurant and some 17 artists who donated artworks for a silent auction. The event will help fund the continuing work of art specialists at St. Anthony Park Elementary. Artists donated one work for the auction, with all of the proceeds going to the school. Another work from each artist will be sold at a fixed price, with half of the proceeds going to the school and half to the artist.

Principal Andrea Dahms of St. Anthony Park Elementary noted that this contribution is especially appreciated by the school because it will help fund people, not materials. “The funds will benefit not only this year’s students but future students as well,” she said.

The silent auction began February 11, when the art went on display at the restaurant. Bidding and sales will conclude on March 6, with Muffuletta’s Sunday Night Supper. The prix fixe menu is $30 per person, of which $10 will be donated to the school.

A reception with the artists and head for things at the restaurant, then head for downtown Minneapolis, where he will join other premier chefs from the Twin Cities area who are participating in the American Liver Foundation’s fourth annual Flavors of Minnesota, a benefit to raise funds to promote liver health and find a cure for diseases of the liver.

This is Fratzke’s second year donating his services for this benefit. He will create a five-course dinner, prepared tableside, with a menu developed specially for this event.

The dinner starts at 5 p.m. at the Radisson Plaza, 35 S. 7th Street in Minneapolis. Tickets are $250 per seat and may be ordered by phone (952-854-6181) or e-mail: minnesota@liverfoundation.org.
Arts Events
Music in the Park Series presents "John Dowland and His Contemporaries: Lute Music in Early 17th-Century England," featuring internationally renowned lutenist Nigel North. The concert takes place at Hamline University's Sundin Music Hall on March 18 at 8 p.m. Tickets ($20 general, $17 seniors, $12 students) are available in advance (292-3268) and at the door.

Turner (viola) and Anthony Ross (cello), along with local pianist Lydia Artymsiv and soprano Maria Jette. They will play music by Martinu, Debussy, Kurtag and Schumann. Performances are at 7 p.m. on March 4 and 5, and at 2 p.m. on March 6. Tickets are $7. Reduced tickets will be sold during student lunches the week of the performances. For more information or to volunteer, contact Lisa Schibel at lisa.schibel@spps.org.

Library
The St. Anthony Park Library will host two events in March that are sponsored by the Friends of the Saint Paul Library. On March 16 at 7 p.m. Margaret Manderfeld, a local attorney who witnessed some of the "public hearings in South Africa, will introduce the third film in a series put on by Friends of the Library and Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights. "Long Night's Journey into Day: South Africa's Search for Truth and Reconciliation" focuses on four cases heard by the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Murray Junior High School will present "Into the Woods," with a student-written and directed prologue, at the school. Performances are at 7 p.m. on March 4 and 5, and at 2 p.m. on March 6. Tickets are $7. Reduced tickets will be sold during student lunches the week of the performances. For more information or to volunteer, contact Lisa Schibel at lisa.schibel@spps.org.

Parish Dinner
The Church of St. Cecilia invites friends and neighbors to its annual parish dinner on Sunday, March 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the church basement. The dinner features roast turkey and all the trimmings. Cost is $8; children 8 and under eat free. The event also includes a raffle and silent auction.

The church is located at 2357 Bayless Place, just north of the intersection of University and Cleveland Avenues.

Tax Assistance
Lyngblomsten Community Center (1298 Pascal St.) will offer free tax help for seniors and low-income taxpayers every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through mid-April. Call 632-9330 to schedule an appointment with an AARP volunteer.

Recreation News
Summer sports registration will take place March 28-April 15 at Langford Rec Center for T-ball, nearball, softball and baseball. Two free events will take place in March at Langford. On Tuesday, March 22, a Spring Celebration Party for ages 12 and under will be held from 4:30-6 p.m. Activities include an egg hunt, petting zoo, face painting and refreshments.

Maple Sugar Camp
On Sunday, March 6 from noon to 4 p.m., Gibbs Museum interpreter Paul Red Elk will lead a study and demonstration of maple sugaring. Visitors will learn about an early sugar camp overseen by Cloud Man's band of Dakota on the shores of Lake Calhoun.

Home and Garden Show
The 14th annual Greater Midway Home & Garden Show will be held March 19 at Crossroads Elementary School, 543 Front Avenue. Workshops run from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The exhibit hall is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

Exhibitors' booths and workshops cover home financing options, home improvement contractors and vendors, and gardening information.

Audubon Society
The St. Paul Audubon Society will sponsor a talk by Dr. Francie Cuthbert at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 10 at Fairview Community Center, 1910 W. County Road B in Roseville.

Dr. Cuthbert, who has studied waterbirds in the Great Lakes region for 30 years, will describe efforts to protect the piping plover. Through intensive conservation efforts, some 54 pairs now breed in this area each summer. The event is free and open to the public.
Award Program. The Triple "A" to represent Region 3AA in the and Felicia Busch.

Matthew Busch

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Connie Bernady (left) and Rep.

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Rev. Norman Broadbent of Falcon Heights United Church of Christ served as chaplain for a
day at the Minnesota House of Representatives earlier this year. He is pictured below with Assistant Minority Leader
Connie Bernady (left) and Rep. Alice Haasen (right).

Falcon Heights teenager
Matthew Busch tied for first
place in the 2005 Roseville
Human Rights Commission
Essay Competition. His essay,
written as an assignment in his
eighth-grade honors
social studies class at
Roosevelt Area
Middle School, responded to
the question "Have you experienced or witnessed discrimination?"

Matthew's essay focused on
discrimination against Native Americans in northern Minnesota during the early
1980s, written by his mother.

The 14-year-old won $50
and will have his essay entered in a
groove contest. He read his
essay at the February 28 Roseville
City Council meeting, which was
broadcast live on Channel 16.

Matthew is the son of Kevin
and Felicia Busch.

Drew Henry, a senior at Como Park High School, was selected to represent Region 3AA in the
Academics, Arts and Athletics Awards Program. The "Triple A"
The Birdman of Lauderdale

by Clay Christensen

The first time I went on a bird-watching field trip, the leader pointed out a sparrow and I thought, “Yeah, so what? Sparrows are a dime a dozen.”

But he wasn’t pointing to the common English house sparrow. He was pointing to a field sparrow, one of more than 15 species of native sparrows regularly found in Minnesota.

I was surprised to learn that day that there are over 300 different birds you can see in Minnesota throughout a typical year.

The best way to learn more about the birds around you is to get out there and look for them. And do it with someone who knows what you’re looking at. That is, sign up for a bird-watching field trip.

You can find information about birding field trips from many sources, including several Audubon societies and bird clubs in the Twin Cities. Many of the regional parks offer field trips through their nature centers. Check their Web sites for further details. City and county Web sites also have information on parks and nature centers.

If you’re hesitant about meeting new folks, find a friend to sign up with you. Most birdwatchers are polite, helpful people, glad to have newcomers try out their hobby and eager to help you learn to hear, see and identify birds.

As you consider a specific trip, look for answers to the following questions:

- Is the trip intended to include folks at your experience level?
- What’s the group size? If it’s a large group, will there be more than one guide? A good rule of thumb is one guide for every ten participants.
- How demanding is the terrain? Are the pathways paved, woodchips, improved earth or “rustic”? Are there stairs involved?
- Most birding trips start early in the morning. So, prepare for the trip with the coolness and dampness of the morning in mind. Dress as though it’s going to be 25 degrees colder than the forecasted afternoon high temperature. You’re going to be standing around a lot, listening and looking, and even walking will be at a slow pace.
- Since there’s usually dew on the grass in the morning, and since you may want to leave the trail to get a better look at that intriguing bird you’ve heard, be sure your footwear is waterproof. You’ll be on your feet most of the trip, so your shoes or boots should be comfortable.
- If a sunny day is forecast, choose a hat with a wide brim or bill. In winter, brim choices will be secondary; go for warmth. Bring a backpack to carry your rain gear in case the weather turns bad.

Bring along a field guide if you have one. It should fit in a pocket or fanny pack so it’s readily accessible. Others will have field guides, so having your own isn’t required on your first trip.

Again, compare the guides others have brought to see what looks good to you. Ask for their opinions of different field guides. Does the guide use photos or paintings? Is the descriptive text for the bird near the illustration? On the trip, try to stay with the group. Don’t push ahead to always be at the front of the pack. Listen more than you talk, but don’t be afraid to ask questions.

If the guide is pointing out a bird but you don’t see it, say so. Take a reasonable amount of time to try to locate it, but don’t hold up the entire group. There will be other opportunities.

In most cases, you’ll hear a bird sing or chirp before you see it. Listening is key to becoming better at finding birds. On a field trip, you can begin to link the sounds to the bird. And that’s part of the learning experience you’re looking for. Learn to recognize the chirps and calls that get the leader’s attention. Then, even if you don’t see the bird this time, you’ll know next time.

Birdwatching is, after all, an opportunity to learn for a lifetime.
St. Anthony Park Community Foundation affiliates with Saint Paul Foundation

by Dave Healy

The St. Anthony Park Community Foundation, formed in 1998 as St. Paul’s only neighborhood-based charitable foundation, has announced an affiliation with the Saint Paul Foundation.

According to Jon Schumacher, Community Foundation executive director, they hope they alliance will enable them to make more grants, tackle larger community issues and gain important credibility.

“Our mission is to nurture our community assets,” said Community Foundation Board Chair Julie Causey. “Our affiliation with the Saint Paul Foundation will establish us as the primary organization to which residents and former residents of our neighborhood can give back and insure a legacy.”

The affiliation agreement came after a year of discussion among the St. Anthony Park Foundation board, followed by negotiations with the Saint Paul Foundation.

Carleen Rhodes, president of the Saint Paul Foundation, characterized the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation as an excellent resource with great potential for philanthropic work in the neighborhood.

“It is exciting to see philanthropic leadership from neighborhoods within the larger community in which we all live and work. When we’re close to the issues that affect our neighborhoods, we have a greater ability to have meaningful impact with our gifts,” said Rhodes.

Over the past seven years, the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation has awarded 32 grants totaling over $80,000 to area educational, environmental and health care nonprofit organizations and initiatives. The Saint Paul Foundation has assets of about $678 million, and provided grants totaling $36 million in 2004. The partnership means that the St. Paul Foundation will manage funds for the Community Foundation.

Schumacher said the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation will retain its name and continue to work on projects “important to the residents of District 12, the north and south St. Anthony Park business communities, and the diverse range of citizens—from seniors to artists, from students to children—who make up our corner of St. Paul.”

“The health of any city is a direct reflection of the well-being of its communities,” said Causey. “This is certainly true of St. Paul, a city defined by its neighborhoods. The St. Anthony Park Community Foundation is proud to play a part in the long Minnesota tradition of community empowerment. Working together with the Saint Paul Foundation, we can maintain that unique vitality that makes our neighborhood one of the jewels of the Twin Cities.”

More information about the two organizations can be obtained from their Web sites: www.sapfoundation.org and www.santpaulfoundation.org.

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Grant Application Forms:
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Grant size:
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Questions:
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A look behind U doors

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• Ino Tep March 7, 8pm
• Open Mic with Bill Houserd March 6, 8pm

• Bill Cagle's Old Time Music Show March 7, 7pm
• Pat Shemesh Show March 11, 8pm
• Monday Jazz March 13, 8pm
• Bovely Bovd March 14, 8pm
• Open Mic March 20, 8pm
• Red Brick Jazz March 21, 8pm

• Jon Honen March 25, 7pm
• Bluegrass and Oldtime Jam Session March 16, 6pm

• Bill Cagle's Old Time Music Show March 10, 7pm
• Pat Shemesh Show March 11, 7pm

New Folk Collective
293-9021
• Joanne Edwards March 25, 7:30pm
University of Minnesota St. Paul Student Center

Music in the Park Series
St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 645-5699
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• Fireworks, Turners, Bros, and Imagine Quarterly, with Maria Iron March 20, 6pm

• Music in the Park Family Concerts
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 645-5699

• Indian Music and Folklites March 11, 6:15 and 7:30pm

Seabirch Club Early Music Series
St. Olaf College, 645-9380

• Luenig Violin March 9, 8pm

Conso Park High School
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• Microphone Vocal Jazz Group and Rock Ensemble March 5, 6-7:30pm

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• Osher Yom, Brod, and Jazz Ensemble March 8, 7pm

• Jazz Ensemble at the Dakota in Minneapolis March 13, 7pm (This performance will be broadcast March 26 at 9:30pm on KSJN)

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15 Tuesday
• Free blood pressure clinic: 9:30 a.m. St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program at the Community Room, 890 Cromwell; 10 a.m. at the Coffee Grounds, 1579 Hamline Ave.
• St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program board of directors meeting, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
• Spring Formal Solo Musical Recital at the Falcon Heights City Council, 7:30 p.m.

16 Wednesday
• Stories, songs and discussions of the life story, “Long Night’s Journey Into Day: Goodnight, Micawber,” 7:30 p.m. St. Anthony Park Library.
• St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program board of directors meeting, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church library, 7 p.m.
• Community Center for Seniors (603-8946), St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. Free blood pressure clinic by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 11-11:45 a.m.

17 Thursday
• Feel Good Night at the Falcon Heights City Council, 7 p.m.
• Women’s Connection, a women’s networking organization (603-543-7132), noon-4 p.m.
• St. Anthony Park Library, 6:30 p.m.

18 Friday
• Falcon Heights Block Nurse Board of Directors meeting, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
• Spring Formal Solo Musical Recital at the Falcon Heights City Council, 7:30 p.m.
• Great Decisions discussion, St. Anthony Park Library, 7-9 p.m.

19 Saturday
• Comedy Night, St. Anthony Park Music and Movement for Children, St. Anthony Park Library, 7 p.m.
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• St. Anthony Park Community Council Environment Committee, So. High Rise (825 Seal St.), 1:15 p.m.

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March Calendar

1 Tuesday
• History Fun Day: trick or treating of students’ favorite projects, 6-8 p.m. at Murray Junior High
• Falcon Heights Elementary School annual blood and organ donation winter concert, 4-6 p.m.

4 Friday
• Social Bowen Foundation, 6-9 p.m.
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Aging Gracefully

by Mary Jo Terason

In one short week earlier this year, two great Americans died: Arthur Miller and Ossie Davis. Both dared to make a living through art—a brave choice in itself—and both copped to convictions that created personal and professional risk. Ossie Davis undertook civil rights activism and antiwar activities that made him the target of more than one FBI probe, and Arthur Miller organized his popular following. “Death of a Salesman” (nself a critique of the “American dream” of financial success) by writing “The Crucible,” an ostensible tale of the Salem witch trials that was actually an allegory for the McCarthy era. Both men were in their 80s when they died, and both were continuing to work at their art and their activism.

I was fortunate enough to be in my car at the right time on the day after each man died to hear both of them in taped NPR interviews discussing activism and artistic expression. And what I heard clearly from both was that they believed this: They could not have been who they were and achieved what they achieved if they had not been passionate about the causes they championed. They could not have been artists—or at least the artists that they became—if they had not been activists. This strikes me deeply, because it seems to me that the “McCarthy era” is being repeated in our country’s history today. The freedom to think, write, dream and act in a manner consistent with one’s conscience has never been more at risk than it is now. I am not referring only to the passage of the Patriot Act (what a minnow!) and the attitude of the current administration that what American business wants, the world shall get—no matter what the consequences to human or other forms of life.

This is just the tip of the iceberg. The lack of freedom I refer to is the daily kind—where people go to jobs they dislike day after day and support things they don’t believe in because “everybody else” does or because they don’t want to lose the income or benefits provided by the job.

I know someone who works at a well-known local corporation that makes land mines. She laughingly refers to her place of work as “Bombs R Us.” But she doesn’t believe she can find as good a job elsewhere—and she may be right—so she continues to do something every day that she believes to be wrong.

How much does the daily grind of something you know is wrong destroy your essence, your heart, your soul? How many truths unspoken will permanently damage your ability to tell your truth? Is the fact that Miller and Davis refused to live “inside the iceberg” the real reason they lived so long?

We are free to buy what we like, inherent in a capitalist economy. We are free to go on vacation where we wish, live in the home of our choice, so we begin to accept the idea that our affluence is freedom.

When you compare the lifestyle of the average American to that of, say, the average Eastern European, the yielogism is even more seductive.

On the other hand, enough Russians were uper with the obviously contrived results of their recent national election that when a new election was held. But despite deep-seated doubts about the authenticity of the recent presidential election, there was no widespread rioting here. Everyone just watched the election results on their personal color TVs and complained.

Our country’s health and that of its citizens is inextricably entwined. It scares me to think that many of us have given up on America. And so, last respects to two great Americans who never gave up on their country—Ossie Davis and Arthur Miller.

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Lives Lived

Natalie S. Gallagher

Natalie S. Gallagher died January 30 at age 82. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert, and a sister, Ethel Brown. She is survived by children Jean Rausinionja, Colleen (Robert) Juntula and Dehl (Donna) Gallagher; grandchildren Evan, Natalie, Brian, Brad and Andrew; sister Marion (Don) Sederstrom; and nieces, nephews, many relatives and friends. A memorial service was held February 5 at St. Michael’s Lutheran Church in Roseville.

Lisa K. Hedberg

Lisa K. Hedberg, 49, of St. Anthony Park, died December 20, 2004 in New Orleans of complications from multiple myeloma. Lisa was born in Kanakee, Illinois, and moved with her parents to St. Paul in 1968. She graduated from Murray High School and the Minnesota School of Business.

She lived and worked in New Orleans for over 20 years as a legal secretary for the McNulty & O’Connor law firm. She is survived by her parents, Marlin and Opal of St. Anthony Park, and sisters Nancy of Vancouver, British Columbia, and Teri of Paris, France. Memorial services were held at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church on January 18, 2005.

Alice D. Ott

Alice D. Ott (nee Quist) died at the age of 85. ‘Grandma Alice’ was a resident of St. Anthony Park for 47 years and a member St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church for 49 years.

Born in Chisago City on May 4, 1919, Alice grew up in Robbinsdale. She graduated from North High School in Minneapolis in 1937. She served in WWII as a chief petty officer in the SPARS. She was a graduate of the U of M, where she earned a master’s degree in sociology. She married Robert Ott in 1951.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Ernest, and a sister, Lorraine Lee. She is survived by sisters Louise McLaughlin; sons Donald (Lori), Leonard (Susan) and Raymond (Armella); grandchildren Rachel, January, Samantha, Jeremy, Jennifer, Joshua, Heather, Chrissy and Ashley; great-grandchildren Trevor, Luke, Zack and Elisa; nieces Carol (Ken) Kider and Cindy Bruno, and nephews Ron Lee, Roger Lee (Iritia Azary), Warren (Kathy) McLaughlin, Jim (Peggy) McLaughlin and John (Mara) McLaughlin. A funeral service was held February 2, 2005 at the Johnson-Peterson Funeral Home in St. Paul.
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gave advice and friendship. The day the adoption was finalized, Henry developed a painful tooth problem. Dr. Frank Sengupta at Schneider Drug offered much help with the pain afterward.

Dr. Roy Harrisville and Pastor Amy Thoren from St. Anthony Park Lutheran visited the family, bringing a spiritual comfort in a language (German) familiar to the Bontragers. It was truly a community effort supporting the family from Michigan.

Finally, on December 18, after the last bureaucratic hurdle had been cleared, Henry, Lydia and Nathan headed back to their family from Michigan. Mary Mengenthal knows that she took a chance letting strangers into her home, but she says it's a chance she would take again. The Bontragers remain in close contact with Mary. Someday, she hopes to visit them in Michigan.

Mary learned a great deal about the Amish faith and way of life. Plus, her decision to make two strangers "fit" with the lifestyle she'd had with Jennings. She gained not only a new family member but also a host of new friends.

Marjorie continued, "The day the adoption was presented to the church, the congregation was truly excited. They had gained not only a new family member but also a host of new friends.

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As far as Henry's uncles, they were happy to have him join them. He would have wanted me to take him in and would have done just the same himself, given the chance."