MGM angers Como Park neighbors

by Roger Bergerson

Fences, observed the poet Robert Frost, are important to neighborly relations. That's certainly proving true in the Como Park neighborhood.

In November, MGM Wine & Spirits removed a barrier separating its operations on the southwest corner of Lexington and Larpenteur avenues from the neighborhood to the south, angering residents and prompting the city of St. Paul to initiate legal action.

The city will seek an injunction in Ramsey County District Court requiring MGM to reinstall the fence along the parking lot that serves its retail store at 1102 W. Larpenteur Ave. and corporate headquarters at 1124 W. Larpenteur Ave. A hearing date has not been set.

In the meantime, neighbors say the teardown created safety concerns and diminished the general quality of life for those living near MGM. Moreover, they are apprehensive about the liquor chain's long-term site improvement plans.

"MGM is acting like the neighborhood bully," said Maya Kuratomi, who lives at 1105 W. California Ave., directly across the alley from the retail store. "Their actions show a lack of respect for our neighborhood and community."

MGM operates about three dozen liquor stores in Minnesota and is owned by FTL Corporation of Woodbury. FTL's president and chief executive officer is Jack Lanners, who currently chairs the Metropolitan Airports Commission.

Paul Sumer, MGM vice

Behind the shelves at Speedy

by Max Stevenson

Tim and Tom's Speedy Market is a St. Anthony Park institution. Its location, between Highway 280 and the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota, ensures that the aisles are always bustling and the registers always ringing.

But geography alone can’t explain local residents’ devotion to their neighborhood grocery store. A major factor that sets Speedy apart is its range of products — from Asian pears to polenta — which other small local groceries simply can’t match.

To keep their offerings up to date, Tom Spriggl and Tim Faacks, Speedy's co-owners, stay abreast of what's happening in the world of food retail. Vendors also recommend products that might interest Speedy's customers.

So how would Spriggl describe the typical Speedy customer he stocks for?

"First off," he says, "it's a very educated, sophisticated neighborhood. People read, study and follow trends. That makes my job easier. I can try items like tahini, which even I had never heard of before." 

The neighborhood is also

Speedy Market to 4
Lauderdale
Lauderdale and Falcon Heights residents are invited to a workshop on March 17 to learn about using native plants to design, plant and maintain rainwater gardens, downspout gardens and boulevard plantings. Workshop participants will see examples of successful gardens, with step-by-step presentations on designing and planting their own. Technical experts will answer questions following small-group sessions on each type of garden. Handouts will be distributed on garden design, plant selection, planting guidelines and maintenance tips.

Workshop is free, but advance registration is required. To register, contact Ann Heyer, Ramsey Conservation District: ann.heyer@co.ramsey.mn.us, 266-7271.

St. Anthony Park
Elections for the board of the St. Anthony Park Community Council will be held Tuesday, April 8. Terms begin in May. Board members have general responsibility for governance of the organization, including planning, financing and policy decisions. Applications are available at www.sapcc.org or by calling 649-5992. The application deadline is March 17.

The new St. Paul City Council member for Ward 4, Russ Stark, will meet neighbors at an open house, 6:30-7:30 p.m. on March 13, preceding the St. Anthony Park Community Council's regular monthly board meeting. The event will be at South St. Anthony Recreation Center, 890 Cromwell Ave. Candidates for the community council board will also be present. Refreshments will be provided.

The Community Council’s Environment Committee will host a public forum about Hampden Park from noon to 2 p.m. on March 15 at South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center, 890 Cromwell Ave. Plans for trees, stormwater management and other improvements will be discussed.

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When members of the Saint Paul Vocal Forum were getting ready to perform “Immigration: A Choral Forum on the Movement of People” last year, a discussion developed within the group about the underlying current of racism that runs through any mention of this inflammatory subject.

Director David Ryan Moberg said he felt “compelled to explore this topic because of so much evidence of either outright racism or ethnic tension in the news.” The result is “Fear and Love: A Choral Forum on Racism,” which will be presented at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church on Saturday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m.

The “fear” section of the program looks at the roots of racism and how the fear of losing power, control or economic advantage is the underlying impetus for hatred and racism. The choral pieces—including Rogers and Hammerstein’s “You’ve Got To Be Carefully Taught,” Lewis Allen’s “Strange Fruit,” and “The Famine Song” by the a cappella group VIDIX—talk about the “learned” nature of racism, the sometimes fatal results of racism and ethnic tension, and how racism is used as justification for economic advantage over others.

The second half of the program looks at love as the antidote to fear. “Love, in my view, is the absence of fear,” said Moberg. “Love looks away from and beyond itself, reaching out to all that is different or other than itself.”

The center point of the “love” part of the program is a song cycle by Morten Lauridsen, using love poems by Rainer Maria Rilke as text, called “Les Chansons des Roses.” “Nigra Sum” is based on the Song of Solomon, the great love poem from the Bible, and Twin Cities composer Ray Makeever.

Vocal Forum concert tackles racism
by Michelle Christianson

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It may not be time yet to put seeds in the ground — even indoors — but for those who want a community garden plot, the deadlines are falling fast.

The garden on the north side of Robbins Street, beside the Burlington Northern tracks, is run by volunteers and overseen by the St. Anthony Park Community Council. Each vegetable plot is 15 by 20 feet, and there is a $20 annual fee. There are also flower plots along the fence facing the street, approximately 10 by 3 feet. There is no charge for a flower bed.

Anyone wanting a plot at the St. Anthony Park Community Garden should hurry. Applications are due February 28. Gardeners must also attend the annual meeting at 9 a.m. on March 22 at St. Anthony Park Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave. Applications are available at Hampden Park Coop, or by contacting the Community Council: garden@sapcc.org. Plots are assigned in the order applications are received.

The Falcon Heights Community Garden, newly established last year, also has a few plots available. The garden is in Community Park, at the corner of Cleveland and Roselawn avenues. Plots are 10 by 12 feet and cost $25 for the season. Priority will be given to Falcon Heights apartment and townhome dwellers. If spaces are still available, other Falcon Heights residents will be allowed, followed by non-Falcon Heights residents.

For an application, contact Justin Miller (792-7611, justin.miller@falconheights.org) by March 7.
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Aran Usman, a sophomore at Como Park High School, is tall, with a long black skirt that has eyes that gaze steadily from beneath her silky black headscarf.

She says she likes working with money and numbers and would like to be her own boss some day. Her plan is to study business and economics after high school, perhaps at Mankato State University.

Ayan Usman, a sophomore at Como Park High School, is tall, with a long olive-green skirt and shoes that catch the eye of her science teacher, Robyn Asher, who told Usman that she thought she could handle a more challenging biology class and that she should also sign up with the AVID program.

The AVID program (Advancement Via Individual Determination) provides average students with special classes, teachers and support during the school day so that they are challenged to become above-average students.

Usman says she finds AVID helpful because it teaches students how to take better notes and offers tutorials. Plus, she says, “the teachers push you.”

The AVID site team at Como includes coordinator Laufenberg, guidance counselor Laufenberg, and the two world language teachers Mesick, math teacher Rosemary Hofel, world language teacher Suzanne Simon and Kathy Herrema-Johnson, and the two teachers who teach AVID electives: Robyn Asher (science) and Kirsten Meiner (English). All are trained and certified by AVID.

Tutors provide another key component to the AVID program, many of them volunteers. They work with students on Tuesday and Thursdays. College student Christopher Pleasants got involved because he was looking for a job with college access programs.

“I want to have a career in working with college access programs when I graduate,” he says. “It’s where my passion lies.”

Pleasing, a graduate of St. Paul Central High School, says, “You are starting to see more minorities in challenge classes because of the AVID program. I think that is a really positive change.”
Recreation
Falcon Heights Parks and Recreation will offer several classes beginning in March. All classes will be held at City Hall. To register, call 792-7616 or visit www.falconheights.org.

Aerobic Kickboxing: Tuesdays, 6:15-7 p.m., March 18–April 22. $45 res./$50 nonres.

Eggstravaganza: Craft class for ages 2–5 and an adult, March 14, 1:15–2:15 p.m. $9 res./$11 nonres. Ages 6–12, March 14, 10–11 a.m. $12 res./$14 nonres.

Taekwondo: Ages 3–5, Tuesdays, 5–5:30 p.m., March 18–April 9. $25 res./$30 nonres. Ages 6–adult, Tuesdays, 5:30–6:15 p.m., March 18–April 22. $45 res./$50 nonres.

Gardening

The 17th annual Greater Midway Home & Garden Show will take place Saturday, March 29, at Crossroads Elementary School, Front and Dale. Workshops will run from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and the exhibit hall will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call 486-1059.

Raptor Center
The Raptor Center’s spring lecture series will feature the Bugle’s own Kristi Curry Rogers on Sunday, March 16, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Rogers, a paleontologist from Macalester College, will discuss the cutting edge of dinosaur science. The Raptor Center is located at 1920 Fitch Ave. on the U of M St. Paul campus.

Raptor Tails Story Time continues with sessions on March 11 (Raptor Beaks) and March 25 (Raptor Grossology). The program is geared towards ages 3–5 with an adult. Cost is $6 per family/child.

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Audubon Society
At the March 13 meeting of the St. Paul Audubon Society, Bill Stjern will talk about the data he has gathered over the past 35 years on the spring warbler migration observed at the Villa Maria in Frontenac, Minnesota. The social time will start at 6:45 p.m. and the program at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Fairview Community Center, 1910 W. County Road B in Roseville.

Arts Festival
Applications are being accepted for the St. Anthony Park Arts Festival, which will be held on June 7. To apply for this juried show, pick up a form at the St. Anthony Park Library or go to www.stanthonyparkartsfestival.org.

Model Trains
The Twin City Model Railroad Museum will host Northern Pacific Day on Sunday, March 9, from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is $4. Children under 5 are free. The museum is located in Baudela Square. For more information, call 647-9628 or visit www.xmnrt.org.

Water Quality Workshop
A free workshop — Winter Home and Watershed Care: Tending Your House, Yard and River — will be held on Thursday, March 13, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at St. Anthony Park Library. The workshop, sponsored by Friends of the Mississippi River and Forin Consulting, will feature information about the environmental effects of various winter home and yard maintenance options, as well as some spring and summer maintenance options.

Central Corridor
On Wednesday, March 5, from 5 to 8 p.m., Historic Saint Paul will host a community workshop on the history of the Central Corridor. The event will address the challenges of preserving historic and cultural resources along University Avenue while also promoting development that is expected to accompany construction of a LRT line linking downtown St. Paul and Minneapolis. The workshop will take place at 1080 University Ave. W.

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People
Como High School student Emma Lee competed in the state high school cross country meet on February 15. She is the first girl from Como ever to qualify for the state meet. Emma is the daughter of David and Elizabeth Lee of St. Anthony Park.
By Antonio Tong

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The second annual Read-A-Thon fundraiser is under way. A kick-off event on February 22 whetted appetites for the challenge—100,000 minutes of reading by March 16. That goal can be reached if each student in the school reads a minimum of 10 minutes a day.

This year's winners will be “Cooking up Success through Reading.” If the goal is met, principal Andrea Dahms has promised to be “lunch lady” for a day. A box lunch of Italian donuts will be served to each student.

An additional incentive is the promise of a pizza party at Langford Park on March 19 for the class that reads the most minutes.

In addition to establishing a daily reading habit, the Read-A-Thon is a fundraiser for the school. All profits will go to SAPSA, the school parents' teacher organization. SAPSA provides funding for field trips, an endowment, environmental learning projects and enrichment programs.

The school wishes to thank Park Midway Bank for designing February proceeds from a Park Polka Coffee Bar to support the Destination Imagination team. Teams of five or more members work to apply creativity and problem-solving skills to a team challenge, competing against other teams at regional and national conferences.

On February 11, SAPSA hosted a presentation by B.U.L.L.Y. (Building Understanding Love and Learning for Youth). The local organization promoted a clear definition of bullying and its effect on children. They introduced many to a new term, “cyber bullying,” spreading rumors using instant messaging, e-mail, chat rooms and Internet sites such as MySpace.

Students in grades 5–6 have been investigating areas of special interest and will present projects at the annual Science Fair on March 24. 6:30–7:30 p.m. Science teacher Jim Schmidtke will head a team of volunteer educators who give feedback and point to Science Fair participants.

Fifth-grade students, along with teachers Susan Pelflett and Max Lee and volunteer parents, will spend March 26–28 at YMCA Camp St. Croix near Hudson, Wisconsin. This annual tradition supports the school’s program in science and environmental learning.

Students will study and explore the open prairie, woodland ravines, pine forest and shoreline of the St. Croix River.

March events:
March 10: Site Council Meeting (5 p.m.), SAPSA (6:30 p.m.)
March 10: Fifth- and sixth-grade students, under the direction of music teacher Brad Ollmann, will perform at 7 p.m. with the Como High School choir at Como. March 19: Conferences (evening).
March 20: Conferences (daytime and evening).
Scholastic Book Fair is fundraiser for after-school learning programs in the library during conference.
March 20–21: No school.
March 27: Kindergarten orientation, 9 a.m.
March 29–April 6: Spring break.

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TCSG has hired Lynn Lindsay as their new director beginning this summer.

TCSG received an $80,000 Foreign Language Assistance Program grant. The school will use the money to improve the elementary program through curriculum development, professional development of staff, a strong fine arts program and native-speaking interns.

School board elections will take place May 15. Nominations for three board positions will be accepted through March 31. For more information about serving on the school board and a school board application packet, contact the school: 4927-706, info@germanschool-mn.org.

Murray Junior High
2089 Loring Ave., 295-8740
http://murrayeps.org

Four Murray students have been cast in the upcoming performance “Annie: Musical.” March 14, 15 and 16. The production includes music from many familiar Broadway musicals. The Friday and Saturday performances will begin at 7 p.m. The Sunday performance will be at 2 p.m. A music concert is scheduled for 7 p.m. on March 5.

Murray’s boys’ basketball team is 2–0, placing them at a tie for first place with Banks Creek, Capitol Hill and Fair Park. The girls’ basketball team (1–3) placed first in the conference.

The Murray Site Council will meet March 5 at 4 p.m. at the school. There will be no school on Friday, March 7, as teachers prepare for conferences in the following week.

Como Park Senior High
740 Rose Ave., 293-8780
http://comoshs.org

Como’s Music Department presented “The Mikado” on February 7, 8 and 10, directed by Carole Whitney. The cast included Eric Lee, George Lee, Matt Ronge, Nick Himer, Josephine Rose, Leth Kachile, Samantha Wilson, Jolani Darcy, Sydney Anderson, Chie Tong Hay, Melissa Berger, Lindsey Beidler, Deneen Brand, Alex Callan, Aubrey Korber, Sam-is-Baw-E, Lauren Nelson, Emma Rolles, Isabel Powers, Jene Shimuchan, Laff Vandendriess, Josie Young, and Sam Woodman.

Como welcomes several new teachers:
Mr. Higgen: Inaugurated full-time math teaching. She completed her student teaching in the fall.
Ms. Ryan: Began teaching full-time in special education. She previously taught fifth grade at Whitney Elementary.
Ms. Brown: Began teaching full-time in business. He continues in his role as technology support.
Ms. Diabaker: Began a long-term substitute assignment in social studies and English.
Como also welcomes new English teacher Adam Kunz and interpreter Dan Fan Bos.

Three Como students placed in the Martin Luther King Jr. essay contest.

Grace Hagelie won first prize and Ben Barnard won second prize in the ninth-grade essay category. In Van’s won first prize in the tenth-grade category. Congratulations to these students and also to the other Como students who submitted essays: Abdi Hassan, Brandy Harris, Alice Johnson, Sherry Khromavina, Gina Chang, and Peter Ojumbe.

Five students — Lauren Berger, Stephen B uncel, Makun Flyn, Emma Lee and Evelyn Rivera — advanced to the semifinal round in the Minnesota Brain Bee, a competition sponsored by the University of Minnesota to test students’ knowledge of the brain and neurosciences.

Middle School ADMISSION EVENTS
Sat., Feb. 23; 9:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.; grade 6-8 Tuition Free, $900 (grades 6-8)
Macnab H. S. 1519 20th Ave. E., 821-0100
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Readings
Thursday, March 20, 7 p.m. Micawber’s. Micawber’s staff members will talk about recent books they’ve read. Refreshments will be served.

Thursday, March 27, 7 p.m. Micawber’s, Laura Flynn (“Swallow the Ocean”).

Groups
Wednesday, March 5, 6:30 p.m. St. Anthony Park Library. St. Anthony Park Writers Group. All welcome.

Monday, March 10, 7 p.m. Micawber’s. Probers Book Group. “Neither Wolf nor Dog,” by Kent Nerburn. All welcome.


Micawber’s Bestsellers

American Life in Poetry


2007 - 2008
SKAMPA STRING QUARTET
with IVA BITTOVA, violist, viola
SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2008 - 4:00 P.M.
3 m: pre-concert discussion

The Skampa String Quartet has been winning friends for its adventurous playing and refreshing Czech-oriented repertoire since it was founded in 1996. Its composer and mentor, Iva Bittová, the Skampas have discovered a unique musical partner who sings and plays the violin strumming-free! Their all-Czech program will feature Janáček’s String Quartet No. 1 and Mozartian Folk Poetry in Songs, along with music and improvisation by Bittová.

THE CLAREMONT TRIO
VOICES, CELLO, PIANO
April 25, 2008 - 8:00 p.m. [late time]

ALL CONCERTS SUNDAYS AT ST. ANTHONY PARK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
3139 Commonwealth Ave., St. Paul
TICKETS/INFORMATION (651) 645-5699
Email: musicinthepark@kpohpa.com
Single Tickets: $10 Advance, $12 Door, $8 Students
Single tickets available at the Bible Shop & Micawber’s Bookstore in St. Anthony Park.
www.musicintheparkseries.org

Family Concerts 2008
All concerts Friday at 6:30 & 7:30 p.m.
“MAGIC OF CELTIC MUSIC”
March 2, 2008
Laura MacKenzie, wooden flutes, whistles, pipes, concertina
Andrew Myers, Irish step dancers
The vitality of Celtic winds and strings comes alive when Willow Tree—the duo of Laura MacKenzie and Andrew Myers—fills up to unmatched combination of instruments and vocals. Their rendition of traditional Irish and Scottish airs, songs, and dance tunes effortlessly transport, transport, and cheer.

“MYSTICAL ASIAN SOUNDS”
April 15, 2008
Gao Hong, pipa
Shulin Jiang, Hsiu-juan; Empal Jottupiter, Veena
St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church 19th-Carver Avenue, St. Paul
Tickets: $15 advance, $20 door - Recomend/Info: 651-645-5699

Music in the Park Series
2007 - 2008
Music

Ginkgo Coffeehouse
721 N. Snelling Ave., 645-2647
www.ginkgocoffee.com
Bluegrass and Oldtime Jam Session
March 26, 7pm
Open Stage
First and third Wednesdays
6pm sign-up
Johnsmith
February 28, 7:30pm
Julie Loyd
February 29, 8pm
Tony Wentersdorf CD release party
March 1, 7pm
Phil Heywood
March 7, 8pm
March 8
7pm, Stevie West
9pm, Grant Pederson
Jan Krist & Jim Bizer
March 13
7:30 pm
Dave & Jane Hemmesch
March 15, 7pm
March 22
7pm, Luke Hawley,
9pm, Machinery Hill
Fools of April showcase
March 29, 7pm
Coffee Grounds
1579 Hamline Ave.
644-9959, 373-2600
Bill Cagley's Roots Music Showcase
Every other Thursday, 7pm
Open mic with local Bill Hawley
Every other Sunday, 6pm
Steve Harlan Marks
March 1, 8pm
Ira's Jazz Quintet
March 7, 8pm
Roger Flyer
March 8, 8pm
Phil Rukavina
March 14, 8pm
Inish Mohr
March 15, 7pm
Heatherlyn
March 21, 8pm
Jaspar Lepak & "Sneaky Pete" Bauer
March 22, 7:30pm
Como Park High School
740 Rose Ave., 293-8800
Vocal Jazz Pasta Concert
March 6, 6:30pm
Joint concert with St. Anthony Park Elementary
March 10, 7pm
Murray Junior High School
2250 Larpenteur Ave., 293-8740
"Another Musical"
March 14, 7:30pm
March 16, 2pm
Music concert
March 3, 7pm
Music in the Park Series
St. Anthony Park UCC
2129 Commonwealth Ave.
645-5699
www.musicintheparkseries.org
Family Concert: Magic of Celtic Music
March 7, 6:15 & 7:30pm
St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church
2323 Como Ave., 645-0371
www.saplc.org
St. Paul Vocal Forum: "Fear and Love: Music Building Bridges across Racial Divides"
March 1, 7:30pm
Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra
with guitarist Bill McLaughlin
March 16, 7pm
Visual Arts

Goldstein Museum of Design
240 McNeal Hall, 1115 St. Paul
St. Paul Campus, 612-624-7434
Russel Wright: Living with Good Design
Through April 20
Larson Art Gallery
U of M Student Center
612-625-0214
Claire Rau, "Booby Trap"
March 6-April 3
Photographer Paula Carter, "Palms"
Undercroft Gallery
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
2136 Carter Ave., 645-3058
Community Art Show
March Calendar

1 Saturday
• Cribbage tournament, 1-4 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club, 2040 Como Ave. 644-5050. Every Monday.

2 Sunday
• 2nd Annual Round Robin Tournaments, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Falcon Heights City Hall, 1891 Wabasha St., 651-277-1005. Every Saturday.

3 Monday
• Jr. Chamber, 7 p.m. 890 Cromwell, 649-5992. Every Thursday.

4 Tuesday
• Cribbage and 500, the Falconers, 7 p.m. Falcon Heights City Hall, 1891 Wabasha St., 651-277-1005. Every Wednesday.

5 Wednesday
• English conversation class, 6:30 p.m. Falcon Heights City Hall, 1891 Wabasha St., 651-277-1005. Every Thursday.

6 Thursday
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11 Tuesday
• Falcon Heights city council, 7:30 p.m. City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave., 651-277-1005. Every Thursday.

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The Saint Anthony Park Community Foundation 2008 Grants Program

Deadline: Must be postmarked by Friday, March 14, 2008.
Eligible Organizations: Nonprofit organizations, neighborhood, and community-based groups serving the needs of the St. Anthony Park/District 12 area.
Grant Application Forms: Available on-line at sapfoundation.org or at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library.
Grant size: $5,000 maximum.

Questions: Contact Jon Schumacher at 651-641-2755 or on-line at jon@sapfoundation.org.

Announcing:...
Sarabeth Taylor Barnes
Sarabeth Taylor Barnes died January 28, 2008, in Bloomington, Minn., after a massive stroke on January 22. She was born April 1, 1923, in Richland, Ore. Sarabeth came out from the steep hills of Oregon for a master's degree in mathema- 
tics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, after earning her bachelor's degree at Oregon State University. She married Don Barnes in 1949 in Rosedale, Wis.

They moved to St. Paul in 1951, when Don started veterinary school. Sarabeth taught at Hamline University and the University of Minnesota, retiring from the University's General College in 1985. Sarabeth supported Don's dreams of woods and trees and even daisy cows at the rural Aitkin, Minn., home that they built and moved in to in 1992.

For many years, Sarabeth was secretary of the administra-
tive board of St. Anthony Park Methodist Church, around the corner from the family home on Knapp Street.

When Don died in 2006, Sarabeth moved to Bloomington's Friendship Village, where she made many dear friends, served on the residents council, was a leader of the book club, served on the committee at Sunday services and passionately wrote memoirs. She traveled often to Oregon and was active right up to the moment of her stroke.

She is survived by her son, Daniel Barnes, and daughter-in-

chronic illness, she was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Pate; two daughters, Cathy Barnes, and son-in-law, Daniel Barnes, and daughter-in-law, Ellen (Jim) Qa-sidy and Stacy Land.

He financed was held February 2, 2008, at St. Matthew's.

Kathryn Langenderfer
Kathryn (“Sis”) Langenderfer, age 87, of Como Park, died February 9, 2008.

She is survived by her sister, Karol (Roy) Arnoux of Minneapolis, and brother, Kendall (Pat) Benson of Anoka. She was preceded in death by her husband, Phil (1963); brother, Keith (Ruth) Benson, and nephew, Scott Benson.

Her funeral service was February 8, 2008, at Grace Church of Roseville, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery.

Gary Nowack
Gerhard (Gary) Nowack died January 28, 2008. He was born in Dortmund, Germany, in 1918. He was an avid runner and participated in pre-Olympic trials before joining the Nazis to the United States in 1938. A pair of Neubeck’s running shoes and his uniform are on display at the United States Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

After a brief stay in Brooklyn, where he discovered the Dodgers and his love of baseball, Gary continued his education and earned a B.A. from New York University, an M.A. from Northwestern University and an E.D. from Columbia University.

Gary and his family then moved to Minneapolis, where he began a long and distinguished career as a professor in the University of Minnesota Department of Family Social Sciences.

Neubeck was a pioneer in the field of human sexuality and was one of the first to explore the relationship of marriage and sex. Later, he went on to become chairman of the National Council on Family Relations and a consultant for the Minnesota Institute of Public Health, among other accomplishments.

Gary loved music and the arts and had a lifelong affinity for words and poetry. His life was infused with love of family and friends.

Gary and his wife, Ruth, took great pleasure in all the world people, meeting foreign students and friends to share their home and becoming part of their family. They also enjoyed traveling the world together and spreading the world of adoption to family and friends.

Gary is survived by Ruth, his wife of 67 years; daughter, Eva, and her partner, Laurie; son, Peter and his wife, Ronnie; daughter-in-law, Trina, and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Ralph. A service celebrating Gary’s life was held February 17, 2008, in McNeal Hall on the University of Minnesota’s St. Paul campus.

George Semling
George J. “Chuck” Semling, the Association Man, was born June 23, 1933, and died January 29, 2008, after knowing for just seven weeks that he had cancer. He died at home surrounded by his family.

Chuck was born in Fountain City, Wis., and after serving in the Navy he tried the lot of his life in St. Paul and Roseville. He was a member of Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Como Park. Chuck was loved by many and was happy doing things for others, including playing the accordion at several running home and many family gatherings. He loved being at the cabin on Big Marine Lake, where he kept the yard and beach looking like a park.

Chuck was born to Minnetonka, and brother, Kendall (Pat) Bensen of Anoka. He is survived by his wife, Marlene; two children, Karen (Mike) Pfenning and Peter and his wife, Bonnie; wife of 52 years, Marlene; two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Ralph.

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Susan Spalding

Susan Spalding, age 68, of Falcon Heights, died February 5, 2008, following a long illness. She was born in Rockford, Ill., and grew up at Champagne-Urbana. She earned degrees from the University of Illinois and the University of Minnesota.

She contributed work in common home economics, affordable housing education, clerical duties and retail sales. She volunteered at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, University of Minnesota Faculty Women’s Club and several St. Anthony Park organizations.

She is survived by her husband, Melvin J. Baughman. A memorial was held February 11, 2008, at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, preceded by burial on February 9 at Rainnwood Cemetery, Mound, Minn.

Lonne West

Lonne West, age 87, formerly of Falcon Heights, died January 13, 2008, in Aurora, Ill., after an extended illness. He was born on September 24, 1920, and was a longtime St. Paul area resident. He served in the army during WWII in the Philippines.

Lonne was an active member of Falcon Heights United Church of Christ and was involved with the Ramsey County Family Shelters.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mildred; two daughters, Linda (John) Ganos of Chandler, Ariz., and Barbara (Paul) Clemens of Aurora, Ill.; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Helen Bliss, of Fullerton, Colo., and James, of Falcon Heights; two granddaughters, and a sister, Helen Bliss, of Fullerton, Calif.

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Family friends were held January 30, 2008, at Roselle Memorial Chapel, with interment at Rainnwood Cemetery.

Thomas Utne

Thomas Utne, age 89, of Falcon Heights, died January 27, 2008, of prostate cancer and a stroke.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mildred; two daughters, Linda (John) Ganos of Chandler, Ariz., and Barbara (Paul) Clemens of Aurora, Ill.; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Helen Bliss, of Fullerton, Colo., and James, of Falcon Heights; two granddaughters, and a sister, Helen Bliss, of Fullerton, Calif.

Funeral services were held January 30, 2008, at Roselle Memorial Chapel, with interment at Rainnwood Cemetery.