Locavores track where their food comes from
by Anne Holzman

A really hungry person eating her way from Raymond and University up to Como and D Osweil could get very full, entirely on locally produced food.

And that’s what St. Anthony Park customers have been doing for, according to Spud’s Market manager Tom Speigl. “In this neighborhood I’ve been hearing about it for a really long time.”

A preference for organic foods has, for some consumers, given way to a preference for local, whether it’s organic or not. “Some do it in the interest of shortening shipping distances and thus reducing the amount of carbon dioxide pumped into the air for each calorie consumed.”

Many benefits are cited, though. Food quality, relationships with farmers, and conservation of land and water also motivate people to cut down on exotic imports.

Lois Braun, a University of Minnesota researcher who is developing hazelnuts as a new local crop, said that while she’s concerned about personal health, the sustainability of farms and natural resources takes priority.

“I’m much more motivated by environmental health,” Braun said. She doesn’t just want locally grown food; she’s also concerned about a single crop (corn) taking up too much land, and the mismanagement of land that would be more appropriate for grazing or other uses.

Her husband has led to a particularly nuanced preference: She likes her dairy products not only local but from cattle that are rotationally grazed, spending a short period in one field, then moving to another, allowing land to recover from their impact. She finds them by getting to know her producers.

“I would rather drink milk from rotationally grazed cows than organic, although most of them are organic,” Braun said.

Entomologist M. argot M. argot said it was field work in rural Minnesota a few years ago that got her started buying local products. She visited struggling farmers and “became intrigued with how some of them were living."

Interest turned into respect, then a desire to support a way of life that kept the land healthy. “It’s an evolution,” she said.

Many of the small farms that M. argot Braun and nearby businesses patronize are also using organic methods. Getting certified as an organic operation is expensive, M. argot said, so she develops

Traffic on Snelling stopped when ’32 Chevy ran wild
by Roger Bergerson

There was no reason to think that anything out of the ordinary was going to happen on that summer evening in 1938. Teenager Paul Anderson was doing his usual chores at the Texaco station at Snelling and Breda avenues, just south of Como Avenue. He pumped gas that sold for 20 cents a gallon, checked oil levels and cleaned windshields.

This was a busy commercial area 70 years ago. North of the station was Hencs Barber Shop and Painter’s Ice Cream Store. Further on, across Como, was a Standard Oil station, a roller skating rink in what had been the Como-Hecht’s Barbershop and Painter’s Ice Cream Store. Farther on, across Como, was a Standard Oil station, a roller skating rink in what had been the Como-Hecht’s Barbershop and Painter’s Ice Cream Store.

Traffic on Snelling was just a two-lane street in the 1930s, with the nearby railroad tracks crossing at grade. At one point, James O’Quinlan had a small farm on the east side of Snelling, near today’s Energy Park Drive. He would wage a long staff, stopping traffic on Snelling to allow his dairy cows to get to and from their pasture to the west.

Anderson, who still lives in the Como Park neighborhood, worked part-time at the Texaco station, trying to save money for college.

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— Anne Holzman
What has this thing appeared again tonight?

Local resident directs Minnesota Shakespeare Co. production of “Hamlet”

by Anne Holzman

The Minnesota Shakespeare Company celebrates its 40th birthday in January with a production of “Hamlet.” Clifford, a Park resident Mikel Clifford, directed the production, which opened Jan. 8.

Clifford said, “I figured we’d go for something serious. I realized she’d found herself a Hamlet. ‘Good Boys’ last summer, Clifford and three others who participated in many productions in Minnesota, California and Alaska. Her résumé lists skills in “various accents, stage combat, French, Dutch, German and Polish.”

Clifford, who is also a nurse, credits her father for her Shakespearean sideline. Her parents had a recording of Macbeth, and by hearing the witches when I went to bed,” Clifford said. “I finally went to hear the witches when I went to bed.”

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Join the progressive movement
Every year since 1986, St. Anthony Park neighbors have enjoyed a progressive dinner that ranges from south St. Anthony Park to University Grove. This year’s event will be Feb. 27, when more than 100 happy souls will again experience the pleasure to meet neighbors and enjoy fabulous food.

Participating is easy. You only have to make one course: appetizer, salad, main course or dessert. And you only need to host 6 to 10 people, including yourself. The meal plan is coordinated by a team of neighbors. They sort participants into groups that change for each course. No one eats with anyone else more than once. Accessibility needs and food preferences (vegetarian, food allergies, etc.) are accommodated.

The evening starts at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church for appetizers and punch at 5:30 p.m. When you arrive, you receive your list of destinations for the night and the names of the guests coming to your house. Those who sign up for appetizers host the church and help with set up and clean up.

Folks leave the church to get to their salad course by 6:30 and move on from there to the main course at 7:30. At 8:45, groups move again and reconﬁgure for dessert.

Do not wait until you notice all the neighborhood traffic on Feb. 27 to imagine what fun it would be to join the party. To participate, e-mail Fariba.sanikhatam@comcast.net.

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Contributors to the February 2010 issue include:
Check out the new Bugle bloggers

The Bugle is proud to host two local bloggers on our Web site (parkbugle.org).

Clay Christensen, better known as the Birdman of Lauderdale, has been writing a column by that name in the Bugle since 2004 and has been a serious birderwatcher for over 20 years. He's active in the St. Paul Audubon Society, leads field trips, takes part in numerous bird counts and surveys, and speaks to a variety of groups about his hobby.

Adam Granger, now known as the Blog Captain, is a 21-year resident of St. Anthony Park. A self-taught musician, Granger has been teaching and playing banjo and guitar professionally for 45 years. In the 1970s, Granger played with the Powdermilk Biscuit Band, the first house band for Garrison Keillor’s A Prairie Home Companion, and he has substitute-hosted for Keillor several times on the show. He owns Granger Publications, a music publishing business.

Located on Como Avenue — I’ve lived in St. Anthony Park since I took over the store, and this has been a great neighborhood in which to live and work.

How long?
Next year will be celebrating our 35th anniversary. We’ve been at our present location for 15 years.

Who else?
I have two employees: Pam Johnson, who’s been with me for 10 years, and Rachel Nelsen, who’s been here for 2 years.

What else?
I’m very interested in music. I recently got serious about playing the guitar and have been taking lessons from Adam Granger, who lives in St. Anthony Park. I especially like jazz, and I go to a lot of shows at the Dakota. Also, my wife, Karen Miller, and I enjoy gardening and cooking.
"Cars had six-volt batteries in those days," he recalled, "and they often needed recharging, which meant an owner would leave the battery with us and rent a temporary replacement for 25 cents a day. One such customer came in — I've long since forgotten his name — and my boss, Howard Calvert, asked me to put the recharged battery back in the fellow's car.

Like many cars of the era, the 1932 Chevrolet's battery was located under the floorboard, beneath the driver's seat. To remove the floorboard, it was necessary to jockey the shift lever and emergency brake a bit. With the owner helping, Anderson accomplished the transfer, neither noticing that the shift stick had been left in reverse and the emergency brake in the off position.

The customer pressed the starter button. Nothing happened. Anderson went into the station to report the situation to Calvert, but the car's owner took action on his own. He got out and began to hand crank the engine from the front. "As Howard and I came out of the station, the car started with a roar, throttle wide open, and headed in the wrong direction toward Snelling," Anderson said. "The owner grabbed the bumper and dug his heels into the dirt, trying to hold the car back. But when he got to the sidewalk, there was nothing to dig into anymore. He lost his grip and wound up lying in the street, somewhat disoriented. I think. A couple of men had to restrain him, because he got up as if to stand in front of the car and stop it."

Dusk was approaching as the car, its front wheels turned to the right, began circling on Snelling. Anderson ran with a flashlight to stop cars coming south past the State Fairgrounds, while someone else did the same for cars heading north.

"People parked their cars and got out to watch the spectacle, and others came from nearby houses and lined the sidewalk," Anderson said. "I was hoping the car wouldn't somehow get straightened out, because somebody would get hurt."

With each revolution the car came closer to the curb, and eventually the left front wheel started to hit it. That would slow the car briefly, but it quickly picked up speed again. A headlight came loose and hung down from its mount. Finally, the tire blew, making it possible for one of farmer Quinlan's sons to jump on the running board and turn off the ignition.

"We put the spare tire on the car, reattached the headlight and the fellow's seat, somewhat shaken," Anderson said. "The whole episode probably only took four or five minutes, but it was exciting while it lasted."
Local boys make good (place)
The 3rd Place will provide co-working space for independent professionals

by Dave Healy

Sometimes it seems as though nobody goes to the office anymore. More people are working from home, which has some obvious advantages: no commute, no dress code, no nosy or noisy office mates.

But what happens when you need to meet with someone and your home office is only built for one? Or what if it turns out you work better with other people around?

Until recently, about the only escape for the home-bound solo practitioner was a coffee shop. But now there’s another option: co-working.

With co-working, a group of people share a workspace and amenities. There may also be opportunities for networking, socializing and professional development.

Starting Jan. 4, St. Anthony Park will be home to a new co-working venture called the 3rd Place. It’s the brainchild of three friends who grew up in the neighborhood — Zack Steven, Josh Becerra and Colin Hirdman — and who wanted to provide an opportunity for other entrepreneurs and independent professionals to share space.

Steven helped launch a co-working group at Crema Cafe in Minneapolis that currently has 18 members. They have exclusive use of the facility from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, when the cafe is otherwise closed.

The 3rd Place will be open Monday through Friday. Member-ships range from one day a week to full-time. Full-time memberships can be shared within a family.

The facility will be located at 2190 Como Ave., a building owned by real estate agent Steve Townley. Plans call for a bathroom, kitchenette, lounge, conference room and co-working space.

To encourage connectivity, members will be invited to use the space on the same day as other like-minded professionals. For example, Tuesday is designated for nonprofits, artists and social entrepreneurs; Wednesday for social media, PR and marketing; Thursday for technology and business.

Townley said that Steven, Becerra and Hirdman approached him at the suggestion of Jon Schumacher, executive director of the St. Anthony Community Foundation. Schumacher knew that Townley had some space for rent in the building where his real estate office is located.

“This seemed like a natural location for what they have in mind,” Townley said. “For those who work at home, there’s often a point at which you need some contact with other people, and this will provide that.”

Schumacher said the foundation is interested in getting groups together that have a lot in common but don’t regularly talk to each other, adding that the 3rd Place would facilitate that.

“The kinds of conversations I imagine taking place there wouldn’t only help individuals but also the community,” he said.

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Local book groups from 1

leave because of changes in their lives, but otherwise we’ve been a stable group.”

Estebo said that members can feel free to come even if they haven’t read the book. “If nobody gets upset because we understand that schedules can get busy,” she added.

Estebo said that since most members live in the neighborhood, they have connections beyond the book club. Because they’re a large group, they’re not looking to add new members at this time.

The group sometimes invites an author to attend their discussion. “We had Faith Sullivan visit, and that was a lot of fun,” Estebo said.

Another book club in St. Anthony Park is the Sunday Afternoon Book Group, which meets at M. Cawder’s Bookstore the last Sunday of the month at 2:30 p.m. Longtime member Wanda Lorentzen said, “We started meeting in 2006 and have a core of 6-8, mostly women.”

Their biggest crowd was when author K. A. Kia La’Ang came to talk about her book, “I, the Latehome-comer. A Hmong Family Memoir.” The Sunday Afternoon Book Group reads some things that aren’t especially well-known, such as China Miéville’s “Perdido Street Station,” which is part science fiction, part fantasy.

“It’s 630 pages and there were only three of us there to discuss it,” Lorentzen said. She admitted that she normally would not have read this type of book but was up to the challenge.

Lorentzen said that when they started, the person who founded the group picked the books and led the discussion. “But now we bring in suggestions, and whoever is going to lead the discussion that month picks the book they want,” she said. “As a result, we end up with a wide variety of books.”

Lorentzen said that their group welcomes new members.

“We talk about the writing and the book’s theme, but we don’t try to be hoity-toity,” she said.

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Foley said that group members “like to read books that they might not pick themselves, and that’s part of the reason why I do the book group.”

Foley said anyone who is interested in joining their group can just show up at the library. “If you’ll be reading Elizabeth Strout’s “Olive Kitteridge” in January, “I let people check the book out until the next meeting, but after that fines apply,” she said. For more information, call 642-0411 or visit www.sppl.org/reading/stanthony-bookclub.html.
At eight inches tall, the northern saw-whet owl is Minnesota’s smallest owl. Photo by Ben Wilson.

realize what you were seeing. It was an adult bird (both sexes look alike) with brown streaks down its cream-colored tummy and no ear tufts like the slightly larger screech owl. It looked fluffy, all puffed up. We couldn’t see its feet.

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Rumors have it that an owl in breeding territory and red-breasted nuthatches.

Saw-whets eat mostly rodents and insects but will take an occasional saw blade.

The Birdman of Lauderdale

by Clay Christensen

I really don’t like crowds. I was reminded of that a few weeks ago when my wife, Jean, and I attended a Minneapolis Symphony concert at Orchestra Hall.

Afterwards, the lobby was packed with parents reunifying with their young musicians and grandparents offering congratulations. Although it was a friendly crowd, there was still enough bumping and jostling to bring a sigh of relief when we finally exited the lobby.

There is, however, one type of mob that I enjoy—a group of sawing birds, usually harassing a predator.

Crows are especially good at spotting a predator and calling in their brethren from all over the neighborhood to mob the culprit. Watching and listening for crows moaning is a good way to find an owl, one of their favorite mobbing targets.

Owls and crows are arch enemies. Rumor has it that an owl can pick off a roosting crow without disturbing the ones on either side of it. So my theory is that crows mob owls during the day to prevent owls from finding their young musicians and grandmas on the nest. It may also be a way to educate younger birds about what the predator looks like and how to mob it without getting killed yourself.

There’s definitely a mixture of fear and aggression among mobbling birds.

Perhaps the mob assembles just to keep an eye on the predator, because it’s better to know where the threat is than to be surprised by it.

The other morning, some friends and I witnessed a different kind of mob. We were in the Crapeau Woods, in Arden Hills, when my buddy Val noticed a dozen or more chickadees scolding in a cluster of trees. They were joined by downy woodpeckers and white-breasted nuthatches.

When chickadees scold, it’s much more gentle than the raucous crows—more of a “chirp-chirp-chirp”—but still persistent, mad and definitely a warning.

We suspected there might be an owl nearby. I started scanning the treetops, especially near the trunks, for a screech owl or great-horned owl. I wasn’t seeing anything.

Then Val said, “I heard an owl in there!” She pointed to a cluster of tangled vines and leaves just above eye level. It looked like some critter’s nest from last year. “Walt!” I thought. “An owl on a nest this time of year? Not very likely.”

I studied the dump through my binoculars. We were only about 10 yards away, but I still wanted seeing an owl. “Not on the nest,” said Val. She directed me to look lower and to the left, below the dump.

There sat a saw-whet owl. It looked like it was wearing the tangled vines as a hat. Unless it opened those golden eyes, you could hardly tell it was there. But it was beautiful when you realized what you were seeing.

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Get a question about a bird, or a suggestion or observation? You can contact me through the BugleWeb site: www.parkbugle.org. Click Blog, then Birdman of Lauderdale. Or you’re at my blog, click Contact me.
Locavores from 1

relationships with growers and trusts that they’re doing their best.

“If I have a choice between two items, I’ll buy the one that’s more local,” Braun said.

Both “locavores” (folks who try to get their food from local sources) point to Hampden Park Co-op as an important source: “I feel so lucky that we’ve got that so close by,” M’anson said.

Not only does the market carry many local products but members reinforce each other’s commitment to the movement.

“I read a lot of books for inspiration through the co-op book clubs,” Hampden board member Rosanne Rivers wrote in an e-mail. She said her locavore efforts have included keeping chickens and taking up hunting and fishing.

Jay Randolph, who managed Jay’s Café on Raymond for five years before recently selling the business (but not the property), said it has become much easier during his tenure there to buy local produce at competitive prices.

“The ease of getting food right from the local farmer is unprecedented in my 30 years in the food business,” Randolph said.

He, too, mentioned Hampden Co-op and admitted he scoped their aisles for business reasons. “If they’ve become a mirror of what the neighborhood is willing to pay for products grown locally, I think it’s great,” he said.

New owner Tony Panelli said he’ll keep Jay’s Café going through the winter, continuing to feature locally produced foods as he can. In the spring, he plans to convert the restaurant to a Caribbean theme, and as much as he admires local sourcing, there aren’t many coconuts or mangoes to be had here, in any season.

Signs that appeared recently above the counters of the Finnish Bistro reflect the twin priorities of local and organic. Owner Sairi Anderson said she tries to stick to both in summer, when her soups consist entirely of locally grown products.

Year-round, she said, “we do lots of organic baking. Flavored, whole berries— that’s easy.”

She said customers do ask about local sources, but they use them mainly to support farmers. “I’m happy to pay a little bit extra,” she said. “It’s worth it.”

Chef Jaron Schellin at Muffuletta Restaurant said local farmers help him out by doing some vegetable well into the winter. He gets greenhouse tomatoes grown in M innesota, as well as meat, cheese and apples.

“In my mind, the quality is far superior,” he said. Advantages include “visual quality” as well as better taste, and the ability to offer something that no other restaurant has.

“If I can spring in early I might want some winter tomatoes,” Schellin said, “and they’ll grow it for me.”

While winter is the biggest obstacle to getting locally, problems of distribution still limit the availability of local products.

“Sosa said Speedy Market doesn’t buy large enough quantities to make it worth their for some farmers, or they can’t take the time to help him unload. “Every year I try to get pumpkins from somebody local,” he said. “They want to dump the pumpkins and run.”

He said restaurants can sell at higher prices, and larger grocery stores can buy larger quantities. So he mainly resorts to distributors, which may or may not be nearby sources.

And for a few items he has established specific connections. “I keep apples, oranges, and pears all been pretty local,” he said.

Spee said a few years ago he tried carrying brown eggs from a farm co-op that distributed M innesota-grown food in the Twin Cities, but the supply wasn’t steady enough. “I need brown eggs all the time,” he said.

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In spite of the frustrations, Spegi remains interested in local sourcing, and he knows that’s something many customers want. “We’re always looking,” he said. “I never turn somebody away, and I’m always glad to talk to people.”

Shopping and choosing restaurants is only part of the locavore playbook. Gardening, preserving and meal planning also figure in their strategies, as do direct relationships with farmers such as C SAs (community-supported agriculture).

M argon, a St. Anthony Park resident, said she maintains three gardens and has become more vegetarian over the years. She buys grain and other foods from Whole Farm Co-op and supplements that with shopping trips to farmers markets and Hampden Park Co-op.

She said she’s been scolded by friends for using a car for those shopping trips, but she can’t carry her food home any other way.

M’anson takes her locavore passion beyond her own kitchen. Several years ago, at the suggestion of a farmer, she helped organize a locally sourced meal at Grace University Lutheran Church. It was a hit and has become a monthly habit, with many members sharing the work.

And during the recent apple season, she came up with a creative way of getting locally grown apples into the hands of neighborhood kids.

T he school district’s lunch distribution network proved too large for her to handle, but she was told St. Anthony Park Elementary’s snacking time would be an option.

So one day last fall, children in kindergarten through third grade received apples at snack time, courtesy of M’anson and SAPSA, the school’s parent group. She said she and her husband spent about $60, with SAPSA picking up the other half. The M’ansons also donated apples to the school’s fall festival to be sold as a fundraiser.

St. Paul Schools do use some local produce. The lunch menus for December noted that some tomatoes on the salad bar “will be locally sourced while the season lasts.”

With Braun near her building.

Braun said rice used to be a staple in her winter diet, but she has largely replaced it with homegrown winter squash.

Raised in the tropics, she does crave the occasional mango, and life wouldn’t be the same without bananas, she said. “And never give up chocolate,” she added.

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wholefarmcoop.com

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Minneapolis, MN 55414

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612-331-8125
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Minnesota Grown Directory
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mda.state.mn.us/en.aspx

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St. Anthony Park Community Gardens
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Chelsea Heights Elementary  
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http://chelsea.spps.org

Students expanded their learning horizons on Dec. 3, when the ClimB T'heatre group performed a play titled "Fantasy Ball" for 4th, 5th and 6th graders.

The play told the story of a boy who wanted only to play professional football. Through the support of his family and same-eye-opening experiences with his friends, he learned that he had many more options. The message was that hard work, perseverance and good choices can determine a positive future.

After the performance, each class hosted an actor who led students through a variety of creative learning activities designed to connect personal interests to post-high school goals.

ClimB T'heatre is funded by a variety of corporate sponsors and grants.

St. Anthony Park Elementary  
2180 K Napp St., 293-8735  
www.stanthony.spps.org

The sound of music was heard during a variety of December events and special performances. In vocal music teacher Mr. Ollmann's classroom, students could be heard practicing winter classics. Instrumental music teacher Lee Bjorlie conducted the school band and orchestra in a concert on Dec. 16.

Thanks to the efforts of a group of parents and volunteers, the instrumental music program at the school has recovered from a budget cut last fall. The fundraising goal this year is $8,700.

Parents Sonja Betalden and Anne Hsielman lead a committee that is looking at the possibility of a local theater. Among students interested in supporting the instrumental music program can contact Sonja Betalden (Sonja.betalden@ymail.com). Also, during February, proceeds from Park Perks sales at Park M Idow Bank will be donated to the music program.

Fundraising is an ongoing activity at St. Anthony Park Elementary. The school's M ichael's B ookstore on Carter Avenue has a school fundraiser on Dec. 5. A portion of sales that day will go to the school.

St. Anthony Park Elementary will be one of many schools with a booth at the 2010 Parent Information Fair. The event, at St. Paul schools showcase, takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at St. Paul Riverview Centre Grand Ballroom, 175 W. Kellogg Blvd.

St. Anthony Park Elementary is a popular school choice because of high test scores, a curriculum that includes creative arts and environmental education, and the friendly neighborhood school setting.

For more information about the school, visit stanthony.spps.org and click on "For Prospective Parents." Tours for families interested in a visit to the school are available. Call the office after Jan. 4 to make an appointment.

The art-in-residence program will begin in January with an in the art of the East Puppet and M ask T'heatre residency for fourth- and sixth-grade students.

Important dates in January:
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   2. In the Heart of the Beast art residency begins.
   4. Site Council, 5-6:30 p.m..
   5. Arts APSA, 6:30-8 p.m. Topic: bullying prevention.
   6. Coffee and conversation with the principal, Room 115, 9:15 a.m.
   7. Martin Luther King Jr. program, 10 a.m.
   9. Professional development day, No school.

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Pacifica Quartet performs Jan. 30-31

All-Beethoven concert by award-winning group part of Music in the Park Series

When one of the nation’s premier string quartets, the Guarneri, announced its retirement earlier this year, New York’s Metropolitan Museum of Art appointed the Pacifica Quartet as the Guarneri’s successor as quartet-in-residence. That was a signal to music lovers everywhere that the torch has been passed and a new luminary has appeared on the American musical scene.

The St. Anthony Park Community Foundation, a group of neighbors working toward the long term sustainability of our precious neighborhood, has recently announced the launch of the Forever Fund.

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Stark said that much not can be done at the city level because the city is limited by state law and county assessments.

Stark said that much of the industrial property in south St. Anthony Park is not very productive, neither has it been devoted to plans for the Central Corridor. He asked how the city plans to help businesses.

“Where are we going to get a fund to mitigate some of the losses that businesses might sustain,” Stark said. “We’re not sure where the money would come from. And we’re also not sure whether it’s fair to help one group of businesses when other projects in other locations disadvantage a different group.”

Piano concerto

The composition was named 2009 Grammy Award for Best Chamber Music Performance. The Pacifica Quartet performs Jan. 30, 31.

Quartet in F Major, Op. 18;
Quartet in C Major, Op. 59, No. 3 (“Razumovsky”);
Quartet in F Major, Op. 135; and

On Saturday, the Pacifica will perform Quartet in F Major, Op. 18, No. 1; and Quartet in B-flat Major, Op. 130 (“Liebesquartett”) with the Grosse Fugue, Op. 133.

On Sunday, they’ll play the Quartet in D Major, Op. 18, No. 3; Rostad, viola; and Brandon Vamos, cello — is returning for the second part of its ambitious three-year project to perform the complete Beethoven string quartet cycle.

Here is a historically a musical award that the dynamic young group hasn’t captured. In addition to earning the Naumburg Chamber Music Award, the Cleveland Quartet Award from Chamber Music America and the prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grant, the Pacifica was named 2009 Ensemble of the Year by Musical America. It also won the 2009 Grammy Award for Best Chamber Music Performance. The Pacifica appearance is supported by the Performing Arts M Pool, a program of Arts Midwest. Tickets are $25 for one performance, $45 for both and $35 for students. Order tickets at 655-5609 or musicintheparkseries.org.
1 FRIDAY  
- Good Design: Stories from Herman Miller, through Jan. 17. GMD.
- Holiday flower show, through Jan. 18. Como Park Zoo & Conservatory.

2 SATURDAY  

2 TUESDAY  
- Council Members Clay Christensen & Karen Doherty, 7 p.m. LCH.

3 WEDNESDAY  
- Spruce Top Review, 7 p.m. CG.

3 SATURDAY  
- Aimi Joas, 8 p.m. CG.

4 FRIDAY  
- Atomic Fia, 8 p.m. CG.

5 SATURDAY  
- Timmy, 1-4 p.m. Lauderdale Lake Park.

6 SUNDAY  
- Call 644-8833 for an appointment. Red Cross blood drive, 2-7 p.m.

7 THURSDAY  
- Family Concert Series begins Feb. 26. See our website for details!

8 FRIDAY  
- Michael Basques with comedian Mark Miller, 8 p.m. CG.

9 FRIDAY  
-スペース特別企画: 「三十日間の冬」、11 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. LEFR.
- Lauderdales "Commotion in the Snow," 1-4 p.m. Lauderdales Community Park.
- Michael Basques with comedian Mark Miller, 8 p.m. CG.

10 SATURDAY  
- Winter Wonderland Tea, 11 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. LEFR.
- Falcon Heights Winterfest, 1-4 p.m. Community Park, Roseau and Cleveland.

11 SUNDAY  
- Sunday Afternoon Book Group: "The Heart is a Lonely Hunter," by Carson McCullers, 2:30 p.m. MB.

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- Radio Leicester, 8 p.m. CG.

14 SATURDAY  
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15 FRIDAY  
- Timeline, 8 p.m. CG.

16 SATURDAY  
- Spring Top Review, 7 p.m. CG.

17 TUESDAY  

18 WEDNESDAY  
- Blockheads meeting, 6:30 p.m. SAPUMC.

19 FRIDAY  
- Sweet Rhubarb, 8 p.m. CG.

20 SATURDAY  
- The Gleason Brothers, 8 p.m. CG.

21 FRIDAY  
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22 SATURDAY  
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23 THURSDAY  
- Twin City Model Railroad Museum, annual holiday Night Trains attraction, every Saturday 6-9 p.m.
Dora Alfveby
Dora Evelyn Alfveby died Nov. 22, 2009, in New Richmond, Wis.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred; sisters, Lila, Ruby, M inne, Violet, Annie and Lorraine; brothers, Erbert and Oliver.
She is survived by daughter Donna Richard; 18 grandchildren; one grandson; sisters-in-law, M argaret and D ores, and friends at Como Park Lutheran Church.

William Gangl
William J. Gangl, 53, died Nov. 21, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Joyce, and daughters, Lisa, Sarah and Rebecca; his mother, Laura; 10 grandchildren; and brothers, Jerry and Joe; and father, William Gangl.

Mildred Mackie
Mildred J. "Midge" Mackie, formerly of Falcon Heights, died Dec. 11, 2009, at age 94, after a prolonged illness. Midge was born in the small farming community of Bladen, N. D. After attending Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., she taught English and music in Great Falls, Mont., and met her husband of 54 years, Edgar Mackie.
They later settled in Falcon Heights, where she raised three sons, taught piano lessons and became the consummate homemaker. She loved sewing, crafts, cooking and entertaining in style.

After Edgar’s retirement, they moved to San Diego, Calif., where she began a long and successful second career selling real estate, until age 80. Midge was a “people person” with a gift for close friendships and unbounded generosity.
Midge was preceded in death by husband, Edgar, and brother, Raymond (Lorraine) Johnson. She is survived by brother Duane (Jo Ellen) Johnson; sons Ed (Shirley); Bob (Marilyn) and Jim (Sandra); five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and beloved friend Joyce Hannon.
Services will be announced at a later date.

Thorwald Nelson
Thorwald R. Nelson, 88, of Eden Prairie, died Nov. 18, 2009. He was formerly of Lauderdale, where he was an active member at Rose Hill Alliance Church.
Thorstead served his country in the United States Army during World War II, receiving the Bronze Star and other service medals for action in the South Pacific.
He was preceded in death by his wife, Jane, and brothers Jerry and Gordon. He is survived by his sons, Mike (Kathy) Nelson and Randy (Nancy) Nelson; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and a great-great-granddaughter.
A service will be held Nov. 24, 2009, at Grace Church in Eden Prairie, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Mary Salvatore
Mary C. (Fusco) Salvatore, 96, of St. Anthony Park, died peacefully on Dec. 13, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, and daughter, Mary. She is survived by her children, John (Vetty), Helen (Brian) Nichols, Joanne (Del) Oslon, Louise (Jack) Palmer and Richard (Bev); 22 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

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Reuben Schmugge
Reuben E. Schmugge, 90, died Nov. 24, 2009. He lived at Pine H. & Health Care Center, Sandstone, Minn., and was formerly of St. Paul, where he was active at St. Paul Olave Lutheran Church in Como Park. He married Norna (Jeanette D. Slichter) in 1940.

In 1943, he joined the St. Paul Fire Dept., where he worked for 38 years as a firefighter, fire engineer and fire captain. In 1959, he was appointed a district chief, then deputy chief.

Reuben was drafted into the Navy in 1944 and given honorable discharge in 1946. He returned to the St. Paul Fire Dept. and worked as a deputy chief until he retired in 1981 and moved to Sandstone.

Reuben was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Norna; daughter, Linda Sonnenschein; two siblings; and one grandson. He is survived by sons (on [Karen]) and Mark (Paula); daughters Laurn (Steve) Hirtz and Wendy (Glenn) Hinz; 19 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild, four brothers, and four sisters.

His funeral service was Nov. 30, 2009, at Peace Lutheran Church in Finlayson, with burial at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Margaret VoPava
Margaret M. “Peggy” VoPava, 59, of St. Anthony Park, died Dec. 13, 2009. She was born and raised there, later lived for many years at Seal Hi-Rise and most recently lived in a nursing home for some time. She was an active member of St. Cecilia Parish, serving as one of its first Befriends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Gerald and Rosalie, also members of St. Cecilia; sister Theresa Jean; brother Joseph; and fiancé, David Edstrom. She is survived by a sister, Mary VoPava, of Rock Island, Ill., brother, Martin VoPava (Shelley), and three nephews.

M osoft of St. Cecilia Burial was celebrated Dec. 17, 2009, at Church of St. Cecilia, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery.

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All our violence, against women, gays and lesbians will happen again and again until we come to grips with our history of slavery.

3400 University Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, 612-279-7252
M – F 8:30 - 7, Sat 8:30 - 6
1/4 mile west of Hwy 280 across from KSTP

The Rev. Blair Pogue, Pastor
2120 Carter at Chestworld, 651-645-3058
Website: www.peacelauderdale.com
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I (Traditional language)
9:30 a.m. Education for all ages
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Contemporary language)
Nursery care provided 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Jan. 17: 7 p.m. Taizé Candlelight Prayer (chants, readings & silence)
Jan. 24: 7 p.m. Taizé Candlelight Prayer (chants, readings & silence)

ST. MATTHEWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1744 Walnut (at Ione) Lauderdale. 651-644-5440
Pastors Glenn Berg-Moberg and Marc Ostlie-Olson
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LIFE IN THE CHURCH: Come and Share

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Skillman at Crescent S., Roseville. 651-631-0211, www.bethanyroseville.org
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Christian Education for nursery - adults
10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship, Dr. Bruce Peterson
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Kid’s Club, Youth Groups, Prayer

ST. CECILIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
2357 Bylles Place 651-644-4502
Website: www.stcecilius.org
Holy Eucharist: Saturday Mass 5:00 p.m. at the church
Sunday Mass at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at the church

ST. ANTHONY PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2200 H (inside St. Como) 651-646-4509
Pastor: Donna M. Atkinson
Sundays: 10:00 a.m. Worship & Celebration 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Fellowship & Renewments

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PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA
2303 Como Avenue W. (651) 645-6971
Website: www.peacelauderdale.com
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Worship
Education Hour for All: 9:45 a.m.
Jan. 3, 2010-only one service 10:00 a.m.
H Invested in Faith Chinese Lutheran Church 1:30 p.m.

ST. CECILIA’S CATHOLIC CHURCH
2357 Bylles Place 651-644-4502
Website: www.stcecilius.org
Holy Eucharist: Saturday Mass 5:00 p.m. at the church
Sunday Mass at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at the church