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Falcon Heights landmark Harvest State building seeks owner

by Dave Healy

The future of one of Falcon Heights' most significant architectural landmarks is up in the air. What is now the Cenex Harvest States Building has been a fixture on the southwest corner of Snelling and Larpenteur avenues in Falcon Heights for 54 years. For a year, however, the building has been vacant, and its future is uncertain.

Built in 1946 by the Farmers Union Grain Terminal Association, the three-and-a-half story building has an exterior of Bedford limestone. In 1956 an additional wing was added and connected to the parking garage by a skyway. In 1975 200,000 square foot of office space was added over the parking garage.

Currently, the complex has 135,000 square foot of finished space, 115 indoor parking stalls, and 366 additional parking spaces on a 6.35 acre site.

In 1946, the Snelling-Larpenteur intersection was on the outskirts of St. Paul. To accommodate employees who felt separated from metropolitan-area amenities while at work, the Grain Terminal Association provided several on-site perks. A barber shop and doctor's office were located in the basement of the main building, and the parking garage featured a full automatic garage door repair service.

Job seekers can now find a job at the Harvest State Building.

KSTP development will affect south St. Anthony Park for generations

by Pete Keith

Proposals for a major new "Television City" development on a large piece of property owned by Hubbard Broadcasting are currently being developed. The Hubbard property is a large former University Avenue site, which contains not only the current KSTP broadcast studios, but also a large vacant area to the back of the studio.

Several years ago, Hubbard acquired a former industrial site adjacent to their studios. As with many former industrial sites, there were contaminants in the soil which needed to be cleaned up prior to any redevelopment.

At that time, Hubbard had plans to do a large expansion of their studios, but those plans were scrapped when Hubbard spun off their USSR Satellite Television division. According to Bob Androf the St. Anthony Park Community Council, that happened to be his last day on the job.

Weyerhaeuser departure offers neighborhood opportunities

Wellington Management requests land study

by John Marino

For the record, we're not doing anything," said Bob Granados, general manager of Weyerhaeuser Wood Products Division, responding to the rumor that Weyerhaeuser would be moving out of its Emerald-Franklin area.

There are no plans on the drawing board at all. We've been here since 1950," Granados added. But the rumor of Weyerhaeuser's possible relocation from the Emerald-Franklin area got started after a casual comment made by Granados to City Planner Donna Drummond.

"It was very informal," Drummond said, adding, "I guess I wouldn't want to hold them to it. He was just thinking ahead a little bit. I just called them up and asked them what their plans would be. It's just that it's a big parcel of land and I was asked to study the area.

That request came from Steve Wellington, owner of Wellington Management, a St. Paul commercial real estate company with about 70 buildings valued at $180 million. Wellington owns two buildings in the area, one at 2610 University and another just beyond at St. Paul.

"We think the property is ripe for redevelopment," Wellington said. "There are lots of demand for office space and Highway 280 and University Avenue is kind of the heart of everything. There are buses that run through there. Certainly the success of the Westgate Office area north of University has helped."
St. Anthony Park
Foundation adds members

The St. Anthony Park Foundation boasts new board members — Julie Cauney, Lori Frits, and Charlie Nance. The board also includes many neighborhood luminaries such as Andy Ross (chair), Kent Edlund (chair-elect), Eller Watters (vice-chair), Anders Himmelstrop, Gerald McKay, and Ann Wynia.

— D.A.

Antenna wishes granted

As in June meeting, the St. Anthony Park Community Council voted to recommend to the City of St. Paul the installation of a new U.S. West antenna on top of the St. Anthony Park Home. The city would need to grant U.S. West a special condition use permit because the building is less than 60 feet tall. The antenna, which will protrude upward 9.1/2 feet higher than the roof, will facilitate local cellular phone use.

— John Marro

Community Council is fiscal agent for tennis courts

The St. Anthony Park Community Council’s Executive Committee is the fiscal agent for the College Park Tennis Center (CPTC) Task Force. The committee agreed not to charge an administrative fee to the task force, which is trying to get renovation of the tennis and basketball courts to be included in the new playground construction project.

— J.M.

Billboard regs on slow track

People wanting to review St. Paul’s long-awaited billboard regulations may have to wait just a little bit longer. Before the Planning Commission and City Council hold public hearings on proposed advertising sign restrictions, the city’s zoning code has to be allowed to change to allow two large electronic advertising signs on the sides of RiverCentre Arena. The zoning change needed for the arena signs were the topic of a public hearing at June 23 at City Hall before the full Planning Commission. It eventually will go to the City Council for final approval.

No date has been set for a public hearing on the citywide billboard proposal. City staff, planning commissioners, billboard industry representatives, and anti-billboard activists have wrangled over new billboard regulations for St. Paul for more than two years. A draft of the proposed regulations was released recently.

The citywide regulations do have major implications for area neighborhoods, especially St. Anthony Park and University Avenue, University between Marion and the west city limits and many St. Anthony Park streets in industrial and mixed commercial-residential areas are recommended as sites for new billboards.

Last year the St. Anthony Park Community Council won City Council approval to put all of the neighborhood into a special sign districts, which tightly restricts new billboards. But one of the recommendations before the Planning Commission would eliminate special sign districts.

Planner Larry Soderholm said that after the area zoning change is passed, the Planning Commission will get back to the proposed advertising sign regulations. The anti-billboard group, Scenes St. Paul and district councils have waited for the citywide regulations since a Planning Commission committee completed them last February. Attorney Brian Bates said those comments they had shared would be considered by St. Paul. He anticipates there will be opposition to the proposed regulations, especially the elimination of special sign districts.

One potentially controversial recommendation calls for the city to reconsider special sign districts’ billboard regulations that would be inconsistent with new citywide regulations. "Citywide billboard..."
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SOCOR JAMBOREE
Games start at 8:30 at Murray Field for 3rd graders and older. Come as a 3 or 4 person team. Wear your soccer uniform if you have one. Sponsored by the Langford Park Booster Club.

GRAND PARADE ASSEMBLES
Children’s tricycles, trikes, wagon, etc. assemble at Park Station. Bands, vehicles and marching units assemble on Luther Place.

GRAND PARADE BEGINS
Proceeds from Luther Place and down Como Avenue to Langford Park. Parade includes color guard, neighborhood units, bands, floats, VIPS, music, kids and much more!

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Ceremony takes place at the bandstand in Langford Park following the parade. Presentation of winning Patriotic Essays from St. Anthony Park School (Sponsored by the Library Associates). St. Anthony Park Community Band plays. First clue for the Treasure Hunt (win a medallion and grand prize!)

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The promise of two developments along the St. Paul-Minneapolis border promises to forever alter south St. Anthony Park. The expansion behind KSTP television and the possible Weyerhaeuser departure are big opportunities to define our cityscape with life. In the best case scenario, development plans will bring us with green spaces, quality housing, and good architecture. Still, development talk gives pause for apprehension. The alternative to thoughtful design is development as usual. Think of another ho-hum, anonymous office park surrounded by a black sea of asphalt. This wouldn't be the end of the world, although heavy, haphazard construction does enhance civilization.

So, it is our hope that the KSTP and Weyerhaeuser developments will foster civility.

Green spaces make us happy. Just thinking about St. Anthony Park's College Park, St. Paul's Rice Park, and Minneapolis' Loring Park prompts smiles. Envision these developments with boulevards, small green parks, walk, and bikeways, and street lanterns. The green spaces will charm you and your new neighbors who will call townhouses and apartments home. As our metropolitan spread outward, hedging toward megalopolis status, the St. Paul-Minneapolis border is an attractive housing option for fed-up commuters seeking to reap the benefits of cosmopolitan life. Even if the housing mix will also welcome, at least, one apartment house because the shortage of rental units in the Twin Cities is pushing rents sky high.

Let's hope that good architecture will define these endeavors. Far too often, especially when it comes to new developments, we settle for second best. It's difficult to define quick architecture, although we know we see it—St. Anthony Park Branch Library, St. Paul City Hall, and Weisman Art Museum. Good architecture, like good urban planning, makes us happy. And remember communities can say no to development as usual. 

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Abu Nader advertises cigarette sales

I, too, welcome Abu Nader (Abu Nader reopens Como and Raymond, June 2000) as the newest business to St. Anthony Park. Having tasted their deli food when it first opened I was somewhat taken aback by it being a great addition to the neighborhood.

Unfortunately, however, I feel that Abu Nader is violating a community standard established by Speedy Market and Park Service to not promote tobacco products to our children. Abu Nader is located at a key school crossing point for children from St. Anthony Park Elementary and the store is the closest retailer to the school. Therefore, it's likely that R. J. Reynolds, the marketer of Camel, made a concerted effort to get the large Camel pack prominently displayed in the front window.

R. J. Reynolds' outrageous behavior in promoting Camel to children through Joe Camel was well documented in the Minnesota lawsuit against big tobacco. Today we are living with this legacy with your children having the highest smoking rates of any age group. Typically, the tobacco companies pay the retailer for this placement and I'm sure the proximity to so many potential future smokers at the school is not lost on R. J. Reynolds. Meanwhile other retailers in St. Anthony Park, such as Speedy Market and Park Service, have refused to take these payments.

I have written to Abu Nader to inform them that I will gladly shop at the store again when the tobacco promotion materials are taken down. Perhaps the greatest irony of this unfortunate situation is that the store is named after someone training to be a doctor.

David Russell

Tree sculpture arrives on Como Avenue

The tree sculpture's done! Dennis Rogha, the artist that did the library's and most of the fairground's sculptures, spent three days carving the dead elm tree into a life-like sculpture. It's catching a wallette.

The whole work is on a pedestal covered with vines as a way to welcoming visitors to St. Anthony Park. Well done.

The total charge was $2,000 and Dave Kerr of Park Hardware has graciously paid the artist in advance. If you like the sculpture, please consider a donation to help cover the cost. I've already raised about $1,200 myself, so we've got a few ways to go. You can make donations one of these ways to Dave at Park Hardware, in person at St Anthony Park Bank (SAP Tree Sculpture Fund), or by mail (SAP Tree Sculpture Fund, c/o St. Anthony Park Bank, 2265 Como Avenue, St. Paul MN, 55108-1979.)

So, stop by Park Hardware, enjoy some new additions to St. Anthony Park and consider making a donation to help fund our goal. Thanks to those residents, businesses and the St. Anthony Park Community Association that have already contributed. And thanks to SAP for many wonderful years in the neighborhood.

Kent Schuster

How to save elm

Over the past three summers, several beautiful elm trees at and near Como/Luther Place/Dowlen have been infected with Dutch elm disease and removal by the city.

Our own boulevard elm was one of these. My wife, Sally, and I were surprised at the degree of loss we felt. Like most of us, we tended to take trees for granted. But you can't believe the void left by losing a mature elm until you make a point of noticing the before and after! It radically changes the whole sense of place for half a block in every direction—especially in the area immediately under what once was an amazing living canopy of color, motion, shade and quiet.

Normally, city forestry tries to take down and remove infected trees immediately to prevent the spread of disease. It is a fungus spread by elm bark beetles or by roots coming in contact with those of a nearby tree. But city crews, overwhelmed with tighter budgets and worse equipment to clean up, couldn't remove the diseased elms for months until the tree in front of Park Hardware, for example, had its top removed early this spring, but the trunk remained until just last week (including the bark, which is where the beetles propagate).

When we first noticed the many elms near Como/Dowlen succumbing, I decided to do some research and discover that there is now a very effective treatment for Dutch elm disease. We immediately had our large back yard elm treated. Today, two years later, while many other elms within a block radius have died, ours remains healthy.

The treatment (Arbocor), is a chemical injected into the tree. It is expensive, ranging from $250 to $400 per tree. The city will not pay for treatment, so it is up to property owners and others who appreciate the value of elms. Several tree service outfits offer Arbocor, but we've found Rainbow Tree Care to be very knowledgeable, helpful and flexible—and they guarantee the treatment to be effective for three years or they will refund the cost.

After our success, decided to try to save the elm across the street—in front of the Lutheran church. Ever since I've lived in the Park, I've noticed that this is an unusually beautiful specimen of the American Elm, with its graceful, overarching, fountain-like shape. And, despite the heavy exposure to disease factors, it was hanging on. It had leached out well this spring and appeared to be disease-free—so for.

I naturally, I felt the St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church would want to save its elm if they knew it was possible, so I contacted them several times by phone and letters but received no reply. Finally, I went to the church and was told by one of their members that they'd discussed my concerns in their governing body. With the input of some tree expert in their congregation, they'd decided the tree was a lost cause and not worth the cost of treatment.

Based on my new knowledge and Rainbow's inspection of the tree, I felt the issue couldn't wait until I could convince the church to save the tree and raise the money myself. Based on my sign on the tree and the support of other community businesses and professional offices within sight of the elm, I had most of the money in hand within a week.

Tim and Tom at Spotted Market jumped in without hesitation (for about half the total cost!). Sandy at the barbershop was also very supportive and generous. Other contributors were Sigfrid Rahn, past Peace troop leader, Sally and me, and Rainbow Tree Care, which made up the difference that I raised and the final cost in treatment.

What I've learned through this undertaking is that, when people learn how vulnerable our beautiful elms are — and that they can be saved without financial risk — they are quick to rally around and do their part. But their willingness to do their part is closely tied to how well the cost and effort. I'd like to see all Park residents work with their neighbors to pick a favorite elm and save it. Perhaps block clubs could agree on one or more elms to collectively care for. (Rainbow offers a discount when several trees can be treated on one trip.)

A decade ago, when my fiancé, now my wife, was still an old elm was gone, St. Anthony Park would have lost another valuable property block as a testament to our wisdom "back in '00."
Labor of love defines original Como Avenue gardenscape

by Todd Ryan Boss

U p early, wrapping newspapers for his Cookie Bowl Bakery in Milton Square, young Bob Kohnen didn’t yet know how rich a man he would one day be. But you can drive by his place on Como Avenue today and see for yourself.

People stop, they want to ask questions, they talk, ask about the yard, ask about Kohnen, ask about his attention his statutory collection gets from neighbors and passersby. “It brings a smile, that’s fine,” Kohnen’s yard—front and back—is likely the most landscaped spot between the Como conservatory and the state fairgrounds. Check-a-block with stock-still bears, deer, birds, fish, fences, flowers, plants, benches, benches and even a pair of grooved golfers, the plot stands out distinctly from the closed-up lawns around it as a labor of love.

Take a closer look, and you’ll find it’s also a labor of love. For Kohnen’s yard is dedicated to the memory of his wife Katie, who died in January of last year of lung complications. Though she never left her trademark laugh, she was sick for 12 years. “We used to go to Las Vegas together,” Bob recalls, “until finally one year, Katie said, ‘I don’t think I can do that again. It just wasn’t fun anymore; it just wasn’t fun anymore.’”

Over the long course of her decline, Bob called the paramedics 10 times to respond to Katie’s often sudden onsets of breathlessness. Five times, he says, he “lost it,” but for the intervention of emergency care.

Their lifelong companionship, which once included tennis, bowling, a trip to Hawaii and a Cancun timeshare, seemed suddenly out of reach. Now, in Katie’s weakened condition, “we had to find something we could enjoy together.”

And, in an effort to pass that time while she lay in the hospital, Bob began to add things. Surprises for her, he called them. “I started her to look forward to the future and coming home to see what new feature had added to their garden.” She’d say, “You can’t possibly have added anything more, there isn’t any room.” And I’d say ’found a spot’...”

He jokes that he knows little about gardening. “My grandchildren Nathan and Coli say, ‘Grandpa, hands off! You kill everything!’ And I do, it’s trial and error here around,” Bob says, “and tell me what to do.”

The house has always stopped aside for nature and its programming over time. The giant Colorado blue spruce in front of the house was just shy high when Bob planted it, and when it overgrew the front wall, instead of taking it down, Bob added to it, to cut the tree and rerouted it, winding it safely around the great tree.

Similarly, what began as a kitchen addition at the rear grew to a porch addition. “The back porch was covered, then a hot tub was added, and a patio, and a pool, and another patio... the house grew the way love grows, in whatever way desire requires. Inside the house, the ticks hide with the knocking of 21 clocks, while outside, rabbits live under the side deck and birds flock in at clock feeders. The yard even once attracted a Como Zoo peacock. The yard has also attracted a different kind of animal, however: the nocturnal party animal. “We’ve had over $6,000 worth of vandalisms done over the years,” he says, “but he’s quick to add that the good will his garden provides friends and strangers makes up for all that... well, suitcases. You’ll find Bob Kohnen among his riches nearly every day, wading at passersby and chatting with neighbors. Between his gardening, his golfing, his grandchildren, his series of rental properties and his other interests, its easy to understand how he measures his wealth. He knows the number is stronger than the dollar.”

Correction

In the June issue, it was reported that Melissa Matthews, community organizer for the St. Anthony Park Community Council, has a Master’s degree in both violin and piano from Minnesota State-Mankato. Actually, Matthews has her degree in violin, but not piano, from the University of Minnesota. She taught at Minnesota State-Mankato and was concertmaster of the Mankato Symphony Orchestra, but not conductor.

The Bugle apologizes for the mistake.

Neighborhood Job Opportunity

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Images were deleted each month in the Bugle Community Calendar. (see page 12) Everyone is welcome!

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Our program is in need of youth workers, especially in the St. Anthony Park and Como Park neighborhoods. You must be at least 12 years old, fill out a registration form and attend an orientation meeting with a parent to be added to our worker referral database. We are also interested in compiling a list of adults who would like to help seniors in our program with minor repairs and housekeeping. Some of our seniors need help that is available during the day year round.

If you are a youth, handy person or interested in some housekeeping jobs, please call Carol Madison at 651-5992.

CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM

There are currently 84 Block Leaders in our community. We are developing a map showing where leaders are located and the areas where we do not currently have a leader. Leaders are responsible for communicating with all their neighbors on their block, distributing information as needed, helping to organize block meetings and events. National Night Out is Tuesday, August 1. Taking part in this nationally supported program is a great way to get to know your neighbors andStatting your neighborhood.

We would like to expand our Block Leader network! We are also interested in having leader contacts in apartment complexes. Your time commitment would be approximately two hours a month. Please call Madison at 651-5992 for more information or to begin the process.

STAR Loan and Exterior Face-Lift Funds

There are still plenty of funds available in our STAR Loan and Exterior Face-Lift Funds to help St. Anthony Park homeowners renovate and improve their interior and exterior home improvements. Please call Kathy Bierke at St. Anthony Park Bank at 523-7833 for information on the Loan program or Dave Alfred at H-MAIC at 651-0065 for information on the Exterior Face-Lift Fund program.

St. Anthony Park Community Council

NEWS

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College Park Playground Equipment

The Parks and Recreation Department has awarded the bid to a contractor for the installation of the new playground equipment. It will take approximately three weeks for the contracts to be signed. The work is anticipated to begin about mid-July.

Neighborhood resident Bob Munson is head of a committee called College Park One Project task force. They are seeking to raise funds for the rebuilding of the tennis and basketball courts near the new play area. For more information, please call Bob at 644-9716.

Cleveland Avenue Water Tower

St. Paul Regional Water Services presented two styles of towers to neighborhood residents in attendance at our March Town Meeting of the Council. Residents overwhelmingly approved a spherical style tower to replace the aging tower currently serving a portion of our neighborhood. We have an opportunity route for a landscaping plan for the area around the new water tower. Environment Committee member Gordon Mundock will head this task force. For more information, call Melissa Matthews at 649-5992.

Cromwell/Bayless Traffic Task Force

The Council approved the proposed plan of the task force for temporary speed bumps on Cromwell between Territorial and Bayless Place, a bumpout at the intersection of Cromwell and Bayless Place, and the closing of Bayless Place at Ramsey for the remainder of 60 days. The Department of Public Works will install a recycled tile material to simulate these proposed changes and conduct a traffic study near the end of the trial period. The task force will meet again after the trial period and they will also host a community meeting to evaluate if permanent changes are warranted.
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The root of the matter — A St. Anthony Park family celebrates its English heritage

by Gayle Martyl

Cornish cousins welcomed St. Anthony Park resident Dave Bienhoff at a Year 2000 reunion of the Gilliards family in the southwestern corner of England in May. The Gilliard number at least 500, and nearly 200 of them turned up for this year’s reunion — including us from the United States and a dozen from Australia. They all count one Thomas Gillbard, 1761-1833, as their ancestor. Dave Bienhoff is a Gillbard by virtue of his mother, Stella, who reestablished ties in Cornwall well before her death a few years ago. He was joined on the trip by two daughters, Estelle Barat and Jan Bienhoff of Minnesota, as well as his sister and brother-in-law, Faith and Toly Cole of Oregon, and their daughter, America Deeb, of Georgia.

This was the fourth Gillbard reunion since 1976, and not Dave Bienhoff’s first. But it may have been the best.

Organizer Jack Gillbard, age 85, organized a reunion buffet dinner on Friday evening and two days of coach tours to former Gillbard family farms, the grave site of the elder Thomas Gillbard, historic mansions in the Tamar River valley, and the rugged Cornish coast. He topped it off with a cook-out as a closing event on Sunday evening. A bubble of beautiful sunny weather followed the weekend’s events over the rolling green countryside marked by hedges and brilliant yellow burst of rape fields and gardens.

One of the highlights of the weekend was attending a Sunday morning service at the Wesley Methodist Church of Liskeard, where in 1890 ancestors of the Australian Gillbard clan were married.

Another highlight was a visit to the shabby churchyard at St. Peterin in North Petherwin, a country church on the most ancient Celtic Christian site in Cornwall. Family members clustered around the old grave markers set in low rows to peer at the names of Thomas Gillbard and his wife, Jane Dinnis, 1768-1813.

As a visit to Newroz Farm nearby, descendants studied an 1897 photograph taken at the house still standing on the site. The occasion that year was the golden wedding anniversary of "Thomas 3 Gillbard (grandson of the first Thomas) and Mary Walters, Thomas and Mary Gillbard’s nurse, their children and many grandchildren posed for the photo, including three daughters who traveled from South Africa and a son from America — Dave’s grandfather, Samuel Gillbard, then newly married and happy to return soon to his bride in St. Paul.

The idea for the first reunion began at a funeral. "Who is the Dickens is that?" we asked each other," Jack Gillbard remembers. Betty Bloye said, "Why don’t we get together under better circumstances?" So we decided to work on that.

Each event has been organized by Jack Gillbard with help from many family and community members. Eventually an architect rendered his card file of Gillbards into a wall chart eight feet long.

Now, the card file information has been entered into the computer of John Gillbard, who is about to retire and eager to spend more time following leads to lost Gillbards around the world. There is a school in Canada named after a Gillbard, for example, and those daughters who moved to South Africa likely had children — although technically, people without the Gillbard name can’t easily be included.

"There are 502 Gillbards in the database," says John Gillbard. "It’s an exception for Dave. He and his mother have done so much for us, keeping records on the U.S. branch, even though the Gillbard name isn’t there."

The Gillbards today don’t seem to share any strong physical likenesses. From octogenarian Jack to the youngest Thomas and Edward Gillbard, toddling around the playground at the closing cook-out, they come in all shapes and sizes, from fair- to dark-haired, speaking accents from many corners of the British Isles, to say nothing about theustralians led by Dennis in a broad-accented hair and are opening a bed-and-breakfast — but also teachers and professors, business managers, farmers, homemakers, and students, including Laura Gillbard from London with the beautiful purple hair.

The American family members arrived and departed from England at different times by different means. Several traveled along the south coast, through Brighton and Chichester. Estelle Barat and friend Heidi Gertjenssen visited Wales and Paris. Dave Bienhoff and daughter, Jai, traveled to Stirling, Scotland, to visit daughter-in-law, Alison, who was home visiting her family.

"It was the perfect thing to do for this Year 2000," said Dave Bienhoff. "Those of us here in the states got to spend time together, we got to do some traveling, we always wanted to do, and we also visited and met relatives half-way around the world."
Fly me to the moon — Como kids win space camp prizes
by Lisa Steinmann

Dreams can come true
in surprising ways. Three students at Como Elementary School are one step closer to the dream of becoming astronauts. The sixth graders are recipients of a scholarship to attend Space Camp this summer at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Their benefactor, local attorney Sanderson Gwin, dreamt of becoming an astronaut when he was a boy growing up in Huntsville. While working as a tutor with students at Como this year he decided to offer the space camp scholarship in honor of his youthful dream.

The three recipients — Yong Xiong, Hannah Kippels and Steve Vang — were honored at a reception in the Como School library in early June. They appeared pleased and a little dazed by their celebrity as the cameras flashed and Gwin formally congratulated them. They donated NASA hats as proud family members applauded their accomplishment along with teachers and other school staff. Sixth grade teachers Mary Wald and Andy Xiong were on the committee that selected the three scholarship recipients and two runners up who will stand by as alternates, Ryan Hartnel and Jona Lee.

They described some of the criteria that the committee examined as a strong interest in math and science, and the quality of the student as a role model and leader. Fifteen students filled out the application that required them to answer essay questions. Finalists then sat for an interview with the committee. The scholarship, originally intended for one lucky student, grew to an offer for three students when the committee felt that there were at least three excellent candidates.

Besides the scholarship offered by Gwin, his law firm Fieh and Richardson generously funded the additional two scholarships. Yong Xiong, a young man with a ready smile, admits that he is nervous about leaving home for the first time. But he wanted to apply for the scholarship because “I think about visiting the moon and all the planets some day. I am excited to see Alabama and to see what space is like.” Because Xiong is hearing impaired, NASA will provide a sign language interpreter as he and the other participants go through five days of activities that teach them what it is like to train as an astronaut.

“Women are equal to men and both should get up into space,” according to Hannah Kippel. The earnest girl adds that she is looking forward to “learning how to control a spacecraft and work with people.” At Space Camp Kippel will learn about the teamwork that goes into space missions. She and her fellow students will also try out the machines that simulate space conditions, such as the One Sixth Gravity Trainer that simulates the moon’s gravitational pull.

A circumstantial Steve Vang admits that he never thought much about becoming an astronaut but says, “I have thought about space a lot, and finding new planets and other life forms.” Space Camp participants will get to gear up in space suits and work in a space shuttle model. When asked what role on a shuttle crew he might play, Vang says that he would be “the person who fixes things.”

Many of us have dreams of becoming astronauts and many more have dreams of going to the moon. Thanks to Sanderson Gwin three Como Elementary School students can step closer to the space age.
I had an epiphany of sorts the other night. I was returning a movie to the video store at about 11:45 p.m. (Why do they get the return time so late? I was never out at this lag when the deadline was 8:00 p.m.) There was no one else on the road but me and I thought, "Ah, this is the way I like to drive!"

Now you could think that I just like the peaceful, quiet experience of being out in the dark. Certainly I had that feeling before. My dad, practical as he was (and crazy with excitement over our impending vacation), always got us up at about 3 a.m. for our first long day of driving. My sister and I would sleep on the back seat and floor (or even sometimes in the back window) — thank goodness that shouldn't happen any more) until it got light. Then we would stop for breakfast, about 200 miles from home. At night I drove until the adults couldn't stand the kids whining any more ("When are we going to STOP?!") usually close to midnight. I liked the mornings. Really.

As an adult I also cherished times on the road when the day's traffic died to a crawl or hadn't yet started. There was a time in Arizona when I saw the sun rise over the hush desert landscape with everyone else in the car sleeping and no other cars on the road. But that's not what I was thinking that night.

I was thinking that for once, I wasn't paranoid about what all those other drivers were going to do. For once, after years of being tense, irritable and (let's face it) sometimes profane behind the wheel, I could finally relax!

I used to like to drive. But it seems that somewhere along the way, everyone just got to be in such a hurry. Wearing in and out of traffic, tailgating, cutting me off, they just can't wait to get where they are going. Then there is that new kind of signal lights. You know the kind; they only go on when the car actually begins to turn. But at least they are better than those lights that just don't work at all! It's hard to guess what some drivers are going to do.

My kids know that if we are going somewhere together, I will make them drive. This usually involves my car, as there is no extra space for a passenger in either of theirs. (Sometimes I think they must fear instant homelessness and thus carry a third of their possessions with them.) But I gladly give them their keys. It relieves me of the burden of being in charge of the vehicle. I do advise sometimes, of course. It is my car.

My sister, on the other hand, refuses to let me drive. "It's not worth the stress." So, she automatically plans to drive when we go somewhere together. "So," you ask, "what was this big revelation?" I knew I had been hating driving lately, that was no surprise. The realization that I came to was that the peace that comes with driving alone comes with a price. Sure, it would be fun to have the world all to myself for a while. Grocery shopping would be a snap. No crowds to fight at the fair, no long waits to get a doctor's appointment, no hours of unhallowed bodies pushing and shoving to get into rock concerts. (O.K., so that hasn't happened to me recently.) But that would also mean no one laughing with me at funny movies or nothing and abasing me with the fourth of July fireworks. It wouldn't be worth it.

Think about some of those old B-grade horror movies. The scary opening scene was often a deserted desert. Part of the reason for that setting is that it is frightening for human beings to be completely alone. We crave each other's company.

I like being around other people, rude, selfish and insane though they might be behind the wheel, at other times those same people can be funny, charming, sensitive and caring. Just like me. I'm even willing to share the road with them. I just wish they'd keep off my bumper!!

Cooperative Champion . . . from page 1

Volodga produced gusher better so cultured that it was originally called Palestinian butter. But the commission voted the factory in 1917, the citizen Palestinian designation was dropped and Volodga butter became just another commodity. When commission fail in 1919 the Volodga Dairy Factory was turned over to private owners who formed a cooperative (influence by the example of East O'Lakes). The butter is now such a successful product it even has to compete with a coprate label of its own within the country.

Magnuson intends to continue working with cooperatives and lawmaking bodies in other countries. He feels that international experience is very important. And his experience is internationally important.
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Rec Center events
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Clean up coming
Cleaning up our neighborhood takes a lot of planning. The Como Park and St. Anthony Park cleanup is set for Saturday, September 30, and organized efforts are already underway.

This year the St. Anthony Park Community Council hopes to offer pick up of materials for senior citizens. If you belong to a group that would be able to volunteer to assist us with pick up, please call Sue McCall for the Como neighborhood at 645-3889 or Carol Madson for the St. Anthony Park neighborhood at 649-5992.

Gibbs Farm happenings
Leave the dot.com world behind and step backwards in time this month by visiting the Gibbs Farm Museum — a unique, interpretive site in Falcon Heights that trumpets 19th century agriculture living. Upcoming happenings begin on Sunday, July 16, with a crazy quilt jubilee, featuring selections from the Ramsey Country Historical Society’s collection. On Sunday, July 23, a country Festival heralds all things rural from food to music and beyond. The month concludes on Sunday, July 30, with a display of civil war clothing.

Gibbs Farm Museum is open Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends, noon to 4 p.m. It is located at Larpenteur and Cleveland avenues and admission costs $5 (adults), $4 (senior), and $3 (children ages 2 - 16).

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Etc.

People

Vanessa Yeakel and Marie Baran of Falcon Heights won the following honors — the Girl Scout Gold Award, Yeakel, who completed her project work in the fall of 1999, gathered supplies and volunteers to provide a youth volleyball clinic for Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in White Horse, South Dakota. Meanwhile, Baran developed two “summer fun” events last winter to bring some sunshine during the Minnesota winter . . . Murray High School graduate C.W. Brookins is celebrating the debut of his new mystery novel, Inner Passages, and will be signing copies at Barnes and Noble (Har Mar, 2100 Steeplechase Avenue, Roseville, 639-9256) on Tuesday, July 25, at 7 p.m.

Office organizer extraordinare Lorena Rothe (1535 Simpson Street, St. Paul, 646-5785) of Como Park offers a new file maintenance system for businesses and nonprofits that promises to raise efficiency and save time . . . St. Anthony Park Bank welcomes Jim Ostlund as vice president of commercial lending.

Music at Como Park

Humb a happy symphony at the Minnesota Orchestra’s concert at Como Park on Wednesday, July 2, 7 p.m., when conductor Giancarlo Guerrero directs a thrilling repertory that flies from Tchaikovsky’s “1812 Overture” to Shostakovich’s “Festive Overture” to selections from the Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber songbook. This free outdoor concert is made possible by NSP. Then, on Sunday, July 16, 8:30 p.m., Philomusica takes centerstage at Como Park and performs works by Debussy and Elgar. Philomusica is known for its iconoclastic approach to performing because the ensemble often plays without a conductor.
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Fortunately, when the center
finds a suitable volunteer, it
usually manages to hold on to
him or her. Of the 600 people
currently recording, many
have been at it for years. One
dedicated individual has been
reading several hours a week
since 1954.

Typical is Tom O’Sullivan,
age 68, a resident of the Como
Park neighborhood. O’Sullivan,
who has volunteered at the Center
since 1981, says of reading for
the blind, “It almost feels like
an avocation to me.”

A museum curator by profession, O’Sullivan uses his volunteer
work to satisfy an itch to be a radio performer. These
days, O’Sullivan tapes a weekly
radio show. “The Best in Short
Stories,” for the center’s Radio
Talking Book Network. He barks back into the stories, in the days
when he used to read newspapers
live on the air. “There’s a
spontaneity to it,” he says.

“Since it’s live, there are glitches,
of course. But that makes it more
fun.” O’Sullivan remembers that
rapidly breaking international
news presents a special challenge
to volunteer newspaper readers.

“You almost dread turning to the
news pages when there’s breaking
news in some situation with long,
unfamiliar names that need to be
pronounced.

In a normal month, volunteers record from more
than half-a-dozen, best sellers, 300 magazines and Pioneer Press
and Star Tribune newspapers.

Sedys says that about three-quarters of the material read by
volunteers is intended for

If you would like more information about volunteering to read for the
blind, call 642-0849.

The center supports students who, due to either loss of sight or
learning difficulties like severe
dyslexia, must process information aurally. Students can be enrolled to anything from
grade school to graduate studies, but
they also need textbooks in a
format they can use. Although the
center is able to transcribe some
materials into Braille, the bulk of the
texts are recorded by the
center’s volunteers.

It makes for a dedicated
group of readers. “If a volunteer
isn’t there every week,” says Sedys,
“a student who is depending on

him or her could flunk an exam.”

With the aid of recorded texts, clients of the center are
studying law, medicine,
psychology, nursing and computer
science. Sedys notes, “Thirty
years ago we taped mostly history,
literature and biography. Now, we
do much more. What that says to me is that the blind are keeping
up with people in the sighted
world.”

Kent Krueger, age 49, has been recording textbooks for over
a year, but at the Center his chief
distinction is that he is part of a
volunteer dynasty. His dad
Clarence “C. O.” Krueger is a
long-time volunteer, too.

The younger Krueger, a resident of the Midway Area,
writes mysteries for a living. He
acknowledges that often the texts
he taps lies outside his usual areas
of interest and experience, but says
that doesn’t keep his recordings from being “of benefit” to those
who need them. Krueger emphasizes that the broad range
textbooks to be recorded
underscores the need for a wide
variety of volunteers. “I’d like to see lots more people of many
different backgrounds volunteer.
They are needed,” he says.

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Annual Hmong Festival draws thousands to Como Park

Holiday for many, headache for others
by Judy Woodward

C elebrations from all over the United States will fill Como Park to capacity and then some on July 1 and 2. The occasion is the annual Hmong Festival. The largest public event held in Como Park each year, the Hmong Festival is an opportunity for Hmong immigrants from as far away as California and Michigan to enjoy traditional food and music, compete in a hotly contested soccer tournament and reconnect with old friends and relations. The event has been held on the first weekend in July just about every summer since the first Hmong refugees arrived in St. Paul in 1976 in the tumultuous aftermath of the Vietnam War.

The Festival is sponsored by the Lao Family Community, and in many ways it resembles a giant family reunion. Thomas Vang, president of the Lao Community says, "The Hmong don't have many events like this. Our elderly normally stay home to save money, but people look forward to this every year." Vang adds that, for a people disrupted by war, immigration, and the onslaught on American culture, the Hmong Festival offers a brief opportunity to rekindle old ties and preserve traditional ways. He calls it, "Good for the healing process."

But if the Festival represents the happiness of holidays for the Hmong, it's more of a giant headache for some residents of the Como Park area. Neighbors in the area surrounding the park complain that the Festival is too big and too noisy.

Says John Felling, who lives a block from the park, "Trash is 80 percent of the problem. Last year, on the day after the festival, we collected a couple of leaf bags full of trash from our yard. I don't think the park can hold that site of a crowd."

Estimates vary on the number of attendees at the Festival. Vang predicts a turnout of 20,000, but other observers put attendance at last year's event closer to 40,000.

The only thing that all parties seem to agree on is that the fest is hugely popular and it's growing bigger every year.

Andrea Wiecec, another near neighbor of Como Park, says that she has enjoyed visiting the festival in past years, but she resents the parking problems that inevitably arise. "During the Festival there's a parking ban on residential streets, but everybody ignores it. The City doesn't tow the autos violating the parking restrictions. So what good does it do to have parking regulations? I can't have anybody over to visit for Fourth of July, because there's no place for them to park."

Neighborhood dissatisfaction with the Festival spilled over at a recent District 10 Community Council meeting on May 16. Although the subject under discussion was the City's proposal to convert most of the softball diamonds at McMurray Field to soccer fields, many of the comments from the overflow crowd centered on the festival.

Many in the crowd expressed open reluctance to make any changes that might increase the prospect of heavier use of McMurray Field by the soccer-loving Hmong.

Because the nearby residents of Como Park are largely white, the charge of racism inevitably taints any discussion of tension between the neighborhood and the Hmong Festival. No one is willing to be quoted for publication, but there are occasional muttered musings among residents who wonder why the Hmong maintain a separate celebration on Fourth of July instead of joining in the general holiday fun.

Felling says that racist comments among his neighbors are in what he calls "the vast minority. " Less than one percent of the complaints are racist," he says. "Most people are concerned about the trash and the parking difficulties."

Sue McCall of the District 10 Community Council said that the council receives about seven or eight letters of complaint annually about the Hmong Festival. The community council has remained relatively neutral on the subject of the festival.

Vang explains that the Hmong Festival falls near the Fourth of July for the most practical of reasons, "Most of our people have a long weekend off from work then."

Although most of those attending the festival are Hmong, Vang notes that everyone is welcome. He adds that there are no plans to relocate the site of the Festival from Como Park, since "the majority of the Hmong live in this city."

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Harvest State Building . . . from page 1

hold up cars on Larpenteur when employees left work in the afternoon.

In 1983 the Grain Terminal Association merged with North Pacific Grain Growers, a Portland-based grain cooperative, and changed its name to Harvest States. In 1998 Harvest States merged with Cenex. Cenex Harvest States began transferring employees to its larger and newer headquarters in Inver Grove Heights. That relocation was completed in June of last year, and the building has been vacant since then.

According to Roger Tschida, director of corporate real estate for Cenex Harvest States, the property has attracted interest from a variety of potential developers. Proposals for the space have included offices, condominiums, and charter schools. "We're still waiting for a

“We would oppose any plan for the site that proposed tearing down the building.”

— Heather Worthington buyer who represents the right fit,” said Tschida. "We hope to have a deal completed by sometime this summer."

The City of Falcon Heights is keeping a watchful eye on these proceedings. According to

Heather Worthington, Falcon Heights city administrator, the city cannot afford to lose that property from its tax rolls.

"Two-thirds of the land in Falcon Heights is tax exempt," said Worthington. "That's one of the highest percentages of any municipality in the state. We're committed to keeping the Cenex/Harvest States property on the tax rolls." Falcon Heights also wants to preserve the main building on the site. "We would oppose any plan for the site that proposed tearing down the building," said Worthington. "It's an architectural treasure that is important not only to Falcon Heights but to the whole surrounding area."

KSTP property . . . from page 1

finalized by the South East Economic Development (SEED) Committee. Although nothing's been decided or formally proposed regarding the existing studio facilities, Clark believes that at a minimum there would likely be some expansion. Earlier discussions with the SEED Committee in February indicated that the studios might be relocated to the north side of the property, and the residential component would be located along University Avenue. The formal proposals being created by Clark and Caldwell

"There are lots of opportunity on the west end of University Avenue, and Hubbard has the wherewithal to make something good happen."

Banker are to be presented to Hubbard in the next couple of months, said Clark. Following that they will go through a process including the SEED Committee and the city. Construction of initial phases could begin as early as spring 2000. Bob Armoldorfer, who also sits on the SEED Committee, is hopeful about Hubbard's redevelopment project.

"There's lots of opportunity on the west end of University Avenue, and Hubbard has the wherewithal to make something good happen."

Look to the Park Bugle for further developments on this project.

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4 Tuesday
- Independence Day

5 Wednesday
- Leisure Center for Seniors (603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. Every Wednesday.
- Bill the Juggler, Summer Reading program, St. Anthony Park Branch Library, Como at Carter avenues, 3 p.m.
- Minnesota Orchestra performs works by Shostakovich and Tchaikovsky at Como Lakeside Pavilion, 7 p.m.

6 Thursday
- Tot Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 10 a.m.-noon. Every Thursday. Call 298-5765.
- Toastmasters, U.S. Forest Service, 1992 Folwell Avenue, St. Paul Campus, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 669-5162. Every Thursday.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 6 p.m.

7 Friday
- Lauderdale and Falcon Heights recycling.
- Bill the Juggler, Summer Reading program, St. Anthony Park Branch Library, Como at Carter avenues, 10:30 a.m.

8 Saturday
- Junior High Night, Langford Park Rec Center (298-5765), 7-10 p.m. Parent permission required.

10 Monday
- Como Park recycling.
- Park Press Inc., — Park Bugle — board meeting, St. Anthony Park Bank community room, 7 a.m.
- Falconers Senior Card Club (488-3561), Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 1:30 p.m.

11 Tuesday
- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 7:30 p.m.

12 Wednesday
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- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 7 p.m.

14 Friday
- Ventilquietn Nancy Baldrica, Summer Reading program, St. Anthony Park Branch Library, Como at Carter avenues, 10:30 a.m.

16 Sunday
- Philharmonia performs at Como Lakeside Pavilion, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

18 Tuesday
- Lauderdale Planning Commission, City Hall, 1891 Walnut, 7 p.m.
- Como Community Council, board meeting 7-8 p.m., community meeting 8 p.m. Call 644-3889 for location.

19 Wednesday
- Music by Host & Annie, Summer Reading program, St. Anthony Park Branch Library, Como at Carter avenues, 3 p.m.

21 Friday
- Lauderdale and Falcon Heights recycling.
- Music by Host & Annie, Summer Reading program, St. Anthony Park Branch Library, Como at Carter avenues, 10:30 a.m.

22 Saturday
- FARE For All food distribution and registration at Holy Childhood Church, 1435 Midway Parkway, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Call 644-7495 or St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Avenue, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Call 644-8833.

24 Monday
- Como Park recycling.

25 Tuesday
- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 7:30 p.m.

26 Wednesday
- St. Anthony Park recycling.
- Music by Kit & Kaboodle, Summer Reading program, St. Anthony Park Branch Library, Como at Carter avenues, 3 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Housing and Human Services Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 5:30 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Environment Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.
- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur, 7 p.m.

27 Thursday
- Como Park Environmental Meeting, St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 1465 N. Victoria. Call 644-3889 for more information.

28 Friday
- Music by Kit & Kaboodle, Summer Reading program, St. Anthony Park Branch Library, Como at Carter avenues, 10:30 a.m.

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Helen Beacher
Helen J. Beacher died on May 11. She was 95. Mrs. Beacher was a resident of Lyngblomsten Care Center. Penceded in death by her husband, Leon, and grandson, John, she is survived by a son, Bill; a grandson, Bob; and great-grandchildren, Daniel, Scott, and Lisa.

James Houck
James Preston Houck, age 64, died on May 16. He was a longtime resident of St. Anthony Park. Mr. Houck was a professor and former head of the Department of Applied Economics at the University of Minnesota. He was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. Survivors include his wife of 38 years, Peg, son, James, daughter, Allison Mellin; grandchildren, Otzy Houck and Benjamin Mellin; and a brother, Tom.

Ann Koch
Lyngblomsten Care Center resident Ann E. Koch died May 15, at the age of 90.
Born in Clayton, Wisconsin, she grew up in the farming community of Jord, Wisconsin. After her marriage to Paul Koch, she farmed with him until 1959, then moved to St. Paul. She worked for the St. Paul Companies in the accounting department until her retirement in 1979. Penceded in death by her husband, Paul, a sister, Thora, and brothers, Carl and Axel, Mrs. Koch is survived by sister, Ellie Linder.

Areta McVey
Areta F. McVey, whose home was in Falcon Heights, died on May 17. She was 76 years old. Mrs. McVey was born in Lafayette, Indiana, to Donald and Huel McKenzie. She received her Bachelor's degree in bacteriology from Purdue University and her Master's in color and design from the University of Minnesota. A Minnesota resident since 1955, she was active in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program for 25 years, serving as a member of the board and as a country exchange officer for Mexico, Brazil, Peru, and Bolivia. She received the Rotary Harris Award. She was a cosmetic consultant for Mary Kay for 20 years. Also, she lived in Liberia for two years and Puerto Rico for six years. Survivors include her husband, Donald; daughter, Anne; sons, Warren, Duncun, Vance, and Alair; grandchildren, Ian, Ely, Perrin, Arnetta, McKenzie, Samuel, Brian, and Jackson; brother, Jack; and sisters, McGinnis; and sister, Priscilla Colley.

Josephine Stanislav
Josephine Stanislav, age 91, died on June 1. She was a resident of Lyngblomsten Care Center and aсутologist at Holy Childhood Catholic Church.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Steve, son, Otti, and daughter-in-law, Colene. She is survived by daughters, Thomas Bloom and Genevieve Schoeller; sons, Len, Edward, Charles, and James; granddaughters, Cecelia, Roseanne, Annette, Marie, Marguerite, Michelle, Deborah, Gay, Renee, Ronanne, Sarah, Jennifer, Abby, Lara, and Maria; grandchildren, Joseph, David, Robert, Steve, John, Thomas, Otti, Thomas G., Stephen, Michael, and Alex; numerous great-grandchildren; and a brother, Fred.

Michael Weins
Michael G. Weins died on May 29 at the age of 73. He was a former resident of St. Anthony Park. He grew up on Baldwell Avenue and attended Murray High School.
Mr. Weins was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS St. Louis. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Penced in death by his first wife, Donna, he is survived by his wife, Evelyn; daughters, Donna Barnes, Rosanne Dickhaut, Pat Lambert, and Carolyn Brummer; sons, Michael, Larry, and Thomas Brummer; 15 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

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The potential for redevelopment in the area, whether Weyerhaeuser leaves or not, has got a lot of people interested. This has spurred the community that has had a positive effect.

Weyerhaeuser said he thinks it could be as long as a 10-year project, but some work could begin next Spring.

"I want to emphasize to residents that I don't think there will be large bulldozers showing up. It'll be a stage-by-stage process," he said, adding that he would favor more commercial development and less residential construction.

That is just one perspective.

"There are a number of people who have ideas on how to proceed with the area," said Sherman Eagles, SAPPC co-chairman from south St. Anthony Park. "In areas like that, I tend to lean toward mixed use, not just all commercial. I know that some of the residents there would like to see more housing.

Drummond emphasized the very early nature of the process. Grandas said Weyerhaeuser wouldn't be represented at that meeting because of short notice, but added that the board would be involved in the planning process.

"We've always been very open to the local community participation. We plan to participate and be advised" of what happens at the first meeting.

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The task force will becomposed of three residents from the area; three business/ community property owners; four SAPPC members — one member from each committee and at-large; two West Midway business people; and three members from the adjacent Prospect Park residents and a business person.

Mathews said the task force will "develop a strategy for redevelopment and make a recommendation to the SAPPC."

The council, in turn, will make a recommendation to the St. Paul Planning Commission, which will pass along its recommendations to the City Council.

Bob Straughn, a SAPPC delegate from St. Anthony Park and chair of the council's Physical Planning Committee, has seen this all before.

It seems like 30 years, but it mattered. It was a matter of developing Energy Park Drive and Raymond and the rezoning at University and Raymond that has helped shape what has happened in that area.

"I would hope it would happen again because the city is focused on it and the community is focused on it, like the Westgate