

Park Service unveils plan to add car wash

by Dave Healy

Park Service, a full-service gas station and automotive repair shop at 2277 Como Avenue, has begun plans to build an automatic car wash. The single-bay car wash would be added to the west end of the existing building.

On July 11, the St.

Anthony Park Community Council's

Physical Planning Committee devoted the first hour of its meeting to a discussion of the Park Service plan. Committee members had received copies of a site plan for the new car wash.

The site plan was not an action item for the committee. Because Park Service has not requested any variances, the city of St. Paul does not require the District 12 Council to make a recommendation on the plan, which has been submitted to the city's Licensing, Inspection and Environmental Protection Department. The committee took up the matter as a discussion item.

Park Service owner Ned Wesenberg said that his plan to install a car wash is a response to

customer requests. "I listen to what my customers have to say," said Wesenberg, "and this is something I've heard over and over. If people want it, I'm more than happy to provide it."

"I listen to what my customers have to say, and a car wash is something I've heard over and over. If people want it, I'm more than happy to provide it."

—Ned Wesenberg, owner, Park Service

The plan includes rereading the hill on the northwest corner of the property to add parking space that would be lost by the new construction. A retaining wall would also be added along that border. Access to the car wash would be via Gove Place and a one-way lane behind the existing building.

Several residents who attended the committee meeting voiced opposition to Wesenberg's proposal. Ellen Healy, whose property at 2228 Doswell Avenue borders Park Service to the north, raised concerns about increased noise, light and traffic.

Another Doswell resident, Judy Emerson, questioned whether the new configuration would mean that some cars

would be parked off-site. Emerson also expressed concern about changes to the hill between the parking area and the apartment building to the northwest.

Wesenberg responded that the car wash would result in no additional lighting. He added, "I've always paid

attention to the station's appearance and how it fits into the neighborhood. I think the landscaping and retaining wall would improve the look of things."



The Park Service car wash would be added to the west end of the building. A retaining wall would also be added along the parking lot.

Ryan Swenson of Griffin Contracting, the company that would build the car wash, said that because the door to the car wash would remain closed during

the entire washing and drying operation, no additional noise would be discernible from any

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Dispute pits St. Paul against billboard owner

Delite Advertising raises I-94/Vandalia sign another 25 feet

by Susan Conner

Despite having been in violation of city ordinance and St. Anthony Park's special sign district plan for several years, a billboard located at Vandalia and I-94 will not only remain in place but has been raised to increase its visibility.

Billboard owner Delite Outdoor Advertising recently received permission to raise the sign another 25 feet. That action is

the result of a successful lawsuit brought by Delite against the city of St. Paul, which is the most

recent in a long series of disputes between the city and the owners of the Vandalia/94 billboard.

"The judge gave a rigid interpretation of the law."

—Bob Straughn
District 12 Physical Planning Committee

"We met all the legal requirements."

—Tim Scott, general manager
Delite Outdoor Advertising

A billboard was first put up

by the Fairway Co. in 1983 at 2100 Gilbert Avenue, near the current sign's location. In 1996 that sign sustained damage and was taken down. A new sign was constructed the same height as the old one, but by this time city code had changed and the new sign was too tall. Fairway applied for a variance.

In the meantime, it was

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Local merchant foils Milton Square burglary

by Judy Woodward

The first time Lisa Wynn saw the man, he was standing in her tea room looking like anything but one of her regular customers.

The next time she saw him, he ended up in jail.

Thanks to some quick thinking by Wynn and her husband Scott, a daring daytime burglary at nearby Taste of Scandinavia Bakery ended in arrest on July 6.

Wynn, who co-owns the Embellish Shop and Tea Room in Milton Square with her mother, was alone at the shop one day several weeks ago when she first encountered the man. He had wandered into the adjoining tea room despite a "closed" sign, and, according to Wynn, he cut

something of an unusual figure.

Embellish's décor runs heavily to pastel chintz and delicate flowered china. "I serve tea to women from 30-80 years old," is the way Wynn describes her typical clientele.

This man was anything but. Sporting dreadlocks and a collection of acne scars, the 20-something young man was also extremely thin. "Auschwitz skinny," is how Wynn put it. Someone who clearly didn't know his way around a plate of teacakes is what she might have said. "What's a skinny young guy doing in a tea room?" Wynn asked herself.

On that day, the man wandered away and the

encounter ended inconclusively, but Wynn had a premonition of trouble and she remembered his face.

On July 6, she saw him again at Milton Square on a busy Saturday morning around 11 a.m. This time he had a companion with him, and Wynn saw the two men attempt an entry down a blocked-off stairway into another Milton Avenue store.

Fortunately, Wynn wasn't alone this time. While she guarded the store, she dispatched her husband, Scott, into the Milton Square courtyard to keep on eye on the two men.

Scott Wynn pretended to be

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Volunteers start butterfly garden

Since the 1980s, a community garden has flourished just west of Raymond Avenue on a strip of land between Robbins Street and the railroad tracks in south St. Anthony Park. The 96-plot garden occupies slightly over half of the property owned by the District 12 Community Council. Recently, volunteers have started cultivating some of the remaining land. Their plan is to create a large butterfly garden. Here, four gardeners work on mulching the new plants. From left to right (standing): Janet Nelson lives in Como Park and has one of the community garden's plots; Susan Conner and Sherm Eagles, who live in south St. Anthony Park, are the main organizers of the community garden; Katlyn Beaver (stooping) is Conner's niece, who recently visited from Portland, Oregon and volunteered to help with the butterfly garden. The long-range plan is to plant the entire area from the community garden west to the Robbins/Cromwell/Manvel intersection.

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Falcon Heights

For two years the Parks and Public Works Department has been studying how to improve drainage in Curtis Field. According to PPW Director Bill Maertz, when there is rain, 14 acres of Falcon Heights drain into Curtis Field, flooding the ball fields and play areas.

Maertz said a pond was originally installed to serve as a filtration system for the area but is no longer functioning that way because it is so full of vegetation. In Maertz's words, "It is not a park with a pond but a pond with a park."

Maertz said the one definite step that will be taken is to dredge the pond and remove the vegetation that's clogging the sand bottom. Other possibilities may be to enlarge the pond by closing the service road.

As they improve the drainage situation, the city is also looking at adding a perimeter sidewalk and paths, as well as exchanging the chainlink fence for a more decorative one. Decisions will be finalized in late fall.

Lauderdale

State Rep. Mindy Greiling, who currently represents District 54B, has filed for re-election in newly redefined District 54A, which includes Lauderdale. Greiling has served in the Minnesota House for 10 years, where she has focused on education and health care.

Greiling has a bachelor's degree from Gustavus Adolphus College and a master's degree from the University of Minnesota. She and her husband, Roger, live in Roseville.

St. Anthony Park

The Central Corridor Coordinating Committee recently presented an update to the District 12 Community Council on the Central Corridor Transit Study. The committee has been studying three options for mass transit on University Avenue: (1) increasing the number of buses, (2) making part of the avenue a bus-only route, and (3) running light rail down the center of University.

In June the committee voted 5 to 0 with three abstentions in favor of light rail. A preliminary environmental impact statement has been sent to the federal government for review. A final decision will be made in the fall.

Environment committees of St. Anthony Park, Prospect Park and Southeast Como held a joint meeting to discuss common interests in SEED/SEMI (Southeast Economic Development and Southeast Minneapolis Industrial concerns). They agreed to focus on five areas: (1) water, (2) traffic, (3) noise and light, (4) aesthetics, and (5) land use/process/jurisdiction/boundaries.

Emerald Gardens, the housing project at Franklin and Emerald, now has a Web site at www.emeraldgardensliving.com. One can send e-mail requests for information, and can see floor plans and prices for units. A sales trailer will open on the site in August. Construction is expected to begin this fall.

—Susan Conner

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Local author takes readers inside Fair's fence

Gale Frost's self-published book recounts Minn. State Fair history

by Michelle Christianson

To say that Gale Frost has a long association with the Minnesota State Fair is an understatement.

Frost's grandfather, H. D. Brown, of Brown and Bigelow, set up Gale's father, Harry Frost, in business printing posters and fliers for the fair in its early days. Harry later operated the grandstand concessions from 1909 to 1924 and worked for the Fair in various capacities from 1924 to 1975.

Gale was curator of the State Fair Museum from 1976 to 2001 and now, at age 89, is the Fair's official historian.

Luckily for us, Frost has used this rich heritage, along with his huge collection of memorabilia, to produce "Inside the Fence," a State Fair scrapbook.

The book is just that—a scrapbook, filled with pictures, short histories of various sides of the fair business, letters, and reproductions of posters, articles and paintings, along with Frost's commentaries. There's even a section of blank pages for readers to write their own memories of the Fair.

The first chapter, "The Fair by Years," is a history of the Fair, telling when and where the event was held and highlights of each one, including personal stories, cartoons, even calendars of events for some years. The second chapter is a history of the Royal American Shows. This section features information and pictures of the traveling circuses, sideshows, freak shows and thrill rides that were staples at the Fair from 1933 to 1993. The third chapter is a similar exposition of the thrill shows that were the precursors of today's monster truck rallies and air shows. A highlight was the head-on crash of two locomotives.

The next three chapters are reproductions of paintings by

Frost of cars and planes in the thrill shows (he was an art major at St. Olaf College), letters from children who visited the museum and pictures of the museum and the people involved with it. The seventh chapter is about the Hippodrome—now called the

even if they can't go to the Fair anymore, they can still relive it through the scrapbook."

Office Max printed the book, and Frost is pleased with the "homemade" look it has—and the fact that the paintings

look even better than the originals, with brighter colors." If the book really sells well, he concedes that he would let a publisher make a "real" book out of it, with a fancier cover and more detail. But for now he is happy to sell it the way it is.

The book is for sale at Micawber's for \$24.50 as well as by mail. Send a check to Gale Frost at 2250 Luther Place #209, St. Paul MN 55108, and he will mail you a copy.

If you visit Frost you won't miss the many other scrapbooks he has lining his shelves. One is filled with photos and autographs of the people he has met at the Fair, and another has racing memorabilia from the thrill shows. Frost thinks they would also make interesting books to share with others. In addition he has many scrapbooks brimming with memories of his family.

One would think that at 89 a man would begin to slow down, but Frost keeps up a pretty busy schedule. Another of his hobbies is model trains, and one whole room of his condo is filled with an extensive setup that includes a passenger train, a troop transport train and, of course, a sideshow train. He has had discussions with the Children's Museum about a program that would teach children how to build their own model train dioramas.

Frost also works at the Fair Museum every day during the Fair (and many days the rest of the year) and attends St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church's Leisure Center on Wednesdays.

In other words, stay tuned. Who knows what Frost will do in the next decade of his life?



Photo by Truman Olson

Connor Graham met author Gale Frost at the St. Anthony Park Library. Frost's book recounts his long association with the State Fair.

Coliseum—and the ice shows and the sporting events that were held there. The final chapter, "Spinning the Web," consists of articles about and pictures of Frost and the museum.

Frost decided to self-publish the book for several reasons. He wanted each of his five children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren to have a copy of the scrapbook he had been keeping for many years. But more than that, he wanted a place for the information that didn't fit or was too detailed for the museum, and he wanted to be able to pass that information on to others who shared his passion for the State Fair.

He likes books that are not literary, that are "simple and easy to follow," and he was afraid that a publisher would want to make it too "bookish." The inscription at the beginning of the book reads, "After all it's just a scrapbook."

"I'm not in the book business," says Frost, "and I don't want to make money on this. I'm a collector and I like to make people happy." He hopes that the many pictures and large type in most of the book will make it easy for seniors to enjoy. "Then,

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EDITORIAL

Re-examining rituals

ritual, *n.* A set form or system of rites, religious or otherwise.
rite, *n.* A ceremonial or formal, solemn act, observance or procedure in accordance with prescribed rule or custom.

Rituals are observed year round, but some lend themselves better to summertime, when a ceremony can take place outdoors. It's fortuitous, for example, that the United States celebrates its independence in July, when it's easier to ritualize such things as parades and picnics and fireworks displays. So, while one could analyze rituals any time, summer seems an especially appropriate opportunity to reflect on their place in our lives.

Rituals, the dictionary reminds us, are—pre-eminently—actions: They're something we do. A ritual may reflect a belief or a set of beliefs, but a ritual is not a belief—it's a behavior.

Furthermore, a ritual is performed in accordance with rules or customs. These may or may not be written down, but they exist—often in the collective memory of the performers. In other words, there's a right way to observe a ritual, and often one learns the proper procedure by watching other adherents perform it.

The dictionary describes what rituals are, but it doesn't tell us *why* we perform them. What is it about rituals that makes them such a predictable part of human behavior across times and places?

Perhaps one reason rituals are so pervasive is their ability to concretize beliefs, to make visible the abstractions that guide our actions. How do you know what people believe? One way is to listen to what they say. But, as most of us learn, talk can be cheap. What people *do*—willingly and thoughtfully and regularly—is the best indication of what they believe.

Of course, rituals are not always enacted willingly and thoughtfully—a fact that complicates something like reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. A ritual can become habitual, can be drained of its meaning by unthinking repetition. And because the most powerful and meaningful rituals are those we observe in groups, rituals are subject to coercion, sometimes unstated and subtle.

But at its best, a ritual is a way to define and affirm group membership. Any group that persists over time does so in part on the strength of its rituals. What does it mean to be a member of a group—a family, a church, a fraternity, a club, a nation? Among other things, it means having some common observances, doing certain things together and doing them in a certain way—a way that defines the participants as members. We show that we're like-minded by being like-actioned.

A ritual is also a stay against uncertainty, an anchor in a storm. In the words of Salman Rushdie, "There is no such thing as normal life. Yet the everyday is what we need, it's the house we build to defend us against the big bad wolf of change."

When life seems especially chaotic, unmanageable, we turn to the familiarity of ritual to help us cope. In uncertain times, we find stability and comfort in activities that reinforce our participation in something bigger than ourselves.

Last month, some of us gathered in Langford Park to observe the Fourth of July and affirm our identity with both a nation and a neighborhood. Some of us gathered in Como Park for the Hmong Sports Tournament to affirm a cultural identity that transcends geographical boundaries. Many of us gathered as families to affirm our kinship with loved ones.

This month some of us will gather with our neighbors in connection with National Night Out. We'll turn on our lights and fire up our grills in demonstrations of neighborhood solidarity.

In the games we play, the speeches we hear, the food we eat, our summer rituals demonstrate that we believe in the value of community and like-mindedness. But, of course, we're not all like-minded. Do we also believe in affirming those who are different from us? What might a ritual embodying *that* belief look like?

Ban Bayless barricades

Shame on the St. Anthony Park Physical Planning Committee for playing politics with the Bayless/Cromwell barricades, and completely ignoring the interests of over 60 petitioners.

Who wants the barricades to stay? I'll tell you whom: the president of the Midway Chamber of Commerce and several committee members. So guess what—instead of meaningful discussion toward a compromise, we get painted curbs and flowerpots for the next who knows how many years.

I've had my fill of the "save the children" and "if we remove them we lose them" story line. Mr. Benanav, your office may have faith in the Physical Planning Committee's ability to address our concerns, but I don't.

Dan Braun
St. Paul

Buckthorn herbicide options

I want to expand on the article written by Mary Lerman about buckthorn published in the July issue of the Park Bugle.

It should be noted that both triclopyr and glyphosate are considered respiratory irritants when applied incorrectly. Triclopyr's potential for leaching into the soil and damaging desirable plant materials is associated with high (44.4-61.6 percent) concentrations, not the 8 percent concentration we recommend. The higher concentrations of triclopyr are available only to licensed herbicide applicators, not homeowners.

An important piece of information omitted from Mary Lerman's article was that glyphosate (Round-up) contains a surfactant, which can damage aquatic life. The triclopyr product that we recommend (Brush-B-Gon) does not contain a surfactant. If a water source is nearby, glyphosate (Round-up) should not be applied.

Homeowners who feel strongly about not using a glyphosate-containing herbicide to treat their buckthorn should use a product called Rodeo,

which does not contain a surfactant. However, Rodeo is expensive and is not readily available. There are pesticide fact sheets available for both chemicals on the Internet at <http://infoventures.com/e-hlth/pesticide/glyphos.html> and <http://infoventures.com/e-hlth/pesticide/triclopy.html>.

Without a doubt, buckthorn is devastating to our natural areas, and while mechanical removal is the most environmentally safe method of eliminating buckthorn, it isn't always possible. So no matter what chemical is used, please take extreme caution, use sparingly and only as recommended.

Cindy Schwie, Project Manager
Mississippi River Bluff
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Job Corps serves community

Thanks for the article and editorial about the Job Corps Center in last month's issue. We appreciate your even-handed reporting.

We have been, and will continue to be, sensitive to the feelings of our neighbors. That is why we held the June 18 meeting. But we go much further than that.

Last year, Job Corps students and staff contributed over 5,000 hours of volunteer community service—everything from sandbagging during the spring floods to cleaning up the Mississippi River banks during June's initiative.

This is good not only for the community but for our students as well. We do whatever we can to help them understand what being a good neighbor means.

In addition, each year our student government donates to charities a sizable portion of the money they earn parking cars during the State Fair. Last year, it was \$6,000.

Our hope is that we can have a true dialogue with our community, one in which each of us hears and acknowledges the concerns of the other.

David R. MacKenzie, Director
Hubert H. Humphrey
Job Corps Center

Chet's supports local growers

Your piece about Mike Phillips and Chet's Taverna in last month's story about self-taught chefs in St. Anthony Park mentions that Chet's tries to use organic ingredients and supports local and regional sustainable agriculture.

The article names two of the local organic farms with which Chet's does business. I would like to let our neighbors know of a third, one that is about as local as you can get in the city:

Farm in the City, a youth market gardening program that has two plots at the St. Anthony Park community garden, barely half a mile from the restaurant, has been marketing a significant portion of our produce to Chet's. And for that Mike, and all of the staff at Chet's, deserve a huge "Thank you!"

Mike has been absolutely wonderful in his dealings with us. We are all novices at market gardening, but he's been willing to take time out of his busy day to look at our odd assortment of vegetables, even when we bring them to him in miniscule quantities, and try to figure out a price that is fair to both parties.

Often we come right at lunch time, which must be the absolutely most stressful time of day for a chef, but he shows incredible patience with us, taking extra time to give us little pointers on how we could better handle our produce, or other markets we should look into.

You should have seen the looks on the faces of the kids the very first time we sold salad mix and a bunch of radishes to him, and received the whopping sum of \$35! Thanks Mike!

Lois Braun, Garden Manager
Farm in the City Market

P.S. Our St. Anthony Park Community Garden plots are just one of four of our sites, but if anybody wants to check them out, they are the two plots immediately behind the sign at the center of the plots.

Correction

In last month's article about the Urban Tennis program, instructor Matt Olson was misidentified. The Bugle regrets the error.

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Summer time and the living is easy—even if the reading is challenging

by James Beach

"Books are funny little portable pieces of thought," according to essayist Susan Sontag. Good thing, too, since carrying televisions and modem-equipped computers under the shade of an oak or up to the lake might prove difficult.

Even so, anyone who's tried to escape late summer heat waves via the written word knows there are plenty of poorly crated thought pieces out there, which only intensifies the hot weather. But Kate Gustavson, manager of Micawber's Bookstore in St. Anthony Park, rattled off the following top-sellers with the assurance that they're all "really good" for beating the heat. She should know—she's read them all.

For fiction aficionados, Richard Russo's "Empire Falls" might be a place to start. Love and betrayal bind its pages, implicating the past and the present but not necessarily influencing the future. It won a Pulitzer.

Another award-winner is Ann Patchett's topical novel "Bel Canto," which snagged the prestigious Pen/Faulkner award. This literary-minded work hinges on the bonds formed between terrorists and their hostages.

Though it didn't win any awards, "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood," by Rebecca Wells, has been on the New York Times bestseller list for 79 weeks. This chronicle of marriage, motherhood and quirky

Southern women seems a lot like Wells' other current bestseller, "Little Altars Everywhere."

Somewhere between fiction and fact lies the essay. Barbara Kingsolver's heartfelt "Small Wonder" contains 22 of them, collectively making a case for hope while examining local and global challenges.

Nonfiction readers should enjoy "Stupid White Men and Other Sorry Excuses for the State of the Nation," by Michael Moore. The man behind the darkly ironic documentary "Roger & Me" now takes aim at corporate culture, Clinton and, yes, even the seemingly sacrosanct George W. It's been on the NYT bestseller list for 22 weeks.

"Odd Girl Out: The Hidden Culture of Aggression in Girls," by Rachel Simmons, articulates the trauma caused by nasty looks and surreptitious note passing. This insidious behavior can have a lasting effect on self-esteem, according to Simmons, and she offers coping suggestions for parents and teachers.

Multivolume biography, anyone? Robert A. Caro's "Master of the Senate: The Years of Lyndon B. Johnson," covers 1949 to 1960. This third book in a series has had 13 weekly mentions in the NYT.

"The Botany of Desire: A Plant's Eye View of the World," by Michael Pollan, explains how angiosperms have continued to flower by seducing humans and other forms of life. It's another

NYT bestseller.

Now on to the St. Anthony Park Library. Frequented both by avid readers and those who want to share the air conditioning, it too features a raft of popular titles. They're usually called nonrenewables, though, not bestsellers. Library associate Jenny Hill enthusiastically listed some of the branch's most requested books for adults, kids and teens.

"Nickel and Dime: On (Not) Getting By in America," by Barbara Ehrenreich, marks the fourth nonfiction title in this article to be bisected by a colon. Is a trend emerging? Ehrenreich takes low-paying jobs in various cities, intent on finding out how to survive as a member of the working poor. Her two cents of pith have been listed in the NYT for 13 weeks.

Topping the fiction hold list is "The Lovely Bones," by Alice Sebold. Apparently, a lot of people want to know what happens when a dead girl narrates the aftermath of her kidnapping and murder. The NYT has listed it for four weeks and counting.

Stephen L. Carter's "The Emperor of Ocean Park" concerns the mysterious circumstances surrounding the death of an African-American patriarch. This thriller connects upper-crust black society and an Ivy League law school clique. Five weeks you-know-where.

Those with a penchant for new authors might want to delve

into "Peace Like a River," by Leif Enger. This fictional exploration into the spiritual world follows an unconventional family as they journey to the Badlands of the Dakotas in search of fugitive kin.

According to the USA Today Top 150, Lemony Snicket's "Unfortunate Events" series is giving Harry Potter some serious competition in the children's arena. Snicket's latest, "The Miserable Mill," has the perpetually unlucky Baudelaire children encountering bad casserole and a hypnotist. Fans of his series may want to check out "Lemony Snicket: The Unauthorized Autobiography," by Brett Helquist. This fictitious account of Helquist's alter ego also includes songs and photos.

And finally, here's what's captivating those finicky young adults this summer. In "Stargirl," by Jerry Spinelli, high school students pressure a new girl to conform. When even her boyfriend urges her to lose faith in her own sense of identity.

J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Lord of the Rings" is more popular than ever with the juvie crowd now that Hollywood has taken hold. As in the movie, hobbits, elves, dwarves and humans form a brotherhood to combat evil forces. Tolkien's trilogy includes

"The Fellowship of the Ring," "The Two Towers" and "The Return of the King."

Somewhat surprisingly, J.D. Salinger's "The Catcher in the Rye" also made the USA Today list, along with titles by Fitzgerald, Orwell and Steinbeck. Legions of teens nationwide must have worn out last year's copies, prompting massive reordering by their high schools for the upcoming academic year.

When the weather cools, this canonized stuff will be influencing adolescents across the country, yet one wonders how much societal influence these authors really have. In the puzzling words of Salinger himself, "I'm quite illiterate, but I read a lot."

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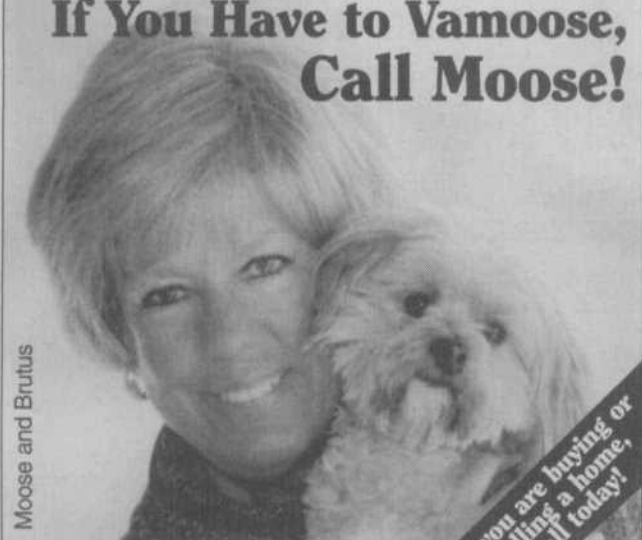
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Billboard controversy has long history in St. Paul

by Susan Conner

The struggle between citizens and outdoor advertising companies has raged in St. Paul for nearly 100 years. In 1907 the St. Paul Dispatch pointed out the 12-foot height limit for billboards and asked why the commissioner of public works did not enforce that limit against some signs that were twice that height.

In 1909 Assemblyman Herbert Keller proposed an amendment requiring the consent of contiguous property owners and the majority of all owners on a block before a board could be erected. When the ordinance came before the St. Paul Assembly two years later, this provision had been eliminated.

St. Paul citizens are not alone in their attempts to limit billboards. According to Scenic St. Paul, a citizen advocacy group, there are 500,000 billboards on major highways nationwide. Several states prohibit billboards outright: Hawaii since the 1920s, Vermont since the 1970s, Maine since the

1980s, and Rhode Island since 1990. Alaska's constitution prohibits billboards, and Oregon capped the number in 1975. Twenty-six other states have cities and counties that prohibit new construction of billboards.

In 1997 the St. Paul City Council voted to adopt a citywide moratorium on the construction of new billboards, a decision vetoed by Mayor Norm Coleman.

In 1998 the City Council passed a resolution that individual neighborhoods could declare moratoriums on billboard construction within their boundaries. Several neighborhoods, including St. Anthony Park, took this step.

In 1999, supported by Scenic St. Paul and Scenic Minnesota, citizens succeeded in putting on the ballot an initiative that would have banned all new billboards and removed those currently in neighborhoods within five years. Outdoor advertising companies spent \$500,000 campaigning against

the initiative. Scenic St. Paul and Scenic Minnesota spent \$13,200. The initiative lost by a margin of 3 percent.

In 2000 the city's moratorium expired and the City Council passed a veto-proof ordinance that permitted no new billboards. The council rejected new language that would have more strictly regulated repair and replacement of existing billboards.

Earlier, the Planning Commission had been discussing plans to begin phasing out existing billboards in certain areas through amortization, a process whereby companies are given a fixed amount of time in which to remove billboards.

However, in 2001 the state legislature passed a law that superceded both city and neighborhood ordinances. This law states that a nonconforming structure (a billboard that was built before the ordinance, for

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discovered that the sign had been built on the public right of way, and the city ordered it removed. That sign was removed, but in 1997 a different company, Midwest, built a new sign at 794 Vandalia. It, too, violated city code regarding height, and Midwest applied for a variance. The city denied that request, and Midwest appealed.

During this process, Midwest sold out to Delite. By 1999 the sign was still standing, and the city's Department of Licensing, Inspections, and Environmental Protection (LIEP) initiated action against the sign's new owner.

A March 9, 2000 letter from Wendy Lane, zoning manager at LIEP, to Delite informed the company that the sign was damaged and no repairs could proceed without a permit.

"However," Lane wrote, "this sign was constructed in violation of the original building permit. As you were told . . . on July 30, 1999, the sign must be removed. . . . Since then, you were given additional time in order to apply to the City Council for lifting the existing advertising sign moratorium and amending the new special sign district and to the Planning Commission for a height variance. Since that effort has been unsuccessful, it is now time to remove this sign. You are hereby ordered to remove this sign within 30 days."

On April 20, 2000 the St. Anthony Park District Council wrote to Lane informing her that the sign was still standing. On May 5, Lane notified the council that LIEP was initiating adverse action against Delite's business

license to force removal of the sign.

Negotiations between LIEP and Delite were complicated by a moratorium on billboard construction that lasted for 18 months from 1998 to 2000 while a new ordinance was being drafted. In June 2000, Delite brought a lawsuit against the city regarding the legality of the ordinance and moratorium.

During the moratorium, Delite also requested permits for three new signs and three variances. LIEP responded that there was a moratorium in place and no action could be taken at that time regarding any variance requests.

On February 5, 2002, Ramsey County District Court Judge John Van de North, ruling on Delite's lawsuit against the city, found that since the city did not formally deny Delite's requests within 60 days, the permits must be granted.

Van de North's ruling has drawn criticism on several fronts. According to Lane, the fact that a moratorium was in place when Delite made its requests should have rendered the whole issue moot. "LIEP informed the companies that no action would be taken," she said. "That should have been enough."

Lane also noted that LIEP is not actually the body that grants or denies variances. "After LIEP takes action on a request, it must go to the Planning Commission," she said. "None of that action could take place during the moratorium."

According to Bob Straughn, St. Anthony Park resident and District Council Physical

Planning Committee member, "The judge gave a rigid interpretation (of the law)."

Tim Scott, general manager of Delite Outdoor Advertising, said, "We met all the legal requirements."

According to Brian Bates of Scenic St. Paul, a citizen advocacy group, at about the same time as Judge Van de North's interpretation of the 60-day rule (statute 15.99), a case involving billboards on I-35 was brought before federal Judge Tunheim, who wrote that "absent proof of bad faith or evidence of dilatory conduct by the city," missing the 60-day timeline could be seen as an "innocent mistake" and a request need not necessarily be granted.

Last month, at the prompting of city attorney Manuel Cervantes, the St. Paul City Council, in a closed session, took up the question of whether to appeal the Ramsey County Court decision. The Council voted not to pursue an appeal.

Lane said that another company, Clear Channel, the new owner of Eller Outdoor Advertising, has applied for five new permits and has threatened to sue if their requests are denied.

On July 12 the Planning Commission approved four of the five requests. Clear Channel, which owns 70 percent of the nation's concert business and has seven radio stations in the Twin Cities (1,225 nationwide), has recently expanded into advertising and promotion.

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example) can remain unless 50 percent of its value has deteriorated. A previous state law declared that amortization cannot be used to eliminate billboards.

Reflecting on the process that led to the 2001 state legislation, Lane said, "The billboard industry has very effective lobbyists. LIEP makes our decisions in consultation with the city attorney, and we try to do what is most likely to hold up in a court of law. There have been several changes in state law that affect how we can deal with billboards at the city level."

Sue McCall, community organizer for the District 10 Community Council and a member of the Planning Commission, said that the billboard industry is "a huge, powerful machine and fighting them on appeals always costs the city money. Our decisions have to be within the limits of the law."

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July celebrations showcase ne

Commerce, sports, family mix at Hmong tournament

by Anne Holzman

Ten women face off in the midday sun, five on each side of a net: serve, set, set, slam! Serve, set . . . and so on. Point scored, conferences on both sides, teammates pat each other's arms and shout encouragement.

On the sidelines, fans mix with family members and players from other teams, maybe some soccer players and kato players awaiting their own matches in one of the dozen or so tournaments mounted simultaneously during these two days in July. A teenage girl in a lawn chair, wearing red and white athletic gear, sips a soft drink. A boy about 8 years old pops a small ball skyward, eyes its descent, returns it. He'll be ready in a few years for his turn on the courts.

From the north side of Como Park's McMurray Field drift announcements from the grandstand and music blaring from dozens of booths selling CDs, tapes and videos. From the south rim comes the smell of roasting meat. About a hundred food vendors have set up their equipment to feed the crowd and cool us off with iced drinks. Families have also hauled in coolers and enormous plastic sacks of food, blankets and other equipment, dropping them off at the gates on Lexington before circling the neighborhood for parking spots. Umbrellas are everywhere, and I keep trying to duck under them for there is very little shade.

Up in the grandstand, William Vang presides over the 22nd annual Hmong Sports Tournament, a national and sometimes even international reunion of Hmong families sponsored by Lao Family Community of Minnesota. Attendance will be estimated at 15,000-16,000 on Friday and 18,000-20,000 on Saturday. According to Vang, "around six or seven thousand" come from outside the metropolitan area. Some stay with friends and relatives, but many also stay in hotels and motels, he said, bringing out-of-town dollars to St. Paul.

The money rolls in within the gates, as v \$2 to get in, and there are plenty of opportu to buy food and merchandise. One couple, Je Thor Yang of Brooklyn Park, said they have a tournament every year since 1985. They don't of the athletes, but they like to watch the gam video and audiotapes that they can't find any "We spent about a \$100," Thor Yang sai of them watched a soccer game on Friday mo arrived before 8 a.m. and were able to park ne

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Top: William Vang, of the Lao Family Community, hoists the flag over the 22nd annual Hmong Sports Tournament.

Above: Teams from California and Colorado compete in the soccer tournament.

Right: Thor and Jennifer Yang of Brooklyn Park try to beat the heat at a soccer game.

Photos by Anne Holzman



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Neighborhood, cultural traditions



"Fourth in the Park" features familiar fare

by Dave Healy

In Ecclesiastes, the Preacher declares, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven."

For most people, national holidays are seasons for the familiar and traditional. Events that recur only once a year don't demand experimentation, nor do they readily yield to would-be innovators. In short, you can do anything that you wanna do, but don't you step on my Fourth of July.

In Minnesota, Lake Wobegone is officially "the little town that time forgot," but on the Fourth, St. Anthony Park does a passable imitation of the fictional burgh. You got your parade, you got your speeches, you got your races, your raffle, your pony rides, your picnic, your volleyball and horseshoes and music. It's a lineup that's been familiar to locals for a good many years.

In some respects, sticking with the traditional makes things easier. When publicity coordinator Cindy Thrasher gets ready to send in the St. Anthony Park Association's ad to the Bugle, she can usually say, "Just run the same thing as last year."

Most of the participants in the parade know where and when to meet, and families gravitate over to the afternoon children's races without any formal announcement.

Once Langford Park Recreation Center Director Hal Holtkamp and his crew get the volleyball nets set up, the tournaments pretty well run themselves because most participants know the drill.

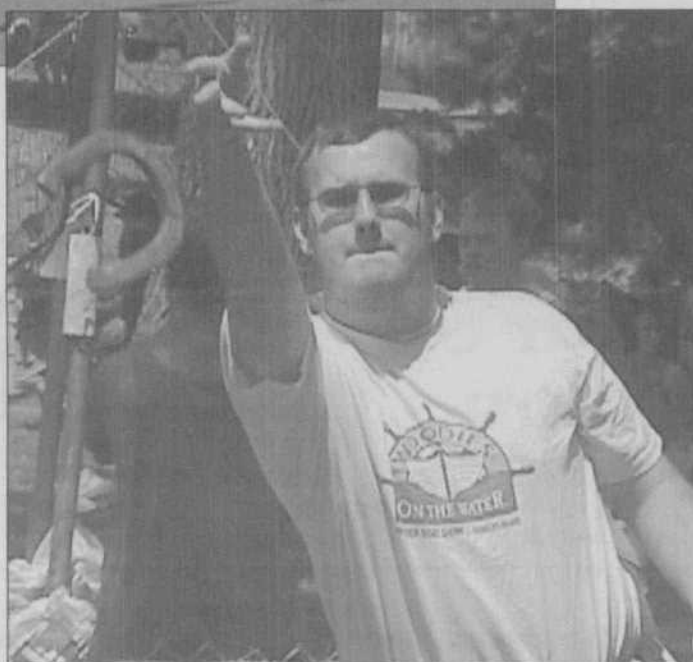
But not all the elements of a traditional Fourth of July are easy to maintain. If there's going to be a parade, someone has to arrange for the permit, be sure the street is blocked off, pay the insurance and shepherd the assembled marchers into some semblance of order.

If there are going to be door prizes, someone has to call local businesses and solicit donations for the drawing.

If there are going to be patriotic essays, they must be assigned, written and judged.

If there's going to be a barbecue, someone has to prepare and serve the food.

So, maintaining a familiar Fourth takes some effort. But the results are worth it. The Fourth of July in St. Anthony Park found its purpose under heaven a long time ago, and no one is of a mind to change it.



Top photo: Buckthorn-busting members of the St. Anthony Park Garden Club march in the Fourth of July parade.

Above: Rich Erickson of Maple Grove lets one fly in the horseshoe tournament.

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University Ave. boasts new Italian restaurant

by Amy Causton

If you're looking for a new place to eat in the neighborhood, or you're just hankering for some good Italian food, you'll want to check out the new Caffè Biaggio in the Specialty Building at University and Raymond Avenues.

The restaurant, which opened August 1, is owned by Shari Breed and John D'Agostino, the son of legendary local restaurateur Mama D. The two owned another restaurant, Fiori Deli, in White Bear Lake for eight years, but they wanted to move into the city. "We were

getting too big for our spot there," Breed says.

D'Agostino's family operated a Mama D's Restaurant in the Baker School Building on Raymond Avenue some years ago, and he and Breed both liked the area. The partners have been interested in the Specialty Building for some time, and when it became available to rent, they jumped at the chance.

"We have a really nice space," Breed says, "with handmade tiles, and art and lighting fixtures by local artists." The restaurant has seating for about 90 people.

Caffè Biaggio serves lunch and dinner, Monday through Saturday. Among the dishes likely to be on the menu are a tomato basil soup that was popular at Fiori Deli, and D'Agostino's mother's famous antipasto salad. Beer and wine will also be served.

Breed says that they hope to bring in a lunch crowd from the many local businesses in the area, and draw a dinner clientele from the local neighborhoods.

Caffè Biaggio is located at 2356 University Avenue. Off-street parking is available.

Buckthorn survey scheduled September 8-22

by Mary Maguire Lerman

This September, in conjunction with a federally funded program offered by St. Paul Parks and Recreation, a survey for invasive woody species on private properties in St. Anthony Park will occur from September 8-22. Trained master gardeners and

other volunteers will tour each block in the neighborhood.

Walking only on public sidewalks and alleys, the volunteers will check properties for invasive buckthorn, honeysuckle or mulberry plants. If invasive species are seen, a flier will be left at the

property, with a notation showing where in the yard these plants are located and information on how the property owner can voluntarily participate in a removal program in October.

Surveyors will be identified by "Buckthorn Buster" buttons. They will work in teams of two, walking down each block, noting the location of woody invasives and leaving fliers.

Why the survey? Many residents have heard about the problems that invasive woody plants are causing in local parks and larger ecosystems. However, for many property owners, identification of these plants can be a problem. The surveyors will be able to notify property owners if these pests are present.

The property owner can then make a choice to participate in the pickup program in October. Pickup costs will be subsidized by the St. Anthony Park Garden Club and the St. Anthony Park Association.

How can you help? Volunteers are needed to assist with the survey program. If you would like to participate, call Ron at 647-0262 or Mary at 644-7388 before August 18. Two training sessions will be held on August 19, one in the afternoon and another in the evening.

Volunteers are also needed to assist with the removal of invasives from properties where homeowners are not physically able to handle the task. This "Chop 'Em Down" day will be Saturday, October 5, with the pickup of stacked invasives set for the weekend of October 12.

This is a great opportunity for residents of the St. Anthony Park neighborhood to remove invasive plants from their yards, thereby benefiting nearby parks and wildlands. Birds distribute the fruits of buckthorn, mulberry and honeysuckle. So even if your property is three blocks away from a park or wild land, the fruits from these plants in your yard can infest those areas.

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At the end of August, there will be a drawing for both groups, with prizes of books and magazine subscriptions.

Word processing choices at St. Anthony Park Library have expanded. Microsoft Word is now available on two computer terminals, in addition to Corel WordPerfect. For more information, stop in at the library or call 642-0411.

Recreation

Registration for fall soccer continues until Friday, August 2 for all boys and girls ages 5-16. Stop by the Langford Rec Center for additional information, or call 298-5765.

There will be two field trips in August:

Friday, August 2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., canoeing on the St. Croix River. Ages 13-18. \$12.

Friday, August 16, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Eco-Baken water slide and minigolf. Ages 6-12. \$15.

Coed Touch Rugby

The St. Anthony Park Touch Rugby Club invites participants for its weekly coed touch rugby league.

Games are played every Wednesday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 9 a.m. throughout the summer at Murray Field, Como Avenue and 280.

Australian touch rugby is a noncontact version of rugby that encourages participants to develop and maintain a high level of fitness. The St. Anthony Park Club has been active for five years.

For further information, show up Wednesday evenings or Saturday mornings at Murray Field, or contact Brady Flower at bradyflower@msn.com or 612-396-8572.

Arts Event

An exhibit of paintings by St. Anthony Park resident Nanci Yermakoff opened July 2 and continues through August 18 at the Visitor Center Gallery at the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, 3815 E. 80th St. in Bloomington. The center is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues.-Sun.

The show is entitled "The Lake Sky Series" and features 30 watercolor paintings based on the changing light of the sky on water and land.

Fundraiser

As a participant in the Buckman Duathlon on August 25, St. Anthony Park resident Adam Seeley will be raising money for the University of Minnesota's **Children's Cancer Research Fund**, which funds research and training for the prevention, treatment and cure of childhood cancers as well as quality-of-life programs for pediatric patients and their families.

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Other people at the meeting spoke in favor of the plan. Susan Conner said that a car wash would benefit the community and would help maintain the strength of a locally owned business.

Chris Causey talked about the importance of supporting

valued businesses in the community. "I appreciate the concerns of those of you who live near the station," he said. "But this is a business that serves automobiles, and cars in the lot are a sign that the business is healthy."

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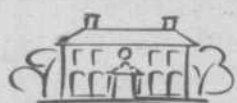
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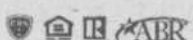
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engrossed in a cell phone conversation while casually following the two men. They ignored him while they strolled across the street and disappeared into the rear entrance of the Taste of Scandinavia.

At that point, Scott Wynn called the police on his cell phone. When the two men emerged with a cashbox hidden under one of their shirts, the police—and Wynn—were waiting for them.

The man Lisa Wynn had seen earlier threw the cashbox under a car, but it was too late.

The police moved in for the arrest, while Scott Wynn retrieved the evidence. The man was captured, although his companion was able to elude officers.

Sergeant Connie Bennett of the St. Paul Police Department confirmed that the suspect, whose name she declined to reveal, is being investigated in connection with other incidents in the area.

Micawber's Bookstore was robbed last Valentine's Day. Micawber's manager Kate Gustaveson said, "People say this

kind of crime never happens around here. Actually, there's a lot more of it happening than people know about."

Crime statistics in the Como Avenue business district have remained low but steady in the last few years.

Bennett acknowledged the importance of community cooperation in fighting crime. Referring to the actions of the Wynns, she said, "That's wonderful community policing. People should keep up that kind of work."

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CALENDAR

1 Thursday

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

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

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

2 Friday

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

■ Falcon Heights recycling.

5 Monday

■ AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church (651-644-0809), 8 p.m. Every Monday.

■ Boy Scouts, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 7 p.m. Every Monday.

■ Como Park & Lauderdale recycling.

6 Tuesday

■ Tot Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), Langford Park Rec Center (651-298-5765), 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Every Tuesday.

■ Toastmasters (651-645-6675), training in effective speaking, Hewlett Packard, Broadway & 280, 7:35-8:35 a.m. Every Tuesday.

■ St. Anthony Park Writers, Black Bear Crossings, 831 Como Ave., 7 p.m. Newcomers welcome. Call 645-1345.

7 Wednesday

■ Women's Connection, a job networking organization (651-481-6925), Hubert Humphrey Job Corps Center, 1480 Snelling, Building #1, 8 a.m. Every Wednesday.

■ Leisure Center for Seniors (651-603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. Every Wednesday.

■ St. Anthony Park recycling.

8 Thursday

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

13 Tuesday

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

14 Wednesday

■ Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 Larpenleur Ave., 7 p.m.

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

15 Thursday

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

■ Como Park & Lauderdale recycling.

16 Friday

■ Falcon Heights recycling.

20 Tuesday

■ District 10 board meeting, 7 p.m., Black Bear Pavilion, LL.

21 Wednesday

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

■ St. Anthony Park recycling.

24 Saturday

■ FARE For All food distribution and registration at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 651-644-8833, 2323 Como Avenue, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

27 Tuesday

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

28 Wednesday

■ 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.

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Katherine Bauer

Katherine "Katie" Bauer, a resident of the Como Park neighborhood for over 40 years, died on June 10, 2002. She was 86 years old and a longtime member of the Mount Olive Lutheran Church and the St. Paul Hiking Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Anton; her brothers, Jake, Phil, Bill and John; and a sister, Lee. Survivors include three sons, Jerry (Joan) Bauer, Greg Bauer and Jeff Bauer; a daughter, Kathy Burke (fiancé, Jerry LeMay); four grandchildren, John (Sandy) Bauer, Janel Bauer, Jason (Michele) Burke and Greg Anderson; three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Betty Hanson. A celebration of life was held at Mount Olive Lutheran Church on June 15.

Kathryn Ede Rowe Bosch

Kathryn (Kayce) Ede Rowe Bosch, formerly of St. Anthony Park, died of cancer on June 9, 2002, at the age of 50. She grew up on Branton Street and graduated from Murray High School in 1970.

She was born March 15, 1952, in Hibbing to the late Rodney Rowe and Betty Montgomery Rowe. In 1985, she moved to Blacksburg, Virginia when her husband accepted a faculty position at Virginia Tech. She was active in her community promoting the welfare and development of children and young adults.

Preceded in death by her father, Rodney Rowe, and her sisters, Roberta Rowe and Rebecca Rowe Costello, Mrs. Bosch is survived by her husband, Darrell Bosch of Blacksburg, Virginia; her son, Isaac Bosch of Radford, Virginia; her daughter, Robin Bosch of Blacksburg; her mother, Betty Rowe of Brainerd; and her sister, Janet Rowe of Edina. A memorial service took place on June 13 at the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church.

Ruth Sam Brown

Ruth Sam Brown, a resident of St. Anthony Park from 1938 to 1981, died on June 23, 2002, at age 84. Her home was on Knapp Street.

Ruth Sam was born October 6, 1917, in Faribault to Henry

and Rhoda Sam. Prior to entering the University of Minnesota, she taught country school for two years. She graduated in 1942 with a major in home economics. On September 19, 1942, she married James Brown in Faribault.

She and her husband, who was professor of rhetoric at the University of Minnesota, lived in St. Anthony Park until moving to Prescott, Wisconsin in 1981. They were active parishioners at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. Mrs. Brown earned an M.A. at the University in 1966, majoring in children's literature. She then tutored dyslexic children and served as editorial assistant for her husband.

After moving to Prescott, the Browns joined St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Mrs. Brown served on a visitation committee for shut-ins and the disabled. She also joined the Docents and gave talks on prehistoric art for grade-school children. She was an active member of P.E.O., serving as president for a year. She also served on the Visitors Board of Embury-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Survivors include her husband of 69 years, James Brown; two daughters, Kathy (Dick) LaForge and Susan Brown; two grandchildren, Jennifer (Jon) Myers and Scot Clark (Renee Pype); a great-grandson, Owen Clark; and a sister, Phyllis (John) Brayley. Services were held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church on June 27.

Granville D. Gutterson

Granville D. Gutterson, member of an historic St. Anthony Park family, died on July 2, 2002. He was 76 years of age and had lived in recent years in Arden Hills.

Mr. Gutterson grew up in St. Anthony Park and graduated from Murray High School in 1943. He married a classmate, Audrey Swenson. He was a descendant of Gilbert Gutterson, the prominent St. Anthony Park businessman for whom Gutterson Elementary School was named in 1925.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey Gutterson; a son, Gary (Kristine) Gutterson; two daughters, Julie (Richard) Grieman and Susan (Paul) Hood; ten grandchildren, Erik, Brian and Leah Gutterson, Charlie, Marta, Gale and Liam

Grieman, and Jessica, Derek and Kathryn Hood. A memorial service was held at the Presbyterian Church of the Way in Shoreview on July 8.

Anna MacDonald

Anna "Lea" MacDonald, age 67, died on July 5, 2002. She was an active member of St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ and a resident of New Brighton.

Mrs. MacDonald is survived by her husband, David MacDonald; three daughters, Karen (Gregg) Slepicka, Cheryl MacDonald and Kristin (Brian) Whitwam; and two granddaughters. A memorial service took place July 9 at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ.

James E. McGovern

James E. McGovern, a longtime resident of South St. Anthony Park, died on June 27, 2002, at the age of 78. His recent residence was at Rose of Sharon Manor in Roseville.

He was well known as a television anchor for KSTP-TV and KMSP-TV in the 1960s and 1970s.

Born in St. Paul, Mr. McGovern was a journalism graduate of the University of Minnesota and worked for a time as a reporter for the Pioneer Press. He then became an investigative reporter for KSTP-TV before becoming an anchor.

He worked with fellow reporter Bill McGovern at KSTP-TV to produce weekly documentaries known as the "McGovern-McGovern Report." He also wrote a book about Stanley Hubbard, the owner of KSTP. He enjoyed the investigative reporting and writing more than being an anchor.

He was also a columnist for the Sun Newspapers and the author of a novel, several plays and numerous magazine articles. In later years, he did free-lance writing for local corporations. He had been in poor health for the last five years and died of pneumonia.

Mr. McGovern served as a radio operator/gunner in the Army Air Corps during World War II, flying 275 combat missions over the Burma Hump in the Asian theater. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross Air Medal and two

Oak Leaf Clusters. He was also a trumpeter and founder of the Jim McGovern Swing Band in the late 1940s.

He is survived by three sons, Jamie McGovern, Steve (Jackie) McGovern and John (Gina) McGovern; two daughters, Connie McGovern and Trish McGovern (John Dunlap); eight grandchildren, Kevin, Brady, Shannon, Brennan, Connor, Moira, Katie and Cade; two sisters, Patty (Duane) Brissette and Elaine (Gene) Richter; two sisters-in-law, Mary (Bob) Mosher and Jane Hewetson; and a brother-in-law, Leigh Kamman. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on July 1 at St. Cecelia Catholic Church.

Robert Lee Shoffner, Jr.

Robert Lee Shoffner, Jr., a longtime resident of St. Anthony Park, died on June 18, 2002, at the age of 83.

He was born on October 2, 1918 in St. Louis, Missouri to Robert Lee Shoffner, Sr. and Auzie Shoffner. He grew up in Minneapolis and graduated from South High School in 1936, where he starred on the track team.

From 1936 to 1939, Mr. Shoffner attended the University of Minnesota in the College of Education. He worked at International Harvester from 1939 to 1942, when he was drafted into the army. On December 8, 1943, he married Jessie Mae Sonion. He attained the rank of master sergeant and served in the European theater with General Patton's army. He was part of the "Red Ball Express" and participated in the Normandy Invasion.

After returning from World War II, Mr. Shoffner attended Dunwoody Institute and graduated in 1947. He worked as a senior draftsman at the Veterans Administration at Fort Snelling for two years. In 1949, he began working the St. Paul Housing Authority, where he worked for 41 years until 1990. He served as an engineering assistant, civil engineer, photographer, draftsman and surveyor for the Housing Authority.

He was president of the board of directors of Hallie Q. Brown Community Center and was instrumental in founding the Martin Luther King Center in

1972. He also served on the board of directors of the Family Services of greater St. Paul.

Survivors include his wife, Jessie Shoffner; a daughter, Sonya (Dellaneo) Coleman; a son, Robert (Stephanie) Shoffner; and a grandson, Logan Shoffner. A funeral service was held at the Holcomb-Henry-Boom Funeral Home on June 21.

Orris Harold Shulstad

Orris Harold Shulstad died on June 19, 2002 from injuries suffered in a car accident.

He was 85 years old and a former longtime resident of St. Anthony Park, remembered for his "Twin Towns Gladiolus Gardens" at Scudner's and Come, later called "Orris's Vegetables."

Orris Harold Shulstad, the oldest of nine children, was born to Oscar and Hilda Grundset Shulstad on September 17, 1916, in Humboldt Township. He attended grade school at District #47, which now stands in the Clay County fairgrounds.

After completing his sophomore year at Barnesville High School, he quit to work on the family farm for two years. He then attended one term at Maplewood Academy in Hutchinson and worked for a farmer near Dover, before returning to Barnesville to complete high school.

He joined the Civilian Conservation Corps and was sent to Orcas Island near Bellingham, Washington. He was later called home due to his father's illness. When he rejoined the CCC, he was stationed at Camp Rochert, near Detroit Lakes. In 1939, he left to attend the University of Minnesota with \$75 in his pocket. On April 6, 1943, he married Leona Reineccius of Cambridge. He served in the Pacific arena in World War II and left the military as a captain.

Returning to the University, he purchased a house on Hythe Street in 1946. The next year, he graduated from the College of Agriculture and worked for a short time for Pillsbury. He then earned a master of science degree from the University in 1951, specializing in weed control research. From 1952 until his retirement, he worked for the Minnesota Crop Improvement

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**We'll see you all Friday, August 16
at the Muffuletta!**

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Association in crop and weed seed identification.

In 1963, Mr. Shulstad initiated the Crop Arts Exhibit at the Minnesota State Fair, which continues to be a major attraction at the Horticulture Building. The art works are composed of various types of seeds.

After retirement, he worked with the U.S. State Department for over eight years, teaching and setting up laboratories for seed improvement in Korea, Bangladesh, Tanzania and Ghana.

Throughout the years, at his St. Paul home and in nearby rented gardens, he raised vegetables and flowers, especially gladiolus. In 1954, the family moved to Como and Scudder, where he began his garden business out of their garage.

He continued this hobby at

his home in the Pelican Lakes area, providing flowers and vegetables to the surrounding communities. Again this year, he put in many thousand bulbs and plants on his childhood farm. He has contributed his earnings to a scholarship fund set up for young Seventh-Day Adventist students.

Leona Shulstad died in 1973. In 1974, Orris Shulstad married Myrtle Smith Vixie of Loma Linda, California. She survives him, along with four sons, Robert (Barbara) Shulstad, Allan Shulstad, Arne (Barbara) Shulstad and John Shulstad; a daughter, Christine Keeler; a granddaughter, Emily Shulstad; a sister, Pearl Ellefson; and three brothers, Norman (Nevis) Shulstad, Gordon (Maxine) Shulstad and Thomas (Ann Marie) Shulstad. He was

preceded in death by his brother, Harland, and three sisters, Gertrude Askegard, Genevieve Hudak and Esther Lammers. A memorial service was held at St. Paul First Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Highland Park on June 24.

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Tournament from page 8

follow the game; a goalie hurling a ball back into play halfway down a field; young boys and old men competing at topspin, an intense crowd eyeing their distances; fast, silent men's volleyball and slower, more graceful women's volleyball.

On Friday morning, Touyer Moua's Santa Barbara (Calif.) soccer team was just about to beat the Colorado Red Dragons when he took a break from his soft drink to explain the tournament rules. "We play 60 minutes, in 30-minute halves, so there's about two minutes left," he said. He knew of three soccer teams from California competing at the tournament, two from Colorado and two others from outside Minnesota. He said his team brought "about 50 people," including players, family members and fans from Santa Barbara.

Health services were also offered free in a booth near the grandstand, where a few dozen volunteer health professionals checked blood sugar and blood pressure and engaged visitors in general health consultations. Mao Thao, of the Hmong Health Care Coalition, said the tournament offers an unusual opportunity to reach the Hmong community with public health concerns.

While the festival crowd is overwhelmingly Hmong, I was able to find English speakers when I needed them, and I noticed no impatience with an obviously Anglo visitor. I finished my tour by sampling a drink that the seller called "nava." As the vendor struggled to explain its contents to me, a bilingual teenager stepped forward to help with translation. "It's kind of sweet but not too sweet," he said. "And it's cool." And with a shrug familiar to me from my years in high school classrooms, he closed the sale with a smile: "It's all good."

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Sunday, July 28, Outdoor Worship: 10 am at the Como Park Pavillion
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