Planning commission reviews district councils

County studies trash collection

St. Anthony Residence provides last resort
Como Park
Steve Morris of the Regional Railroad Authority will speak to the District 10 board regarding transportation options for the Central Corridor. Call the District 10 office at 644-3989 for date, time and place.
—Susan Corner

Lauderdale
The Lauderdale Winter Fest, "Snow Commotion," will be held Saturday, January 26, from 3-6 p.m. at the Community Park at Rosecliff and Fullham. There will be a hayride with live horses, a bonfire and a medalion hunt.
Lauderdale Community Park features a hockey rink and a free skating rink. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 4-9 p.m.; (school holidays, 12-9 p.m.), Friday, 4-9 p.m.; (school holidays 12-9 p.m.), Saturday, 12-10 p.m. and Sunday, 12-9 p.m. —S.C.

St. Anthony Park
The MidWest Hotel and the Dubliner Pub reached an agreement on a request for a noise variance during the Dubliner's St. Patrick's Day weekend events. The agreement involves cooperation regarding parking and loudspeaker placement, plus free passes to all events for hotel patrons. It was reached at a meeting facilitated by City Council Member Jay Benavan. On December 12 the City Council approved the variance request.
On December 5 the City Council passed a resolution authorizing the city to lease 0.43 acres of Langford Park adjoining St. Anthony Park Elementary School. The acreage is intended for a school playground.
The City Council has approved resolutions regarding the Franklin-Emerald Redevelopment Project. The project includes plans for both owner-occupied and multi-family rental housing. The St. Anthony Park District Council will hold a town meeting in the future at which the development plans will be available.
On December 13 the District 12 Council unanimously voted not to support the renewal of an air emissions permit for Xcel Energy's Riverside plant. Citing the level of toxic emissions at this plant as well as their detrimental effects on human health and environmental health, the Council sent a strongly worded letter to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency urging them to deny the permit renewal and to put strict conditions on a new permit that would help Xcel Energy make converting the plant to natural gas a priority. —S.C.

St. Paul
Several 2002 budget items slated for cuts were restored by the City Council in tentative allocations made December 5. About $160,000 was added back into the budget to restore library hours that would have been cut. At the St. Anthony Park Branch, some weekday morning hours would have been lost. Funding for several small skating rinks was restored, including the Como Lake rink that is installed each year for the St. Paul Winter Carnival. —Jane McChesire

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improving the civic participation system.

District 12 (St. Anthony Park) reported about 3000 volunteer hours per year for committee meetings alone, as well as countless other unrecorded volunteer hours. In a letter to the Planning Commission, C. A. C. and Sherry Eggers, co-chairs from the St. Anthony Park Council, wrote, "District councils provide a platform for hard-working, informed, empowered, and effective local democracy.

While it was acknowledged that two of the 19 district councils had financial difficulties this year (which are being resolved), it soon became clear from testimony that accounting problems are not a primary concern for district councils.

Several speakers took it upon themselves to educate the Commission about the origin and nature of district councils. They stressed that each district is a unique blend of socioeconomic, geographic and environmental factors. The districts are different sizes and vary in their residential/commercial/industrial balance. They have different border issues; some share borders with each other, while some border on municipalities.

Each district council is an independent organization. While city funding provides the council with a base for infrastructure, each council uses a variety of additional funding sources, such as grants, to fulfill its local mission. Each district council is accountable to the city for measurable goals tied to city funding, and it is not disbursed until an expense has been incurred and the receipt and report submitted to the city. St. Paul can be really proud of its citizen participation system," said Rolf Nordstrom, president of the Merriam Park District Council. "At a time when other cities are struggling to develop citizen participation, we have had a system for almost 30 years.

Testimony included ways that the system could be improved. A repeated theme was that the city needs to improve how it acknowledges and works with district councils. Bruce Vanden from District 3 suggested that the contract between each district council and the city be used to help each party communicate to certain standards of how they will work together and communicate with each other to support the true intent of the citizen participation system.

Others suggested that the city only meets with citizens and that the mayor and the City Council meet regularly with district councils. Currently, Council Member JoAnn Anderson (Ward 4) holds regular meetings with district council representatives from her ward to update them on city issues and receive input.

Several speakers urged the city to notify district councils in a more timely manner of upcoming hearings affecting that district. For citizens to be able to participate, it was emphasized, they need advance warning.

City planning staff need to get out in the neighborhoods and work with the districts, several speakers. According to Melissa Mathews, executive director of the St. Anthony Park Council, the plan assigned to District 12, Donna Drummond, does work closely with District 12 staff. Unfortunately, said Mathews, this is evidently not a citywide expectation, and resources are limited.

Other specific ideas were offered. The city could provide funding and ideas for increasing minority involvement. Training in financial management and grant writing could be made available annually. City staff training and professional development could be made available to district council staff.

"Collaborative professional development for district council staff will result in more stable and productive staffing, a savings to the city in the long run," said the letter from District 12 Council to the Commission.

Several speakers called for reinstating a citizen participation coordinator. St. Paul had a coordinator until 1992.

Many agreed with a speaker from the North Neighbors who said that "a public and obvious increase in the city's interest in district councils will increase the participation in them and the public awareness of them."

Gretchen Nichols, from the Council for Neighbors, said that "for a community-based and grass-roots system to be successful, the city must be invested in its success."

Susan Habib, from the Neighborhood Energy Consortium, which works closely with the district councils, commented on a review she did of studies of citizen participation systems. She cited a Tufts University study on "comprehensive and diverse representation in citizen participation systems." That study concluded that cities with a public participation system have more diverse representation in city governance than those that do not. All of the cities cited in the study had several staff supporting citizen participation. St. Paul had only one staff member assigned at the time of the study, currently it has none.

The December 3 hearing was the first step in a process of looking at the district councils/citizen participation system. The next step, according to Commissioner Blandin, city planner, and Steve Gordon, Planning Commissioner, is a discussion by the Communities' Neighborhood and Current Planning Commissioner. Out of that discussion it is anticipated that recommendations will be sent on to the City Council. While Commissioner Gordon has said "there is no limit to district council input," there are currently no plans for further collaboration with the district councils on these issues.

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Still, as an example of free enterprise, garbage hauling in St. Paul stacks up pretty well. But the trash business also illustrates the downside of unfettered commerce.

By giving a license to pretty much anybody who wants one, a city or county creates inefficiencies. Having half a dozen different trucks drive down the same alley at different times during the day works more fossil fuel and creates more noise and air pollution than would a more stridently managed system.

But the more a system is managed, the less freedom and fewer choices people have. By telling a company that it can only pick up trash in a certain area, government further inserts itself into private enterprise. In doing so, it reduces the ability of consumers to choose with whom they want to do business.

We often claim that the American economy is based on free enterprise, but in truth it’s fraught with regulations, licenses, subsidies, tariffs, boundaries—a whole host of efforts to constrain and control trade. Our economic system is actually quite highly managed, and garbage is just another commodity in that system.

For this reason, it makes sense for us to question the value of our current system. As long as we continue to think that garbage is a commodity and not disposal, we are reducing the value that people put on the garbage.

If you live in Ramsey or Washington counties, by reducing your garbage you may even be threatening the viability of the county-owned Resource Recovery Facility, which burns trash and depends on a certain volume of the stuff to operate efficiently. Both literally and figuratively, then, garbage fuels the economy.

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Good news at College Park

On December 19th, the day the St. Paul city budget was approved, I received a message from Council Member Jay Benavant indicating that $70,000 was included for building the College Park courts.

This, added to the over $70,000 provided by our community and a STAR grant, should assure that these courts will be constructed this coming spring.

We know that with the tight budget the city is facing it took some doing to get these funds included. I want to thank everyone who did a lot of work to achieve this outcome. I know that Jay Benavant, Jon Werks of Parks and Recreation, Larry Backer, and the rest of the City’s team were vital.

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Thanks, readers, for contributing to the Bugle’s fund help sustain us.

With the contributions from those listed below, our annual fund drive has collected $11,879.50.

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Two staff members join District 12
by Michelle Christiansen

Two staff members have recently joined the St. Anthony Park Community Council office. Angie Hoffman-Walters and Christine Tubby are both pleased and excited to be working with the community.

Hoffman-Walters is program coordinator for Northwest St. Paul HandyWorks (649-5984), a service that allows seniors and physically challenged individuals to remain in their homes. She matches them with others willing to do chores: taking, light housework, window washing, shoveling and any other jobs needed to maintain a home.

After graduating from the University of Minnesota in 1996, Hoffman-Walters worked for the University in the department of genetics and cell biology and for family social sciences for 10 years. She also worked with former Block Nurse Lynn McLear as the volunteer coordinator for the Community Network for Seniors (the precursor to the job she now holds) as well as holding a job with Hermes Floral. She is married, has four children and does much volunteer work.

Christine Tubby holds three positions at the Community Council office. She is the crime prevention coordinator, organizing crime prevention programs and working closely with police and neighborhood groups. She is also the recycling coordinator, attending meetings of the Neighborhood Energy Consortium and supplying recycling bins and information to neighborhood groups. And as community organizer, she works with the Housing/ Human Community Council staff to page 12

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The St. Paul City Council unanimously approved the Franklin-Emerald Redevelopment Project and its tax increment financing plan November 28.
On December 12, the Ramsey County commissioners, acting as the county's Housing and Redevelopment Authority, approved a request for $7 million in financing for the project's 237 rental housing units. That is to be used in conjunction with a $17 million bond allocation request from the city. It is expected the bonds will be approved by the state in early 2002.

The area studied in the small area plan is bounded by University Avenue, Highway 280, Interstate 94 and Emerald Street. The redevelopment plan brought forward by Wellington Management and Dominion Development calls for 401 units of apartments and owner-occupied units on a two-block area, an increase from what was originally planned.

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leaders of our Community Council and undoubtedly others deserve our thanks.
Special thanks should go to each individual, business and organization or foundation that gave so generously to this project in response to the fund-raising efforts of our Special Task Force. Without the full support of the Council and the community, we would not be where we are today.
Getting the news about the approved funding made Christmas come early for me. But the real celebration will come when the College Park courts are constructed and the youth and adults of the community are playing on them.
Bob Massey, Chair College Park One Project Special Task Force

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Como Elementary offers after-school activities

Here at Como Elementary School we have a lot of after-school programs that help kids show talents or learn new talents. Some of these programs are dance with a dance instructor, Area Learning Center with Mrs. Arndahl and other teachers, and after school band with Mr. Byers. Sixth grade students are also looking forward to a camping trip coming up in February. Dance is a hop new after school program that Ms. Peerings, the music teacher, organized. When asked how the idea for the dance class came about, Ms. Peerings responded, “Will to be completely honest, it was the students who came up to me and asked to have a dance group.”

Com or an after school activity, Ms. Peerings told students about other activities to Como, strengthening the integrated curriculum. Several students are learning a dance called “AM to PM.” They will have a chance to perform it at a talent show coming up in February. One of the student dancers, Clara, says, “We like dance and we get our inspiration from music groups like Destiny’s Child.”

Ms. Byers, the band teacher teaches band after school to the full band to help students prepare for concerts. Their meet from 2:30 to 3:45 once a week. Each student also gets an hour and 45 minutes of individual and small-group practice during the school week. The next concert will be in February. The date is yet to be determined. The concert will include pieces such as “Magical March” by Paul Lavender and “Chopin” by Jerry Nowak. Mr. Byers says, “I am excited and looking forward to the band’s soon to be success.”

Another after-school program is Area Learning Center, which is dedicated to helping kids who need extra help with homework and reading. Ms. Arndahl, the media specialist, says that it has been going on for five years. Ms. Arndahl says that she likes to help kids who want to be helped. “It is great to teach kids something they didn’t know.”

The sixth graders at Como Park Elementary School will be taking a unique camping trip to Audubon Environmental Center near Sandstone, Minnesota. This will be our seventh annual camping trip. It is an academic field trip that will take students to a new and exciting learning setting. We will be taking this trip February 22.

—Brandi Fredericks, Mia Lust and Como Kiots

January prompts differing perspectives

“The month of January will be a quiet month,” according to St. Anthony Park principal Andreas Dahms. She talked about students keeping up with reading books (25 during the school year) and doing some testing. January 15 will be the Martin Luther King holiday. There will be learning activities about Dr. King preceding the holiday. We also asked Bob Wilken, one of the school custodians, what January is like for him. He said, “It’s going to be a busy month for me.” He talked about shoveling snow and changing the air filters on the heating system. “I have to keep the heat going. And,” he added with a laugh, “I’ve especially got to keep the kids going.”

—Amanda Nelson and Renee Wright

Art classes keep St. Anthony Park students busy

Art classes with Courtney Olen at St. Anthony Park Elementary School are a big influence and inspiration for many who go there. But perhaps some may want a little history of how she has accomplished her talents.

Olen has loved art since she was a kid, sketching and doodling but mostly working with clay. When she was older she entered art fairs with her pots and later on received her bachelor’s degree in a variety of media.

A kindergarten student named Martha reported that in her class they are making creatures out of recycled materials. Helen, a third grader, told about the Christmas printmaking they are doing with Olen. The sixth grade is finishing wolf sculptures after their trip to Wolfville Environmental Learning Center.

Olen summarized the experience by saying, “What keeps me most excited about my job teaching here is the enthusiasm and excitement of the students when they come to my class.”

—Ode Esele

School boasts two instrumental music groups

St. Anthony Park School has two great instrumental music programs. The band director is Ms. Anita McLaughlin. She can teach students because she knows how to play all the instruments represented in band, from drums to flute. Ms. McLaughlin says that January will be a month of book work and staying on target.

Another instrumental program for students is orchestra, and Mr. Middleton is the teacher. The orchestra features stringed instruments—for example, violin, viola and cello.

Mr. Middleton says, “I love my job here, and the best part of it is seeing kids being excited about learning music.” When asked how the year is going so far, Mr. Middleton says, “Great! We have enthusiastic beginners and pleasing leaders.” He also says that he would like to encourage everyone, kids and adults, to get involved with orchestra music by going to a concert like Music in the Park series or attending a concert here at St. Anthony Park School.

—Michelle Dinsdale and Jenny Duchosnoy

The authors on this page are part of the Bugle’s Young Journalists program, an effort to encourage journalists among area elementary and secondary students. Any students interested in learning more about this program are encouraged to contact program coordinator Lisa Steinmann at lsteinmann@ccitec.com or 654-0135.

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Volunteers
Como Conservatory is seeking volunteers interested in learning and sharing information with visitors about tropical plants. A three-part training series for new plant interpretor volunteers begins February 21. Volunteers must commit to a three-hour daytime shift weekly or twice a month for at least one year. For more information, call 487-8287.

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Arts Events
The Church of the Holy Childhood will present several special musical selections during the holiday season.
On Sunday, December 20 at 10 a.m., Mass, a quartet will sing "Messe de la Nativité" by Henri Nibelle, with string ensemble accompaniment.
On New Year's Day at noon Mass, the Schola Cantorum and orchestra will perform "Missa Sancti Nicolai" by Haydn, as well as other choral and orchestral works.
On Epiphany Sunday, January 6 at 10 a.m. Mass, the men of the Schola will sing "Messe des Reis Mages" by Alfred Pilot and "O Holy Night."
In the first concert of the 2002 Early Music Series, Andrew Manze, baroque violin, and Richard Egain, harpichord, will present "The Fantastic Style" of the Italian baroque. The concert represents a collaboration by the Schubert Club, the St. Paul Early Music Series and Hamline University. It takes place January 26 at 8 p.m. in Sandin Hall at Hamline.
Artists are invited to submit works for the fourth annual Celebration of Community Art Show in the Undercroft Gallery at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. This juried, multimedia show is open to all artists ages 18 and older. The registration deadline is February 15. For registration forms, contact the Art Exhibition Committee at 2136 Caster Avenue, St. Paul, 55108 or 645-3058.
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Trash collection . . . from page 1

needed at Newport struck some
town meeting participants as a
mixed message. Community
Council Co-chair Shena Eagle
asked, "If we emphasize what's
needed to fuel the RRF, how do
we also emphasize the need to
reduce the total amount of trash
we generate?"

Martin agreed that reducing
trash is an important goal, but he
stressed that keeping the Newport
plant viable is crucial in the short
term. "Even if we reduce the
amount of trash we generate,
there would be more than enough
to keep the RRF going," he said.
"If all of it were brought there
instead of to landfill."

One concern expressed at the
meeting was that public collection
might cost more for some people.
For example, if several housing
units that generate comparatively
little trash currently share a private
hauler, their individual costs
might go up if they were each
forced to pay for public collection.

Retman responded to this
scenario by observing that St. Paul
residents already pay an annual fee

be less likely to undertake such
an effort or where it proved
impossible to achieve consensus.
Council member Suzanne
Garfield, noting the complexity
of the issue and the numerous
scenarios that surfaced during the
meeting, expressed her wish for a
reduced set of options. "We need
a few concrete choices," she said.
"Right now the options seem too
complicated." Retman promised to
reflect the sentiments of the evening's
participants in future discussions
with the County Commissioners.
He also urged people to submit
additional comments and
suggestions to the Ramsey
Washington County Resource
Recovery Project at 773-4494 or
public.collection@co.ramsey.mn.us.

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Making Space Sacred

by Natalie Zett

Spirituality and Healing together was the Center's outdoor patio. Its old concrete, drab metal chairs and general dreariness begged for another look, something conducive to meditation and reflection.

Ericsson, Larson and Tim Day, a social worker and carpenter, collaborated on what could be done to enhance the area, with Ericsson acting as chief artist and symbolist.

Providing an entryway into the space would be the first challenge. What images would reflect the Center's mission statement? The three came up with scenes depicting tranquil gardens, cycles in nature and symbols used in traditional healing.

Practicalities had to be attended to, so before transforming the space (which Ericsson and colleagues completed just three days before the opening), they painted the old metal chairs in bright colors, planted geraniums and added twinkle lights to the area. They also power brushed the sidewalks, making sure the concrete surfaces could absorb the outdoor paint that would be used for the artwork.

It was then time to create the 10 concrete paintings that would transform the patio. One set—a lantern, waterfall and stone pathway—creates a dreamy Japanese garden effect that welcomes the visitor into the area. Other concrete panels depict "gutters" (a hawk and a dove), a rainbow (sign of promise), a Lob tree (usually the tallest tree in the forest, which acts as a guide), a standing tree with a burning bush (a Gignie boba, known for its medicinal properties) and a willow tree (in both is one of the world's oldest sources of pain relief).

Another group of paintings depicts daytime and evening pollinators, showing plants and insects working together. The daytime pollinators—bees, wasp, ant and grasshopper—are pollinating three different kinds of Echinacea flowers, which are known for their immune system support. The evening pollinators—flies, sphinx moths and spider—are depicted against the backdrop of the Aurora Borealis.

The paintings also include cross-cultural representations of traditional healing medicine, such as a Celtic "green woman," representing a pre-Christian image of fecundity. The Native American medicine wheel, including paragraphs of the otter, buffalo and turtle, all sacred healing creatures in the Native tradition. Many observers will recognize Caduceus, the international symbol for medicine (the flaming serpents represent the secret to eternal life as well as the search for medicinal herbs). The Tibetan Mandala shows the Blue Buddha of medicine. The African painting represents an amalgam of that culture's shamanistic tradition, depicting the master healers who are chosen by their ancestors to receive a spiritual calling.

The end result is a rich tapestry of colors and symbols that will strike a chord in viewers regardless of background. When asked about these particular choices, Ericsson smiled. "Well, we did a lot of research, and the images and colors just came to me. For example, the green Celtic woman was just something that I felt I needed to do. I'm not sure really what they all came from, but they seemed inspired."

The main piece, a labyrinth, was then added to the focal point, to unify the space and set the area apart as sacred.

Although enjoying a renewal, the labyrinth dates to prehistoric times. Broadly speaking, a labyrinth is a single path that traverses in a circuit, including passages from the outer edge to the center. A labyrinth's purpose is to facilitate meditation, reflection and connection to Spirit. A variety of materials—mosaics, hedge gardens, masonry, sculpture and weaving—have been employed to create labyrinths. They are made for walking, and the twisting and turning is designed to soothe the mind, making this adventure a literal path to enlightenment.

Ericsson's "2" x "2" labyrinth is a warm, brown, circular design on a white background framed by a rainbow. At each corner is a painting of one of the four elements. The turtle in the center (which also acts as a signpost on each image on the patio) is the spiritual guide, turning with the walker, guiding the reflection and meditation. Various traditions uphold the turtle as symbol of eternal life, longevity and survival.

This labyrinth's calming brown lines lead one effortlessly along the journey, which can be taken at any rate. "My five-year-old ran through it," laughs Ericsson, "but I didn't recommend that."

Asked about her own reflection about her creation, Ericsson states, "I feel lucky, I really do, to participate in this kind of thing." When asked about her next project, she pauses for a moment and says, "Well, I'll continue working with the students, doing art. It keeps me in touch with people, which is so important."

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L I V E S  L I V E D

Diane Ahrens
Diane Ahrens, former Ramsey County Commissioner, died at the St. Anthony Park Home on December 12, 2001. She was 70 years of age.

Mrs. Ahrens retired from the Ramsey County Board in 1995 after 20 years of service. She was known as the "conscience" of the board due to her concern for the needy. In 1989, she was appointed by Congress to the National Commission on AIDS.

She also served as a board member at Regions Hospital, as well as for People Incorporated.

She received her B.S. degree from the University of Maryland and her M.A. from Yale University in 1954. She was a member of Macalester Plymouth United Church.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Ray Ahrens; two daughters, Claudia and Sury Ahrens; a son, Clay (Jana) Ahrens; and three grandchildren, Patie, Michael and Forrest.

A memorial service took place on December 15 at Macalester Plymouth United Church.

Dwight E. Barlett, Jr.
Dwight E. Barlett, Jr., "But," died at age 81 on November 17, 2001. He was a resident of Lyngblomsten Care Center and had worked as a longtime building contractor in Roseville.

Mr. Barlett was preceded in death by his sister, Shirley Roth.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Norma Barlett; two sons, John (Lee Colfer) Barlett and David Barlett; three daughters, Nancy (Ron) School, Bonnie Sue Rohlstad and Linda (Adol) Whittier; and seven grandchildren, Ben (Holly) Barlett and Emi, Paul and Julie Schell, Joshua Rohlstad, and Elizabeth and Julia Barlett.

Memorial services were held at Resedown Cemetery Chapel on November 20.

Ann Bronstein
Ann Bronstein, a resident of Sholom Home East, died on December 12, 2000. She had lived previously in Minnetonka and Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Mrs. Bronstein was a member of Temple Israel and the Oak Ridge Country Club. Preceded in death by her husband, Samuel Bronstein, two brothers, Morris and Hy Reichert, and two sisters, Dorothy Herman and Ida Gauzner, she is survived by a son, Buddy (Jackie) Bronstein of Prior Lake; three grandchildren, Amy Bronstein, Chad Bronstein and Kira Tret; a great-granddaughter, Madison Tret; and a step-daughter, Donna Shapiro of Overland Park, Kansas.

A graveside service was held on December 13 at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Donald R. Scherber
Donald R. Scherber, a longtime resident of St. Anthony Park, died on December 10, 2001, at age 87.

Mr. Scherber was a World War II Navy veteran. He worked for the University of Minnesota Printing Department for 44 years and also had his own family printing business in his home, Scherber Printing. For many years he did much of the community printing, such as the Fourth of July flyers.

He was a 50-year member at Westminster Presbyterian Church in downtown Minneapolis and was active in the St. Anthony Park community.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Corinne Scherber; two sons, Jack (Carla) Scherber of Lafayette, California, and Bruce (Debbie) Scherber of St. Paul; three daughters, Jeanne (Steven) Miktelson of Arden Hills, Diana (Mitch) Williams of Turner Valley, Alberta, Canada; and Carrie (Steve) Hemken of Alden, Iowa; 16 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held on December 14 at Westminster Presbyterian.

Dawn L. Stanley

She was a favorite mother at Children’s Home Society. Over a 30-year period, she cared for 304 other children.

Born August 2, 1934, in Oregon, Wisconsin, Mrs. Stanley made her home in New Brighton. She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Stanley; three brothers, Erwin Olson, Robert Olson and Jay Flinn; and a sister, Virginia Pinczobie.

Survivors include two daughters, Debbie (Scott) Urich and Randi Copeland; two sons, Gary (Down) Stanley and Bill (Laurie) Stanley; ten grand-children; one great-grandson; three brothers, Raymond Olson, Harold (Bonnie) Olson and James (Judy) Flinn; and three sisters, Lena Arens, Donna Scallon and Lettie Funks. A memorial service was held at the Sunset Funeral Chapel on December 11.

Malcolm E. Sugden
Malcolm E. Sugden, a resident of Falcon Heights, died on December 16, 2001, at age 85.

Mr. Sugden was the former president and chairman of the board of the Austin Mutual Insurance Company. He was a member at Hamline United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and three sisters. He is survived by three sons, Byron (Ann) Sugden, Paul (Barb) Sugden and Mark (Betty) Sugden; two daughters, Lisa (Gene) Gaerte and Penny (Jim) Langladi; eight grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. A service was held November 20 at Hamline United Methodist Church.

Kath F. Whitten
Ruth F. Whitten, age 84, died on December 5, 2001, at Sholom Home East.

Mrs. Whitten was born December 13, 1916, in Carthage, Missouri, to Frank Frost and Lottie Jane Downey. She married John Whitten on December 14, 1937, in Carthage. She worked as a civil service secretary at the airport package store there from 1977 to 1983. After moving to St. Paul, she stored at St. Paul Episcopal Church, where she sang in the choir. She was an active volunteer at the Nearby New Shop.

Preceded in death by her husband, John Whitten, she is survived by two daughters, Susan Whitteman of St. Paul and Jane Whitten of San Francisco; four grandchildren; and two sisters, Ruby Shoen of Joplin, Missouri, and Pauline Ramirez of Redondo Beach, California. A service took place at Grace Episcopal Church on December 8.

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