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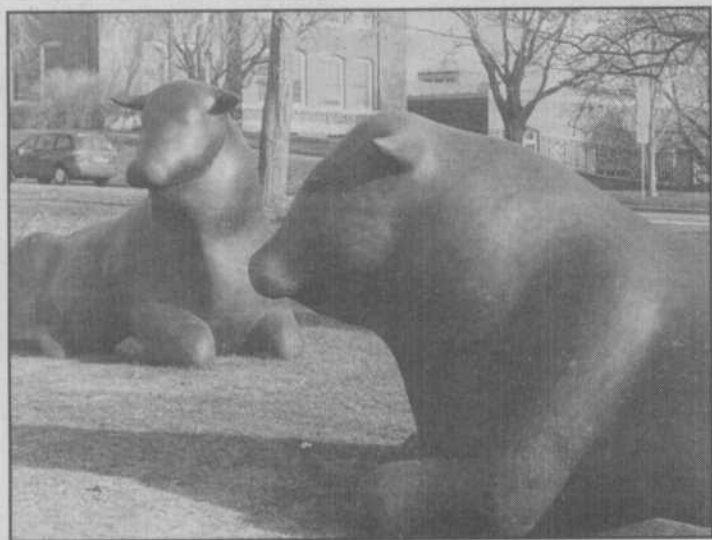
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New sculpture graces St. Paul campus

Two bronze bulls by Connecticut artist Peter Woytuk were installed on September 21 near Haeker Hall on the University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus. Photo by Truman Olson

County studies trash collection

Town meeting addresses possibility of public collection system

by Dave Healy

Should Ramsey County institute public collection of solid waste?

That question was the focus of a December 13 town meeting at Luther Seminary. Sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Community Council, the meeting gave area residents an opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions to three representatives from Ramsey County: Commissioner Janice Rettman; her assistant, Mary Thoenke; and Ken Martin, assistant to Commissioner Susan Haigh.

"Public collection" of solid waste is a system organized by a city, township or county. Currently, Ramsey County has no countywide public collection system. Some municipalities within the county have instituted organized trash collection, but St. Paul is not one of those.

St. Paul employs an "open collection" system in which licensed private haulers are free to pick up refuse anywhere in the city. That means in a given neighborhood or even on a given block, there may be many different haulers, a system that some observers have labeled inefficient.

Countywide public collection would reduce that inefficiency by assigning a single hauler to a particular area. Such a system could employ private haulers, with routes assigned by the county, or it might use public employees and government-owned equipment.

Efficiency is only one issue that has prompted recent discussion about public collection. Another is the ultimate fate of the solid waste that gets picked up.

Currently, haulers have two choices: They can take trash to a landfill, or they can bring it to the Resource Recovery Facility (RRF) in Newport.

The RRF opened in 1987. Jointly owned and administered by Ramsey and Washington counties, the RRF sorts the trash brought there. Burnable waste is converted into fuel packets for use by Xcel Energy. The RRF currently charges haulers a "tipping fee" of \$34 a ton. Haulers who sign contracts to deliver all the waste they collect in the two counties would pay \$32 a ton in 2002.

Those fees are higher than what many haulers pay to tip their loads at landfills, where fees are closer to \$22 a ton. Some large haulers own their own landfills, which makes the RRF an even less attractive option.

As Rettman pointed out at the town meeting, "Garbage is a commodity. As such, it is subject to the laws—and freedoms—of interstate commerce." That freedom means haulers can ship their trash to landfills out of state, which several Twin Cities haulers currently do.

Public collection would enable Washington and Ramsey counties to require that all trash picked up in the two counties be brought to the RRF in Newport. That would enable the two counties to meet their contractual obligation to deliver 280,800 tons of solid waste annually to the RRF. According to Martin, the RRF has an annual environmental goal of 410,000 tons.

Emphasizing the tonnage

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Planning commission reviews district councils

Councils request greater responsiveness and support from city government

by Susan Conner

On December 3, the St. Paul Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding the role of the city's district councils.

The announcement of the hearing cited "recent news stories about problems within a few district councils" as a motivation to "begin conversations about how to improve and strengthen St. Paul's citizen participation program." Over 100 citizens and 14 of the 21 commissioners were present at the hearing.

The Planning Commission, though it convened the hearing, was not in agreement about its purpose or advisability. Commissioner Steve Gordon stated that there had been "no review of the district councils by the city in 26 years" and that such a review was "overdue." He said that the city has changed during that time, noting that City Council members are now elected by ward rather than at large. "Our (the Planning Commission's) intention is to make specific actions and steps for the city to implement," said Gordon. "The hearing is an opportunity for the public to speak their views."

Another commissioner, Richard Kramer, reflected a different perspective. "It is not clear to me why the Planning Commission is doing this," he said. "We did not create the district councils. We do not fund the district councils. We have no specific charge over the district councils. We do not even advise the district councils. We have not been asked by the mayor or the City Council to do this. Even if

we do come up with some proposals, we would have no assurance that they will even be considered."

the local district council may have been tainted by being written about at the same time. "The district councils and the

"St. Paul can be really proud of its citizen participation system.

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—Rolf Nordstrom
President, Merriam Park Community Council

As to the working relationship between the Planning Commission and the district councils, Kramer said, "By and large, we have contact with the councils only regarding specific zoning questions that may arise or if we are looking at small-area planning."

Commissioner Christine Lonetti cited recent newspaper articles about problems as the background for the Commission's action. She expressed interest in the possibility of making specific training available to the councils in grant writing and financial management.

Another commissioner, Sue McCall, said, "I'm hopeful that something positive can come out of a review. The purpose of it is to look for positive solutions." McCall is also the community organizer for the District 10 (Como Park) Community Council.

According to McCall, "Recent press coverage of the district councils has been one-sided." She noted that when a problem with a St. Paul community development corporation surfaced last spring,

community development corporations are totally different and separate entities," McCall said.

A community development corporation (CDC) is a nonprofit organization that focuses on development projects. CDCs may assist in creating a business or housing in the neighborhood they serve. They pursue funding to meet local development goals.

CDCs are not part of city government, nor are they part of St. Paul's citizen participation system. Each neighborhood does not necessarily have a CDC.

St. Paul's district councils, on the other hand, encompass the entire city. They were established in 1975 after a citizen participation forum, with the full support of the City Council.

Each of the city's 19 district councils is an independent, incorporated, 501c-3 nonprofit organization. Volunteers from each neighborhood have created unique structures and bylaws reflecting their neighborhood's characteristics and concerns. Each council hires and supervises its own staff.

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St. Anthony Residence provides last resort

Chronic alcoholics program has long history of community involvement

by John Marino

"We never asked to be born this way."

Bill Hockenberger was talking about himself and the men he serves at the St. Anthony Residence, those who are known in the alcohol treatment business as late-stage chronic inebriates.

"My father and my two older brothers were alcoholics," Hockenberger says, "and they kept wondering when it was going to kick in for me." It eventually did, and Bill's alcohol addiction almost killed him. Seven years ago, he emerged from a nine-day coma and saw his family "looking over my bed for about the tenth time."

That's when he knew it was time to quit drinking alcohol. "Just seeing the emptiness in my family made me realize what I was doing to myself and others. The doctor said I had five years to live."

Hockenberger has been sober ever since, as are his two older brothers, though it hasn't been easy. He has lived for the past two years with a new liver. But it's working fine, he says, and he loves his work. "Not a day goes by when about 15 residents come down and ask me how I'm doing. This is a family."

And it's that family atmosphere that Hockenberger and his boss, Jerry Turner, both

strive to create and nurture for the 54 residents at St. Anthony Residence, which has been managed by Catholic Charities since 1986 and is located at 2300 Wycliff Street in an industrially-zoned section of south St. Anthony Park.

"The average resident here is 40-45 years old," says Turner, an alcoholic who has been sober for 13 years, "and they've made from 6-12 trips to residential treatment," have been admitted another 200 or 250 times to a detox center "and the county and state just scratch their heads."

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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 644-3889 for date, time and place.

— Susan Conner

Lauderdale

The Lauderdale Winter Fest, "Snow Commotion," will be held Saturday, January 26, from 3-6 p.m. at the Community Park at Roselawn and Fulham. There will be a hayride with live horses, a bonfire and a medallion 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 Benanav. 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. This 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 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 McClure

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District councils . . . from page 1

A district council is involved with a variety of city departments, including Housing; Library Services; License, Inspections and Environmental Protection; Parks and Recreation; Planning and Economic Development; and Public Works, as well as the Planning Commission and the City Council.

Interaction between the district councils and the Planning Commission involves two main areas: city planning and zoning. The Planning Commission eventually reviews any plan created by a neighborhood district council since the plan will need to meet certain guidelines. Any zoning request that comes to the city is first sent to the relevant district council to see if that council wishes to be involved before the request goes on to the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission is a city entity established under state law. Commissioners are volunteers, appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the City Council. Twenty-one commissioners hold three-year terms, with a third of them up for reappointment each year. They may serve two consecutive terms.

Commissioners serve the city at large, but an effort is made to maintain geographical balance. Their task is to advise the City Council on municipal planning matters. On zoning issues they actually make the decisions, though their decisions are open for appeal to the City Council.

The City Council is the elected, legislative branch of city government. Seven council members are elected from geographical areas (wards). With seven wards and 19 districts, a City Council member may represent more than one district council. The City Council approves St. Paul's annual budget, which includes some of the funding used by district councils.

At the public hearing, citizens from a wide variety of neighborhoods were consistent in testifying to the importance and positive achievements of district councils. They lauded St. Paul's district council system as a vehicle for citizen participation. Speakers said that councils serve a variety of important functions: They help create community identity and sense of place. They enable self-determination for neighborhoods by providing a cost-effective way to solve problems at a local level and by serving as a liaison between citizens and city staff.

District councils are a training ground for citizens engaged in democracy and an incubator for community groups. They help keep neighborhoods informed. They advocate for neighborhoods and frequently provide alternate perspectives and ideas. District councils are a place and a way that the city and the citizens work together to address local as well as citywide concerns.

While several speakers acknowledged that there have been difficulties in some areas, they offered several ideas for

improving the citizen 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, Chris Causey and Sherm Eagles, 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 (both of 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 differing border issues; some share borders with each other, while some border on other municipalities.

Each district council is an independent organization. While city funding provides the councils with a base for infrastructure, each council uses a variety of additional funding sources, such as grants, to fulfill its local mission. Each council is accountable to the city for measurable goals tied to city funding, which 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 Vandel from District 3 suggested that the contract between each district council and the city be used to help each party commit 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 rely more on citizens and that the mayor and the City Council meet regularly with district councils. Currently, Council Member Jay Benanav of Ward 4 holds regular meetings with district council representatives from his 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, said several speakers. According to Melissa Mathews, executive director of the St. Anthony Park Council, the planner 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 the 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 Summit-Hill, 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 Center for Neighborhoods, said that "for a citizen participation system to be successful, the city must be invested in its success."

Susan Hubbard, 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 government than those that do not. All of the cities cited in the study had several staff supporting citizen participation. St. Paul had 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 Joel Spoonheim, city planner, and Steve Gordon, Planning Commissioner, is a discussion by the Commission's Neighborhood and Current Planning Committee. 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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EDITORIAL

One person's trash is another person's free enterprise

Trash is big business. Hauling and disposing of solid waste keeps a lot of people employed. And as a business, garbage illustrates many of the complexities and contradictions of the U.S. economy.

In St. Paul, trash hauling is an example of free enterprise. Round up a few trucks, and you can probably get a license to pick up rubbish. You'll be competing with other small businesses—outfits like Dick's and Gene's and Pete's and Mickey's—as well as a couple of national companies. You can decide how much to charge and how much of the city you want to cover. You can also choose where to take your trash—to a landfill or to the Resource Recovery Facility in Newport.

Your freedom is not unlimited, of course. If you want to pick up trash commercially, you do have to be licensed. Furthermore, you can't dump the stuff just anywhere. Landfills are subject to fairly stringent requirements.

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 week burns more fossil fuel and creates more noise and air pollution than would a more stringently 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 so doing, it also curtails 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.

One person's trash does indeed turn out to be someone else's treasure. Because garbage is a commodity and its transport and disposal a business, it, like a myriad of other things, helps sustain the economy. Thus, well-meaning citizens find themselves in an awkward position: Cut down on the trash you generate, and you're putting somebody out of work.

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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*Letters***Good news at Collge Park**

On December 19, the day the St. Paul city budget was approved, I received a call from Council Member Jay Benanav 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 anything to help achieve this outcome. I know that Jay Benanav, John Werka of Parks and Recreation,

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Angie Hoffman-Walter and Christine Tuhy

Two staff members join District 12

by Michelle Christianson

Two staff members have recently joined the St. Anthony Park Community Council office. Angie Hoffman Walters and Christine Tuhy 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: raking, light housework, window washing, shoveling and any other jobs needed to maintain a home.

After graduating from the University of Minnesota in applied design, 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 McLean 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 Tuhy 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

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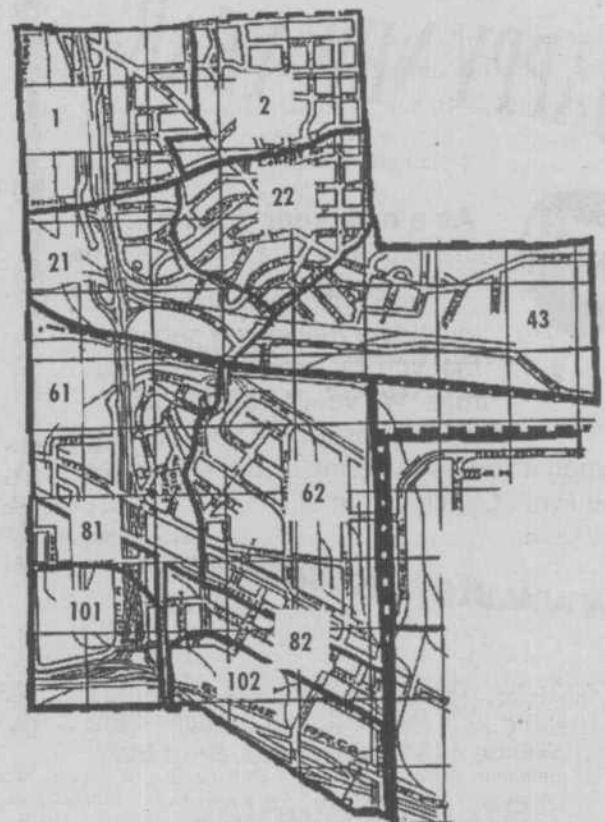
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City Files . . . from page 2

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 will 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. ■

Letters . . . from page 4

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.

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YOUNG JOURNALISTS REPORT

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Brandi Fredericks, Mia Lott and Ciara Kunert work on their article

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 hip new after-school program that Ms. Petering, the music teacher, organized. When asked how the idea for the dance class came about, Ms. Petering responded, "Well, to be completely honest, it was the students who came up to me and asked to have a dance group

activity." She added that "a dance class will bring a new arts activity to Como, strengthening the integrated curriculum."

Ms. Petering found dance instructors from the University of Minnesota to come and teach. 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."

Mr. Byers the band teacher teaches band after school to the full band to help students prepare for concerts. They 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 "Majestic March" by Paul Lavender and "On Parade" 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 20-22.

—Brandi Fredericks, Mia Lott and Ciara Kunert

Art classes keep St. Anthony Park students busy

Art classes with Courtney Oleen 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.

Oleen has loved art ever 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 art 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 Oleen. The sixth grade is finishing wolf sculptures after their trip to Wolfridge Environmental Learning Center.

Oleen 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."

—Oda Eiane

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 flutes. 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.

—Michela Dimond and Jenny Duchscher

January prompts differing perspectives

"The month of January will be a quiet month," according to St. Anthony Park principal Andrea 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."

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On New Year's Day at noon Mass, the Schola Cantorum and orchestra will perform "Misa 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 Rois Mages" by Alfred Pilot and "O Holy Night."

In the first concert of the 2002 **Early Music Series**, Andrew Manze, baroque violin, and Richard Egarr, harpsichord, 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 Sundin 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 Carter Avenue, St. Paul, 55108 or 645-3058.

Grammy-award winning guitarist **Sharon Ibsen** appears January 13 as part of the Music in the Park Series. The concert is sold out. To be added to the waiting list for tickets (\$20), call 646-5699.

The Gus Donhowe Memorial Jazz

Concert, scheduled for February 3 at the St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, will feature an additional performer. Vocalist and jazz banjo player Jimmy Mazzy will join the previously announced artists, pianist Butch Thompson and trumpeter Duke Heitger, in performances at 4 and 7:30 p.m.

The concerts are jointly sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation and Music in the Park Series and will be a benefit for both groups. Tickets, priced at \$25, are available at the Bibelot Shop and Micawber's Bookstore in St. Anthony Park.

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 interpreter volunteers begins February 21.

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The St. Paul Public Schools needs child advocates for its **Surrogate Parent Program**. These volunteers represent special education students whose parents are not able to represent them. Adults need to be available 1-5 times during the school year to participate in school meetings. For more information, call Stacy Sokol at 293-8850.

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Awards

Helga Midelfort-Vognar, a junior at Mounds Park Academy, received Tri-Metro All Conference honors in soccer. Helga is the daughter of Christine Midelfort and George Vognar of St. Anthony Park.

Joseph Zierden, a senior at DeLaSalle High School in Minneapolis, was named All Conference as well Tri-Metro Offensive Lineman of the Year. Joseph, a three-letter winner in football, was also a member of the 1999 Class AAA state championship team. He is the son of Cathy and Clay Carter of Falcon Heights.

Several Como Park High School students from St. Anthony Park and Como Park were among 19 Como students who were named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement exams.

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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 Sherm Eagles 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 landfills."

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.

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

to subsidize the RRF and another one to pay for recycling pickup, a program administered by the St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium.

The fate of recycling under public collection would be subject to further decisions. A countywide organized collection system could include all or only some of several materials: garbage, recyclables, compostables, brush, hazardous wastes and appliances.

Another way to address the cost component of public collection would be to mandate volume-based pricing. Under this system, those who generate more trash pay more to have it picked up.

Rich Nelson asked if a public collection system could accommodate local neighborhoods organizing their own trash collection. He cited his own experience of convincing his neighbors to contract with a single hauler, who then agreed to give them a price break.

Rettman said she worries about neighborhoods that would

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."


Rettman promised to reflect the sentiments of the evening's participants in future discussions the County Commissioners have on the topic. She 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.

Thoenke announced that another public meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on February 20 at Arlington High School.

Additional information about public collection is available at www.co.ramsey.mn.us/recovery/index.htm. ■

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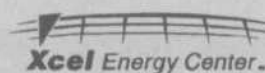
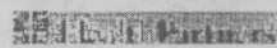
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For as long as she can remember, Lisa Erickson wanted to be an artist. "I told my mother about it when I was a little girl, and she bought me a beret—the kind you see artists wear." Though Erickson's mother passed away when she was seven years old, this poignant and powerful memory of first encouragement remains.

The soft-spoken St. Anthony Park resident, who is now in her mid-30s, found a way to live out that childhood dream. But instead of being sequestered in a garret in Paris, she's living a "regular life."

For the past eight years, Erickson has worked as a dental hygienist, mainly for Dr. Todd Grossmann on Como Avenue. For the past six years, she and her husband, Drew Peterson, who has a local remodeling business, have lived on Bourne Avenue with their two children—Signe, 2, and Soren, 5.

Erickson doesn't see her outside job as an impediment to her artistic endeavors. "I love my work as a hygienist because I love working with people. It also gives me enough flexibility to spend time with the children and do my art."

After attending Bethel College in Arden Hills, Erickson continued studying at the Kansas City Art Institute, graduating in 1987 with a bachelor of fine arts degree. KCAI is one of the nation's top art schools and counts Walt Disney and Jackson Pollock among

its alumni. Since then, she's painted canvases and murals, as well as fabric for upholstery and curtains.

Through her friendship with Jean Larson, coordinator of therapeutic services for the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Erickson began teaching art classes at the Arboretum, working with a variety of populations, including at-risk youth and senior citizens. It was also through Larson and her association with the University of Minnesota's Center for Spirituality and Healing that another artistic opportunity arose that would turn out to be Erickson's largest project to date.

The Center for Spirituality and Healing, established in 1995, offers a graduate minor in complementary therapies as well as continuing education courses in health care. Courses focus on integrating biomedical, complementary, cross-cultural and spiritual care. Located in the Mayo Memorial Building at 420 Delaware Street SE in Minneapolis, the Center also collaborates with the University's Medical School to develop a comprehensive plan for weaving integrative medicine throughout the four-year curriculum.

What brought Lisa Erickson and the Center for

Photo by Truman Olson



Making Space Sacred

by Natalie Zett

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

Erickson, Larson and Tim Day, a social worker and carpenter, collaborated on what could be done to enhance the area, with Erickson 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 Erickson 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 "greeters" (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 Ginkgo biloba, known for its medicinal properties) and a willow tree (its bark 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—bee, wasp, ant and grasshopper—are pollinating three different kinds of

Echinacea flowers, which are known for their immune system support. The evening pollinators—firefly, sphinx moth 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 includes pictographs 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 intertwined snakes 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 shamanic 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, Erickson 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 where they all came from, but they seemed inspired."

The main piece, a labyrinth, was then added to be the focal point, to unify the space and to 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 twists upon itself to form a winding passageway from the outer edge to the center. A labyrinth's purpose is to facilitate mediation, 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.

Erickson's 27' x 27' 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 signet 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 Erickson, "but I don't recommend that."

Asked about her own reflection about her creation, Erickson 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."

The Center for Spirituality and Healing is located at the Mayo Memorial Building, 420 Delaware Street SE, Minneapolis. Anyone is welcome to use the patio for reflection and meditation. ■

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Community Council staff . . . from page 5

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Tuhy is a 1999 graduate of the University of Minnesota with a degree in intercultural

communications. Fluent in Spanish, she spends two weeks in Mexico every few years working as a volunteer translator for Volunteer Optometrists Serving Humanity. She also works as a waitress at Fireside Lounge in West St. Paul. ■

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1 Tuesday

■ New Year's Day

2 Wednesday

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

3 Thursday

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

■ Toastmasters (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.

4 Friday

■ Falcon Heights recycling.

■ 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 a.m.-10 a.m.)

6 Sunday

■ Epiphany

7 Monday

■ Como Park and Lauderdale recycling.

■ St. Paul schools resume classes.

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

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

8 Tuesday

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

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

■ Toastmasters (645-6675), training in effective speaking, Hewlett Packard, 2025 Larpeur Ave., 7:40-8:40 a.m. Every Tuesday.

9 Wednesday

■ St. Anthony Park recycling.

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

■ Leisure Center for Seniors (603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. Free blood pressure clinic and health resources by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, 11 a.m.-noon.

10 Thursday

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

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

■ King Webster Toastmasters (763-717-1666), Pippins Restaurant, 2905 N. Snelling Ave., 6-8 p.m. Every 2nd and 4th Thursday.

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

■ Holly House Director, Dr. Patricia Lawler, will introduce a new, natural and safe weight loss program. Free workshop, 6 p.m. Call 645-6951.

12 Saturday

■ Langford Teen Night (7th through 9th grade), Langford Park Rec Center (298-5765), 7-10 p.m. Parent permission required. Cost \$3.

14 Monday

■ Park Press Inc., Park Bugle board meeting, St. Anthony Park Bank community room, 7 a.m.

■ St. Paul Schools, no school K-12.

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

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

16 Wednesday

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

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

17 Thursday

■ Holly House Director, Dr. Patricia Lawler, will present an introduction to integrated health care. Free workshop, 6 p.m. Call 645-6951. RSVP by 1/16.

18 Friday

■ Falcon Heights recycling.

■ Storytime for preschoolers ages 3-5, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m. Pre-registration requested. 642-0411.

21 Monday

■ Martin Luther Jr.'s Birthday, observed

■ Como Park and Lauderdale recycling.

22 Tuesday

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23 Wednesday

■ St. Anthony Park recycling.

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

■ St. Anthony Park Community Council Housing and Human Services Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 5:30 p.m.

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

■ Leisure Center for Seniors (603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. Free blood pressure clinic and health resources by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, 11 a.m.-noon.

25 Friday

■ St. Paul Schools, no school K-12. Staff grading and training day.

■ Senior Citizen Fun Group (gym, bowling and darts), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Every Friday.

■ Storytime for preschoolers ages 3-5, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m. Pre-registration requested. 642-0411.

28 Monday

■ St. Paul schools, second semester begins.

■ St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program board of directors meeting, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church library, 7 p.m.

■ Book talk, "A Discussion of Genius: The Life and Science of Richard Feynman" by James Gleick, led by University of Minnesota Professor Emeritus Warren Gore. St. Anthony Park Library, 7 p.m.

29 Tuesday

■ Basic standards testing, grades 9-12.

30 Wednesday

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

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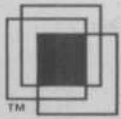
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Diane Ahrens, former Ramsey County Commissioner, died at the St. Anthony Park Home on December 12, 2001. She was 70 years of age.

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 Suzy 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. Bartlett, Jr.

Dwight E. Bartlett, Jr., "Bart," 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. Bartlett was preceded in death by his sister, Shirley Roth. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Norma Bartlett; two sons, John (Lee Colfer) Bartlett and David Bartlett; three daughters, Nancy (Ron) Scheel, Bonnie Sue Rolstad and Linda (Adolf) Whitten; and seven grandchildren, Brett (Holly) Bartlett and Eric Bartlett, Paul and Julie Scheel, Joshua Rolstad, and Elizabeth and Julia Bartlett. Memorial services were held at Roselawn Cemetery Chapel on November 20.

Ann Bronstien

Ann Bronstien, a resident of Shalom Home East, died on December 12, 2001. She had lived previously in Minnetonka and Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Mrs. Bronstien was a member of Temple Israel and the Oak Ridge Country Club.

Preceded in death by her husband, Samuel Bronstien, two brothers, Morrie and Hy Reichert, and two sisters, Dorothy Herman and Ida Gassner, she is survived by a son, Buddy (Jackie) Bronstien of Prior Lake; three grandchildren, Amy Bronstien, Chad Bronstien and Kara Trent; a great-granddaughter, Madison Trent; and a step-daughter, Donna Shapiro of Overland Park, Kansas. A graveside service was held on December 13 at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Donald R. Scherbert

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

Mr. Scherbert 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, Scherbert 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 Scherbert; two sons, Jack (Carla) Scherbert of Lafayette, California, and Bruce (Debbie) Scherbert of St. Paul; three daughters, Jeanne (Steven) Mikkelsen 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. Stankey

Dawn L. Stankey died at age 67 on December 6, 2001.

She was a foster mother at Children's Home Society. Over a 30-year period, she cared for 304 foster babies.

Born August 2, 1934, in Oregon, Wisconsin, Mrs. Stankey made her home in New Brighton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Stankey; three brothers, Erwin Olson, Robert Olson and Jay Flint; and a sister, Virginia Pincombe. Survivors include two daughters, Debbie (Scott) Ulrich and Randi Copeland; two sons, Gary (Dawn) Stankey and Bill (Laurie) Stankey; ten grand-children; one great-grandson; three brothers, Raymond Olson, Harold (Bonnie) Olson and James (Judy) Flint; and three sisters, Lona Annen, Donna Scullion and Lohnie Furseth. A funeral service was held at the Sunset Funeral Chapel on December 11.

Malcolm E. Sugden

Malcolm E. Sugden, a resident of Falcon Heights, died on November 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) Gaetke and Penny (Jim) Langland; eight grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. A service was held November 20 at Hamline United Methodist Church.

Ruth F. Whitten

Ruth F. Whitten, age 84, died on December 5, 2001, at Shalom 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 attended Grace Episcopal Church, where she sang in the choir. She was an active volunteer at the Nearly New Shop.

Preceded in death in 1982 by her husband, John Whitten, she is survived by two daughters, Susan Whitten Fishman of St. Paul and Jane Whitten of San Francisco; four grandchildren; and two sisters, Ruby Schoerner 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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Turner oversees both St. Anthony Residence and The Glenwood, a similar, larger facility in Minneapolis. When asked if these programs are a last resort for chronic alcoholics, Turner doesn't hesitate. "Yes," he says, "a lot of people die here."

"In many ways, we are a hospice for people that we don't have a cure for," says Allison Boisvert, a senior director at Catholic Charities, which administers about 80 treatment facilities in the metro area.

Boisvert says some skeptics might claim that the St. Anthony Residence program only enables alcoholics to continue drinking, but she says "there's nothing left to enable. This is not a matter of making it fun for a guy to drink. It's a humane way of addressing a problem that we don't have answers for."

"We provide a service that others can't," Hockenberger adds. "It's a tough job to do, unless you've been there. I like helping others. I've been down that road, and I'm here to keep them out of front yards and off bus benches."

Residents are forbidden from drinking in the facility or the community at large, Hockenberger says. That usually means they'll find someplace else to drink. While this initially led to some concern in the community when the facility moved from downtown St. Paul to its present site in 1979, problems have been few since Catholic Charities assumed control. Residents now usually drink in nearby unpopulated industrial areas. Bill says they still get minor complaints from time to time but haven't heard anything in the past "six or seven months."

The facility takes a proactive approach in getting residents involved in the community. "Most neighborhood residents tend to see our clients as negative," Hockenberger recalls, "and I thought, there's so much positive going on, how can I bring this to light?" That's when he came up with the idea of volunteering in the community.

"A lot of people are not aware of the good community things they do," says Melissa Mathews, executive director of the St. Anthony Park Community Council. "They have a long history of volunteering in the neighborhood."

"We've enjoyed a really good relationship with the community," says Boisvert, "once we proved that we're good neighbors."

The facility's residents participate in a chore program in which they help elderly and disabled St. Anthony Park residents by raking their leaves and shoveling snow. They participate in the annual Great University Avenue Spring Cleanup, and they also maintain five large flower pots near Hampden Park and the South St. Anthony Recreation Center.

Most important, St. Anthony Residence exists for its clients. The program is designed to teach residents both harm-reduction techniques, such as getting their medical checkups, and

independent living skills, like practicing good hygiene.

About 15 percent of residents become sober, Hockenberger says. "Their home is here and they get fed here. So they're not homeless and they're not hungry." If they are caught using illegal drugs, they are immediately expelled.

The facility also saves taxpayers money. Hockenberger notes that in 1998, the annual average cost in Hennepin County of caring for a chronic inebriate was \$56,000. At St. Anthony Residence, it's about \$13,500 per year. That includes shelter, food, transportation and medications, which are administered by a nurse. ■

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