



prevent crime

**E**tching  
tools  
available

Skinker-DeBaliviere area residents should etch their driver's license numbers on valuables in an effort to prevent burglaries and arrange schedules with neighbors to watch their block for suspicious activities during high-crime periods, the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council's crime committee has recommended.

At a meeting held in late November, the committee announced that three etching devices are now available for use by area residents.

The etchers are available for rental at the council office, 6008 Kingsbury, for a \$1 fee and a \$2 deposit. Council executive secretary Cal Stuart said, however, that the fee could be reduced for those who did not have funds immediately available.

The Skinker-DeBaliviere area will be co-operating with the recommendation of the St. Louis Police Department that Missouri driver's license numbers — which consist of one letter and 15 digits — be etched on valuables. (continued p. 3)

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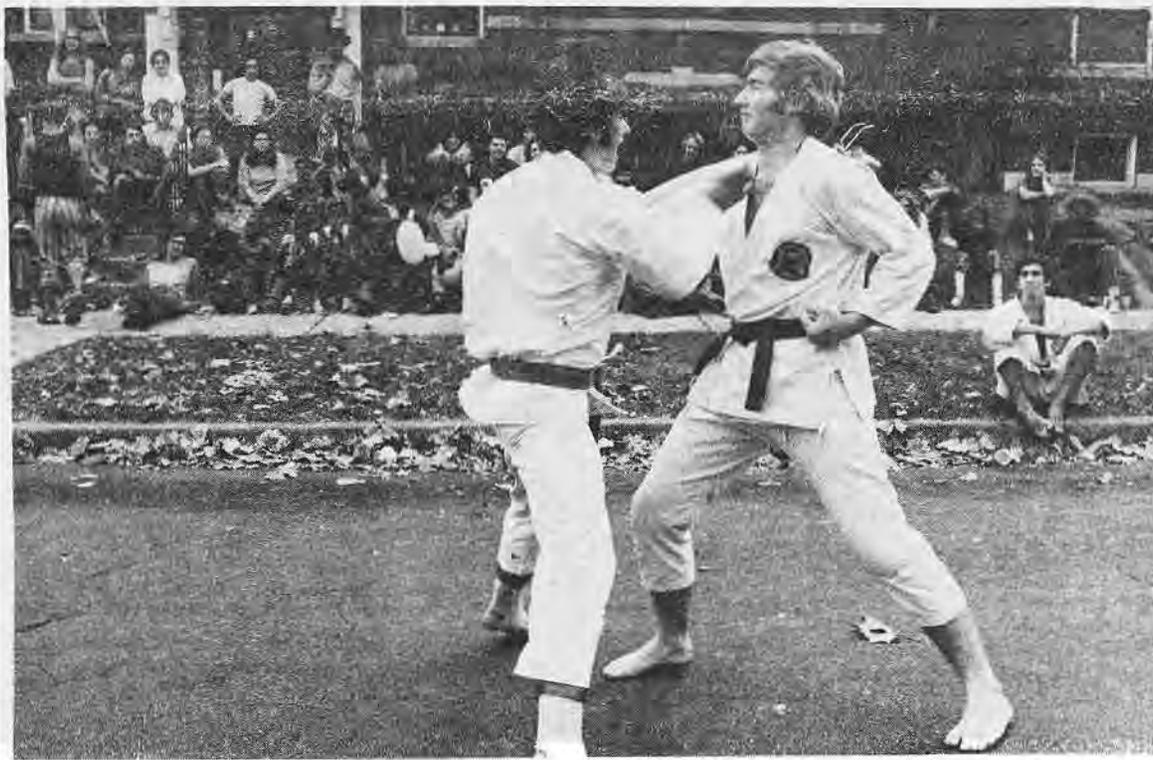
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Serving residents of the area bounded by  
Lindell to Delmar & DeBaliviere to the city limits.

**C**ommunity  
control  
assured

At a special meeting on Nov. 22, the executive board of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council set up a board of directors for the Kingsbury Redevelopment Corporation which will be the developing agency for the triangle area, roughly from McPherson to Delmar and from DeBaliviere to DeGiverville. As reported in previous issues of The Paper and at a number of neighborhood meetings, Phase One of the development plan calls for the rehabilitation of apartments in condition to be saved, and for the purchase, demolition and new construction of those lots now vacant or occupied by unsound buildings.

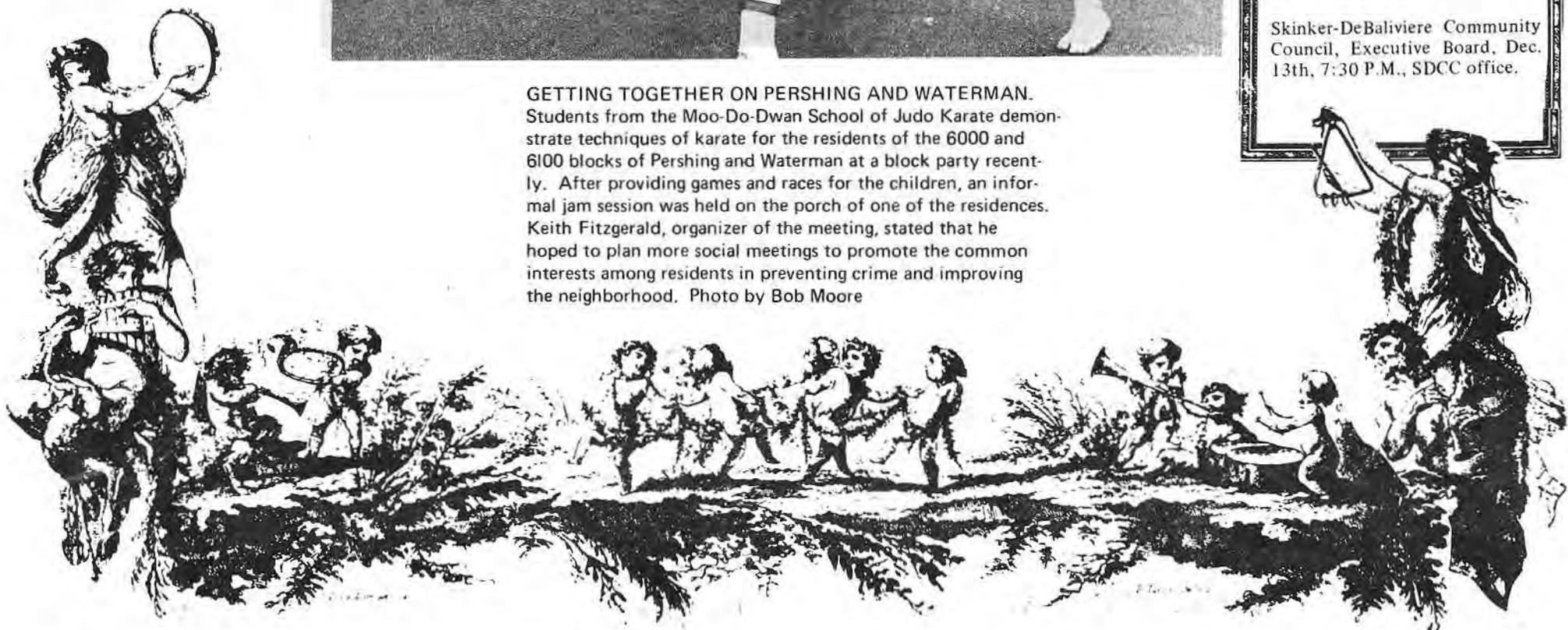
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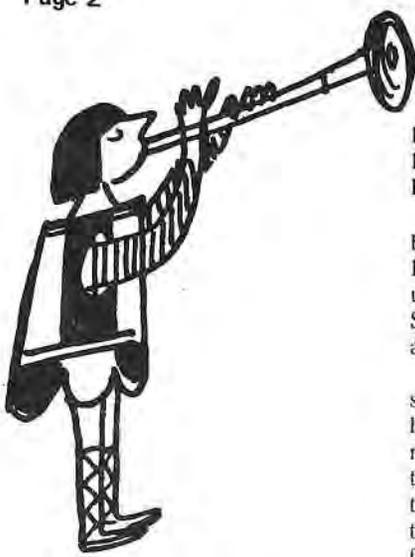


**GETTING TOGETHER ON PERSHING AND WATERMAN.** Students from the Moo-Do-Dwan School of Judo Karate demonstrate techniques of karate for the residents of the 6000 and 6100 blocks of Pershing and Waterman at a block party recently. After providing games and races for the children, an informal jam session was held on the porch of one of the residences. Keith Fitzgerald, organizer of the meeting, stated that he hoped to plan more social meetings to promote the common interests among residents in preventing crime and improving the neighborhood. Photo by Bob Moore

**Meetings**  
Rosedale-Skinker Improvement Association, Executive Committee, Dec. 9th, 7:30 P.M. at the SDCC office.

Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, Executive Board, Dec. 13th, 7:30 P.M., SDCC office.





# Hey! Is Anyone Out There Listening?

Dept. of Housing & Urban Development  
Dear Mr. Romney: (also both Mr. Symingtons, Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. Eagleton and all)

If you have an opportunity to see the St. Louis newspapers, you have probably noticed that Mr. Elmer Smith is unhappy with St. Louis citizens again. This seems his perpetual state. He is publicly unhappy with some of us all the time and all of us some of the time. Since he is in your employ, why don't you do the man a kindness and transfer him to some other region?

Surely in an agency as large as yours there is a place for him. And surely you have one employee who has accepted the fact that public housing has bombed in every town it has played. If you have such a man who will admit this fact, and give the citizens some assurance that public housing will be well constructed, well managed, that the tenants will be chosen for their ability to live in close quarters, that the project will not overcrowd schools and other neighborhood facilities, he might find St. Louis a happy place in which to work.

Before he left the city Rev. Donald Register, a former neighbor, suggested that it might be necessary to build some Opportunity Houses, where people of inadequate social resources could learn how to live in and maintain their dwellings before they were moved into subsidized housing. Why couldn't Mr. Smith spend some of the energy he has devoted to denouncing our aldermen, mayor and neighborhood leaders on Opportunity Houses?

Then local citizens could hope that large numbers of people unable to cope with urban living would not be dumped in their

backyards by the federal government and abandoned there, as they have been in so many projects.

St. Louisans are traditionally a hospitable people. We'd like for everyone here, from the richest to the poorest, to have a comfortable home, a bit of green and a few trees nearby, schools and churches to walk to. We haven't seen that in public housing. We see the Mill Creek valley bulldozed by the acre with no housing for the residents; we see Pruitt Igoe, where the few terrorized the many and literally destroyed massive buildings; we see the Pruitt Igoe management that thought winter wouldn't come that year and didn't board up the broken windows until after the pipes froze; we see the Triangle area in our own back yard almost demolished by some of the transient residents; we can look north of Delmar to a federal program you can't believe.

So when Mr. Smith tells us Congress intended that we have federally subsidized housing projects whether we like them or not, he is going to meet opposition.

Under these circumstances, he is never going to be happy in St. Louis. Why don't you look around this broad land and find a community that likes to be threatened by federal employees and relocate Mr. Smith there? Then we might all live happily ever after. We might even see an upgrading of the public housing image.

Sincerely, C.I.I.M.E.S.E.  
(Citizens Interested In Moving  
Elmer Smith Elsewhere)

## Editor's column



Mr. Paul Spellbrink  
Director of Streets  
City of St. Louis

### THE JAM ON SKINKER IN THE LATE EVENING RUSH.

The increasing truck traffic and planned further expansion make it almost impossible for residents to use the street during these hours without risking life and limb. Photo by Sue Johnson

Dear Mr. Spellbrink:

This is a letter from the several thousand of us who live close to Skinker Boulevard. If you recall, some months ago your employees did a traffic study that revealed six, eight, and ten wheel trucks rumbling along Skinker at a rate of more than one every minute. That study has evidently been forgotten.

We would like to remind you that this is a residential area.

We ask this not only to maintain a residential character of our neighborhoods, but to protect the life and limbs of those of us who must in the course of our daily rounds, use Skinker Boulevard, or even more frightening, walk across it.

If you will ask some of your employees to play Skinker roulette, a simple game of making a left turn on or off of Skinker, our problem will become very real to your employees. Some of us have a little motto, "If you can't turn right, don't go."

The adults in the neighborhood are not agile, but we're cautious. Our children are agile, but inclined to trust drivers to stop at stop signs, to yield to pedestrians, and to think that because they can see truck drivers, the truck drivers can see them. Before we lose any of our neighbors we'd like you to consider what your office can do to get the trucks off Skinker and install some walk lights timed to allow those of us who can't sprint to cross Skinker in safety.

Sincerely,  
Frightened Citizens

## Derelict Car Lament

Let me tell you about the latest addition to the "Keep the West End Beautiful" campaign. For the past two months a green on green, early 50's model Chevrolet clunker has been adorning the curb in front of 6111 Westminster Place (as you may have guessed, that's my address). The car, with crumpled and rusted fenders, grubby interior and cracked windshield, bore a valid Missouri license plate until November 18 when it disappeared.

Attempts to have the vehicle removed included:

- three calls to the police
- three calls to City Hall
- one call each to the Democratic committee woman and the 28th ward alderman.
- two calls to Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council

Information from the police department was:

- we will make a check on the vehicle
- as long as the car has a valid license, it is not considered derelict
- we are not responsible for towing derelict vehicles, City Hall does that

After each call, the car was checked by a police officer.

City Hall issued the following statements:

- we have no towing service at the present time: the car probably cannot be towed until March, 1972.
- we will file a report and have a check made
- we are not responsible for towing derelict vehicles, the police department does that.

After the second call a card was received from the Mayor's office indicating that the complaint was being checked out.

I was informed once by the Council director and once by the police that a car with a valid license plate is not considered derelict and therefore not subject to towing. That being the case, my next question was "Why has the car been allowed to block the street sweeper for six weeks without being ticketed? Strangely enough, neither the police department nor City Hall could answer my question.

Lest someone think that this

is an isolated problem, I can cite other examples. At present there is a vehicle missing its front tires parked on the 6100 block of Washington. It has been there for three or four weeks. Within the past year there have been at least four abandoned automobiles parked on the 6100 block of Westminster and two on the 500 block of Rosedale. Complaints were lodged, but the vehicles remained for several weeks.

Mary Parker

The problem of loans, mortgages and financing for city property, has not changed since the last issue. The problem remains one that, everyone talks about but nobody does anything about. The latest suggestion is that neighborhoods pool their capital and form investment corporations to finance projects.

The thought of Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Citizen having to study high finance in order to maintain their neighborhoods is enough to blow the mind. Why should the citizens have to take up an entirely new profession? If you turn to the Yellow Pages you will see that this metropolitan area includes more than 50 banks and some 40 savings and loan associations. It seems reasonable to assume that loans, mortgages and financing are their business and that they are competent to handle it. Their combined assets make a string of figures too huge to comprehend, and without so much as peeking I'd wager a small sum that not one of them failed to show a profit last year.

What the lending institutions need is not competence, but vision. They can't seem to see that every time they refuse to lend money because a neighborhood might decline, they make the neighborhood decline. They cannot see that their prophecies along with those of the FHA and the real estate interests, are self-fulfilling and have been for fifteen years. The surprise is not that the city is declining, but that it is holding up so well against so many short sighted prophets of doom.

If their professional niggardliness forbids their risking precious bucks on urban projects, could they get up a little group courage and form a pool of capitol to lend for urban projects, like the ones planned for the DeBaliviere area? If 90 institutions pooled \$50,000 to \$100,000 apiece, there would be between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000 in credit available.

Conscience funds, mutual investment funds that promise to invest the member's money only in ecologically or sociologically responsible firms are fashionable. St. Louis lending institutions could use a little social conscience. Let them put their expertise to work instead of sluffing it off on an unsuspecting public.

A more practical suggestion than citizen financial management is the idea that the city government, big businesses and religious bodies investigate the institutions where they bank. These deposits are big enough to have economic clout.

If lending institutions give away all kinds of goodies for additions to individual savings accounts, the loss of a municipal or corporate account might jolt their conscience in the right direction. If the lending institution doesn't have the vision to support the city which supplies it with cash, municipal, corporate and religious depositors should instantly close their accounts and place them in more far-sighted institutions.

Whether clout or conscience does the job, it had better be done quickly. We can forget our tax money. It looks like Mr. Smith, HUD and the FHA are going to use our taxes to beat us on the head with. If the private and corporate financial resources of the city were directed to its benefit we might be able to fight back.

Jean Eberle

# robbery preventative now available to community

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After property has been marked, homeowners or apartment dwellers will be given stickers to signify that their property has been protected with a permanent number.

The idea is that burglars would be deterred if they know that property they steal could be easily identified.

The idea of more regular surveillance by neighborhood residents of activities on their streets came after the S-D Crime Committee informally rejected the possibilities of either mobile or walking anticrime patrols at a neighborhood meeting last month.

A committee delegation with at least one member from Parkview, Rosedale-Skinker and Washington Heights arranged a meeting with Capt. William Brown, new commander of the Seventh District, to extend the council's communications with the police.

Police-community relations officer Kress, in an interview with The Paper, suggested also that residents with questions or complaints about police service in general or the etching or Blockwatcher programs in particular should call him or Officer Beeks at 385-0290 or visit their office during weekdays at 5884 Easton Avenue.

Kress, answering one frequently-asked question, said it often took two weeks or more for someone to receive his Blockwatcher number after signing up at a training session. Some residents had complained that they had been told the numbers would be available within a week.

Kress said also that anyone who wanted to have a Blockwatcher training session in his home or elsewhere for five or 20 people should call the police-community relations office.

Commenting about the local crime situation in general terms, Kress said, "Serious crime in the city has dropped this year compared to last year but crime in the Seventh District is up. However, much of the increase is due to burglaries, not serious crimes against persons."

Kress urged area residents to take steps that might prevent burglaries such as participating in the etching program.

He said also that the police have made efforts to halt the crime rise in the Seventh District, including deployment of the "omni-patrol," in which officers make walking patrols on a staggered basis.

Kress said the police department would use the omni-patrol in any neighborhood that had been hit with a rash of crimes.

Stuart, suggesting the surveillance alternative, said, "Blocks could organize and people could stand outside their doors or look out windows at the street and then call police if they see any trouble."

"Suspicious characters should know people are watching them," he said.

Stuart suggested the hours of 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. as key times for observing the street.

The committee was generally unenthusiastic about the possibility of the council's hiring professional guards, noting the relatively high cost and the need for a long period it would take guards to become familiar with the neighborhood.

"The best thing would really be for each block to form its own method of being observant on a regular schedule," one committee member said.

At a recent meeting at St. Roch's Church, more than 30 Pershing and Waterman residents heard the Seventh District's two police-community relations officers describe the program, in which citizens are given numbers by the St. Louis police with which they are to call in reports of serious crimes and receive special treatment from police department telephone operators.

Although most participants in the meeting were interested in joining Blockwatchers (Police-community relations officer Joe Kress told The Paper that 22 persons signed up after the meeting), criticism of some police methods also was heard.

Some blacks told the officers they felt police were generally too quick to pick up blacks on suspicion of a crime (or in the case of the Pershing rape incident, too quick to shoot them).

Kress and co-officer Bob Beeks, though declining to discuss the incident in detail, emphasized that any complaints against police should be presented in full to the Seventh District or police headquarters downtown if necessary.

Complaints against the police were also a topic at the crime committee meeting. Most members had an example of what they termed police incompetence or lack of follow-up on an incident.

The committee generally concluded that Skinker-DeBaliviere residents should not only be observant of possible criminal activities but also of police activities in the neighborhood. Car and badge numbers of any policemen whom residents believe are acting questionably should be recorded and reported, the committee said.

By Ted Gest



# redevelopment corp.

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Kingsbury Redevelopment Corporation is at present authorized to issue 30,000 shares of stock, all of which will be owned by the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council and will insure neighborhood control of development plans. If it is necessary by law for each director to hold at least one share of the stock, the vast majority of such stock will still be held by the Council.

Steve Saller, chairman of the Council's Housing Committee, presented the plans for a board of directors to the executive board. He stressed the necessity that control of the Kingsbury Redevelopment Corporation remain with the SDCC, and the importance of naming a board with credibility in financial and housing circles.

The initial board of directors selected by the Council executive board will consist of seven members, serving at the discretion of SDCC executive board. Those named are Mr. William Douthit, of the Urban League; Mr. Sachar of Sachar Corporation, a development and management firm; Mr. Jerry Pratter, of Team 4 urban planning firm which did the surveying and outlined plans for the redevelopment;

Mr. Virgil (Jack) Wright and Mr. Ed Walsh, board members of SDCC and Mr. Cal Stuart, executive secretary of SDCC.

The SDCC board members felt that a representative from the Urban League would be of value since that organization has had previous experience in redevelopment and is particularly interested in Skinker-DeBaliviere because of Urban League rehabilitation projects immediately to the east of S-D boundaries.

As part of the plan outlined by Mr. Saller, the SDCC board authorized the new directors to hire a competent lawyer, with housing experience, on a contingency basis with legal matters in organizing the corporation and in the redevelopment work.

Those nominated for position on the board of directors, besides those selected were Pat Kohn, Bob Moore, Mike Magrath, Marlene Mestres, and Blanche Reel.

The SDCC board also approved a recommendation of the Housing Committee that when Phase I is completed and tenants occupy the new buildings, the board of Kingsbury Redevelopment Corporation be altered to include 7 residents of the Skinker-DeBaliviere area, 2 residents of the newly developed area, 1 member of the Urban League and 1 member of the development firm. This makeup for board of directors will assure neighborhood control and include representatives living in the newly developed area.

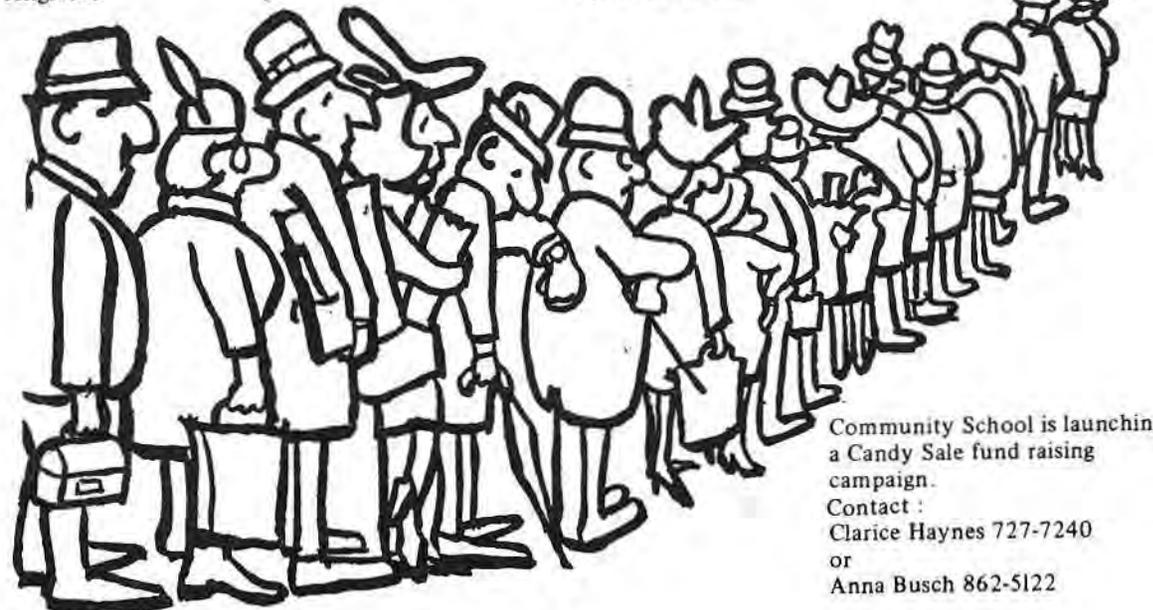
## January Registration Community School

The People's Community School starts its second semester in January, offering an impressive list courses in art, auto mechanics, bookkeeping, typing, African history, American Black history, Black literature, charm, cooking, creative writing, journalism, modern interpretive dance, drafting, drug studies, first aid, karate, (both a must for city dwellers), millinery, sewing, and a possible course in world religions.

Registration will be held at Hamilton School between 6:30 and 9:00 P.M., Jan. 3-7. Classes will begin the 10th. For more information, Call Anna Busch at Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council, 862-5122.

People's School board members would like to thank everyone connected with their highly successful fund raising dinner, held Nov. 20 at St. Roch's, where over \$200 was collected for the school.

by Mike Burke



Community School is launching a Candy Sale fund raising campaign. Contact: Clarice Haynes 727-7240 or Anna Busch 862-5122

# DO YOU KNOW?



Since early autumn there's been a new man at the helm of the Des Peres Branch Library, Dale F. Poertner of 3007 Allen Drive. And as always with a new helmsman, some new ideas are beginning to appear.

Mr. Poertner is a native St. Louisan, a graduate of St. Louis University, and since 1965 has been part of the St. Louis Library system in one capacity or another. He received his Master's degree in library science from Louisiana State University on a scholarship from the St. Louis library.

When asked what his chief aims were for the Branch, he replied that he wished it to act and be regarded as a resource for the neighborhood as well as the school. He pointed out that the patrons are about half adult and half juvenile and that he wishes for a higher participation by both groups.

Everybody who has been in the library or driven by the corner of Des Peres and Kingsbury lately is aware of the new look the recently installed patio and plantings have given to that corner of the neighborhood.

Mr. Poertner says that his next exterior project is to find a way to have the outside west wall painted in "super-graphics" of some sort (a project for Street Revival?). When and if that is done, all the drivers on Des Peres will have something besides the Tot Lot to stare at!

The new look of the interior is also impressive. Stacks and departments have been rearranged in ways that make the big room seem brighter and more spacious. One change has been to move the juvenile department to the front of the room. Another has given added sparkle to the new book display.

With its dropped ceilings, soft lighting, and clean walls, it is now a most attractive room, yet strong and sturdy enough for the kind of traffic it sees daily.

Working under Mr. Poertner now are three full-time people: Mrs. Walker Long, in charge of children's work and Robert Barber and Bob Bridges, generalists.

The next series of film showings will start in February, on Tuesday evenings, right after the library closes at 5:30. As in the past, admission will be by tickets (free) distributed in advance. Collections of records, posters, and framed prints continue to be available for patrons to check out.

Altogether, this is a corner of the neighborhood in which we can take real pride.

## Scout News

**WEST DISTRICT BOY SCOUT RECOGNITION DINNER** - will be held at Grace Church on Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m. This annual meeting is to give honor to the adults who make scouting possible for so many boys.

**Senior Girl Scout Troop 2886** - widely known world travellers are, as a service project, making 42 dozen fancy cookies for a Shaw's Garden Tea in early December.

Girl Scouts are currently selling their calendars, price 50¢ Mrs. Michael Buckley is the Neighborhood Chairman for the Troop.

**Cub Pack 31, Grace Church** - Martin Crudden, Cubmaster, was delighted at the November Pack Meeting to note that every boy at the meeting had at least one parent present, most of them had two. The dens are now busy preparing for Christmas and the Dec. pack meeting on Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Grace Church Fellowship Hall. The Webelos Den leader is Douglas Durham, who was formerly a cub and scout in 31.

**Brownie Troop 533, Grace Church** - invited their mothers to their investiture on Wed. Dec. 1st at their meeting room. The new leader is Mrs. A. J. Nerviani, Program aide is her daughter Vicki with assists from Brownie mothers. The troop is now fully registered.

**Cub Pack 98, St. Roch's** - began the year's activities with a Halloween Party and parents meeting. They are now working on Christmas projects and planning a Yule party. Peggy O'Brien, den mother, reports 24 cubs have enrolled.

**Troop 98, St. Roch's** - said goodbye to two of its adult leaders in November. Joe Wilmering, Scoutmaster and Hugh Bertch, Institutional Rep. had served the troop for many years. Joe Boyts is the new scoutmaster and plans to keep the present program of at least one outing per month. There is no replacement as yet for Mr. Bertch.

**Troop 128, Hamilton School** - reports it has a fine program and plans to make it better than ever.

**Troop 31, Grace Methodist** - will be getting a new scoutmaster in January. He is Ermin Rust, Jr., an experienced scouter who plans to make the troop's program even better than last year.

Girl Scout Troop 2474, sponsored by Grace Methodist Church, is off and running. So far we have had a Hallowe'en party and an ice-skating party to get this year underway. We are combining fun and knowledge as we learn what goes into the planning and organizing of various activities. We earn badges at the same time. We are now planning an investiture ceremony to welcome our new members and at which we will award the badges that were earned over the summer.

Right now we have 25 active members. Our limit is 30 girls. Any girl in the 4th, 5th or 6th grades wanting to make new friends and work together with us is welcome at our meetings Monday afternoons, from 3:30 to 4:30 P.M. at Grace Church, Werman and Skinker.

If anyone has ideas for civic projects our troop might work on please call Cherie McKee at 862-2351.

Colleen Kelly



An original print, hand-crafted by her fifth grade students, is modelled by Miss Debbie Williams, 5th grade home-room teacher at St. Roch's. Miss Williams blocked off squares on the fabric which the students decorated with indelible markers in blues and greens. A salt water rinse, cutting and sewing, and voila! and exclusive design.



All welcome!

SEWING EXCHANGE

St. Roch's Gym

Monday Nights

6-10 PM



**THE PAPER**

The Paper, a non-profit monthly newspaper published by residents living in the area bounded by Delmar, Lindell, DeBaliviere, and the city limits.

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# EDUC



# this community and public education

Hamilton School. The statistics look formidable if not impossible. Over 500 children are bussed out daily to Mitchell and Wheatly Schools (Wheatly is entirely Hamilton children) Including the enrollment at Hamilton Branch 3-117- Children - there is a total of 1,587 public school pupils. This does not include the upper grade children who would go to Enright Middle or those who get permissive transfers to other public schools. What is worse, even more children are expected if the Redevelopment goes through.

Add this to the fact that although half of the Skinker DeBaliviere community is evenly integrated, Hamilton School is not integrated nor is there much chance of any significant integration (parents willing) with the school dispersed the way it is. At a recent meeting, white parents pointed out these facts and stated that their case was unusual. They were living in an integrated neighborhood, but were, because of the busing at Hamilton, denied a public school or any possibility of achieving significant integration. Cleveland Young, principal of Hamilton, said he believes that since the school is all black, he believed the problem would resolve around social issues.

Many parents have children in 3 different schools and the effort involved in keeping track of them often results in despair. Despite the outstanding efforts of a good teaching staff who must deal with a 50% turnover of pupils, parents and indeed the community has, understandably, a general feeling of hopelessness about the future of the school. Meanwhile back in the slum-making syndrome, real estate agents capitalize on the school problems to steer prospective buyers away from the community.

The St. Louis Board of Education, which left out Hamilton's needs in the last bond issue, evidently also shares this feeling of hopelessness. A Board member recently expressed the opinion that Hamilton, because of the size of its overpopulation problem, would require a new large school and the reluctant voters would surely reject it. In other words, despite expressions of sympathy to the contrary, Hamilton is not likely to be included in another bond issue.

There is a good chance that this community will be left out in the cold. And, unless we want to roll over and play dead, it is up to us to find a solution to these problems.

If any one thing has come out of the series of open meetings of the Education Committee of the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council it is this message-----THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF THE HAMILTON SCHOOL! What is needed is organized PEOPLE POWER, especially the Hamilton parents, to decide on acceptable goals and priorities and make these needs known to the Board of Education-----if only to make sure we are on the next bond issue. (see related story for other alternatives. )

If you care about Hamilton School and its children and, especially if you are a Hamilton parent, the meeting Wednesday, Jan. 19, is a MUST! It is an open community-wide meeting for everyone whether their children go to Hamilton or not. To find out what you personally can do to find a solution to Hamilton's bussing, and to open up lines of communication and involvement between the school and the community, come to this meeting. Nothing less than the future of our community is at stake. *by Jody Creighton*

## Options to be Discussed Jan. 19

**Community Mobilization Meeting on Education Jan. 19**

In a series of meetings the Strategy Committee of the SDCC Education Committee has decided to try to set up the organizational framework for community wide involvement in solving the problems of Hamilton School.

At the community wide meeting to be held Wednesday, Jan. 19 the agenda will include a brief description of the events leading up to the meeting. Then the Chairman will ask the group to divide into 2 groups for discussion of 2 main objectives.

1. A BOARD LIAISON COMMITTEE to decide on priorities to pursue with the Board of Education to get more classroom space in the Skinker DeBaliviere area. Among alternatives discussed at previous meetings are the 12-month school, dispersed classrooms, remodeling buildings within the community and including this in a bond issue, ways to make sure Hamilton is included in a bond issue, or possible combinations of the above. Resource people with factual information on these proposals will be present.

2. A COMMUNITY - SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE to work directly with the Hamilton School staff in building support and involvement in the school and to make available the human resources of the community to the school. Information on various school-community programs in other parts of the city will be provided.

The Committee sees the 2 groups as supportive of each other, and, in fact, complementing each other. For instance, if the Community-School Liaison Committee decided with the staff of the school that the school needed a paid parent to serve as a full time liaison worker between the community and the school, the Board Liaison Committee could then request this from the Board of Education in their negotiations.

The work of the Community-School Liaison Committee would be essentially to make Hamilton a community-centered school. For instance, a list of people in the community willing to share their knowledge and skills in their field with the children in the classrooms could be compiled and made available to the staff. Another list could provide the names of parents at home during school hours, who would be willing to serve at the school as volunteers for field trips, lunch room and playground supervision, tutoring, etc.

The Strategy Committee will urge the 2 groups to create specific recommendations, some of which could be implemented immediately. Through organized and sustained pressure on the Board of Education the community has a better opportunity to meet its educational needs.

## EDUCATIONAL PRIORITIES

**Want to Help Solve Hamilton's Overcrowding? Come to Jan. 19 Meeting**

**OPEN MEETING • JAN. 19, 7:30  
HAMILTON SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
BABYSITTER, TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED**

*priorities for hamilton set at education meeting*



No PAPER in January! The Paper People want to enjoy the holidays with their families so we will not publish a January edition. The next issue should be hot off the press the first week in February.

News for the February edition should be turned in or telephoned to any of the editors by January 15th. Block news, club news, any items about what's going on in the neighborhood can be mailed to THE PAPER, 6008 Kingsbury, St. Louis, 63112. Want ads are free to residents and have the same deadline, January 15th.



ST. ROCH - Advent Penance Service - Thursday, Dec. 9, 8-9 p.m. social gathering will follow in Scariot Hall



Sunday Services  
Morning Worship: 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
Church School: 9:30 a.m.  
Communion Service: 10:35 a.m.  
Contemporary Service: 5:30 p.m.

Grace United Methodist Church  
Skinker at Waterman

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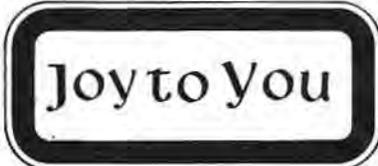
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### Contest for R-Skinker



**Christmas Decoration Contest**  
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In the last issue of The Paper it was reported that the Grand Prize might be a two-week vacation in Flat River. Unfortunately, the Flat River Hilton has no vacancies until 1975. Negotiations are under way with both the Sheraton-Festus and the Crystal City Americana but no definite arrangements have been made.

Cal Stuart, SDCC executive secretary, has graciously stated that if no suitable out-of-town accommodations can be found, the lucky winners can spend a couple of nights in the Council Office, 6008 Kingsbury.

### Cantwell Can and Did

Tim Cantwell, son of Wilma and Jim Cantwell of the 6100 block of Kingsbury is one of the two St. Louis area scholar-athlete selections for the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame. Tim is a senior at CBC, an A student and captain of this year's team. He was named to the all-conference, all-district, all-area and all-state teams last year.



Cans with labels and ends removed and flattened, also bottles, can be deposited in containers behind the Council office, 6008 Kingsbury at any time.

Watch for flyers for the next paper drive which will be scheduled in late January.





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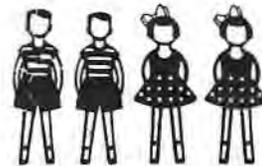
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