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## Historic District Committee Reports Progress



The Committee met June 7th to prepare for Rosedale Neighborhood Association's Annual Dinner and our presentation there, refreshing our memories about historic district business after the diversion of Art Fair-House Tour work. Lively discussion at R.N.A.'s dinner meeting prepared Committee members for the general meeting on the Historic District held June 24th at Scariot Hall, St. Roch's Church.

The general meeting attempted to explain to old and new residents alike Skinker-DeBaliviere's gradual involvement in neighborhood preservation by "self-help" methods from the formation of the Residential Service in the Spring of 1970 through the writing of the neighborhood history (1972-1973), up to the architectural survey for Heritage/St. Louis (1973-1975) which slid into our current involvement in a bid for Historic District status. Also intensely discussed were: 1) the reason for considering the addition of another reviewing body (Landmarks and Urban Design Commission) to that already demanded by the City when applying for a building permit (which you are required by law to do for almost anything you do to the inside or outside of your residence); 2) the reason for some of the specific standards printed in our April issue's Historic District Supplement; and 3) whether or not we should attempt to put in our ordinance a specific call for review of the ordinance by the neighborhood association (Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council) every few years to ensure that any problems arising with enforcement of our ordinance would be corrected with neighborhood input.

A straw vote was taken at the end of the meeting to determine the general feeling of those interested in the Historic District idea about the issues discussed. The idea of a Historic District for Skinker-DeBaliviere was approved overwhelmingly (more than 8 to 1) with an almost even vote following which recommended exploration of the possibility of our ordinance requiring periodic neighborhood review (this is a legal question, and will be handed to the Community Development Agency for resolution). It was noted that in case of really serious problems with any portion of the ordinance, the alderman would be sure to receive instantaneous and possibly irate notification, but that modifications to the ordinance due to the passage of time and gradual changes could be handled to the best of their ability by the members of the Historic District Review Committee with resulting recommendations from this committee available for neighborhood discussion. Any resident was invited to make written recommendations to be included in the package of information to be sent to the Community Development Agency for its informal review of our so-far-determined standards.

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## CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

- 7 First day of School and St. Roch's, Public Schools, and Grace Pre-School
- 12 Meeting of Interested Adult Neighborhood Actors and Actresses (no experience necessary) in preparation for the Rosedale Neighborhood Association's 3rd Annual Dinner-Theatre Production; 3:00 p.m., at Weirs', 6120 Westminster.
- 21 Important Art Fair '77 Organizational Meeting. Committee chairmanships to be decided at this meeting. Those interested in working on the Art Fair, whether experienced or not, should plan to attend; 8:00 p.m., at Lakes', 5851 Waterman.
- 27 First "Musical Offering" Concert by the St. Louis Symphony at Grace United Methodist Church. Contact the St. Louis Symphony for ticket information.

### OCTOBER

- 2 St. Roch's Century Club Dinner. Contact Larry Glynn or Bill Schiller for more information.

## Medal of Valor Co-Chairmen Chosen



Mrs. Richard C. Hart



Judge Leah B. McCartney

Mrs. Richard C. Hart and Judge Leah B. McCartney have been appointed co-chairmen of the 8th annual Medal of Valor awards sponsored by The Women's Crusade Against Crime to be held on Wednesday, October 6, 1976 at 4:00 P.M. in the Pavilion Theater of the Breckenridge Pavilion Inn in Downtown St. Louis.

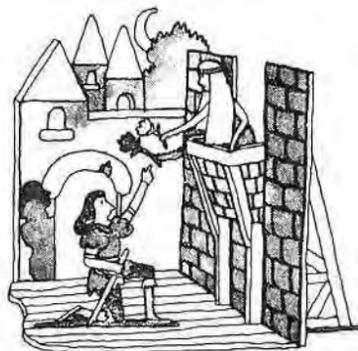
The Medal of Valor is awarded both to Police officers and private citizens. The police awards recognize "heroic action beyond the call of normal police duty" and citizen winners are selected for a

"heroic act within lawful conduct and primarily motivated by an instinctive concern for the safety of a police officer or the prevention of a crime," according to Mrs. Hart.

Recommendations for the awards are being received from the 141 police departments in the metropolitan St. Louis area.

Mrs. Richard C. Hart is co-chairman of the Police Committee of The Women's Crusade Against Crime and Judge Leah B. McCartney is a judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Kinloch.

## Interested Local Actors to Meet to Plan RNA Dinner-Theatre Production



Tryouts and casting will not be done at this meeting. They will be scheduled for the convenience of those who express their interest by attending the September 12th meeting or by calling Marj Weir; therefore, only those people will be notified of the time and place for tryouts. No general notice of tryouts will be made.

Anyone wishing to offer help behind the scenes in such areas as makeup, costumes, publicity, ticket sales, scenery, etc. should contact Cherie McKee, 862-2351, but need not attend the meeting on the 12th.

The first steps on the road to the Rosedale Neighborhood Association's 1976 Dinner-Theater Party will be taken on Sunday, September 12, 3:00 p.m. at the home of Brad and Marj Weir, 6120 Westminster. Any adult resident of the Skinker-DeBaliviere area who is interested in performing in the play (to be presented on a still-unspecified Saturday in November) is invited to come to the meeting, or if this is impossible, to call Marj Weir, at 863-7558 to express willingness to participate.

The meeting's purpose is twofold: 1) to determine how many actors and actresses will be available and to choose a play from among several found by a self-appointed selection committee-Rita Sweets, Cherie McKee, and Marj Weir.

## NOTICE



The Redevelopment Advisory Committee of SDCC meets regularly now on the first Thursday of the month. Because the committee does not always meet in the same place, those interested in attending a meeting should call the SDCC office, 862-5122, for information about the time and place.

METROPOLITAN POLICE  
DEPARTMENT  
City of St. Louis  
1200 Clark Avenue  
St. Louis, Mo. 63103

August 18, 1976

Dear Residents:

On August 10, 1976, I along with other officers of this district, attended a meeting sponsored by Alderman Vincent Schoemehl at the Hamilton School. You attended the meeting along with many of your neighbors and friends in Washington Heights. I was deeply disturbed that the meeting ended on a negative note, and that we did not accomplish all that should have been accomplished.

The following day we did remove two derelict automobiles from 5806 Waterman in response to complaints made. We also visited the apartment on Laurel where you suspect narcotics are being sold, and are now attempting to plan an effective strategy against those persons. The Sanitation Officers are working diligently to correct the trash problems you mentioned.

I thought it significant that there were so few complaints about criminal activities. The complaints, as you know, centered around neighborhood nuisances, such as loud record players, trash, derelict autos, unsupervised children, and young people loitering in school yards and on neighborhood street corners.

How well we all know that these are the first ominous signs of disintegration and neighborhood destruction. When some of our neighbors do not care, the entire community suffers. We here at the Seventh District care about this community and want its citizens to go about their affairs in peace and safety.

You are aware that our prime concern is crime, even though we are called in to assist on many social problems, lost persons, family arguments, sanitation problems, and many, many other matters completely unrelated to crime in any way. We always attempt to do what we can in these matters. Many times our powers of arrest solve these problems, but most often this is not true. Arrest is at best a temporary, short-range solution to the many problems you have described.

This is not to say we will not arrest those persons who are making life unbearable for you. We have and will continue to make arrests. I would suggest an alternative action for those problems that fall into the non-criminal area, but are of serious concern to you.

I have discussed this approach with Cal Stewart of Skinker-DeBaliviere, and he agrees that many problems can be solved at the neighborhood level, using the police only as a last resort, or as an ancillary branch of the neighborhood. I would like to see neighbors, united by concern for their block or neighborhood, join together and visit the offending families as a group. By acting as a group much of the fear of a negative confrontation is dissipated.

Many families do not know what is expected of them or their children. No one has ever told them. The "do your own thing" attitude dominates their relationships with each other and the neighbors. I sincerely believe that concerted action by community members can change many of these bad habits. I am not talking about vigilantism in any way. I am talking about a gentle approach, neighbor to neighbor. If that fails, we, the police, will be happy to assist in any legal way possible.

We hope you will consider this suggestion and implement it whenever the need arises. We, along with Cal Stewart, are willing to assist in formulating plans to put this plan into effect.

Yours for a better community,  
Captain Gay Carraway  
Seventh District Commander

## Letters to the Editor

REJOICE! AGAIN I SAY REJOICE!

Dear Friends,

We have the most incredible news to share with you. Roell Ann has been cured of Neuroblastoma Solid Tumor Cancer! Yes! Its true! We're not drunk! Maybe delirious with JOY! Certainly higher than we have ever been. The words of the Father rejoicing at the return of his prodigal son are crashing upon us with overwhelming reality as we realize that our daughter is free — free at last. Indeed, we are free — free to have a future — free to go into crowds as a family, to visit the zoo, to go to a flick, etc. Perhaps a brief sketch of the past eleven months is in order.

In June 1975 Roell incurred her second urinary tract infection within 10 months. Dr. Steven Plax, our pediatrician, suggested we have a urologist examine her; we picked out Dr. Herbert Sunshine (because of his name) but did not do anything about it until mid-July 1975 when at her annual physical, Dr. Plax reiterated strongly his recommendation that we contact Dr. Sunshine. On July 28th, two days after Roell's 3rd birthday, exploratory IVP X-Rays checked out her plumbing and turned up a "normal" bladder and "unremarkable" urethra and kidneys. However, a "bothersome" incidental finding was a 3 cm calcified mass "in the area

of the right adrenal gland." After several delays due to staph and viral infections, on 9 SEPT. exploratory surgery found 100% malignancy (in all lymph glands examined and an estimate of millions of undifferentiated Neuroblastoma tumor cells) rather than the benign tumor everyone had hoped and seemed 99% sure (before the operation) was there.

Because the cancer was inoperable at the time, Dr. Vita Land and the Pediatric—Oncology Group of St. Louis Childrens Hospital guesstimated that Roell was no more than a Stage III Neuroblastoma patient with a 50-50 chance — maybe a little less, maybe a bit more — since this particular solid tumor type is considered old in anyone over the age of 1 year at time of diagnosis.

We went thru 20 days of Radiation Therapy. Thereafter we began in NOV 1975 a projected 18 to 24-month cycle of Chemo-Therapy. On June 7, 1976, Dr. Land told us that Roell's 2nd operation was scheduled for June 22nd. We got very depressed and were filled with foreboding since Roell was feeling so well and we have even secured permission to travel to North-Central Minnesota on Vacation this summer. The Oncology team insisted the sole reason for the surgery was to assess what their therapies had effected and to hopefully find the tumors in an operable state for surgical removal; the theory was

that surgery was to remove as many of the tumors as possible since Roell had already received 2/3rds of the amount of adriamycin that her body would tolerate without permanent heart damage and if they could now surgically remove several million tumor cells, then the last 1/3rd of adriamycin would hopefully have only a few dozen or so — "juvenile delinquent" neuroblastoma cells to contend with.

After the operation, Dr. Larry O'Neal, adrenal gland surgical special list, told us he had removed the calcified mass (later we were told this constituted about 1/3rd of the adrenal plus about 4 lymph gland), but we would have to wait 48 hours or so for the pathology report.

ARE YOU READY??? On Wednesday night Dr. Donoso, a resident in Pediatric Oncology—Hematology, told David's mother that the preliminary pathology on the lymph nodes was negative and that was a very good sign. Barbara and David agreed but we remembered too well the expectations of a benign tumor on the evening of 8 SEPT 1975. Finally the Mountain Moved, at 3:40 p.m. Friday 25 June 1976: Dr. Vita Land told an incredulous father that the preliminary negative pathology had not only been confirmed but that in all samples tested there was zero (0%) tumor cells!!! And even better news came next: in the adrenal area mass removed 3 things had been found: (1) calcification, (2) fibrosity, and, gloriously, (3) a few ganglion cells! Yes, the undifferentiated neuroblast malignant cells had differentiated into wholesome, healthy, lovely, good, ganglion cells which we all have as part of our cellular structure! The next bit of info made my joy bitter-sweet: Dr. Land said the Oncology team could not be "cocky" enough to take credit for Roell's cure since there was no evidence that any of the therapies or surgeries had done anything to effect it. A paragraph or two later she was quick to add that there was also no evidence that prayers (YOURS and ours) had effected the cure either. Barbara and David feel we know better; we know that what the hundreds, indeed, thousands of people, priests, ministers, sisters and brothers, marriage encounter couples, charismatics, neighbors, fellow parishioners, friends, relatives, etc., have been praying for has occurred — a miraculous cure. Oh, to be sure, other neuroblastoma patients who were also over age 1 year at time of diagnosis have experienced differentiation as well, but the statistical probability of this occurring in Roell's case was a carrot that the Oncology team not only did not hold out to us but did not even allow themselves to consider.

We know that all your prayers and especially those every Thursday afternoon at Merton House with Sister Mary Margaret McKenzie and Dr. Francis MacNutt O.P. (author of Healing) as well as the weekly St. Roch Wednesday Evening Prayer Group with Sharon Nelsen have resulted in this healing of Roell Ann Schmidt. Whether the Lord Jesus Christ used the Oncology Team at Children's Hospital to kill off 99% of the malignant tumor cells with radiation and drugs so that a few of those cells could differentiate into ganglion cells, or whether the millions of malignant cells simply vanished, we will never know. We can only rejoice for Roell and ourselves and hope that her cure will give hope to all the other children and their parents who sit like the condemned in a death-house row every Tuesday at the Private Doctors Office awaiting the results of the blood counting machines.

We ask further that you do not cease your prayers for Roell since it is almost 100% certain that she has been sterilized due to the Radiation Therapy and has an enlarged heart due to the severe anemia brought on by the Chemo-Therapy (Hopefully the heart condition will correct itself as her blood counts climb over the next months with no chemo-therapy drugs ravaging same). In other words,

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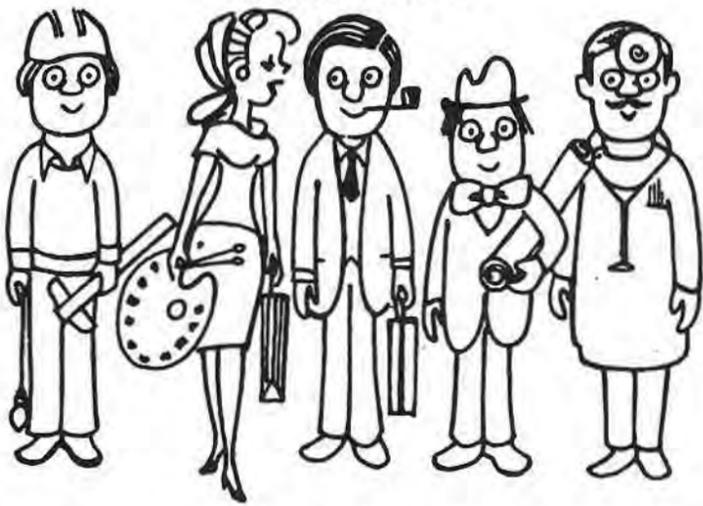
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Vicissitudes



by Jo Ann Vatcha

Launching The Season in Skinker-DeBali-viere, the Paper welcomes all those returning from great and glorious vacations and those who had quietly pleasurable summers at home. Our busy social/civic/political life during the winter seems to leave us with a need to have a summer hibernation. And why not? We will try to fill you in on some of the newsworthy items you may have managed to live three months without knowing. And if we haven't heard your tidbit yet, we'll hear from you before October, surely!

Gino and Betty Scariot have sold their home to retire to Florida. They've lived on the 6000 block of Pershing for fifteen years. Gino also owned and managed several apartment buildings on that block. He has been a hard worker for St. Roch's and Scariot Hall was named for him in gratitude for his contributions in time and labor to the parish. The Scariots will certainly be missed. We wish them well in their new life in Florida.

The Scariots' house has been sold to Barbara Dulick. Barbara teaches at Sumner High School and has a young son named Jason. We welcome them to our neighborhood.

Joe and Linda Edwards of Parkview, who are the successful young owners of Blueberry Hill, are expecting their first child in March. Linda grew up in our neighborhood (Bynum's house, to be exact!) Congratulations!

In the news about houses: we welcome Mario and Mary Gioia and their sons Stephen and David to the 6100 block of Kingsbury. We are delighted to have them here. And taking a short hop to the south. Pat Mensing has bought the Harleman's home on the 6100 block of McPherson. The Harlemans have moved to Kirkwood, but we hope to be seeing them frequently, as they will surely be missed. Mike and Kathy have been among our neighborhood's finest workers and we are genuinely sorry not to have them a part of the group anymore. Their eventful summer also included the birth of their fifth child Julia. Congratulations and hope we see you soon.

And in other hello/goodbye news, we said our farewells to Matti and Marie—Elena Koskela early this summer, and we are now happy to report that Dennis and Donna Johnson, who had exchanged homes and jobs with them in Finland, have returned to the 6100 block of Westminster and are planning to stay with us yet awhile. Welcome home to the Johnsons—who are also expecting a second child soon!

Fantastic news for Don and Francey Couch of the 6100 block of Kingsbury: they are being transferred to Germany for three years and will then be returning to their home here. We hope they will enjoy this tremendous opportunity and write us often of what interesting things they're doing and seeing. We have a feeling that Francey will look and be just perfectly in tune with those she will be among, and we know it will prove a wonderful experience for all the family. Good luck to the Couch clan.

Vacation quickies we've heard: Mary Boyts has a lovely tan from Hawaii (as well as Ohio), and Mike McGinn was fortunate enough to be able to go to Ireland. We hope to be hearing details of those and other fantastic voyages very soon.

The 6100 block of McPherson has recently welcomed new neighbor Carolyn Toft, who works for the Landmarks and Urban Design Commission and has been very much involved in the Historic District movement in our city. We look forward to meeting her and having her involved in our neighborhood's activities soon.

We are delighted to be able to inform you that Lurline Hogsett, owner of Typographic Studio, who does the typesetting for The Paper, will soon be moving to the 6000 block of Westminster. The Paper staff and the neighborhood welcome you!

McPherson's Frank and Betty Burke had a baby girl on August 17. Her name is Christine Ann, and baby and family are doing fine. Congratulations to the Burkes!

And we'll end this month with a friendly but stern reminder to all those who haven't yet paid their Rosedale dues. Do it!

immunize!



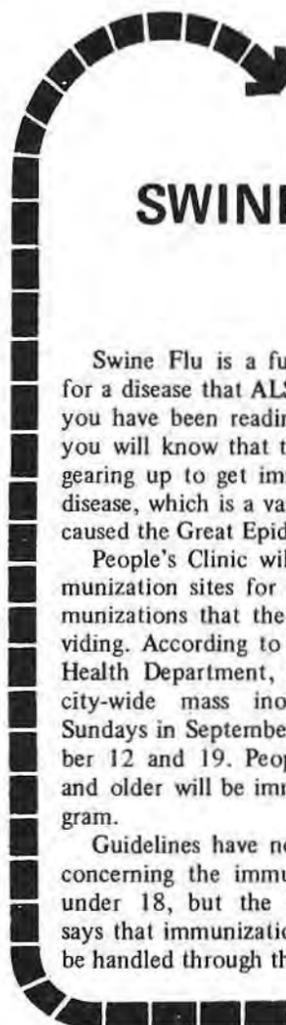
Way back last Spring, the Clinic announced its intention to shoot the neighborhood kids—with immunizations. The daytime immunization clinic opened on August 5, and is held every Thursday, 2:30-4:00 p.m.

All of the routine immunizations recommended by the Health Department for children are available except mumps—shots—for those, you have to go to the Health Department! Tuberculosis skin tests, and tests for lead poisoning and sickle cell anemia are also available, as well as routine vision and hearing screening tests.

Because the Health Department is providing the vaccines, there is no charge for the immunization service—although

we are still taking donations! Recent reports show that more than 26,000,000 (yes, that IS a lot) of American children are not adequately protected against the major childhood diseases. Some authorities think that our level of immunization is low enough that we are again risking epidemics. Since the risk of serious disability (and even death) from having the diseases far outweighs the discomfort of having the immunizations, we are devoutly hoping that the neighborhood will soon be able to say that OUR kids, at least, are properly immunized!

The Clinic's motto has always been, "Health Care is a Human Right", but on Thursdays, it has become, "Shoot the Neighborhood Kids!"

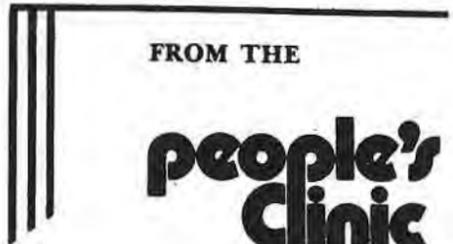


SWINE FLU

Swine Flu is a funny-sounding name for a disease that ALSO infects people. If you have been reading your newspapers, you will know that the entire country is gearing up to get immunized against the disease, which is a variant of the flu that caused the Great Epidemic.

People's Clinic will be one of the immunization sites for the free walk-in immunizations that the government is providing. According to our contacts at the Health Department, the plan is to have city-wide mass inoculations on two Sundays in September, probably September 12 and 19. People 18 years of age and older will be immunized in this program.

Guidelines have not yet been released concerning the immunization of people under 18, but the Health Department says that immunizations for children will be handled through the school system.



The scientific bonzos say that there is a possibility that we might not have the flu epidemic—but if we do, the wise person would want to be immunized. Besides having an increased mortality risk (it is a MEAN bug), this particular flu virus has some nasty associated risks. There is a national increase in Parkinson's disease, for instance, that seems to be a very late (like 40 years later) side-effect of having the flu in the Great Epidemic, for some people.

During the first few weeks in September, there will be lots of flu publicity; keep your eyes open and your ears on your radio, and you will doubtless get the latest information as it is released. And when the time comes, remember that the Clinic will have the vaccine available!



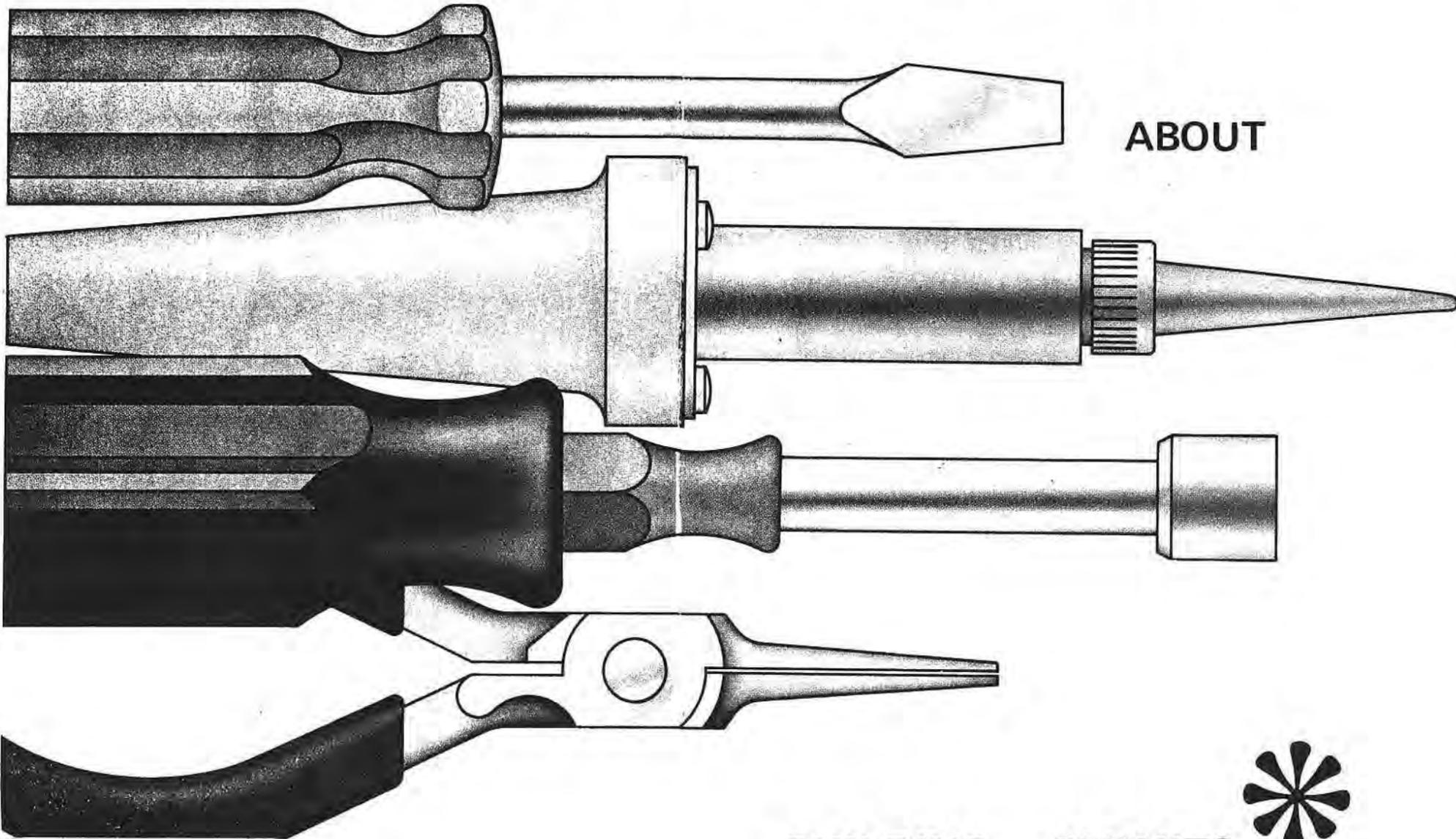
Neighbors bid farewell to Matti & Marie — Elena Koskela at a party at the Greens.



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BUILDING PERMITS



During the discussions on the proposed designation of this area as a Historic District, some concern was expressed that this designation would make building permits more difficult to obtain. \* Discussion of this concern revealed that many residents were unsure of the instances in which a building permit is presently required. In the interest of greater understanding of the present requirements and as background for the continuing discussion of the Historic District Proposal, we asked Al Nerviani, neighborhood resident and Administrator of Housing Rehabilitation, a Section of the Building Division of the Department of Public Safety, to prepare the following explanation.

-Ed.

by Al Nerviani

The history of building permits in the City of St. Louis can be traced to the creation of the Building Division, well over a hundred years ago.

Although a building permit serves many functions, it is essentially a control mechanism that has many advantages to the property owner.

For example, a professional engineering staff receives all plans that are required in order to insure safety and compliance with the Building Code. The plans, when approved, are forwarded to the Building Inspector who, in turn, takes them to the site and carefully sees that the construction proceeds in accordance with the plans.

In addition to insuring that the construction agrees with the plans, the building inspector makes periodic inspections to see that the proper materials are used, that construction is done in a workmanlike manner, and that all applicable ordinances of the City of St. Louis are observed.

Permits are also issued by the Electrical and Plumbing Sections of the Building Division. Electrical permits are issued for all electrical wiring, outlets, and fixtures. Similarly, plumbing permits are issued for the installation of water lines, plumbing stacks, drains, fixtures, etc.

In both instances, inspections are made by trained and knowledgeable inspectors to insure the installations are done in accordance with the Code, thereby providing the property owner with a measure of protection relative to the safety and quality of installation.

It should be pointed out that if no permit is issued there is obviously no plan review, no inspections, and therefore, no safeguards against improper materials, unsound construction and/or installations. Without this added protection, the property owner is frequently victimized by unscrupulous contractors and receives a job that is not only improper but hazardous as well.

It is the property owner's responsibility to see that a building permit is obtained when it is necessary. If no permit is obtained and a building inspector observes the construction or installation during the course of his duties, the job will be stopped and the fee doubled.

The Building Division has made a real effort to streamline the process of issuing a building permit. In most instances, the permit can be issued the same day the application is received for normal home improvements in one and two family buildings. (This would include room additions, garages, and most remodeling). For proposed new construction—particularly single family residences, low-rise multiple family, and light commercial—a permit can be obtained in five working days.

If there is any question as to whether or not a permit is required, I would suggest the property owner call the permit section of the Building Division at 453-3313. Building permits are obtained in Room 426, City Hall.

(The following list of when permits are required and not required is not intended to be all-inclusive.)

Al Nerviani

\*Whether this is or is not true depends to a large extent on the efficiency of the city agencies which process applications for building permits. The Historic District Ordinance as proposed for this area would not add any types of work to the list of those which currently require building permits. It would add some restrictions within those types of work. (See April issue of The Paper for full description of the proposal.)

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**RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS – One (1) and Two (2) Family (L-3)****WHEN PERMITS ARE REQUIRED**

The following types of work shall require permits:

1. New structures of any description, including main buildings, garages, car ports, attached porches, sun decks, room additions and extensions or enlargement of existing rooms;
2. Work which involves the installation, removal or cutting of any structural beam, joists replacement, or bearing support, foundations and footing repair and/or replacement, underpinning or shoring of structure;
3. Any work that changes the class of construction of the building;
4. Conversion of basement or below grade space to living quarters (such as bedrooms, kitchens, dining rooms, etc.);
5. Conversion of "attic" space to living quarters (as noted above);
6. Partitioning of any existing habitable space;
7. Accessory buildings such as tool sheds over 35 square feet in floor area and over 5'0" in height, measured from grade to the highest point;
8. Cabannas and "play houses" over 35 sq. ft. in floor area and over 5'0" in height, measured from grade to the highest point;
9. Swimming pools more than 24" deep (water depth), or more than 30" wall height, and with a surface area of 250 sq. ft. or more, or all pools that involve structural work and/or supports, and all pools that have a permanently equipped water circulating system;
10. Entire new roof, when work is not a replacement of like material;
11. New siding over 25% coverage;
12. New fences of any type. Replacement of existing fencing with like material, over 20 lineal ft.;
13. Retaining walls over 18" high;
14. Any excavation or fill creating a permanent change in elevation more than 6" along property lines;
15. Repair or removal of vacant and vandalized buildings and/or garages; or removal of any building or structure;
16. Radio or television antennae over 12 ft. in height attached to and on the roof of the building;
17. Awnings or canopies located at first floor levels that project over property lines, or over 30 sq. ft. in projected area;
18. Exterior stairs or steps, of any material, that are attached to the structure;
19. All fire damage repair to any structure.

**ELECTRICAL WORK**

1. Electrical work requiring new wiring for branch circuits;
2. Main incoming service, from U.E. pole up to and including service panel;
3. New service panel or auxiliary switch boxes from main service;
4. Installation of electrical equipment that requires new branch circuits, increase in size, or re-routing of existing feeders.

**MECHANICAL WORK**

1. Residential elevators, stair lifts, and dumbwaiters;
2. Work requiring replacement of furnace or boiler (To be coordinated with Air Pollution Control);
3. Air conditioning systems of all types. (Window units, incremental or "thru-the-wall" units, or any portable unit, are exempt. However, any and all units must be installed in accord with Code Requirements);
4. Extension and alteration of existing duct work, or any new duct work for existing systems;
5. Fire detection systems. (To be coordinated with Fire Marshal's Office);
6. New space humidifiers, installed in existing warm air furnaces, which require electric connections for operation.

**PLUMBING WORK**

1. Addition to, alteration of, or replacement of: main water supply service from street main to structure;
2. Main house sewer from street connection to building wall;
3. Main soil, waste, vent, or similar piping within the structure;
4. Installation of new plumbing fixtures, of any description, which requires any change or re-arrangement in water supply piping or drain and vent piping;
5. Installation of new domestic hot water heaters of any description. (To be coordinated with Air Pollution Control).

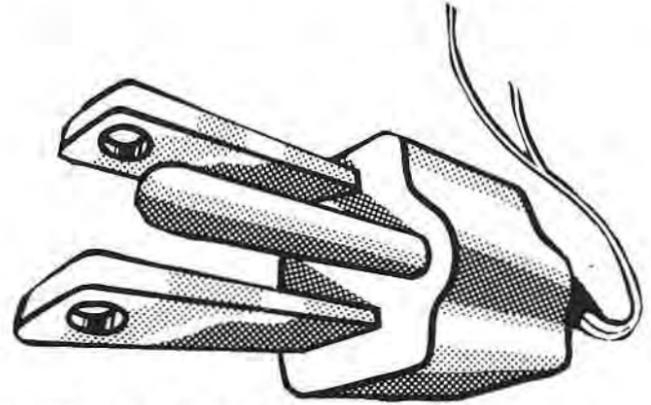
**ALL OTHER BUILDINGS – ALL USE GROUPS**

1. New structure of any description; including main buildings, additions and alterations, garages, car ports, attached porches or balconies, sun decks, and extension of existing spaces, and store fronts;
2. Parking lots of any description;
3. Work which involves the installation, removal or cutting of any structural support, beam, joist replacement, bearing support, foundations and footing repair and/or replacement, underpinning or shoring of structure;
4. Any work that changes the class of construction of the building;
5. Any and all work that cost in excess of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), with the exception of the following, considered as normal maintenance and repair; Tuckpointing, plastering, floor sanding and refinishing, floor tile and/or carpeting, replacement of flooring with like material (no structural change), application of wall paper, painting (interior and exterior), glass replacement in existing frames or openings.
6. Any and all electrical work, other than routine maintenance (Refer to Electrical Sec.)
7. Any and all mechanical work, other than routine maintenance (Refer to Mech. Section)
8. Any and all plumbing work, other than routine maintenance (Refer to Plbg.)
9. Installation of any fuel burning equipment of any description (Refer to Air Pollution Control Division).

**RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS – One (1) and Two (2) Family (L-3)****WHEN PERMITS ARE NOT REQUIRED**

The following types of work will be exempt from permits:

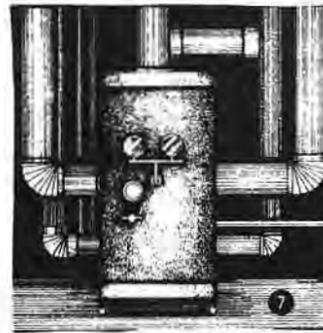
1. Tuckpointing, plastering, painting (interior and exterior), floor sanding and refinishing, floor tile and/or carpeting, replacement of flooring with like material, application of wall paper (and other wall covering material) – no structural change;
2. Repair or replacement of existing gutters and downspouts;
3. Application of pre-finished aluminum or steel (or other like materials) on soffits, fascia boards, and overhangs;
4. Replacement or repair of existing windows and frames (whenever no modification is made to the opening), installation of storm doors and windows (whenever no modification is made to the opening), glazing and glass replacement;
5. Repair and replacement of exterior and interior doors (whenever no modification is made to the opening);
6. Sidewalks and driveways within the property lines;
7. Patio slabs, without roofs or overhead covers;
8. Miscellaneous site work, landscaping shrubbery and planting boxes. Excavation or fill creating a permanent change in property elevation less than 6" along property lines;
9. Fixed or retractable awnings that do not project over property lines, and not over 30 sq. ft. in projected area;
10. Exterior stairs and/or steps, not attached to the structure, within the property lines;
11. Wall paneling, of any type, when applied to existing wall surfaces;
12. Ceiling tile, of any type, when applied to existing ceiling surfaces.

**ELECTRICAL WORK – (See Note "A")**

1. Replacement of convenience outlet except: where existing outlets are the ungrounded type, replaced with grounded type that requires new wiring or a new feeder to provide ground connection. Replacement units shall have same current carrying capacity as existing;
2. Light switches with same current carrying capacity as existing;
3. Lamp sockets and holders;
4. Light fixtures installed on same outlet box and having same current rating;
5. Fan, blower, pump and other fractional horse power motors of the same horse power rating and having the same electrical characteristics and current rating as existing; limited to 115-120 volts.

**MECHANICAL WORK**

1. General maintenance of cooling/heating plant such as: change of filters, oiling motors, changing drive belts, etc.;
2. Repair or replacement of existing ductwork with like material;
3. Replacement or repair of humidifiers installed in existing warm air furnaces.

**PLUMBING WORK – (See Note "A")**

1. Replacement of faucets, faucet washers, stop or shut-off valves, new seats in existing valves, new stems in existing valves, replacement of flush valves and/or parts for toilets;
2. Replacement of existing fixtures at same location, of any description, with same type, size, and configuration which will require no change in existing soil waste or vent piping;
3. Replacement of defective or leaking water, sewer, vent, or drain piping with like material. Above does not include re-routing, re-arrangement, increase or decrease in size of piping, or making "rough-in" provisions for additional or re-arranged fixtures.

**NOTE "A"**

The provision for the use of a licensed and bonded contractor for installation of Plumbing and Electrical work no longer applies where the OWNER occupies the unit, the OWNER has purchased the necessary equipment and material, and the OWNER will personally do the work. However, the OWNER must have a permit, when applicable, and the work must be in accord with Code Requirements.

# Summer Youth Program '76

This year's Summer Youth Program (SYP'76) sponsored by the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, certainly delivered more than it promised. The programs, directed by Henry Hall, Minister at Grace Methodist Church, received coverage in both St. Louis daily newspapers; the Globe-Democrat ran an article about the cooperative relationship between the St. Louis Painter's Union and the Skinker-DeBaliviere SYP'76 Paint Crew in their work on the homes of senior citizens in the neighborhood, while the Post-Dispatch article pictured the Educational Enrichment Program of SYP'76 in their weekly Yoga Class at the Aquarian Community Center. Hall said, "Last year I wanted to institute a strong administrative or organizational direction for the SYP. This was beneficial for the 50 teenagers hired as SYP employees, because it heightened their sense of reality about the job scene. In SYP'76 we were allowed to hire 75 teenagers by the City Office of Manpower, an increase of 25 teenagers over 1975. Next year we should be allowed to hire 100 for the 8-week employment-training experience."

Hall stated further that "this year supervisors were asked to participate in goal and objective setting," for the eight different work areas or skill areas. Skill areas or work crews were divided into two basic sections including:

- I. Neighborhood Beautification
  - Landscaping (Supervisor Roy Clayton)
  - Neighborhood Improvement (Supervisor Dennis Turner)
  - Painting (Supervisor Johnny Macon)
- II. Education Enrichment
  - Tutoring (Magnolia Dorsey)
  - Cultural Educators (Cheryl Johnson)
  - Educational Assitants (Henry Hall)
  - Philip Lancaster of Grace and Peace Fellowship supervised the Multi-Skill Training Crew and Director of SYP'76 Henry Hall supervised five office assistants hired by the program as independent sections of SYP'76.

The list of accomplishments is too long to list completely, but through the cooperation and help of the over 65 SYP employees, 9 homes of senior citizens were painted or touched up (with the assistance of the Painters Union Local member Mr. Hampton Hill); 11 highly weeded lots were landscaped; 16 alleys and vacant lots were cleared of debris; averaging 60-65 daily, nine-twelve year olds experienced a combination cultural expression/recreational educational enrichment program at Grace United Methodist Church June 28-August 13,

during 9-12:00, (lunches provided by St. Louis Rabbinical College and Department of Agriculture); SYP'76 employees in Multi-Skill produced over 60 window planters, operated an enrichment program for 20 four-ten year olds; and office assistant SYP'76 employees took responsibilities in the Des Peres Branch Library, Educational Opportunity Office, SYP'76 office and SDCC office during the eight-week program.

In addition, several other aspects were involved in SYP'76 to make it more successful than last year's SYP. Training Seminars required for all SYP employees in the areas of Career Development and College Opportunities were held using the resources of the University of Missouri Extension Service and the Skinker-DeBaliviere Educational Opportunity Center. These seminars were held at Grace United Methodist Church with each SYP employee attending two hours daily for 3 days.

To spread its grasp to the younger pre-teenagers in our neighborhood SYP'76 sponsored the Educational Enrichment Program serving 60-65 youngster daily at Grace United Methodist Church. The weekly schedule developed by supervisor Magnolia Dorsey of Hamilton School and



SYP '76 Staff, left to right, Magnolia Dorsey, Supervisor of Tutoring-Enrichment Program; Johnny Macon, Supervisor of Painting-Neighborhood Beautification Program; Henry Hall, Director, Supervisor of office assistants, Educational Assistants-Educational Enrichment Program; Phill Lancaster, Supervisor of Multi-Skill; Roy Clayton, Supervisor of Landscaping.



Neighborhood Improvement Crew: front, Anthony Thompson; rear, Willie Robinson.



## Des Peres Branch Library

Looking back over the summer, the Library's two biggest events were Avis Carlson's autograph party-birthday party and the painting of a mural on the side of the building. Adults and children enjoyed the party on June 26, with the added attraction of Betsy Bruce from KMOX-TV being present for an interview with Mrs. Carlson on her work with the League of Women Voters. Approximately one hundred attended the party.

For the children, the Reading Club kept about 200 children involved and at press time 37 had finished their 15 books, received their awards and been invited to the winners' party. "Pecos Bill," a puppet show, entertained about 40 children on August 11. The "Fire Engine Frolic" was postponed because of an illness in the family of the owner, but we hope to reschedule it sometime in the fall. And about twenty girls and boys learned tips for better babysitting at a session offered by the children's librarian from Gravois branch. The planning for this summer's children's program done by Mrs. Jean Walker of the library staff, as part of her training in the Library Technician program at Florissant Valley Community College.

Plans for fall are still a bit indefinite, as we wait to see the results of the St. Louis University survey, recently completed. On September 2 at 1 p.m. the People's Clinic will offer a program on Heart Health, in the Library. Films which explain high blood pressure, diet, and stroke, and a nurse from the Heart Association will answer questions. Pre-school story hour will resume at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, September 17.

Determined efforts—mainly by the adults—in the neighborhood kept the Library's circulation up during the usually-slow summer months. The latest reports we have say that the branch is no longer lowest in circulation of the 18 branches in the system. We appreciate this effort on everyone's part to support the Library.

her SYP employees included weekly trips to Des Peres Branch Library for a story hour; Aquarian Community Center for Yoga; St. Louis Art Museum for their Youth in Art Program. Also major field trips to Six Flags, Grants Farm, Gateway Arch and the Old Courthouse the Steamer Admiral gave over 350 pre-teenagers something to look forward to during the long summer days.

This summer SYP'76 recreation program included softball in Forest Park supervised by the City Department of Parks and Recreation, and swimming at Washington University. Almost 50 pre-teens participated in these activities once a week through the summer.

The major purpose of the Skinker-DeBaliviere SYP'76 is to offer youth experiences in successfully accepting a challenge. "Most of the SYP employees were eager to accept the challenge and due to skilled and imaginative supervisors, the challenges were conquered one by one," comments Directors Henry Hall. The SYP'76 certainly delivered more to the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood than it has ever promised to deliver. And the congratulations go to the hardworking Skinker-DeBaliviere teenagers.

Henry Hall



Multi-Skill Crew: left to right, Randy Prewitt, Tim Stricklin, Hosea Taylor, Franz Prewitt, Sharell Taylor, Phil Lancaster (Supervisor), Gregg Barksdale.

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while Barbara and David are sure that God did not cure Roell (with or without the Oncology Team at Children's Hospital) just in order to let her perish of the above and other side-effects of the therapies, we ask your continued prayers for her.

Even now it's eerie that peace David experienced after demanding on a Sunday last October at Mass that Father in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ cure his daughter and the statement of fact that Roell uttered in our kitchen last November to Barbara that "God told me that I'm going to get well." Prophetic gift is alive and well even if dark nights of our souls intercede periodically to cause us to doubt the obvious truth—that God does not want anyone to suffer or experience pain!

Love,  
David, Barbara, Karl and  
Roell Ann

P.S. A special thanks to all those who donated to the Roell Ann Schmidt Fund. The \$1700.00 that was raised certainly relieved our anxieties about the medical bills and buoyed our often sagging spirits to realize how many friends Roell has.



## Young Musicians Invited to Audition for Symphony

Young musicians are invited to participate in the 42nd Annual Saint Louis Symphony Young Artist Auditions, sponsored by the Women's Association of the Saint Louis Symphony Society, on February 5, 1977 at Powell Symphony Hall. The winner (s) of the auditions will be presented as soloist (s) with the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra at a regularly scheduled Sunday afternoon Pops concert, conducted by Frederick Fennell on May 15 at Powell Symphony Hall. The winner(s) also will receive a \$100 cash award and will play in a taped radio program on KWMU, the University of Missouri-St. Louis FM-radio station.

The Young Artists' Competition is open to musicians through 26 years of age who lives or attend school within a 135-mile radius of St. Louis. Judges will



hear contestants in five categories: voice, piano, strings, wind and percussion.

Applications for Young Artists Auditions may be obtained by writing to Young Artists, c/o Mrs. James F. McDaniel, 767 Elmwood, St. Louis, Missouri 63122, or by calling her at (314) 961-2767, or Mrs. Emil Fleck, (314) 727-9517. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than December 10, 1976.

## Music At Edison Series

Tickets are now available for Washington University's new "Music At Edison" series. The series consists of five performances: Sept. 19-Janos Straker, cello; Oct. 31-Elly Ameling, soprano; Nov. Orpheus Trio, Flute, viola, and harp; Jan. 23-Contemporary Chamber Ensemble conducted by Arthur Weisberg with guest soloist, Jan DeGaetani, mezzo; and Feb. -LaSalle Quartet. All performances begin at 8 p.m. in the Edison Theater, located in the Mallinckrodt Center on the campus. Series subscriptions, offering a 20% discount, are now being sold at \$20 for general admission, \$16 for W.U. faculty/staff, and \$10 for W.U. students. Mail orders should be sent with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to "Music At Edison," Washington University, Box 1119, St. Louis, Mo. 63130. Please make checks payable to Washington University. For more information please call 863-3160.



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# SCOUT NEWS

**Troop 98, St. Roch's** attended Camp May this summer under the leadership of Jim Flynn and Hugh Bertsch. Virgil Wright, Lewis Starks and Marvin Malone were elected to the order of the arrow. Plans for the fall include:

- Court of Honor - Sept. 8
- Troop Campout - Sept. 17-19
- "West World" - Oct. 1-3
- Hike - Oct. 23
- Troop Campout - Nov. 20-21
- Hike - Dec. 11

Hugh Bender will be the Campmaster for the "Westworld" District Fall Encampment in October.

Troop 98 provided three camp staff members this summer: Andy Bender at Camp May, Bert Bender at Camp Famous Eagle, and Hugh Bender at Camp Gamble. These three also volunteered to work a week of training camp this year. Andy and Hugh at Troop Leader Development (TLD) and Bert at Junior Leader Training Camp (JLTC)

Troop 98 meets every Wednesday at 7:30 in Scariot Hall of St. Roch's Church.  
Rick Bender, Scoutmaster

**Troop 144, Delmar Baptist** attended Camp Gamble this summer and Perry Womack was elected to the Order of the Arrow. Plans for fall activities are under way. Meetings are on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. at Delmar Baptist Church.  
Ed Creek, Scoutmaster

**Troop 31, Grace Methodist** attended the Camp Famous Eagle for summer camp. Mike McEneny was elected to the Order of the Arrow. They will attend the "West World Campout" this fall. They also participated in the Bicentennial Scout Show at the stadium this summer.

Jim Pippas, an Asst. Scoutmaster from Troop 31 worked on the Staff of Camp Sakima this past summer. Troop 31 meets on Thursdays, at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Church.  
Ermin Rust, Scoutmaster

**Jr. Girl Scout Troop 2342, St. Roch's** will hold the first meeting on Monday, Sept. 20th at 3:15 p.m. at St. Roch's. At this time plans for the fall will be developed.  
Rita Magyar, Mary Alice Krueger,  
Leaders

**Troop 128, Hamilton School** spend a week at Camp May this summer and are planning several outings for the fall, including the "West World" fall encampment...in October.  
Warren Lovely, Scoutmaster

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## Clinic Schedule

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| Monday, Wednesday,<br>Thursday<br>6:00 P.M. | General Clinic<br>(First Aid/Referral if no doctor)                  |
| Thursday<br>2:30-4:00 P.M.                  | Immunization Clinic for Children                                     |
| Saturday<br>9:30-12:00 Noon                 | Women's Clinic<br>(Sponsored by St. Louis Women's Health Collective) |
| Alternate Tuesdays<br>12:30 P.M.            | Blood Pressure Monitoring<br>University City Senior Center           |
| Alternate Fridays<br>1:00 P.M.              | Blood Pressure Monitoring<br>Urban West Senior Center                |

LOOKING FORWARD:  
September, to be announced: Swine Flu Immunization  
November, to be announced: Pap Smears—American Cancer Society  
Soon, to be announced: Walk-in afternoon blood pressure monitoring at the Clinic.



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## Historic District Committee Reports Progress

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Having been given encouragement to continue the Historic District Committee's work, several members met July 7th at Alexander & Sons Mortuary on Delmar with a few members of the Delmar commercial community to explain the idea of a Historic District to those who were unaware of it, and to get a feel for the needs and desires of the area's commercial people. At this meeting the idea evolved of extending our Historic District boundaries farther north, perhaps following the western city limit line northeast to its meeting with the Norfolk and Western tracks, then following the tracks southeast to the Delmar Station, which is already included in our proposed district. By doing this, we would incorporate that residential, commercial and industrial area which presently belongs to no neighborhood association and provide some stability and continuity within the entire area. Adding this northern triangle to what has already been proposed would encourage highly acceptable business to remain, it was suggested, secure in the knowledge that there would be adequate control over any kind of new development or rehabilitation of the area which might affect them in any way, and would specifically help businesses now located on the north side of Delmar. The concept

of making personal contact with business people of the area when explaining the Historic District idea, to be followed by a general meeting of commercial owners and business people in late August or early September was endorsed, and committee members will continue working on that project.

To assess just where we are with regard to preparation of the actual ordinance, the Committee met Friday, August 13, at the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council office with Myles Pomeroy of the Community Development Agency. Currently, C. D. A. is working on long-range planning for the Central West End (that's us, officially, too), giving the Skinker-DeBaliviere area a unique opportunity for input into the City's long-range plan. Although our Historic District still has no firm boundaries, our standards as printed in the April Supplement have now been informally sent to C.D.A. for review (do we violate existing codes, can we legally ask this or that of residents, etc.), along with the written recommendations we have so far received (a total of 2, received at the general meeting in June). We are to get a response from C.D.A. by September 1. The Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council Board will meet Mon., September 13 and members will receive copies of the C.D.A. response, with a special Board meeting on Historic District (about boundaries, response, up-to-date progress report, etc.) tentatively scheduled for the following week. Results of that meeting will return to C.D.A. where work will begin on the base map and legal description of the boundaries.

When all changes are approved and all decisions made by both C.D.A. and S.D.C.C. (including the architectural rating survey which may not be completed until the end of October—we're currently standing in line), the ordinance as it will be submitted by our alderman, Vince Schoemehl, Jr., will be published in The Paper.

On the question of review of building permits for Historic Districts by the Landmarks and Urban Design Commission, our local consultant (and new neighbor), Carolyn Toft, says that in cities throughout the country the most successful ordinances have been those with good specific standards and architect-drawn graphic illustrations of these standards within the ordinance itself. The easier it is for anyone of reasonable intelligence to make a determination as to whether or not a proposed change in existing building fronts or suggested new development fits our neighborhood-determined standards, the faster an owner or developer can get an answer on his proposal. That makes sense, and the Committee will begin looking for skilled volunteer help immediately. Any suggestions of people skilled in architectural proposal. That makes sense, and the Committee will begin looking for skilled volunteer help immediately. Any suggestions of people skilled in architectural drawing should be made to the S.D.C.C. office or Sue Tepas (863-3787) at once. Also needed are volunteers to contact the business community and to serve on the Historic District Review Committee, a standing committee of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council which will

try to serve as shopping and material consultants as well as liaison on legal interpretations of our ordinance.

Also, we still have in the back of our collective mind the idea of someday running a cooperative materials exchange/shop where interior and exterior details (hardware, plumbing, woodwork, doors, etc.) could be held for resale to someone who needs a stairway spindle, a piece of molding, a faucet handle to match one remaining on the sink, etc., to preserve the interior or exterior integrity of a building wherever possible. So don't throw anything away when you do your necessary modernization—give your neighbors a chance at it first! Call me and I'll find someplace to stash it until someone needs it. And for heaven's sake be careful when you remove anything, your "junk" could become the focal point of someone else's livingroom, diningroom, bedroom, kitchen or bath, or of their front porch or roofline! New materials are expensive, replacement materials are impossible! **THINK BEFORE YOU THROW!**

—Sue Tepas

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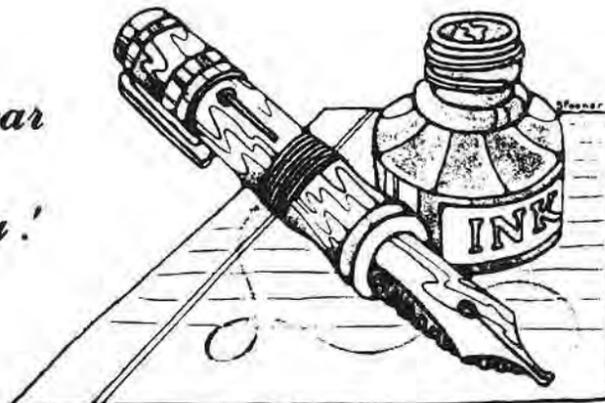


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