

# HOUSING CORP TO HOLD BENEFIT CONCERT

On November 11 at 8 pm Cornerstone Corporation will hold a benefit concert featuring Catherine Lehr, assistant principal cellist for the St. Louis Symphony. The performance will be held at Memorial Presbyterian Church, 200 S. Skinker. Tickets, costing \$2.50, will be available at the door or may be purchased at the church office, 6003 Kingsbury. The telephone there is 862-7343.

Grace and Peace Fellowship, founded in 1971, has committed itself to being a part of the Skinker-DeBaliviere community by living in it. Accordingly, over 90 of its members have moved into the neighborhood.

In 1976 the Fellowship organized Cornerstone Corporation to purchase and restore buildings near the church as a demonstration of its continuing concern to stabilize and improve living conditions in the Neighborhood. Management was to be executed with concern and consideration for tenants.

Today Cornerstone owns three apartment houses: a six-family residence at 5929 McPherson, and three-family houses at 5897 Nina and 6006 Washington. McPherson, the first building to be purchased, has had one apartment completely

renovated from the lathes out. Others have been redecorated. Less glamorous but essential work has gone into the electrical and plumbing systems. Bent support beams for the sun porches have been reinforced with concrete. There is a new chain link fence around the backyard. The Nina property has been reinforced with steel tie rods. Walls have been plastered and painted. 6006 Washington will undergo redecoration in the ensuing months. In the spring the efforts of a gardening committee should result in grass and colorful flowers in front of the building.

Gordon Carlson is the corporation's manager of the properties. He is aided by occasional paid help and weekly volunteer crews from the Fellowship. Gordon can be seen driving his van from house to house, loading or unloading anything from steel cables to glass window panes. When not putting in a new stack pipe or installing a door bell he attends meetings on community problems and represents the board in financial and legal matters.

Cornerstone supplements its rental income through donations and loans. A slide-tape program describing its work is available for showing to groups.

## EVENTS in NOVEMBER

- 1 No classes St. Roch's - All Saints' Day
- 5 Red Cross Bloodmobile, St. Roch's Parking Lot
- 5 28th Ward Democrats Dance
- 7 Education Seminar Sponsored by SDCC, Grace and Peace, 8:00pm
- 9-10 No Classes St. Louis Public Schools. State Teachers' Meetings
- 11 No Classes St. Louis Public Schools  
No Classes St. Roch's  
Veteran's Day
- 11 RNA Annual Play "Virtue Victorious" Grace Methodist Fellowship Hall - 8 p.m.
- 12 RNA DINNER THEATRE  
Cocktails - St. Roch's Scariot Hall - 6 p.m.  
Play - Grace Methodist - 7:30  
Dinner - St. Roch's
- 13 Parent Conferences at St. Roch's
- 14 Chamber Music Grace Methodist, 8 p.m.
- 17 No Classes St. Louis Public Schools  
Parent-Teacher Conferences, 1:30 - 8 p.m.
- 17 St. Roch's School Association, Scariot Hall 8 p.m.
- 18 28th Ward Democrats Meeting, 1900 McCausland, 8 p.m.
- 18 Art Fair-House Tour Organizational Meeting  
6151 Washington, 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Last Free Immunization Clinic, 6010 Kingsbury, 1-4 p.m.
- 22 League of Women Voters, Grace Methodist, 10 a.m.
- 24 No Classes St. Louis Public Schools }  
& No Classes St. Roch's } Thanksgiving Holiday
- 25 No Classes Grace Pre-School }
- 28 Chamber Music Grace Methodist



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## DINNER THEATRE COMING NOV. 11, 12



It's time for the Big Event of Autumn, the 4th Annual Dinner-Theatre! The cast and crew are working hard already, and November 12 promises to be an outstanding evening. Only one thing has changed; in order to protect our meager resources from evaporating, the tickets for the Saturday performance, which includes dinner, will be available by advance payment only. Mail your check to Rosedale

Neighborhood Association, 6117 Westminster, and tickets will be mailed to you. You may also call (Jo Ann Vatcha, 726-6974) to reserve your tickets, but they must be paid for and picked up before November 8. After that, we reserve the right to sell to those myriad seekers of last minute tickets who make up our waiting list every year (TRUE). The price is \$6.50 per person. There will be a cocktail party at St. Roch's at 6 P.M., the theatrical presentation at Grace Church at 7:30, and a feast and party back at St. Roch's after the play. Dinner will be prepared by Susie Roach, Peter Marcus, and their outstanding committee.

Tickets for the Friday, November 11, performance of the play (no dinner) are \$2.00 and are available from Jo Ann Vatcha or Lucille Schoemehl, or at the door, Grace Church, Skinker and Waterman, at 8 P.M. We look forward to seeing all our neighbors, Washington Heights, Parkview, even the world outside!

Do call or write now for your tickets to one of these great presentations. You're sure to have a great time, and, believe us, you'll get your money's worth.



Photos by Doug McKee

## Charter Approved for Proposed Central West End Savings & Loan

The Missouri State Savings and Loan Commission on October 20, unanimously overruled the protest of New Age Federal Savings & Loan and approved the previous order granting the charter by the state of Missouri for the proposed Central West End Savings and Loan.

If no further action is instituted, the

Central West End Savings and Loan would begin organizational efforts.

Tom Scatizzi, chairman of the Board of Incorporators, restated that this new association would work together with New Age Federal Savings & Loan and hope that a mutually workable solution can be found quickly.

# LETTERS

Editor:

A new program of 'house identification' has been started by members of Team One. We have begun with the 5300 block of Waterman. Painting the address of each resident on the front and back. Bright yellow paint is being used, so that when officers respond to calls in the area, the car that arrives at the rear of the building will be able to readily identify the home where the problem is occurring.

Many of the homes have addresses on the front, but some are badly worn, and few of them are in the same place. We are attempting to paint the top front step of each home, so that the officers responding to a call will know exactly where to look for the address.

If you as a citizen are approached by officers wishing to paint your address, please cooperate.

Thanking you in advance...

Lieut. James Shea  
Team One

## BRIEFS

**DEADLINE** for our December-January issue is November 14.

**HAMILTON BRANCH** 3 children will be selling candy to raise money for field trips, audio-visual equipment, and classroom materials. The candy is delicious and the cause is worthy. Forget your calorie counting when the kids come by.

**CUB PACK 31** will sponsor an unusual paper drive in December. A Purple Paper Eater will be located in Grace Methodist's parking lot in the 6100 block of McPherson (behind the Sinclair Station) on December 2, 3 and 4. All area residents are requested to save newspapers and bring them to feed the monster.

The St. Roch's Progressive Dinner is being planned for Saturday, January 28. Anyone outside the church who is interested in hosting a cocktail or dinner party should call either Mary Gioia (726-1056) or Joni Schiller (863-4410) by November 15. Tickets will be \$7.50 each, or \$15 per couple and will be available after the holidays.

### LEARN TO SKATE AT STEINBERG RINK

Classes will be held every Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. starting November 1 for all age groups including pre-schoolers and adults. Children under twelve are admitted free all others are \$.50. Rental skates are available.

Those interested in Steinberg's Learn To Skate program can register at the rink Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For information regarding these and other exciting ice skating programs offered by the St. Louis Division of Recreation call 361-5103.

Stay 'n' Play, long considered a boon to the mental health of the mothers in our neighborhood, is in full swing with the addition of Carol Metzenthin to the staff. This small-scale day care service operates Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Morning sessions are held in the College Room at Grace Methodist Church. The afternoon session utilizes the facilities of Grace Pre-School. Cost is \$1.50 per session, per child with a maximum charge of \$5 for a family. Children should bring a lunch. Milk and a snack are provided. For reservations, call Karen Bynum at 862-6874.

To The Editor:

It seems a pity that letters of condemnation would come from the same board members that vote against everything beneficial to Washington Heights Neighbors and against our president, Council Smith.

Every meeting regarding the proposed Community Center was announced, every board member knew of such meetings, every board member was asked to participate in the selection of a site for the center. All the meetings were open to all residents, thereby making it impossible to have secret meetings. I attended them all.

None of the meetings had a "Gag Rule" in effect or any overtones of wanting WHN to pull out of SDCC but rather, a genuine concern for the area of Washington Heights and its residents.

At this point in time, Mr. President, I am sure most of our residents would not want you to resign because it would look like you were "taking your ball and bat home." I am sure you know there are always some who will not agree on anything, anytime, because they are so misinformed even when it comes to such things as our "Freedom of Speech."

Mr. Smith, I would like to compliment you and Mr. Mike Magrath for the long hours you both so diligently put forth for the proposal for the Community Center. I am also glad that many city officials are willing to work with us in trying to make this Center a reality for Washington Heights.

And while some of you politicians are "politicking" I can only say we will remember them at the ballot box!

Sincerely,  
Marie McReynolds,  
Board Member and  
Resident

1. Are you a troubled or nervous parent who has no place to get help?
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5. When you hear the words "abuse" or "neglect" do you end up thinking about your childhood or the parenting you're doing now?
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Thousands of parents have become members of Parents Anonymous because their answers were yes to one or more of these seven questions. P.A. provides them with a program where they can finally develop a meaningful involvement that helps them overcome the crushing inner turmoil. A place where they can sort through the hurting and painful experiences of the past...relieve the confusion, fear and dread of what's happening now...and not have to live with the anger, frustration and loneliness that can build up when it appears that nobody cares...enough to help.

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## PARENTS ANONYMOUS STOPS THE CYCLE OF CHILD ABUSE

P. A. members find that once-a-week P. A. chapter meeting is helpful; at meeting they get together with other parents who have similar difficulties. Chapter members select a member to provide the active leadership. This member is then the chapter chairperson. To further enhance and strengthen the chairperson's role, the chairperson is aided and "backed up" by a sponsor, who is a professional person in one of the mental health fields. Together, as a group, they support and encourage each other in searching out positive alternatives to the abusive behavior in their lives.

Members also share phone numbers and, occasionally, addresses so that during the week, should a crisis arise, they can call or visit one another for direct help. They also call other group members and share their successes in preventing a crisis or abusive incident.

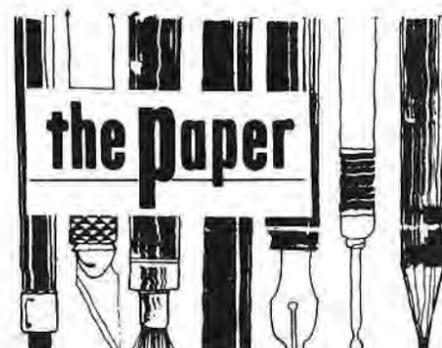
P. A. is anonymous and no one needs to use other than their first name, although some members choose to use their full names. There are no membership fees, dues or other costs. No one has to openly 'admit' their parenting problems, although many members do, and most find that 'getting it off one's chest' is a great relief.

P. A. is not a religious or spiritual belief program, therefore P. A. asks none of its members to change their individual religious or spiritual beliefs, or to believe in anything other than the human capacity for change and growth.

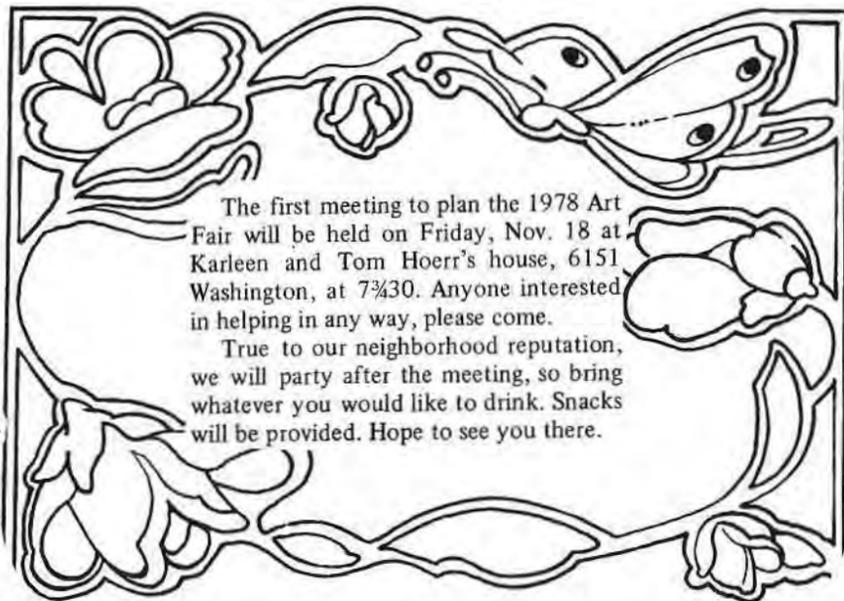
P. A. has no "magic cures or answers", nor does P. A. believe that any "magic answers" are available. Members do have a common purpose, a unity in goals and a sincere interest in helping each other. In its own way, one might say that people helping people has its own touch of "magic".

If you have answered yes to the seventh question...join us. Give yourself and your children an opportunity to see that it can be different from the way it is now. Don't wait to see if all your problems will just 'up and disappear'. Remember, your problems didn't go away yesterday when you wished it. Get involved with someone who cares...about you...your troubles...your desire to have a more fulfilling and rewarding life for yourself and your family.

A chapter of Parents Anonymous meets Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 pm at Trinity Church, 600 N. Euclid. Call 534-9438 to get more information about joining a group.



# Art Fair



The first meeting to plan the 1978 Art Fair will be held on Friday, Nov. 18 at Karleen and Tom Hoerr's house, 6151 Washington, at 7:30. Anyone interested in helping in any way, please come.

True to our neighborhood reputation, we will party after the meeting, so bring whatever you would like to drink. Snacks will be provided. Hope to see you there.

## New Year's Eve Party in the Planning

Batten down the hatches, cover the bee's knees, and get ready to tip your canoe (Tyler's too). Now, from those same wonderful folks who brought you the Prom, it's the "Neighborhood New Year's Party!" That's right, fun, frolic, frivolity, and frizbees. (Well, actually there aren't any frizbees, but it sounds good.)

Anyway, the Neighborhood New Year's Party (open to all neighborhooders and their friends) will be held in Scariot Hall on December 31 (clever!) from 9:30 PM until ??? Music will be provided by the now-infamous "Now 'N Then" (our Prom band). But get this, are you ready? The "Now 'N Then" is planning on adding an organ to the band! (No comment.) Tickets will be \$6.00 per person and hero sandwiches and snax will be provided. The tickets should be available at the Dinner Theatre or through Jo Ann Vatcha or Tom Hoerr. More info will be forthcoming, this phlash is just to enable you to clear your calendar so's you can join us for an evening of fun, frolic, frivolity, and, would you believe, frizbees?

**NOTICE!**



## ROSEDALE NEWS

Last spring's and this fall's Paper Drives have yielded enough money to again offer trees at matching funds to all Rosedale residents. The tree will be planted on the parkway in front of your home by the city Forestry Division and is guaranteed for one year. The trees are checked periodically, mulched, and fed. The price to you for all this is only \$5; Rosedale will pay the other \$5. It's a price that can't be beat. Please let us know if you want a tree NOW. Call 726-6974.

Grass seed was available free from the Beautification Commission, and RNA got a sizeable quantity, thanks to Karen Bynum. Please contact Karen (862-6874) if you want to have some free grass seed for your yard. Now is the perfect time to plant it! We were unable to get tulips. There was such a large demand that, despite several trips to the Beautification office, Karen's hard work was not rewarded. Maybe next year?

RNA held a "New Neighbors" Get-Together on October 7th at Scariot Hall. We were delighted to see so many of our new residents come — there was a point when on-time newcomers outnumbered late-coming "old" neighbors!

Noteworthy guests included several apartment dwellers from Pershing and Waterman, as well as new home buyers in the area, we were happy to see. We hope you'll feel welcome and come again to our neighborhood activities.

There was one other important piece of Rosedale news this month, and that concerns one of our elected representatives to the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council. Due to a conflict of meeting times, Dan Schesch has resigned as one of RNA's four representatives. According to the by-laws of RNA, the President has appointed, with the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee, Mrs. Dorothy Lloyd to fill Dan's unexpired term (until March, 1978). Dorothy lives on the 6000 block of McPherson and is a welcome addition to our organization. We wish Dan well in his work on the Citizens Education Task Force, and we hope he will continue to give us the benefit of his time and experience in neighborhood activities.

We are planning now to sponsor a New Year's Eve Party at St. Roch's, which we certainly want to be a Neighborhood activity. Rosedale is just going to do the leg-work of kicking the event off. We are eager to have the participation of All Residents who want to come. We are planning to start the ticket sales at the Dinner Theatre, and need we tell you that, with a band booked named The Now and Then, a great evening, close to home, is at hand. Do plan on it!

## Second Issues Seminar Planned

The second Skinker-DeBaliviere Issues Seminar will be held on November 7 at Grace and Peace Fellowship Church (6003 Kingsbury), 7:30 to 9:30 PM. It's not necessary for you to have attended the first session in order for you to observe or participate at the second session. (Likewise, if you can't make this one, you're welcome to attend the third session on December 5; same place, same time.) Everyone is urged to attend the seminars since all — parent and non-parent — have a vested interest in education and its impact in our community.

The seminars use a format which enables participants (educators, parents, and non-parents) to talk about issues and ask questions in a constructive problem-solving manner. The seminars have been used in various public school settings, but never before with an urban community group.

We hope that the result of this seminar activity will be closer cooperation and better communication between all the parties involved. The seminars are sponsored by the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council.

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## STOUT RECEIVES AWARD FOR WORK

Rosedale Neighbor, Ed Stout, received two awards recently for his work in neighborhood development and creative programming as Branch Manager of the Midtown Gateway Center of the Human Development Corporation - the 1977 HDC Employee of the Year Award and the Saint Louis Jaycees 1977 Distinguished Service Award.

The HDC Employee of the Year Award was presented to Ed at the 7th Annual HDC Awards Banquet attended by over 800 at the new Sheraton Saint Louis Hotel, on October 7. Ed was cited for creating in Midtown a "model neighborhood center" whose community organization component is "second to none." The Midtown Center serves the poor and residents of the Midtown Dis-

trict through a variety of social and neighborhood development services. During this past program year, the Midtown staff under Ed's direction have developed the midtown Neighborhood Housing Corporation with a commitment of \$144,000 even prior to hiring its Executive Director, created a unique Neighborhood Planning Assistance Office to help residents of the Tiffany Neighborhood compete on a more equal basis with professional developers, and mobilized over \$600,000 in new grants and services.

During his acceptance speech, Ed presented his own "HDC Spouse of the Year Award" to Mary Bea, his wife, citing the many sacrifices she has had to make "so that we could attain the successes the staff and board of Midtown have reached."

# PEOPLE

The Jaycees Distinguished Service Award was presented to Ed at the annual Jaycees Award ceremony on October 13, at the Chase Park Plaza. The panel of judges for this year's awards were Ms. Robin Smith, KTVI-Channel 2 Reporter; Mr. J. A. Baer of Stix, Baer and Fuller Company; and, Mr. John Lindenbusch, Director of the Missouri Historical Society.

Each year the Jaycees honor young men in the Saint Louis Area who have served their community, nation and families in an outstanding manner. The Distinguished Services Award is the highest honor bestowed by the organization.



## VICISSITU

October has seen many public gatherings (and apparently not much private news which we can print): The Dedication of the Four Corners, nicely attended and well done by George Brown and Vince Schoemehl as our public speakers and Council Smith as presenter of a lovely trophy to Jean Roberts for her service as our community librarian; the New Neighbors Gathering in Rosedale, where many of us got a chance to meet a good many new neighbors; Halloween, no doubt as successful as ever, and as noisy and fun.

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We were delighted to see Liz Hall, of the 6000 block of Kingsbury, at the Four Corners Dedication. As many of you are well aware, Liz was recently hospitalized. We were happy to see her looking much better, and we hope she will continue to make progress.

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Susan Mestres, daughter of Joe and Marlene Mestres of the 6100 block of Kingsbury, was seriously injured in an automobile accident in Columbia, near the University. After several weeks in a Columbia hospital, Susan is now in St. Louis again, and we wish her all our best as she recovers.

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Congratulations to Oscar and Betty Klinefelter of the 6100 block of Kingsbury. Their son Gary and his wife Sue recently announced the birth of a daughter, Heather Elizabeth Klinefelter. The family lives in Phoenix, Arizona. We send our best to Gary and Sue and our congratulations to our friends, the Klinefelters.

# SCOUTS

### CUB PACK 31

The September Pack Meeting has a little of everything. A classic meeting! Nine new boys, with their parents, were inducted: Jeremy Voeks, Vito Lippi, Matthew Renner, Chavis Ferguson, Charles Judy, Timmy Ahmad, Michael Burke, William Brady and John Green.

Seven boys were graduated in a ceremony conducted by Den Chief Chris Mudd of Troop 17. Michael McEneny of Troop 31 accepted Jimmie Wood, William Collins and Stephen Hall. Bert Bender of Troop 98 accepted Conan McPherron, Matthew Storey, Jeffrey Peters, and John Hickey. They became Scouts just in time to go to the Camporee.

Mr. Bentley, Ass't West District Executive, presented the Summer Time Activities Award to the Pack.

Barry Lee and Karl Schmidt earned their Bear badge.

Nine boys have sold 12 tickets to the Scoutsskillshow Nov. 19 and received a tie slide and neckerchief.

Chavis Ferguson has sold 24 tickets. Michael Burke tried to sell at the "mystery house" and was rewarded with a scout compass.

We have a new Webelos Den Leader. He is Dennis Matli, 7th grade teacher at Hamilton. Welcome, welcome!

The 5 Webelos who attended camp this summer earned Aquanaut and Outdoorsman activity pins.

The Pack went to Oak Knoll on Oct. 12 to see the Indian exhibit. In the evening the Pack divided for "School Night for Scouting," half going to cash and half for Ford. It was a successful evening organizing new Packs and Troops.

There will be a Pack Meeting October 26 when UNICEF containers will be distributed for the boys to collect on Halloween.

Nov. 11 is a school holiday so off we go at 1 p.m. to Cahokia Mounds. Oct. 19th in Scoutsskillshow, 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Buy your tickets now!) On Oct. 22, at the West District Dinner, the Cubs will have a Kazoo band in the skirts.

### BROWNIE TROOP 533

The girls, leaders and parents attended the Ice Follies on Friday, October 14. Future plans include a visit to a nursing home and crafts for sharing.

TROOP 31, GRACE METHODIST attended the West District Patrol adventure with eleven scouts in Oct. This number included new scouts Jimmie Woods, William Collins, Stephen and Peter Hall and Mark L'Ecuyer. Larry Christopher served as Campmaster for the Weekend and Mike McEneny was elected as Asst. Campmaster for the Spring Camporee.

On Nov. 19th Troop 31 will present the Hiking Merit Badge at the Scoutsskillshow.

The troop meets every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at Grace Methodist Church.

John McEneny, Scoutmaster

PACK 128, HAMILTON SCHOOL is reorganizing as a result of the School Night to join Scouting. New Cubmaster, James Green, is working on plans for the fourteen boys who signed up last month. Meeting plans will be announced soon.

TROOP 128, HAMILTON SCHOOL had a very successful school night drive last month. About 25 boys signed up and plans for future activities are progressing. The troop will present a physical fitness demonstration at the Scoutsskillshow at the new Convention Center on Nov. 19th. Troop 128 meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at Hamilton School.

Warren Lovely, Scoutmaster

### SENIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2886

Cooking being "out thing" the girls are compiling successful recipes for their own use. Our "Food for Fifty" recipes are frequently given by weight so in addition to reducing from numbers (as 50 pork chops) we must also calculate pounds and ounces into cups and tablespoons, etc. Having prepared and served dinners on Oct. 1, Oct. 11 and a breakfast on Oct. 15, the girls are more than ready to get into Scouting on the program aide level and begin investigation of the Council, National & International level wider opportunities.

Beth Bender went camping with a younger troop.

TROOP 98, ST. ROCH'S held a court of Honor in Sept. The following awards were presented: Scout to Lee Lloyd and Sam Creswell; Tenderfoot to Lunda Bradley and Paul Starita; Second Class to Vaughn Moore and Paul Starita; First Class to Karl Hoefel; and Life to George Starks. Merit badges were earned by: Vaughn Moore, Paul Starita, Karl Hoefel, Nolan Sanders, Tony Starks, Kurt Hoefel, George Starks, John Brown, John Flynn, Brian Stanton, David Stanton and Lewis Starks.

The Mile Swim badge was presented to John Brown, Brian Goldsby, Karl and Kurt Hoefel, Vaughn Moore, Brian and David Stanton, and Paul Starita. Den Chiefs John Brown and Nolan Sanders were presented their Cord for their office.

The troop attended the West District Fall Camporee with sixteen scouts. Six scouts served on the staff. Troop 98 earned the Award with Honor and Merit. Virgil John Wright was selected to be Camp Master for the Spring West District Camporee. The troop plans a weekend campout at Camp Forrest Staley in November and will demonstrate stand-casting at the Scoutsskillshow. About two dozen visitors attended a meeting-demonstration about scouting at the School night for Scouting. The troop meets Wednesday evenings at 7:30 at St. Roch's Scariot Hall.

Rick Bender, Scoutmaster

JR. GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2342, ST. ROCH'S had a successful first campout at the Lion's Den last month. Tribute was paid to Juliet Lowe by celebration of her birthday at one meeting. Three mothers have volunteered to assist the scout leaders at meetings.

Rita Magyar, Mary A. Krueger  
Leaders

CADETTE GIRL SCOUT TROOP 3115, GRACE METHODIST had a practice cookout in the Winter's backyard and had a weekend campout at the Lion's Den in October.

Pat Schneider, Margaret Winter,  
Leaders

# AND .....

## New Librarian at Des Peres

by Karen Bynum

As many of our neighbors have already learned, Des Peres Branch has a new head librarian. She is Gail McCarthy and is new to the St. Louis Public Library system though she is a native St. Louisian and has more years of library and teaching experience than her young appearance would seem to indicate. She was raised in University City and received a Bachelor's Degree from UMSL in Elementary Education and English. She has a Masters of Library Science from the University of Illinois. She has taught in the Berkeley, Kirkwood, and St. Louis Public Schools. Her library experience includes time spent at Scottsdale (Arizona) Community College on a Pima Indian Reservation, as reference librarian at UMSL, and as a librarian for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Her varied background will make her a great asset to our neighborhood library. She sees her job as simply "to serve all levels of the community." She states that the library will provide any services that the residents request. She welcomes suggestions and certainly made a positive impression on this reporter when she said "This is the neatest community I've ever been in in my life." With an attitude like that, Gail is sure to make many friends in Skinker-DeBaliviere.

One of her first projects has been the rearrangement of the library. There is to be a juvenile side and an adult side. The juvenile area will be closer to the desk so that the librarians can aid the young people with book selections, reference work, or homework. Gail stated that the juvenile circulation at Des Peres is high but adult circulation could be improved. We hope to qualify for more money in the library budget if we can increase the number of adults who use the library.

Gail hopes the library will continue to be utilized for community meetings; she anticipates the pre-school story hour will begin some time in November along with a children's craft program to be run by Jean Walker. Adult and young adult programs are being planned. If any of our neighborhood residents have any ideas, suggestions, or requests, please contact Des Peres Branch at 726-2653.

Many of us were disappointed when we lost Jean Roberts to the Baden Branch, but the assignment of energetic, enthusiastic, intelligent Gail McCarthy to our branch insures us that the library will continue to be an important element in our community.

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We must also mention that our worthy leader Cal Stuart was home in bed for a week with back problems. Fortunately, he is back in commission, and, we are very glad to know, does not have a recurrence of his former serious back problem. Anyhow, he got out of all the Dedicating work most inobtrusively.

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We've heard of no new babies at all this month, but there is nice news all over of kids who are growing up nicely. No doubt as report card time draws near, many of you will have your own success stories, all of which are just as important as any one else's news, but we are pleased to know of one eminent vicissitude (which will undoubtedly embarrass them all) which proud family is delighted to relate. About to be inducted into the National Honor Society — all at once — are Christy Schoemehl and Mary Lou and Melissa Green, at Mercy High School. The school has invited Sr. Leo Ann to attend the special induction, and we'd like to add our two cents worth too — we're very proud of all our young people doing so well.

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Off and running again, do let us know your news next time. We hope you'll come and have fun at the Dinner-Theatre, and make some news for us to share!

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## "Justice" in the Seventh District

Two youngsters from St. Roch's School in St. Louis' Seventh Police District have won the District's "Name the Horse" contest. Paul Pini, 13, and Danny McGuire, 7, both submitted the winning entry, "Justice" for the horse, which was donated to the District's Mounted Police by Pantheon Corporation.

Colonel Suzanne Hart of the St. Louis Police Board and the Team Policing Task force, who arranged the donation, and Leon Strauss, President of Pantheon Corporation, will present a \$25 Savings Bond to each of the winners on Thursday, October 20, at 2 p.m. at Seventh District Headquarters, 5240 Enright Avenue. Also present will be Captain Gay Carraway, Commander of the District, Lt. James Shea, Team One leader, and Ptn. Thomas DuBois, the mounted policeman, and the newly-named "Justice".

The winning name was selected from over 1,000 entries submitted to the Team One Police during the six-week contest. Pantheon Corporation donated the horse to the Seventh District to provide more personal, as well as highly visible police protection for the present and

future residents in its 100-acre redevelopment area which lies wholly within the Seventh District. In addition to the initial purchase price of the horse, its equipment, and the special mounted police uniform, Pantheon's gift to the Police Department includes the horse's daily boarding costs at the Mounted Police Stables in Forest Park.

Ptn. DuBois of Team One, who volunteered for mounted duty, said that there were benefits to patrolling on horseback, especially in that the horse can get between buildings and into areas a patrol car cannot. The horse also attracts residents, who the officer then gets to meet and know personally.

"Justice", used to green pastures and soft ground, had some trouble adjusting to walking on urban pavement everyday, and in the early stages of his training, used to avoid the painted lines in the Police parking lot by stepping over them.

Liniment, loving care, and now a name, have accustomed "Justice" to life in the City.

## Former Paper Editor Publishes Book

Jean Eberle, a former editor of The Paper, has a book coming out in November. The Incredible Owen Girls is a biography of three determined Missouri sisters, born before the Civil War, who became experts in fields previously reserved for men. Newspaper columns, folk-lore, speleology, geology, ornithology — one or another Owen sister made a name for her-

self in those fields. The sisters even became members of the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences.

Jean was on the original staff of The Paper, has written "St. Roch's: The Story of a Parish" and a number of other historical booklets, as well as a variety of free-lance articles.

Tina Gerard

# IDES

by Jo Ann Vatcha

The Klinefelters' neighbors, Tom and Sharon McPherron, suffered a third-floor fire recently, sad to say, but no one was hurt and the damage can be repaired. We are glad to know that the fire was not horrid, and we hope for relatively quick and painless replacement.

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Did you know that two of our neighbors are attending the Danforth Leadership Seminars? Sounds impressive, doesn't it, and it is — plus a lot of work for them. Cal Stuart and Fred Sweets are both attending these seminars one weekend each month.

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whatever your plans are for the Dinner-Theatre, you must make room that weekend for another dramatic event starring one of our neighbors and friends. Dan Shea is appearing in the Wash U production of THE PLAYBOY OF THE WESTERN WORLD, has even been working on an Irish accent for it. We're sure he'll be outstanding, and we're also sure it would be a fine evening for any who can attend.

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We all dread the possibility of its happening, but occasionally it does happen that a car hits one of the kids crossing Skinker. It did happen the other day, and Danny Hudspeth, of the 6100 block of Westminster, fortunately has only a leg injury, we are very happy to know. But we are sorry he was hurt and hope his recovery is complete and swift.

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## SDCC REPORT

by Lu Green

The October meeting of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council was held on October 10. The main topic of this meeting was the Educational Issues Seminars to be held at Grace and Peace Fellowship on Kingsbury at Des Peres on Oct. 24, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5 at 7:30 PM.

The purpose of these three meetings will be to take a close look at our school system, both public and private, particularly in this neighborhood.

All teachers and residents are invited, whether or not they have children in school. Schools are a very important and necessary element in neighborhood growth, and we would certainly like to see a good turn-out.

By the time this article goes to press, the first meeting will be over, but feel free to come to the second or third or both.

Rehabbers, like hamburgers, automobiles, and ex-girlfriends, come in a variety of shapes and styles. Most rehabbers are honest, do quality work, and maintain their time-lines. Unfortunately, most is not all. Not all rehabbers are reliable and do quality work. (Come to think of it, I have several ex-girlfriends who had the same problem.) It's the minority of irresponsible rehabbers whom this article addresses.

As a consumer, whether you're having an entire house re-done or a kitchen modernized, there are certain practices you should follow which will minimize the likelihood that you will later have a complaint:

1. Get several (at least 3) written bids from different rehabbers on the work to be done.
2. Have each rehabber give you three references from people for whom he has done work. Call these folks and find out what they think now that he's through. Better yet, if possible, go look at his handiwork. (After all, if you won't take someone's word about which restaurant has the best chili, why accept their opinion about a well-done kitchen without checking yourself.)



3. Once you've decided on your man (or person, as the case may be), have the work to be done listed in a written contract. Completion date or dates and costs should also be included in this document. You and the rehabber should each have a copy of this contract.



4. Lastly, but certainly not leastly, if you're paying the rehabber when the contract is signed (or paying him in increments as he proceeds), keep a certain amount of the total price — at least 10% — in escrow. (Specify this in the contract.) This money should be kept by you until the work is fully completed and you are fully satisfied. Amen.

Now that you've followed our four basic steps to rehabbing and happiness, there's an additional step I'd like you to take. Call the Skinker-DeBaliviere office (862-5122) and relate your experience, good or bad, to Cal Stuart. We're going to try to maintain a list of neighborhood rehabbers and their recommendations. Such a list will protect both the consumer and the rehabber.

Again, most rehabbers do a fine job. Most of them are reliable and honest. But just in case...



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# METRO HIGH SCHOOL: An Alternative

by a student

Parents should be aware of a public high school which is run more on the lines of a small private school. Metro is an experiment by the St. Louis Public Schools System in alternative education. Metro is not a magnet school. It has been in existence for six years and is still going strong.

Students are recruited from all over the city, and the central location for classes is a yellow quonset-type structure at 5 Chouteau, in an industrial neighborhood. However, classes are held wherever appropriate. Zoology has been taught at the zoo, and botany at Shaw's Garden. There is an Outdoor Education class that does climbing, rappelling, caving, and several overnights at places like Greensfelder Park, Cliff Cave, and Rockwoods Reservation. They gym classes are non-competitive. A teacher and some students may go play baseball or football in Lafayette Park — or visit a bowling alley — or play volleyball in the backyard. Sex Education is a required course. Independent studies can be arranged. But

although the curriculum is in many ways more motivating than what the other public high schools offer, the traditional academic courses have their place also. Enrollment is open to average and above average students, and to those who have been "turned off" by the education they have received so far, and who are not living up to their potential. In the past, Metro accepted only sophomores, juniors, and seniors, but since this year Metro has begun accepting freshmen also. Enrollment is now open to any high school student in the city who is committed to learning. Possibly because of the stimulating curriculum and some very dedicated teachers, attendance is close to perfect and the percentage of students going on to college is the highest in the city.

Transportation from class to class is up to the individual, but reduced rate Bi-State bus passes are available. Extra time is allotted between periods so that students can get to class on time. Each period is two hours long and is held only several times a week. This way not much time is lost in travel; what is actually accomplished in one two-hour period more than makes up for the travel time.

The atmosphere at Metro is friendly and close. The present enrollment is 113, and in a school this size it is hard not to know everybody. The student population is 50%/50% black/white, but integration has never been a problem. Instead, there is a great respect for individuality at Metro. The school motto is "Metro—a place to be yourself." Metro students are usually involved in many different projects. The senior's graduation in 1977 was held in the schoolyard; the back wall of the building was painted with a mural. Metro tries to cultivate appreciation of the community in its students and each year each student is required to do eighty hours of community service for a non-profit organization. This kind of activity generates social concern, and may lead to a paying job or develop an interest in a student that he never knew he had. Community service can be exciting. In the past, students have worked at greenhouses, libraries, telephone hotlines, and have donated blood.

Presently there are several students from this area attending Metro. Our neighbor Ann Malacek is a 1977 graduate.

Anyone interested further in Metro should feel free to call the director, Betty Wheeler, during school hours at 241-9272. Applications are now being accepted for the second quarter (beginning in November) and the third quarter (beginning in January).

## At St. Roch's

by Ann Horner

The school year at St. Roch is moving at a rapid rate. The weeks are zipping by for both the students and the teachers. Spirit, enthusiasm and cooperation are at an all time high. Father Fleming has been making many visits to the classrooms this year. The children enjoy his wit and scholarly observations. Father's time and effort are sincerely appreciated. The additional art and gym classes each week have been well received. This schedule allows for a more unified, thorough and interesting program for both subjects. Keep up the good work Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Fiquette!

All textbooks for all grades have been upgraded. Many hours of time and hard work went into selecting the best texts for the school. Teachers and parents perused several texts for each subject. After numerous consultations the decisions were made. The books are superb. Even the children noticed the quality of these books which have been entrusted to them.

On Thursday, September 29, the school children participated in a special afternoon Mass. Father Peet was the celebrant. He gave a thought provoking talk on how to get along with one another and to do one's best with God's help. Representatives from each class brought symbols of their school work to the altar as their offering. The petitions asked for a safe, successful and happy school year. On October 20, the seventh and eighth grades participated in a Pro-life Mass. It was preceded by a film on the value and meaning of each and every life.

The second through eight grades took the Iowa Basics tests the first week of October. The answer sheets are machine scored so the results are not expected until November.

St. Roch is very fortunate to have the assistance of two Title One teachers this year. Their home base is the Blue Hills Homes Corporation, School Division -St. Louis, 4140 Lindell. Two classrooms in the west building have been assigned them. Mrs. Saunders is working with grades one through six in reading. Mrs. Starks is working with grades one through six in math. These two ladies will also test the first grade, in groups of ten, on both these subjects.

Two St. Roch students submitted the same winning name for the Seventh District horse. Paul Pini in the eighth grade and Danny McGuire in the second grade were awarded twenty-five dollar savings bonds for the name "Jusitce."

A Science Club is being formed for the eighth graders. The interested students will meet in the evenings to do some star gazing with the telescope that the students purchased last year. Dr. Elder is in charge.

There are some important dates to remember in November. On Sunday, November 6, there will be open house at all Catholic high schools. If anyone is interested in seeing a school in order to make an intelligent choice for next year, this is your opportunity. On Sunday, November 13, the teachers will meet with parents for the first report card and conference. Parents will be notified of their times to meet with their child's teacher. November 17 brings another School Association meeting. At this time there will also be an open School Board meeting.

# SCHOOLS

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## Hamilton Branch #3

by Laura Schmink

October has been a very busy month at Hamilton Br. III. The kindergarten and first grades made the annual trip to the Rombach's pumpkin farm and came back laden with pumpkins. The fourth grade had a very interesting trip to the museum. of Science and Natural History. October was also full of holidays. The third grade celebrated Johnny Appleseed Day by watching the Walt Disney movie by that name and snacking on apple slices and apple cider. Columbus Day was recognized by stories, books, and pictures. Children may have seen our Teachers' Inservice Day, October 12, as a holiday, but the teachers worked anyway. We had various workshops and meetings to attend in the morning, but after a delicious dinner, the staff participated in a human relations workshop in the afternoon. We all feel that we know each other a little better now.

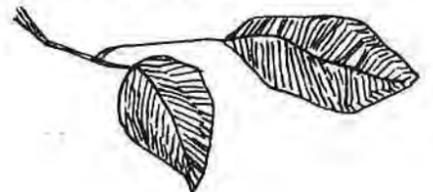
We have many wonderful parent volunteers who are helping the school in many ways. Mrs. Krueger mentioned that she could help teachers plan some art lessons, and has suddenly found herself as an almost-full-time art teacher. We all certainly appreciate her. Other mothers have taken on the demanding and not-so-pleasant job of assisting in the lunchroom and on the playground. These are definitely places where we need help. Parents have also volunteered to assist on field trips, be room mothers, and help in a variety of other ways.

One new, exciting venture being planned is the formation of a fourth grade boys basketball team, complete with equipment and red and white uniforms. Permission letters have gone home and tryouts are being held. We wish them all good times and good luck.

On October 27, Hamilton III celebrated "Good Bear Day," a little known holiday honoring Teddy Roosevelt and promoting humanitarian treatment for all children everywhere.

October ended with a bang with our annual Halloween parade, followed by room parties for everyone. We thank those parents who helped with all our Halloween treats.

Many activities are planned for November, but the most important will be our Thanksgiving canned goods collection for needy families. Teachers will be donating fresh fruits and vegetables and money for turkeys for the families. We would welcome your support in this project.



## Neighborhood Cooperation in Health Care

### People's Clinic, the Blood Drive and You

by Mimi Newsham

There are several strong points and a few weak ones in the health care available to Skinker-DeBaliviere residents. In a recent case of one of our residents these points were clearly demonstrated.

A woman came into the People's Clinic during one regular session with complaints of unusual menstrual bleeding. The doctor diagnosed her problem as very serious. She was having a miscarriage and needed hospital care. The family didn't have transportation available so volunteer Bruce Smith took them to St. Luke's Emergency Room in his V.W. ambulance.

At this crucial time a major weakness in our neighborhood health care system was discovered. St. Luke's had closed its Obstetrics and Gynecology department without adequate public announcement. This hospital is supposed to be a community facility but the neighborhood clinic wasn't even notified of this important change. A primary care facility

like the Clinic needs to know where it can refer people for service.

However, the incident was resolved satisfactorily. At the suggestion of the emergency room doctor, Bruce brought the woman to Jewish Hospital. There she was admitted due to the large amount of blood she had lost. Any blood that she needed for transfusion can be obtained free through Red Cross from the St. Roch's neighborhood blood bank.

This is where YOU come in. This Saturday, November 5th, is the annual St. Roch's blood drive. As many of you know, the Bi-State chapter of the Red Cross no longer uses commercial sources of blood. All of their blood comes from volunteers. This makes the job of having enough blood on hand more difficult. Having reserve can mean life or death in emergencies like the one we had. Even if the blood is available for a particular person, it must be replaced by other blood. Money doesn't replenish the supply for the next patient. Usually family members are called on to replace blood used. How-

ever, often there are people like some of our elderly neighbors who have no one to replace it for them. In these situations it's very important to have a neighborhood blood bank. It works like this: If we can collect enough blood at our annual drive, all members of the neighborhood are covered for the whole year in the event that they should need blood. (The amount that we must collect is based on the number of people in the neighborhood.) Also if you give blood, your family is covered for the year wherever they live. So it helps you and your neighbors. In fact, the whole metropolitan area benefits as the need for blood increases when the holidays approach.

It doesn't take long. Times are assigned to keep things running smoothly. To make an appointment call either Rose Storey, 727-1727 or St. Roch's Rectory, 721-6340. Just tell them your name, your phone number and your time preference between 9AM and 1:30PM. Remember, the day is this Saturday, November 5th. We hope to see a lot of you there.

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