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Here Comes the Run



Have you ever tried to imagine the sight of Hannibal's armies riding their elephants over the Alps? Do you find bits and pieces of lazy summer days being given to conjuring up images of the building of the pyramids or the burning of Rome? Would you seize the opportunity to fly to the moon or have dinner with Woody Allen? Alas, these are the kinds of events that most of us can only live vicariously: even today history passes us in a stagecoach an intersection away. But wait, that can change! No longer do you need to be an ampersand on the page of life: now you can become part of an epoch-making event. Yes, you can participate in something truly significant. No longer need you shirk at the beach. After April 20 you'll be able to shout with pride, "No I didn't fly with Lindbergh, but I did run in 'The Paper Route.'"

Sunday, April 20 (at 9:00 a.m.), will be the big day. Thousands of runners (perhaps hundreds of runners?) will hoof up and down the streets of Skinker-DeBaliviere. They'll be participating in a fun, non-competitive run designed to raise money for *The Paper*. The emphasis is on fun and there should be plenty of it.

Mixed among the "regular" runners will be joggers attired in gay, exotic garb and costumes. This, you see, is no normal run: our run has an optional costume competition with a \$50.00 costume prize!

You say you're not a runner, but you'd still like to participate and support *The Paper*? Never fear, our 1.5 mile route is a

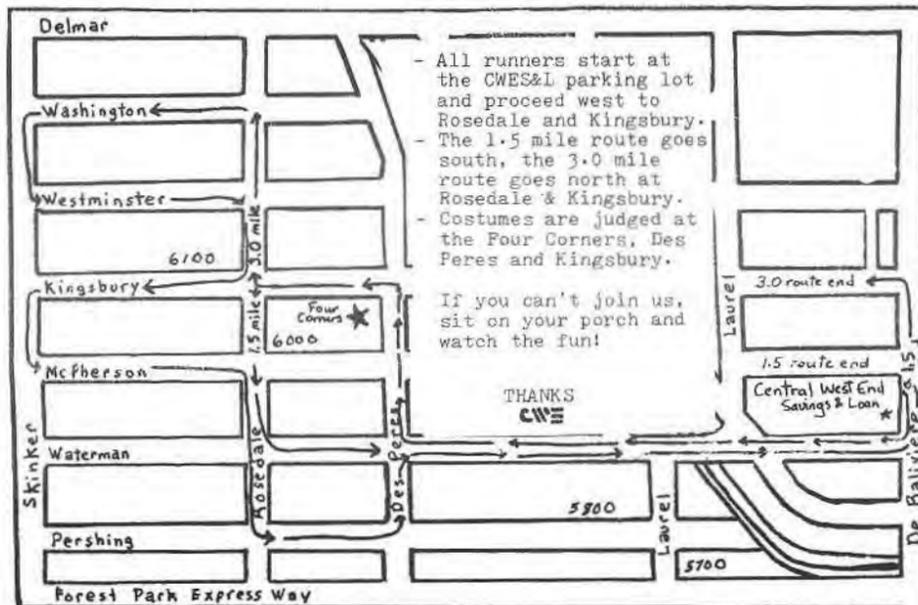
run/walk route so that urban diletantes, pregnant ladies, non-runners, and other wise, prudent folks can join in the fun. Each participant will receive a genuine Paper Route T-shirt. (If for some unacceptable reason you can't participate - no reasons are acceptable without a note from mom - you can still join the fun by

sitting on your porch and cheering the cast of characters as they rumble by your house.)

All participants will start at the Central West End Savings & Loan parking lot on DeBaliviere (our gracious sponsors of the run), and proceed to Four Corners Square (Kingsbury and DesPeres) where the judging of costumes will occur as the runners pass by. The routes split at Kingsbury and Rosedale, the 1.5 mile route returning to the CWESL parking lot and the 3 mile route continuing to wind through the neighborhood before stopping near Kingsbury Square off DeBaliviere (see map). The costume award will take place on the parking lot at approximately 10:45 a.m. at the completion of the run.

We see this activity as a very positive venture. The participants will have a good time, we'll raise much-needed money for *The Paper*, and a lot of non-Skinker-DeBaliviereites will have an opportunity to see what a really neat place our neighborhood is!

Join us on the 20th! This will be fun and the more the merrier. See page 7 for your entry blank.



Bill Kohn to Exhibit at St. Louis Art Museum

by Ken Cohen

Currents, an ongoing series of works by contemporary American artists presented by the St. Louis Art Museum, will feature paintings and water colors by Bill Kohn. Bill and his family have lived in Skinker-DeBaliviere since 1969. He is an associate professor of fine art at Washington University. The exhibition will open at the museum on April 24 with a reception from 8:00-10:00 p.m. Also on April 24, the Timothy Burns Gallery, 393 N. Euclid, will open an exhibit titled Bill Kohn: Two Decades 1960-1980. A reception will be held at the Burns Gallery from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

These exhibits should attract critical acclaim and could well be a milestone in Bill's career. He has, I believe, accomplished the difficult transition from talented painter to gifted artist. Artistic sensibility is not particularly uncommon among the general population. Many people produce art of some merit. But very few combine mastery of technique with a fresh vision to create work admired by professional critics, serious collectors, and people who simply enjoy art. In whichever group you include yourself I think you will find looking at Bill's paintings to be rewarding.

When I first saw Bill's work he was doing silk screens. These are strong geometric compositions whose subjects are simple forms securely yet inventively placed on the canvas. Prior to his silk screens, he did a series of oil paintings inspired by a stay in India. These paintings reveal his bold and complex use of color.

I remember a conversation with Bill during which he indicated he was tiring of silk-screening and was planning to resume oil painting. Sometime later I stopped by his studio to see how his reinitiation into using a brush was progressing. I was thunderstruck. Here was all of the brilliance of his palate coupled with his superior sense of composition. Moreover, his technique had taken a great leap forward. These paintings were of solid, straightforward forms made vibrant with an attention to detail not seen in Bill's earlier work.

Now we have the paintings and water-colors done last summer in Mexico. The transition is clear. Again there is the imaginative use of color and design, the subject matter is now not suggestive of architecture as in the previous series: it is in fact, the buildings of Guadalajara. The city is both simplified and enriched by Bill's eye.



"Morelos, 1979" acrylic on canvas by Bill Kohn. One of the many paintings from his productive year in Mexico to be shown at the St. Louis Art Museum.

Where the Indian and silk screen series were generally a display of strong individual elements, Bill's subsequent paintings are more complex totalities. His seemingly intuitive sense of composition and color is synthesized with the painterly qualities of shading, light and shadow, texture, and atmosphere. These paintings are beautiful at first sight and visually satisfying upon repeated viewings.

Bill Kohn's art today reflects a confi-

dent, mature artist who has mastered so much of the technique of painting that he can consistently produce work of a very high quality. As important, he is not content to be repetitive. He continues to find new forms of expression: his creative capacity seems to be expanding. While the future should be an exciting one for Bill Kohn, he is today an important contemporary artist. I am looking forward to April 24 with great anticipation.

Letters



To the editor:

I would like to point out a misquote in Roy Bell's letter in last month's paper. My statement in the February issue reads "The front page article about the proposed Mexican Restaurant in the last edition of *The Paper* was the first most residents heard of it." My statement is correct as we (the protest group) found out when we petitioned/pollled the **RESIDENTS WHO WOULD BE MOST DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THIS RESTAURANT**. Those italicized words are germane to the whole restaurant issue.

Now then, I must take issue with Mr. Bell's remarks about "when Rosedale does not take a stand it allows self-appointed spokesmen to represent the neighborhood, whether their constituency represents 12 buildings or 12 blocks. At the meeting with Grace Methodist there was a great deal of talk about the neighborhood being solidly against the restaurant."

1. At the beginning of our meeting with Grace Methodist, our group clearly established itself as representing only "those most directly affected by it."
2. I would like to know what is meant by Rosedale's stand on this issue and what constitutes a stand by Rosedale Neighbors Assoc.?
3. As for Mr. Bell's crack about "self-appointed spokesmen," he must try to understand that we, the self-appointed, care about the parking and traffic problems on our streets, even though some neighbors a few streets removed may be apathetic.

Joan T. Bender

AN OPEN LETTER TO KEN COHEN

Dear Mr. Cohen:

I don't normally write letters or respond to critics, but enough is enough! Twice now, in the November and March issues of this tiny tabloid, you've ridiculed me, and I'm tired of it.

It isn't easy being a large city, you know. Oh sure, it's lots of fun during a World Series or Presidential Convention, but it can be very trying indeed. Have you ever tried assimilating teeming masses? Do you think it's easy to withstand a giant McDonald's arch, undergo urban renewal, or lose an NBA franchise? Add to that Spanish Pavilion, the Santa Maria, and a now-vacant GM plant, and you'll quickly begin to see what I mean. It's not often that I step from my facade of buildings, streets, wires, and tax abatements, and actually talk, but your attitude has me really bothered. Animals get to talk on Christmas Eve, but cities never get to talk; never, that is, unless it's a real serious incident. Your abusive letters fall into that category.

Bureaucracy, you say? Sure I have a bureaucracy. You don't run a city like a commune, I can only do my best to enable citizens to take advantage of my services. Can I help it if *some* knuckleheads don't read the instructions on our new *convenient* stickers? Can I help it if *some* neighbors like to pry into others' dumpsters? Remember all those years of knocked-over trash cans, stray dogs, and disgusting alleys? Well, I guess that you're proof that "you can't please everyone." No doubt you're unhappy because O. J. Anderson can't kick field goals. Do you also expect Bo Derek to be a brilliant conversationalist?

I'm tired. I could go on, but I'm weary. If it's not hair-sprayed would-be jet setters moving to suburbia, it's carping city-dwellers placing plastic flamingos on their lawns or ridiculing progress.

Mr. Cohen: I appreciate your interest, but in the future would you please take up a hobby other than caviling at progress and increased efficiency? I understand that counting grains of sand on a desert beach can be very enjoyable!

Sincerely
The City of St. Louis

A Decade With

The Paper

by Marj Weir

For many of our readers, those who have discovered our neighborhood since 1970, *The Paper* is a fixture, a venerable institution. With this issue, however, *The Paper* marks only its tenth anniversary—a short enough time in the nearly 70-year history of the neighborhood it was born to serve. Of course, the life expectancy of most publications is considerably shorter than that of bricks and mortar. Viewed in that light, *The Paper* is mature indeed. That it has achieved this maturity can be credited in large part to its loyal and generous readers who more than once have provided life-sustaining transfusions of both labor and capital.

On its tenth birthday *The Paper* can boast of robust health and can look back at its first ninety or so issues with pride, nostalgia, sadness, humor, and an occasional sense of déjà vu.

The Paper's first issue concerned the red-hot "Jack-in-the-Box Conflict." This was not the last restaurant controversy reported and debated in subsequent numbers.

Everyone can remember fairly clearly the big events, burning issues, and simmering concerns: redevelopment, local politics, crime prevention, community organization, neighborhood image, school activity which have repeatedly filled our pages.

As I reviewed my cherished collection of past issues, however, I was reminded of some of the stories and people who have helped to make *The Paper* a positive force in our community.

Do you remember the recipes from Food Editor Jane Davis? Gardening tips from Jean Eberle and later, Rich and

Venita Lake? Social Commentary from Donnie Lottes and Bob Brown? Reviews by Tom Flynn and more recently by Peggy Peters Vaughan?

When did you last think about the Baby Tooth Survey, the Day Care Project, or the Underwater Coffee House?

Old-timers will have to explain to newcomers about the People's Clinic recycling station, the *first* Community School, the "Tot Lot," and the days before the Four Corners improvements.

Even old-timers may smile when they remember the rebuilding of the Kingsbury column or the Keystone Krime-Stoppers Kaper.

We who are, or have been, part of the staff of *The Paper* have special reason to remember the contributions of Jody Creighton, Mary Parker, Jean Eberle, Chris Lange, Karen Bynum, JoAnn Vatcha; of the days when typesetting was not in the budget and *The Paper* had to be typed; of fund-raisers and fund-losers. It has always been a struggle for no pay except stars in that heavenly crown, but the cause has always been a good one. *The Paper* is an ingredient in the glue that holds this neighborhood together and helps it care about itself.

Back issues of *The Paper* are our chronicle of the life and times of Skinker-DeBaliviere in the 1970's. They have reflected the vitality of the people in this community, whether they were debating the merits of an Historic District, a new business in the neighborhood, or an aldermanic candidate.

In the 1980's it will continue in this tradition as long as that vitality and concern remain here, and those qualities seem to be thriving.



The DesPeres Branch Library is holding after-school movies at 3:30 each Thursday in April. In celebration of the opening of baseball season (both Khoury and Cardinals) there is a decidedly sporty tone to the titles.

- April 3 *Rookie of the Year*
Casey at Bat
- April 10 *All Star Batting Tips*
A Kite Story
- April 17 *All Star Catching Tips*
and Base Stealing
Roberto Clemente
- April 24 *All Star Pitching*

Each movie session lasts from 45 minutes to an hour. All neighborhood kids are invited to attend. This is a good chance for children who have signed up for Khoury league to get a start on the season.



This month the *The Paper* has many to thank. Contributions were received from 5700 McPherson Block Unit

Susan Saxton
Sarah Griesbach
Jynny Crigler

Ms. Crigler's contribution came to us all the way from San Mateo, California.

We are delighted to express our gratitude to the Central West End Savings and Loan for sponsoring the run to benefit *The Paper* and the First National Bank of St. Louis for its grant to the Art Fair House Tour issue. (See articles elsewhere in this issue.)

The generous continuing support we enjoy from residents, neighborhood groups, advertisers and commercial institutions does not simply make it easier to bring you *The Paper*; it makes it all possible.

GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF COPY

The Paper welcomes unsolicited articles and letters. Because of the small size and volunteer nature of the writing staff, the quality and range of the *The Paper* has always depended in large part on submissions from non-staff area residents.

All material articles, letters, notices, classified ads—*must* be typewritten on opaque paper, double-spaced, and signed. Signatures on correspondence to the editor may, on publication, be omitted by request. Calendar listings should be phoned or mailed to the staff member responsible for the Calendar of Events. Deadlines for all copy is the 15th of the month.

In a news article it is essential that the writer state the most important information in the first paragraph. The writer is responsible for the accuracy of data, including times, dates, locations and particularly the spelling of names.

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Meeting on Transportation

Alternative forms of public transportation in the St. Louis area will be the subject of a work session on public transportation on Tuesday, April 8th from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania Avenue in University City.

The work session is the first of several "community outreach" meetings to be conducted by the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council.

The East-West Gateway Coordinating Council, the regional planning agency for the metropolitan St. Louis area, regularly undertakes major planning studies in public transportation, highway development, air quality, water quality, housing, land use and sewage treatment issues.

In the April 8th work session, residents of several north county communities will discuss and evaluate the kinds of public transportation systems they would like in their areas. Citizens of the Skinker DeBaliviere, Wellston, Pagedale, Hanley Hills, Vinita Park, Overland, Olivette and University City areas have been invited to participate.

After the sessions, citizen comments will be used to develop the long range mass transit plan prepared by the Gateway Council.

According to the Gateway Council's Community and Neighborhood program manager, Judy Maschan, "These work sessions are a unique form of citizen participation. Residents will actually have an opportunity to voice their opinions, likes and dislikes on the ground floor of a public transportation plan. It's unfortunate that this hasn't always been the case in some planning processes, citizen input has simply been an afterthought."

The work sessions will all be free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

If you'd like to attend the April 8th work session or want more information, contact Judy Maschan at the Gateway Council at 421-4220, ext. 256.

United Negro College Fund Annual Dinner

On Sunday, April 20, the United Negro College Fund will hold its 1980 Annual Fund Raising Dinner at the Marriott Hotel at Lambert Airport. Cocktails at six; dinner begins at seven.

Nikki Giovanni, the poet, will be the featured guest of the evening. The United Negro College Fund raises money for forty-one fully accredited private colleges and universities. These institutions serve 50,000 students, 40,000 of whom require financial aid.

Tickets are \$30 a person or \$300 to reserve a table for ten. All donations are tax deductible. For more information call 241-5958.

JUNK-TIQUE

Plans are once more underway for the annual *Junktique* to be held Saturday, April 12th at Grace United Methodist Church, 6199 Waterman. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Patrons should enter the church from Skinker Blvd. and proceed to the fellowship hall on the lower level. 25¢ admission will be charged at the door.

Recyclable items from treasures to trinkets will include books and records, toys and games, plants, jewelry, purses, antiques and collectables, linens, housewares, appliances, hardware, white elephants and clothing. Hot dogs, soda, and baked goods will also be on sale.

THURTENE Donates Scholarship to Neighborhood School

THURTENE, the Junior Honorary Fraternity at Washington University, has donated \$420 for a partial scholarship to The Neighborhood School. Mr. Jeremy Divine, Charities Chairman, indicated that by helping "half a child" experience alternative education Thurtene would be supporting concretely one of the neighborhoods that support the annual Spring Thurtene Carnival. "We hope our partial scholarship will enable the 'Thurtene Scholar' to have an educational opportunity that his/her family would otherwise not be able to choose," Mr. Divine stated. The award was presented to The Neighborhood School Scholarship fund by Mr. Dennis R. Hunter, Thurtene Treasurer.

Book Fair

St. Roch's will sponsor a Book Fair April 10 through April 17. A large selection of books will be on sale at the East School during the school day and after regularly scheduled Masses, 4:30 p.m. April 12 and 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. April 13. A variety of books for each grade level will be available at modest prices and the proceeds will benefit St. Roch's library.

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April Events

March 31-April 4

Neighborhood School Spring Break

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- 1 Seventh District Police-Community Affairs Committee, Yalem Center, 724 N. Union, 7 p.m., Speaker: "The Finder"...St. Louis Homicide Officer. Census Day.
- 2 Stuttgart Youth Symphony Concert, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, 560 Convention Center Plaza. Free and open to the public.
- 3 St. Roch's School free day. Children's movie-Sports: baseball series, 3:30 p.m., Des Peres Branch Library.
- 4 Children's Chess Lessons, 3:30 p.m., Des Peres Library. St. Roch's School free day.
- 6 Vegetarian Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Yoga Center of St. Louis, 6002 Pershing.
- 7 St. Roch's School free day.
- 8 Light Rail Transit Meeting: Community input on mass transportation. Sponsored by East-West Gateway Coordinating Committee, 7:30 p.m., Heman Park, Vernon and Pennsylvania.
- 9 Neighborhood School Parents Potluck Dessert, 6:30-9 p.m., at the school.
- 10 "The Emerging Women"-film on the roles of women thru out history, Senior Citizens Center, 560 Convention Center Plaza, 12:30 p.m. Children's movie-Sports: baseball series, 3:30 p.m., Des Peres Branch Library.
- 10-17 St. Roch's Bookfair. During school hours.
- 11 Children's Chess Lessons, 3:30 p.m., Des Peres Library.
- 12 "Junktique"(flea market), 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, Waterman and Skinker. First Holy Communion, St. Roch's Church.
- 14 "Sounds of Spring", poetry, music and art, Roz Flax, 12:30 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, 560 Convention Center Plaza. Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council Meeting, 7:30. Central West End Savings and Loan and Dance Concert Society jointly present "Dance: Works in Needlepoint and Photography" by Gilbert Fisher and Joseph Cowan, during CWE office hours, Runs thru May 15.
- 16 Hamilton School PTO meeting, 7 p.m.
- 17 Children's movie-Sports: baseball series, 3:30 p.m., Des Peres Branch Library.
- 18 Children's Chess Lessons, 3:30 p.m., Des Peres Library.
- 19 St. Roch's Church Rummage Sale, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Scariot Hall. Conference: "Transition of the Family in the 21st Century", 7:30 p.m., Childgrove School, 6901 Delmar, Free. Adults Legal Program, "Making Wills", 10 a.m., Des Peres Branch Library.
- 20 "Run the Paper Route", 9 a.m., See Article. Annual dinner for United Negro College Fund. See article.
- 21-25 Neighborhood School 5-Day Spring Camping Trip.
- 22 Art Fair Meeting, 7:30 p.m., 6218 Washington.
- 24 Children's Movie-Sports: baseball series, 3:30 p.m., Des Peres Branch Library. Opening of Bill Kohn's exhibit at St. Louis Art Museum. Health Day Fair at Senior Citizens Center, 560 Convention Center Plaza. Free health tests, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 25 Children's Chess Lessons, 3:30 p.m., Des Peres Library.
- 26 Folk Festival, Delmar Baptist Church. League of Women Voters Annual Meeting. Subject: "Downtown Redevelopment", 12 noon, Lawyers Club, Mercantile Building. For tickets call 361-0545.

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First National Bank

Awards Grant to The Paper

On March 10 First National Bank of St. Louis awarded a grant of \$750 to *The Paper* to be applied to the printing costs of the Art Fair/House Tour issue. This grant is one of 15 totaling \$15,500 given various not-for-profit organizations for city neighborhood promotional programs.

In February of this year notices were sent to non-profit neighborhood groups soliciting proposals for awards up to \$2,000 or "in kind" assistance. Skip Coburn, executive director of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, brought the program to the attention of the SDCC board. At their February 11 meeting the council approved the submission of a proposal requesting funding for the Art Fair and the Art Fair/House Tour issue of *The Paper*. Rich Lake, co-

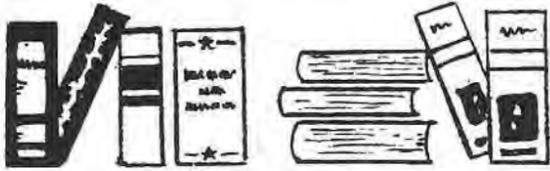
chairman of the Art Fair/House Tour, assisted Coburn in the development of the proposal. Early in March the Council was notified that the part of the proposal benefiting *The Paper* had been funded.

Most of the proposals which received grants were for newspapers, newsletters or marketing brochures and directories. Forty-one proposals were received from all over the city.

All of the applications were reviewed by two committees - an internal committee composed of bank employees and an external committee of community representatives. Al Nerviani of the 6100 block of Kingsbury served on the external committee but did not influence the consideration of the SDCC proposal in order to avoid a conflict of interest.

The original intent of First National

Bank was to offer up to \$10,000 to be divided among the competing proposals. Bank President Richard Ford said that the calibre of the proposals submitted influenced the bank to relax the upward limit so that they might fund more of them. He suggested that in light of the enthusiastic response on the part of the city neighborhood non-profit groups the bank anticipates a repeat of the grant program next year.



What If They Gave a Library and Nobody Came?

A Story by Arlene Sandler

Once and only once upon a time, there was a little library in the middle of a big residential neighborhood. It had a little book budget and a little staff, but tried to serve its public within its limitations.

Most neighborhood residents never came into the library. In fact, some didn't even know it was there. Others came in, couldn't find what they needed, got mad and left. They forgot that it was a little library and could only have a little collection. They also forgot that it was connected to a large system of big and little libraries and that they could get their book by asking. Still others preferred to use The Nearby Big Library With Sunday Hours, even though they were paying taxes to support the little one.

The staff tried to get people to come to the library. It tried to get schools to send classes. Nothing worked. Everyone was sad. *Princess Daisy* and *Smiley's People*

sat on the shelf in *The Shadow of the Moon* and just stared at one another.

The Downtown People who add up the books that are taken home to be read did not like numbers they were adding from the little library. They took the library away.

Some people didn't care. They still went to The Nearby Big Library With Sunday Hours. Others did care. Children had nowhere to go after school. Some readers went to the store and found out that books and magazines cost a lot of money. Many people now had to drive or walk much further to use a copy machine. Fewer people attended meetings, classes, and fund-raising events because there was no longer a convenient place to post notices. Angry parents had to drive their children to another library the night before their book reports were due. And the rats multiplied something fierce.

Once and only once upon a time does a neighborhood get the chance to have a library.

Census Provides Jobs

The National Census Bureau is hiring up to 600 people to assist in taking the Census this April. To qualify for a job: you must be at least sixteen years old; you must have a High School diploma; and you must pass a 45 question, multiple choice test.

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Selection of Nina Place Redevelopment Board Completed

At the March 10 board meeting of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, the remaining four members of the eleven member board of directors of the not-for-profit Nina Place redevelopment corporation were nominated and approved.

Shirley Polk reported the recommendations of the nominating committee. The three member committee consisted of Ms. Polk, Renni Shuter, and Brad Weir.

The Council voted to accept the recommendation that Ian Kling, Ron Freiwald, David Havens, and Howard Boyd serve on the board of the redevelopment corporation with the seven members previously approved by the Council. Two of the most recent appointees are Nina Place area property owners; two are tenants.

Before any redevelopment activity can be initiated, it remains for the eleven directors to incorporate.

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The Census Bureau will not release the responses of any individual. The information cannot be seen by the IRS, the FBI, the CIA, or the Immigration and Naturalization Service. You will not be harmed in any way by answering Census questions.

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One case involved the robbing of Mr. M and his daughter while they were standing in their back yard. During the investigation Mrs. M, wife and mother to the victims, worked closely with Nash.

"Everytime I got to a dead end in the case," said Nash, "and thought I couldn't go any further, Mrs. M. would call and give me another piece to the puzzle. She was assisting me in directing this investigation. That lady ran me to death; we got the crime solved though."

Because the crime was committed by people with no connection either to the M's or to the area, the success of the investigation surprised Nash. "Mrs. M's daughter and husband were robbed behind their house," said Nash. "Apparently four men jumped out of a car, ran up, and three [of them] restrained him [Mr. M] and took his wallet. The other took the daughter's purse. It was just an opportunity-type thing—just a random robbery. These crimes you usually don't solve."

The real break in the case came when Detective Nash and Mrs. M tracked down the use of the M's gas credit card.

"[Only] one man was using the [gas] credit card," said Nash, "but he was using everybody's cars. The clerks knew him because he had come in on different occasions in different cars using different credit cards. Because he was giving the wrong license number and the clerk's were suspicious, [they] would check and put down the right license."

"I took the license numbers that were put on the victims' credit card and looked up the owners [of the cars]. I checked

their records and saw where they had been arrested in the past, who they had been arrested with. As a result, I obtained the pictures of the owners and their 'associates'."

These pictures then became the mugshots which were shown to the M's and to the service station attendants. The M's picked out three faces: one of the car owners and two associates. The station attendants, however, said that the credit card user was not among those pictured. Commented Nash, "We still don't know exactly who he is."

Of the three men identified by the M's, one man is pending trial, one is still wanted, and the third was released because of dubious identification.

The investigation did not stop there, however.

"Mrs M kept getting different receipts and checks back," Nash said. "Each piece of evidence required another investigation—it got to be something."

The investigation grew more and more complicated because of the large number of people with access to the stolen credit cards and checks. Said Nash, "One [suspect] had been arrested with twenty different individuals [this over the course of several arrests]; he was a heavy drug user—into everything from petty larceny to rape. All of them [suspects and their associates in crime] were inter-related."

"They team up with one another," he continued, "share the spoils of the robbery: the checks, credit cards, etc. A lot of them would join up with a person who had a particular game such as robbing, or stealing credit cards and checks. They actually teach each other the trade. After they break up—because one is arrested, or for whatever reason—they go to the next guy and learn his game."

In this case, in addition to the four men who committed the robbery, a young woman is wanted for cashing sto-

len checks. The user of the gas credit card who may or may not have taken part in the robbery, is also wanted. And warrants have been issued on four cars.

Detective Nash then made the point that this was an unusual case because most crimes are committed by someone from the neighborhood. And in such crimes, Nash said, many details are repeated from case to case. "[Neighborhood criminals] usually set up a pattern," he said. "Maybe wear the same clothes, say the same things, use the same type weapons."

"When a victim can tell us these things, it can help us solve it. Many people feel it isn't going to do any good, but we sit and look at a stack of robberies and different little clues let us know exactly what we are looking for. This keeps us from going out and indiscriminately stopping people; it narrows it down."

Nash then gave the example of a man who had been holding people up in the West End. Just a few details helped the police to identify him.

"The deal is he always cupped the gun in both hands," Nash said. "Every victim in an interview stated this was the way he held the gun. When he caught him, he had a toy gas gun and the cylinder would let you know it was a toy. He cupped the gun so no one could see that."

The victims also identified a pattern in the way the man talked. The man always repeated his words. For instance, he would say, "I got a gun, I got a gun. Gimme your purse, gimme your purse."

"When we got him in a line-up," said Nash, "we asked him to say, 'Give me your purse, give me your purse.' He responded with 'Gimme your purse, gimme your purse, gimme your purse.' He said it three times out of a natural reflex."

What makes a detective successful? Nash had no simple answer: "Each puzzle is different. Each robbery is different."

The victims have to help—they have to supply us with the information. Each piece of information fits into place after you get through.

"You have to pay attention to fine details," he continued, "pick them out. A lot of times you may have another case with all the details, but if you don't see the similarities between the case you are working on and a similar case, the criminal might go back out."

Detective Nash apparently pays attention to details and sees similarities. Between September and December last year he was called in on 30 investigations. In connection with his investigations 22 warrants were issued. And in every case that has come to trial but one, Detective Nash and his helpers collected sufficient evidence to obtain a conviction.

Seventh District

The regular monthly meeting of the Seventh District police Community Affairs Committee will be on April 1, 1980 at 7:00 P.M. at the Yalem Center, 724 N. Union.

Since homicide is the fourth leading cause of death in St. Louis for the past year, and our District has had its share of this blight, the speaker should be of special interest.

Sgt. Kirwan Young of Homicide will be on hand to describe his work. Nicknamed "The Finder" by his brother officers, Sgt. Young has had success in finding necessary witnesses in homicide cases. His technique is to know the people, and to have their trust. He will be glad to answer questions, and tell us how we—the citizens—how we can help make "finding" more reliable for the police, and safer for us.

Be on hand for this interesting presentation.

Educational Counselor Helping Others Help Themselves

When it comes to helping others help themselves, Adele Levine relishes the task.

Levine is counselor at the Skinker-DeBaliviere office of the Educational Opportunity Centers of St. Louis. Her office is located at 6008 Kingsbury. Her job is to offer free counseling on career opportunities and educational programs as well as free assistance on admissions and financial aid applications.

Levine is one of seven professional counselors in the metropolitan area assigned to help citizens improve themselves through higher education and training.

The program, operating under the Higher Education Center of St. Louis, is financed by the U.S. Office of Education.

Levine comes well-prepared for her assignment. She has an undergraduate degree from Brandeis University in Massachusetts and a master's in urban affairs from St. Louis University.

Perhaps more important is her attitude.

"I enjoy assisting individuals to increase their self-awareness and utilize their maximum potential in both their personal and professional lives. I have particular interest in working with the fe-

male who is either considering a career for the first time in her life, as well as the person contemplating a career change," says Levine.

Persons of any age or income level are eligible for EOC's free services. Anyone interested in improving his or her potential through higher education or training may call the Skinker-DeBaliviere Center at 725-4949.



Gena Burroughs and Gerald Hayes, counselors at the Midtown Educational Opportunity Center, 1408 N. Kingshighway, discuss career exploration techniques with Adele Levine, counselor at the Skinker-DeBaliviere EOC at 6008 Kingsbury.

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Pet Panoply

by Tom Hoerr

Short of owning a villa on the Mediterranean or shares in gold futures, pet ownership can be one of the most gratifying experiences in anyone's life. Once the decision to own a pet is made, the choice of which kind of pet to get becomes paramount.

While elephants, for example, are quiet and generally amiable animals, they do present major yard clean-up problems. Likewise, giraffes are pleasant docile creatures, yet they play havoc with chandeliers and hanging plants.

It is generally recognized that dogs and cats are the most common pets. This is due to the anthropomorphic characteristics they share and the fact that they are both easy spelling words. If you ever ask a second grader to spell orangutan, you'll understand why they're such uncommon pets.

One often overlooked pet is the fish. Many people assume that fish are "just there" (like a birthmark) and devoid of personality; not so! A well-trained fish can give hours of pleasure to its master as it fetches the paper, speaks for treats, and chases stray cats found in the yard. The Doberman fish is well known for its sentry-like qualities and the Collie-fish (made famous by the movie star, Lappie) can be a boon to any sheepfarmer.

If a fish isn't your cup of tea (or in your cup of tea), you may wish to consider another popular pet, the ant. Although much publicity does not come its way, the ant's popularity is evidenced by the numerous summer picnics and outings which it attends. Ants require very little care (whereas uncles usually require a color t.v. and a well-stocked refrigerator) and are quite trainable. Newspapers are too heavy for ants to fetch, but patient trainers have been known to teach dozens of ants to do coordinated dance steps and, thus, turn the on/off knob on kitchen appliances. Imagine the little devils holding hands and tapping a two-step on your radar range control knob.

If even the ant requires too much maintenance and time, yet you still long for a companion, may I suggest the eraser? A dab of ink and a little imagination can transform even the bleakest eraser to an ever-smiling little friend. Erasers require minimal care and their good nature means that they are seldom rubbed the wrong way. While the eraser's repertoire of tricks is limited, endless hours of practice and proper reinforcement can enable your eraser to act like a doorstop, ear plug, or chewing gum substitute. Their biggest virtue, however, perhaps lies in the ease with which erasers are paper-trained.

Everyone Learns . . . Everyone Teaches

by Doug Alexander

This spring, the Hamilton Community School celebrates its second anniversary. The leadership given to the Community School over the past two years by its Advisory Board, coordinator and principal has determined its success.

At the April meeting of the Advisory Board, elections will be held for the Executive Committee, currently composed of George Brown, president; Mary Washington, vice-president; Neil Marsh, secretary and; Cal Stuart, treasurer. All areas residents are encouraged to join the Advisory Board as they reaffirm their commitment to Community Education.

Hamilton Community School strives to meet the challenge of the 80's through the involvement of local citizens in the affairs of the school. The Community School increases coordination and cooperation between the school and the community. A diversified educational program, states coordinator Michael Herrmann, is the key to counter-acting the threat of increased isolation between the public schools and the surrounding community. George Brown, Advisory Board president, attributes the success, stability and growth of Hamilton Community School to the efforts of the Advisory Board — area residents and representatives from local agencies and institutions in the Skinker DeBaliviere area.

Educational programs consisting of courses and workshops, recreational activities and special services are available through The Community School to area residents. The programs at Hamilton have grown term by term. Approximately 10,000 residents live in the Skinker DeBaliviere area. Currently, the Community School is servicing over 550 youth and adults in its winter term, as compared to 130 serviced in its first term of operation.

The benefits resulting from a well-designed and carefully implemented Community Education program are potentially great. A U.S. Senate subcommittee investigating juvenile delinquency recommended Community Schools as one of its nine major strategies for reducing school violence and vandalism. Hamilton Community School has met this challenge, as statistics from the Seventh District's Team One indicate.

In an attempt to provide more comprehensive programs for both children and adults, two brochures will be produced for the spring term. A separate brochure on youth and children's courses and activities will be available for distribution in mid-April. Hamilton Community School will begin its spring term right after Easter.

A Family Membership Plan and babysitting service (small charge) are incentives we hope will encourage attendance and participation.

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- Accounting
- ABE
- Ballet
- Basketball
- Afro-American Dance
- Private Music Lessons
- Sewing
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- Slimnastics
- Typing
- French
- Pottery
- Stained Glass
- First Aid
- CPR
- Sign Language for the Deaf
- Consumer Math
- Batik and Tie Dye
- Tennis
- Nutritional Cooking
- Handcrafts
- Speech
- Upholstery
- Small Business
- Creative Writing
- Karate
- Spanish
- Tailoring
- Cake Decorating
- Office Skills
- Gardening
- Small Engine Repair
- Solar Energy

Children

- Tumbling
- Adventure Education
- Modeling
- T-Shirt Printing
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by Glori L'Ecuyer

Remember the nice days we had in March in between the snows? On one of those days a neighbor working in the backyard met Wanda Cox who was just moving into her new home on the 5700 block of Waterman. A former West County suburbanite, Wanda has been pleasantly surprised with her new neighborhood. She even commented on how clean her alley looked! Good going, Waterman block unit! Welcome, Wanda. Enjoy your new surroundings.

Another new arrival to the neighborhood is baby Kelli. She is the darling grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mallard of the 5700 block of Pershing. Congratulations to the proud grand-parents and parents of Kelli.

Randy and Nancy Bailey are delighted with their new son, Mathew Alexander. He's off to a good start, weighing 8 lbs. and 9 oz. Mathew A. Bailey has the whole 5800 block of Waterman excited.

The Collins family of the 5700 block of Waterman have begun their spring with more activity and honors. Dr. William Collins, Jr. will begin teaching a course

entitled "Life and Letters of St. Paul" at the Metropolitan College at St. Louis University. His daughter Deirdre, we are proud to report, has been inducted into the National Honor Society at Southwest high school where she is a Junior. If that's not enough, she was also selected as an alto clarinet player in the All Metro Band.

Another Winner to receive honors is Beth Lake, daughter of Richard and Venita Lake of the 5800 block of Waterman. Beth, who will graduate from St. Roch's soon, was awarded a scholarship to Rosati-Kain high school. Congratulations, Beth!

A group of children from the Skinker-DeBaliviere area who attend Stix school received recognition for their good work and determination at a recent school awards program. Those named to the honor roll were Nicole Sweets and Hannah Gilk from grade three and Chris L'Ecuyer from grade four. Claude Walker from grade 5 had perfect attendance. Talented Nicole Sweets also won

the Oratorical Contest and Tobias Gilk from grade five was nominated for the Optimist of the Year Award. Congratulations to all.

Mr. and Mrs. Willy Ward of the 5800 block of DeGiverville welcomed their son William and his wife Bobbie home for a visit from Hawaii where William is stationed with the Air Force. We express our sympathy to William's wife who was here for her mother's funeral. The younger Wards will be traveling to Europe where they will be stationed.

Residents of the 5800 block of Pershing will miss a longtime resident, Mrs. Lola Barnes. We extend our sympathy to her husband and family. Another neighbor who will be fondly remembered is Mrs. Billy Hayes of the 5700 block of Waterman. Mrs. Hayes died in late February. She had lived in the neighborhood since the early 1950s. We are sorry for her son Terry's and ours as well.

A progress report on Mrs. Harris of the 5800 block of DeGiverville shows that she is well on her way to recovery. You may

recall that her "angel" neighbor, Mrs. Marie McReynolds, has been looking after her since she broke her hip. Thanks to Marie, Mrs. Harris is up and about and will soon be able to resume her active way of life. She is not one to sit around if she doesn't have to.

If you did just want to sit around for an evening in Washington Heights, what could you do? Alton and Blanche Reel, the Lake family, John Taylor and his grand-children, Michael Hermann, Director of Hamilton Community School, and many other residents of the area pulled up their chairs at the Des Peres Branch Library to enjoy an excellent presentation given by Fr. Roy Wilkinson on the 1904 World's Fair. Thanks to the Des Peres Branch for offering such good programs. If it comes again, be sure to see it.

Some of the block leaders are talking about the annual grass-seed program. That's a sure sign of spring. Ah, spring! You and me and a bag of turf builder. Meet you on the terrace.

Vicissitudes



by Marcia M. Kerz

If you've ever yearned to travel on an all expense paid trip to Yugoslavia and Greece you can envy Sean Thomas, son of Nan and Bill Thomas of the 6100 block of McPherson. Sean, age 14, was the recipient of the 1st place "Young Columbian Award" sponsored by the *Parade Magazine*. The annual award is given to outstanding newspaper carriers who demonstrate responsibility in their job. Sean, who has been a carrier for the Post-Dispatch for some time, competed with twenty-five carriers in the Metropolitan St. Louis area. Not only did our neighborhood youth win the 1st place award, but 2nd place was awarded to Anne McCarthy, daughter of Anne and Jim McCarthy of the 6100 block of Kingsbury. Anne, a sixth grader at St. Rochs, won a portable television. Sean, in eighth grade at St. Rochs, will be departing on April 15 for Yugoslavia for one of the most exciting opportunities of a lifetime. The honor for Anne and Sean is another plus for our neighborhood. Congratulations to both of them.

Joyce Stone, 6100 Kingsbury, just returned from a trip to France. A Spanish and French instructor at Parkway School District, Joyce took eight students in ad-

vanced French language for a unique learning experience consisting of one week in Paris and three weeks in LeMans. The students had the opportunity to live with French families in LeMans and attended Lycee Montesquieu, the area high school. While the students participated in French classes, Joyce taught English at the school. In April, Joyce and the students will have an opportunity to reciprocate. Twelve students from France and their instructor will be in St. Louis for a month. The French teacher will be staying with Joyce and her family. We should polish up on our French so we can warmly welcome our visitor.

Special recognition should be given to Marlene Mestres, of the 6100 block of Kingsbury, who recently completed an Associate in Arts Degree in Business Administration at St. Louis Community College at Forest Park. With seven children, it's quite an accomplishment for Marlene . . . and Gene Hoefel, 6100 McPherson, just received tenure from the School of Fine Arts at Washington University. Completing his sixth year at the University, Gene deserves congratulations for receiving tenure which is quite an honor these days.

Elise Humphrey, who lives in the neighborhood with her husband and their five-year old twin sons, was recently appointed as Interim Minister for the

Breitmayer Community Ministry on the Grace Church Staff. Elise will be responsible for direction of the Grace Clubs as well as the 1980 Summer Program. Currently, Elise is working toward her Masters Degree in Social Work at Washington University. Our congratulations to Elise on her new job.

We just learned of another expected newcomer. Pat McLafferty and Roy Bell of the 6100 block of Washington are expecting a baby in September. Our best to Pat and Roy as they await the arrival of their child.

On March 19th, in a Court of Honor ceremony, Scott Shepard, of the 6300 block of Pershing, was made Eagle Scout in Troop 17. Scott attends St. Louis University High School.

As of August, Darla Templeton of the 6000 block of Kingsbury, has been ser-

ving as Director of the Marlborough Hall in South St. Louis County. It takes a special type of person to do the job and in talking with Darla her enthusiasm and commitment prove that she has the necessary qualities. The Hall provides temporary and emergency care for multiple handicapped individuals from 18 months of age and older. The facility, supported by the United Cerebral Palsy Agency, serves in a crisis care capacity to assist handicapped children and adults on a short-term basis. Darla expressed the tremendous need for such care for cases involving abused and abandoned children or handicapped adults who have a sudden unexpected change in the care presently provided to them. For those who wish to learn more about Marlborough Hall, Darla is eager to write more about the facility for *The Paper* in the future.

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