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FOUR CORNERS PROGRAM A SUCCESS

by Ann McKerrow

The Four Corners for Four Evenings program provided our community with an array of entertainment. Residents were able to attend performances by the Community College at Forest Park Jazz Ensemble, the St. Louis String Ensemble, the Muny/Student Theatre Project and the Mid-America Dance Company. Each of these performances was well attended.

Leo Cheers, DJ. from WMRV radio station, was the master of ceremonies for the first performance of modern American jazz. The second concert by the renowned St. Louis String Ensemble captured classical music lovers from all around. Mr. Nick Van Hevelingen, Director of the St. Louis Commission on the Arts and Humanities was the master of ceremonies. The third performance was a dramatization of the tale of the "Wrath of Achilles." This children's play performed by the Muny/Student Theatre Project was the favorite of the aspiring young actors and actresses of the community. Each child was asked to participate as a member of the cast. Mr. Paul Deming, Program



Photo by Mike Bono

Administrator of the Missouri Arts Council, was the master of ceremonies. The final performance by the Mid-America Dance Company was a series of modern dances performed by a top notch professional company.

A thank you is extended to the Pantheon Corporation, the Central West End Savings and Loan, Pitzman Surveying, Commerce Bank of University City, the St. Louis Commission for the Arts and Humanities and the Missouri Arts Council for the funding of this fine series. A special thank you is extended to Mr. Skip Coburn and the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council for their sponsorship. Plans are currently being made to carry on with more programs of a similar quality for our community.

A Christmas Story For Everyone

by Virginia Leguey-Feilleux

If ever there was any one thing that could be considered predictable in young single people trying to make it in the big city, it would be that after a few months they will be moving again to a new apartment.

So it was with me in the fall of 1950 when I traded the traditional apartment living of uptown Manhattan for a quaint brownstone with a four flight walk-up on a narrow street in Greenwich Village.

Christmas was coming, its music was heard everywhere. It was a heady moment indeed when I handed over that first month's rent to my new landlady and could then say I lived in The Village. Coming back to reality I became aware that I was being given a run-down on the tenants in the remaining two apartments. Apt. 2 was glossed over as being occupied by a young couple that gave numerous parties, while the apartment on the first floor seemed to offer more promise. This couple was at least different. He, it seemed, struggled at song writing while his wife supported him by working in chinaware at Macy's. I must have smiled sympathetically because my landlady quickly added that things might be looking up for them, that perhaps he had hit on something after all. He had written a little piece that really seemed to be catching on—a little ditty called *Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer*.

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Redevelopment In Nina Place

by Ken Kress

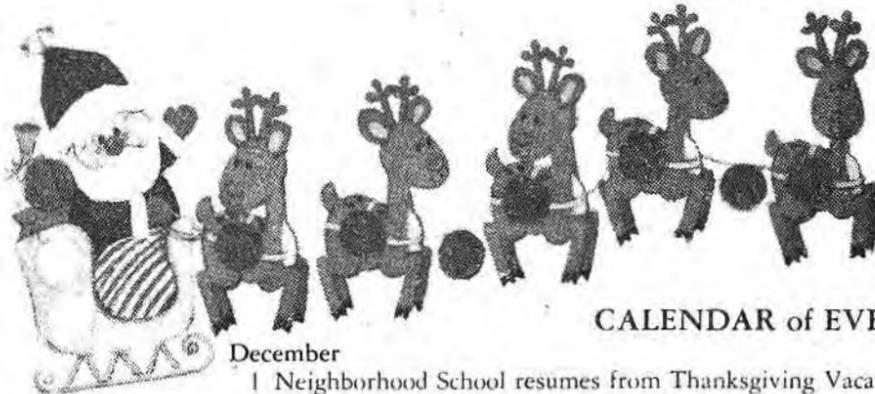
It's either feast or famine. Two years ago there was little or no redevelopment being done in the Nina Place area. Today there are two not-for-profit corporations operating there, both were created late last spring. One is the Nina-McPherson-Kingsbury Redevelopment Corporation (NMKRC) whose board of directors was selected by the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, and the other is the Nina Place Redevelopment Corporation (NPRC) whose board was drawn largely from the Nina Place Block Association.

According to Skip Coburn, executive director of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, the NMKRC is drafting a plan for the Nina area. When the plan is completed, they will share it with the NPRC and with the community.

In the meantime the NPRC has been active. They developed a loan program using funds provided by private investors and lending institutions, and they are offering property owners technical assistance with work write-ups, loan applications, and so on.

According to Doc Netterville, chairman of the board of the NPRC, "Our major accomplishment has been in settling the minds of property owners to the extent that they are not going to leave the area. Most of the development planned for the area will take place, but it's a matter of time."

Currently the two redevelopment corporations are working independently. When asked about the possibility of working together, both Coburn and Netterville were agreeable. Coburn said he expects a lot of contact between the two groups when the NMKRC publishes its report. And Netterville thought the NPRC would be willing to work with anyone—provided certain issues of eminent domain (Missouri Statute 353), low income housing (section 8), and neighborhood participation could be resolved.



CALENDAR of EVENTS

December

- 1 Neighborhood School resumes from Thanksgiving Vacation.
- 2 For Children. Make Christmas cards. Pre-registration required. Des Peres Branch Library. 4:00 P.M.
- 8 Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council Meeting. 7:30 P.M. St. Roch's: No School. Feast of the Immaculate Conception.
- 16 Children: Crafts for Christmas. Pre-registration required. Des Peres Branch Library. 4:00 p.m.
- 19 Neighborhood School Christmas Program. 11:30 - 12:30 P.M.
- 22 St. Roch's and Neighborhood School Christmas vacation begins.

January

- 1 New Year's Day Open House at St. Roch's Rectory after the Masses.
- 5 Neighborhood School and St. Roch's resume classes.
- 14 St. Roch's School: Free day. Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council Meeting. 7:30 P.M.
- 15 Neighborhood School. Martin Luther King's Birthday. No classes.
- 17 Catholic High School Entrance Exams.
- 21 Community School Advisory Board Meeting.
- 31 St. Roch's Progressive Dinner. 8 P.M.

Notice to *the Paper* Readers: This is your chance to tell us what you think.

The Paper strives to stay current with neighborhood interests and be responsive to our readers. Please take a few minutes and tell us what you enjoy about *the Paper*, and what you would like to see in future editions.

Your response to this survey would be appreciated. Return to:

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- ___ Other _____

What other types of information would you like to see included in *the Paper* on a regular basis? (Rank in order of preference)

- ___ Reports from our locally elected officials (Alderman, school board, representative, senator)
- ___ Regular reports from the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council
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- ___ More special features about people in the neighborhood
- ___ Other - Please describe what you would like in *the Paper*

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Remember: Your response can help *the Paper* respond to the needs of the neighborhood.

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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. Deadline 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.

Any pictures or illustrations submitted should be in black and white. The editor retains the right to omit or alter any material.

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As is the custom, there will be no January printing of *the Paper*. Deadline for copy for the February issue is January 15. The staff wishes you a happy holiday season.

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If you would like to be a host or hostess for a cocktail or dinner party, please call Yvonne Christopher at 727-7846, Joanne Reilly 721-8174, Cathy Fitzmaurice 725-0315, preferably after 3 p.m. The price for one person is \$10, \$20 for two. Only reservations accompanied by a check will be honored. The deadline for reservations is Jan. 24.

One extra word to new residents and to those who have never attended the Progressive Dinner before--PLEASE COME! We'd like to meet you, and we think you'll have a super time. After the dinners, dessert will be served at St. Roch's Scariot Hall.

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In the spirit of peace on earth and good will toward man, *the Paper* will not be printing the column "In Your Ear" this month.



City Calendar From CWE

On Nov. 17 Central West End Savings and Loan sponsored a reception honoring young local artists. High school students from the Honors Art Program of the St. Louis Public Schools and from Rosati-Kain were awarded certificates of merit by Mayor Jim Conway. Also present at the ceremony were Dr. Wentz, Superintendent of St. Louis Public Schools, and Msgr. Librecht for the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

The students had contributed sketches of St. Louis architecture to illustrate the pages of a calendar which was the brainchild of Kathleen Hamilton. Ms. Hamilton sees the calendar as a way to celebrate the city while giving exposure and encouragement to young artists. The 1981 calendar, Scenes of St. Louis, is being distributed free of charge at CWE's 415 DeBaliviere location.

Chosen in the competition were drawings of the Ronald MacDonald House by Patti Harris of the 6500 block of Corbett and the St. Louis Art Museum by Sue Santen of 6100 McPherson. Copies of all thirteen sketches were presented to representatives of each of the institutions or private homes depicted.



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They have been placing fliers in the mailboxes of the homes and apartments in our neighborhood.

Recently, one of these villains was caught depositing a Rosedale Neighbors Halloween flier in a mailbox on Waterman Ave. Because it was a first offense, the Post Office was kind enough to drop the \$300 fine, and only charged him the 15¢ cost of mailing it in the first place. A 15¢ check, in a 4¢ envelope, with a 15¢ stamp affixed, was duly mailed.

Another dastardly crime has been solved and the criminal made to pay for it.

Improvisation Workshop

The Off Track Dancers will co-sponsor with CASA a movement workshop in Contact Improvisation Dec. 1 - Dec. 14 at Childgrove School, 6901 Delmar, in University City. The workshop features an exciting form of movement that focuses on gravity, inertia, and momentum. Taught by guest artist and performer Ellen Elias from Madison, Wisconsin. Contact Improvisation attracts anyone who enjoys moving. It is drawn from a variety of art forms such as the martial arts T'ai Chi and Aikido, modern dance, and gymnastics.

The sessions will be taught Monday through Thursday 6:00-8:00 and Saturday 1:00-2:30. The workshop will culminate in a demonstration of Contact Improvisation that will be open to the public on Dec. 14. The workshop fee is \$40.00. To pre-register call CASA at 535-7576.

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A Skinker Who Was Not A Bartender

by Ray Breun

The *Oxford Dictionary* (unabridged) defines a "skinker" as a cupbearer, tapster or bartender. Commonly, many last names are from tasks or jobs performed sometime in the past, e.g. Baker, Cooper, etc. Thomas K. Skinker, Jr., the historian of the Skinker family, eschews this as the source of his family's name. His evidence suggests it is a phonetic spelling for the Welsh "Shinkle." The scion of the American Skinker family, Samuel, came to the colonies in the early Eighteenth Century from Wales.

In any case, it was Thomas Skinker's father, Thomas K. Skinker, Sr., who bought the land through which the street bearing his name now goes. He was born in Virginia (20 March 1805) where he was admitted to the bar after winning a Phi Beta Kappa at Union College. Moving to Mississippi in 1832, he went into partnership with a man named Miller--they owned a plantation. The partnership lasted until 1851. Skinker married Bertha Rives in 1834. Neither could take the climate of the lower Mississippi River Valley so they moved north to St. Louis in 1838.

Peter K. Skinker, brother of Thomas, moved to St. Louis that same year. Both lawyers, they formed a partnership which lasted until Peter's death, 19 May 1843. Although successful, Thomas decided to leave law practice after his brother's death and bought land in the country. He became a farmer, surveyor and gardener. His farm was located on what is now Ellenwood Street. The land included part of what has become Forest Park as well as the subdivisions of Ellenwood and Skinker Heights in Clayton. While Skinker farmed for eight months of the year, for the

remaining four months he took his family to the Mississippi plantation.

In the early 1870's, Hiram Leffingwell and a couple other fellows were pushing for the creation of Forest Park. The two principal landowners were Thomas Skinker, Sr., and Robert Forsythe. Skinker finally realized how the park would benefit his remaining lands west of the proposed park. He talked Forsythe into the project and the park came to be in 1876.

Skinker went to see his old home in Virginia in 1887. He journeyed long through the area and ended up with a bad fever. He was unable to shake the malady. He died in Virginia (2 October 1887) and his body was brought back to St. Louis where he was buried in Bellefontaine Cemetery.

The street named after him, Skinker Road, was originally a rather muddy track from Delmar to Clayton Road. The World's Fair made the clean-up mandatory. The World's Fair resulted in further control of the River Des Peres and made railroads and paved streets a necessity. The Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company leased the entire Ellenwood property of Thomas K. Skinker, Jr.

After the fair, in 1909, he created the subdivision of Skinker Heights on the western half of his land. In the early 1920's he built the Ellenwood subdivision on the eastern half. All the streets are named for Skinker family names or locations. Wydown, as an example, is named after his wife's mother. Skinker Road is named after Thomas K. Skinker, Sr., a member of the bar but not a bartender.

Messages From McPherson

Block Party

2 On Oct. 18, 123 children and adults from the 6000 and 6100 blocks of McPherson met around the barricade to play and eat. From 3 to 5 p.m. all ages engaged in volleyball, potato/spoon races, clothespin-in-the-bottle, apple bobbing, airplane flying and three-legged races. Cider and homemade desserts were shared.

Adult Holiday Party

Adults of the 6000 and 6100 blocks of McPherson are invited to attend a tree trimming party at Judy Crees' house, 6060 McPherson. Each guest is asked to bring an ornament for the Crees' tree. Bring a snack and Y.O.B. and meet your neighbors. The festivities will begin at 8:30 p.m. on Dec. 13. For more information call Loretta Lloyd, 727-0462.

Caroling With Children

On Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. adults and children from the 6000 and 6100 blocks of McPherson will meet at the island to decorate the tree with ornaments brought from home. (Ornaments may be homemade or purchased but they must be non-breakable.)

Following the trimming there will be caroling on both blocks. If you wish to be visited, turn on your porch light and come out to greet your neighbors.

The carolers will return to the island for hot chocolate and cookies. To donate refreshments call Mrs. Dyrden at 863-3164 or Loretta Lloyd at 727-0462.



Photos by Bill Davis

At The Lie-brary

by Arlene Sandler

Some changes for the new year . . . Eating, once forbidden is now required. Everyone entering the library must be accompanied by a sandwich. The limit on books checked out to an individual borrower has been raised to thirty to give us a chance to dust the shelves. A book report must now be turned in along with each of your books. As of Jan. 1, 1981, a small, vicious dog will sit inside the book drop box waiting to bite the hand of anyone depositing mail or record albums.

Sorry, I was leafing through Botkin's *Treasury of American Folklore* and was momentarily overcome by some powerful tall tales. By the way, this is a truly fascinating book. Read about how Davy Crockett grinned the bark off a tree or how to make rattlesnake soup.

During the coming year, I resolve not to tell any more lies if you'll all resolve to use your branch library more than you have this year. The entire staff wishes you a fine holiday season and a happy, book-filled New Year.

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CASA Renovation

A new look is in the making for CASA-The Saint Louis Conservatory and Schools for the Arts as the result of a \$1.7 million "Building for the Arts" program to purchase buildings and equipment and to renovate facilities for the rapidly growing educational arts institution.

"Since CASA's formation in 1974, the student body and faculty have grown beyond predictions," says Stephen Jay, president of CASA. "The Building for the Arts program, now at 61 percent of its goal, will assure that the physical plant will be adequate to serve the needs of CASA's programs now and in the immediate future."

Extensive remodeling and revamping of both CASA's University City location at 560 Trinity Avenue at Delmar and CASA Midtown School for the Arts, 3207 Washington Avenue, are now underway.

The University City location, formerly Shaare Emeth Temple, was purchased by CASA in 1978 through the generosity of an anonymous donor. The buildings house the Saint Louis Conservatory of Music, the CASA administrative offices and the University City School for the Arts, one of four such CASA schools.

The renovation project expands the office area and studio space, calls for a relocated and much larger Conservatory library, scheduled for completion this December, and includes the installation of barrier-free access for the disabled to the school and performance halls.

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Community School Update

The Advisory Board of the Hamilton Community school was recently informed by Michael Herrmann of her resignation as the Community School Coordinator. Ms. Herrmann is leaving that position to assume another administrative position in the City School System. While the Advisory Board regrets her resignation, it recognizes the need to recruit a replacement as soon as possible to insure an effective continuity of school activities. A recently organized Search Committee has been interviewing qualified candidates and the new Community School Coordinator should be "on board" this month.

In the meantime, life goes on at the Community School. This semester, classes

in Upholstery and Aeorbic Dancing have been the most popular and well attended. Next semester, college credit courses will be offered through the St. Louis Community College and the Community School also hopes to organize recreational and athletic activities for neighborhood youth. Brochures listing courses to be offered in the upcoming semester are being mailed out this month to neighborhood residents.

The Advisory Board welcomes neighborhood residents who wish to participate in the planning of community school activities. Anyone interested in serving on the Advisory Board of the Hamilton Community School should call George Brown at 721-3188.

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To Your Health

by P.M. Vigneri, O.D.

Opening of Cold Season Announced!

Is your throat sore? Do all of your muscles seem to ache? Don't have any energy? These basic symptoms with any combination of runny noses, coughs and swollen glands (lymph nodes), give a picture of the grand opening of cold and flu season. As we have been seeing a great deal of such sufferers, People's Clinic would like to share some info with you.

Most people are aware that "colds", whether slight or serious, are overwhelmingly viral ailments. Viruses are little more than particles of active DNA, and as such are much smaller than bacteria and do not respond to antibiotics or any medication readily available at a doctor's office. So we have to content ourselves with treating symptoms, such as prescribing a decongestant for the sniffles, cough medicines and aspirin for the dwindles, etc. We frequently hear that in prior "colds" a good "shot of penicillin knocked it right out of me". If the illness is truly viral, this association is doubtful; that is, the cold neared the end of its course at the same time you coincidentally got the penicillin.

However, there is a substantial grey area where bacteria (those little germs that antibiotics work against) are involved even if a full blown bacterial infection is not apparent. You may have a secondary infection of the throat, ears or bronchi, which is usually less severe. There is the so-called atypical pneumonia that is not uncommon in young adults, which also benefits from antibiotics. So with a



productive cough (i.e. you can cough up phlegm), ear pain, temperature greater than 101° (use a thermometer!), or a sore throat that lasts for more than 2-3 days, you probably should be looked over. Antibiotics may be needed.

Finally, a word on Vitamin C. It has been 10 years since Linus Pauling dropped his bombshell about megadose Vitamin C treatment, and since then, despite several large studies, no one has demonstrated significant benefits. On the true-believer side it can be noted that these studies did not use megadose therapy (most used was 500-1000 mg./day), whereas Pauling advocates greater than 6 grams/day based on the daily amount of Vitamin C that a cat makes for itself. On the skeptical side it can be said that if real and meaningful benefits are to be gained, they should not be so elusive. After all, 6 grams of Vitamin C a day during cold season isn't cheap, all for reducing a cold by a day or two. We will conclude by saying that, if you're a true believer, be prepared to break the 1000 mg. barrier many times over while we await the final word. Until then Ah-Choo!



Neighborhood School Students, (left to right), Tanya Reed, Sarah Voisin, Jennifer Hildebrand, Roell Schmidt, Cheryl Reed, Noah Sax, Hanh Pham and Sheila Magrath prepare potatoes for Tuesday's Foil Dinner at Greensfelder Park's Equestrian Campground in October.

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Patients Rate The People's Clinic

by Anna Brody

A survey of 32 patients at People's Clinic shows that most patients are pleased with the care they are receiving. I conducted the study for three days and three evenings in October.

Patients were asked several questions about the quality of care they received: "How friendly was the Clinic staff?" "How interested was the doctor in your problem?" "Was the doctor a good explainer?" and "How satisfied were you with your visit today?" The majority of patients responded positively on all questions. 27 out of 31 rated the staff as "very friendly;" 18 out of 29 felt the doctor was "very interested" in their problem (the remainder check "average"); 26 out of 31 said the doctor was a "good explainer;" and 23 out of 32 stated they were "very satisfied" with their visit.

Patients at some clinics have to wait over an hour to see a doctor. However, 28 out of the 32 patients at People's waited less than 20 minutes. Most patients with appointments waited 10 minutes or less. Further, 27 out of 29 patients said they did not feel rushed when they were with the doctor.

There were several flaws in the execution of this study. Patients may have identified me with the Clinic and responded more favorably than they felt. I tried to discourage this by identifying myself as someone "doing a survey of Clinic patients;" I didn't mention that I am a Board member and volunteer. I also tried to react neutrally to their responses. Another problem is that only 32 out of 43 patients agreed to be surveyed.

Part of the reason that patients were so satisfied with the Clinic may have been because the Clinic is not very busy during the day. When patients are scheduled a half hour apart, they will typically have a short wait and plenty of time with the doctor. However, patients stressed they were provided with "friendly" and "interested" care. This can be credited to the staff's concern about each patient as an individual. One amazed mother observed, "This clinic is *better* than a private doctor! This doctor (Dr. Vigneri) seemed much more interested in my kids than their pediatrician had been."

From Dogs to Frogs

by Art Santen

Rosedale Neighbors held its 13th annual Halloween Party at St. Roch's Gym. Again the costumes were varied and original. The 200 witches, goblins and assorted creatures were entertained by Mr. Tom Thale who performed a combination mime, juggling and magic act.

The costume prize winners were:

Ted Bynum	Dog
Keelie Christman	Robot
Dan Cohen	Dragon
Steven Gioia	Dracula
Aimee Gotway	Blue Frog
John Gotway	Green Frog
Laurie Gotway	Stop Sign
Shanon Jackson	Midget
Vito Lippi	Witch
Greg Weir	Mummy

During the trick and treating, coffee and donuts were served to the adults on the barriers at McPherson, Kingsbury and Westminster. Washington Heights joined this tradition and Shirley Polk served coffee, hot chocolate and donuts at Waterman and DesPeres. Albert Polk served as crossing guard for the children at that intersection. Rick Bender again served as crossing guard at Waterman and Rosedale. The St. Roch Art class under the direction of Sharon Nelsen made the ID tags for the children. Roy Bell and Pat McLafferty served as judges for the costume awards. (Their beautiful one month old daughter did not compete for a prize.)

A special thanks to Mr. Weisbrod for his generous gift to the Halloween Party.



Washington Heights Dance

by Chairmen:
Horace Busch and Julius Haynes

We want to thank our dance committee for the hard work and long hours spent preparing for our first Dance/Fundraiser Social. It was well attended. Our gross receipts to date is \$2,892.00 and our profit to date is \$842.00. For our first try it was a success and a very enjoyable evening.

Many thanks to all our friends and neighbors of Washington Heights, Rosedale, and Parkview for your support. A special thanks to the following.

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Holiday Activities For Senior Citizens

The St. Louis Area Agency on Aging is sponsoring a variety of seasonal programs for the elderly. Below is only a sampling of the activities offered.



Gift Shop

Just in time for holiday gift buying, the new Arts and the Elderly Gift Shop in the downtown Union Market building is open and ready for business.

The newly renovated shop has been combined with the Spirit of St. Louis Boutique formerly located in the Downtown VIP Senior Citizen Center.

The new gift shop features handmade gift items by older adults and is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

For more information about the elderly crafts gift shop call Loren Bailey at 622-3764.



Shopping Tour

Members of the Downtown VIP Senior Citizens Center, 560 Convention Plaza, will participate in the Target Stores seventh annual Senior Citizen and Handicapped Shopping Event, open exclusively for seniors and handicapped persons, from 9 to 11 a.m., Tuesday, December 2.

Special holiday activities have been planned and free refreshments will be served. Aisles will be cleared for easier mobility, with rest stops situated throughout the store. Volunteers will be available to provide assistance.

Free transportation from the downtown center to the University City Target Store on Olive Street Road can be arranged for any senior citizen by calling Clementine Allen at 622-3713.



Christmas Concert

On Friday evening, December 5, the Downtown VIP Senior Citizens Center will provide free transportation for members to Powell Symphony Hall to attend the traditional candlelight Bach Christmas Concert. Admission to the concert is \$5.50. Advance registration is required.

For more detailed information about the concert call Marika Csapo at 622-3753.

Christmas story

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Not long after, I had a chance to catch a glimpse of our hero. I was down at my mailbox one evening when I heard the latch turn in the door of Apt. 1. Someone was coming out.

I was curious as to what this song writer would look like. Having learned that his name was Johnny Marks and with visions of red noses, I had a pretty clear idea of what I was about to see.

The door opened and closed quietly, but what should emerge from the dim shadows of the hall but a man looking for all the world to be chairman of the board of a firm with a Wall Street address. His mustache was close-clipped, his bearing aloof. He wore a dark suit topped with a black chesterfield and on his head was an expensive homburg.

He moved through the narrow passageway, past the stairs, the mailboxes, and me. I watched him glide through the door of our apartment building, up the steps and onto the street.

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