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Art Fair - House Tour '81

by Skip Coburn

For those residents who were engrossed in other endeavors and let winter "slip away", they will be happy to know that it's Art Fair time again! This year's testimonial to our neighborhood - the fourteenth consecutive - will be held on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10, from noon to 5:00 pm. As in previous years, a variety of activities are being planned for that day.

Artists' and craftsmen's exhibits will again be displayed along the 6100 block of Kingsbury Avenue. Cash prizes will be awarded by a committee of judges in various categories. In addition, there will be the perennial display of neighborhood children's artistic masterpieces.

This year's House Tour will feature five homes with a wide range of architectural style and scale. (See page 6 for more detailed information.) Tickets for the House Tour have again been held to an "inflation-busting" \$2.00 per adult and \$1.00 per child under twelve and will be available at any of the five houses or at the Information Booth in the middle of the 6100 block of Kingsbury. Buses will be provided to shuttle visitors from house to house along the tour.

By popular demand the St. Louis Police Department's Grand Fuzz Band will be back to entertain young and old alike. In addition, Larry Williams, a former resident of Skinker-DeBaliviere, will delight children with his balloon sculptures of animals and magical tricks.

Of course, an Art Fair would not be complete without food and refreshments. As in previous years, neighborhood groups will be offering a variety of "delicacies" from barbecue to those infamous "all purpose" burritos.

Be sure to come and enjoy the day's events! While you are there, stop by the Information Booth and sign up for next year's Art Fair so that we may continue this important neighborhood tradition.



Local Boy Makes Good

by JoAnn Vatcha



Vince Schoemehl, Mayor of the City of St. Louis

On April 7, in an exhilarating moment of triumph, Vincent C. Schoemehl, Jr., 28th Ward Alderman and long-time resident of the 6100 block of Westminster, was elected Mayor of the City of St. Louis. His crushing 2 to 1 victories, first over the incumbent and then over his Republican challenger, make him the youngest mayor in over 100 years--and the first to hail from Skinker-DeBaliviere.

With unabashed pride in the "hometown boy" who has made good, to his wife Lois, those neighbors who have been actively involved in the long campaign and the many family members who are residents as well, our hearty congratulations.

As the media have correctly perceived, Vince's leadership draws on his ability to bring together a coalition of blacks and whites, businessmen and unions, young and old--a theme sounded frequently in the last year. Not surprisingly, Vince Schoemehl feels confident in coalitions, for he literally grew up while Skinker-DeBaliviere was becoming what it is today--a neighborhood with a passion for diversity and for "getting involved." Schoemehl--as have many who wouldn't hear of living elsewhere--has thrived on

the mix of economic groups, of ages, or race and national origin, of religions and philosophies, of public and private and parochial. It's a neighborhood of "doers," of people who like a bit of chaos and variety, people who go to meetings, join boards and committees and sign petitions, hate the staleness of "bedroom communities" and are snobbish about county subdivisions.

The *Globe-Democrat*, oddly enough, acknowledged that Vince Schoemehl "captured the imagination of the voters" in articulating a sense of optimism about the city's future. Those who have lived here in recent years understand this faith in the future, and share it, for the most part. But Vince has taken it a big step further by persuading the majority of city voters that city life is worth saving and capable of being saved.

As Vince has said, "The real, hard work begins now." (All should expect to be asked to participate!) That work has started on a note of joy, winning for the right reasons, not in spite of them. That's a victory for Skinker-DeBaliviere, as well. Congratulations to Schoemehl and company!

Letter



Dear Editor,

As the Community School finds itself in the midst of its Spring Session, we realize that we are blossoming. Enrollment has increased and programs have been expanded. I am inspired, and feel this an appropriate time to urge more of you to get involved in the enrichment experiences and broad spectrum skill building classes. We'd like to call your attention to the classes offered at Hamilton by Forest Park Community College which will begin the week of May 4th. Specific times and evenings will be announced at registration. For further information, call 367-6996.

We need the members of the community to provide us with direct input as to the kinds of programs you would like to participate in. Please give us the opportunity to maximize our services to you and the community by calling, dropping in, or dropping me a line, to let me know what it is you like to take here at Community School.

I assure you your input will be considered and sincere efforts will be made to honor your request. A step further, I invite you to become an active member of the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board is the backbone of our school, representing the concerned citizens of our community. Won't you allow your voice to be heard and join us at Hamilton Community School, the nucleus of a learning community?

Sincerely,
Michelle Lowery
Coordinator

Painting Workshops for Seniors

John Rozelle, well-known local painter and instructor at Fontbonne College, will conduct a series of six "Painting Workshops" for older adults as part of the Visiting Artists programs sponsored by the Downtown VIP Senior Citizens Center and funded by the Missouri Arts Council.

The classes are free and open to all St. Louis senior citizens.

Three "Painting Workshop" sessions will be held in the annex of the Downtown Center, 560 Convention Plaza.

Classes are scheduled on May 11, 13 and 15 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

For more information about the workshops phone 622-3753.

The downtown center is one of 30 city-wide provider sites for programs and services administered by the St. Louis Area Agency on Aging.

Community Council Awarded Grant by Commerce Bank

Commerce Bank of University City has awarded a \$500.00 grant to the Community Council's 1981 Neighborhood Performing/Visual Arts Program. Building on the success of last year's "Four Corners for Four Evenings" program, the Community Council is planning a variety of musical performances and visual exhibitions for this fall.

In addition to the grant from Commerce Bank, the Community Council has received an earlier contribution from the Pantheon Corporation. Both Commerce and Pantheon contributed to last year's program as well.

The Community Council is now seeking additional support from the City's Arts and Humanities Commission, the Missouri Arts Council, and other local business firms.

Skinker-DeBaliviere Neighborhood Improvement Award Sponsored By CWE Savings

This award will be sponsored by Central West End Savings in cooperation with the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council. It will be given an average of four times a year. CWE Savings will present a plaque to the honoree and add to, or open an account of \$50 at the CWE Savings in the honoree's name.

The purpose of this award is to recognize neighbors of the Skinker-DeBaliviere community, who through their own efforts, have contributed to the quality of life in the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community through the exterior improvement of their residence and/or yards through landscaping, renovation, and rehabilitation or otherwise creative visual exterior improvements.

This award is open to residents and

property owners of single and/or multi-family residences in the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood.

In order to facilitate the award selection, the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council has been asked to set up a nominating committee, composed of neighborhood residents representing various segments of the community. This five member committee will identify prospective nominees, and propose them for the Skinker-DeBaliviere Neighborhood Improvement Award. Anyone in the Skinker-DeBaliviere Neighborhood interested in serving on the nominating committee or in nominating prospective candidates should contact Skip Coburn at the Community Council office, 862-5122. Nominations are now being accepted for the first award which will be given in June.



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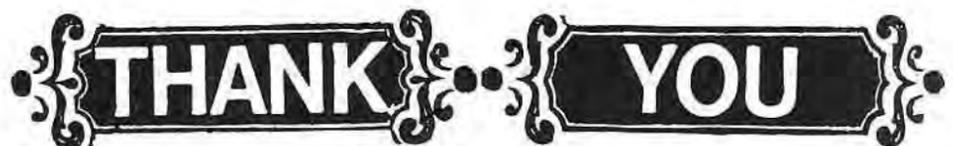
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Father Salvatore Polizzi

Fr. Polizzi Welcomed To St. Roch's

by Kathleen Hamilton

Father Salvatore Polizzi, the new pastor of St. Roch's, stated in a recent interview at the rectory, that he felt very welcomed by the parishioners and neighborhood residents. He added that this was especially evident at the St. Patrick's party where he appreciated the good will conveyed by the people there. Father Polizzi is still getting settled, or as he phrased it: "getting my own house in order before visiting families in the area."

With the activity of Monseignor Peet's farewell reception and the liturgical events of Holy Week, as well as his recent move into the St. Roch's rectory, the new pastor said that more time will be needed to know the parish and its people. But he has plans to visit all the schools in the neighborhood, as well as meet with the area firemen and policemen. Father Polizzi said that he has already become acquainted with other church ministers in the community. One of his major plans is to visit every family in the parish, as he stated: "in alphabetical order, by the end of this year."

St. Roch's is the third assignment for Father Polizzi. His first parish was St. Ambrose, immediately after ordination. He then went to St. Catherine of Alexandria in Riverview Gardens in 1959. He returned to St. Ambrose in 1964 where he felt a close kinship with the people, as he speaks Italian and is fluent in three dialects. His work there gained national recognition.

In welcoming Father Polizzi to St. Roch's, Archbishop May said that this is "A new spring and a new life for St. Roch's." The new pastor views his role as one in which the priest will be wherever the parish boundaries are. He added: "We deal in services. I want the people to know that I am available to help them." Father Polizzi has been a close friend of Monseignor Peet's for many years, and he stated that he is looking forward to his pastorate at St. Roch's. The Skinker-DeBaliviere community extends a warm welcome to the new pastor of St. Roch's.

EVENTS

- 1 TGIF for Seniors. Trip to Shaw's Garden led by Marita Streusch. \$2.10. Depart Delmar Baptist Church, Washington at Skinker, 10 am.
- 3 Concert by Christine Armistead, Carl Smith and guest instrumentalists. Solo cantatas and instrumental pieces by 17th and 18th century masters. Delmar Baptist Church. 4 pm. Admission free.
- 5 Arts and crafts for preschoolers. Des Peres Branch Library, Kingsbury at Des Peres. 10:30 am.
- 6 Living With Contradictions: A Married Feminist, Panel discusses book by Angela Barron McBride. Sponsored by Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. 438 N. Skinker. 7:45 pm.
- Special Story Hour with thumb printing. Des Peres Branch Library. 10:30 am.
- Preschool story hour every Wednesday at Des Peres Branch, 10:30 am.
- 7 National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression. Monthly membership meeting. World Community Center, 438 N. Skinker. 7:30 pm.
- Preschool films. Des Peres Branch Library. 10:30 am.
- NOW (National Organization for Women) monthly meeting. 6665 Delmar, Room 300. 7:30 pm. For more information, call 868-6400.
- 8 Learning Games and Toys, for children 2 months to 3 years. Discussion and demonstration. Des Peres Branch Library. 10:30 am.
- 9 Free Math Tutoring for adults and young adults on Saturdays. Call for appointment. Des Peres Branch Library.
- 10 ART FAIR-HOUSE TOUR, 6100 Kingsbury. 12 to 5 pm.
- 11 Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council meeting. 7:30 pm.
- 14 St. Roch's School Association Awards Night
- 15 Your Questions about Social Security and Medicare Answered. Des Peres Branch Library. 10 am.
- TGIF for Seniors: Guest speaker from the Gray Panthers. Delmar Baptist Church. 10 am.
- 16 Pantheon Party in Kingsbury Square. Music, entertainment, food (including roast oxen). Drawing for 6 month free occupancy. 10am to 6 pm.
- 20 "Pet Responsibility" by the Humane Society staff. Des Peres Branch Library. 3:30 pm.
- "Promoting Personhood Through Books," discussion of nonsexist literature for children led by Lynn Bjorkgren. Sponsored by Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. 438 N. Skinker. 7:45 pm.
- 21 St. Roch's School, no classes.
- 22 St. Roch's School Picnic.
- TGIF for Seniors: Guest speaker from the Heart Association Delmar Baptist Church. 10 am.
- 23 Rosedale Neighbors Meeting, election of officers. Scariot Hall (basement of St. Roch Church). 7:30 pm.
- 25 Memorial Day holiday. Schools closed.
- 27 Neighborhood School Open House. Delmar Baptist Church, 10 am. to 7:30 pm.
- St. Roch's Graduation.
- 28 St. Roch's, no classes.
- 29 Closing day of school: St. Roch's and Neighborhood School.
- Neighborhood School Picnic
- TGIF for Seniors: Trip to Grant's Farm and picnic lunch. Depart Delmar Baptist Church, 10 am.

School Achieves Fund-Raising Goal

On April 5 the precocious pre-schoolers of Washington University Nursery School celebrated the completion of a successful fund-raising campaign by serving a pancake brunch at the Ladle Restaurant. Their gallant attempt to flip a 5 foot diameter flapjack was the culmination of a three month effort in which \$20,000 was raised for a new playground.

Summer Position Available

Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council is seeking an individual at least twenty-one years old for supervisor of its pilot neighborhood weatherization project. Applicants must enjoy working with neighborhood youth, who will be weatherstripping and caulking homes in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area. The position begins early in June and will extend for eight to ten weeks. An hourly wage of \$4 to \$5 for a 25 hour work week is being offered. To apply, contact Skip Coburn at the Council office, 862-5122, by May 22.

Making Hayes House A Home For Hapless Teens

by Ken Kress

On Wednesday, March 25, the Building Commissioner of the City of St. Louis held a hearing. At issue was the licensing of a home for teenagers operating in the 6100 block of Kingsbury. A few days before the hearing, notices were placed on two trees directly in front of the house. One neighborhood resident, Mr. Cunningham, came. Mr. Cunningham testified that the teenagers were no trouble at all. The upshot of the hearing was that the house underwent several inspections and is being issued all the special permits it needs.

What surprised many people about the hearing is that the house has been in operation eleven years. Back in the late 60s W. Alfred Hayes donated the house on Kingsbury to the Children's Home of the United Methodist Church. The home, named after Hayes, opened on January 10, 1970. It continues to be operated by the United Methodist Church and now provides a home for hapless teenagers.

Marie Stark, Director of Hayes House and Assistant Director of the Church's Children and Family Services, explained that the teens living on Kingsbury are usually graduates of the Church's Webster Groves program. "When they come here, they are well on their way to recovery, but they are still young. We try to offer them a family atmosphere, to bridge the gap between living in an institution and living on their own." Presently three girls and two boys live in Hayes House.

A family is more than a collection of people, and Hayes House is more than a house. The staff at Hayes House try to be parents and mentors to the teens. Mary Emery, one of the child care workers, explained, "We do alot of training. We teach them to use the bus system, how to use the People's Clinic. Many of these kids won't have a lot of money so they have to know the resources of the community." Staff help the teens find jobs, fill in applications, do taxes ... anything they need help with.

The staff also tries to help the teens with less mundane matters. Said Director Stark, "In our weekly sessions we try to teach them to speak up for themselves, to teach them independence." And, Stark made clear, the staff also give advice when appropriate. "If a girl is dating a really weird character, we let her know we don't approve."

Once a week the teens and the staff get together and talk. Conversations range over the topics most interesting--and most troublesome--dating, sex, drugs, etc. Said Emery, "We probably do a better job than most families in talking." She explained that it is easier for them to talk with the teens than it is for most parents to talk with their own children. The staff members don't fall apart when a teen talks about having sex or smoking a joint. "We encourage them to talk to us freely, then we just deal with it without getting too out of control."

Living at the House has its duties and obligations, too. The teens have to study in some educational program--regular school, alternative school, or a GED program. They must also have part-time jobs and must work during the summer. Around the House they have chores: they take turns in the kitchen, do yard work, clean up the house; in short, they do all the things kids in a family have to do.

In this way the House becomes a home and the teens learn the skills essential to living on their own. And that is the goal of the House, to prepare them for an independent life. "As soon as they arrive," said Stark, "we start saying, 'What will you do next year?' We ask: 'What are your goals? Where will you live?'" They are continually reminded that they can stay in the House only 18 months and so must plan for their future.

When they do leave, the staff continue to act as parents. (They even think like parents.) Said Emery, a child care worker, "Our kids don't appreciate us until they leave." She continued, "We feel really good about our kids, real committed to them. We keep up with just about all the kids." They may move on to their own apartments, get married, go to college, but usually they stay in touch. Those in college come back during vacations; others return for advice or the benefit of an understanding ear.

The final test of the House and all that's been done for the teens is how happy they are. Said Stark, "We tell the kids, 'Whatever you do, be happy at it.' Our success story might be a kid who turns out to be a waitress; she's making money, dating someone nice. That is success to us."

Count On Your Library

by Arlene Sandler

Suffering from an incurable case of math anxiety, I find this article difficult to write. I'm not like those confident women who sit around truth tables, completely relaxed, in their Cartesian coordinates, listening to the radius. Numbers make me numb. In the interest of public service, however, I must promote our math and math-related books for those who need or enjoy them.

The reference section contains a handy book of real estate tables for those who are buying homes. It discusses equity build-up and the level of income necessary to support a known level of housing expenses. Also useful is the *Mathematics Encyclopedia*, though I mistrust it somewhat because it talks about rational and amicable numbers and I know there are none. Several lazy but resourceful school children have discovered the addition and multiplication tables on page 235.

We have a collection of math books for all abilities from basic arithmetic to Boolean algebra, calculus, and symbolic logic.

New, interesting number books include *Sportsbetting*, which has formulas to help you beat the oddsmakers. *Sportsmath* shows clearly how to compute all the important sports statistics.

Why not get you children off to a good mathematical start? *Preparing Young Children for Math* includes many number, measurement, shape and space games and a list of books and records that make it useful for anyone working with young children.

Just for fun, try *Numerology* or the *Book of Lists* and read about the 5 most hated persons in history, the 15 most boring literary classics, or the 9 most caloric foods.

A volunteer will be available on Saturdays at the branch for anyone needing help in math. Please call for an appointment.

Unmathematical programs for May include one on Social Security and Medicare for adults, pet care for children, and a special series of events for the Week of the Young Child. See the Calendar or call the branch (726-2653) for more information.



Off Track Dancers To Feature Guest Artist For June Workshop

Off Track Dancers announces a summer workshop in dance June 1 - June 26 at CASA Midtown School for the Arts. The workshop features guest artist Richard Bull from the Improvisational Dance Ensemble in New York. Mr. Bull and Off Track Dancers company members will each teach for two weeks.

Classes for beginner, intermediate, and advanced level students will be offered. All classes will be held during the evenings: Beginner - Monday and Wednesday; Intermediate - Tuesday and Thursday; and Advanced - Monday through Thursday.

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Washington Heights Implements Skills Bank

Washington Heights Neighbors are building a skills bank. With the help of volunteers and an UMSL computer, they are developing a system in which people's special skills can be identified and used, traded to create a self-help program for home and community maintenance.

In response to a Goal and Priority-setting Workshop, held on February 21, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williams volunteered to tabulate survey results from a door-to-door survey of Washington Heights residents. The surveys ask residents to list their skills, from paint stripping to reupholstery, from architecture to canning, and whether they would be interested in either trading those skills, or being listed in a skill bank, a services directory of skills available in Washington Heights.

The Goals Workshop asked board members of Washington Heights, and others in the community who attended, to identify the major problems and needs of the neighborhood. Linda Holtzman, workshop coordinator, summarized those results in a report: "As we began to categorize the needs identified into the usual content areas (employment, housing and community development, economic development, health care, crime and education) it became clear that the bulk of the responses did not fall under these labels. Rather, people seemed to look upon conflict, lack of communication and unity as one of the gravest concerns in the neighborhood; with housing and community development a close second."

The Workshop went on to develop strategies to meet the major need with a skills bank emerging as an idea for helping neighbors know each other, and fight inflation as well. Consequently, a group of volunteers developed the questionnaire, and distributed it on March 28.

Mr. Williams is tabulating the initial figures and the University of Missouri will calculate the final results which will have been presented on April 25 at a neighborhood meeting.

Breitmayer Ministry

by Anna Busch

The Breitmayer Community Ministry lost its second program director in October, 1979. Ms. Selma Wesley, after several years of hard and difficult work, decided it was time to move on.

Elise Humphrey came to the Breitmayer Ministry in October, 1979 as a part-time director. At that time, Ms. Humphrey was working on obtaining a Master's Degree in Social Work. She continued to carry on the after-school programs that have been so important to neighborhood youth and parents. Ms. Humphrey began to coordinate activities and fund-raising events for the Grace Methodist Church clubs. Rapp groups began to form, the children became involved in 'Art Fair 1980', and also began an annual car wash.

In addition, the youth began to do volunteer work for other neighborhood organizations.

The Summer Youth Employment Program continued to be a vital part of the neighborhood and the summer of 1980 was very successful indeed.

The teaching staff of the Neighborhood School ran the tutoring component of the 1980 summer program and were very instrumental in its success.

The Breitmayer Ministry continues to address the needs in the Skinker-DeBaliviere Neighborhood in carrying out the wishes and dreams of Douglas Breitmayer. It is my hope and the hope of others that Breitmayer Ministry will live on. If you are interested in the program and how it can be maintained, please contact Elise Humphrey at 863-1992, or feel free to stop in and see her.

Recycling Available

Washington University Recycling Center, located in the university dormitory area (6515 Wydown, South-West corner of Wohl center parking lot) is now planning to be open straight through the summer and hopefully forever! The center is still paying 25 cents per foot of newspaper. No monetary reimbursement is available for bottles and cans, however, as money generated must be used to pay hauling costs.

The recycling center is open every Saturday and Sunday from 12-3pm and students are present to help unload and take care of the recyclables. The only preparation of recyclables is the separation of aluminum from other cans. For further information contact Lauren Gross, 726-3363.

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The home of Terry and Carol Zomphier is a must for viewing. It is tastefully and uniquely done in a manner that best fits the Zomphiers.

The house, you might say, is an example of rebirth, for it was no more than a shell when purchased. With the help of a neighborhood contractor, the kitchen was transformed to its present style. The remainder of the house was finished by Terry and Carol themselves.

Since the house was gutted when purchased, none of the original woodwork or art glass is present. Instead, through the spacing of walls and windows, a very open, airy and modern look has been achieved.

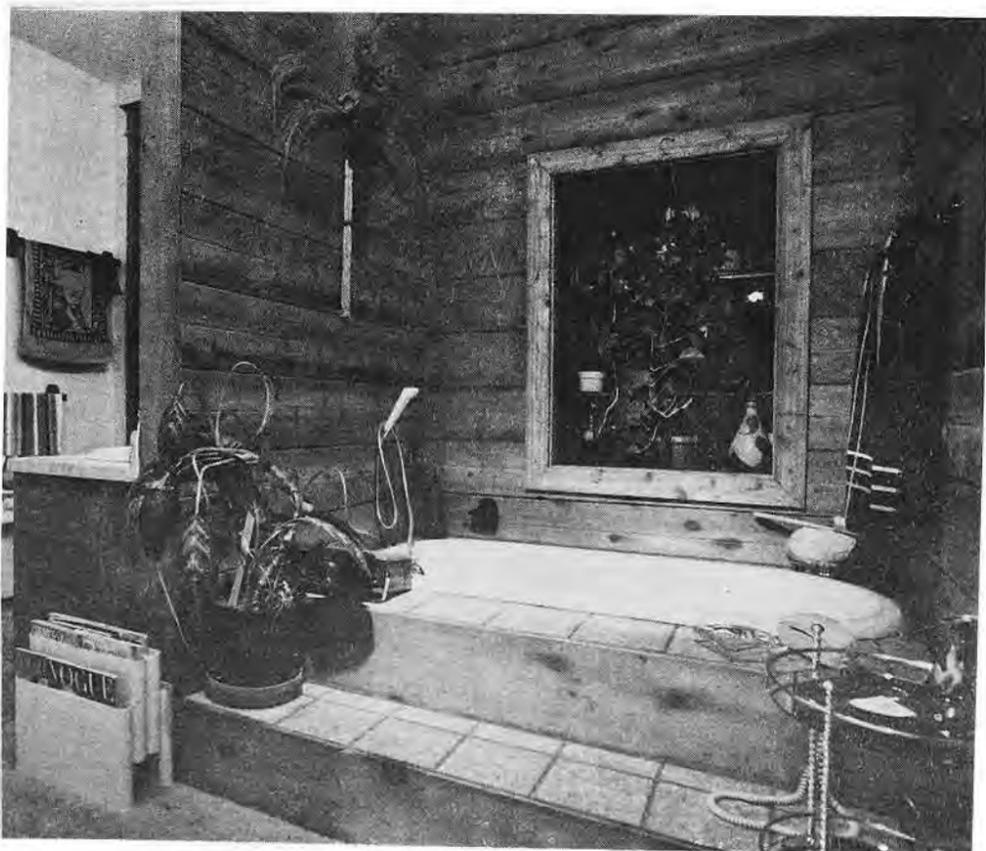
The first floor highlights are an open solarium off the kitchen with a deck beyond, a red metal fireplace, and a half bath, all done by Terry and Carol.

The second floor bathroom is huge and spacious with bath sunken tub and shower. Daughter Christie's bedroom and the master bedroom are on the second floor also.

Your tour will not be complete if you do not share the warmth and loveliness of this home.



photos by King Schoenfeld





6116 Kingsbury

Former University City residents, Gail and Rick Hellan moved into the neighborhood in the summer of 1978. A real estate ad in *The Paper* is what interested the Hellans in the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood. The spacious size of the rooms, the beautiful art glass, and unusual original light fixtures are several of the things that they really liked about the house. Major renovation of the house was done by a previous owner but much of the decorating and cosmetic updating was done by Rick and Gail.

This lovely three story home hosts four fireplaces and lots of rich natural woodwork. The dining room has a beamed

ceiling and a unique fireplace with built-in china cabinet.

On the second floor a sitting room adjoins the master bedroom. Contemporary furnishings have been tastefully combined with family antiques for an interesting effect. The Hellan's two sons, Brandon, 10, and Adam, 5, also have their bedrooms on the second floor. The bathroom which retains the original fixtures has been perked up with colorful ceramic tile.

The third floor has a large comfortable playroom across the front of the house. Large walk-in closets provide lots of storage at either end of the playroom.

Another large walk-in storage room has been converted into an efficient and comfortable office. A quaint but spacious guest room completes the third floor.

Gail and Rick are both active in the neighborhood. Gail is on the staff of *The Paper* and Rick is involved in numerous neighborhood activities.

6185 Kingsbury



The house at 6185 Kingsbury is a fine example of turn-of-the-century gracious living. When Sandy Baker and Bill Keslar purchased this spacious 3 story house four years ago it was a well-cared for house, but a house in need of re-vitalization, especially the kitchen. The kitchen has since been completely rebuilt and enlarged, and now includes such features as a tin ceiling and built-in oak cabinets. A half-bath was also added on the 1st floor and has just recently been completed.

Other interesting features of the house include stained glass windows throughout the 1st floor and stairwell, original natural woodwork, a large and ornate pier mirror in the front parlor, and original light fixtures and door hardware. "Speaking tubes", or an old intercom system, are

visible on the 2nd and 3rd floors. Sandy and Bill have also built a large deck off the kitchen. A sitting room on the 2nd floor has been renovated and is interestingly decorated by artifacts from the Southwest where Sandy and Bill taught Indian children prior to their move to St. Louis.

Bill is presently a contract manager for Bunce Corp. and Sandy is a medical social worker at Barnes Hospital. Bill is also attending Washington University in pursuit of a Masters in Business Administration degree. Their hobbies have included collecting and refinishing Victorian furniture and they have acquired an attractive collection of oriental rugs. It is obvious that Bill and Sandy have worked hard to truly restore and decorate their fine home to its former charm.

6203 Washington

The home of Jon and Barbara Siegel is an example of carefully planned renovation at its best. Much of the original design and charm has been retained. Original light fixtures and natural woodwork are maintained throughout the house. Several porches from the bedrooms and kitchen are a unique structural feature of the house. A third floor bedroom porch offers a particularly nice birdseye view of the neighborhood. There is much original art-glass throughout the house. The formal dining room with its beamed ceiling and plant room is light and airy.

Jon and Barb gutted the original kitchen. They saved the original butlers pantry but redesigned the remaining area. As you tour this house be sure to notice the atrium affect created where the back staircase has been removed.

The second floor has a large and gracious master bedroom with a marble fireplace. A sitting room separates the master bedroom from daughter Melissa's large bedroom/playroom.

The third floor provides sleeping quarters and privacy for the Siegels two sons, Breck, age 14, and Tom, age 16.

Jon and Barb are sold on city living. Being close to church and jobs, access to bus lines and city parks makes Skinker-DeBaliviere a great place to live for the Siegels!



photos by King Schoenfeld



6237 McPherson

The Young house at 6237 McPherson is a spacious family home with room enough for any collector. This large 3 story Parkview house, built in 1904, has many fine attributes, not the least of which are the carriage house and an outdoor swimming pool. This house has been the home of B.J. and Nancy Young and their four children, ages 6, 10, 11, and 12, since

1971. The family has redecorated most of the house in this time, all while Nancy also pursued a graduate degree in psychology at Washington University.

On the first floor, the formal living room is essentially unchanged from its original design. The original dining room, on the other hand, was converted into a large kitchen with room enough for any growing

family. A formal dining room however is still maintained off the entryway. There are four large bedrooms on the 2nd floor and three rooms on the 3rd floor (including a gameroom). In addition the house has five working fireplaces. Obvious throughout is Nancy's oriental rug and antique furniture collection.

The house was owned and renovated

prior to the Young family by the late Phillip Lucier, founder of West End Townhouse, and an early supporter of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council. The house is also mentioned in *Urban Oasis* a book about the history and architecture of Parkview.



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There Never Was Anyone Named Delmar!

by Ray Breun

It was 1855 when the city of St. Louis expanded out to Grand Avenue. That western edge of the city was largely forest and prairie. Fort Jackson later grew up in the area east of Grand along the road to the Lindell farm. It became famous during the Civil War and is now the Frost Campus of St. Louis University. Just before that divisive war Trusten Polk and John Hogan purchased land west of Grand north of Bonhomme Road. The Bonhomme section of St. Louis County ran from just north of Creve Coeur Lake south to the Meramec River, west to the Missouri River and east to what is now Lindbergh Boulevard. Bonhomme Road entered St. Louis at Olive Street and was renamed Olive Street Road late in the nineteenth century. The section of Delmar Boulevard from about Euclid west to about Hamilton was originally Bonhomme Road--but this gets ahead of the story.

North of Olive Street in St. Louis was Morgan Street. Originally called Oak Street, Major William Christy renamed it for General Daniel Morgan (1736-1802), a hero of the Revolutionary War who took part in the Saratoga campaign of 1777. Major Christy was a relative of Andrew Christy who in turn was the bachelor who bought out Samuel Wiggins, his ferry and the monopoly thereto attached which still lives in the business of the Terminal Railroad Association. They are the Christys of Christy Park in South St. Louis.

Getting back to Morgan Street, it eventually ran from the river out to Walton Avenue about three blocks east of Kingshighway. Where it crossed Grand Avenue, however, it had a jog in it. The western part of Morgan beyond Grand was not directly across from the eastern part. It was at this point on Grand Avenue where Trusten Polk and John Hogan owned property west of Grand.

Trusten Polk was from Delaware with strong ties to Maryland. John Hogan was from Maryland. They agreed there should be a road between their properties of significant proportions to act as a main highway west of Grand. Even though Morgan Street ended nearly across from their proposed new road, they decided to name it Delmar after the first syllables of their home states' names.

As the county developed, Delmar was extended west to Bonhomme Road which was called Olive Street Road by this time. Meanwhile, the Polk and Hogan properties were subdivided and the name of the first street north of Delmar was Morgan--the extension of the earlier Morgan Street east of Grand. This was in the early 1880's after the city had expanded to 600 feet west of Skinker Road. The U. S. Post Office now entered the street-naming picture of St. Louis and said long, more-or-less, connected streets with different names should be given the same name for their entire length. The name Delmar was extended east from Grand onto the old Morgan Street all the way to the river. When University City was laid out at the turn of the century, Delmar was extended west to McKnight in a straight line despite the fact Olive Street Road curved and went west north of the proposed Delmar extension. Morgan Street now ran only from Grand west to Walton. It was the railroad that cut across Delmar at this time just west of where Olive Street Road branched off that ended the junction between Delmar and old Bonhomme Road.

This is also the reason Olive Street Road does not take its users to Olive Street as it once did and as its name suggests.

This brings us to the great renaming time of World War I. West of Kingshighway across from where Morgan Street was about to enter the latter due to street extension ran a German-named street--Von Versen. In 1917 when the United States entered the war to end all wars, every city in the nation was changing the names of its German streets. In St. Louis, Berlin Street became Pershing--named for the Missouri general who was commander of the American Expeditionary Force in Europe. One of the first three American soldiers killed in World War I was a man named Enright. His name now identifies the original Von Versen, and it was decided to extend it east of Kingshighway to Grand, replacing Morgan Street as it remained after Delmar was extended to name Morgan east of Grand to the River.

In summary, Delmar Boulevard is the current name for all or parts of the following streets or roads: Oak Street, Morgan Street, Bonhomme Road, Olive Street Road. It comes from the first syllables of the state names of Delaware and Maryland because Trusten Polk and John Hogan came from these states and wanted the road between their properties to celebrate their homes.

However, if anything is certain it is change. Laclede's Landing has renamed Delmar returning it to Morgan Street between the river and Third Street. West of Third Street, Delmar is now called Convention Plaza out to Fourteenth Street. Only time will tell how long it will remain unchanged out to McKnight.



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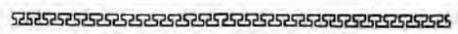
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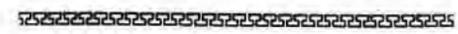
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Vicissitudes

by Marcia Kerz and Lisa Horner

One of the most significant events for many neighbors this month was the delivery of the long awaited Girl Scout Cookies. While some of us barely remembered placing orders, most quickly accepted packages.

The past and present officers of the Rosedale Neighborhood Association honored as many "new neighbors" as could be identified at a "New Neighbors Party" on April 4. The festivity was held at the Hoerr's home. Because of the gap in time between the last such party and this event, the newness of some neighbors was questionable (as with both of yours truly), but all enjoyed the opportunity to meet "newer" people. The most accurate definition of a "New Neighbor" seems to be anyone living within the general area of Rosedale who claims to have lived there for no more than two to six years or who plans to live within the area within the next few years. A sketchy list of just some who attended is as follows: Karen Gornet, Stanley and Linda Jones, Susan Kidd, Evan Dick, Al Roehwinkle, Stephen and Diane Niewoehner, Seth and Maurice Carlin, Lisa and Bill Horner, John Abramson, Sandy and Johnny Sims, Marcia Kerz and Mary Nodiff, as well as a host of others who may have exceeded the stiff definition.

Arline and Richard Webb, of 6100 Pershing, will soon be traveling to Philadelphia, combining business with pleasure. Arline will be visiting relatives while Richard attends a management seminar. Richard has recently been promoted to night manager at SmithKline Laboratory.

Ken and Pat Krippner, 6100 Waterman, are making two new additions to their family. They are in the process of adopting two sisters, Rachel, three years old, and Nikki, five and a half. The girls will be joining the Krippner family in late April or early May, making a total of seven children.

The residents of 6100 Waterman are pleased to see Viola Theil getting around the neighborhood and slowly recuperating from a recent heart attack. Viola, who is 75 years old, is a retired librarian from Washington University.

St. Roch's Men's Slow Pitch Softball Team is "in training" for it's new season. The team will play sixteen games on Friday nights beginning in May. Anyone interested in playing should contact coach Brad Weir, of 6100 Westminster. As previously outlined ("Vicissitudes," Sept. 1980), we understand the qualifications will remain the same as last year: "players must be over thirty years of age, they cannot be so skilled that they embarrass other members, and love for the game cannot be surpassed by consumption of spirits."

Ken Kress of 6100 Pershing is leaving us for Philadelphia this month. The staff of *the Paper* will be particularly sorry to lose his writing, editing and lay out skills, but wish him all good luck in his burgeoning free lance career.

Lisa Horner, 6100 Westminster, had a unique opportunity to participate in the Annual "Missouri Conference on the Young Years" sponsored by the State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in Jefferson City on April 3 and 4. Lisa's PreSchool Parent-Child Program at Francis Howell School District was one of three programs featured at the two day event which is designed to share successful early childhood/parent education programs with teachers and school administrators. The presentation by Lisa and her staff focused on screening procedures for preschool children, and follow-up methods utilized in individual school districts when developmental delays or handicaps are indentified in a child.

Just in case someone happened to miss the newspapers on Tuesday, April 7, we

felt it necessary to mention that Vince Schoemehl, 6100 Westminster, was elected Mayor of the City of St. Louis. Congratulations to Vince and Lois. It's certainly nice to know someone in City Hall.

In one of Vince's first appointments, Jill McGuire, 6100 Westminster, was appointed to the Mayor's Staff to serve as a chief spokesperson for Schoemehl. Jill will also work on special projects and serve as a trouble-shooter for Vince.

Vicissitudes would like to offer a special congratulatory note to all students in the Rosedale area who are graduating this spring. If you are graduating from grade school, high school or college, please let Vicissitudes know and we will place your name in the next issue of "The Paper."

Methods For Recovery

Surviving the loss of someone deeply loved is an ongoing process. As each stage of the recovery process recedes, the methods of recovery are difficult to recall, to document in any clear fashion.

The morning finally comes when petals scattered by a spring rain, even the rain itself, bring delight, and the survivor asks: "How have I come this far?" There is the sense of relief in knowing that no matter what comes, life can never hurt so much again. There is no certain way to arrive at that conviction. The methods vary.

At first all motivation seems lost. It sounds melodramatic, but it is true that existing becomes a minute to minute affair. The best that can be done is to manage brief respites from pain.

In my case the telephone was my lifeline. There was the daily check-in with my mother, my sisters; the talks with a friend suffering a similar loss (we had the understanding that we could call at any hour, for any reason; we would ask: "How are you, *really?*") My strongest inclination was to "turn my face to the wall"; instead I managed to put one foot in front of the other. I remember dragging myself to my weekly volunteer assignment in my child's kindergarten class where the teacher was sympathetic and blunt: "Working in here will be therapeutic - you'll forget the churning in your stomach for a few hours."

The tendency to underestimate the time needed for recovery can contribute to self-recrimination for not coping more effectively. At first relatives, friends, and small comforts like music, chocolate bars, movies, a favorite book, provided my hinges to life. Later, I saw the choice between waiting around for handouts and taking control of my life. I remember deliberately deciding to make a daughter's first communion dress because I wanted to be forced to accomplish something.

I made sure there was something nice for me at the end of every day by giving myself permission to reread many of my favorite books. Instead of beginning the day by throwing in another load of laundry I spent a scant half hour with the newspaper and coffee. I had been wisely cautioned that, for a time, the best life had to offer would be found in simple things.

I extoll the benefits of jogging or any other physical activity as an antidepressant. I've learned to resent the high price I pay for inaction. I have assumed, however haltingly, responsibility for my own recovery. With my fragile new coping skills I know how to soften the demands and expectations I put upon myself. I try not to let the future loom too far ahead ... one day at a time, sometimes one hour at a time; emergencies can be met, and crises eventually go away; something will turn up

Just when I think I've stabilized there comes the day when the children take turns being disgruntled, the sink clogs, the chickweed proliferates the lawn, the garage roof rots, the shower leaks, and the fence sags. If the setback seems severe I implement crisis intervention: alert best friends, delay critical projects until I regain my confidence.

The depth of sorrow cannot be measured, nor can the time required for mourning be calculated. Eventually the periods of strength lengthen. There is a surer sense of self reliance, of willingness to risk, to create, to give, and to receive, to experiment and to discover.

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by Joshua Kohn

In your ear



by Tom Hoerr

Growing older has its advantages. Oh, there are lots of disadvantages all right, but there are some pleasant aspects which must be experienced to be appreciated.

Perhaps the biggest benefit to growing older is that you legitimately acquire wisdom that goes with being a tribal elder. It's not that you actually get any smarter or gain any knowledge; rather, there are now more years of foolish mistakes and trial by error to look back on with an omniscient attitude. Unfortunately, there is no doubt that some of the things that I'm doing today are just as dopey as some of the stunts I pulled when I was sixteen (but I've gained enough experience so I can do a better job at getting away with the stunts!).

Lowering of expectations is a benefit which comes with growing older. No longer am I expected to shovel the snow or even cut the grass in hot weather. (My wife would argue that I never did those chores anyway, but this is my article, so she's out of luck.) I subscribe to the "live and let live" theory of yard maintenance. God put the snow there and if we wait long enough, He'll take it away. It's the same with grass and leaves; who am I to tamper with nature's Grand Plan? Besides, the leaves cover the dirt where the grass didn't grow.

My self-expectations have really changed on the softball field. I no longer expect to dive and snare line drives, land on my feet and fire to first base in one easy motion. (In all honesty, I never did those things, but I can't pass up the opportunity to imply that I have just lost the knack.) These days I consider myself lucky if I finish the game unhurt and with no balls having been hit to me.

Growing older has allowed me to accumulate goods. If you're a saver, you know what I mean. Sooner or later, *everything* comes back into style. (Have you seen the bumper sticker, "The Hula-Hoop is coming!") The longer you live, the more options you have available in your closet. It's just a matter of mixing and matching cartons, shoeboxes, and bags that never quite made it to the Goodwill.

Age also allows one to become an iconoclast. It's cool to be somewhat eccentric when you're "older," whereas conformity was mandated as a youngster. As a teen-ager I actually spent money to take my car to the car wash! Today I have a more tolerant attitude toward dirt and rust. Neither of us (the car and I, that is) are going to win any prizes, but we generally get where we're going. Think of all the money I'm saving on lawnmowers, clothes, and carwashes.

The best part about growing older, though, is seeing my long-time friends turn out to be reasonable human beings. I never had any doubts about me, but I had real misgivings about some of them!

One of my buddies is now a Sports Information Director at a Florida university. That's especially good when you consider that, as college students, he and I used to cut our morning classes to warm up for our intra-mural lunchtime athletic contests. (We also cut our afternoon classes to debrief after the game.) His mother thought that I was a bad influence on him and my mother thought that he was a bad influence on me.

Another one of my friends is now an assistant principal in a south county school district. This guy used to drink too much and lech at all the sweet young things. (He once drank so much that he asked his sister's Dodge Dart to go steady with him. We found him in the parking lot at El Monti's, trying to jam his DuBourg ring on the turn signal.) His mother thought that I was a bad influence on him and my mother thought that he was a bad influence on me.

My closet high school and college friend is now into making big bucks. The best part is that I'm not quite sure how he does it. Oh, he does a little of this and a lot of that; everything from selling Amway to making radiator covers, but the real origin of his money is unclear to me. I don't think he's running guns, dope, or numbers, but I wouldn't rule out much else. He's now living in WesCo (a suburb in the state of Nirvana), eating pork steaks and driving a Seville. His past? Somehow he's changed the least. He always was a con artist. His nickname was the Ghost because of his ability to vanish when work was to be done ("Say, where'd he go? I just saw him here and now he's disappeared into thin air!") His mother thought that I was a bad influence on him and my mother thought that he was a bad influence on him.

Anyway, it's nice to see them being semi-respectable citizens. (I say semi because I just talked to the Ghost and he has some watches for sale at a cheap price. *Real* cheap.) I keep wondering what happened to the good guys, y'know, the ones whose complexions were clear and behavior was exemplary. I suspect (hope?) that they're *still* leading very dull, boring, albeit successful, lives. I wish them no harm, but I don't know if they can appreciate getting older, because I'm not sure they ever appreciated being young.

Oh yes, it's amazing how mothers can be such good judges of character.

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