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People's Clinic Renovates New Headquarters

by Karen Bynum

The People's Clinic, a nine-year resident of Skinker-DeBaliviere, is moving to larger quarters in October. A vacant building at 5701-3 Delmar was purchased last spring and extensive renovations have been underway this summer under the supervision of architect Richard Franklin.

The new facility will contain six examining rooms, a treatment room, and several counseling and consulting rooms. One of the unusual features is the placement of skylights over each waiting area to bring in daylight and create a more cheerful atmosphere. There is a separate children's room off the main reception area and a multi-purpose room for meetings. Of course areas are provided for medical records and administrative offices.

The People's Clinic has evolved over the last nine years from a "free-clinic" staffed totally by volunteers to a neighborhood health center financed by a federal grant, private gifts, local fundraising, and patient fees. The services have also grown. No longer content with providing episodic care, the Clinic now offers comprehensive health care for the whole family. A full range of medical and social services are available

either at People's Clinic or through linkages (formal referral arrangements) with other institutions. In order to receive their grant the following essential services must be provided:

Physician Services—this includes diagnostic, treatment, consultation, referral services, and hospital coverage.

Emergency Medical Services
Radiological and Laboratory
Preventive Services — this includes pre- and post-natal care, well child care, immunization program, family planning and infertility services, and preventive dental care for children.

Patient Transportation

Arrangements for in-patient care with a nearby hospital — the People's Clinic uses St. Luke's Hospital for their regular patients and Deaconess Hospital for obstetric patients.

People's Clinic also provides information and formal referral arrangements for many supplemental services in order to establish a complete health systems for their patients. Among these are: home health services; extended care facilities; other dental care; mental health services; rehabilitative serv-

ices, including physical therapy; public health, including nutrition education and social services; treatment for alcoholism and other drug abuse dependence; vision care; and health education.

The Clinic's federal money comes from a Health and Human Services (HHS) grant initiated in 1965 by OEO (Office of Economic Opportunity) in response to the growing awareness of inadequate medical attention to the poor and its economic and social consequences. The policies and procedures which govern neighborhood health centers are established by national and regional offices and the community Health Council at People's Clinic. To ensure community support the governing board is made up largely of neighborhood residents and Clinic users. In December 1979, the Clinic successfully received Federal support under the Urban Health initiative grant. The purpose of these grants is to encourage integrated health care in medically underserved urban areas, areas with a shortage of personal health services. In our area we have only one physician for a population of 20,500. The Clinic's service area includes Skinker-DeBaliviere, the University City

Loop, and a large area north of Delmar and the Pantheon Redevelopment area.

The medical staff at People's Clinic consists of Dr. Susan Smith, an internist who is also Medical Director; Dr. Phillip Vigneri, a general practitioner; Dr. Arthur Casey, a part-time obstetrician/gynecologist; a pediatric nurse practitioner; two public health nurses; and one licensed practical nurse.

With all the changes in personnel, programs and facilities one thing has not been altered: the philosophy that health care is a human right, not a profit-making venture. The People's Clinic still seeks to provide personalized, patient-oriented health care. Appointments are scheduled to avoid the long waits common in other clinics and doctors' offices. Hours include an evening Ob/Gyn clinic convenient for working women and a Saturday clinic twice a month for the ease of families with children in school.

When construction is completed at the new building and the moving is accomplished in the middle of this month, it is hoped that all neighborhood residents will come for a visit and make an appointment to start receiving People's Clinic special brand of comprehensive health care.

End to Team Policing?

by Veneta Lake

Approximately 40 people attended a public hearing on team policing before the Aldermanic Intergovernmental and Legislative Research/Evaluation Committee on Sept. 9 at Union Avenue Christian Church, 733 Union Blvd. Aldermen Tim Dee, Dan McGuire, Dave Pentland, and Steve Roberts heard the testimony of ten individuals, all but one of whom spoke generally in favor of the team policing concept. The committee had heard testimony from Chief Eugene Camp, Captain Gay Carraway and Lt. O'Connell of the Seventh District at a previous meeting.

Col. SaLees Seddon, a member of the Board of Police Commissioners at the time team policing was begun on a trial basis in the Seventh District, told how the Board had studied other programs in other cities. It decided to try a similar program after visiting Los Angeles, which had established a successful city-wide program without additional funding.

The initial purposes of making every police officer a police-community relations officer and of creating higher morale among the officers making up a team brought about a third result which had not been expected, an impressive decrease in the crime rate over the first three years of the program.

The team policing concept is a management system, not requiring additional expensive equipment, which assigns a group of 40 officers to a team responsible for a

specific area within the district. The team officers are given more responsibility in decision-making and in following up on some investigations. Initially, a training officer was assigned to train team members in the principles and techniques of the system.

During the past two or three years, crime statistics have increased, causing the present Board of Police Commissioners and the aldermanic committee to reevaluate the team policing program and to ask how and why the changes have occurred and if the program should be discontinued.

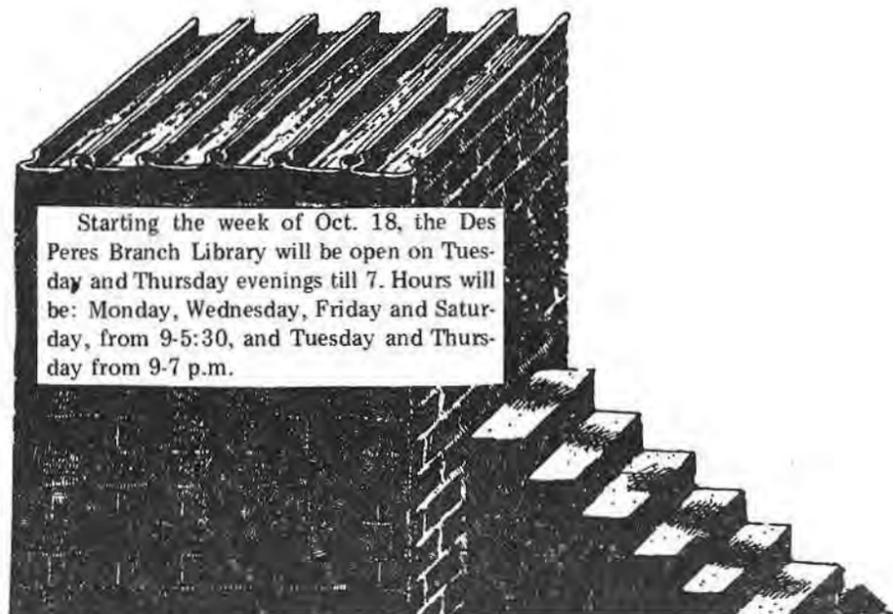
Suzanne Hart, Director of the Crime Commission and former Police Commissioner, read a letter from Mayor Vincent Schoemehl, Jr., in support of team policing which suggested that the program is now suffering from "benign neglect." Other individuals carried this suggestion further, stating that the program has suffered recently because it needs a commitment "from the top," that the problem is internal politics rather than performance, and that the program's past success and apparent current problems deserve a closer look.

One woman, who identified herself as a resident of the area north of Martin Luther King Drive, complained about the police in general, stating that she had been unaware of the team policing program but felt that there is not enough police service or timely response to emergency calls. A resident of the Ninth District described how he and his neighbors had been trying to develop better police community relations and requested that the program be extended.

28th Ward Dance

The 28th Ward Regular Democratic Club is hosting its annual fall dance with music by Singleton Palmer, on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 8-12 p.m., at the Refractory in Kiel Auditorium. The Ward's former Democratic Committeewoman, Mrs. Venetta Barbaglia, will be honored for her ten years of service to our neighborhoods.

Tickets are \$10 per person and include admission, beer, and set-ups. They may be purchased at the door or in advance from any member of the Democratic Club. For more information contact Alderman Dan McGuire, 862-7470, Committeeman John George Storey, Committeewoman Dee Suda, or Dance Chairman, Horace Busch.



Starting the week of Oct. 18, the Des Peres Branch Library will be open on Tuesday and Thursday evenings till 7. Hours will be: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, from 9-5:30, and Tuesday and Thursday from 9-7 p.m.

Letters to the Editor



To the Editor:

What a bunch of crazies this neighborhood houses. They take a perfectly good Sunday afternoon, which we all know should be spent watching football and drinking beer, and they spend it cleaning Forest Park Parkway, which they've already paid the City taxes to do. But that's the kind of craziness that makes this neighborhood the joy it is to live in and it's the kind of community pride that made "The Raiders of the Lost Parkway" a success. I would like to thank those organizations, who, under the gentle suasion of our chief fund-raiser, Cal Stuart, underwrote the costs of the afternoon. Those included were: the Central West End Assn., DeBaliviere Place, McPherson Management, Pantheon Corporation, Parkview Properties, and Pitzman Surveyors. I would also like to thank Central West End Savings and Loan for contributing the buttons and Fred Weber, Inc., who, after an appeal by Father Polizzi of St. Roch's, contributed their water truck. I would like to thank the Urban League and George Kinsey, the Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry for the use of their tools (all of which were returned, thank you). Jim Shea, the Director of Streets, deserves a special note of thanks for the help and cooperation of his department. The steering committee put in a lot of time and I would like to thank Liz Hasler for the publicity, George and Karen Brown, Eddie Sanders and Jack Wright for overseeing the food preparation, Dan McGuire, the beer, but most especially Skip Coburn who did a whole lot of everything.

Lastly, but *most importantly*, I want to thank each and every individual who came. Whether you were representing one of our local churches, schools, Scout troops, neighborhood or condominium associations; whether you were from an area-wide group like the Democrats of Tomorrow; or simply a disaffiliated neighbor who liked the diea, you are the ones who made it a success and made it fun.

Now next year I figure we'll have four groups. One each at Lindell, Kingshighway, Skinker and Highway 40. We sweep through the park raking broken glass and shoveling elephant manure, replacing divots and displacing muggers. We finish up at the Muni Opera for a gala beer and song fest. We'll invite Walter Cronkite and Charles Kuralt. Maybe Frank Reynolds and People Magazine. . . .

Sincerely,
Roy Bell

October Calendar

- 1 Film, The Man and the Snake and Son of Frankenstein. Des Peres Branch Library. 4:00 p.m.
- 2 Delmar Senior Adults. Trip to Planetarium \$1.00. 10:00 a.m. Game Day for Children, Des Peres Branch Library. 3:30 p.m.
- 3 Neighborhood School Garage-Rummage Sale, 6063 McPherson. 8:00 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 5 Exercise Class begins in St. Rochs Gym. 10 weeks for \$10.00. Chess. Des Peres Branch Library. 4:00 p.m.
- 7 Pre-school story hour. Des Peres Branch Library. 10:00 a.m.
- 8 Film, Tell Tale Heart and The Wolfman and Bride of Frankenstein, Des Peres Branch Library, 4 p.m.
- 9 Game Day for Children. Des Peres Branch Library. 3:30 p.m. Delmar Senior Adults. Travelogue and lunch \$1.50. 10:00 a.m. Delmar Baptist Church.
No classes St. Rochs. Teachers Institute Meeting.
28th Ward Democrats Meeting. 8:00 p.m. 1900 McCausland.
- 10 St. Rochs Flea Market, Scariot Hall. 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- 12 Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Chess. Des Peres Branch Library. 4:00 p.m.
- 14 Pre-school story hour. Des Peres Branch Library. 10:00 a.m.
- 15 Film, Phantom of the Opera. Des Peres Branch Library. 4:00 p.m.
- 16 Game Day for children. Des Peres Branch Library. 3:30 p.m. Delmar Senior Adults. Trip to Jefferson Barracks Historical Park and picnic lunch. \$1.50. 10:00 a.m.
- 17 28th Ward Democratic Dance. Kiel Auditorium. 8:00-12:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00.
Schools and Careers: How to get information. Program by Steve Colbert, Educational Opportunity Center. 2:00 p.m. Des Peres Branch Library.
- 19 Chamber Music, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. Grace Methodist Church, Waterman and Skinker. 8:00 p.m. Chess, Des Peres Branch Library. 4:00 p.m.
- 21 St. Rochs pictures. 9:00 a.m.
7th District Businessmen's Lunch, guest speaker Mayor Vincent Schoemehl. Union Avenue Christian Church, 733 Union Blvd. \$6.00 at door.
Pre-school story hour. Des Peres Branch Library. 10:00 a.m.
- 22 Film, Frankenstein Saga. Des Peres Branch Library, 4:00 p.m. Delmar Senior Adults. Trip to Chatillon-DeMenil House \$1.00. Lunch \$1.50. 10:00 a.m.
- 23 Game Day for children. Des Peres Branch Library. 3:30 p.m.
- 24 James Ward Concert. Jazz, rock, gospel, rhythm, and blues. Memorial Presbyterian Church, Wydown and Skinker at 8:00 p.m. Admission free, donations are requested.
- 26 Chess, Des Peres Branch Library. 4:00 p.m.
- 28 Pre-school story hour. Des Peres Branch Library. 10:00 a.m.
- 29 Film, Matthew Manning. Des Peres Branch Library. 4:00 p.m.
- 30 Spooks and Stories for brave children, grades 2-6. Des Peres Branch Library, 4:00 p.m.
Rosedale Neighbors Costume Party. Scariot Hall. 8:00 p.m. Adults only. Delmar Senior Adults. Fall and Halloween crafts, lunch \$1.50. Delmar Baptist Church. 10:00 a.m.

For Adults Only:

Wondering what to do with that old gorilla suit sitting in the basement, or Aunt Minnie's old wedding gown? Are you tired of always making costumes for your kids? Here is your big chance. The Rosedale Neighbors will be sponsoring a Halloween Costume Party, Oct. 30, beginning at 8 p.m. at Scariot Hall. There will be fun, refreshments, and prizes. All adults are welcome. Admission is free with cash bar.

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 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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Announcing

First Neighborhood Improvement Award

Kitty and Mike Buckley, 6055 Westminster, have received the first Skinker-DeBaliviere Home Improvement Award which was presented to them at the Four Corners Concert on Sunday, September 20. The award is sponsored by the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council and Central West End Savings and Loan. The Buckylys received an engraved plaque and a \$50 Passbook Savings Account at Central West End Savings.

The purpose of this award is to instill pride and interest in the Skinker-DeBaliviere Neighborhood, and to recognize the efforts of individuals who have made exterior improvements to their property which have visually enhanced the appearance of the neighborhood.

The Buckylys were selected after nominations were received by the Neighborhood

Home Improvement Committee. Members of the Committee are Joe Botz, Anna Busch, Sam Green, Beverly Taylor, and Linda Thomas. The Award will be given three times a year; in the fall, winter and spring. Properties can be re-nominated, and Committee members are happy to accept nominations. Only exterior improvements of a property are considered and there must be some degree of visibility to the improvements. The improvements can be to a house or apartment, may be recent or longstanding, and can include landscaping. Committee members can nominate recipients in any part of the neighborhood.

Congratulations to Kitty and Mike Buckley for consistently adding to the beauty of the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood.

Stopping Crime Is a Matter of Habit

by Skip Coburn

These days it seems like everywhere you go there is a newspaper article or television documentary about crime and what to do about it. For instance, there was the recent front-page article in the *Wall Street Journal* (even financial barons are vulnerable) about hundreds of "citizen patrols" being organized in suburban enclaves throughout the country. Or how about the article which appeared in the Lafayette Square neighborhood newspaper instructing you on the finer points of protecting your home, such as: "reinforcing the door strike by removing the inside trim molding and inserting a flat piece of steel about 18 inches long"?

Citizen patrols (or our own indigenous version called "crimeblockers") and intricate directions on securing your home are all well and good, but these responses to crime are not enough. All the crime prevention measures in the world won't help unless we practice good security habits. Simply put, we have to live right if we are going to stop crime.

First, the locks for your doors and windows have to be used to prevent burglars from entering your home. It is amazing

how many break-ins occur because someone forgot to lock a door or a window. Even if you are just going across the street in broad daylight to chat with a neighbor — lock all doors! And surely by now we ought to know that many (probably most) daytime break-ins are executed by burglars entering a basement opening from the backyard.

Then there are unsecured fences which enable burglars to get into backyards where they are unlikely to be spotted by a neighbor. Or how about gates between houses which are left open, converting the gangway into a convenient escape route? Ladders left in backyards can also be used by burglars to enter a home from an upstairs window. Not to be overlooked either is the suspicious character you saw in the alley behind your house who you decided *not* to report because you might be wrong.

I could drag this on endlessly but I hope the point has been made. Too many crimes occur in our neighborhood (and others for that matter) because we are careless and negligent. More cops on the street and expensive security systems may make you *feel* safe, but good security habits will do the most to *make* you safer.

Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts

St. Louis Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, a joint project of the St. Louis Arts and Humanities Commission and the St. Louis University School of Law, is a pilot program which will provide free legal services to artists and arts organizations which meet eligibility criteria. A referral service, based at St. Louis University School of Law, will refer eligible clients to participating metro area attorneys who have agreed to contribute legal services free of charge. Participating attorneys specialize in a variety of arts-related areas such as contract law, copyright law, not-for-profit incorporation, etc. The St. Louis project is the first chapter of the Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts to be established in Missouri.

Program Coordinator and Skinker-DeBaliviere neighbor, Marvin Nodiff, will

screen potential clients. If they meet eligibility criteria, they will be referred to the appropriate participating lawyer. To be eligible, individual artists and arts organizations must have incomes or annual budgets below a predetermined amount, and the legal issue for which assistance is being sought must be directly related to their artistic pursuits.

Further information regarding the services available through St. Louis Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts and eligibility guidelines, are available from: St. Louis Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, c/o St. Louis University School of Law, 3700 Lindell, St. Louis, Mo. 63108. Or call 658-2778, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Crossroads Survey Completed

During July a survey of the Skinker-De-Baliviere Neighborhood was conducted by the faculty and students of the Crossroads School. The purpose of the survey was to measure neighborhood perceptions and attitudes towards problems affecting this area of the City. It is hoped the results of this survey will assist neighborhood groups in

addressing major concerns of Skinker-De-Baliviere residents.

The survey was based on door-to-door interviews of 151 households which were randomly selected. The results of the survey are printed below. Anyone wishing a copy of the survey or more information concerning the survey can call Skip Coburn at 862-5122.

- How do you normally hear about what is happening in our neighborhood?
 - Attending neighborhood organization meetings. 13%
 - Reading the neighborhood newspaper. 53%
 - Participating in a political organization (e.g., ward club). 6%
 - Involvement with a neighborhood church group. 6%
 - Other (please indicate). 22%
- In the event you have a problem or complaint concerning our neighborhood, whom would you be most likely to contact?
 - Representative of a neighborhood organization. 36%
 - Representative of a neighborhood church. 9%
 - Elected official (e.g., Alderman). 30%
 - Representative of a government agency. 9%
 - Other (please indicate). 16%
- What do you think is the biggest single problem in our neighborhood?
 - Crime. 24%
 - Condition of housing. 15%
 - Lack of stores and shops in the neighborhood. 38%
 - Lack of social services. 10%
 - Other (please indicate). 13%
- How would you describe the level of police protection in our neighborhood?
 - Not adequate enough. 26%
 - Adequate. 47%
 - More than adequate. 10%
 - Uncertain. 17%
- What do you believe is the biggest problem with housing in our neighborhood? (answer one)
 - Too many single-family homes which are not being properly maintained. 12%
 - Existence of derelict or vacant apartment buildings in certain parts of our neighborhood. 31%
 - Lack of adequate housing for low-income families. 23%
 - Lack of enforcement of city building and housing codes. 17%
 - Other (please indicate). 17%
- What would be your preference for social services, which are presently *not* being offered to any great extent to neighborhood residents? (answer one)
 - Outreach programs for the elderly (e.g., "meals on wheels"). 20%
 - Day care/child care. 30%
 - Family counselling. 16%
 - Treatment of special social problems (e.g., alcoholism, drug addiction). 14%
 - Other. 20%
- The City of St. Louis will shortly complete the Lucier Park, which will be located at Hamilton and Westminster. In planning possible future additions to this park, what would be your preference for such improvements? (answer one)
 - More athletic facilities for older children and adults. 23%
 - Playground facilities for younger children. 25%
 - Park benches, trees, and more shrubbery. 15%
 - Lighting so the park can be used at night. 26%
 - Other (please indicate). 11%
- What single improvement would you like to see in the commercial areas which are closest to our neighborhood?
 - Improvement of existing store facades. 13%
 - Clean-up of trash and litter in commercial areas. 28%
 - More small retail shops. 24%
 - More large-scale stores (e.g., department store, supermarket). 30%
 - Other (please indicate). 5%
- Our neighborhood has had a community education program for the last three years. What would be your preference for additional or new community education activities which could be planned in the future? (answer one)
 - Adult education programs to help those residents who want to go back to school. 18%
 - Vocational counselling for those residents who are unemployed or want better jobs. 41%
 - After school activities for children (e.g., field trips, hobbies, etc.) 22%
 - Formal athletic programs for teenagers and young adults. 13%
 - Other (please indicate). 16%
- Besides police and fire protection, what single public service would you like to see maintained or restored (if not currently in operation) by City Hall?
 - Weekly street sweeping. 23%
 - "Bulk pick-up" of items along alleys. 36%
 - Street lighting along residential streets. 13%
 - Street and sidewalk repair. 19%
 - Other (please indicate). 9%

Pen Pal Request Boomerangs

by Joan Bender



Nanette Thomas of 6100 McPherson had been thinking about finding a pen pal for such a long time. Finally she decided to do something about it. Australia sounded like an interesting place and there wouldn't be a language problem, so she settled on that. But, how does one go about finding a pen pal?

Bill Thomas, Nanette's dad, suggested that she write to a newspaper in one of the cities. She then wrote to a paper in Brisbane, which is the capital, principal seaport, and largest city of Queensland. It is situated in the southeast near the Pacific Ocean and has a population of about 700,000.

The editors of the "Sunday Sun" were kind enough to print Nanette's request, to which she received 79 replies. There were 25 letters in the first group the mailman delivered. Nanette was astounded and the entire Thomas family was caught up in reading the mail. The mailman suggested she would have to get a job to pay for all the postage.

One 84-year-old Australian grandmother wrote to request that Nanette write to her granddaughter. She did and kept five other pen pals besides. Not one to disappoint her friends "down under," Nanette paired them off with pen pals from the neighborhood and St. Roch's school, where she is in the eighth grade.

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CONTACT's telecommunications service for the deaf is a means for deaf and hearing

people to communicate with each other on the telephone. The CONTACT volunteer receives the message of a deaf person on a teletype, reads the message to the hearing person and then types back a reply to the deaf person. It provides a hearing impaired CONTACT's telecommunications service for the deaf is the only service of its kind in the state of Missouri or Southern Illinois. Telecommunications service volunteers receive 10 hours of individualized training.

For more information and an application, call CONTACT at 314-725-5719, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Awards Given to Scout Troop



Hugh Bender, an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 98, received the Order of the Arrow National Distinguished Service Award at the bi-annual meeting of the University of Texas at Austin on Aug. 14, 1981. The award is the highest recognition of the Boy Scouts of America's Honor Camping Society and is given for outstanding service at the sectional, regional, and national levels.

Only one other person from the St. Louis Area Council has received this award, namely Hugh's brother Bert. Hugh has served as Chapter, Lodge, and Sectional chief and ran training sessions at two national bi-annual meetings. A senior at St. Louis University, Hugh is an active promoter and participant in Ultimate Frisbee, when not working for UPS.

David Stanton, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 98, received his Eagle Award at a Court of Honor at St. Roch's on Sept. 9, 1981. The Eagle is the highest rank a Scout can attain. Mr. Hugh Bertsch presented the award for the St. Louis Area Council.

In addition to the usual scouting experiences, David served as Senior Patrol Leader for Troop 98 and in 1980 attended Philmont Scout Reservation in New Mexico. David is a graduate of University City High School where he was a member of the Chess Club and the Marching Band. David, a National Merit Scholar Finalist, now attends Stanford University.

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The Making of a Raider

by Terrol T. Zomphier



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Looking through my closet, and wishing I hadn't donated my Army fatigues to the Goodwill, I wondered, "What would Indiana Jones wear on a mission like this?"

I settled for denim jeans, a striped shirt with three buttons missing, a pair of old riding boots, and after looking out the window, a waterproof jacket with hood. I left my passport, cyanide tablet, and secret message decoder in my dresser drawer, along with my "Walther PPK," trusting I would not need them. My contact had told me I would be supplied with all the necessary equipment.

After saying farewell to my wife and daughter, I gazed at my surroundings as if seeing them for the last time.

I arrived at the meeting place, Skinker and Forest Park Blvds., and waited inconspicuously for one of the raiders to identify me by the yellow carnation I wore in my waistband and give me the "secret password."

No one approached me. I dared to come closer, wondering if the raid had started without me. Then I saw the rest of them, too many to count at a glance, with women and children among them. I must say they were well-equipped, with shovels, rakes, and brooms.

Then, somewhere out of the bushes, a voice called. Not hearing the password, I did not respond. A stranger walked toward me, with a shovel in one hand and a large green bag (full of treasures, no doubt) and said, "Are you here to help?" Beads of perspiration began to form on my brow, then I saw it, his badge. It was round with green and white. Written boldly across its face, "Raiders of the Lost Parkway." I had found the raiders, or had they found me?

It dawned on me that the real mission was to restore the parkway to a resemblance of its former beauty without the

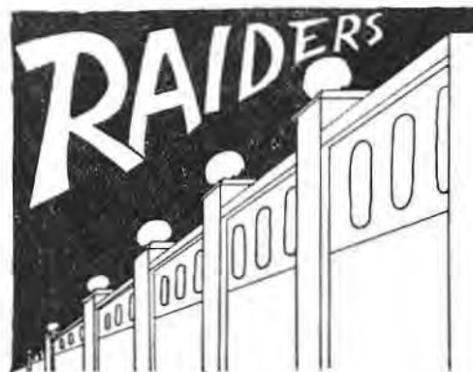
eyesore of the aluminum cans, broken bottles, and debris tossed from automobiles by thoughtless passengers. There were also mounds of weeds, leaves, and broken tree limbs to be removed.

We marshaled our forces and began the enormous task before us. There we were, all of us with a stake in this community, and wanting the rest of the world to recognize our pride and our concern for this relic from the 1904 World's Fair.

Although our plans were to start at Skinker and end at Kingshighway, we stopped short at DeBaliviere, only because the barricades were to be removed and traffic would resume. We were not short of enthusiasm.

Afterwards, we enjoyed hot dogs, soft drinks, and beer. A good round of conversation was had by all, each with his own heroic experience and the quarters that turned out to be bottle caps. On one thing we all agreed — we had done a good deed.

So when the call goes out to "Join the Raiders," feel safe to join in. The worst that could happen is you might get your hands dirty. The best thing is that you could help build pride in your community and earn your own "Raiders of the Lost Parkway" badge.



Anything But Curmudgeon

by Ray Breun

A cascade of explorers came down the central Mississippi Valley in the seventeenth century. Marquette, Joliet, Duluth, Cadillac, Hennepin and LaSalle are just a few names from those early days. Actually, Cadillac did not make it to the Mississippi, but he was governor of Louisiana Territory from 1712 to 1716 and he also founded Detroit. Hennepin was really more Belgium than French, but he and LaSalle were the team that founded Fort Crevecoeur near what is now Peoria, Illinois. Hennepin left the fort ahead of LaSalle, was captured by Indians just south of where the Illinois River enters the Mississippi, and taken to the north where he is immortalized in county and street names in Minnesota. LaSalle continued down the Mississippi unaware that Hennepin had been captured and came to the mouth of the great river on 9 April 1682. He claimed all the land for France and was the first to give it the name Louisiana. Ironically he was killed by his own men while seeking the mouth of the river from the Gulf of Mexico in 1687.

The English and the Spanish were putting the squeeze on the French when Laclède, Maxent and company arranged for a trade monopoly with the Osage Indians at the mouth of the Missouri in 1763. Maxent stayed in New Orleans while Pierre Laclède headed north before winter set in. In November he picked his spot and settled in at Fort Chartres. Late on Tuesday, 14 February 1764, his crew of *engages* landed at what would become St. Louis. He was not there when, on 15 February, they began to clear the bluff and sort out the homesites from the trading post buildings. He was busy marketing his location on the west side of the river out of English control now that the French had lost the French and Indian War and had to surrender all lands east of the river to the British. Some of the people from Fort Crevecoeur were among the emigres who moved west over the next few months to turn the trading post into a medium sized (for that time) river village. It was west of the British lands, near the Missouri River and above flood waters on the limestone bluff which later was to become part of the bedrock for the Gateway Arch. When Laclède finally did settle down, he brought his paramour, the estranged wife of one Rene (Renatus) Chouteau, to live with him and his new neighbors. He built her a separate house and her single legitimate son, Auguste, lived with her. Laclède had four children by her, all named Chouteau and all eventually to become the aristocracy of that era. He died in 1778 near the mouth of the Arkansas River where he was buried. He was apparently on his way back to St. Louis after two years of business in New Orleans.

From Laclède's time until well into the 1840's, the French influence was central to the "spirit" of the city. The opposite of curmudgeon, the French were at least gregarious — with anyone who happened to be around. Early American Puritan missionaries who passed through the city always commented on the French parties. Men and women would party together in the streets and on top of that, they apparently preferred to party on Sunday. Even the blacks

who lived in the town partied with the French. They had no social distinctions — except that their parties were with distinction and known up and down the river.

The fur traders were friendly even with the Indians. Jacques Clamorgan has been reputed to have had 23 wives — 19 of them among the Indian tribes he visited when he collected his furs. He probably did not have quite that many, but everyone is sure he had at least four. Clamorgan provided for all and the children were educated. He gave Esther, a black woman, a block of what is now Laclède's Landing and she was a free landowner in St. Louis in 1793. The French were the only European group to forthrightly mix with all the inhabitants of any land they came upon. They did not disparage "half-breeds" as the English and Spanish. They did not name locations for Dry Gulch or Snake River, but preferred the names of saints or rulers. Some have said they named their cities after saints to help make up for all their gregarious sins!

But it would be a mistake to consider that era one of idyllic charm if not virtuous. Laclède was not the only one to die of malaria (ague, as it was called). The British attacked in 1780 the day after the Corpus Christi party, finding a lot of the village suffering from a hangover. George Rogers Clark came to the village in 1778 and brought the American Revolution to the Mississippi. Rumors of Indian wars disturbed the river constantly. When Napoleon sold Louisiana to Jefferson, the French wept openly. When Amos Stoddard claimed St. Louis on 9-10 March 1804, the French cried in the streets — but still had another party to help overcome their sadness. Old Clamorgan eventually became a federal judge and one of his daughters, Pelagie, has Rutger Street name after her. Cyprian Clamorgan, another decendent, wrote about the *Negro Aristocracy* of St. Louis a few decades later. They became their own historians and made up a lot of the stories we take for truth.

There were two kinds of French, the French-French and the Canadian French. We have talked about the French-French from New Orleans and France. The Canadian French never quite made it in St. Louis. There is no Robidoux Street, yet Joseph Robidoux II came to St. Louis quite early from Montreal, and his son, Joseph Robidoux III, founded St. Joseph, Missouri, in plain competition with the Chouteaus of St. Louis. In fact, one of the Chouteau boys had to go found Kansas City to undercut St. Joseph. If there was any quarrelsomeness among the French, it was this "class" hatred between the French and the Canadian French. All across the West one can find where one disrupts the financial plans of the other, often by getting the Spanish to put them in jail and ship them to Mexico. Several international incidents happened this way, but more of that in other articles.

The Romans used to say, *In Vino Veritas*. This is quite true of the French. They were indeed fermented wine — not at all curmudgeon. After all, who invented *soiree*?



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Rosedale is a very busy place and many of us are doing some very exciting things both professionally and otherwise.

Dorothy Ilgen, 6000 Pershing, has recently been appointed Assistant Director for Programs of the Missouri Arts Council. The Arts Council is a state agency, a division of the Department of Consumer Affairs, Regulations and Licensing, which allocates state and federal tax dollars to private not-for-profit and public arts programs around the state. The Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council has recently been one of their recipients. It is the responsibility of Dorothy and her staff to review applications for such funding. This year they allocated \$2.8 million before budget cuts.

More news from the art community. Bill and Mary Christman and their daughter, Keelie, have moved into the 6000 block of Kingsbury. They purchased their house in July and were able to move in this August. They are now living on the second floor, while Christman Studios occupies the first floor. Bill, along with three other employees, does all types of commercial art: general commercial sign painting, custom signs, small scale theatrical scenery, carved wood, sculptural effects, etc. They are currently working on weather maps for the Channel 5 Noon News.

We now have two neighborhood residents who are teaching at Hamilton School. Karen Bynum, 6000 Pershing, joined the staff this year as a half-time kindergarten teacher. Ann McKerrow, 6100 Pershing, is in her second year at Hamilton, teaching art.

In early August, Sue Sante and her two sons packed up and moved from 6100 Pershing to Colorado where Sue's brother lives. She was recently seen visiting in town, however, and tells friends that she is working as a cook in a hunting lodge and loving every minute of it. She is especially looking forward to doing some cross-country skiing this year.

Roy Bell, 6100 Washington, has just begun an M.B.A. program at Washington Uni-

versity. After his first night of class he looked a bit bedraggled and discouraged, but we know he will persevere and we wish him every success.

It is with deep regret that we report the death in August of Helen Schmitt, the mother of Karleen Hoerr, 6100 Kingsbury, and Jan Kuhl, 6100 McPherson. Also our deepest sympathy to Liz and Lee Hall, 6000 Kingsbury, on the death of their son, Peter.

A speedy recovery is wished for Jeanette Aron, 6000 Westminster, who was injured in the foot by a freak accident involving a stray bullet from an unknown source. She is a student at Soldan.

A hearty congratulations to Kitty Buckley, 6000 Westminster, for receiving the Skinker-DeBaliviere Home Improvement Award. This award and a \$50 certificate will be presented by the Central West End Savings and Loan, to one home each fall, winter and spring. The decision is made by a committee of residents and is based solely on exterior improvements. Kitty has spent many hours on her lawn, both front and back, and says she really enjoys it. She has approximately 100 geraniums planted around her house! If you have a nomination for the next award, contact a committee member: Joe Botz, Anna Busch, Beverly Taylor, Sam Green, or Linda Thomas.

Congratulations also go to Camillia Brice, 6100 Washington, who successfully organized the August 28th Talent Show at Delmar Baptist. The "stars" were all neighborhood children.

On August 23rd, the annual Kingsbury Float Trip took place. The stalwart crew, consisting of the Hoerrs, Stuarts, Laurenz's, McFarrons and the Eakers, set out at 8 a.m. for the Courtier River with seven canoes. No major spills or accidents befell any of their numbers, so upon returning home they gathered at Steve and Barb Eaker's for a barbeque and further merriment. They all had a terrific time.

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Most of my favorite things are pretty typical. Y'know — chocolate chip cookies, MASH, convertibles, winning seasons, more chocolate chip cookies, and rainy Saturdays. Deep down, though, underneath my highly polished veneer, I have a strong idiosyncrasy. It's not easy to admit, but I'm a real mailaholic. That's right, I love receiving mail. More than almost anything, I enjoy getting packages, letters, catalogs, magazines, postcards, solicitations, and, even, political flyers.

I don't know how or when my fascination with the mail started. I do remember enjoying getting mail as a kid, although, for the life of me, I can't imagine what kind of mail I could have gotten. Most of my friends couldn't write, and those who were semi-literate couldn't afford stamps.

When I got my first real job (I knew it was a real job because I had to call in when I would be out sick) I celebrated by joining the Book of the Month club. Talk about nirvana; even if you didn't order the book they would send you the monthly brochure! I've stayed in the Club to this day. It's not that the books are reasonably priced or particularly exciting; rather, by now I've earned so many Book Dividend Credits that I can't afford to quit. I imagine that my total of +42 puts me in a tie for first place with some schoolmarm in New Hampshire. Unfortunately the only things that you can spend the credits on are knitting books, recipe books, or books with titles such as "Pictorial History of Poplar Bluff, Mo."

I've always had a penchant for magazines delivered by the friendly (if inefficient) postman. Without stretching or counting "professional periodicals" (those that you can take off on your taxes), at one time or another I've subscribed to over 35 magazines and newspapers, from MAD Magazine and Wall Street Journal to Inside Sports and Organizational Dynamics. While I scanned most of them and read quite a few of them, I'm embarrassed to admit that a number came and left without having their innards see the light of day. I suspect that they're floating somewhere in magazine purgatory, waiting for a tawdry proof-reader to set them free.

Now that I'm older (if not wiser), I've somehow come across the luxury of purchasing through catalogs. Somewhere, somehow I got on the catalog mailing list (not that I'm complaining, mind you). I now get gift catalogs, toy catalogs, novelty catalogs, cheese catalogs, clothes catalogs, and even catalog catalogs (kind of like reading a menu to determine which restaurant to visit). Thumbing through a catalog is a bit like watching the Miss America Pageant on television — everything looks good. Things that I didn't even know that I needed become things that I must have (would you believe that we now have a genuine bronze toilet paper holder?).

As if magazines and catalogs and book clubs aren't enough, I've now joined a mail-order cigar club. Oh, it's not really a club, there aren't any meetings or dues or election of officers (and what's a club without officers, right?), but I will be mailed a monthly shipment of cigars. Now these aren't just regular cigars either. These cigars are made from genuine Cuban tobacco seeds that were smuggled out of Cuba just before Castro took over. The growers searched until they reached Honduras, where they found the climate and soil to be just like that in Cuba so that they could grow these rare "Cuban" cigars.

I know it sounds a little far-fetched, but it seems very plausible to me. I'm sure it'll seem even more realistic when I put on my ol' Army uniform to enjoy the tobacco. If I can paint, "Cuba, SI, Yankee, NO" on the wall, it will be even better. Besides, if all else fails and they're really no better than my El Ropo 200s, at least I'll have the consolation of getting them in the mail.

Oh yes, the bronze toilet paper holder looks quite nice, thank you.



Senior Adults Group

Delmar Senior Adults' Group began its fall season on Friday, Sept. 11, 1981, at 10:00 a.m. at Delmar Baptist Church, on the corner of Skinker and Washington. For the past seven years older adults from the neighborhood and church have met together for travel, learning, and lunch.

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