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New Developments with Pantheon and DeBaliviere Place

by Jo Ann Vatcha

5585 Pershing, the ornate "Pershing Arcade," will soon become home to one of St. Louis' better known names Eugene J. Mackey and Associates, architects. According to Pantheon Corporation, the move to Pershing is confirmed, and construction should begin soon on renovation of some space for offices of the Mackey architectural firm, as well as development of other parts of the so-called "arcade" space. Once the location of dry cleaners and sundry other shops, the building's unique decorative features have made it a widely known and photographed part of the redevelopment area.

The revamped Pershing Arcade will become the newest commercial renovation in the area. But other businesses are due to open even sooner, among them the Nautilus Health Club and Phoenix Properties, both tenants at 5516 Pershing, in the old Continental Cars building. The Nautilus facility will bring a decidedly new use to this landmark on Pershing.

one of St. Louis' original "quick" markets, has not only renovated its building, adding an awning to the outside, but has also expanded its wares, to include deli selections and sandwiches, as well as imported beer, etc. The interior sports a new look as well, with plants and a "natural wood" decor. An interesting added note is the fact that the owners, of Greek ancestry, have in the last two years helped their son to open the Olympia Kabob House on McCausland Avenue, featuring Greek food and drinks in the American style.

Another change noted in recent months in the DeBaliviere area was the holiday touch of Christmas lights on the dome and the exterior of the Dorr and Zeller building, outlining the Central West End Savings and Loan and Pantheon's own offices and those of Feinberg Real Estate, the lights a touch of glamour reminiscent of Kansas City's Country Club Plaza lights (and perhaps the beginning of a tradition?).

Commercial development has not yet be-



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Continental Car, 5516 Pershing, becomes home for Nautilus Health Club, continuing the tradition of a classic name, but changing with the times, with emphasis on fitness and health instead of the automobile.

gun on the buildings traditionally referred to as "The DeBaliviere Strip" and, says the Pantheon spokesperson, no specific projects can be confirmed at this time. But it is clear from the noted indications to the east, south and north that commercial development has indeed begun to take place.

Pantheon's recent projects have gone beyond the boundaries of Waterman/Pershing/DeBaliviere to many different areas of the city, earning for prime mover Leon Strauss several awards and honors, making clear that, in effect, Skinker-DeBaliviere lives next door to a redevelopment effort of national reputation.

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The Pershing Arcade, a magnificent structure decorated with some of the unique ornamentation this area is becoming famed for, will be renovated soon and occupied by Eugene J. Mackey and Associates.

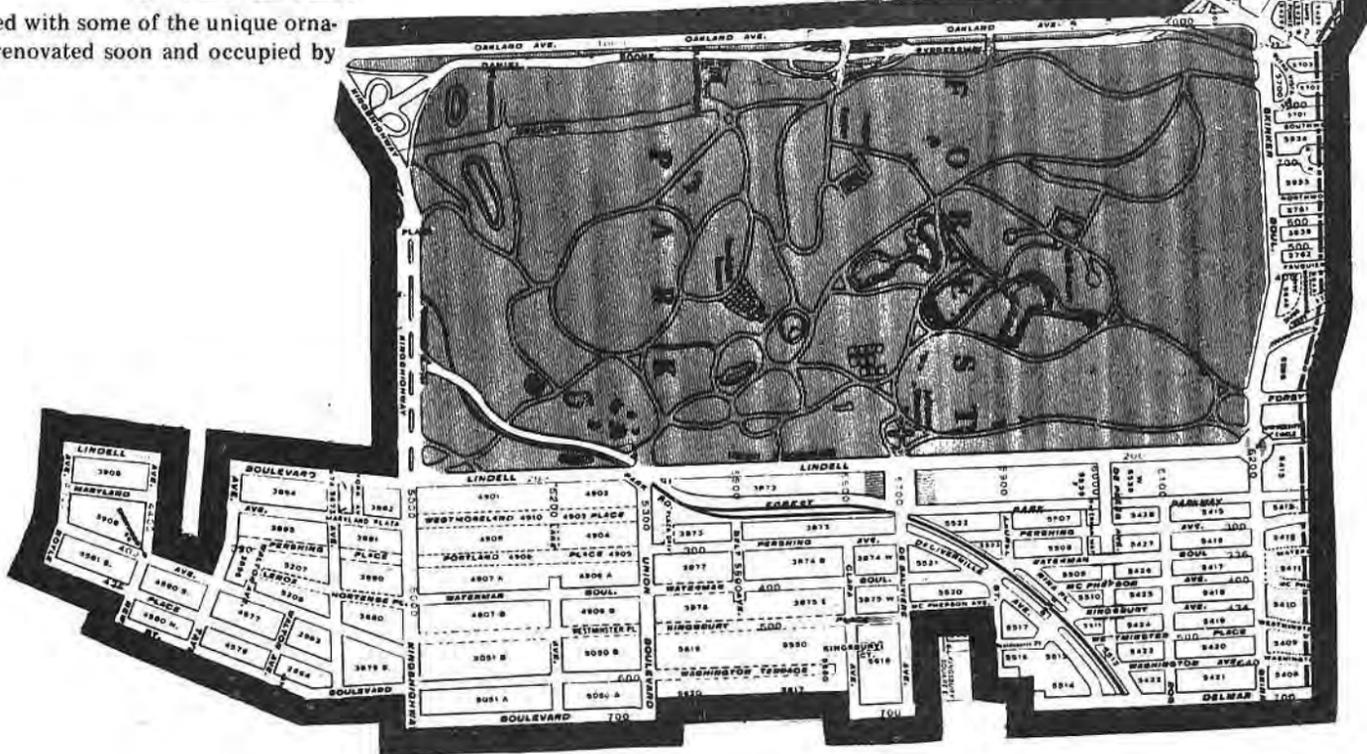
Among the residences recently completed by Pantheon are the condominiums at 5592 Waterman, presently selling at prices between \$36,500-\$72,500. The 55-00 block of both Pershing and Waterman thus join the 5600 block in significant numbers of rehabbed and reutilized structures.

Other changes recently noticed include the Casey Medical Building, at DeBaliviere and Waterman. Developed for Dr. Richard Casey's practice of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the offices were designed to renovate the space left in an empty Shell gas station, much as Steve Brammeier's Kingsbury Animal Hospital on Skinker did a few years ago, both making use of sound structures whose original use was made obsolete by changing times.

Down the street from Dr. Casey, an old neighborhood haunt remains, but recently greatly improved. The International Market,



New 28th Ward





Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I would like to express my gratitude to the people of Skinker-DeBaliviere for having given me such a warm and friendly welcome to the neighborhood. As a lifelong City resident (except for that recent unpleasantness in Vietnam) I know, as we all do, that our City's strength lies in its neighborhoods and that a neighborhood's strength lies in that spirit of cooperation and dedication to city living exhibited by so many of the people I've met since the beginning of my tenure at SDCC.

During the American Revolution, Benjamin Franklin was reported to have remarked, "we must all hang together or we shall most surely hang separately." We modern urbanites find ourselves in a somewhat similar situation: shrinking City revenues, a distorted neighborhood image created by diffident and inaccurate media reporting and rapidly disappearing Federal support have created a situation where we City people, like our revolutionary predecessors, must indeed "join or die." The

modern urban environment is such that a cooperative spirit and united neighborhood efforts are paramount to the continued well-being of the neighborhood and revitalization of our City.

SDCC, by being the source for united community efforts and the resource for meeting community needs, can be an effective positive force for the neighborhood in the urban community. This is the status which, working together with the SDCC Board of Directors, I hope to attain and maintain. However, like the proverbial journey of a thousand miles, one must begin with a single step.

That step is to listen to the thoughts of those individuals concerned with their neighborhood in order to learn the needs and issues which must be confronted and met. Then we can begin the discussion of alternatives and adoption of policies necessary to meet the challenges of the future for both the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood and the City of St. Louis.

Sincerely,
Ron Laboe

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To the Editor:

After the unsuccessful Team Policing plan, a misguided five-year experiment in the 7th District, we are urging a renewed crime fight in all of the districts, aimed at truly joint efforts between police and citizens. What is needed is Neighborhood Police units in high crime residential areas, as requested some eight years ago at the former Women's Crusade Against Crime.

As founder and co-chairman of that group for seven volunteer years, I researched with members of the Crusade Police committee, the concept of Neighborhood Policing. We then requested the "formation of several Neighborhood Police Units, special teams of police officers, who can familiarize themselves with the residents, the streets, stores, and crimes in certain neighborhoods, and devise a joint method of attacking the problems in conjunction with the citizens living there."

We further noted "that in many of the neighborhoods citizens are completely frustrated by the crime next door, across the street—and their only resource—is a police officer who may be a different one each time, unfamiliar with the people and their problems, or he may be a part of a spotty foot patrol system assigned on an occasional basis, and may not even know the names of the streets."

At that time we Crusaders offered to play a very active role in reporting crimes, supporting the police by seeking improvements in the criminal justice process, in the courts, in the pressing for more issuance of warrants, in seeking more witness cooperation, and speedier trials.

Unfortunately, there were those who took the idea and designed a highly complex Team Police, which set one police district apart from the other eight districts with resulting frictions. Five years was too long for such an experiment, for even if it had proven successful in the Seventh District, it was not needed in all other districts, due to the diversity of peoples, problems and needs.

We were led to believe that there would be a lifting of police morale by specialized training in detective work, fingerprinting, photography, to make the officers "jacks of all trades," and a ten-hour, four-day work week, giving Team officers much freedom to come and go. But this made it impossible for victims to reach officers to discuss their cases.

How could top commanders run an efficient overall police operation when one district had an independent five-year plan? And carried to the other districts, would this not have decentralized the Department, which must function as a quasi-military organization to protect us in an organized manner?

Now let us return to the Neighborhood patrol concept, and place the same officers on the streets to know the residents. We suggest that one shift be ordered to overlap the previous shift with time for briefing on continuing problems, so officers can get the lay of the land. Is this not a logical approach in any game plan in a battle against one's opponents, in this case, the criminals? Neighborhood Watch or Block Watch programs will be of little use if officers, not briefed on the area and its suspects, respond to the calls.

Efforts should be made to improve communications between the arresting officers and the detectives, and contact then made with the victims. If police morale is low, what of the morale of the victims, who many times hear nothing after reporting a crime?

As victims of crime, we request officers whom we can get to know, and with whom we can work closely so as to make more progress in removing these criminals. Thus we may lift the morale of not only the police, but the victims, and in turn the community!

Delphine McClellan
Partners Against Crime Together

To the Editor:

This is the first opportunity I have had to thank the many people for their support and help in bringing Santa to our neighborhood during the Christmas season. Santa visited and had photographs taken with children at Central West End Savings and Loan.

My special thanks go to Central West End Savings and Loan, Dan McGuire, George Brown, Mike Griffin (Santa), and many more.

Shirley Polk

Art Classes

Art classes for young people, preschool through high-school age, will be offered at the St. Louis Art Museum in a six-week session from March 20 through May 1. Classes will meet on Saturdays, either from 10:30 a.m. until noon, or from 1:30 until 3 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

Drawing classes for adults taught by artists/teachers are also offered in eight-week sessions beginning March 20.

Registration for these classes may be made March 1 through March 5. Call 721-0067, extension 68, for more information.

Choral Concert

Sister Carol Brouillette, CSJ, director of the Music Department at Rosati-Kain High School, has announced a special choral concert celebrating Rosati-Kain's 70th anniversary, Sunday, March 7, 1982, at 7:30 p.m. in the Basilica of St. Louis, the "Old Cathedral," 209 Walnut Street.

The newly-formed Alumnae Chorus will sing the "Praises to the Virgin Mary" by Giuseppe Verdi and "Oculus non vidit" by Orlando Lassus. The combined Alumnae and Student Chorus will sing Randall Thompson's "The Lord is My Shepherd."

Highlighting the concert will be Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria" by the combined choruses and a chamber orchestra under the direction of Sister Carol. Stephanie Ransom Vaughn, a 1976 graduate of Rosati-Kain who is currently pursuing a singing career in New York, will return to be the soloist.

The public is invited at no charge.



Pantheon continued from page 1

Among other honors, Strauss has been the recent recipient of the "1981 Enterprise Award," given by the St. Louis Business Journal in December. Cited for "outstanding achievement as an entrepreneur for his work in rehabilitation of city neighborhoods," Strauss as risk-taker received recognition for his work in many areas of St. Louis:

- DeBaliviere Place and surrounding area
- Lafayette Town
- the Convention Center area's Columbus Square
- new beginnings in the Lammert's building on Washington Ave.
- the stimulating and imaginative purchase and plans for the "Fabulous Fox" theater on Grand

Since the announcement of the award, Strauss and Pantheon have performed another task, assisting in the emergency repairs of the Vaughn and Darst-Webbe Housing Projects during the January freeze. They served as construction managers, to control costs as other contractors performed such work as opening up doors and making bathrooms and kitchens workable, making possible the relocation of approximately 150 families to buildings previously only partially filled. The immediate concern of the City and Housing Authority was to make most effective use of buildings with heat. Pantheon and others were a part of this emergency effort.



March Calendar

- 1 Great Decisions Course begins at the World Community Center 7:30-9:30 p.m. Leader: Florence Johnson. Meets every Monday for 8 weeks. No fee but must purchase \$6 course book.
- 8 Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council Meeting. 7:30. Council office.
- 13 St. Patrick's Day Party. Parish Hall St. Roch's Church. Cocktails 6 p.m. Dinner following. \$8.50 per person.
- 18 St. Roch's school carnival.
- 19 Feast of St. Joseph. St. Roch's quarter ends.
- 21 Yoga and You: lecture at the Yoga Center. 6:30 vegetarian dinner. Bring vegetarian dish or pay \$4 for dinner. Lecture begins 7:45.
- 25 St. Louis Peace Witness Education Group presents William Eckhardt of the Peace Research Laboratory lecturing on "Compassion: Attitudes Toward War and Peace." 8 p.m. at Grace and Peace Fellowship. No charge.

St. Patrick's Party

On March 13, 1982, all of Skinker-DeBaliviere will become Irish for an evening. St. Roch's will again hold their annual St. Patrick's Day party at 6:30 p.m. in the east school gym. Cocktails will begin at 6:30 with hors d'oeuvres. Dinner will follow at 7:00 and will include corned beef, cabbage, carrots, Irish potatoes, spinach salad, and soda bread. Singing, entertainment, dancing, homemade desserts and Irish coffee

will round out the evening. Tickets are on sale for \$8.50 per person. Only 300 tickets will be sold so waiting until the last moment is not advised. Contact Sister Leo Ann, Ann Horner at 863-9196, Georgie Fox at 862-0768, Nancy Kinkebein at 727-2205, or St. Roch's Rectory for your passport to an evening of Irish fun.



Films for Children

Sunday Sights, the Art Museum's annual winter film series for children, continues through the first two Sundays in March. The March 7 program, *Dads and Granddads Can Be Handy*, includes the premiere of *William's Doll* and a new film, *Home-coming*, by an independent filmmaker about a dad and son having a ball on Coney Island. On March 14 filmmaker Gary Templeton will be present to show *A Boy, A Dog and A Frog* and to premiere *The Remarkable Riderless Runaway Tricycle*. All Sunday Sights programs are free and open to the public.

NOW Meeting

The Metro St. Louis Chapter of the National Organization for Women will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 4, 7:30 p.m., at 6665 Delmar, Room 300, in University City. The public is invited to attend. For more information call 868-6400.

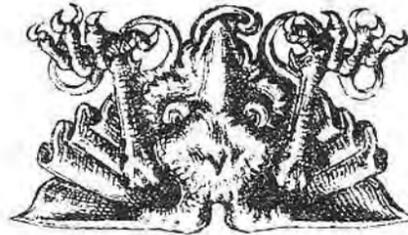


Teachers' Workshop

Art Kits and Games: Images for Kids, a workshop about innovative techniques for sparking student interest in studying works of art, will be held on Tuesday, March 9, from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. in the Resource Center. Visual games and "Pop Art Packages" will offer new and fun approaches to teaching young audiences about Art, artists, and art themes. Dr. Cindy Bixler Borgman, assistant professor of art education at Indiana University in Indianapolis, will present slides, a lecture, hands-on activities to show how you can acquire inexpensive images, develop visual games, and design your own kits and packages for classroom use. To register for this free workshop, call the Resource Center at 721-0067, extension 66.

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| Dewey 6746 Clayton Ave. 647-4848 | South end of 28th Ward | K 6-8 | | Same | 9-3:30 |
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| Waring School 25 S. Compton | South St. Louis | K-8 | 350 | | 9:00-3:30 |
| <i>Action Learning and Career Exploration</i> Madison School 1118 S. 7th | Downtown | K-8 | 400 | Same | 9:15-3:45 |
| <i>Center for Expressive and Receptive Arts</i> Ames School 2900 Hadley | North St. Louis | K-8 | 450 | Same | 9:00-3:30 |
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| Woerner School 6131 Leona | South St. Louis | K-8 | 429 | | 8:15-2:45 |
| <i>Investigative Learning Center</i> Stix School 226 S. Euclid | Central West End | K-8 | 450 | Same | 9:15-3:45 |
| <i>Montessori</i> Euclid School 1131 N. Euclid | Central West End | K-3 | 250 | Same | 9:00-3:30 |
| <i>Visual and Performing Arts Center</i> Shaw School 5329 Columbia | South St. Louis | K-8 | 475 | Same | 9:00-3:30 |

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English as a Second Language

by Karen Bynum

In the 1980-81 school year, the St. Louis Public Schools began a sorely-needed program of English instruction for their non-English-speaking students. This program, called English as a Second Language (ESL), is located in schools in the Skinker-DeBaliviere cluster, mainly Hamilton and Dewey Middle. Hamilton has one hundred foreign students representing eleven different nationalities, although the majority of the students are Indo-Chinese (Vietnamese and Laotian).

At Hamilton the program consists of two full-time teachers and two aides. The children are placed in the regular classrooms according to their ages but also attend the ESL Center for English instruction part of each day. Some of the ESL students have received excellent educations in their native languages and several speak two or three languages. On the other end of the spectrum are children who have come from countries where there was no free public education. These children may be 10 years old and have never attended school.

The ESL program does not provide instruction in their native tongues, so these non-English-speaking students hear English all day long. It is a proven fact that this total immersion results in more rapid understanding of the new language.

The experience has also been a good one for the three hundred American students, most of whom have had no acquaintance with foreign languages. As an example, in my kindergarten class the American children believed at first that the ESL children could not speak. Now that they have become acclimated to school they are teaching others some Vietnamese words.

In Hamilton's Christmas program were several acts presented by ESL students. Many members of the fourth and fifth grade chorus can sing "Jingle Bells" in Arabic almost as well as the girls from the Sudan. A group of older Vietnamese boys sang "Auld Angs Syne" in their native tongue and several Spanish-speaking girls sang their Christmas wish, much to the delight of the audience. Mr. John Bernard, principal of Hamilton, said he was wished "Feliz Navidad" by American students during December.

If racial isolation is a problem in St. Louis it is not apparent by looking at Hamilton School. A visit would show you the "brotherhood of man" played out on a playground. The ESL program has added a rich dimension to education in our neighborhood.

vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

After we had dug ourselves out from under eighteen inches of snow and were able at least to get across the street, it became very apparent that being buried alive is not so bad, especially when you live in such a friendly neighborhood. We almost forgot the snow outside Sunday night after the "blizzard," as we sat inside all warm and toasty, drinking a wonderful coffee concoction with our neighbors. In fact, after a couple of those drinks we really didn't care about the snow.

Lillie Cushshon, 6100 Washington, who is relatively new to the neighborhood, said that she was very impressed with the helpfulness and friendliness of her neighbors following the snow storm. She said she experienced a real "feeling of unity." Lillie, her husband, Reginald, and their children David, 6, and Tiffany, 3, moved to Rosedale in September. Reginald is a biological-chemical technician at Monsanto and Lillie works at St. Mary's Hospital in East St. Louis, where she is an Administrative Assistant of Quality Assurance.

Rohn and Sandy Price and their baby Daniel are quite new to the neighborhood. They moved to 6100 Westminster in late February from Lafayette Park. They both are originally from Illinois, but since they were married they have lived in Texas and Baltimore before coming to St. Louis. Rohn is an architect for the Fleming Corp. in downtown St. Louis.

There have been a few other new arrivals to the neighborhood. On November 30, Daniel Carlin arrived—to the joy of his parents, Seth and Maryse—weighing eight pounds, five ounces. The Carlins, 6100 Kingsbury, also have a daughter, Tova, who is three years old. More recently, on Jan. 18, Jim and Jane Geer, 6100 Kingsbury, became the proud parents of Sarah, their first-born. She weighed six pounds, fifteen ounces.

Kingsbury has been an exciting block lately. On January 30, Lori Rohan of the 6100 block was married to Richard Mersman at St. Roch. Best wishes for the new couple.

Marjie Brammeier, 6100 Westminster, is re-entering the working world (outside the home, that is!), but only temporarily. She will be serving as secretary for Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church while the regular secretary is on leave.

We were all saddened by the recent loss to fire of our library, however it was a more personal loss to Dorothy Hood, 6100 Westminster. She had loaned the library her valuable collection of dolls, which unfortunately was completely lost. Of course a collection such as this can never be replaced, but it is hoped that our thoughts will be some small consolation to her.

Both Oscar and Betty Klinefelter, 6100 Kingsbury, are now out of the hospital. Oscar is recuperating in Phoenix while visiting his son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren. Betty is back at work at Grace Preschool. She is most excited, however, by the recent (Feb. 17) feature in the Globe-Democrat's Food Section on her Senior Girl Scouts. The girls, their story and recipes were featured as a result of their catering a Boy Scout banquet at Grace Church which was sponsored by the United Church Men. They plan on doing more catering in the future.

On Feb. 13, the Annual Progressive Dinner, sponsored by St. Roch's Church, was held. This year the chairwomen and organizers were: Mary Burke, 6200 Washington; Mary Gioia, 6100 Kingsbury; Susan Krasniewski, Westgate; and Gloria Broun, 6300 Waterman. Ten homes provided delightful cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and nineteen homes hosted delicious dinners for two hundred people. Everyone then "progressed" to Scariot Hall to enjoy Italian pastries, as well as coffee, tea, espresso, hot chocolate or hot cider, compliments of the priests of St. Roch. Especially tasty were the cannolis provided by Father Polizzi and the women of St. Ambrose. It was a marvelous evening. The proceeds from the dinner go to the St. Roch's School Association.

The Scouting Experience



by Rick Bender

Scouting is a movement for youth, helping them to grow safely, to discover their uniqueness, to learn about living a good life, a life with meaning—and it's fun!

Camping is important to the Scouting movement. It brings the Scouts into direct contact with our environment in three ways. First, the success of the Scout's camping experience depends upon the Scout. He or she is responsible for his or her self. Secondly, enjoyable camping depends upon cooperation with other Scouts. Thirdly, the Scout learns to respect our environment both by learning about it and by becoming part of it, rain or shine, hot or cold—and it's fun!

Scouts also learn life skills: they study first aid, they practice patriotism through citizenship within patrols and troops by learning about our communities from neighborhoods to the world, and they learn about mammals, trees, stars, birds, flowers, insects, reptiles, plants, and how we relate to them. Hiking helps the Scout learn that he or she can walk that extra mile, and on a more practical level, to read maps, to use a compass, to dress properly, and to observe

environment, urban or rural. Scouts learn to swim and then they learn lifesaving—and it's fun!

The badges, which Scouts earn, are not unlike navigation lights, leading Scouts to maturity and self fulfillment. They are symbols of growth. Troop and Patrol offices, which Scouts accept, are not symbols. These positions mean that the Scout has accepted responsibility for helping other youth—and it's fun!

There are many youth programs and each is different from the others. A major benefit of Scouting is that youth have the opportunity to accept responsibility, not only for themselves, but also for other persons. As a person grows to maturity, she or he becomes less obedient to other persons, more obedient to self, and therefore, more free. Freedom is heavy, it is being personally and socially responsible—and it's fun!

There are Junior and Senior Girl Scout programs at St. Roch and Grace Methodist Churches, respectively. Grace Methodist also has a Cub Scout program, while Webelos meet at both Hamilton School and Grace Methodist. Boy Scout programs are at Hamilton School and at St. Roch's—and they are fun!

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Barley Water, Philosophy, and the Naked Truth

by Ray Breun

By 1860 the population of St. Louis was over 160,000 people. The first railroad west of the Mississippi was two years old and the language of the street was German. Fully 60% of the population was of European origin, and 60% of the Europeans were German. St. Louis was so German, the schools taught German as a required language until 1887.

Bartholomew Berthold, commonly regarded as the first German to settle in St. Louis, completed his brick house in 1812. In the 1830's and 1840's Germans came in droves to St. Louis. In 1854 alone over 18,000,000 glasses of beer were consumed from March to September and by 1860 over 40 breweries were serving the thirst of St. Louis. None of these breweries are presently left. Only the remains of the Lemp brewery are pre-Civil War. Eberhard Anheuser started brewing in 1857, but his son-in-law, Adolphus Busch, is the one who really started the Anheuser-Busch brewery in 1876.

It was a spring evening in 1858 when a stove worker, Henry Brokmeyer, delivered a talk at the Mercantile Library about his

favorite subject, German Idealist Philosophy. In the audience was one William Torrey Harris, then a shorthand teacher in the St. Louis public schools. Brokmeyer and Harris became the two major figures in a school of philosophy called The St. Louis Movement. Together they published journals, translated Hegel, Kant, Fichte and others into English, and provided the inspiration for such major American philosophical thinkers as Pierce, Dewey, Royce and James. It was the most significant philosophical movement in the United States in the nineteenth century. Brokmeyer was educated at Brown University but was drawn to the frontier by its seeming ability to incarnate the principles of Hegelian Idealism. He became so well-known he was elected lieutenant governor of Missouri from 1877 to 1881. Clearly one of the most intellectual men ever to occupy that status in Missouri, he left politics quite disillusioned and went to Indian Territory to live with the Osage.

The impact of the St. Louis Movement was not in politics but rather in education through the work of William Torrey Harris. From shortly after the Civil War until well into the twentieth century, public educa-

tion in St. Louis was the model for the country. Based in large part on the German urge to rigor in the disciplines, Harris built a system which remained strong until the Depression. It is no accident John Dewey, the last major product of the St. Louis Movement, is known as an educational philosopher.

Compton Reservoir Park has the last monument built in German in St. Louis. It was 27 May 1914 when The Naked Truth was dedicated. One month later, 28 June 1914, Archduke Ferdinand would be killed by a Serbian student to start World War I, and this event would change the geography of St. Louis. In May however none of that was apparent on South Grand Boulevard when the monument to German journalism was unveiled for all to see. Carl Daenzer, Emil Preetorius and Carl Schurz are memorialized by The Naked Truth. Their efforts in the *Westliche Post* had won international renown for quality and completeness. One of their reporters, Joseph Pulitzer, would return to St. Louis and eventually purchase the *Dispatch* in 1878. Within a few days he had merged with the *Evening Post* of John Dillon, nephew of James B. Eads, to make one of most

famous American papers of today, the *Post-Dispatch*. But the *Westliche Post* is clearly the spiritual ancestor of Pulitzer.

World War I seared the German period shut in St. Louis. Berlin Avenue became Pershing Avenue and Von Versen Street became Enright Avenue. Baron Von Versen had married Mary Clemens. Her father and grandfather owned the land just north of the Kingsbury Farm which now makes up most of the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood. When she married the Baron, her father was subdividing the land and named one of the streets after his new son-in-law. Enright was one of the first Americans killed in World War I, and in the rush to cleanse the city of its Germanic past, Von Versen became a memorial to a soldier.

South St. Louis is known as the German center of the city today. The fact is it represents the less educated and less trained part of the historic German community of St. Louis. Yet it is still clearly inspired by the northern European traditions and remains the last representative of what was the largest Germanic settlement in the country from the first immigration.

Mennonite Peace Witness

by Rich Willms

The Mennonite Church in St. Louis recently announced the establishment of a peace education office in the Central West End. The office, located at 4501 Westminster, has been created by the Mennonite church to promote the cause of peacemaking, and to educate people on the issues of registration and the draft, the nuclear arms race, and the military.

The Mennonites, along with the Quakers and the Bretheran in Christ, are known as the "historic peace churches," churches whose tradition is deeply pacifistic, non-violent, and based on Christ's call for us to be peacemakers. Therefore, in an effort to promote in the community both its own peace identity and the concept of peacemaking, the Mennonite Fellowship of St. Louis established the Mennonite Peace Witness in November of 1981.

The Peace Witness's efforts are concentrated on several areas of concern. It is a draft counseling service, available to any young man who is concerned or confused or uncertain about the draft registration process.

The Peace Witness is also an education resource, ready to talk to church and school groups about the military, the nuclear arms race, the draft, war taxes, and peacemaking. They wish to educate people on these issues, and promote alternatives and plans of action.

The Peace Witness, in addition to publishing a newsletter, has started a film/speaker series on peace and social justice issues. The series will be held monthly at Grace and Peace Fellowship, 6003 Kingsbury. The first night, held in February, centered on "The Question of War." The second night, scheduled for March 25, will feature William Eckhardt speaking on "Compassion: Attitudes Towards War and Peace." In the future, there will be a speaker on the European peace movement, and films on Vietnam, nuclear arms, and men of peace. For further information on the series, draft counseling, the education resource, or if you would like to receive the newsletter (free), please contact the Peace Witness at 4501 Westminster Pl., or call 367-4220.



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In your ear

by Tom Hoerr

Television isn't something that I like to watch or write about. I hardly consider myself a videophile or even your basic average television addict. To my credit, I've never seen "The Dukes of Hazzard" and it wasn't until recently that I learned that "Fantasy Island" was more than a plot of acreage at Disney World. Generally I consider television to be good background noise for listening to the radio.

Having stated my position (while watching "Sunday Sports Spectacular," no less), I'm the first to agree that there are some excellent shows on television. I'm a great "Hill Street Blues" fan, for example, and am very fond of "60 Minutes." And, of course, being of sound mind and body, I'm addicted to sports on the tube, especially football. Best of all, though, far and away, is my favorite of all shows, M*A*S*H.

It is with great sorrow, then, that I look forward to the upcoming end of M*A*S*H, as this year is to be the end of the series. Oh sure, they'll continue to run the repeats for eons (and I'll watch them), but it won't be the same.

I'll really miss Hawkeye's caustic wit, Charles' sanctimonious attitude, and avuncular Potter's calm, reassuring manner. It will be like having the whole neighborhood move to Lemay. There's not much I can do about M*A*S*H, but I do have a solution to ease my withdrawal pangs: I suggest that the fall television schedule have a new show written for each of the characters in later life! (Now I know that "Trapper John, M.D." is supposed to have done that, but it doesn't work. There's no relationship with the Trapper John that I know; heck, Pernell Roberts still seems as if he should be looking for Hoss and Little Joe, not cutting on folks.) I'm advocating that

each of the protagonists have his/her own series, showing how the characters live in 1982. Do you like the premise so far? (If you do, continue reading; if not, you're sentenced to watching "Family Feud" each night!)

To help my idea along, I've taken the liberty of suggesting plots for each of the characters. Here goes:

Congressman B.J. Honnicut. B.J. returns to the states to find that he can barely break even due to federal regulations and paperwork. Peg leaves him and becomes a divorce counselor in Juarez. Frustrated, B.J. joins the local young Republicans and is elected to Congress on a "Save the Isotherms" ticket. The series begins with B.J. trying to arrange a blind date between Pat Nixon and Steve Martin.

Radar O'Rielly, Oil Magnate. Radar's mom has saved all the money that he sent home and Radar intends to invest it all in an Iowa soil consortium. Things get mixed up at Western Union, however, and he winds up the head of an oil consortium! The first show has large chunks of Iowa being shipped to Saudi Arabia where Radar will now make his home with his pets and his harem.

Max Klinger, Fashion Designer. Klinger originally hits it big when his designer shirts (they feature a chameleon on the pocket) become the rage in women's clothing. Max then makes millions with his "unisex" look. The series' co-stars are Renee Richards and Merlin Olsen.

Henry Blake: Pirate of the Seas. Henry's helicopter didn't crash after all. It was all an elaborate subterfuge by Henry. He had planned it all along so that he could go in to the sea piracy business. Henry's region is the Bermuda Triangle where he constantly preys upon the Love Boat. Henry's

fellow pirates are Shecky Green, Rodney Dangerfield, and Marie Osmond.

Father Mulcahy, the Singing Priest. Mulcahy takes guitar lessons and becomes a minstrel priest, traveling and singing songs to the poor and needy to soothe their troubles. Since the Father really can't sing, his voice is dubbed by Steven B. Stevens.

Winchester's World. After returning stateside, Charles finds that he misses rustic Korea. He leaves the city and becomes a recluse living in the woods, surviving on nuts and berries and befriending Grizzly Adams. Soon the rabbits speak with a Boston twang.

President Houlihan. Margaret gets caught up in the ERA movement, becomes a spokesperson, and is thrust to fame when she soundly defeats Phyllis Schlafly in a debate. Margaret is elected President of the United States and proceeds to appoint Major Frank Burns to be her Secretary of State (doesn't Frank remind you of Alexander Haig?) The series stars John Travolta as the vice-president and Burt Reynolds as her chauffeur.

Hawkeye Pierce, Executive Director. Hawkeye's hatred of the war and his revulsion to pain make it difficult for him to practice medicine. He cannot hold a job and wanders throughout the country, "savoring life." Hawkeye's attitude changes, however, when he passes through St. Louis and becomes enamored with Skinker-DeBaliviere. Hawkeye moves to the 6100 block of Washington and ultimately becomes the Executive Director of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council. The series begins with Hawkeye's impassioned plea for the re-opening of the Des Peres Branch Library. Series co-stars are Mork, Calvin Stuart, and Bo Derek (I'd do anything to get her to move into the neighborhood!).

Well, what do you think? Each year they could meet at Mel's Diner to celebrate old times. Heck, if this works we can develop sequels to "My Mother, the Car" and "Gilligan's Island." Wouldn't it be great to have Maynard Krebs working at the local Baskin Robbins?

Parkview Perspective

by Susan Krasniewski

New faces and features in Parkview include residents, babies, a policewoman and even a car.

Residential arrivals this past year in Parkview on Westgate include Suzanne and Donald Anderson and Bev and Eric Berla. Over on McPherson the new neighbors are Janet and Michael Bearden and Diane and Perry Johnson. Washington has one new arrival, Nancy and Robert Klepper. Carol and Red Keenan moved to Westminster from Washington. Waterman has one addition, Eleanor Withers and Ralph Kalish.

Another new face in Parkview is Ann Lehr who is with the Parkview Police. She patrols the area during the daytime. Patrolling by the police in Parkview will be facilitated from now on with the purchase of a regulation police car. The white car with the Mars-bar was obtained from Ackerman Buick. It is fully equipped with radio and siren. This "real" police car will help provide more visible protection for Parkview residents.

The record-breaking snow is no news to area residents but Parkview's method of dealing with it made the news. All of Parkview was plowed after the big snow, even the alleys.

Playing in the snow in the future will be a group of Parkview's newest faces, the babies born in the last year. Ann and Bob Horner on Washington had a baby boy, Richard. Westgate welcomed three new tots, Tina and Bryon Gerard's daughter Sara; Kathi and David Swimmer's daughter Hannah; and Susan and John Krasniewski's son Mark. Shannon is the new daughter of Karen and Joe Keaveny on Westminster. McPherson had two additions, Sara Bearden, daughter of Janet and Mike, and Christine Edwards, Linda and Joe's daughter. Sandra and Ed Dodson on Waterman had a daughter, Carolina. Pershing had one new arrival, Christine and Tom Knoten's son Marty.

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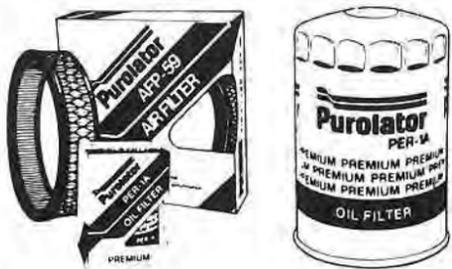
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