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Homeowner's Assistance Program Becomes Reality

The Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council has been informed by the Urban League that they are now processing applications for low interest home improvement loans and grants. This two component program is funded by a \$1.4 million grant from the Community Development Agency (CDA) and is designed to lessen the decline of the city's existing housing stock, preserve salvageable properties and create conditions that will attract new investments to the city.

In the program's loan component, low cost homeowner improvement loans will be provided to owner occupants of one to four family residential properties located in the area bounded by Delmar, DeBaliviere, Forest Park, and Rosedale. The loans are made more affordable through a subsidy that reduces the effective interest rate paid by the borrower. All subsidies are determined by the total gross household income regardless of family size:

Interest Rates	Income Levels
3%	Under \$16,799
6%	\$16,800-\$21,599
9%	\$21,600-\$30,000

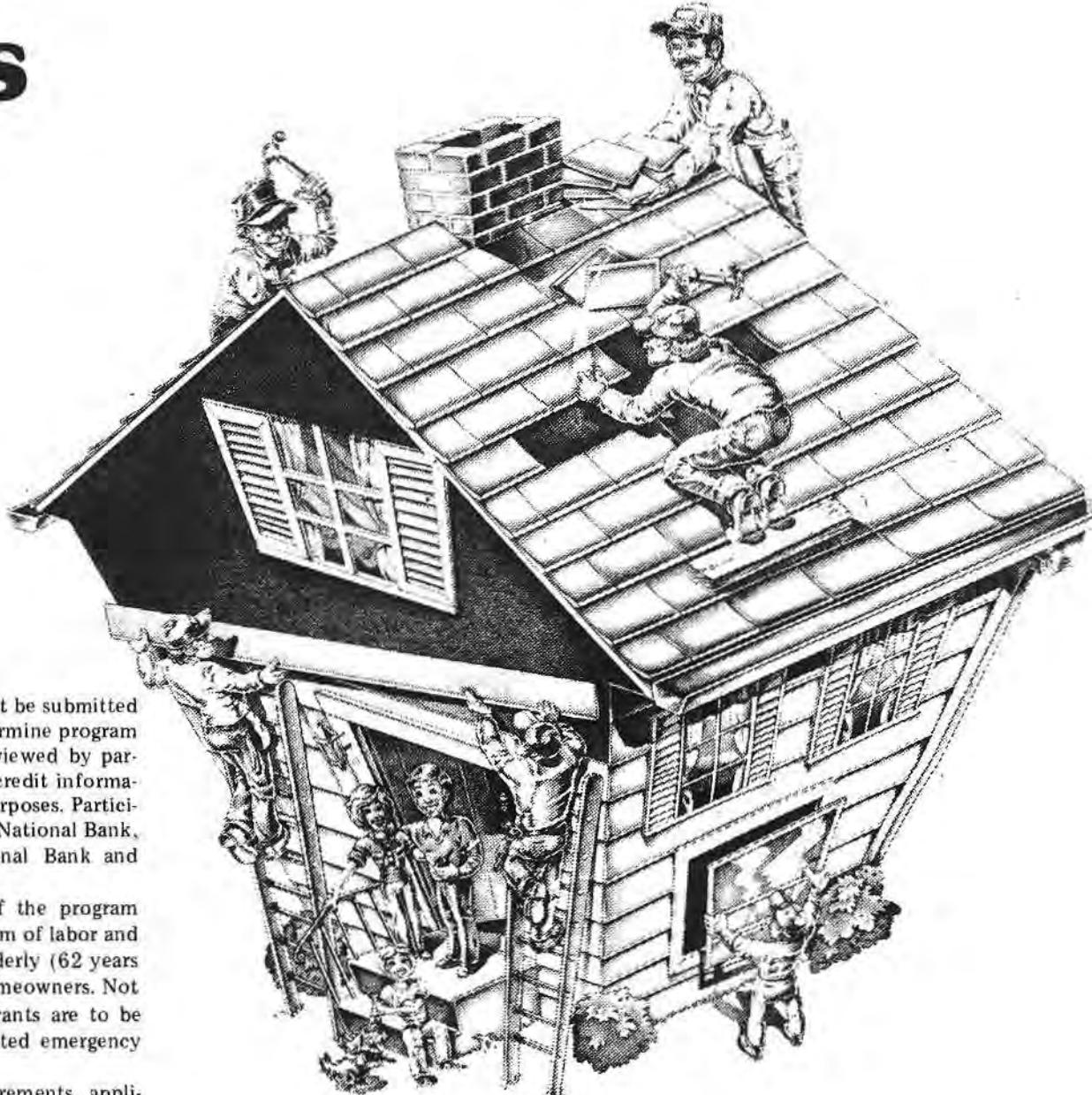
The maximum loan amount is \$20,000 for one- and two-unit residential dwellings and \$5,000 for each additional unit not to exceed four units. The maximum term is 10 years. The maximum income level for participation in the program is \$30,000.

All loan applications must be submitted to the Urban League to determine program eligibility. Loans will be reviewed by participating lenders to verify credit information and for underwriting purposes. Participating lenders are American National Bank, City Bank, Gateway National Bank and Tower Grove Bank.

The grant component of the program will provide grants in the form of labor and materials to low income, elderly (62 years old or older) and disabled homeowners. Not to exceed \$5,000, these grants are to be used for building code related emergency repairs only.

Program eligibility requirements, application information and materials may be obtained for both HAP components between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday from Homeowner's Assistance Program, Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc., 1408 North Kingshighway, Suite 211, St. Louis, Missouri 63113.

For additional information contact the Urban League Housing Department at 361-0455. It would be appreciated if Skinker-DeBaliviere residents who apply would call the SDCC office at 862-5122 and let us know how you fared; we are maintaining a record of the program's success in our neighborhood.



Rosedale Throws a Yard Sale

The first annual "Rags to Riches" yard sale will be held June 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event, sponsored by the Rosedale Neighbors Association, will include the Rosedale Neighborhood from Skinker to Des Peres from Forest Park to Delmar. All households in this area are encouraged to have lawn sales on the same day. So if you live in Rosedale get out your items to sell, or combine with a neighbor. (How can you resist 12 square blocks of deals?)

To encourage visitors and promote the sale atmosphere, there will be food and beverages also for sale in a specially set up pavilion in the parking lot of Kingsbury Animal Hospital at the corner of Skinker and Kingsbury. To raise money for the Rosedale Neighbors Assn., there will be as

part of the day's activities a bake sale. The Men's Liberation Bake Sale will carry on its long tradition of providing sweets and a good time by all (especially the men themselves). The proceeds of which go directly to support local groups and civic activities, such as *the Paper* itself.

This event is being held in lieu of the yearly Arts Fair. When asked why a yard sale was decided on, Steve Brammeier, president of Rosedale, said, "It gives the community a chance to get out and do things together; clean out those basements and garages; have some good food and good times; and hopefully, get to meet one another. Doing things together is always the key to a good neighborhood and we hope this yard sale will be a good way to promote neighborhood spirit."

Library Update

The St. Louis City Library Board has tentatively approved a proposal to investigate the concept of a library porta-kiosk at the site of the present Des Peres Branch Library. The existing library structure has been determined as too costly to return to its former use. The porta-kiosk is a prefab

structure with much open glass space which could accommodate 5,000 volumes of adults' and children's literature and requires only one staff member.

The Board will investigate cost, availability of this structure and time frame for completion before finalizing their decision.

Ceramics Collection at Art Museum

An exhibition of British ceramics given to The Saint Louis Art Museum by Mr. and Mrs. Milton L. Zorensky is on view in the Museum's Gallery 120 beginning May 25.

Called English Ceramics: The Zorensky Collection, the exhibition includes a variety of ceramic forms from the 18th to early 20th centuries. Represented are examples of wares from the factories of Worcester, Wedgwood, Minton, and Derby, as well as other lesser-known potteries.

Of special interest are a Minton Fire Screen, one of a pair made for the Duchess of Sutherland of Trentham Park, Staffordshire, an extremely rare piece, and the magnificent Chamberlain's Worcester Tea Service, said to have been presented to Jenny Lind on the occasion of a concert given for the Worcester Royal Infirmary on Feb. 1, 1849.

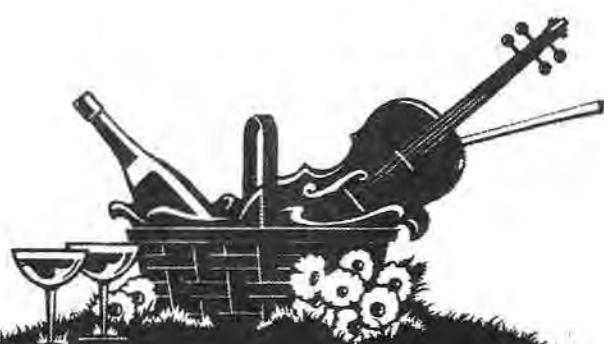


Muny Season Opens

The Municipal Theatre Association of St. Louis has announced four additional shows for The Muny's 64th annual season along with several stars. The rousing and fun-filled, "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," will star the dynamic Broadway dancing star, Ann Reinking, in the title role. "Gigi," the lyrical Lerner and Loewe romance, will bring back to The Muny the superb singing actors, Larry Kert and Bob Wright. Kert will also star in Cole Porter's comic musical, "Anything Goes," with the dazzling Chita Rivera. And "Grease," a rock'n'roll salute to the music, fads and styles of the 1950s, will be produced for the first time on The Muny stage. Lovely Muny favorite, Vic-

toria Mallory, and renowned actor, George Peppard, will star in "The Sound of Music," a show which has already been announced.

Playing dates for nine of the ten announced shows are: "Fiddler on the Roof," June 21-27; "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," June 28-July 4; "The Sound of Music," July 5-11; "Gigi," July 12-18; "Anything Goes," July 19-25; "West Side Story," July 26-Aug. 1; "Grease," Aug. 2-8; "They're Playing Our Song," Aug. 9-15; and "Hello, Dolly!" Aug. 30-Sept. 5. "The Wiz" will be produced either the week of Aug. 16 or 23. The one remaining show for the 11-week Muny season will be announced later.



City In Concert

The St. Louis Symphony Orchestra will present the "City In Concert" series at Powell Symphony Hall, Hyde Park, and Carondelet Park. The one hour concerts will be conducted without intermission, and are scheduled as follows:

June 12th 8:00 P.M. Powell Symphony Hall Antonia Joy Wilson
718 N. Grand Blvd.

June 19th 8:00 P.M. Hyde Park Catherine Comet, Conductor
Blair & Salisbury

June 26th 8:00 P.M. Carondelet Park Catherine Comet, Conductor
Loughborough & Field

Ticket information for the Powell Hall concert can be obtained by calling John Anderson of the St. Louis Division of Recreation at 535-0100.

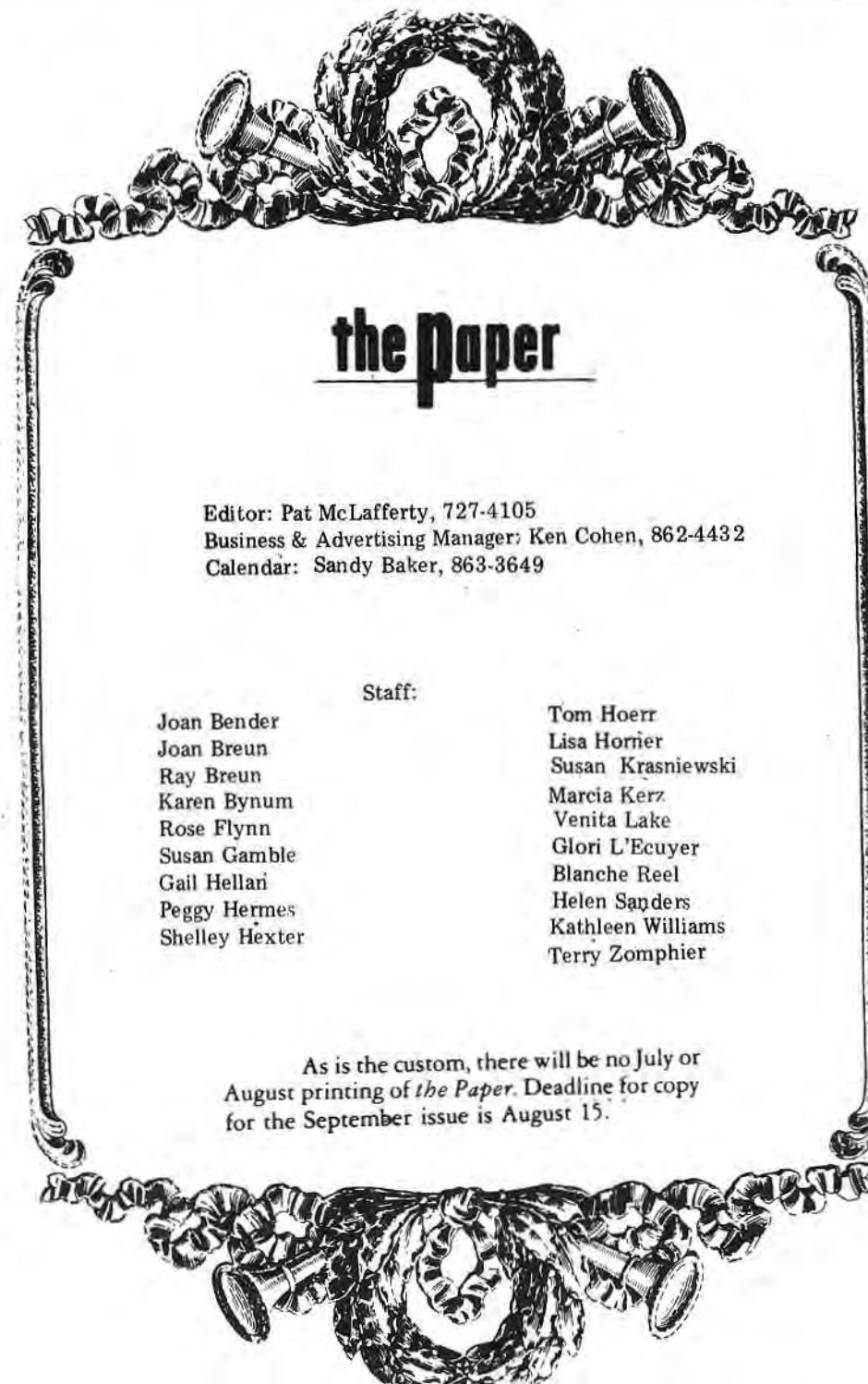
Concert goers are asked to bring a chair or blanket for comfortable seating at the outdoor concerts. Everyone is invited to attend these free concerts.

Dancers Summer Workshop

The Off Track Dancers Summer Workshop runs July 5-31 at CASA Midtown School for the Arts, 3207 Washington. Co-directors of Off Track Dancers, Andrea Lebovitz, Anne Patz, and Cynthia Simpson, will teach classes Monday-Thursday, 5:30-8:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

The workshop stimulates the interaction of dancers, ideas, and spaces. The primary focus is dance technique and improvisation with work in alignment, contact improvisation, and modern dance. The workshop provides valuable training for both beginners and professionals interested in the natural expressive body.

The month-long workshop culminates in an outdoor performance at the Missouri Botanical Garden. A special audition for male dancers for the outdoor performance will be held on July 5, 8:30-10 p.m., following the first evening's classes. Tuition is \$200 and work scholarships are available. For information or to register contact Off Track Dancers at 535-7576.



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As is the custom, there will be no July or August printing of *the Paper*. Deadline for copy for the September issue is August 15.

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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.

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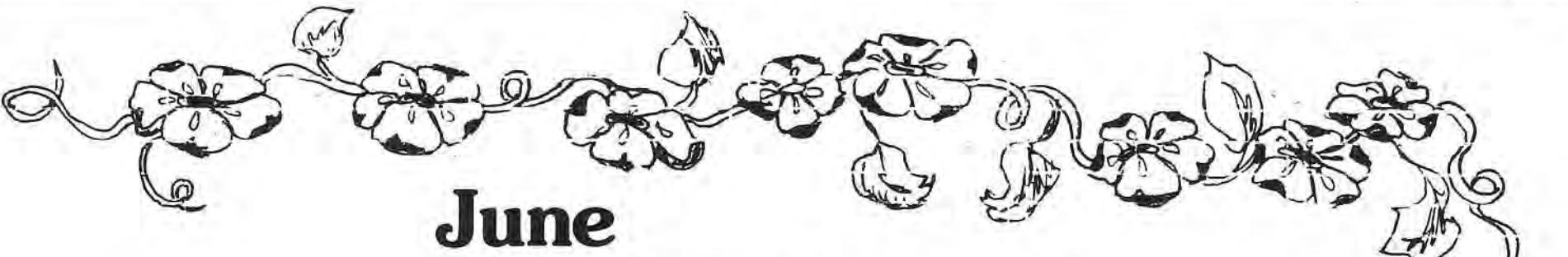
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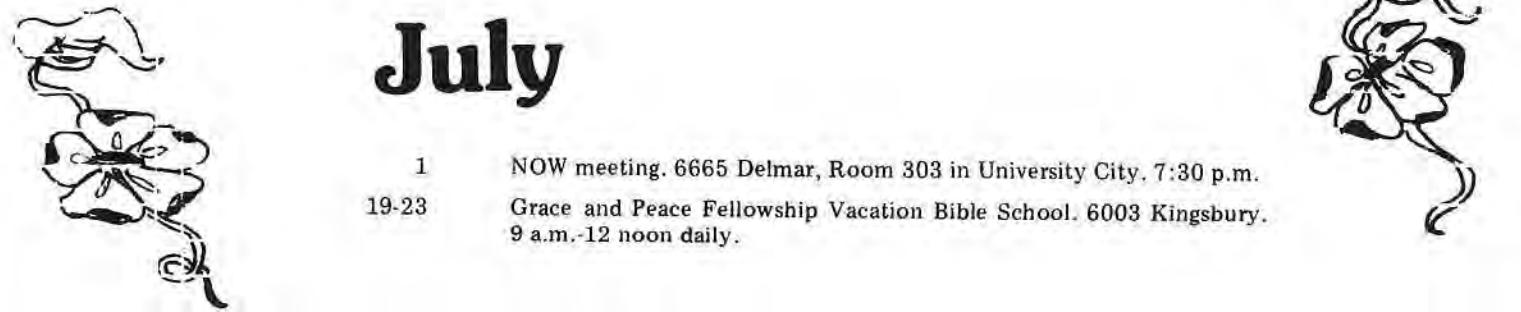
June

NOW Meeting

The Metro St. Louis Chapter of the National Organization for Women will hold its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 3, 1982, at 6665 Delmar, Room 303, in University City. The public is invited to attend. For more information call 868-6400.



- 3 NOW Meeting, 6665 Delmar, Room 303, in University City. 7:30 p.m.
- 4 Trip to Alton, Ill. Delmar Senior Adults. Meet at Delmar Baptist Church at 9:30 a.m. Lunch out.
- 6 Great Decisions Course begins and continues for 8 weeks at 9:30 a.m. Methodist Unity Church of Kirkwood, 201 Adams. \$3 for purchase of book. Call World Community Center, 862-5735, for information.
Nuclear Freeze Rally. Meet at St. Louis University Quadrangle. 7:30 p.m. March to Keiner Plaza, shuttle buses back to SLU.
- 10 Grace and Peace Fellowship, 2nd-grade jubilee graduation in evening. World Community Center. Bus trip to International Religious Convocation in N.Y. City. 9 a.m. Round trip costs \$82. (Also includes United Nations disarmament conference on June 12.)
- 11 World Community Center. Bus trip to United Nations Disarmament Conference Jan. 12 in N.Y. City 9 a.m. Bus leaves N.Y. 7 p.m. June 12 per return to St. Louis. Cost is \$82 round trip. Call World Community Center at 862-5735 for more information.
Trip to Dental Health Theatre on Laclede's Landing. Delmar Senior Adults. 10 a.m. Lunch \$1.50.
- 12 "Rags to Riches" Yard Sale, sponsored by Rosedale Neighbors Assn. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 13 Grace Methodist Church Summer Worship Service changes to 10 a.m.
- 14 Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council meeting. 7:30 p.m. Delmar Baptist Church.



July

- 1 NOW meeting. 6665 Delmar, Room 303 in University City. 7:30 p.m.
- 19-23 Grace and Peace Fellowship Vacation Bible School. 6003 Kingsbury. 9 a.m.-12 noon daily.

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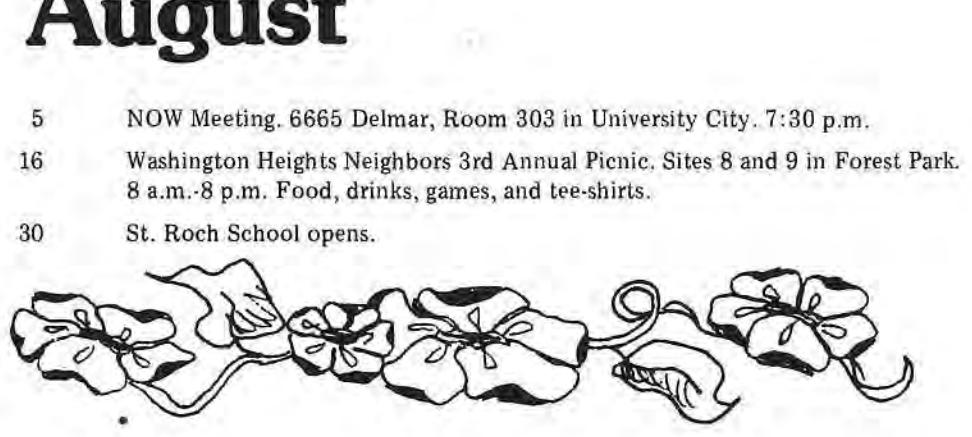


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August

- 5 NOW Meeting. 6665 Delmar, Room 303 in University City. 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Washington Heights Neighbors 3rd Annual Picnic. Sites 8 and 9 in Forest Park. 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Food, drinks, games, and tee-shirts.
- 30 St. Roch School opens.



African Drum and Dance Benefit

Sixteen Cosaan African dancers and drummers will put their electrifying energies to work Saturday, July 10, drum-beating to raise funds for the Fourth Annual Intercultural Conference of Drum and Dance. The July 10 benefit will be held in the CASA Main Auditorium at 8 p.m. The Intercultural Conference of Drum and Dance will be held in St. Louis and East St. Louis and is scheduled for Aug. 20 through Aug. 29.

Mor Thiam, founder and director of Cosaan, is the guiding spirit behind the fund-raiser and the coming conference, which annually draws hundreds of dancers and drummers from all over the world to its 10-day convention spectacle.

The Intercultural Conference of Drum and Dance, now planning its fourth annual gathering of master dancers and percussionists, has gained an international repute far

beyond its modest camp-meeting arrangements. It is the only conference of its type in the world.

The St. Louis part of the program is held in the dance studio at CASA Midtown School for the Arts, 3207 Washington Avenue. In East St. Louis the conference takes place at the Performing Arts Training Center of Southern Illinois University-East St. Louis.

The Intercultural Conference of Drum and Dance receives assistance from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Missouri Arts Council, the St. Louis Convention and Visitors Bureau and the St. Louis Commission for the Arts and Humanities.

Tickets are \$6, general admission; \$4, students and senior citizens.

For information, call the CASA box office, 863-3033, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Scouts Take on New Style

by JoAnn Vatcha



Girl Scout Troop 2342, of the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood, has just completed a year of interesting and varied activities. Its leadership style proved to be the beginning point for a transition year combining traditional scouting activities with some non-traditional ideas.

A group can have more than one leader. During 1981-82, previous leader Mary Alice Krueger called upon the parents to provide a new source of leadership on a regular basis. The parents responded, and a new system came about: each adult took a 3-4 week chunk of time and met with the troop during that period as its leader. Instead of running out of leaders (or ideas), there was a surplus. Kicking off this multiple-leader plan was Peggy Hermes, who did a month with books (part of the badge requirement was conversing with a published author!). Further liberating the group's activities were leaders of other badge endeavors: Bob Martin, Karen Bynum, Barbara Schmidt, Mary Brake, JoAnn Vatcha, and Venita Lake.

Girl Scouts can have leaders from the working world by meeting at new times. Several activities were undertaken by such parents simply by changing the times of meeting to late afternoons.

Having a new set-up doesn't mean the old ideas die completely. The troop was taken camping twice, by Mary Alice Krueger, doing what she loves best, and Dave Schmidt. Other parents, such as Ed and Dorothy Gotway, Maxine Harvey, and Bob Martin, assisted greatly by transporting girls to Camps Tuckahoe and Fiddlecreek.

A tornado warning the night of a camping trip provided another new experience—an overnight at Grace Methodist Church, the troop's generous host throughout the year.

Cookies were sold again, and parents Helen Herron, Leroy Hornberger and Rich Krueger, helped with that massive undertaking. Rita Magyar was again the mainstay for taking care of the cookie drive.

And as for the Brownies, there has been a new leader, Dee Pipina, who with husband Randy, and Dorothy Gotway, kept the same late afternoon hour as the Girl Scouts.

Many parents are looking forward to a new year of scouting—any who missed out this year and would like to participate next fall should call any of the parents listed in this article to see how the girls and parents can be a part of a scout troop that's evolving—and happily so.

Track and Field Youth Meet

The City of St. Louis, Division of Recreation, will conduct the Hershey National Track and Field Youth Program Meet at O'Fallon Tech, June 25, 1982, 10 a.m. for approximately 500 boys and girls 9-14 years old.

Winners in the St. Louis meet will advance to the State Finals at Florissant Valley Community College. State winners are eligible for selection to the Region One Regional Team which will travel to Charleston, West Virginia, Saturday, Aug. 12-15, to compete in the National Finals.

Events will include the 50 meter dash, 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, 400 meter dash, 800 meter run, 1500 meter run, various relays, standing long jump and the softball distance and accuracy throw.

The Hershey program involves more than 2.5 million youngsters from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. It is conducted by the National Recreation and Park Association in cooperation with the National Track-Field Hall of Fame, the



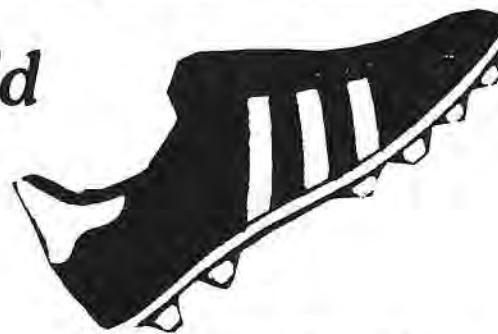
Summer Youth Activities Program

"Evening Fun for Youth" is a special program for neighborhood and church youths in grades 7-12 sponsored by Delmar Baptist Church, 6195 Washington. It will be held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings from 6-9 p.m. beginning July 5, 1982, and ending with a big party and dinner on Aug. 6. The program will offer a variety of free and structured activities including open gym, co-ed volleyball, aerobics, music, square dancing, crafts, movies, and Biblical simulation games. There will be a "rap room" for just talking and refreshments.

All youth interested in participating must be registered. There is a \$5 registration fee for the five weeks which will cover the cost of all crafts, popcorn and the final dinner. Some scholarships are available. A detailed schedule of events will be given at the time of registration. To register, stop by the church the mornings of June 22-24, 29 or 30 or July 1 or register the evenings of July 5, 6, 7 or 8. For further information call 725-2311.

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For additional information you may contact our coordinator, John E. Eddy, at 361-5103.



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Summer Youth Employment Program

The Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council will once again participate in the SLATE Summer Youth Employment Program. The Skinker-DeBaliviere SYEP Program will have four different sections:

- Tutoring for younger children and elementary students, which will be conducted at Grace United Methodist Church, 6199 Waterman.
- Home maintenance services (minor home repair, cleaning and related activities) which will be conducted at Hamilton Community School, 5812 Westminster.
- Neighborhood beautification services, which will be conducted at St. Roch Parish, 6052 Waterman.
- Office skills, which will be conducted at the above sites and the SDCC offices, 6008 Kingsbury.

For further information, income eligibility guidelines, and how to use services provided by SYEP youth, neighborhood residents can call the SDCC office at 862-5122 after June 14.

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Present: E. Walsh, R. Laboe, F. Burke, R. Breun, K. Cohen, A. Webb, O. Prewitt, J. McLeod, H.K. Abdullah, H. Williams, S. Polk, B. Keslar, W. Lloyd.

Absent: R. Trux, F. Abdullah, C. Haynes, V. Dobbs, A. Dorris, P. McKissack, S. Brammeier, S. Niewoehner, P. Kurtz, E. Jones, C. Simpson.

1. The minutes of the April 12 meeting were approved with the following correction: Clarice Haynes and Vivienne Dobbs reported as present were absent.

2. Frank Burke presented the April Treasurer's report.

3. The Constitution and By-laws Committee was appointed. Members are Ray Breun, Harold Williams, Dan McGuire, Jim McLeon and Ron Laboe.

4. Harold Williams asked to go on record, on behalf of Washington Heights Neighbors as noting that census figures used to determine new representation are disputed in court.

5. Ron Laboe reported on Operation Brightside.

Ken Cohen suggested that SDCC sanction an effort to remind people who did not clean up their property, to do so.

6. Five representatives of the St. Louis Public Library reported on the Des Peres branch.

7. Ken Cohen moved that SDCC endorse the concept of a library porta-kiosk. Shirley Polk seconded. Passed unanimously.

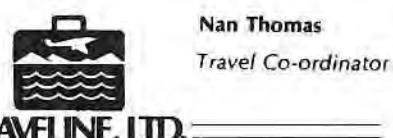
8. The new secretary to the Executive Director is Gabrielle Wilson.

9. The Nominating Committee was named. Members are Ray Breun, Ed Walsh, Ken Cohen and Shirley Polk.

10. Fund raising was discussed. Needs identified were neighborhood assistance program, operation of the council, and expansion of the council activities. Jim McLeon recommended using the term "Development Committee" rather than "Fund-Raising Committee." A goal-setting file will be set up at the council office where ideas can be accumulated. An old business item of "objectives" is to be included in minutes of every meeting. List of priorities/objectives will be expanded at next meeting.

11. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Resource Books Available Free

The Community Council has received a number of copies of the *Senior Citizens Handbook*, new fourth edition. This handbook, published by Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, Inc., and the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, contains up-to-date information for the senior citizen in areas such as financial assistance, housing, health care, consumer information, wills and real estate. These guides are available, at no cost to neighborhood seniors, at the SDCC office, 6008 Kingsbury.

Neighborhood Marketing Services has published its 1982 *Resource Guide to Goods and Services for Older Homes*. This book lists resources for everything needed by the homeowner from alarms to woodstoves, cost-reduction coupons from listed contractors and even a rehabbers glossary. The '82 *Resource Guide* is also available, at no cost, to neighborhood residents at the SDCC office.

Also, neighborhood residents who desire grass seed (or rat bait) may pick it up free of charge at the SDCC office.

Changing with the Wind

by Ray Breun

There seem to be two competing explanations for where the English word "tornado" comes. One suggests it is simply a misspelling of the Spanish "tronada," which is a thunderstorm. The second proposes a relation to the Spanish word "tornar," meaning "to turn." As far as the written evidence goes, however, it is a purely English word. In modern French, the word "tornado" is declared a derivative strictly from English. The two oldest references, both in English, are credited to Richard Hakluyt, a geographer, in 1589, and Samuel Purchas, a clergyman and traveler, in 1625.

When European travelers came to the Mississippi Valley in the nineteenth century, many referred to the violent turning storms we call tornadoes as hurricanes. John J. Audubon among others could only find comparison in the great winds of the open sea when trying to give easterners and Europeans some appreciation for these great storms of the river valley in mid-continent. The worst storm of the century hit St. Louis at the end of that nineteenth century and converted a German neighborhood into a slum.

Late in the afternoon of Wednesday, May 27, 1896, it struck. It had been terribly hot that day—it had been a hot spring. Many of the neighbors were outside in the street and this may have saved those who otherwise would have been crushed in collapsing homes and factories. Thomas Pullis, owner of the Pullis Iron Works on the block bounded by Seventh and Eighth, and Hickory and Rutgers Streets, was on his way home when it hit. Like many other German factory owners in the area, he first worried about his family. When he found them, he went back to see his factory and found it was totally destroyed. Like the famous trees of Lafayette Square, the iron works had been blown away.

Lafayette Square was the most desirable neighborhood in St. Louis after the Civil War until the tornado. Changing residential patterns had made Jefferson Avenue a major thoroughfare and this brought a lot of crowding into Lafayette Park. The people were learning to live with somewhat unhappy crowds by making streets more private and traffic determined in certain areas. Some of the people were moving to the new areas like Vandeventer Place before

the tornado hit, but most of the wealthy liked their Victorian homes and had planned on staying. It was close to downtown and the factories and blessed with churches and all the other appurtenances of gentle living.

By 5 p.m. on May 27, 1896, all that changed. Only the statue of Thomas Hart Benton dressed like Caesar survived in the park. The park police house had to be repaired, but Benton went unsullied.

The storm was a combination of three tornadoes which combined just west of Lafayette Square and moved through the park into downtown, across Eads Bridge and into the railyard on the east side. It was considered a miracle that only about 150 people died. Over 1000 more were injured, mostly in the poor residential area just northeast of Lafayette Park and toward the river factories. Eads Bridge itself was damaged—trains were tossed around the eastern end of the bridge and stones were dislodged on the western abutment. Nobody talked about the bridge being overbuilt again.

The Germans left the area in droves. Land values went up dramatically in the west part of the city along Grand Avenue. The poor who lost their homes east of Lafayette Square began to move into the luxurious homes which now sold for little or nothing around the park. Once the center of the French population, the Germans left just as fast as their predecessors.

The tornado of 1927 was probably worse meteorologically speaking. Its storm crossed three states and killed nearly 1500 people in Missouri, Illinois and Indiana. Like the storm of 1896, it began on a hot day in the spring of the year. Be that as it may, St. Louisans remember the 1896 tornado as The Great Tornado.

The word "bonanza" is from the Spanish and means a "fair wind," which is to say, a wind blowing in the direction desired. One of the major ships hauling people to California was called the *Bonanza*. Now it means a great strike, even of gold. Winds have brought change. Some of those who have been living in Lafayette Square have found a bonanza as the houses they bought have increased in value—now that the tornado is nearly forgotten.



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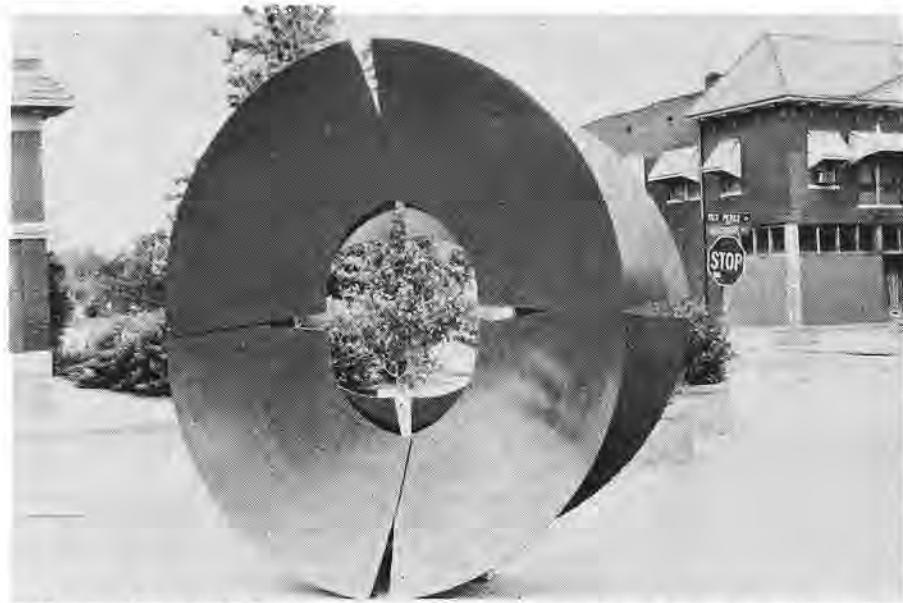


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The above sculpture, *Orifice II*, by Joe Moss of Delaware, will be on loan to the West End Neighborhood Arts Council through 1982. It currently is on the corner of Kingsbury and Des Peres.

Parkview Perspective

by Susan Krasniewski

As a neighborhood, Parkview has certain constants: characteristics that do not seem to change over the years. One of them is the trees. When my family first moved into Parkview more than 30 years ago the trees provided shelter, shade and, in the case of some smaller ones, convenient hiding places for children. There was a "monkey tree" in the south park that particularly attracted every neighborhood climber. The trees in the two parks also served as boundaries for games and markers of territorial rights. I still see them used in many of the same ways.

The oaks and maples of Parkview also offered some respite from the St. Louis heat. As children we often argued whether it was 10 or 15 degrees cooler in Parkview than it was on Skinker. No one ever won the argument, but we needed no scientific proof that it was, indeed, cooler once you passed the stone gates. It may only be psychological, but even now I feel a temperature difference when I enter Parkview.

When we were children we kept close track of who lived in Parkview, especially other kids. One year we counted 96 children on Pershing alone. There are not as many kids today as there were then, but they are still quite evident. The big houses, winding streets and two parks invite families with children.

Another element which has not changed much is the fact that where you live in Parkview is indicated by the name of the former owners. The Smiths may be living in the house now, but if the Joneses lived there before it is known as the "Jones' house." "Oh yes," you can hear an old Parkview resident say, "you live in the Jones' house."

How long your residential identity is tied to the former owners is difficult to determine. At a Parkview picnic some years ago I was introduced to someone who lived in a house that had belonged to a family with whom I had gone to school. "Of course," I said, "you live in the Brown

house." The person to whom I had been introduced replied, "How long does it take around here for a house to become your house? I've been living there 18 years."

I have lived in several cities and I've never experienced this phenomenon in any other community. My husband says such references to homes make it seem as though people are living in a house that belongs to someone else. I don't know the source of this practice, but it seems that the only way you can be assured of your house having your name is to live in it for many years or to keep it in the same family generation after generation.

A related peculiarity of Parkview is the fact that children return as adults to live in this area. Parents may live in one house and one of their married children might live two blocks away. People also have a practice of living on one street for a while and then moving to a house on another street without ever leaving Parkview.

There are other elements in this neighborhood which have not been altered significantly over the last 30 years. Horses still stand in the middle of the street to slow or, as some people believe, irritate the drivers. The only change in these barriers over the years is that they are now metal instead of wood.

At least one of the Parkview Police, Sgt. Rebori, has provided continuity over the years. He's been on the Parkview force more than 50 years.

Like the man on the MTA in the Kingston Trio song, there are still people who get lost in Parkview and panic because they think they'll never find a way out. I can recall directing strangers as a kid and thinking that some adults just didn't have any sense of direction. Today I sympathize with all those drivers every time I get lost in an unfamiliar subdivision.

The faces have changed and the kids do grow up, but Parkview is still much the same: a subdivision of trees, parks, and people. It's also a nice place to live; ask anyone who chose to come back!

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window on washington heights

by Glori L'Ecuyer and Blanche Reel

May was a very busy month for WHN. Dedicated neighbors turned out for Jack Carney's big parade, the Crossroads Block Party and Operation Brightside, when residents worked diligently to clean up. On the 5700 block of DeGiverville, Mr. Nauges even hobbled out on his crutches to cheer us on.

Karen Busch, daughter of Horace and Anna Busch, graduated from Fontbonne College in May. She will be going to Ft. Knox, Kentucky, as a Second Lt. in the Army. She was awarded the ROTC Medal by the Fort San Carlos Chapter of the DAR for academic excellence and outstanding performance in ROTC training. Congratulations to Karen.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Topps traveled to the University of Cincinnati on May 15 to see their son Shawn, better known as Skipper, honored as a newly selected member of *Who's Who in American Colleges*. His family and friends are very proud of him. Congratulations to Skipper!

Best wishes to the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wimbley, who as we told you before, will be married June 19. The news is that the couple will make their home on the 5500 block of Waterman.

Another former resident will be returning to the WHN area after a few years' absence. To find out who the mystery person is, visit the Skinker-DeBaliviere Council office and ask for Ron Laboe's new secretary.

Other new neighbors are the Davenports of the 5900 block of DeGiverville. Welcome to the neighborhood!

The Wednesday before Easter a new member of our community made her entrance. She is Anna Clare Baker, new baby daughter of Ken and Lois Baker of the 5800 block of Waterman. According to neighbors, Anna Clare has a wonderful smile.

A group of young people in our area are getting ready to move on. They are members of the Savage Band from the 5700 block of Pershing. Paul and Byron Mallard, Glen Curry and Glen Williams are leaving for California in September to negotiate a recording contract. Other members of the band from the St. Louis area are Mitch French, Keith Jefferson, and Lynn Merrill. Good luck to all of them.

Condolences to the family of Mrs. Louis Gilden. Mrs. Gilden died in April after a long illness. Our sympathy also goes to the family of Naizle McLucas of the 5700 block of DeGiverville. Her friends and family will miss her very much.

Condolences to the Fred Copeland family of the 5700 block of Waterman on the death of Mrs. Viney Copeland. The mother of Rev. William Collins died in early May. We extend our sympathy to the Collins family. We were also sorry to hear that Helen Sanders' father died this spring.

The People's Clinic will be receiving the help of Mildred Simmons, elected president of the board, and Leon Mitchell, who is president-elect. Mr. Mitchell was also just elected second vice president of Washington Heights Neighbors.

Velma Thompson of the 5900 block of DeGiverville has been elected president of Hamilton Community School board. Congratulations to all these hard-working 5900 DeGiverville block members.

While Mildred, Leon and Velma are planning more things for the community to have, Peggy Mitchell and Laura Gunn want us to have less and less—pounds, that is. They have begun a weight loss clinic with Rita Navaro and John Harsch at the People's Clinic. For details, phone the People's Clinic.

vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

It is with much sorrow that we must report the recent deaths of two neighbors. Our sympathy is extended to the family of Oscar Klinefelter, 6100 Kingsbury, and especially to his wife, Betty, and their daughter, Ruth Schoen, 6000 Washington. A sincere expression of sympathy is also extended to the family of Audrey Crawford, 6000 Westminster.

Many things are happening in the Rosedale community. A Rosedale Neighborhood Association meeting was held on April 22 at Scariot Hall. Those in attendance heard presentations by the police department on the Block Watchers program, and by a representative of Operation Brightside. Nominations for officers were also made.

On the subject of Brightside, our neighborhood Project Blitz was held on Mother's Day weekend. Many neighbors were seen picking up alleys, streets and lots, making the neighborhood more attractive. Gail Hellan, 6100 Kingsbury, Project Blitz coordinator, said that she felt the response was tremendous. She also remarked that our area ate more hot dogs.

Rosedale held its annual election of officers on May 17 at Scariot Hall. Elected were: Karleen Hoerr, president (6100 Kingsbury); Marvin Nodiff, vice-president (6100 Westminster); Steve Niewohner, vice-president (6100 Westminster); Deborah Boehlke, secretary (6000 Westminster); and Lisa Horner, treasurer (6100 Westminster). Also elected were Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council representatives and alternates: Frank Burke, south-side representative (6100 McPherson); Arline Webb, south-side alternate (6100 Pershing); Candace Page, north-side representative (6000 Washington); Paul Kurtz, north-side alternate (6000 Washington); Peter Schmidt, representative-at-large (6100 McPherson); and Victor Farwell, alternate-at-large (6000 Westminster).

Two new arrivals are making their first appearance in *The Paper*. Alicia Christine Sindel was born on April 5, weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces, to Rick and Susan Sindel, 6000 Westminster. She is the baby sister of Jessica, 3. Rick is an attorney and Susan is a marriage counselor. Patty Rosa and Paul Policastro, 6000 Washington, are the proud parents of Justine, born May 13. Betty and Frank Burke, 6100 McPherson, are also expecting a new arrival sometime this fall.

Terrasita Currie, 6100 Washington, won honorable mention in the black and white, youth category in the Annual University City Photo Contest. Terrasita is a senior at Southwest High School and enjoys photography in her spare time.

Mary McGinn, daughter of James and Ilene McGinn, 6000 Pershing, was married on May 21 at St. Roch's to Tom Michler. This continues a long tradition in the McGinn family. Both Jim and Ilene attended school at St. Roch and were married there. All of their six children have attended school there and this is the third of their children to be married there. This will be somewhat of a family reunion for the McGinns also. Their son Terry, and his wife, Sally Storey McGinn, will be coming to St. Louis from Atlanta for the wedding with their two children, John, age 2, and a new baby, Jayne Marie. Also coming in for the big event will be the McGinn's daughter, Maureen Sautel, and her husband, Tim, from Denver.

Hope you all have a wonderful, relaxing summer!

Washington Heights Neighbors is putting together its 3rd Annual Picnic in Forest Park to be held Sunday, Aug. 16 (see Calendar for details). This year you can purchase a tee-shirt that reads "Washington Heights Picnic '82" to wear while you have fun. Shirley Polk is already busy making plans, so don't wait for her to call you! Please call Shirley at 361-2094 to volunteer for the picnic. But most of all, be sure to come. See you at the picnic. Until then....

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In your ear

by Tom Hoerr

Someone once said, "You can't go wrong underestimating the intelligence of the average person." Actually, I'm not sure if someone really said that, but if they didn't, they should.

Now I'll grant you, there are a number of events which we could point to as a rationale for the aforementioned conclusion: the Falkland Islands crisis; Wrestling at the Chase; the success of "Three's Company"; and the practice of raking leaves, to name a few. My latest tirade, however, deals with the small town of Hollister, Missouri.

Hollister is located near the southwestern part of our state. It seems that the city council is about to pass a measure that "would require that firearms be owned by all residents except for felons, handicapped, and those who refuse for religious or other grounds." Honest! This measure would be similar to one passed earlier in the year in Kennesaw, Georgia. And we thought that the Board of Aldermen was bad!

Can you believe it? Firearms in every house. Given what we know about human nature, the results of such legislation are clear — every day would sound like the Fourth of July as neighbors and families turn their guns on one another to settle disputes. Tired of your spouse leaving the cap off the toothpaste tube? Concerned over apartments being turned into condominiums? Distraught because your neighbor's lawn always looks better than yours? No problem, just unholster and blast away.

While this trend might prove advantageous to hospital stockholders and the makers of fine leather goods, it seems terribly inefficient to me. After all, gunshots are noisy and they can positively ruin a nice oriental rug. The house would always smell like gunpowder too.

If we're really to succumb to our self-destruct tendencies, I propose that there must be a better way. Why not require each citizen to be armed with a vial of nerve gas? It's very efficient and a lot quieter. Granted, it poses some problems on a windy day, but that can always be worked on (no one ever said that using nerve gas in the wind is a breeze...).

Another option would be to mandate that all violence be done by using some kind of pasta as a weapon. "Fifty lashes with a wet noodle" may not be too imaginative, but linguini up your nostrils has a nice ring to it. (Heck, by the time your enemy would suffocate, the argument would be forgotten and you'd be administering CPR.)

Well, back to Hollister, Missouri. No doubt they wouldn't approve of my pasta alternative. Can you imagine those dudes, wearing their 10 gallon hats and riding in their pickup trucks with a pasta-rack hanging in the rear window. How macho can you get?

They probably wouldn't like my nerve gas idea either. Getting drunk and vialing up the town couldn't be too much fun (besides, it wouldn't awaken anybody!).

No doubt there are some reasonable souls in Hollister (if nothing else, perhaps a Mary Kay saleswoman passing through). If, indeed, rational minds can prevail at least for a bit and stall the legislation for a while, all will be saved. In a few months there will be an outlet for aggression, a focus for the eternal quest for manhood, and the animal urges within us all. That's right, only ten more weeks and the 1982 National Football League season is upon us. Ah, what more could you want? If the crime rate goes up during the full moon, it surely goes down on football Sundays.

Relax Hollisterites, relief is only a training camp away. In the meantime, if you have some aggressive tendencies that you just can't handle, try stuffing a noodle in a vial. It beats shooting a gun.

Papergirl Wins Dream Trip

by Joan Bender

As a Post-Dispatch Paper Carrier on the Kingsbury Avenue route, Anne McCarthy turned her job into great opportunities.

For each of the three years she has been delivering papers, Anne has entered the Young Columbus Contest sponsored by Parade Magazine. The first year she won a black and white TV set. That was the year Shaun Thomas of McPherson Avenue won a trip to Ireland. Anne won a 10-speed bike the second year and this year—the grand prize—a 10-day trip to Norway and Denmark.

To win, Anne wrote an essay on why she wanted to visit these countries and had recommendations from three of her teachers at St. Roch's School.

On April 4, the dream trip began. One hundred fifty Paper Carriers, ranging in age from 10 to 17, and their counselors, boarded a 747 Scandinavian Airliner headed for Copenhagen, Denmark. There they met the Lord Mayor of Copenhagen. Anne loved touring the country of Hans Christian Anderson. A highlight of the trip was seeing the "Little Mermaid" memorial to him in the harbor. The Carriers also visited newspaper plants and offices in both countries.

In Oslo, Norway, they were also greeted by the Lord Mayor and the American Ambassador. Anne was impressed with the beauty of this country. There was still snow high in the mountains when they visited Holmenkollen, a ski resort where 78-year-old King Olaf skis every Sunday during the winter.

Anne noted that the weather in Copenhagen was cooler than in the northern city of Oslo. Other observations were that fast food restaurants are very popular, especially Burger King. There were four Burger



Kings on one street in Copenhagen. The ice cream in both countries was outstanding.

People of all ages use bicycles for transportation. Papers are usually delivered by Carriers on bikes. Bikes were everywhere! And you seldom saw them locked up. There was a warm, friendly, informal atmosphere in these two cities.

The schoolchildren in both Norway and Denmark begin the study of English in the fourth grade. In Denmark they also begin the study of German in the seventh grade due to their proximity to Germany. This made communicating easy for the American visitors.

On the unusual side, Anne noticed gangs of punk rock types in Mohawk haircuts and wearing "Fonzie" jackets sitting on street corners drinking beer. Apparently anything "Fonzie" is "cool."

Anne is the daughter of Jim and Anne McCarthy of Kingsbury Avenue and is one of 13 enterprising McCarthy children. Paper delivery is a family affair. The McCarthy clan has had this route for years. It automatically goes to the next in line when they graduate from the eighth grade at St. Roch's. Mark, Dan, Molly, Vincent, Marion, and Sophie had it before Anne; Peter and Brigid are next in line.

The family involvement in newspapers extends to Anne's father who, during the big snow when paper trucks couldn't get through, bought enough papers in Clayton for Anne to deliver to her customers.

The dream trip is over and Anne will pass down her paper route as she pursues new challenges. Anne will be a freshman at Rosati-Kain High School in the fall.



The Little Mermaid

Assertive Training Classes Offered



This summer, the University of Missouri-St. Louis has scheduled two classes in assertive training for men and women. The first section will meet Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30, from June 16 through July 21. A second session will be held Thursday evenings, from 7 to 9, July 1 through Aug. 5. Both classes will be held in the J.C. Penney Building on the UMSL campus, 8001 Natural Bridge Road, and will be led by Sharon Margious, co-director of Women's Program at UMSL.

The programs are designed to help participants learn to express ideas, feelings,

and opinions in a direct, honest and appropriate way without being aggressive and alienating others. By learning the skills of presenting themselves in an effective and assertive manner, participants should become more self-confident and fulfilled and will find they have more effective communication, less anxiety, higher self-esteem and better relationships.

Registration fee for each course is \$45. For information, or to register, call 553-5511.

CASA Awards Honorary Degree

Katherine Gladney Wells, prominent St. Louis patron of the arts and an acknowledged composer in her own right, was awarded an honorary doctorate of musical arts from the Saint Louis Conservatory of Music at their graduation on May 17. Mrs. Wells delivered the commencement address.

An abiding commitment to high artistic standards, plus her own performance and compositional abilities, have drawn "Katch" Wells into close association with CASA and the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra. Her compositions have been performed by the Symphony, under the direction of Music Director Leonard Slatkin, and by CASA ensembles.

Her performed works include choral anthems, a variety of art songs and three orchestral suites. The latter works are "Frankie and Johnnie," commissioned as a

score for a ballet, which has been performed in London; "The Mississippi," a musical odyssey of life on the river, and "Variations on a Day in June."

Another commissioned piece was "The CASA Waltz," in a style reminiscent of Johann Strauss, composed as a piano solo for a CASA Viennese Ball benefit and later orchestrated for strings.

The honorary degree recipient is also a published poet, the winner of poetry awards, and is the author of *Symphony and Song: The Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra, the First Hundred Years*, published in the symphony's centennial year, 1980.

A 1969 Globe-Democrat Woman of Achievement for creative achievement, she received the John Burroughs School Alumnus of the Year Award in 1972.

