

# The *TIMES* of... SKINKER DEBALIVIERE

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## Fr. Peet Celebrates 50th Anniversary

by JoAnn Vatcha

Monsignor Robert Peet, pastor of St. Roch's for 19 years until his retirement in 1981, will celebrate his Golden Jubilee on Sun., June 10, with a special mass at St. Roch's.

Fifty years as an urban priest in St. Louis means Monsignor Peet has truly seen it all. Kathleen Hamilton wrote in the *West End Word* on the occasion of his retirement:

"The genial priest has always had a pastorate in urban ministry, coming to St. Roch's in May of 1962 from the old St. Patrick's Church which was on Sixth and Biddle, where he had spent the previous 14 years.

"The then-new pastor of St. Roch's sought advice from George Wendle of St. Louis University's department of urban studies on rebuilding city neighbors. Peet saw the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood in the early '60s experiencing a painful transition similar to what other urban areas were going through—deteriorating and disinvestment of housing as well as a rising crime rate.

"He was one of a group of ministers of different faiths who, along with a group of lay people, were heavily involved with the civil rights movement in the early '60s. Peet took part in the march for equality in Selma, Alabama.

"It was also in the mid-60s that the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council was formed—consisting of the various churches, neighborhood association and Washington University. He also aided in the continuation of the West End Town house, which was begun by the late Phil Lucier, a parishioner, to arrest the decay of buildings owned by absentee landlords. 'I think we have been successful in helping the neighborhood turn around,' Peet added."

Indeed he did play a crucial role in helping Skinker-DeBaliviere become a vibrant area again—actually better than before—able to hold on to the lively mix of races and economic groups it had always had and become a friendly neighbor to a nationally-acclaimed development effort east of DeBaliviere.

One action Father Peet took shortly after he came to St. Roch's in 1962 was to support adding a wing to the school. At that time, the "old school" was bursting at the seams with over five hundred students. In the years that followed, it has sometimes seemed that the new school wing might not have been needed when enrollment decreased and stayed at a level below two hundred for several years. But it was a stable number and attracted a loyal group of families, black and white, Catholic and non-Catholic. In 1983, an increase occurred, the first in many years. Now over two hundred students of several nationalities attend the school, which is a model of racial balance and cooperation between Catholic and non-Catholic. And when so many parishes have had to close schools—or when so many have become irrelevant to the neighborhood in which they reside—it is timely to look back to a career which really has made a difference—for a school, for a neighborhood, for a city.



Monsignor Peet now resides at Regina Cleri on Lindell in the Central West End and joins his friends at St. Roch's several times a year. Whether it is St. Patrick's or a

less auspicious occasion, his good humor and cheer make him welcome company any time. Congratulations to Monsignor Peet on his Golden Jubilee!

## 3rd Annual Rags To Riches To Be Held June 9

by Alan Mense, Chairman  
"Rags to Riches"

It's again time to clean out your basement, attic, garage, or whatever and have a *yard sale*. On Sat., June 9, the Rosedale Neighbors Association (RNA) will sponsor their 3rd Annual Rags to Riches Day. The RNA will be publicizing this day in the media. All anyone has to do is to take advantage of the free publicity and have your own yard sale that Saturday. The purpose of the day is to raise money for RNA. All those Rosedale residents who have yard sales on June 9 are asked to contribute \$5 to RNA. All yard sales will take place within the 12-block area bordered by Delmar on the north, Milbrook (Forest Park Parkway) on the south, Skinker on the west, and Des Peres on the east. This is where all

the action will be. You can call Ann FitzGibbons at the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council (862-5122) for further details. If you will be having a yard sale and tell Ann ahead of time, your house will be shown on a map of the neighborhood which will be distributed that morning to those shoppers who ask for one.

### *There's More!*

From 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. there will be *food and entertainment* in the parking area in front of Kingsbury Animal Hospital at 420 N. Skinker. This area is provided courtesy of Dr. Stephen Brammeier. In the morning, there will be donuts and coffee, and during the rest of the day there will be baked goods, burritos, sausages, hot dogs, soda, and beer. The entertainment will be

## The Paper Becomes The Times

You are no doubt looking at this publication and asking, "What happened to the Paper?" Well, we warned you in the January issue that we, the Board of West End Publishing Co., were going to change the name of The Paper to better reflect what it is and for whom it is published. True to our word, after much advice from readers and advertisers, we did it. The Paper is now *The Times of Skinker-DeBaliviere*.

How is this better? you may ask. First, the neighborhood's name is present. Second, when you say you are writing an article or when you are selling advertising, you will not have to explain what and why you are. Conversations with advertisers sounded more like comedy routines than selling jobs: "Hi, I'm Katie Kurtz with The Paper." "Which paper?" "The Paper—the Skinker-DeBaliviere paper." "Oh, but what is its name?" "The Paper." "Oh..."

O.K., you say, I see the point about the advertising, but why The Times? Well, what does "time" mean? It is one of those words which works as both a noun and a verb. As a noun, it describes a period which can be measured and during which an action, process, or condition exists or continues. As a verb, "time" takes on the meaning of keeping pace or setting the tempo of a certain action.

Now, if you were to look back at past issues (and if you have them all, you're a worse pack rat than I), what was The Paper doing? Over the past fourteen years, The Paper has reflected the issues, concerns, opinions, and tastes of Skinker-DeBaliviere residents. Articles on the pros and cons of the historic district, statements from various candidates running for political office, subjects on housing, educational opportunities, health as well as pieces on St. Louis and neighborhood history have marked the passing of time in Skinker-DeBaliviere. In addition, they have set the pace for measuring improvements, changing concerns, and ongoing interests in the neighborhood.

But the most important pace The Paper set—and one of which we should be proud—was in being the first neighborhood newspaper in the city. Now we have a neighborhood newspaper with a name that well describes what it is—The Times of Skinker-DeBaliviere.

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## From Our Readers: The Des Peres Barricades and Related Subjects

To the Editor:

Count me among those who enthusiastically supports the recent street closings (Des Peres, Laurel, Rosedale, and Nina) in the neighborhood. From what I have seen in only three weeks, they have brought new vitality, serenity, and harmony to Skinker-DeBaliviere.

It pleases me, for example, to see our young people using the streets and sidewalks for games, bicycle riding, etc., in greater numbers than before (I have lived in the neighborhood seven years). And I like the fact that more of my friends and neighbors — of all ages — seem to be out and about, enjoying the safety and tranquility that come with less traffic on our streets. Looking ahead, I am hopeful that plans for the "greening" of Des Peres will help unify the neighborhood east and west of that street.

In my view, any slight inconvenience that may result from the barriers would seem a small price to pay for changes that will bring us closer together.

To those who would remove the barriers, I ask: Would you want also to tear up the barricades on Rosedale, Waterman (at DeBaliviere) and Laurel (at Westminster and Kingsbury)? Those changes, opposed by many at the time, improved our neighborhood by cutting down all but local traffic.

We all want to make Skinker-DeBaliviere a better place for everyone, and if that means asking small sacrifices of many (rather than big sacrifices of a few), well, isn't that what "neighborhood" is all about?

I ask everyone to give the experiment a chance before giving the experiment up.

— Richard Lowenstein

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 NOTICE: The Times will not publish during July or August. Deadline for the next issue, September 1984, is August 15. All news, pictures and other items should be sent c/o The Times of Skinker-DeBaliviere, 6008 Kingsbury Boulevard, St. Louis MO 63112. Call 727-6377 if you have questions concerning advertising, distribution, or submitting articles.  
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The Paper welcomes unsolicited articles and letters. Because of the small size and volunteer nature of the writing staff, the quality and range of The 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.

Send all correspondence to 6008 Kingsbury . Deadline: 15th of the month.

To the Editor:

Have you *walked* on Des Peres lately?

Have you sat on the four corners benches and enjoyed the calm and quiet?

Did you miss the noise and exhaust of the hundreds of cars passing daily from Hodiament to Hampton using our neighborhood as their conduit?

For those of us who live or walk on Des Peres, the barricades prove to us that we can have a neighborhood again. Now let us address the very real problem of emergency vehicle access with a Rosedale-like system that will discourage through traffic but allow some local traffic.

Let us not waste energy on the irrelevant smoke screen of "racism" but together enjoy a smoke (exhaust) free Des Peres which, though less convenient, can be made to benefit us all—all but the through traffickers.

—Bill Kohn

Dear Editor:

I have lived in the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood for exactly eighteen years. Unfortunately, during that time, I have been the occasional recipient, along with my neighbors, of tracts or flyers, telling me what was wrong with the neighborhood in which I chose to live and raise my family.

The people or groups who handed out the tracts, and indeed the tracts themselves, all had something in common. The tracts were rarely truthful. A little fact was always twisted in the apparent hope of exciting or stirring emotions. The authors of the handouts never made themselves known. No names, no titles, not a single way to identify the individual who authored the handout. To assure that their identity would not be known, these masked authors caused their tracts to be delivered in the dark of night, when all would be asleep. They can, in part, be compared to the masked night riders of one hundred years ago who rode when all were asleep. Those riders were called cowards. I think the comparison stands today.

Somehow, as the tracts came, I was generally able to tolerate the general foolishness of the whole thing. Unfortunately, I have arrived at a point of my life called middle-age and I find that it is not as easy to tolerate foolishness. Which brings me to my point.

The other day, I received a new tract, bemoaning the closing of Des Peres. Nothing has changed. Let me explain. We had a tract delivered that contained little truth. There was no way to identify the author. A group was named, but it has no relationship to our neighborhood. It is located in the suburbs, has no listed telephone number, and uses a post office box number for an address. Finally, to mask their identity, they had their stuff handed out by small children. No leadership and no courage or conviction for this group. Like the rest, they prefer to hide, even behind small children.

My purpose in writing is not to debate our unknown author's position on the closing of Des Peres. If we could ever find out who she or he is, I would be glad to do so. My reason for writing is simply to state that after eighteen years, I have become fed up with these night rider types. I want our self-proclaimed saviors, our masked suburban raiders who hide behind little children, to just go home. If they must pester people, let them pester their own neighbors and not mine. We do not need them. We have not asked for them. They offer nothing. They only take away.

—Calvin B. Stuart, Jr.



Barricades on Des Peres south of Delmar.

Photo by King Schoenfeld

# June Calendar

- 1 "Duel in the Sun." 1946 Lillian Gish film directed by King Vidor. St. Louis Art Museum Auditorium. 1:30, 7 and 9:15 p.m. \$2.
- 3 "Rollin on the River" history festival for whole family. Live music, kids' activities, square dancing, native American dancing. Missouri Historical Society. Forest Park. 12 noon to 4 p.m. Free.
- 4 "Friends to Lovers; Lovers to Friends." Changing Men open discussion focussing on changing relationships. 6665 Delmar, Suite 302. 7:30 p.m. Free. Call 725-6137.  
Registration deadline for Missouri Historical Society Conference: "The Urban Landscape," to be held June 16. Free. Call 361-9265.
- 5 "Solo Sunny." 1979 German film by Konrad Wolf. German with subtitles. St. Louis Art Museum Auditorium. 5:30 and 8 p.m. \$2.  
Joint custody discussion group sponsored by "In the Child's Best Interest." Grace & Peace Fellowship, 6003 Kingsbury. 7 p.m. For details call Don Fitz, 727-8554. (Also meets 6/19.)  
National Organization for Women, St. Louis Chapter, meets at 6665 Delmar, 3rd floor. 7:30 p.m. Topic: "How to Protect Yourself if Attacked," "Making Your Home Safe." Free.  
Pre-school story hour every Tuesday at 10 a.m. Cabanne Branch Library, 1106 N. Union. Free.
- 6 William Clay, Jr., State Representative from the 59th District, meets the public at 6 p.m. Cabanne Branch Library.
- 7 Kingsbury Food Co-op orientation for new members. Grace & Peace Fellowship, 6003 Kingsbury. Call Linda Anderson at 644-0883 for details.
- 8 "Portrait of Jennie." 1949 Lillian Gish film directed by Wm. Dieterle. St. Louis Art Museum Auditorium. 1:30, 7 and 9:15 p.m. \$2.
- 9 Rags to Riches Neighborhood Sale in Rosedale. 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (See related article.)
- 10 Golden Jubilee celebration for Monsignor Peet. (See related article.)  
Sculpture Exhibit by Louise Armstrong. Fontbonne Library Gallery. Opening reception 3-5 p.m. Free. For gallery hours call 889-1431.
- 11 Fun at 1: Crafts, games and story time for middle grade children every Monday & Wednesday at 1 p.m. Cabanne Branch Library. Free.  
Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council meets. 6008 Kingsbury. 7:30 p.m.
- 12 "Anton the Magician." 1978 German film by Gunther Reisch. German with subtitles. St. Louis Art Museum Auditorium. 5:30 and 8 p.m. \$2.  
Japanese Prints from the present collection. St. Louis Art Museum, Cohen Gallery. (Through 8/5/84.)  
Music for Voice and Guitar. Jeffrey Noonan and Christine Armistead. Washington University, Mallinckrodt Center, Gargoyle. 7:30 p.m. \$3.  
Washington Heights Neighbors meeting. Hamilton School. 7:30 p.m.
- 13 27th Annual Flea Market to benefit Missouri Historical Society. Held on Westroads Mall parking lot. Opens 6 p.m. \$3. Also 6/14 & 15, 9:30 to 9:30. Free.
- 15 "The Night of the Hunter." 1955 Lillian Gish film directed by Charles Laughton. St. Louis Art Museum Auditorium. 1:30, 7 and 9:15 p.m. \$2.  
"The Velveteen Rabbit" and "The Incredible Journey." Children's Film Series. Cabanne Branch Library. 1 p.m. Free.  
Midsummer Madness. Holy Roman Repertory Company presents songs and readings. Washington University, Mallinckrodt Center, Gargoyle. 8 p.m. \$3.
- 16 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Awareness Workshop for Teenagers. Cabanne Branch Library. 2:30 p.m. Free.
- 18 "Landlord-Tenant Rights Under the Law." Series of meetings begins, in cooperation with Hamilton School. Held at Cabanne Branch Library, 1106 N. Union. 5:30 p.m. Free.
- 19 "Bingham's Missouri," a multi-media presentation by Young Audiences. Children 6-9 at 10:30 a.m.; ages 10-13, 1:30 p.m. Missouri Historical Society, Forest Park. Free.  
"The Fiancee." 1980 German film by Gunther Reisch and Gunther Rucker. German with subtitles. Art Museum Auditorium. 5:30 and 8 p.m. \$2.  
James Marchael Retrospective. Twenty prints from 1961-76 by midwestern photographer. St. Louis Art Museum, Gallery 321. (Through 8/12/84.)  
Two Glass Artists, Tom Patti & David Huchthausen (Currents 24 and 25); also "Hot Stuff: Selections from Museum's Contemporary Glass." Art Museum, Special Exhibit Galleries. (Through 8/5/84.)
- 21 "The Siege of Vicksburg," vivid account of 1863 battle. Children 6-9, 10:30 a.m.; ages 10-13 at 1:30 p.m. Missouri Historical Society, Forest Park. Free.  
Skinker-DeBaliviere Business Association luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Call 862-5122 for location.  
St. Louis Ragtimers Duo, Treber Tichener and Al Striker. Washington University, Mallinckrodt Center, Gargoyle. 7:30 p.m. \$3.
- 22 "Stuart Little." Children's Film Series. Cabanne Branch Library. 1 p.m. Free.  
"The Unforgiven." 1970 Lillian Gish film directed by John Huston. St. Louis Art Museum Auditorium. 1:30, 7 and 9:15 p.m. \$2.
- 24 5900 DeGiverville Block meeting. 4:30 p.m.
- 26 "Ikarus." 1975 German film by Heiner Carow. German with subtitles. St. Louis Art Museum Auditorium. 5:30 and 8 p.m. \$2.  
"Westward Ho!" by Young Audiences. Army and cowboy songs. Children 6-9, 10:30 a.m.; ages 10-13, 1:30 p.m. Missouri Historical Society, Forest Park. Free.
- 28 "Steamboat's A-Comin'." Life of a steamboat passenger. Children 6-9, 10:30 a.m.; ages 10-13, 1:30 p.m. Mo. Historical Society, Forest Park. Free. (Also July 3, 5, 10, 12, 17 & 19. Call 361-1424.)
- 29 "A Wedding." 1978 film with Lillian Gish directed by Robert Altman. St. Louis Art Museum Auditorium. 1:30, 7 and 9:15 p.m. \$2.  
"The Hobbit." Children's Film Series. Cabanne Branch Library. 1 p.m. Free.

## Arts Forum At Washington University

The Arts Forum, a series of nine evening programs in theater, music and dance, will be offered during the month of June by the Performing Arts Area at Washington University. The forum is offered in conjunction with Dance Theatre Central, a new summer program of dance and drama classes at the university, June 11-30.

Mary-Jean Cowell, associate professor of dance at Washington University, is director of both the summer workshop and the forum.

Forum events, scheduled June 12-29, include: improvisation workshops taught by New York dancer-choreographer Robert Small; a workshop production of a new

script; concerts in classical and ragtime music; and Renaissance songs and readings by The Holy Roman Repertory Company.

All forum events will be held in various locations in the Mallinckrodt Center on campus. Weeknight events begin at 7:30 p.m.; those on Friday and Saturday begin at 8 p.m.

Individuals enrolled full-time in Dance Theatre Central can present their class cards for free admission to all events. Admission for the general public ranges from \$2 to \$4.50. A pass good for all events costs \$13 and is available at the Edison Theatre box office, 889-6543.

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## Block Homes For Children

Many programs have been developed to prevent crime in our neighborhood, secure our homes and identify our children for emergencies. Another program is now being offered for the children of our community. With the increasing awareness of the vulnerability of children on their way to and from school or walking along the streets there has been a concerted effort to provide security. The Block Home program being organized through the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council-Community Assistance Office with the support of the St. Louis Police Department will offer safe havens for children in need.

A Block Home is a house on a block that is open and available to the children in case of an emergency. Children will have a secure place to go if they are being followed, harassed or are hurt. Each Block Home parent or participant will be required to make a formal application and have a police check before being given a block home sign. A background check will be made to ensure that the participant has not been convicted of a felony or child molestation. Only persons who will be home during the times when students are going to and from school will be considered. The block homes will not be used as rest stops or to make telephone calls.

The Community Council is looking for homes that would be willing to participate in the Block Home Program. Applications are available from the Community Council, the Hamilton School and Hamilton Community School. Anyone interested should contact the Office at 862-5122.

## A Summer of Growing And Caring

Last summer, on Tuesday afternoons, a group of children could be seen eating watermelon and frolicking in the sprinkler on the corner of Washington and Skinker at the Delmar Baptist Church Day Camp. Every morning after singing, storytelling, and crafts, the older camp members worked hard learning lines, dance steps, and songs which led to the production in later July of *Barbeque for Ben*. Parents, church members, and neighbors were amazed at the quality of performance and the dedicated enthusiasm of the youngsters.

Field trips to places of interest in the city, movie day at the church, the special treat of *Return of the Jedi*, the caring interaction of responsible adults with the children, led to a summer of personal growth for each child. Each was known by name and respected for their individual gifts. Each child was regarded as a special trust whose physical safety and inner spirit was of constant and primary concern.

This summer the corner of Washington and Delmar will be hopping again. Changes to enhance the program include afternoon electives for each camper in such areas as cooking, bowling, and painting. Delmar Baptist Day Camp will run from June 25 through August 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The charge to each camper is \$5 a week. A large part of the cost of the camp is underwritten by the church. Enrollment, open to everyone in the neighborhood, will be limited to 30 children to insure individual attention. More information may be obtained by calling the church office, 725-2311.

## R.F.D.

It's the small town life for me. I'm from a little place called Fairchild, population around 3000, I guess. We haven't got much in the way of commerce going on in Fairchild; in fact, you have to go to neighboring towns like Laidlaw or Raffish to do any serious shopping, clear to Fisheye if you want an upscale label. But we've got most of what we really need.

There are plenty of churches for the sinful, and there's a college nearby for the ignorant and a town council for the contentious. At the east end of town there used to be a bright-light district for the hungry, the intemperate, and the licentious, but it fell on hard times. The railroad still runs through Fairchild, but nobody rides it any more.

It's a pretty place with big trees, old houses, and mostly wholesome pursuits. We even have a couple of micro league ball teams. We can't seem to get cable here, but the faithful believe (and the licentious hope) that we'll get hooked up soon.

Fairchild attracts all types of people; it's not a homogenized place. That's because the citizen of Fairchild is a chronic doer. There's usually plenty that needs doing, and when things get slack, folks always dream up something new to slave over. There are several who can't leave a nice patch of weeds alone. One otherwise normal woman, Flora Bunda, has vowed to blanket not only Fairchild but the whole county with flowers and bushes and grass in between.

As a result of the doer malady, Fairchild is the year-round center of aesthetic and recreational life. In the fall running season opens. On its heels comes the Real Estate season. The hunt for the Midwestern Domicile reaches its peak in September. The Druidical Conclave brings the unconventional spirits together in late October. During the winter we host the Regional Invitational Ice Dancing Competition. Deep into January the Gourmet Dinner and Wine Sip Roundelay is held to fend off sloth and cabin fever. The spring is welcomed by a small and sedate group of Irish descent, ushering in our most frenetic months of productivity. The local chapter of the Collectors, Hoarders, and Squirrellers of North America holds its annual Swap Meet in June and the International Jazz Flute Competition is held in the town square soon after. The gala regatta follows the July 4 festivities at the beach. The summer drives all but the hypothermic and the Democrats indoors for the rest of the summer, but one August the Medical Society chose Fairchild in which to present several papers on Swimmer's Ear and the Cattle Tank Pool.

A few years ago a couple of very serious cases of chronic doism, Shirley Sanguine and Alice Ardent founded Fairchild's not-daily-but-surprisingly-regular newspaper, "The Shoestring," named for its management strategy. Set up as a not-for-profit enterprise, it has steadfastly remained so, paying no workers and occasionally no creditors. It has survived for fourteen years because Fairchild recognizes the indispensable service it provides, or because nobody objects if a few people want to work their energies off putting it together.

Fairchild, like any town, is a state of mind as well as a place to live. Our little paper helps us remember who we are, learn what we're up to, and tell the world we're special. It keeps us honest, too, if not humble. It's hard to spread a rumor when the facts are delivered to everybody's door.

We all expect our paper to stay in local hands, but some guy named Quack has been asking a lot of questions about its profit and loss picture. There are a few things our town could prosper without but I don't think "The Shoestring" is one of them.

## 2nd Presbyterian Begins Pre-School

Second Presbyterian Pre-school, a new nursery school serving the Central West End area, will open this fall to children from 2½ to 5 years old. The school, located in Second Presbyterian Church at Taylor and Westminster, is now accepting applications for the 1984-85 school year.

"We had felt for some time that a new pre-school program was needed here and a neighborhood survey strongly confirmed that suspicion," says Dianne Kraemer, chairperson of the planning committee which worked for a year on the project. "Thanks to the generous help of our committee and congregation, our school will provide a warm and exciting place for children to grow and learn."

The program will include both creative play and a number of structured activities, carefully suited to the child's age, ability and interest. Class will be held in spacious rooms, freshly decorated and equipped. Outdoor activities will take place in a private, outdoor courtyard.

The school will offer two sessions, one for younger children, on Tuesdays and Thursdays; the second for older children, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, hours will be 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Space is limited since only 16 children will be admitted. Two teachers will lead them; program director is Linda Kridel, formerly with University Methodist Pre-School. For an application or an appointment to visit, those interested should call Mrs. Kridel at 367-0366.

Third Annual Rags-to-Riches Sale. *Continued from page 1*

provided by The West End Chorus and others. So, shoppers and neighbors come on over and enjoy the food, entertainment, and good company.

The baked goods for sale on Saturday will be donated by neighbors in the Rosedale neighborhood and the proceeds are to be used to fund the Rosedale Neighbors Association activities, such as parties for the neighborhood children at Halloween. In the past this bake sale has gone under the name of the "Men's Liberation Bake Sale," the derivation coming from the request that the men in the Rosedale neighborhood should bake something to donate for sale. We are, however, not as particular

this year, and all those wishing to contribute baked goods should call Ann FitzGibbons at the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, 862-5122, or Gordon Gregg, 721-3512, and make arrangements for delivering the food.

We do need a good bake sale this year and ask that all the neighbors help as best they can.

The day has been a tremendous success in the past and the yard sales have been very profitable for all neighbors who participated. REMEMBER, Sat., June 9, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Find your maps at 420 N. Skinker.

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## Hamilton School Happenings

by Gwendolyn D. Hall

As the spring semester at Hamilton Community School draws to a close, we wish to thank all of the students and the community for your continuous support. We also wish to take a quick glance at this semester and a look into our future.

As usual, our Adult Basic Education and Body Conditioning classes have skyrocketed. The Typing and Slender-all classes haven't done badly either, not to mention Upholstery and Introduction to Data Processing. For that matter, in the exercise department, Classical Dancing and the Walking Club have attracted a few people as well. Though these are just a few of our classes, it has not been all academics or just exercise. On April 7, we held a Super Saturday which offered mini-courses just for that day so that the public would be aware of what we had to offer before the semester started. We might offer another for the fall so look for us! Then on May 8, The Black Repertory Co. presented "Black Shadows and New Dreams" at Hamilton. That really was a treat! On May 9, the School Base Management Council, which is comprised of day and night school, community, and parents had a Parents Care Night and Pot Luck supper meeting. Over one hundred people attended and it was a huge success!

That more or less takes care of this semester except for a couple of things. We wish to welcome to our Advisory Board: Mrs. Evelyn Clay, Ms. Catherine Gunn, Ms. Retha Burnett, Ms. Karen Bynum, and Ms. Laura Chaney. Hats off! We also wish to acknowledge the loss of a dear member and community worker, Mr. George Brown. Our second-in-command, Mr. Leland Barber, is also leaving. Hamilton Community School will not be the same without them. The Advisory Board gave them both a plaque in honor of their long years of service to the Community School. You may have noticed that many of our new board members as well as Mr. Brown are members of this community. I'm sure that you will welcome them also and share in our loss of the Brown family.

We will have summer school this semester in conjunction with Grace United Methodist Church. Oh, I forgot we donated four classes to Channel 9 Auction! We will have a six week course with Grace which will be \$15. The classes begin June 25, 1984. I wish to thank you again for without you there wouldn't be a Hamilton Community School! Have a great summer, come see us, and remember us in the fall.



Despite cool and at times rainy weather, the New City School Fair was a success. Among the different activities to delight adults and children were hand-wrestling with "Big Bird," a magic show, and face painting. Booths were designed by various classrooms and the highlight of the day was a dramatic presentation by the second grade in the New City School auditorium.

Photo by King Schoenfeld

## Spending Summer

Books for Children  
by Arlene Sandler

The delightful months of freedom ahead can still leave you with moments of boredom or restlessness. Your library, no matter how small, has many ideas for filling them.

Summer jobs are always hard to find, but you may get some good ideas for ways to earn money from books at the Kiosk. You may also get ideas for new reasons to earn money from books at the Kiosk.

Fourth and fifth graders will chuckle at Alice's attempts to save up for an exotic pet in *Alice and the Boa Constrictor*. One sure-fail method is her short-lived business venture, the research and development of a new, rich, dark brown furniture polish for sale, with its active ingredient, chocolate syrup. Alice not only tries to turn ideas into cash; she turns enemies into friends. Snobbish Lydia, who wears pom-poms on her socks and belongs to an exclusive, secret club, eventually seeks Alice's friendship and even makes an expertly tailored green and white tube sweater on her knitting spool for Alice's boa as proof of her loyalty.

The outdoors is captivating in summer. You can learn to camp, to garden, to swim, to hold a neighborhood carnival from our books, or you can become involved in an outdoor adventure. An unusual one for older readers is *The Watcher in the Garden*. Fifteen-year-old Kitty is strangely attracted to the lovely English garden owned by her old, blind friend, Mr. Lovett. The garden has secrets as well as beauty and becomes a terrifying battleground when Kitty can no longer escape the power of the watcher. Kitty, who has a painful time competing with her near-perfect sister, has never tested herself as she is forced to in this garden of mystery and danger.

The Kiosk has no space for special activities, but all children are welcome at

Cabanne for preschool story hours every Tuesday at 10, and for the "Fun at One" series every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoon in June. The Friday film series, which features "Great Films from Great Books," ends with the spellbinding fantasy, "The Hobbit," on June 29. All programs are free. Call 367-0717 for information.

## At The Kingsbury Kiosk

Books for Adults  
by Marianne Shickman

Candice Bergen, *Knock Wood*, Linden Press, Simon Schuster, New York, 1984.

"It takes a long time to become a person. Longer than they tell you. Longer than I thought; I am grateful for my past; it has given me the present. I want to do well by the future. *Knock Wood*."

This quotation is the ending to Candice Bergen's autobiography. It is certainly what the book is about—growing up. It is a beautifully written account and I felt so many times that she was speaking in her own words. Her early memories include her Swedish-American father Edgar Bergen and his early start in vaudeville and the influence of the dummy, Charlie McCarthy, on her life. She discusses growing up in Beverly Hills where she attended parties with children of other show business and screen personalities such as Liza Minelli. Her brother Kris was born when she was 15 and away at a Swiss boarding school.

She dropped out of college; however, because of her wealth and good looks, many options were open to her. With no acting experience, she was chosen for a key part in the movie, "The Group." She drifted into photojournalism and gained automatic acceptance.

Candice moved from New York back to Hollywood, and found herself in the company of Terry Melcher, the son of Doris Day. She lived with him for two years in an idyllic flower-child kind of atmosphere of long hair, blue jeans, vegetarianism, the Beatles, and Janice Joplin. Abruptly, Terry moved her to his mother's Malibu beach house; within a week, the house they left was rented to Roman Polanski with his wife Sharon Tate and the terrible Manson Gang massacre took place.

Candice's relationship with Melcher began to deteriorate and she left him. By this time, she had made about six movies, some of them on location. A new neighbor in the Canyon introduced her to radical politics; she met such interesting people as Huey Newton of the Black Panthers and heard a beautiful, bare-breasted Jane

Fonda speak at a meeting. She found herself speaking out on things. Her relationship with this man broke down, so she left California and traveled in Asia and Africa for several years.

Candice moved to New York and made a firm commitment to acting after the death of her father, which is touchingly told. She met Louis Malle, a French film director who made such films as "Pretty Baby," "Atlantic City," and "Murmur of the Heart." At age thirty-four, she married for the first time. She and Louis Malle have been married four years now and are still terribly happy, which gives the book a happy ending. The story was told with wit and self depreciation and I am sure it will be on the best-seller list for many more months.

*The Birth of Solidarity: The Gdansk Negotiations, 1980*. St. Martin's Press, 1983.

This is a complete translation of the negotiations between the Gdansk shipyard workers and the Polish government. It was the first time that laborers had been partners in negotiations with a communist government. These negotiations brought about recognition of trade unions with the right to strike. Translations of the tapes of negotiations and debates are included. Among the negotiators is Lech Walesa, Nobel Peace Prize winner, who became active in trade unions while working in the shipyards. He rose from the workers to become chairman of Solidarity's National Coordination Commission. The translator is a lecturer in politics at the University of Nottingham.

Summer Reading Club this year. After June 1, you can register at the Kiosk if you think you can read fifteen books in three months. Those who finish get a certificate and an invitation to our end-of-summer party, held at Cabanne. If you can only manage to read eight books, you receive an iron-on T-shirt transfer. Help us show that a small library can still have a large reading club.

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# The Candidates Speak

Voters of the 28th Ward are known for their awareness and independence. Both parties have active ward organizations, and the Democratic race for committeeman and committeewoman has sparked much interest within the ward and throughout the city. In response to the attention to the contest, *The Times* contacted all candidates, either in person or by certified mail, and asked if they would submit a profile outlining their backgrounds and qualifications.

Out of the four candidates for committeeman, the following have responded: Alvin Carter, Fred Faust, and Kim Tucci. Only Dee Suda submitted an article as

committeewoman candidate. Lee Jacobs and Iva Allen, although receipts were received from their letters, did not respond. We hope these profiles will be a help in enabling the voter to understand the issues and candidates.

Dan McGuire also put together some information on ward organizations, precincts, the duties of committeeman and committeewomen, and the central committee organization. The ward is the organization for the interested voter to become involved in the political process. So, get involved and see how you can make a difference!



*Dee (Delores) Suda: Democratic Committeewoman-28th Ward Candidate for re-election August 7, 1984*

Based on my record as Committeewoman, I feel that I am the most qualified candidate and should be re-elected Democratic Committeewoman in the 28th Ward.

My platform is my record as Committeewoman and citizen in this neighborhood. I have been a member of the 28th Ward Democratic Organization for thirteen years, serving as secretary for ten years. My commitment is here; I have been a life-long resident of St. Louis and have lived in the 28th Ward for twenty-six years.

During my three years as Committeewoman, I have been responsive to the needs and concerns of all the citizens of our area. I have worked for the betterment of this ward and the City of St. Louis, not only on the political level, but as a resident who saw the need for better housing, jobs, equal rights for women and all races, and for neighborhoods that are safer to live and work in. I have been active in all of these areas most of my life.

Our ward organization has been democratic in the endorsement process. It is open to everyone and we welcome anyone to come to any of the ward meetings as a member or as a visitor.

Kim and I have committed ourselves to continue open, responsive politics and to better government at the ward level. We as a team, believe that the 28th Ward is a good and unique place to live. It has every social and economic level, and we are proud to say that we have friends in each group. We carry a strong belief that each resident should have a good, safe community in which to live. I believe both of our records show that we have always worked for this belief.

Our goal in the next four years is to work for a united and strong neighborhood. We know that things can be accomplished by people working together.



*Alvin "Al" Carter: Candidate for Democratic Committeeman August 7, 1984*

There are some things I intend to do once elected.

First: I will organize an effective neighborhood Block Club Association. Its purpose will be to identify and advocate the ideas and projects necessary to strengthen our communities and assist you, the resident, in upgrading the value of your investment in the 28th Ward (organized with your assistance of course).

Second: I will review the current plans for commercial and residential development in our ward, solicit your comments and opinions and use the position of committeeman in its intended fashion, as a representative of the will of the voters.

Third: I plan to be a leader/follower and not a follower/leader as has been the shortcoming of many previous committeemen. I am aware of the many economic indicators that are used to identify the changes in a ward viability. I will remain ever vigil, making sure the 28th Ward proceeds in a positive and prosperous direction. The 28th Ward is in a position to become the ideal St. Louis ward.

We have a good mix of residential and commercial properties. It will be better when I'm in office. Our schools must be redirected towards the purpose of educating our children in the experience of our past, the realities of the present and the potentials of their future.

Reading, writing and arithmetic are merely the tools by which we understand and shape our destinies.

With a solid, organized plan for economic and social growth with major educational and recreational sites surrounding us, and with the proper script and players, we can find comfort in the knowledge that the 28th Ward is our home and quite possibly the home of our children for many generations to come.

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# How Does A Ward Work?

## Ward Political Committees

The first level of political involvement and also of official party structure is in the ward. At the August primary in presidential election years, voters in each ward elect a committeeman and a committeewoman for each recognized political party. These committeepersons make up the St. Louis City Central Committees for their party. They also serve on the legislative, senatorial and congressional district committees for their area. These committees are called for by Missouri law.

The committeepersons, who serve without pay, are responsible for all local party operations. Their chief responsibility is managing the party organization in their ward or township to help party candidates get elected. They coordinate fund-raising

activities, see to it that potential voters are registered and informed about candidates, and advise candidates on campaign strategy. Depending on the strength of their party within their ward, committeepersons may have considerable political influence and may get patronage appointments for their loyal local party supporters.

Obviously, to be effective, committeepersons need an ongoing organization with many interested and active members. The political clubs that form at the ward level are the true "grass roots" of the American political system. These clubs elect officers, hold regular meetings throughout the year, sponsor fund-raising events, and generally try to build up a strong group of informed, committed party supporters. Before a primary election the clubs meet with candi-

dates and usually issue endorsements. Since the backing of the party organization can often spell the difference between the success or failure on election day, the power of endorsement represents a very important aspect of active party membership.

Ideally each political party would have such an organization in every ward and township. In reality, as one might expect, the vitality of a party organization within an area corresponds to the strength of the party in that area. A ward in a heavily Democratic area is not apt to have a large, active Republican club—and vice-versa. There are also instances where an established club has split into two organizations over a controversial issue.

Generally speaking, ward and township clubs are open to anyone who declares himself/herself to be a supporter of the appropriate political party. To find out when and where the political clubs in your area meet, contact the committeeman or committeewoman.

## Precinct Organization

Each ward and township is made up of several voting districts called precincts. The Committeeperson's success depends on the proper organization and use of these precincts.

Precinct captains, appointed by committeepersons, are responsible for organizing voters in their district, seeing to it that they vote on election day and arranging transportation to the polls if necessary. The precinct captain and his or her workers canvass neighborhoods before the election to inform the voters of their party's views and candidates.

## Central Party Committee

Each political party maintains a central party committee to coordinate party functions and activities. The main purpose of the central committee is to elect the local party ticket and help with the state and national ticket.

In the city of St. Louis each political party's central committee is made up of the two committeepersons from each of the city's twenty-eight wards.

By state law, the committee meets on the third Tuesday in August after the primary election. At this meeting the members of the committee elect officers for a two-year term. The chairman and vice-chairman, who must be of opposite sex, are elected from the committee membership. The secretary and treasurer, who must also be of opposite sex, may or may not be committee members.

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**J. Kim Tucci:** Democratic Committeeman-28th Ward  
Candidate for re-election August 7, 1984

I feel that I am definitely the most qualified candidate; and, should be re-elected Democratic Committeeman for the 28th Ward. However, I need the support of every segment of our ward.

My platform is simply this: Because of the redistricting of 1981, new representation must be established. And, total representation is the key, if we are to unite everyone in the 28th Ward, the new 28th Ward.

I firmly believe that Dee Suda and myself are the two committeepersons who can give the entire constituency of this new 28th Ward the commitment that is necessary. We are not only for the people; we are with the people.

Another point must be made. Dee and I, along with Alderman Dan McGuire, are dedicated to keep our ward a ward in which the spirit of open politics will prevail at all times, without exception. The 28th Ward is one of only three wards in the city where this is a reality.

I also hope this election does not become one in which a "black-white" issue exists. Everyone in our ward must understand that I represent each person as an individual. I have the credentials to merit this claim. I currently sit on the board of directors of Neighborhood Marketing Services, the Urban League, the St. Louis Comprehensive Neighborhood Health Center, St. Louis Christian School of Nursing, Black Leaders Against Crime and the Crusade Against Crime. I am also a life member of the N.A.A.C.P. and President of the Saint Louis Ambassadors.

I am also very proud to serve as special advisor to Mayor Vincent Schoemehl. This is going to be a good election, and I am confident that the end result will be a victory for Dee Suda, myself and the entire 28th Ward.



**Fred Faust, Jr.:** Candidate for Democratic Committeeman  
August 7, 1984

I have withdrawn as a candidate for Democratic Committeeman of the 28th Ward in the August 1984 primary. I will remain active in local Democratic politics.

My company is presently involved in a major expansion. This places unusual demands on my time and resources. In reviewing my priorities, I feel that it's best to remove my name from the ballot at this time.

In addition, the tenor of this campaign has changed dramatically since I first announced early last fall.

I am grateful to the people who support me, and I look forward to working on future issues and campaigns of concern to the Central West End.

## SafeStreet Reduces Crime

Mayor Vincent C. Schoemehl, Jr. has announced a decrease in crime for the nine Operation SafeStreet target neighborhoods where the program was initiated last January 1. The statistics are for the period from January 1 through March 31, 1984 and show a noticeable decline in crime rates in the target neighborhoods. In these areas, residential burglary has dropped 25.5% since the same period last year, while city-wide the burglary rate dropped by 9.3%. Robbery in the target areas is down 32.9%, compared to 29.0% city-wide.

In the Operation SafeStreet neighborhoods, assaults have declined by 31.4%, while assaults have declined city-wide by 12.4%. Larcenies declined 31.5%, as compared to 18.7% city-wide.

Schoemehl said that one full year of comparing statistics is needed to show a totally accurate comparison, but that initial data indicates that the program is working.

"These results show that involved citizens can have an impact on crime in their neighborhoods. Operation SafeStreet gives citizens the help they need to combat crime," Schoemehl said.

"To date, almost 1200 homes have been secured by SafeStreet crews and no break-ins have occurred in these homes," Schoemehl noted.

Lu Green, Director of Operation Safe Street, said that she was encouraged by public response to the program. "We have recruited 246 block captains to cover the 298 blocks in the target areas," she commented.

In addition to the home security and block captain efforts, Operation Safe Street has held 55 Neighborhood Watch meetings, mailed two newsletters to all target area residents and closed or changed traffic patterns on streets in six areas.

The nine neighborhoods in Phase I of Operation SafeStreet are Skinker DeBaliviere, Cathedral Square, Fountain Park, The Ville, O'Fallon, Fox Park, Shaw, Tiffany and LaSalle Park.

The five SafeStreet programs being implemented in the nine target areas are: Project Porchlight; where residents are asked to turn their porchlights on from dusk to dawn, Project Home Security; here SafeStreet crews install locks, basement window bars, pin first floor windows, install basement door barricades, install smoke alarms and a peep hole in the front door. The work costs \$150 for the package, but is free for seniors or handicapped persons. Project Quiet Street: Street patterns are changed to add a sense of community and make it easier for residents to identify strangers and suspicious occurrences. Neighborhood Watch: Trains residents to be on the lookout for suspicious activities in their neighborhood and report them to the police. The final and perhaps the most important program is the SafeStreet Newsletter which establishes a viable communication network with the residents of the target areas and provides for feedback from the community.

Full implementation of all programs in each area will not be complete until June 30. Phase II, which will expand the program to nine additional neighborhoods, will begin July 1.



Photo by King Schoenfeld

## Urban Landscape

### Conference At

### The Historical Society

"Does the inner life of a city show in its outward forms? How much of the history of a neighborhood can you read in the physical remains, the existing architecture?" asks Howard S. Miller, associate professor of history at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Showing slides of houses in Bremen and St. Louis Hills, Dr. Miller and Katharine T. Corbett, curator of education at the Missouri Historical Society, will illustrate their look at urban culture.

They are two of the featured speakers at the half-day conference, "Perspectives III: The Urban Landscape," to be held on Saturday, June 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The program will be held in the auditorium of the Missouri Historical Society in the Jefferson Memorial Building in Forest Park. There is no charge for the conference, but registration, with a deadline of June 4, is limited to 150 persons.

Additional perspectives on the urban landscape will be presented by Janice K. Broderick, curator of collections at A. G. Edwards and Sons, Inc., and Duane R. Sneddeker, curator of special projects at the Missouri Historical Society. Ms. Broderick will show a cross-section of vernacular residential architecture as it relates to popular decorative taste in St. Louis as she comments on slides of "The Faces of St. Louis Neighborhoods." Mr. Sneddeker's slides will show "Images of the City" from the rich resources of the Society's pictorial collection.

After their presentations, the speakers will conduct workshops on their perspectives of the topic, and conference participants are invited to explore one of these subjects in more detail.

*(Editor's Note: Our classiest recipe yet comes from one of the classiest guys in Skinker-DeBaliviere. He's been chairman of everything from the Art Fair to the Dinner Theatre (an event definitely worth resurrecting) to the Rags to Riches (food committee, of course!) to his recent project, the railroad tracks Blitz. Sam's energy level is rather high. When he's not chairing something, he's driving his Flexible Flyer bus somewhere worthwhile, always for someone else. And on really special occasions, he's found in the kitchen, whipping up a favorite for an extended family which includes assorted friends of five children, friends and famous relatives. Also most of Westminster. As I said, a classy guy.)*

A panel made up of local historians discussing their research and publications will conclude the session. Caroline Loughlin and Cathy Anderson, from the Junior League of St. Louis, will give a preview of the League's book, *The History of Forest Park*. Brian C. Hayes, Sr., teacher and author, and Robert T. Voorhees, from the Carondelet Historical Society, will talk about their book, *St. Louis Parks*. St. Louis photographer Quinta Scott and author Susan Croce Kelly will show pictures from their book, *Route 66: Myth and Reality*.

The Urban Landscape is the last in the series of three conferences on St. Louis historical themes, co-sponsored by the Missouri Historical Society, by the history departments of the University of Missouri-St. Louis and St. Louis University, and by the Carondelet Historical Society. This project is supported by a grant to the Missouri Historical Society from the Missouri Committee for the Humanities, Inc., the state-based arm of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

To register for the conference or for more information about the series, contact the conference coordinator at 361-9255.

## Macho Menus: Champagne Ham

by Sam Green

To prepare a very special ham for a special occasion, start at the food market. Your list should include dark brown sugar, prepared mustard, pineapple rings, maraschino cherries, and the two most important ingredients—a bottle of good champagne and a lean ham, sliced very thin and tied.

Use a 1-qt. saucepan over a high heat; add 2 cups dark brown sugar and one tablespoon mustard. Heat and stir until the mixture is a thick sauce. Add one cup of champagne. Bring to a boil—watch that it doesn't boil over. Stir constantly. When the glaze reaches a syrupy texture, remove from heat. Spoon glaze over ham that has been placed on a broiling rack. Use the entire amount for a 20-lb. ham.

Place the ham in a preheated oven at 200 degrees F. for 1½ hours. Pour 1 cup champagne and prepare a second batch of glaze as above, and set aside.

Now take the balance of the champagne, two glasses and your assistant to a comfortable room and enjoy the simple pleasures of life.

When the 1½ hours is up, remove the ham, spoon ½ the glaze over the ham, and return it for another 1½ hours. Then remove the ham and spoon the balance of the glaze over the ham. Garnish with uncooked pineapple rings and cherries. Serve buffet style with onion rolls, rye bread, or your favorite bread. When the guests arrive, stand back—and watch the ham disappear.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups dark brown sugar
- 1 tbl. prepared mustard
- 1 cup champagne
- 1 can pineapple rings
- 1 small bottle maraschino cherries
- 1 20-lb. ham, tied and sliced

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# When The Almost Dead Voted

by Ray Breun

It might have been called bizarre. It was the last day of September 1820. The newly elected House and Senate of Missouri were meeting in joint session to elect the first two United States senators from Missouri. The first choice had been made easily: David Barton was elected almost unanimously. The second senator was problematic—the Chouteaus and their faction wanted Thomas Hart Benton, but he had powerful enemies.

In 1817 on Bloody Island, Benton had killed Charles Lucas in a duel. Judge John B. C. Lucas, Charles' father, had never forgiven the man. A formidable power in early St. Louis, Judge Lucas was opposed totally to Benton and all he stood for. Benton had earned the respect of most of the original French of St. Louis in adopting a land policy position which strengthened their claims to thousands of acres across the West. The one Frenchman opposed to him, however, was Marie Philip Leduc (pronounced "Ladue," and whence came the name for the suburb). August Chouteau decided he and his friends would talk Leduc into voting for Benton even though he did not like the man. Leduc's opposition went back to the land questions which Amos Stoddard voiced in 1804.

Captain Amos Stoddard represented both the French and the United States when Upper Louisiana was turned over to the United States in March 1804. While he was serving as acting military and political leader of Upper Louisiana until a proper government could be established, Stoddard realized the last surveyor and the last Spanish lieutenant governor stationed in St. Louis had not been altogether honest in how they distributed land grants; names and permits had been forged or modified illegally. Stoddard sent this information to Congress. Leduc had been the secretary to the Lt. Governor, Don Carlos DeLassus, and he was implicated in many of the funny paper grants of the period 1800 to 1803. Thomas Hart Benton had made some political hay out of all that, and seemed to excuse many of the other French by accusing Leduc—or at least that is what the latter thought. In any case, Leduc would not vote for Benton.

Chouteau and his minions argued and chided Leduc the entire night of September 29 before the final vote on September 30. Early in the morning, Leduc finally gave in and went along with the French bloc.

One problem remained: they needed all members present and voting in order to capitalize on the majority given them by Leduc's vote. The problem was Daniel Ralls—he was dying in his hotel room. The Missouri Hotel in St. Louis was where that first legislature met in September 1820. Formerly on the corner of First and Morgan Streets, it was torn down shortly after the Civil War for Christian Peper to build the first building of his tobacco warehouse operation. The building Peper built is now called Rader Place and is known for its main tenant, the Spaghetti Factory. In any case, Ralls had taken deathly ill shortly after the session started on September 18. On the morning of the big election, he lay dying in his bed. When the voting started at 9 a.m. sharp, Chouteau sent four of his largest servants to Ralls' room. They took the four corners of his bed and carried him and his bed into the meeting hall. When his name was called Ralls managed to raise his hand for Benton. After voting, he was carried back to his room where he shortly died. The combined assembly named Ralls County in honor of his last act. Without that vote Benton would not have been elected to the Senate, the Missouri Assembly would have remained deadlocked, and a good deal of American history would have changed dramatically. Without question, Thomas Hart Benton was the mastermind behind the major policies of Andrew Jackson and instrumental in preparing and steering through Congress virtually all the major legislation which framed the Westward Movement of the nineteenth century.

## News About Your Social Security

### MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT

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To enroll a person need only contact the nearest Social Security office. A short form (SSA-40B) will be completed and sent to them for their signature. By signing and returning the form, enrollment will be completed for them.

### 1984 MEDICARE DEDUCTIBLES

Effective Jan. 1, 1984, Medicare deductibles for hospital inpatient care will increase. This will result in higher out-of-pocket costs to Medicare patients. The cost to the patient depends upon the number of days a person is an inpatient in the hospital. Cost to the patient, according to the number of days in the hospital, is shown below.

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The automatic increase was delayed for 6 months by 1983 legislation designed to strengthen the Social Security system. All future increases will now be made in the January checks.

People who now receive both Social Security and Supplemental Security Income checks should be aware that in some cases the Supplemental Security Income checks will be reduced or even stopped.

However, the total overall income of an individual will be higher than before the cost-of-living increase.

### TELESERVICE

Always remember that all information about any Social Security program is only a telephone call away. The number to call in the St. Louis metropolitan area is 679-7800.

### 1984 WAGE INFORMATION

The maximum amount subject to Social Security tax will increase from \$35,700 to \$37,800 on Jan. 1, 1984. As a result of the increase in the wage base, the maximum yearly Social Security tax paid by employees will rise by \$140.70 from \$2,391.90 to \$2,532.60.

Although the Social Security Amendments of 1983 raised the tax rate in 1984 from 6.7 percent to 7.0 percent, a one-time tax credit of 0.3 percent of covered wages will be allowed against the 1984 employee taxes. Thus, the effective tax rate for employees will remain at 6.7 percent in 1984.

The maximum Social Security tax paid by self-employed individuals will rise by \$933.45 from \$3,337.95 to \$4,271.40, reflecting the increase in the wage base and an increase in the effective tax rate from 9.35 percent to 11.3 percent.

Jan. 1, 1984 a number of other changes also became effective. They include:

- 1) The maximum amount of earnings that a beneficiary under age 65 may earn without losing any Social Security benefits will increase \$240 from \$4,920 in 1983 to \$5,160 in 1984.
- 2) The exempt amount for beneficiaries aged 65 to 69 will increase \$360 from \$6,600 to \$6,960 in 1984.
- 3) The amount of earnings required for a quarter of coverage will increase \$20 to \$390, up from \$370 in 1983.

### REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES

People who receive any type of check from the Social Security Administration should remember that they have "Reporting Responsibilities." They should report any of the following things that may happen:

- 1) If they change their address, even though they have Direct Deposit.
- 2) If they start or stop work, especially if they are receiving Disability benefits.
- 3) If they marry or divorce.

- 4) Someone else should report if the person passes away.

To report, an individual must simply call 679-7800.

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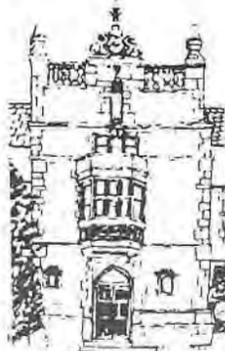
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# What Is Universal Life?

by Geori Ann Fox,  
Insurance Guest Columnist

Universal life is *not* the name of an insurance company. It is the most current and up-to-date way to buy life insurance.

Universal life is a flexible-premium, lifetime insurance plan that is custom designed for each individual. It is adjustable to meet your protection needs and savings goals of today and tomorrow. It provides an ideal solution to many business and personal needs including retirement planning.

Of the 1800 insurance companies, there are only a couple hundred now writing universal life. In most cases, there is a minimum premium needed to cover the cost of insurance. Also there is usually a "front end load." (The first \$1,000 of cash is credited at 4%, then the current rate thereafter.) You can adjust your premium based on your personal needs and cash flow. Each month your cash value is credited with the company's current interest rate (after the first \$1,000). This rate reflects current economic conditions and prevailing market rates of interest. The rates are lower than whole life because your cash value is earning that current interest rate. This is balanced against your overall costs. Your policy can be increased or reshaped to fit your needs, so you will not need to take out new policies for added coverage. This saves on policy fees.

Your cash value is accessible to you in the form of either withdrawal (no interest to pay) or a loan (usually about 7% interest). A withdrawal can reduce your insurance coverage and there may be a nominal administrative fee. As a loan you, of course, pay interest, deduct interest payments, and continue to earn interest on your total cash value so your net cost is usually lower.

Life insurance usually has two tax advantages. The interest earned on cash value may be tax free, and this is especially important considering the high returns on universal life. This is the advantage in retirement planning. Also the estate value is

usually paid income tax free to your beneficiary. By its very nature, universal life is perhaps the most tax efficient life product available.

Most plans offer waiver of premium and also other insured riders and children's riders. Also most companies provide you with an annual statement of premiums received, expenses deducted, the cost of insurance protection, interest credited to your account, the interest rate used, and the current cash value and estate value. It will also indicate any adjustments to your policy.

I hope this has been helpful to you. But you must be cautioned: This column does *not* offer tax or legal advice. Because today's tax laws are subject to interpretation and may change in the future, it is recommended that you seek counsel with a qualified attorney, account or tax advisor regarding life insurance taxation as it relates to your own situation.



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Participation in Operation BLITZ was excellent this year. Cleaning the railroad tracks was the neighborhood's major project and workers of all ages pitched in to help.

## Buckle Up Baby With Help From People's Clinic

The State of Missouri recently passed legislation requiring all children under the age of 4, riding in an automobile, to be restrained. Statistics show that auto accidents are the number ONE KILLER andcrippler of children under the age of 5.

People's Clinic, a community health center located at 5701 Delmar, recently began an infant car seat rental program for community residents and health center patients. "We have a comprehensive pediatric program that includes all aspects of the well child from nutritional counseling to immunizations, lead screening and parenting classes. We consider child safety to be among our goals in promoting child health," said Betty Jean Kerr, executive director of People's Clinic.

The infant car seats are available for babies under one year and 20 pounds, from the Clinic for an annual \$5 charge with a \$10 refundable deposit. Further information about the program is available at People's Clinic at 367-7848.

"We are very excited about this child safety campaign and hope soon to expand the rental program to include toddler car seats," said Ms. Kerr. Donations of used car seats are welcome.

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## Hamilton Community

### School Summer

#### Sessions

Hamilton Community School and Grace United Methodist will once again jointly sponsor an exciting summer program. The *Summer Session* will run six weeks, registration will begin June 11-June 22, 1984. The program will begin June 25, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be served. The program activities include field trips, orienteering course, tennis lessons, canoeing, arts and crafts, "creative learning experiences": emphasis on reading, math and recitation skills, drama and dance classes. The cost will be \$15 per session. For additional information and registration, call Hamilton Community School, 367-6996, 3-9 p.m., Mon.-Thur., or Grace United Methodist, Mon.-Wed., 863-1992 (Faith Smith).

Hamilton Community School will also offer adult classes at its satellite site, Cabanne Library, 1106 N. Union. The body conditioning class will be Mon. and Wed., 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., June 25-Aug. 3. Registration fee: \$12. A four-week workshop entitled *Landlord and Tenant Rights Under the Law* will run four consecutive Mondays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., June 18, June 25, July 2, and July 9, 1984. Registration fee is \$1.

## Historical Society Flea Market

### To Fill 8 Tents

"The question is not, 'What are you looking for,' but 'Where do you start?'" said Mary Immer and Betty Moyer, co-chairpersons of the 27th annual Flea Market, sponsored by Stix, Baer and Fuller for the benefit of the Missouri Historical Society. The giant sale of new and used goods will be held June 13 through 15 on the parking lot of the Westroads shopping center at Brentwood Blvd. and Clayton Road. The opening night crowd will be allowed to enter promptly at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13 and there is a \$3 admission fee. The following days, Thursday and Friday, the Flea Market will be open free of charge from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

A wide range of items will be for sale: furniture of all sorts and sizes; office equipment; kitchen utensils; linens and laces; lamps and clothes. "We have some things you absolutely cannot live without—sterling silver corn holders, more than 400 silver bells, and collector's choice cognac bottles," said Mrs. Immer.

"The art department is big this year with paintings, posters, watercolors, and extraordinary frames—some really good buys," said Mrs. Moyer. "We're overwhelmed with bicycles, and we also have some good junk—odds and ends such as wheels and wood. That's where all the men head first," she added.

Other good buys include hundreds of new books donated by Walden Books; stacks of records; an unusually large selection of pottery, platters and glassware; new stock donated by a local bathroom boutique; live plants from local greenhouses; trunks of all sizes; old porcelain dolls; tons of baskets; garden and patio furniture; some unusually fine jewelry; and cribs, playpens and toys.

Donations of used goods, all tax-deductible, will be accepted by the Missouri Historical Society until mid-June, when the volunteers unpack the merchandise in the tents. Free Pick-ups may be arranged by calling 361-1424.

Proceeds from the Flea Market help support the Missouri Historical Society, which operates a museum, library and archives in the Jefferson Memorial Building in Forest Park. The Society receives no tax support for its programs of public education and service and is funded primarily by memberships, gifts and grants.

## Jodie Bailey

### To Be Honored

A Retirement Celebration and Dinner will be held Sunday, June 17, 1984, in honor of Jodie W. Bailey. Mr. Bailey is a former teacher and coach of the St. Louis Public Schools.

The celebration will be held at the Chase Park Plaza Hotel, 212 North Kingshighway. The festivities will begin with a reception at 5 p.m., with dinner being served at 6 p.m. After dinner, former players and students will pay tribute to this distinguished gentleman.

Tickets can be purchased from Adrienne Cuffie, Herbert Hoover Boys Club, 2901 North Grand. The telephone number is 652-8300. Ticket prices are \$20 for persons 17 and over; \$17.50 for those under 17 years of age.

Tickets can also be purchased by contacting Harold Bailey, 535-0100/652-9030, Cliff Bailey, 862-5668. If you wish to make a donation to this event, you can mail your contribution to the Jodie Bailey Scholarship Fund, c/o William Leslie, Landmark Bank of Creve Coeur, P.O. Box 27343, 63141.

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## "I Can Cope": Course For Cancer Patients

"I Can Cope," an educational course for cancer patients and their families, begins Tuesday, June 12, at Barnes Hospital. Sponsored by Barnes' department of social work and the American Cancer Society, the course is moderated by doctors, nurses, social workers, dietitians and others who routinely work with and care for cancer patients. The course focuses on teaching cancer patients how to cope more effectively with their disease.

Topics covered in the classes include: learning about the disease; learning to better deal with everyday health problems; learning to express feelings about cancer;

understanding how to accept the limitations with which they must live and learning about helpful resources that are available in the community.

The first class will be held Tuesday, June 12, with additional classes continuing for the next eight consecutive weeks. Classes meet from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Health Education and Screening Center, which is located off of the main East/West Pavilion entrance of Barnes Hospital. Barnes Hospital is one block north of the U.S. 40-Kingshighway intersection. For more information, please call Jennifer Manolis or Kathryn Sweren at 362-5574.

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# In Your Ear

by Tom Hoerr

I'm not much for inventing terms. Generally I like to speak relatively common English except for my penchant for somewhat obscure words: chary; vertiginous; sinecure; and suburbs, to name a few. I now, however, have a term whose time has definitely come: *panacheology*. Yep, panacheology, the study of verve and flamboyance, is a much needed word in today's society. You may not even be aware that you've been groping for the word, but believe me, you have! Everywhere one goes people are studying panache. Oh, maybe not by name; in fact, probably not by name, but studying it nonetheless.

When you walk in a strange house and see books on a shelf, what do you do? Right, you slyly wander over and read the titles; that's panacheology. You're not reading the titles to decide whether or not to borrow a volume, you're looking for panache. Your mind races, "Is this person together, worthy of my time, or not? Let's see what books are here. . . . *Chilton's Auto Guide for Beginners, Gardening With Your Dog, and My Life Story* by Tom Zych! Yikes!" you say. "I am obviously in the wrong house!" Get my point? That's a classic example of panacheology and you're being a panacheologist.

Reading bumper stickers while driving is another example of panacheology (others' bumper stickers, that is; reading your own bumper sticker while driving is an example of foolishology!). A wise—or even not so wise—panacheologist knows that a bumper sticker tells you a great deal about the driver of a car. "Tracy's Karate," for example, likely means someone who wears white socks and a wristwatch that beeps. "This car washed at Jason's Car Wash" either means a Neanderthal mentality or that the car belongs to Jason. "LaDue Rams" means one of two different things, depending on whether you regard the word "Rams" as a noun or a verb.

We're all panacheologists from the time we're old enough to make judgments about others. "What's right and what's wrong?" is really a very simple question if you remember that the things you like and esteem are right while the things you dislike and eschew are wrong. Simple enough, after all, somewhere there's a whole crew of "Tracy's Karate" devotees, all actually thinking that everyone else has but one oar in the water!

People would like to say that teenagers, being the most cliquish and status-conscious, are the heaviest indulgers of panacheology, but I don't think so. Try wearing a plaid sports coat, pin-striped shirt, and flowered tie (as I've done on several occasions) and see how other narrow-minded, tactless, tasteless, xenophobic, boorish people view. It doesn't bother me though.

Now that panacheology, like so many other things, is "out of the closet" (so to speak), "In Your Ear," as a service to its reader(s), offers an objective list of criteria by which to judge your fellow man/feman/person. This list, developed during years of study while buzzing Steak 'N Shake ("In sight it must be right") and eating breakfasts at the West End Cafe, will enable you to take all the guesswork out of judging others. The three categories are simple enough: Out To Lunch; Dull But Booring; and Fat City. (For those of you still wearing slide rules and, therefore, reading this column by mistake, Out To Lunch is bad and Fat City is good.) For your convenience, I suggest that you cut this chart from the paper and have it laminated so that you can carry it in your wallet at all times. Like any true science, panacheology requires many years of study before the content can be mastered. This list should be your guide.

## Out To Lunch

- ties that plug in or squirt water
- bumper stickers containing any of the following words: love, car wash, vacation spot, Gene McNary
- bookcases filled with anything besides books
- stockings with reinforced toes worn with open-toed shoes. (Is it true that an "open-toed shoe" is an extroverted frog telling a fly to leave?)
- any book which tells how to look younger, lose weight, save a marriage, tune a car, or solve problems in 60 seconds
- short sleeve shirts worn with vests
- Michael Jackson's left glove

## Dull But Booring

- finely manicured lawns and unmanicured toenails
- four-door sedans with clear plastic seat covers
- a television set in the living room
- blue jeans with creases
- foreheads without creases
- paper napkins unless accompanied by plasticware
- red apples
- the Football Cardinals' offense
- any restaurant where you can order your food by talking to a mechanical box
- Walter Mondale
- books with happy endings unless designed for crayon use
- Henry Goldbloom
- people who read this column

## Fat City!

- Volkswagen convertibles with rust spots
- beards (on men)
- cigars (for men or very strong women)
- books whose only lesson is that there is no lesson (if you understand that, consider the consistencies of inconsistency)
- clocks that are older than their owners
- Captain Frank Fiorello
- people who memorize this column

Go, dear reader, to your summer of baseball, beer, cable television debates (it's not over yet), and mosquitoes. Keep this chart and bear with you these words to live by: "Friends come and go, but enemies accure."

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The Democratic committeepersons in the 28th Ward, who form the nucleus of the 28th Ward Regular Democratic Club, are J. Kim Tucci (11 Aberdeen, St. Louis MO 63105, 664-9622) and Dee Suda (7027 Nasville, St. Louis MO 63117, 647-4977). During the 1970s the club's hall was at 1900 McCausland. However, after the sale of the building in 1982, it moved to 350 N. Skinker for a year. Suda

and Tucci recently opened their beautifully renovated headquarters in the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood at 6010

Kingsbury at Des Peres (862-0229). Regular office hours are on Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Club membership is open to all Democrats who are registered to vote or own a business or rental property in the 28th Ward. Dues are \$5 a year.

Before each municipal, state and national election, the club conducts an advisory endorsement election for its members to endorse candidates for public office. To be eligible to vote at an endorsement election you have to be a voting member for at least sixty (60) days and attended two (2) meetings prior to the endorsement election within the last year.

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