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SDCC Neighborhood Cruise on the Tom Sawyer Riverboat Rescheduled to October 22.

SDCC is hosting a neighborhood cruise on Friday, October 22, from 8 to 10:30 p.m. For \$20 per person or \$35 per couple, the night will include snacks, music/dancing, and a cash bar. All proceeds will go toward minimizing the operating budget deficit of SDCC.

Bi-State Leases MetroLink Park-Ride Lot Near Forest Park

On August 25, the Bi-State Development Agency leased a privately-owned parking lot on DeBaliviere Avenue (the same lot on which the proposed Walgreen's was to be built) for use as a park-ride lot for MetroLink commuters. At this writing the lot was to be open within a week with a capacity of 200 vehicles. The lease has been negotiated on a month-to-month basis while the Agency explores several alternatives for a permanent solution to parking near the station.

This agreement followed an uproar caused by the towing of cars parked on this lot on Friday, August 20. Incensed motorists, who had to pay \$180 in towing and associated charges, claimed they had been led to believe that parking on the site was permitted. Each of the major parties in the argument, the owner of the property, the towing company, Bi-State, and the vehicle owners, has claimed it was someone else's fault. Legal action has been threatened.

Bi-State has requested the names and addresses of motorists whose vehicles were towed by American Towing that night to provide a complimentary MetroLink monthly pass.

State Senator Clay Attends Harvard

State Senator William L. Clay, Jr. spent three weeks in July at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He completed the Program for Senior Government Executives. This program stressed team building and advanced problem solving through case studies. Senator Clay, sponsored by the Danforth Foundation, was one of 63 participants selected from around the country.

Dee Joyce-Hayes, Our Neighbor and Circuit Attorney

by Lana Stein

I decided to visit Dee Joyce-Hayes at her office in the Municipal Courts Building to see how she views her position and to see if there surprises for St. Louis's first elected woman circuit attorney.

Joyce-Hayes indicated that the job so far has been very challenging and invigorating. However, it is fuller of administrative detail than she had anticipated. She said that, "It taught me more than ever that I must learn to delegate better." The number of decisions and the level of seriousness they entail varies a great deal. There are small decisions they feel she must make.

She has also had to learn to control time and say "I can't see now." Learning to prioritize has been a real challenge. In addition, because of budgetary and staffing reasons, lots of things can't be done overnight. So, she has had to move slowly. If there is to be a genuine reallocation of resources, there need to be more resources. "You can't reallocate now without taking away from things that really need to be done."

Joyce-Hayes has created a special unit for sex crimes and abuse cases. Previously, these cases were scattered throughout the office. Members of the new unit are getting special training. They are setting up support for interface between family services and the sex crimes unit at the police department. Ultimately, Joyce-Hayes wants to do more with family violence, an area that she feels strongly about. It has received short shrift from the criminal justice system and the community. At the end of her first term, she hopes to have that accomplished.

Joyce-Hayes said that she is working more extensively to create diversion programs for nonviolent drug offenders. Often these are youngsters, first offenders. Her emphasis is on treatment, job skills, and family counseling in lieu of incarceration.

Bingo Is Coming!

by Catherine Forslund

The Rosedale Neighborhood Association is pleased to announce the beginning of BINGO to raise money for neighborhood activities. It will be on Sunday evenings at a popular nearby bingo venue. Plans are to start up in a few weeks!

The Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council is sponsoring Rosedale's efforts and sees great potential uses for funds raised, including summer youth programming, commercial revitalization, or neighborhood capital improvements.

Everyone will be welcome! Those interested in working BINGO to help the neighborhood are asked to call Joe Miller at 862-7553. For more information call SDCC at 862-5122.



Joyce-Hayes had some critical words for the media. "The media to some extent does the public a disservice, at least not overlaying a perspective. They speak of a horrific homicide rate but the public should keep in mind that most homicides still occur to a very, very high degree among persons known to each other. The likelihood of being gunned down by a stranger remains very small.

There is a public perception that it is unsafe to walk the streets of the city, according to the circuit attorney. Yet, for people coming downtown, downtown is very safe.

Joyce-Hayes spoke in favor of more rigid gun control. It should be more difficult to get a gun. A lot of people are killed with their own guns, or guns stolen in burglaries. She noted that if there were stricter gun control, over a longer period of time there will be fewer guns on the street. But, "Americans like instant results; this will take awhile. We need to do it for our children and grandchildren, not ourselves." She further informed me that semiautomatic and automatic weapons are becoming a bigger problem in St. Louis.

The circuit attorney stated that drug possession and drug sales are the

most frequently prosecuted crimes. In fact, they take up 1/3 to 1/2 of the docket.

Joyce-Hayes found the budgetary process to be a real eye-opener. Nonetheless, she feels she had the "best preparation one could hope for. Being here for 12 years and also in quasi-administration as first assistant." However, her predecessor had not been a delegator; hence she hadn't previously had budgetary experience.

There are 41 attorneys in the Circuit Attorney's office. Supervising this office leaves her very little free time.

Joyce-Hayes came to St. Louis in early 1972 and has lived most of that time in Skinker DeBaliviere. She feels that the neighborhood has changed so much. In 1972, she lived on the 6000 block of Westminster. Everybody knew everybody and what was going on. As the neighborhood has become more and more stable, with people moving in and out, Joyce-Hayes feels some of that tightknit atmosphere has been lost. But, it was tightknit because people were circling the wagons against further deterioration. There isn't that need today.

28th Ward Democrats Split

As an aftermath of the 1993 mayoral contest, there are now two Democratic ward organizations in the 28th ward. The 28th Ward Regular Democratic Club is headed by Alderman Dan McGuire and Committee-woman Rose Storey. The 28th Ward Regular Democratic Organization is led by Bruce Yampolsky, Committeeman.

Yampolsky and his allies supported Tony Ribaud in the Democratic mayoral primary. They continued their support after the

original ward organization endorsed another candidate. Although the split did not occur until late June, Yampolsky and two others incorporated their own organization in Jefferson City on February 10, 1993.

McGuire and Storey felt that the split was necessary when officers of the ward campaigned for candidates not endorsed by the ward after an endorsement election open to all members. Yampolsky's group feels they tried to keep the ward together.

Letter to the TIMES

To Editor:

Why must so many residents of our neighborhood especially we older adults who do not drive and could walk to a Walgreens in the community, be denied this convenience while the younger can drive to Olive St. Rd. or elsewhere to Walgreens.

We cannot buy any notions or medical supplies or not much of anything. I cannot understand as there was a Walgreens where the Crossroads School is in the 60s. Why must we be so behind times for the wishes of a few????

Mrs. Madeline Turner

Wabash Triangle Cafe Enhances Open Mike

The Wabash Triangle Cafe/Coffehouse now has Rob Templeton hosting its new and improved Open Mike and Poetry Slam, on Wednesdays at 8pm. All poets, musicians, actors, and performance artists are invited to participate. At 10pm, 8 poets compete for a prize during the Poetry Slam. They are allowed one 3 minute piece. Open Mike then resumes until closing. For further information, call Calvin Case at 721-4112.

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Eagle Scout Aids Forest Park Forever

A donation of almost 100,000 pennies, collected by Word of Life Lutheran School for Forest Park Forever resulted in an Eagle Scout project for Talmage Newton IV, known as Newt, of 62XX Waterman in Parkview.

Newt's friends and fellow scouts from Boy Scout Troop 98 from St. Roch's Church helped sort and count the pennies, transporting them from the Forest Park Forever office in plastic

milk bottles that held about \$25 each, to Central West End Bank to be counted and bagged.

Central West End Bank's Manager of Teller Services, Tony Pietrangelo, recalled the boys made numerous trips before the \$950 was sorted and recounted into money sacks. Security Armored Car Company volunteered to pick up the bagged coin and transport it to the Federal Reserve Bank.

Neighborhood Volunteers Needed

by Mary Schmit

The American Red Cross certainly has been in the news this summer. The Red Cross' involvement in helping people during the great flood of '93 has been well documented almost every night on the evening news. Volunteers from the Red Cross have helped to feed and shelter thousands during the long and trying flood.

But did you know that the Red Cross has a volunteer program active in our neighborhood? For several years at Grace United Methodist Church and now at 5615 Pershing, volunteers help at the **Daily Care Center**—one of three serving the city of St. Louis.

The **Times** recently visited the center. "The morning pot of coffee is always ready from 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.!" welcomed Lynne Cannon, Volunteer Coordinator. So over a cup of coffee we met some friendly people who are the participants in the American Red Cross Adult Day Care program. Ages range from 23 to 93 years. Participants attend because they need a safe and supervised place to be during the day; 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. But those who attend have found more than that! They've found interaction with others, enjoyment, a day community of friendly people. Ms. Cannon acknowledges that the adults who attend want to share and give of themselves as well as receive. They eagerly respond to opportunities to reach out to others. Every month some participants make and decorate 50 cards for Regional Hospital's meal trays.

Some Skinker-DeBaliviere neighbors are already sharing their skills from

friendly listening to gardening to discussion groups. There is a definite need for more volunteers. Do you want to make a one-to-one connection, to share your interests, to enrich yourself? So, why don't you, take up Lynne's invitation for a cup of coffee and find out more about the Red Cross Daily Care Center? Whether you decide to volunteer or not you'll enjoy the visit and see for yourself the good work done by both staff and volunteers of the American Red Cross.

Here is a Wish List - some things that you might be willing and able to do:

- Help set-up and serve meals
- Go on field trips and neighborhood walks
- Be an extra pair of hands to assist staff with activities
- Provide one-to-one companionship
- Play cards, checkers or table games
- Answer telephone
- Type
- Be a receptionist
- Share your hobby (cooking, singing, dancing)
- Be a tutor
- Read a current novel out loud to individuals or groups
- Help develop special programs
- Contribute marketing skills
- Share computer expertise
- Show slides, pictures, or videos of your favorite vacation travel
- Become an artist or musician-in-residence

If you want to volunteer, once a week or for one hour, just stop by for a cup of coffee or call Lynne Cannon at 454-3941.

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CALENDAR



Neighborhood Meetings

- 9/7 Public Affairs Meeting at the 7th District, 7 pm.
- 9/13 SDCC Board Meeting, 6010 Kingsbury, all welcome, 7:30 pm.
- 9/13 Friends and Neighbors will honor Alderman Dan McGuire for 12 years of service. At Duff's, 392 N. Euclid, 5:30 - 8:00 pm. For more information call 721-7532.
- 9/18 RAGS TO RICHES: garage sales, refreshments at Kingsbury Animal Hospital, book sale, 8:30 am-3:30 pm.
- 9/20 Skinker DeBaliviere Apartment Owners Association, 6010 Kingsbury, 7 pm.
- 9/27 Central West End Association Security Meeting, all block captains invited, Duff's, 5:45 pm.
- 9/30 28th Ward Regular Democratic Club, New City School, 7:30 pm. For information call Rose Storey at 727-1727.

Other Events of Interest

- now-9/27 "Fire and Water," works of M.J. Goerki and Ben Mensch at Compenere Gallery, 6505 Delmar
- 9/3-11/7 Photographs by Moneta Sleet, Jr., include scenes of the civil rights movement and African independence. Special Exhibition Galleries, St. Louis Art Museum.
- 9/9 Christmas Bazaar Workshop at St. Roch's, 7 pm.
- 9/10-9/26 Orthwein Theatre presents a musical "Working," from the work of Studs Terkel. For times and prices call 995-7300. At Mary Institute/Country Day School.

Forest Park Gets Needed Improvements

Forest Park Forever reports completion of a number of recent improvements in one of our neighborhood's greatest assets, Forest Park. Most obvious is the resurfacing of roadways throughout the park. More than half a million dollars in funding for the projects came from the Forest Park Improvement Fund, which channels money from park leases and permits back into the park, from Round Up for Forest Park, and other organizations.

Special credit is given to Anabeth Calkins, manager of Forest Park, and Daniel J. McGuire, 28th Ward Alderman, for "marshalling funds and labor for these projects" and to the Street Department for completing the repaving projects.

In addition to the paving, the Cascades were repaired with additional funding from the Mike Shanahan Golf Tournament; new high voltage cable was provided near the Dwight Davis Tennis Courts; roof repairs were made to the Jewel Box and the Fish Hatchery; a new picnic shelter was constructed on picnic grounds #5, and, with the assistance of the Central West End Association, all 8.5 miles of the bike trail were resurfaced.

In May the East Tree Walk, a 2.5 mile circuit, was opened. This self-guided walk is a cooperative effort among the Missouri Department of Conservation, the St. Louis Department of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry, and Forest Park Forever. Twenty-seven specimen trees and tree groupings are identified on the route which runs southwest along Wells Drive from Steinberg Skating Rink toward the Jewel Box, down McKinley Drive past the upper Muni parking lot and the Muni, over to the east end of Post-Dispatch Lake and then back between the bandstand and the Muni to the east side of the cricket field, the east at Confederate Drive, and "across country" back to Steinberg. (Maps are available.)

Forest Park Forever will sponsor a flea market at the World's Fair Pavilion in the Park on Saturday and Sunday, September 11 and 12 to raise funds for the Jewel Box and its grounds.

July Food Drive Declared a Success

by Beth Bender

One of the joys of life is helping other people, and on July 17 many Rosedale Neighbors must have felt particularly good. The food drive collected two full truckloads of food and personal hygiene items. Originally, the collected goods were to be distributed between the food pantries of Grace Methodist, Grace and Peace, New Cote Brillante, and St. Roch. However, due to the Flood of '93, we divided the items five ways, making a sizable donation to the Salvation Army Flood Relief.

The food drive was a success in part due to the block captains and other volunteers who distributed the flyers. But the heroes of the day were the seven volunteers who teamed up to drive the two trucks, collecting the items in under two hours.

We have tentatively scheduled another food drive for February and hope to make it a quarterly event. With the assistance of the SDCC Social Services Committee it is also hoped that we can bring the food drive to the entire Skinker-DeBaliviere Neighborhood.

To do this the number of volunteers would need to expand to 24 with the use of four more trucks or large vehicles. This would allow six teams of four to collect in under two hours the items from their assigned blocks.

While the next drive is not until February, the possibility of expanding the food drive depends on more neighbors helping.

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Cabaret Singer Marcela at the Wabash Triangle Cafe

by Mary Schmit

If you were in the audience that warm Sunday night, July 11th, you heard the power and beauty in her voice, and saw her charm and felt her electric stage presence. She performed with the multi-talented Tom Clear of SKinker-DeBaliviere theatrical fame.

Who is Marcela? She is singer, composer and actress. Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, she knew as a young child that her life was to revolve around music rather than around medicine. (Her father was a physician as are her three sisters.) She began studying voice, theater, and dance. Soon she was composing her own songs and giving recitals. She remembers being strongly influenced by her grandfather's singing. He played his guitar and sang flamenco songs from his region of Spain, Andaluca, "the soul of Spain". Today, her grandfather's music is, to her, a bridge between Spanish music's Middle-Eastern origins and her desire to introduce and interpret Cabaret music to her American audiences.

Marcela has been actively pursuing her career in Saint Louis for the past nine years. She sees her career as one of growth from the Brazilian Bossa Nova and Latin American songs to her passionately loved Spanish music from the 12th to the 16th centuries. "It's been my heart. It's why I sing." But along the way she has fallen in love with the European Cabaret style of Marlene Dietrich, Edith Piaf, and Josephine Baker. In this tradition she includes Argentine Tangos, Boleros, and even Nat King Cole's love songs. She now thrills to the lyrical nature and the poetic sound of another generation. (If she sounds unusual, she is!)

Marcela first performed in Cabaret style at CASA with **Tango International** directed by Chris Limber. She discovered that her performances brought together people of all ages, from the curious to those who wanted to re-experience Cabaret. Marcela has

also been working and performing with Young Audiences (5615 Pershing) for the past four years. Rita Washington, Director of Program Services for Young Audiences, and director of Skinker-DeBaliviere theatrical efforts, is excited about Marcela's performances. Her latest, **Christopher Columbus, Where Do You Think You're Going?**, has had 90 performances at schools in St. Louis City and County and Illinois. Marcela says she enjoys teaching history through music and theater. Look for her newest Young Audiences project, **Stories From The Arabian Nights** to be presented this fall. She also sings with the Corazon Trio which performs medieval Spanish songs.



Marcela with Tom Clear

Marcela is someone not to be missed.

Future Performance:

September 18 at 8:00 p.m. Cummel's Cafe on Washington Ave.

October 9 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. J.C. Penney Auditorium, University of Missouri Saint Louis, a scholarship benefit sponsored by the Hispanic Latino Association

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Neighborhood Block Party a Big Success!

On the evening of August 2, the Rosedale Neighbors hosted a block party and barbecue for all of Skinker DeBaliviere. While a jazz band played, neighbors socialized and munched on hot dogs and brats. There was a large turnout and everyone seemed to have a good time.

Volunteers who helped make this event possible were Joe Miller, Betha Whitlow, Beth Bender, Mark Dorsey, Catherine Forslund, Elliot Liebson, Rick Bender, and Tricia Roland. ConServ Officer Jan Waits and SDCC Executive Director Kim Koenig also made this special evening possible. Beth Bender noted that a lot of neighborhood kids lent a hand too.

SDCC's Director Kim Koenig and key volunteers were able to secure donations for the block party. We can all thank St. Roch's for the barbecue meat and buns, Coca Cola and Anheuser-Busch for beverages, Redel's and the Wabash Triangle Cafe for ice, McDonald's for condiments, and Jefferson Tent & Awning and Block Unit 1035 for facilities and implements.

Since this worked out so well, maybe same time next year?

photographs by Sam DiLorenzo



The 5900 DeGiverville Block Party

In keeping with tradition, 5900 DeGiverville held a block party on Saturday, August 14. Between 75-100 people attended. Guests could choose between barbecue chicken, ribs, and rib tips complimented by cole slaw, spaghetti, and green beans. This feast could be topped off with cake. One of the highlights of the afternoon was a dance contest.

This block unit had a lot to celebrate. They took third prize in the Urban League's Beautiful Block Award program. The block had planted flowers and kept the grass up. They also thank good neighbor Mr. Barnard who always cleans up around the area.

Parkview Gardens Association Supports Police Mini-Station

by Lana Stein

On a warm Sunday afternoon in late June, officials and police officers from both St. Louis city and University City came together for a barbecue. The site of this event is the new police mini-station on Eastgate. Police from both U City and the City come there to make reports, use the telephone, and provide a visible presence.

This substation is the latest accomplishment of concerned business and apartment owners who formed the Parkview Gardens Association. Key figures are Gary and Gloria Behm who own St. Louis Antique Lighting at 801 N. Skinker and Mike Giger and Nick Ippolito. They worked together with Suzanne Hart. Initially they rebuilt the cul-de-sac. Giger, a large property owner in the area, fostered the community spirit in the area. He introduced the police of U City and the City to one another. He also worked to have the residents and the property owners meet each other.

Parkview Gardens Association meets monthly and has police of both jurisdictions in attendance as well as other officials. University City and the city of St. Louis are actively cooperating in this venture. The Association has hired Richard Sorokin as its staff person. His office is also at the substation.

Many Eastgate residents came over to visit and enjoy hot dogs, chips, and soda. They were joined by Cindy Hellman of the Citizens Service Bureau, Suzanne Hart of Operation SafeStreet, and Alderman Dan McGuire.

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DeBaliviere Delights

by Katie Kurtz, Food Editor

(Editor's Note: It's hard to believe that it has been ten years since we began running the "Macho Menus" column. After a several-year hiatus, we have decided to resurrect this idea and now offer this column as a general food article with recipes, restaurant reviews and other culinary tidbits. We are open to any and all contributions for ideas; call me at 727-6377. Our first entry is from John "Hitch" Powell, who ironically was one of the first "Macho Menu" pioneers. Hitch and Mary live with their two sons, Phillip and Gregory, in the 6100 block of Westminster and have been stalwarts of the neighborhood for many years. Along with his fabulous culinary skills, Hitch has been a faithful member of the battling beagles softball team since he turned the illustrious age of thirty. (We won't divulge that date.) Our thanks to Hitch for this issue's contribution.)

Steak Rosemary by Hitch Powell

This recipe is dedicated to two Rosemarys, my mother and Mary's aunt, both of whom appreciate a great cut of steak and a smooth bourbon and water.

2 to 3 lbs. steak sirloin (chuck or other tender cut)

1/2 oz. bourbon

1/4 cup water

1 tablespoon brown sugar

Mix water, sugar and bourbon for a marinade. Puncture steak with a sharp object so that the marinade can penetrate. Pour the mixture over the steak and place in a tightly covered container in the refrigerator for at least 4 hours (overnight is even better). Barbecue over a very hot fire to the desired result, using the leftover marinade to baste.

***Chef's Note:** The marinade makes an excellent libation if you leave out the sugar and water, but there should be enough left in the bottle to enjoy both the libation and this recipe!

Pet Talk

by Stephen A. Brammeier, D.V.M.

The tragic fire at Kennelwood Village in August resulted in the loss of 51 cats and 6 dogs. Luckily, the largest portion of the dogs escaped without major injury. The stress and strain on owners and pets involved in the situation was significant. Fortunately this was an isolated event, however, it raises the question of how does a pet owner arrange for care when they are away from home and the pets are left behind.

The age, size, health, and temperament of the pet must be considered when arranging for care. Also, the length of time the owner will be away. The type of facility, location, fees, and other services offered may influence the choice for pet care.

Hiring a housesitter/petsitter is my preference for most pet care needs, offering the protection of having someone in the home, plus allowing the pet to stay in familiar surroundings. Geriatric animals, in particular, benefit by staying in familiar surroundings. Often not seeing or hearing well, old pets become confused in new situations, sometimes not eating for long periods. Confined to small spaces that restrict movement, arthritic pets become stiff and sore. Ideally, it is best not to leave a puppy for extended periods when it is less than six months old. The young months are significant developmentally, and extended periods away from the owner may disrupt important behavioral and obedience training. However, if necessary, a live-in pet sitter is the best choice. Cats can be left alone with adequate food and water for a weekend. Longer periods of time require someone to "look in" on cats daily, or again a petsitter/housesitter. Geriatric cats can become quite confused and anxious in unfamiliar surroundings and kittens need lots of human contact.

A second alternative, the professional "pet-sitter" business, provides homes where a pet is kept while the owners are away. During the stay, a pet is often treated as "one of the family" and gets to know the host family after a short time. Geriatric pets sometimes adapt to staying in this situation. Often, a "pet-sitter" will have their own pets or be caring for two or three pets at a time, therefore, pets with aggressive natures may not be acceptable in this situation.

The third alternative for pet care is to leave your pet in a professional kennel. Good care can be found in a variety of settings ranging from the smaller family run situation to a rural no-frills facility to the larger corporate type suburban operation. All kennels generally provide bathing and grooming services, and for additional fees, some offer extra exercise time out of the individual pens used to house the pets. Many kennels also

offer specialized care for geriatric animals or those that require medications. If your pet should fall ill while in their care, the kennel will usually contact your personal veterinarian to care for your pet.

The choices for providing pet care are varied and no one situation meets every pet's, or owner's, needs. I recommend visiting any facility and requesting a tour before leaving a pet for care, or carefully obtaining references of anyone left responsible for a pet. Questions about a pet's health or temperament that would affect care choices should be discussed with your veterinarian.

Many Homeless Pets Wait to Be Adopted

Martha's Animal Shelter, a no-kill shelter, is located in Bonne Terre. The shelter needs volunteers to work on various projects and committees as well as on pet adoption weekends. The sanctuary is home to over 100 dogs and some thirty cats of all ages and sizes. These animals are strays, abused, older, or no longer able to be kept by their former owners. If you are interested in volunteering, contributing, or adopting a pet, call Marianne Mica at 995-9260.

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Return of the Hamiltons and Other Neighborhood Musings

by Kathleen O'C. Hamilton

"They're back!" This is the swift response to the return of now six of the twelve adult children of Peg and Louis Hamilton in recent months to roots in the Skinker DeBaliviere Parkview community. This phenomenon was thought to be of interest to the *Times* readers, and I was asked (as one who married into the clan and could give more of a reporter's viewpoint), to entertain you readers with this account.

The fact that now six of the twelve Hamilton children have come home to the original neighborhood of their parents and grandparents proves once again that St. Louis is really a village—especially this part of the west end of the city where almost everyone, if one looks hard enough, is no more than "Six Degrees of Separation", as the recent Broadway play demonstrates, from being connected or related to another person in some way.

A starting point of this saga could be the fateful meeting of one Margaret (Peg) Prendergast of 60xx Westminster, and Louis Hamilton of 2xx Westgate in Parkview, at the newly formed St. Roch's Drama Club (perhaps a forerunner of the current noted thespian group in Skinker DeBaliviere), in the spring of 1935.

The young couple were to marry at St. Roch's in the fall of 1936. Peg had graduated from St. Roch's (where her grandson, Dan would also graduate fifty years later). She finished at Rosati Kain. Louis had completed his engineering degree at nearby Washington University. Like many Irish Catholic families in what Louis calls the "pre-pill era", they proceeded to have a large family - and twelve children was considered larger than the average.

Peggy Hamilton, Peg and Louis' sixth child, now of 60xx Waterman (via California and Texas), recalls helping her mother sew name tags on the eldest son, Jeff's clothing (before laundry markers came into vogue), when Jeff was going to Notre Dame in the mid fifties. Peg, the mother, was getting teary-eyed because her "baby" was going off to college. Peggy remembers pointing to Lou, the twelfth child in the crib, and saying: "Mother, that's truly your baby!" It all depends on the point of view.

Peg Prendergast Hamilton was born in 1914, the youngest of seven children of Theresa Smith and Jeffrey J. Prendergast. He looks like a jovial man from his pictures, and was the veterinarian for the city of St. Louis. This was a job with much wider impact than first thought since horses were still a major mode of public and private transportation in the early 1900's. The Prendergasts lived in a commodious house at 52xx Maple Avenue, just a block away from the "Meet Me in St. Louis" house on Kensington Avenue that Judy Garland sings about in the song, "The Boy Next Door".

For those (and there are many St. Louisans who still identify communities in the city by parishes whether Catholic or not) who want a more precise focus on the area, it is St. Mark's parish. I remember my grandmother being concerned when she knew I was marrying Alan Hamilton, the second of the twelve, that he was from "outside" our parish of St. Roch's! Although Alan was not the "Boy next door", he was really the grandson of our neighbors in Parkview, the Tom Hamiltons, who lived two doors down from my family on Westgate.

Unfortunately, Grandpa Jeff Prendergast was also a large man with a failing heart, and he died when Peg was four years old. I truly believe Peg Hamilton developed her extraordinary social skills, humor, and stamina in raising a large family from those early days in her mother's house as the youngest of seven children. To further illustrate the small world of St. Louis, Theresa Prendergast had two sisters, Agnes Cronin and Margaret Ebbs. Aunt Margaret Ebbs was Betty Renard's grandmother, and Bob and Betty live only four doors from Alan and myself in the 62xx block of McPherson.



It wasn't until I met Alan at a Notre Dame dance in college that I realized the Westgate connection - but not the number of children in the family. Alan's two brothers, Jeff and Bill, also were to marry two of my college classmates at Maryville. Bill Hamilton, the third of the twelve, told me slyly at that fateful dance that he was one of three brothers. I thought it was a nice coincidence since I was one of three sisters. Little did I know what was in store when I was invited to the Hamilton house during that Christmas break from college.

I often think a video would be the most definitive description of my first meeting of the Hamilton family. I walked in the front entrance hall, and immediately to my left were a pair of elaborate double storm doors, without glass, that framed the entrance to the living room. I could hear the "woosh" of the doors as they repeatedly opened and closed - and many small boys seemed to be running in and out through the lower opening of the glass free doors. What also caught my eye was the mannequin's leg that was attached to the ceiling in the corner of the entrance hall. The toe of her shoe had a hook on it which held some rings of car keys. Peg Hamilton was crossing the entrance hall on her way to the living room, carrying a large, carved turkey on a tray. She was a warm and hospitable person, and noticed me eyeing the mannequin's leg hanging from the ceiling.

After greeting me, she explained that a family friend with a wicked sense of humor had brought the leg over to commemorate the time Peg had fallen through the ceiling when the Hamiltons were extending the second floor for dormitory space for the eight boys. She had slipped through the then unfinished flooring, causing her leg to temporarily stick through the ceiling.

"Of course", she said, "what made it more difficult to get out was the fact I was nine months pregnant!"

"Of course", I said, summoning up all the equanimity I could muster for my nineteen years. Then, I ceremoniously opened one of the glassless storm doors into the living room so Peg could put the turkey on the coffee table. Peg also commented that her husband, Louis, was in the metal window business, and he felt storm doors would keep out some of the noise of the family from the living room. Unfortunately, the boys were running through the doors before the glass was put in. For safety's sake, the doors remained glassless. I ruminated on all this, and the growth of the family from the three boys, as I had

thought, to eight boys and four girls, while I savored the turkey as the storm doors kept whooshing open and closed.

Shortly after Alan and I were married and returned to live in St. Louis from Washington D.C., Louis Hamilton had to relocate with his family to Los Angeles, California. Peg would call during those first few months, saying it was "so lonely with only seven children now at home!"

Alan and I were now the sole "St. Louis Hamiltons" up to the late seventies. This is the period where we grew to know and appreciate his great aunt, Grandma's sister, Agnes Cronin, a spirited widow who lived in an apartment on Delmar, just east of what is now Regional Hospital. Aunt Agnes was a fiercely independent eighty year old with crackling brown eyes, snow white hair, and porcelain skin, who always enjoyed her weekly trips to Moll's, an elegant grocery store, which was in its twilight years in the late sixties. It was an imposing edifice at the intersection of DeBaliviere and Delmar, with the enormous rococo looking signature clock out front that is now ensconced on Laclede's Landing.

It was also during the seventies that Alan and I and our family moved three times in three blocks in Parkview, taking advantage of the era's rehabbing boom. I began to be aware of "Prendergast's Past" in Skinker DeBaliviere. As an eager real estate agent, I remember holding an Open House on a home in the 60xx block of Westminster, and realizing that it was the same one that Peg and Grandma Prendergast had lived in when Peg married Louis Hamilton. After the wedding at St. Roch's in 1936, "Papa Joe" Garavelli, who owned the original Garavelli's restaurant on DeGiverville and DeBaliviere, and who had been a great friend of Peg's late father, Dr. Jeffrey Prendergast, hosted the wedding reception at his restaurant.

Peg had worked for "Papa Joe" after school at Rosati Kain as a cashier. She fondly recalled Papa Joe personally slic-

ing hot roast beef sandwiches on dollar rolls as an after school snack for her and her good friend and vivacious fellow student, Frances Dolan.

Shortly after Peg and Louis moved back to St. Louis from California in 1979, Peg died suddenly. Her death left a tremendous void. As her oldest sister, Aunt Helen Matthews said: "She was the pole that held up the tent."

But fate and Providence had a wonderful way of renewal, for in 1980, Louis Hamilton married Frances Dolan Holloran, Peg's longtime friend from high school. Fran was a widow with ten

grown children! The steps of the Church of Mary Queen of Peace in Webster were completely filled by the bride and groom, their combined twenty two children and spouses and grandchildren.

I also remember that Peg's oldest sister, Aunt Helen and her husband, Del Matthews, talked about their first apartment on Nina Place and Waterman in the 1930's. Aunt Helen used to say that on Saturday mornings, Del would walk one block to Dorr and Zeller, (the elegant catering company and restaurant, now the headquarters of Central West End Bank) on DeBaliviere, for wonderful breakfast rolls. Helen said that she could smell the fragrance of the fresh bread and rolls from the bakery of Dorr and Zeller as Del was walking up Waterman with their breakfast. Really, it was the glory days for the "foodies" of that era with Garavelli's, Dorr and Zeller and Moll's, all within blocks of each other. The streetcars ran along Pershing, then west past Parkview where they turned around at Big Bend. Life was very civilized with such convenient transportation. Perhaps with the Light Rail now running, and the lure of a number of fine area restaurants such as Redel's, we have again come full circle in our neighborhood.

It was in 1978 that the "Return of the Hamiltons" began. Young Lou Hamilton, the twelfth child, came back from college in California to seek his fame and fortune in St. Louis. In 1992, Lou married Tricia Roland at St. Roch's Church, on the fifty-sixth wedding anniversary of his parents' marriage in that very church. Lou, Trish and Josh Roland, a recent graduate of St. Roch's, now live on the 61xx block of Kingsbury.

In the summer of 1989, Louis Hamilton celebrated his eightieth birthday with a grand reunion, and Peggy Hamilton moved back to St. Louis from Houston to help her brother, Alan, in the apartment management business. She now lives on the 60xx block of Water-

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Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council

Board Meeting

June 14, 1993

Attending the meeting were Directors N. Vatcha, J. Wright, S. Polk, T. Roland, C. Forslund, A. Johnson, G. Fox, J. Miller, L. Stein, A. Smith Carr, A. Webb, G. Hayes, R. Johnson, K. Keaveny, Con Serv Officer J. Waits, Alderman D. McGuire, and Executive Director K. Koenig.

Guests were: Barbara Jarrett, DeBaliviere Place trustee, and Mary Ann Zaggy, Parkview Block Watch program.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

New Business

Parkview Block Watch Program - M. Zaggy reported that this program is active and has captains for each block. Signs will be going up shortly to denote program membership. She requested that the entire neighborhood work together on this program. She will be available to consult with anyone interested.

DeBaliviere Place Membership - B. Jarrett reported on behalf of DeBaliviere Place Association of their desire for representation on the Council. Their association consists of both condo owners and renters (approximately 2000 units). C. Forslund suggested she make a formal application for membership. This application will be reviewed at our next Board meeting.

Proposed Amendment to By-Laws - C. Forslund called attention to Article 4.3 of the By-Laws. This section was revised in 11/90, but never incorporated into By-Laws. K. Koenig and C. Forslund will work on updating them this summer. G. Fox moved "That a term limit be imposed on officers of the Council." C. Forslund requested that a vote be taken on this issue. Twelve were opposed, and one was in favor of the term limit amendment.

J. Wright moved "That minutes of the May Board meeting be approved as read"; seconded by L. Stein and approved.

R. Johnson moved "That the treasurer's report for May be accepted as read"; seconded by S. Polk and approved. C. Forslund called attention to the projected budget shortfall.

Committee/Association Reports

DeGiverville

5900 - A. Johnson reported that 5900 is sponsoring a BBQ / Raffle on Aug. 14, 1993, from 11AM - 4PM on the London & Son's lot. Raffle tickets are \$1.00. A. Johnson inquired about the "Royal Hook Up" at 5942 Delmar. K. Koenig will research whether they have obtained a business license.

5700 - No report

Kingsbury Square

R. Johnson reported that they have initiated a Neighborhood Watch Program.

Parkview

K. Keaveny expressed gratitude to C. Forslund for attending their Annual meeting in May. She also reported that the Parkview security officer is trying to align contact/communication, via radio while on duty, with U. City police and St. Louis City police.

Rosedale

J. Miller distributed a timeline of events to be sponsored by Rosedale. These events include:

July 17 - Rosedale Food Drive

Aug 3 - Street Party/National Night Out

Sept 18 - Rags to Riches

Mid Nov. - Bingo

J. Miller also encouraged anyone to attend the next meeting on 6/30/93 at 5:15 p.m. at SDCC.

Housing Corporation

K. Koenig distributed the 1992 Financial Statement that was prepared by Mr. Lee Schulte.

Recreation

K. Koenig reported that there are three newly-formed neighborhood softball teams. Thirty children from 7-13 years old, are participating. The teams practice in Lucier Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. and play games on Saturday in Forest Park. D. McGuire reminded K. Koenig that there is softball equipment in the SDCC basement if the teams need it.

Beautification

C. Forslund requested volunteers to water the planters at Four Corners this summer. A. Johnson, A. Webb, and K. Keaveny volunteered.

Fundraising

K. Koenig reported that our first SDCC fundraiser will be a Tom Sawyer riverboat cruise, on July 9, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. included will be dry snacks and music. Tickets are \$20 per person / \$35 per couple. Each board member is required to sell 12 tickets by July 7th. Recognition to our institutional members and CWE Bank will also be given that night. We are also planning a fall fundraiser in the form of a neighborhood walk. Other smaller fundraisers will be planned around Halloween and Christmas.

Revolving Loan

K. Koenig reported that this committee will meet on June 24th, at 5:15 p.m. at SDCC. J. Vatcha is chair, with G. Fox, J. Wright, and J. Miller as other committee members.

Commercial Planning

L. Stein reported that five new restaurants have opened in the area:

1) 2 Black Cats

2) Ruff's

3) Saigon Inn

4) Painted Plates

5) Wildflour Pizza

Director's Report

Outcome of Walgreen's Hearing on 6/9/93

K. Koenig reported that the Board of Adjustment is holding their decision on the appeal until they talk with the City Counselor's office. Ald. McGuire raised some legal questions that centered on whether the Board of Adjustment had jurisdiction to rule on this case. We will find out the decision on 6/16/93. A. Carr moved "That the Board authorize the Executive Committee to continue discussion about proposed Walgreen's development if the recording of restrictions as reflected in existing agreement is agreed upon by the developer", seconded by G. Hayes and approved with one opposed.

Apartment Owners Association

K. Koenig reported that SDCHC is initiating efforts to form an apartment owners association. A meeting of neighborhood apartment owners will be held on July 1, at 7:00 p.m., at SDCC.

Richard Hart Memorial Fund

K. Koenig distributed copies of a draft proposal to be submitted to the Library Board of Directors and asked for comments. After much discussion, the Board gave its full support to the re-naming/dedication of the Charing Cross Library to the Richard Hart Memorial Library. However, the Board requested that no annual financial promise (ie annual book sale) be included in the proposal at this time. J. Wright agreed to participate in the presentation to the Library Board. G. Hayes also suggested D. Hayes as a participant.

S. Polk suggested a picture of the Executive Director be displayed in the SDCC office.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Board Meeting

July 26, 1993

Attending the meeting were Directors R. Johnson, C. Forslund, B. Bender, J. Miller, T. Roland, S. Johnson, J. Wright, G. Fox, G. Hayes, A. Webb, S. Polk, K. Keaveny, A. Johnson, A. Carr, L. Stein, ConServ Officer J. Waits, Alderman D. McGuire, and Executive Director K. Koenig.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

New Business

Ahmadiyya Temple, 6181 Lindell - Appeal was denied. Alderman McGuire reported that it will most likely be appealed to the Board of Adjustment.

Old Business

A. Webb moved "That minutes of the June Board meeting be approved as read"; seconded by G. Fox and approved.

R. Johnson moved "That the treasurer's report for June be accepted as read"; seconded by J. Wright and approved.

Committee/Association Reports

DeGiverville

5700 - S. Polk reported that the 15th Annual CWE Community Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 22, from 12 to 7 p.m., at Forest Park on Ground 8.

5900 - A. Johnson reported that they are hosting a barbeque/raffle on August 14, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., on the back lot of London & Sons. Raffle tickets are \$1. He also reported that the block recently took third place in the city-wide "Block is Beautiful" contest.

Parkview - K. Keaveny reported on a recent shooting on Skinker (outside of Parkview), and a wave of car vandalism in Parkview.

Rosedale - J. Miller reported that Rags to Riches is scheduled for Saturday, September 18. A preliminary planning meeting for this event will be held on Tuesday, August 10, at 6:15 p.m., at SDCC. He also reported that the Neighborhood-Wide Street Party will be held on Tuesday, August 3, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Four Corners. B. Bender reported on the recent success of the Rosedale Food Drive. Donations were given to the four neighborhood churches and to the flood relief. Rosedale anticipates the food drive to be held quarterly.

Housing Corporation - K. Koenig reported that 6036 Washington is presently being rehabbed by D. Havens. Demolition is planned for 519 Des Peres.

Recreation - K. Koenig reported that the three neighborhood softball teams are enjoying themselves. Their season ends in late August.

Commercial Planning - Alderman McGuire reported that an individual made application to operate an auto detailing shop at 6151 Delmar. The conditional use hearing will be held on Thursday, July 29. K. Koenig reported that the Royal Hook-Up, 59__ Delmar, has obtained a business license to operate a barber shop.

Beautification - K. Koenig expressed gratitude to those volunteers who are watering Four Corners throughout the summer. She also reported that the Four Corners Beautification project won first place (\$100) through Operation Brightside.

Fundraising - K. Koenig reported that the Tom Sawyer riverboat cruise has been rescheduled.

Revolving Loan - K. Koenig reported that this committee has met once and is chaired by J. Vatcha. Information about this program will appear in a fall edition of the Times.

Social Service - B. Bender reported that there is a possibility of SDCC getting two interns from Washington University's School of Social Work to begin work in January 1994. If obtained, the committee has proposed that the interns concentrate on youth services and issues of economic hardship.

Director's Report

Apartment Owners Association - K. Koenig reported that a meeting was held on July 1 for all apartment owners owning units of three families or more. A steering committee has evolved out of the association and will meet in advance of the next all-membership meeting on September 20.

Metro Link Festivities, July 31, 1993 - Bi-State and SDCC will co-sponsor an opening day party at the Delmar Station from noon to 4 p.m. C. Forslund, A. Webb, S. Johnson, and R. Johnson volunteered to help staff the SDCC booth.

Staff Request - A part-time assistant, Laura Kozeny, begins work on August 24. Until that time, K. Koenig requested that if anyone wishes to volunteer time in the SDCC office, answering the phone or typing, please let her know.

Miscellaneous Items

Herron's 50th Anniversary - Alderman D. McGuire requested that K. Koenig prepare a resolution on behalf of SDCC in recognition of the occasion.

Parking Lot at Grace Methodist - G. Hayes reported that plans to expand their parking lot are soon to be implemented.



In Your Ear

by Hawkeye Hoerr

Another summer, another vacation. And, as the wife always says, "What's a vacation other than a chance to shop in another city?" I knew we were in trouble when all the salesgirls applauded my wife as we left one store. Oh, I've nothing against buying souvenirs, mind you, but this went far beyond purchasing trinkets to take home. Attila's hordes didn't bring this much booty back with them.

The vacation started out pleasantly enough. The first wife and I were going to "do" -- as they say in the Central West End -- England, Ireland, and Scotland. My thinking was that it would be a nice relaxing trip. I'm a Churchill buff, so England is always fun to visit. Ireland and Scotland are full of beautiful countryside and ancient lore and, besides, everybody would speak our language. What more could you want?

The wife, on the other hand, was excited about this particular trip for other reasons. A couple of days before we left, our friend, Marsha, asked her where we were going on our vacation. The wife replied, "To sweaters, shoes, and crystal." Last summer we were in France, and in our scrapbook she's labeled the pictures of that visit "Our Trip to Jewelry and Shoes."

I'll give my wife credit, though, she researches where we're going before we go so that we can take advantage of the places we'll be visiting. For example, I had no idea that Dublin, alone, has seven different shoe factories; not shoe stores, **SHOE FACTORIES!** And I can tell you, from first-hand knowledge, that they're all a bit different. The O'Leary Shoe Factory, on O'Connell Street, for example, specializes in women's shoes. We spent some time talking to a vice-president of the company, and he was quite fascinating. As we walked in the door to the factory, he gave me a cursory look (remember, this is a women's shoe factory) and immediately looked at the wife. Without a second's hesitation he said, "You're a 6B." Her face lit up, and it was as if two long lost friends had found one another. At the conclusion of the tour of the factory, after the other tourists left, he and the wife looked through scrapbooks of shoes that O'Leary had produced decades ago. Fortunately, by this time I was well into McCullough's 1,000 page biography, *Truman*, so I happily sat in the waiting room and read. Not a bad visit here: I read about Truman's early days, growing up on farm in Missouri, and the wife bought four pairs of shoes and two pairs of boots.

Touring Shamrock Shoes on Tannen Street wasn't all that exciting. It's a fairly new factory, so for safety reasons they wouldn't let us near the assembly area. Nonetheless, the wife took seventeen photos of workers cutting and sewing the leather. This wasn't too costly of a visit: one roll of film shot and three pairs of shoes purchased. Truman is now a soldier in World War I, stationed in France.

Peacock Shoes on Liffey Street was interesting because they only make high heel shoes. It's a small factory, and it's clear that their profits are down. We joined the plant

manager for lunch, and he told us that they're thinking about abandoning high heels and making running shoes instead, "bigger mark ups," he said with a smile. Only two pairs purchased here; the wife was very disappointed. Truman goes into the clothing business and finds little success. (Maybe he should have tried selling running shoes!)

My favorite stop, though, was probably the visit to the Sullivan Shoe Factory on Cedar Street. Sullivan Shoes was in the countryside, far from Dublin, and it took us almost an hour to get there in our rental car. But it was worth the drive. Here, too, the person who met with us -- as with all of the other shoe factories, the wife had written ahead to let them know we were coming -- greeted her with a "Hi, I bet you're a 6B!" They established a quick rapport. She spent an hour with us, personally taking us through their private shoe museum. It's located in the ground floor, and isn't ordinarily open to tourists. But clearly we're not "regular" tourists when it comes to shoes! The wife's soleful reputation precedes her, so we got to see the museum. She was in rapture over getting to try on boots from the 1880's. In her glee and appreciation, she bought nine pairs of shoes from the Sullivan Factory. To be fair, one pair is for her sister (a 9D), but the other eight are all hers. By now Truman is working as a county administrative official in Missouri.

I won't go into detail about the visits to the other shoe stores. Let me just say that when it comes to shoes, my wife is a bit like Will Rogers: she never met a pair that she didn't like.

(In fact, coming back from the vacation on the plane, she tore out an ad for California Closets from one of the complimentary airline magazines. Yep, you've guessed it: with between twenty and thirty pair of shoes purchased on this trip alone, she's now worried about how they'll fit in her closet. Since the wife has names for each pair of shoes -- no, the new ones aren't named yet, that's a ritual yet to come -- it's not as if she can simply throw away an old pair to make way for a new one. Once I foolishly suggested this, and she said, "Do parents throw away an older child when a new baby is born???" It's hard to argue with that kind of logic, so I simply said that I'd heard good things about California Closets, and she should give them a call.)

We found a shoe factory when we visited Scotland and toured it, but after the Dublin Forced March of Shoe Factories, the Scot one, "Amazing Kilts," paled in comparison. By now Truman has just accepted the Vice-Presidency under FDR and the campaign is underway. Shopping fatigue is showing: only two pairs of shoes purchased here.

Scotland was great for sweaters, though. I don't know whether the lambs get shampooed and creme-rinsed daily or what, but the wife says that their sweaters are the best she's ever seen. She says, "We don't know when we'll ever be back to Scotland again," so that means that we need to stock up on sweaters. "After all," she says, "once you've tried on a Scottish woolen sweater, nothing else will do." Personally, I wouldn't know; I didn't try on any Scottish sweaters. By now Truman is

President of the United States. Damage: Eight sweaters and one pair of shoes. Again, to be fair, two of the sweaters are for friends. But get this, the shoes that she bought weren't intended for sale. They were purchased from the feet of a salesgirl in the sweater factory. Later, even the wife admitted that she didn't know why she'd purchased the shoes from the salesgirl: "I'm not even sure I like them," she said, "but it seemed like a good idea at the time." But they were her size, and she hadn't bought any in a couple of days, so I wasn't surprised.

The absolute highlight of the trip was in Waterford. And if I didn't know that Waterford Crystal came from Waterford, Ireland, I quickly found out. Personally, I've never been too fond of anything that breaks when dropped, but the wife collects crystal, so there was no doubt that we'd visit the Waterford Factory. Twice. And we even sent postcards from there.

DisneyWorld has nothing on Waterford! The visit to the factory begins with a 20 minute film. Then the "guests" (see what I mean about likening it to DisneyWorld?) hop onto a train of golfcart-like vehicles to see the factory, complete with a tour guide who speaks about the beauty of Waterford Crystal in three languages. There the guests see sand being melted into glass, and workmen blowing the glass into wonderfully delicate and complex shapes. Actually, I, personally didn't really see any of the tour; at this point, I was reading about Truman's decision to drop the A-bomb, so the wife went alone. To this day, I'm not sure she realized that I wasn't with her on the tour. My not going with her was probably a mistake because, of course, the tour ended at the **WATERFORD CRYSTAL GIFT SHOP!** And anytime you're in a gift shop where they provide free coffee, you know you're in trouble.

At first I thought I was safe, because even the wife wouldn't think it smart to buy crystal and try to hand-carry crystal back home. I was right. But I didn't realize that Waterford ships its crystal by air. How foolish of me! I'm not sure what crystal we bought, because it hasn't arrived yet. I do know that upon our return home, we received a notarized letter from American Express, asking us to sign a form which would allow them to provide and carry life insurance on us, at their expense, with them as the beneficiaries.

So now we're back and rested. Hardly a day goes by without a visit from our new best friend, the United Parcel delivery man, bringing us an-

other piece of Europe. Yes, almost all of the shoes were shipped too. And the California Closet people have already come once to give us an estimate. They think that rather than organizing her closet differently, it would make more sense to take a spare bedroom and turn it into a walk-in closet for shoes. They even suggested having a computer listing of all of her shoes at the door, so that they could be cross-referenced and located by season, color, material, and surname. That makes sense and would sure be easier than having this information on all of her 3X5 cards, as is presently the case. And then maybe her closet could be used just for the sweaters.

Already I'm thinking about next summer's trip. I'd like to go to Iceland or Russia. The wife says that she'd like to visit jewelry or shoes.

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man Jocelyn Hamilton, fifth of the twelve children, also moved to St. Louis, and following in the tradition of her grandfather, Jeffrey Prendergast, has become active in politics as a member and secretary of the Board of Election Commissioners for the city, appointed by Governor Carnahan. Last year, Georgia Hamilton, the fourth of the twelve, moved from New Hampshire to St. Louis with her younger daughter. Georgia's older daughter and her husband also live here with their baby girl who is Louis Hamilton's first great grandchild! Jim Hamilton, the eleventh child, has not moved to St. Louis from his Michigan home, but he did marry his wife, Rose, to round out 1992 in St. Louis on New Year's Eve at our house on McPherson. Truly, 1992 was not a dull year!

The most recent Hamiltons to move back to St. Louis are Marc, the "seventh child of a seventh child", and his wife Nan. They moved here only two months ago from Texas, and now live on the 60xx block of McPherson.

Marc said that he and Nan decided to move back to St. Louis after many years in Los Angeles. It would be a great lifestyle change as family members began relocating here from around the country. He thought that they "naturally chose Skinker DeBaliviere, and with a little luck, we can get the remaining family members back here, too!"

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