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HARTFORD ARMS CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN

By Tom Booth

Construction on the first project developed by the Tower Grove South Housing Corporation is expected to begin by the end of October. What has been known affectionately by many as "the Hartford Arms" has been an eyesore for far too long, but will soon be a thing of beauty.



From this...

Since it was purchased by the Housing Corporation two years ago, the building on the corner of Spring and Juniata sat vacant, waiting for the right combination of permit approvals, money, and vision. With a loan commitment of \$200,000 from Commerce Bank, the Housing Corporation has the final piece needed to make the project a reality.

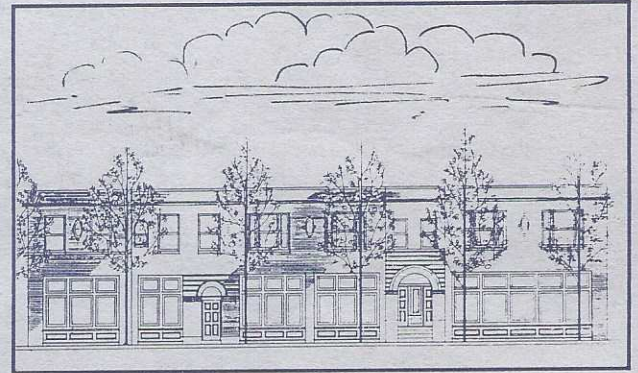
When the building was purchased by the Housing Board with seed money from Operation ConServ, a request for bids on developing the project was published. Little response was received from development companies, so the Housing Corporation decided to become its own developer. The Housing

Corporation invited several developers to bid on the project, and recently completed the selection process.

"It was really scary when you think about it," says Rich Iezzi, board member of the Tower Grove South Housing Corporation and resident of the 3800 block of Hartford. "We would tell them what we wanted and they could come up with their costs. Some of (the companies) we didn't know at all...you never heard of them." Rich said the Housing Corporation evaluated the companies based on referrals and previous work done. If a prospective developer had done renovation work, the Corporation visited the site to determine how competent the developer was.

Once Commerce Bank agreed to fund the renovation, the Housing Corporation board had the wherewithal to contract with a developer and bring the project to fruition. Their recent selection of Affton Construction as the developer means that the first stage of the renovation could begin by the middle of October. The renovated building will comprise three equally sized units, as determined by the firewalls. Initially, the exterior of the building will be revitalized with new entrances on the Spring Street side and a completed spec unit on the south end of the building, with an entrance on Juniata. Each of the last two units will be completed to order, following the sale of the spec unit. Iezzi says, "Everything is pretty much wide

open," as far as the designs of the last two units. The buyers can decide the particular details they want in their own units. Upon completion of the spec unit, an appraisal will determine the asking price. With 12-foot-high ceilings on the first floor, three bedrooms and two-and-a-half baths, the units



...to this!

are expected to sell with little trouble. "I don't think we're going to have a bit of trouble selling them because it's going to be a great deal," says Iezzi. "It's going to be a house as big as yours or mine...2,400 square feet...all new everything."

Following the successful renovation of the Hartford Arms, the Housing Corporation is looking forward to developing more property in the area. The board knows that beyond the benefits to the area immediately surrounding the property, renovating key buildings can enhance the entire neighborhood.

DID YOU KNOW...

That house plans in our neighborhood were chosen from plan books--like pattern books?

That lot purchasers in Tower Grove Heights were required to spend at least \$3,000 to build their houses?

ASSOCIATION MEETING DATES

The Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association will meet at 7 p.m. **November 15** at the parish hall of St. John's Episcopal Church, 3664 Arsenal. There will not be a meeting in December.

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ON GRAND

By Don Hardin

Each issue of the *Gazette* features information about current events on Grand South Grand and a highlight of one of the businesses.

Have you walked the Grand South Grand business district lately? While the weather permits, you should treat yourself and see first hand the exciting renaissance that is taking place. On your walk, visit Jay Asian Foods; it recently won Best Ethnic Grocery in *The Riverfront Times*' "Best In St. Louis" readers poll.

On September 8, the Saint Louis Bread Company opened its 14th store in the St. Louis area. Located at 3114 Grand in the Square on Grand complex, this new arrival to Grand South Grand is a gastronomic adventure just waiting for you to experience.

The Saint Louis Bread Company bakes breads and other fine bakery products made from only the finest top-quality ingredients, using no preservatives. Fresh bread is baked hourly (the sourdough bread is a favorite). Their motto is: Quality products and quality service to our customers.

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at the Missouri Botanical Garden

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Sunday, December 20

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Sunday, December 27



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CULTURE COMETH

By Elizabeth Braznell

In his "On Grand" article (p. 2), Don Hardin referred to the renaissance on Grand South Grand. In addition to the culinary renaissance, there's a cultural rebirth, as well.

Did you check out the **Grandiose Art Thang** September 18? Cheap Trx and Shelton's teamed up to display photos by Red Elf and Chris Sauer, along with art work by Zilly Frazier and Sara Rodney.

Mangia Italiano sponsored a **poetry reading and book signing** on October 10. Pam Puleo and Maria from Guadalupe Sounds read their poetry, and blues artists Dennis and Brutus performed.

During their grand opening celebration November 1-14, Grand Books, 3206 South Grand, will have a **22-author book signing** Saturday, November 14, from 1 to 3 p.m. John Lutz, author of *Single White Female*, will be the featured guest.

And check out the newly restored Victorian storefront for ZIP's, next to Cheap Trx. ZIP's will have their grand opening in early November.

These cultural events add yet another dimension to Grand South Grand. Great food, great shopping, and culture--we've got it all!



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RESIDENT PROFILE

By Anita Barker

There are 5,183 reported caves in Missouri and the list is growing at the rate of 100-150 caves a year. Forty of those caves are in the City of St. Louis, some within blocks of Tower Grove Heights!

Pam and Jerry Saberton of the 3800 block of Juniata not only know these facts, they've played an important role in collecting and recording this data.

Pam and Jerry are two of the over 200 members of the Missouri Speleological Survey (MSS). For over 15 years, the Sabertons have helped locate, explore, map, and maintain caves and record and store cave data. They have served on the boards of the MSS and of their local caving chapter, the Middle Mississippi Valley Grotto (MMV). Pam currently is vice president of the MSS and director of the MMV Grotto.

The Sabertons also give public tours and presentations of caves, serve as "on call" cave rescuers, and even assist communities in documenting cave resources for land use purposes.

One of their most memorable experiences was in the mid 1980s. Their work on a survey team was used to assist a small Arkansas town in its fight against the building of a new Tyson chicken processing plant. The drama of a small community fighting a giant corporation drew national media attention. "At the end of a long day working in the caves, gathering data to prove that the town's extensive



cave network would have meant extensive water contamination by the plant, we ended up as part of a group featured in an interview by Connie Chung," they recalled. "We still have the tape of the broadcast--you can imagine how we looked in it after our work that day!!"

In recognition of their significant contributions, both Pam and Jerry were elected Fellows of the National Speleological Society in 1991. Several years ago, they received the Lester B. Dill award as a tribute to their caving accomplishments.

The Sabertons find time to keep up with their full-time jobs. Jerry works for Chrysler, and Pam at the Hawthorne Children's Psychiatric Hospital as Director of Recreational Therapy.

The Sabertons enjoy living in Tower Grove Heights and are members of the Neighborhood Association. Pam will discuss Missouri caves at the Association meeting on November 15.

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SINCE YOU ASKED

by Don Hardin

We asked 100 residents the following question:

"If the election were held today, would you vote for Bush, Clinton, or are you undecided?"

The results of our poll can be found in the graph at right.

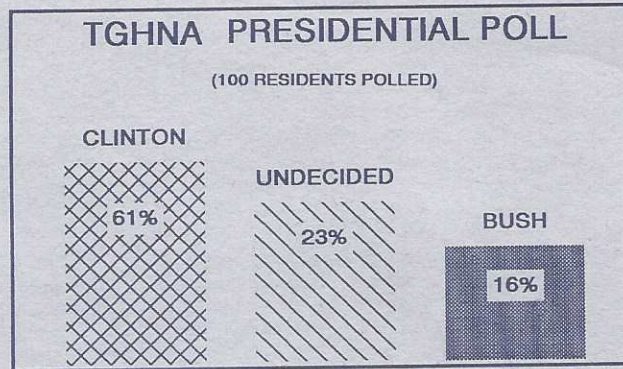
We also spoke with two residents in order to sample their views on the two candidates. Their views are not necessarily those of the members of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or the staff of the *Tower Grove Heights Gazette*. Mr. Perot was not a candidate at the time this poll was taken.

FOR GEORGE BUSH

"The country, especially the economy, is in need of some serious and immediate help. We need an experienced leader who has the skills to deal with these issues, not a leader with unproven abilities."

"The world we live in has changed so much in the last few years that, now more than ever, we need a foreign policy that will address and be in step with these changes. President Bush has proven his skill in foreign diplomacy. This is not the time to switch horses."

"It has been said that the three most important issues concerning the American people are...jobs, jobs, jobs. This is certainly true. Nearly every day when one



Results of poll of 100 TGH residents.

picks up the newspaper you read of more people being laid off. The unemployment figures are frighteningly high, and they tell only part of the unpleasant story. Many of those who have been laid off do not appear in the unemployment head count because they have run out of benefits. Others have found new jobs, but are making far less money than they did before. This not only has an adverse effect on these families, but with less disposable income, even these working families are unable to spend and save as they used to. This has an adverse effect on the entire American economy."

"These problems need a strong and experienced leader. That's why I'm voting for President George Bush."

FOR BILL CLINTON

"I am voting for Senator Clinton in the upcoming election because I believe he is the only hope we have to turn the economy of this country around. True, we do not

know if he can accomplish this feat, but the track record of the Bush-Reagan years has been dismal. Surely if they had the skills/ideas to solve this most serious of all our nation's woes, they would have done it by now."

"The Republican candidates seem to constantly be on the attack at the Democratic candidates, which to me means that they don't have much to

offer except criticism of their opponents rather than solutions to problems."

"There are many issues to be addressed by those running for this highest office, but some of the issues constantly addressed by the Republicans are of little concern when compared to the loss of jobs and decreasing family incomes that is hitting almost every individual. It seems that the Republicans just don't understand or react to their own mistakes. Their infamous "trickle down" theory of economics has undermined the financial security of millions of families, while making the rich even richer."

"I believe that the Democratic candidates, if they win the election, can do something to reverse this downward spiral in which the economy seems to be trapped. I am convinced that the Republican candidates do not have what it takes or just can't relate to the plight of the middle class working men and women of this country."

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LIGHT UP THE HEIGHTS!

By Brian Stefanick

Well, fall is here, which means it soon will be pitch black at 5 p.m. Our LIGHT UP THE HEIGHTS porch light program was to be the solution to dark sidewalks and streets, but as usual, there's a glitch in the system. It was to be in full swing (kick-off was September 12) with light bulbs being installed in porch light fixtures block by block, week by week, but our bag supplier is on back order. This puts us about three weeks behind, which means it will be getting cold by completion.

This means volunteers to help install light bulbs in porch light fixtures and inform residents about the crime-prevention benefits of leaving porch lights burning all night are even more greatly needed and appreciated. To help, call Brian Stefanick at 776-6146.

ASSOCIATION TO ELECT OFFICERS

By Jean Rolf

The election of officers of the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association will be held at the general meeting on Sunday, November 15, at St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 3664 Arsenal, at 7 p.m.

Jay Rosloff, President-Elect, will assume the duties of President (congratulations, Jay!). Janice Nesser will become Past-President (thanks, Jan!). The elected positions to be voted on are: Secretary, Assistant Secretary/Membership, Treasurer, and President-Elect.

The nominating committee has nominated a slate, which was presented to members by flyer. Nominations will be taken from the floor on the night of the election. Anyone who has been a member in good standing of the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association for more than 60 days is eligible to vote.

ON THE TOWN In the Neighborhood

By Mary Schroeder

Mari Trevino and Peter Spoto recently opened the South City Diner at 3141 South Grand. Ed and I were in a rush to try it since we'd been watching progress for weeks. It was worth the wait.

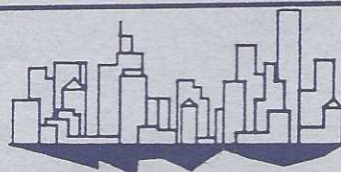
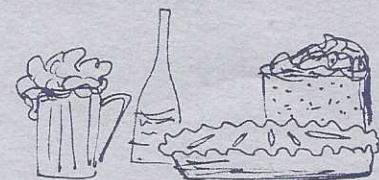
First, I've got to mention the decor, since Mari is an artist. She has painted table and counter tops in an exotic blend of black, green, and red, then covered them in high-gloss varnish. Peter and Mari have strikingly combined the old diner's stools and booths with sophisticated color schemes. Mari even plans future art displays of children's art work, her own art, and the work of other local artists.

Since South City Diner has been open just a short time, I've not had a chance to try all items on the menu. Because of this, I talked to other diners to get their preferences to add to my own. There were a lot of first choices. Chorizo and eggs with tortillas are a favorite, as is southern fried catfish, and the various pastas. Even hamburgers and french fries got voted a favorite. The South City Diner has a new pasta dish available which I really want to try. It sounds delicious: pasta with fresh tomatoes, basil, black olives, Italian herbs, and feta cheese. They also are starting to have daily Blue Plate Specials. Mari and Peter have not forgotten children, with such menu items as peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and hot dogs. Adults also can order from the children's menu.

As a sweets nut, I must tell you about the desserts. They are made by a pastry chef, and there are daily special desserts, too. South City Diner almost always has Black Forest Cake, Lemon Meringue Pie and Hazelnut Cake (yum!). They serve Haagen Dazs ice cream in vanilla and chocolate. See the menu for more.

If you just want a cup of coffee, South City Diner has that, too. They serve wonderful coffee. There are herbal and regular teas, bottled water (both plain and flavored), wine, beer, and more.

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Winterizing the Old House

By Rich Iezzi

Winter in Tower Grove Heights. The houses resemble great ships with their steaming chimneys and brightly lit windows. Wrapped in 13" solid brick walls, we have a great place to hunker down for the winter. Before hunkering, however, the yearly ritual of winter preparation must be performed.

Before the first hard freeze, turn off the inside valves for outside faucets. Open the outside valve to drain the pipe. Don't have inside shut-off valves? Having a plumber install them might be less messy and expensive than experiencing a burst water pipe! Install shut-offs with bleeder valves if the shut-off is downhill from the outside faucet.

Let's move to the furnace. All heating systems have chimneys that must be checked yearly for blockage. Open the clean out located in the basement below the furnace exhaust pipe. The clean out area enables a brick or debris to fall down the chimney while leaving the area about the furnace exhaust clear.

Stick a small mirror in the clean out to see light from the top of the chimney. Chimneys are checked when new gas service is turned on, but I've filled a 5-gallon bucket with nesting materials after a few years. Chimneys for wood burning fireplaces should be checked and cleaned yearly.

Getting back to that furnace, leave the pilot light burning year round to prevent tiny creatures from entering the supply tube and blocking it. If the furnace is gas fired, check for dirt accumulation on the burner tubes where the fire comes out. Dirty burner tubes prevent even ignition, and cause a disconcerting boom in the combustion chamber. If the furnace has central air, the burners will get dirty faster. Most burner tubes can be removed fairly easily for cleaning after the furnace has been switched off. Once out, turn the tubes upside down and gently tap to remove dirt. Check with Laclede Gas or your furnace man if you're unsure of this procedure.

Check your furnace for oil caps and oil all belt-driven blowers and motors. Change the furnace filter and keep a winter's supply on hand. Radiators for hot water heat should be bled for peak efficiency,

but don't drain and refill the system every year. Your heating plant is happy with its old water because new water introduces new minerals and deposits. Chemicals can be added to the system to clean it if required.

Moving on to the exterior, be sure all storm windows are down to keep snow and ice off the wooden frames and sashes. Renters should check with their landlords on storm window operation as there are a million different types and they are dangerous and expensive when they fall. Also, check with your landlord before installing plastic over your windows. Don't staple the plastic to the woodwork--it ruins the woodwork and doesn't work nearly as well as the plastic that shrinks to fit with a hair dryer.

Consider having your bricks water-proofed with silicone to prevent them from absorbing too much moisture. Tuckpointing fails when bricks freeze and expand, popping out the mortar. Water simply beads up and rolls off a silicone-sealed wall.

If you are planning to repair or replace a flat roof, do it before winter. A roof with splits or cracks can absorb and hold water that will freeze and cause the roof to split apart during extremely cold weather. There's nothing worse than a leaky, snow-covered roof!

When you finish your check list, find your winter pajamas and get ready for a peaceful night's sleep in a happy house.



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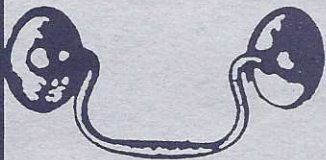
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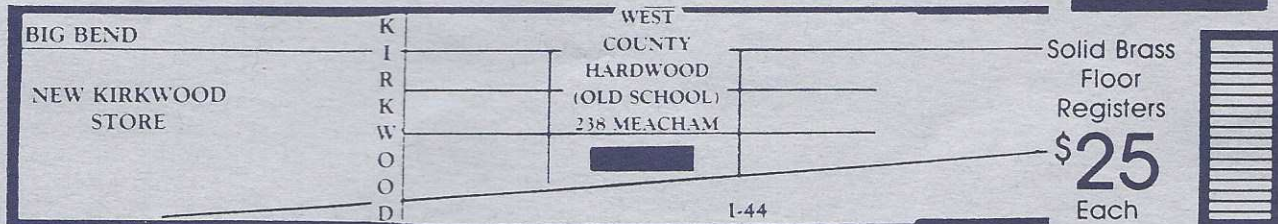


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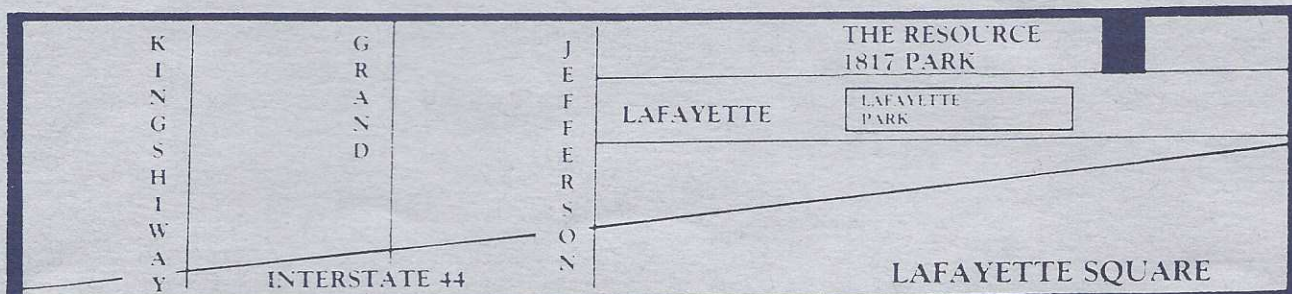
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POLICE BEAT

By Ed Schroeder

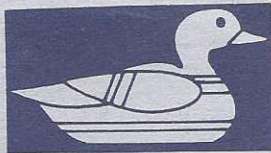
The September 10th Third District Police Public Affairs meeting was hosted by the Southwest Garden Neighborhood Association.

Frank Mills, who has done a great job as Chairman of the Police Public Affairs Committee, has stepped down, and Chuck Poe is Chairman. Carl Hoffman is now Vice-Chairman. Jean Leible remains Treasurer, and Candice Orlando stays on as Secretary.

Third District Captain Everett Page reminded us to use the 231-1212 phone number for all non-emergency calls to the Third District. As always, use 911 for all emergencies.

Public Affairs Officer Terry Shoemaker spoke of the upcoming "Ride with a Cop" program. We will bring this to you in our next edition, when it will be finalized.

The guest speaker was Kim Banks, Administrative Assistant for the Victim Assistance Center in the Circuit Attorney's Office. The Center helps victims who wish to prosecute arrested suspects. They keep the victim informed of the status of a case, help in providing transportation for victims in need, and provide with financial help. The phone number is (314) 622-4373.



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COOKIES FOR COPS

By Ruth Schnurbusch

We may have already delivered the Halloween supply of treats--in costume on Halloween morning--and taken goodies to the Clark Street police station. We haven't hit the Clark Street Station on previous cookie capers. Those officers help rid the City of drug houses. They have dangerous jobs and would certainly welcome some cookie pumpkins!

The next Cookies for Cops, to go to the Sublette station, tentatively is scheduled for Thanksgiving time--that seems appropriate! Perhaps the firemen could receive some goodies at Christmas, a busy season for them.

We appreciate all the help from goodies suppliers in the past, and hope to get some new bakers in the future. We don't want anyone to get burned out (pun intended!). Sign up at the next Association meeting, or call 776-8563 to help.

POLICE APPRECIATION PICNIC

By Ed Schroeder

It was a cool, rainy Sunday, September 20, in Tower Grove Park, but that didn't dampen their enjoyment--the men and women in blue--our Third District Police officers.

Twenty-five neighborhood groups and thirty-two businesses in the Third District got together to show their appreciation to the police officers by having a picnic.

The police officers were awarded attendance prizes, there was live music, a magician, plenty of food and beverages. We met a number of the officers and their families.

The picnic is an annual affair to show the officers that we appreciate their protection of our property and rights.

Jean Leible, Treasurer of the Third District Police Public Affairs Committee, and her crew did a great job--no! a fantastic job!--of putting it all together.



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POTLUCK, COME RAIN OR SHINE!

By Brian Stefanick

How does that old saying go about St. Louis weather, "If you don't like it, wait five minutes. It will change"? Well, maybe that's a little extreme, but that's exactly what happened Sunday, September 20, approximately 4:10 p.m. here in the Heights. Mother Nature looked kindly on us for the Annual Members Potluck.

The weather wasn't the only big success. About 75 people were present (I ran out of fingers!) and the food was out of this world! Hodak's chicken was the main entree, accompanied by scrumptious goodies potlucked!! Hodak's even supplied complimentary potato salad, beans, and slaw. A warm THANK YOU please to Hodak's!!

The evening ended with ONE lucky winner of two breathtaking mums--check out Bernice Warycha's lawn!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

By Jodie Heliker

As of September 30, 1992, the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association had 354 members. The Association is 95 members away from its goal of 449.

The top three blocks are: 3800 Connecticut with 48 members, 3800 Utah with 43 members, and 36-3700 Hartford with 38 members.

A special thanks and a T-shirt to the new Renaissance member, Jack Abels.

If you would like to join the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association, call Jodie at 773-7130.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!

By Stephanie Gavin

Happy Birthday, Tower Grove Heights! In honor of the Association's founding in November of 1987, a 5th anniversary celebration will be held Saturday, November 7th, at Stupp Memorial Center in Tower Grove Park. According to Margie Meyer, chair of the committee planning the event, it is sure to be "a very, very, very nice affair!"

Good catered food, good company, and a good time are expected for all who attend the special evening celebration. To make the occasion even more memorable and personal, the planning committee is in need of more stories and pictures about the neighborhood's past and former Association activities. If you have any stories and/or pictures about living in the neighborhood or being a part of the Association that you would like to share, even if you can't attend the dinner, please drop them by Margie's house at 3860A Connecticut, or call her at 776-8388.

Invitations have been sent to all of the Tower Grove Heights Association members. If you did not receive an invitation and are interested in attending, Margie needs to know as soon as possible.

We hope everyone joins in on the fun of celebrating and reminiscing the past five years of rewarding hard work!



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A MESSAGE FROM REPRESENTATIVE PAT DOUGHERTY

The Missouri General Assembly passed legislation this session in an effort to reduce the childhood hunger rate in Missouri, which increased at nearly twice the national average during the 1980s.

A new law, effective August 28, requires schools with 35% or more of their students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches to participate in the federally funded school breakfast program. Schools are not required to participate if the school board, by majority vote, adopts a resolution opting out of the program.

Currently, of Missouri's 540 school districts, 123 do not offer breakfast, although they are eligible to receive federal funding for the breakfast program.

The new law contains a provision that requires schools in which at least 50% of the students receive reduced-price or free lunches to provide a summer food service program by July 1. Schools can choose not to participate as in the school breakfast program.

A recent measure (HB 1492) passed by the General Assembly and signed into law is expected to aid grandparents to obtain visitation rights. With legal fees for custody and visitation cases costing up to \$20,000, supporters of the measure feel that many grandparents are unable to obtain and enforce visitation rights because they cannot afford to hire an attorney.

According to provisions in the bill, the associate division of the circuit court can order mediation between a grandparent and the parties who have custody or visitation rights with the child upon the written request of the grandparent.

In order to reduce misunderstandings between the participants, a court-appointed neutral mediator will assist in identifying the issues and priorities of the situation. The cost of the session is paid by the grandparent requesting the order.

The General Assembly recognizes the importance of family and hopes this bill will improve these relations.

If you would like copies of these new laws, call me at my home.

Rep. Pat Dougherty 772-1948

HOLIDAY IN THE HEIGHTS

By Janice Nesser

Pull out your tracer lights, untangle your pine garlands...there are only 50 days left until **Holiday in the Heights!**

Holiday in the Heights is an annual celebration of the holidays, the neighborhood, and City Living sponsored by the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association. This year's activities will take place Sunday, December 20, from 2 to 8 p.m.

Activities for the day and evening include an interfaith holiday concert, a hospitality house tour showcasing our homes in all their holiday finery, a lighting competition, carolers, and a fool collection for area needy. Of course, Santa and his band of merry elves will be on the scene handing out gifts and candy to neighborhood children.

Neighborhood residents are encouraged to participate in the day's activities by attending the concert and house tour (tickets will be available from your block captains), turning on your porch lights for the carolers, decorating your houses for the lighting competition, and turning out for the Big Sing on the corner of Wyoming and Spring. Traditional holiday luminaria will be distributed free of charge to any resident who would like to set them out that evening.

A committee has been formed to coordinate all the activities. If you would like to help out on the committee, or if you would like to lend your voice in song, contact Janice at 776-5780. More information will be forthcoming from your block captains in the weeks ahead.

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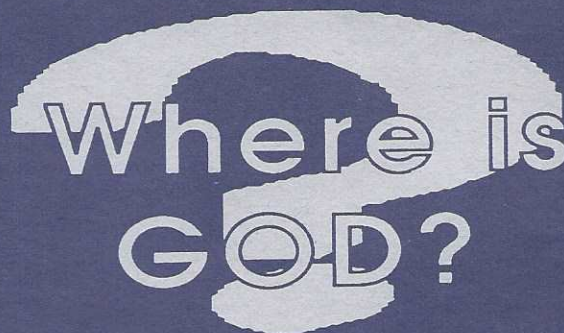
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By Tom Jenneman

In addition to choosing a president, senator, congressman, governor, several other statewide officers and deciding on a number of statewide issues, City voters will be asked to make some local decisions as well this fall.

Whether or not to boost the level of mental health care available to the mentally ill in St. Louis is one of the local items that will be on the November 3 ballot. Proposition Care is a plan to establish a City mental health fund to initiate, improve and maintain community mental health services. To pay for the fund, the City would levy a tax of 9 cents per each \$100 assessed valuation.

Riverboat gambling will appear on the ballot not once, but twice. A statewide statutory measure, Proposition A, authorizes riverboat gambling excursions on the Missouri and Mississippi rivers, which would be regulated by the State Tourism Commission. Riverboat gambling would have to be approved by local voters at the excursion's point of origin, and a \$500 maximum loss limit is included in the measure.

St. Louis voters will have the opportunity to approve or deny riverboat casinos locally. Under Proposition J, voters will decide whether the City shall license gambling excursion boats. Proponents of local riverboat gambling hope having both items on the ballot will give St. Louis a head start if the measures are approved.

St. Louis voters also are asked to decide on an amendment to the City Charter to permit City employees to be part-time teachers in public educational institutions

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A MESSAGE FROM ALDERMAN GERALDINE OSBORN

My most recent column dealt with the City's urgent infrastructure needs. I concluded by stating that "Instead of just complaining about priorities for the expenditure of the funds that are available." Now, out of the blue, we suddenly have another example of the City's "priority problem."

The *Post-Dispatch* reported on October 1 that the City administration had decided to spend \$1,001,000 to buy one square block underneath some highway ramps on the southern edge of the downtown area. It was announced that the block is "expected to be interim parking and ultimately open space."

This project will cost the City money in several ways. First, there is the \$1,001,000 purchase price. Second, there is the cost of maintenance if the block is used as a park as planned. Third, there is the loss of City revenue which will result from taking this block off the property tax rolls and displacing the private parking lot which currently operates there.

I am sure that there are others who agree with me that the money which this project will cost could have been spent more sensibly improving neighborhood services or providing funds for some critical infrastructure need. However, for those who question the need for a new City park underneath two highway ramps, I wish to pass on the promise that "viewed from the air, the park will have an especially artistic appearance." We have been assured that "the ramps create an interesting sculpture."

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FOR A SAFE HALLOWEEN...

By Jodie Heliker

Trick-or-treating gets kids of all ages excited. So excited they are not likely to be thinking about having a safe Halloween. In fact, for them, the scarier the better, but parents would prefer a safe return of their little goblins and Draculas. The following tips on safety are well worth reviewing with children prior to their outing on October 31.

The Safety Council of Greater St. Louis and the SAFE KIDS Campaign offer the following suggestions for a safe and fun Halloween:

Instead of masks, which can slip down and limit a child's vision, use face paint or make-up. If your child insists on a mask, check for a snug fit and large eye holes.

Choose safe costumes: light colored, short enough not to trip over, and decorated with reflective tape. Attach hats securely, and don't let little ones dress up in adult shoes.

Equip each trick-or-treater with a flashlight.

Make sure props, like swords and knives, are flexible.

Tell your children not to cross lawns because lawn ornaments and shrubbery may be difficult to see in the dark.

Review traffic safety rules with young children.

Have an adult accompany little kids and set a return time for older ones.

Remind your children that treats are not to be eaten until they get home.

When kids do get home, examine all treats for possible signs of tampering.

For those on the giving end, consider alternative treats like baseball cards, non-toxic crayons, colored pencils, or coupons from local restaurants.

Keep these safety tips in mind, and have a safe, Happy Halloween!

TGHNA ELECTIONS

**At the General Meeting,
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THUMBS UP

By The Thumb

The Promotion & Marketing Committee deserves the Thumbs Up Award for designing a super-looking poster to market properties in Tower Grove Heights. These posters are laminated and are excellent for advertising properties that are for sale or for rent. Using



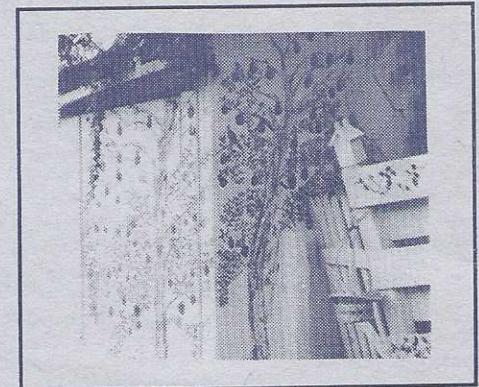
the poster identifies your property as part of our very special "City within a City." Those interested in using this marketing tool should contact Jean at 772-5982. Anyone

with vacancies or properties for sale may wish to contact Jean for referrals.

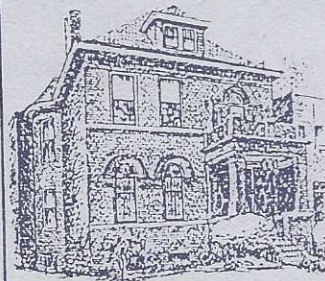
The Promotion & Marketing Committee has been putting in hours of overtime. They sponsored an investment seminar featuring Laura Gilbert and Darlene Rich as speakers. They also worked with Grand Oak Hill on a very successful Tower Grove South Housing Fair. A big round of applause to the entire committee!

WHERE IS IT?

How well do you know the neighborhood? The art work pictured below is somewhere in Tower Grove Heights. Do you know where it is?



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LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENED

HORTICULTURAL CORNER

By Benjamin Chu

Autumn has arrived, bringing with it beautiful fall foliage, deep blue skies, and cooler temperatures. Autumn also signals the time to begin the final chores of the season. It is critical that plants go into winter with adequate moisture. Low moisture, combined with cold, drying winds, will cause winter injury. This is particularly true for evergreen plants, which lose water through their leaves in the winter. Roots will continue to grow and absorb water until the ground temperature is near freezing. So, remember to keep your plants watered until then.

Mulch plants to insulate tender perennials, roses, and young plants from the cold. Mulching will help keep the soil from freezing during our extremely cold winters. If the ground does freeze, the mulch will help to minimize injury to the plants' roots caused by "heaving" due to alternate freezing and thawing.

Vegetable garden debris should be discarded to eliminate places for insects to hide, and to remove any overwintering eggs and larvae.

Plant spring flowering bulbs until the ground freezes. Select firm, unblemished bulbs and amend the soil properly. Plant bulbs in holes 3 times as deep as the bulb at its widest diameter. Cover the bulb with soil, firm lightly, and mulch.

Bulbs will tolerate many soil types, but they prefer and will flower more prolifically in loose, porous soil with good drainage. In heavy soils, organic matter improves drainage and allows better air movement. In sandy soil, organic matter retains moisture and keeps nutrients near the root zone.

Bulbs also will benefit from a feeding of phosphorous, essential for good root development and flowering. Apply bone-meal or a superphosphate fertilizer.

House plants vacationing outside must be prepared to return indoors to a hot, stuffy environment with low light and humidity levels. Every inch of each plant must be inspected, especially the undersides of leaves, for insects or disease. Pots should be inspected carefully and washed, especially under the rims and on the bottoms, where insects may hide eggs. Saucers also make ideal breeding areas and should be removed and cleaned.

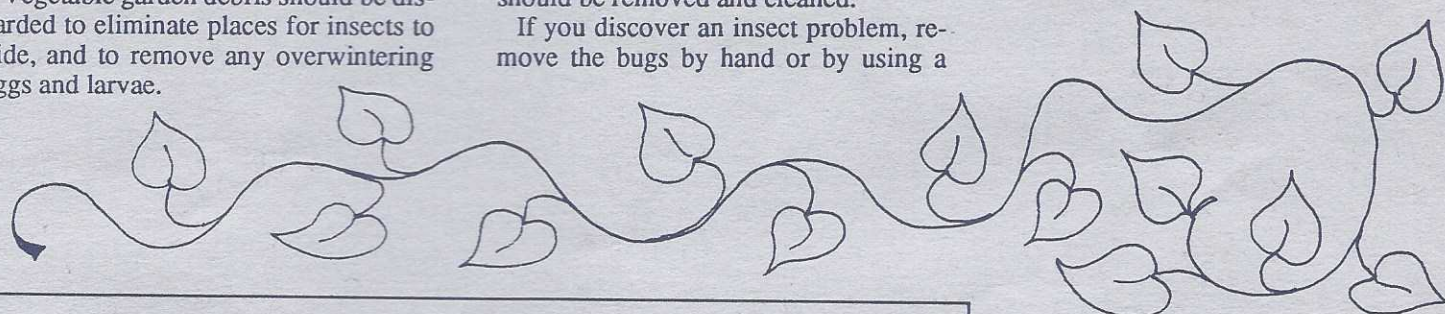
If you discover an insect problem, remove the bugs by hand or by using a

strong stream of water. If you are unsuccessful, an insecticidal soap solution usually controls most insect pests. As with any chemical, read and follow label directions carefully.

Remove dead, dying, or broken foliage and plant parts that may serve as a haven for disease problems. Plants should be moved indoors before the heating system is turned on to give them a few weeks to adjust to lower light levels before being blasted by hot, dry furnace heat. Drafts will affect many plants. Observe plants when a door opens or when the furnace comes on. If the plant moves, move the plant to a draft-free area. If plants become spindly, move them to an area with more sunlight, or provide supplemental lighting.

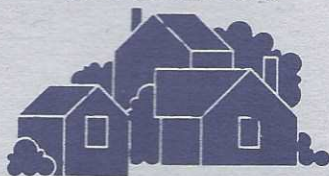
I hope this has been a fruitful growing season. Although winter is nearly upon us, please remember that the key to successful gardening is advance planning. Spring will be here before you know it!

Benjamin N. Chu is a Superintendent and the Curator of the Japanese Garden at the Missouri Botanical Garden.



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BUMP IN THE NIGHT

By Tricia Heliker

Few of us experience haunted houses or ghosts first hand. Even though most of us are curious about such phenomena, we also are willing to pass on the actual experience. "Show-Me" staters become "Don't-Even-Tell-Me" Missourians. Those in that category may want to stop reading NOW! The following stories were related to me by normal, sane residents of Tower Grove Heights. Their names have been changed to protect their privacy.

Spirits may attempt to communicate when they are disturbed during rehabbing or when there is a change of occupants. Mary and Lee speculate that because the color scheme they chose was identical to the original colors used in the home, they caused a female spirit to make her presence known. She did this by moving objects from floor to floor during the night. Items such as sugar packets and books would appear mysteriously on the first floor when left the night before on the second floor.

Puddles of water started to appear in strange locations.

Most of the disturbances occurred in the basement. Loud, unexplainable noises were heard by both Lee and Mary. The washing machine developed a cycle of its own, going off and on by itself. A repair man verified there wasn't a thing wrong with the machine. Since the dog refused to enter the basement, they felt their suspicions were confirmed.

Mary got fed up after more than two years of this harassment and summoned her mother to bless the house with holy water. Mary clinched the expulsion with a tongue lashing that banished the ghost forever.

Lenny, a rehabber and landlord, detected the faint odor of musty perfume when he entered a particular bedroom in one of his flats. Thinking that there must be a discarded perfume bottle in one of the walls, he decided to investigate by tracking the smell. As soon as he attempted to trace the odor, it would disappear.

At another of his properties, Lenny often had the feeling he was being watched from above. Several times he would turn

to look, expecting to see someone, but there never was anyone there. He rented the upstairs unit to a couple expecting a baby. One night, the mother-to-be called Lenny. She was crying and very upset. The woman and her husband were watching TV when a vaporous apparition appeared in the room. Initially, they thought it was steam, but when it passed in front of a fan without dissipating, they realized this was a problem for the landlord. Lenny knew a young girl had died in the building, and feels that there might have been a connection.

Shortly after Lenny and his wife moved into their home in Tower Grove Heights, they had an experience of their own. They had just retired for the night when they heard several keys on the piano downstairs softly sound their notes. They looked at each other and said in unison, "the cats!" Then their glances fell on both cats asleep at the foot of their bed.

Marcie's daughter locked the door and then watched it unlock itself right before her eyes. Some spirits obviously prefer a more dignified entrance than passing through doors!

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On October 17, Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association, the City of St. Louis, and Commerce Bank sponsored a workshop for editors of neighborhood newsletters. Organized by Elizabeth Braznell, editor of the *Tower Grove Heights Gazette*,

the workshop featured Elaine Viets, Gregory Gobberdiel of Gobberdiel Designs, Tim Alton of Murray Print Shop, Sean Ruprecht-Belt of Some Fun Studios, John Braznell, consultant to printers, and Dudley Grove, former Director of Volunteers for the Red Cross.

The purpose of the workshop was to help neighborhoods make their newsletters viable marketing tool for City living. Thirty representatives from neighborhoods all over the City attended. Elizabeth says the workshop may be repeated next year.



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TRIPPIN' ST. LOUIS

By Mary Schroeder

You want some time out, but you don't have time for even a weekend trip? Take a mini-vacation day away from home, instead. Take the Great River Road to Pere Marquette State Park in Illinois. The drive along the river road is spectacular, with magnificent views of the river and bluffs. It's bordered by one of the best biking trails in the area.

Pere Marquette itself stands out as a pretty place for family picnics or a romantic dinner for two, close to nature but with all the comforts of modern civilization. If you like walking, there are hiking trails, some with great views. Of, if you like to just sit and think, there are pretty spots to watch the river or the bald eagles above the bluffs.

If you do find the time for an overnight stay at Pere Marquette Park, try the old lodge, which has been the crown of the park since the 1930s. I say "old lodge," but the building was renovated only a few years ago. The feeling of the lodge's great room has not changed; in fact, it looks much the same, down to the giant chess board. Guest rooms have been modernized and a new pool was built inside one of the lodge wings. There are still smaller stone cabins, some with working fireplaces. The cabins are large and comfortable, with the luxury of extra privacy.

Of course, there still is a wonderful restaurant, which is larger and nicer than before. You do not have to be a lodge guest to dine. As of last summer, the restaurant was open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and still has the same great view. But check that it's open when you plan your trip. And reservations are needed for stays at the lodge and cabins.

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MEET THE PRESS

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Don ("Scoop") Hardin, as Database Manager at the *Gazette*, gets the rough articles received from writers onto computer disk. Additionally, he writes "On Grand" and "Since You Asked."



Don's paying job is technical writer for McDonnell Douglas. In his spare time, Don collects seeds from native prairie and wetland grasses and flowers that are used in prairie and wetland restoration projects. In addition, he enjoys electrical wiring and small appliance repair (a useful guy to know!). He lives on the 3800 block of Hartford.

NUISANCE NEWS

By Ruth Schnurbusch

School-age children that skip school are a concern for everyone. They aren't getting the education that they need, and sometimes these kids get into trouble. You can help get these kids off the street with one simple phone call.

Call 772-9695 between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Be sure to note the appearance of the child and the direction in which s/he is walking. Fanning School is a drop-off point for truancy offenders, so officers can pick them up and drop them off in a matter of minutes. It's a system that works better than it did in the past. Let's work together to get these kids off the streets and into the classrooms!

WHERE IS IT? (Answer.)

This alley beautification is behind 3817 Humphrey.

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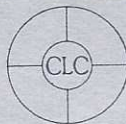
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with the approval of the City Personnel Director. The City Charter now bars officials from holding any other public position except as a notary public or in the armed services.

Under current provisions, City officials are allowed to teach at private universities, but not at public institutions such as the University of Missouri at St. Louis.

Alderman Jim Shrewsbury of the 16th Ward, sponsor of the proposal, has said lawyers in the City Counselor's office who teach law, police officers who teach criminal justice, and emergency medical technicians who teach lifesaving skills are among those who could be affected.

Those interested in additional election information can contact the League of Women Voters Information Service by phone at 727-8683, or in person at their 6665 Delmar office in University City.



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INNER SPACES

By Tricia Heliker

How we choose to decorate our homes is influenced by childhood memories and what we see in stores, magazines, museums, and other people's homes. Our experiences leave lasting impressions which are stored in our memories later to become a part of our decorating preferences, thereby creating a unique style. What constitutes beauty and comfort to us is part of this personal style. We may not be aware of it consciously, and we may not know how to express it, but we can learn to display our style attractively, tastefully, and within budget.

So, where do we begin? A crucial element in redesigning interiors is to treat the various rooms as parts of a whole. Although they differ in function, traffic, light, and location, there should be a unifying factor that ties one space to another. This is not to say that you cannot have a modern kitchen with a Victorian parlor. It does not mean that natural hardwood on the first floor outlaws wall-to-wall carpet in the bedrooms. Nor does it mean that all rooms must be done in the same shades of mauve or teal.

Quite the contrary. It means simply that as you move from one room to another, you should not be visually jolted by the transition. A house that lacks flow feels like you're sitting before the TV with someone else controlling the remote. As you focus on the picture before you, the screen changes abruptly. Without warning, you are forced to adjust to a new set of elements. This rattles most people's nerves.

A home that does not have planned transitions will affect people in a similar manner. Family and guests are forced to make unconscious adjustments for these changes. Even though they are not aware of the coping process, it affects them negatively. They may experience it as fatigue, irritation, distraction, or uneasiness.

We seldom redecorate entire homes at one time. In fact, it really is not wise to do so, because the best decorating schemes develop slowly over a period of time. So, how does one achieve unity? Planning and strategy are the keys. A clear idea of how you wish to extend your personal style throughout the home is vital. It is not necessary to have a detailed schedule, although some might prefer this. It is essential that some thought be given to the whole house scheme. Thinking it through

will establish a mental picture and possibly prevent impulse purchases that contradict the plan.

What elements act as bridges from one space to another? Fabrics that match or coordinate, similar styles of furniture, floors that are treated in a similar manner, wallpaper that coordinates by color or design, or simply repeating one or two colors from an adjacent room.

In many of our older homes, the abundance of natural woodwork often is the

basis for smooth transitions. Hallways which link rooms should sum up the theme and hint of what is to come. One large area that literally transports us from space to space is the floors. This is a natural for strong bridging.

But by far the easiest and most economical means of transition is color. Color sometimes is referred to as a liquid asset, and that it is. Color schemes, color choices, color transitions, and the effects of color will be the next topic for *Inner Spaces*.



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WINTER SPORT

By Lou Jenneman

Cardinals, blue jays, woodpeckers, juncos, chickadees, and sparrows are just some of our local feathered friends that stick around for the winter and benefit from the more than 1.5 million Missourians who feed them through the frigid months.

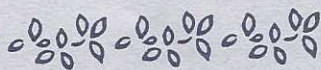
Picking a seed mixture is as simple as deciding which birds you want to attract. A rule of thumb is to match the size of the seed to the desired diner. Larger birds, such as blue jays and cardinals, like larger seeds such as sunflower seeds (black oil type). Smaller birds, such as chickadees and sparrows, like millet (white proso).

You might put a separate sunflower feeder out so the larger, more aggressive birds will let the smaller birds eat.

And don't forget that birds need water as well as food. Putting a pan of warm water out once a day will help.

Remember, birds become dependent on their food source, and allowing your feeder to become empty for just one day can mean starvation for numerous birds.

More information, as well as examples of types of bird feeders, can be obtained at the Powder Valley Nature Center, 11715 Cragwood Road, in Kirkwood. Their phone number is 821-1571.



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By Stephanie Gavin

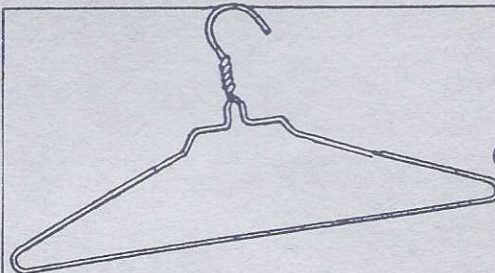
One of the many conveniences of being a resident of Tower Grove Heights is having the Carpenter branch of the St. Louis City Public Library within walking distance. The last Andrew Carnegie library to be built in the country, the Carpenter branch has been at 3309 South Grand since 1927.

According to the library's acting branch manager, Chang Liu, Carpenter is visited by about 700 patrons a day, circulates approximately 24,000 items a month, and is the second busiest and second largest branch of the 13 branches in the St. Louis City library system.

In addition to the circulation opportunities offered to all City residents, Carpenter has enrichment programs for all ages. For children 3-5, Preschool Story

Time is every Wednesday morning at 10:30. The only requirement is to pre-register the child. Betty Morse, Carpenter's children's librarian, can be contacted for more information about programs for kids. For adults, a book discussion group meets every third Monday at 7 p.m. On October 19th, the group discussed *The Girl in a Swing* by Richard Adams, available to reserve at Carpenter.

Many more interesting programs and activities take place at Carpenter as well as at all of the library branches every month. Recent brochures of upcoming events, exhibits, film series and activities are always available at the front desk of any branch. Carpenter is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and recently has added Sunday, 1-5 p.m. to its hours. For further information about the library's policies and offerings, call 772-6586.



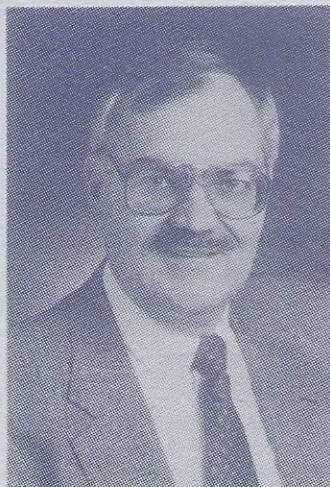
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COFFEE BREAK

It's Not an Anniversary to Celebrate

By Elizabeth Braznell

One year. On October 16, we passed the one-year mark. I've washed no pots and pans, cooked no home-made cream of cauliflower soup, made no garlic bread. For one year, I haven't had a kitchen.

We're on a first-name basis with many of the restaurateurs on Grand, use paper plates and plastic forks (I know they're bad for the environment, but I simply can't face washing one more load of dishes in the bathtub), and have boxes of kitchenware stored all over the house.

Mind you, I'm not proud of this. I don't recommend this to everyone. Microwave dinners get monotonous, and we've become a joke at the local pizza delivery place. They sent us a coupon for a free large pizza, "Thanks for Being Our Val-

ued Customer. In Appreciation of Your Business..." In the first three days the South Side Diner was open, Jay and I ate there four times. Eating out isn't easy on the budget, either.

Next month, the one-year warranties on the stove and dishwasher expire. I hope they work when we do get to plug them in!

It's all a reflection of that well known rehabbers' nightmare--the mushroom effect. I was talking the other day to one rehabber who had redone the entire first floor of her home. She had started tearing out the plaster on the wall going down the staircase, but hadn't found a convenient place to stop!

With us, our downfall was our lawn. I just *had* to have a cutting-flower garden, so we tilled and amended and planted. That took a week. Then that pocket bed in the front needed to be worked. Another week. An ornamental grasses garden in the front yard would look nice. That took two weeks. How about some raised beds for iris and peonies in the back yard, and hey! don't forget the wild flower garden on the alley. Forsythias in the front yard, a redbud in the side yard.

And so the summer slipped by. All those gardens needed weeding, mulching, deadheading, watering, etc. But it's beautiful, even if I don't have a kitchen table to put the flowers on.

Schedules sometimes go askew, and priorities get rearranged. Part of growing up is learning to deal with change. Flexibility is the key to survival!

The neighborhood association has grown a lot in this last year. We've had some rearrangements in committee heads and elected positions, but talented and capable people volunteered, and things got back on track. Schedules were shifted, and we all managed to cope.

Next week marks the Association's fifth anniversary. Block parties, meetings, and events are the outward signs of progress, but there are a lot of less apparent milestones: clean streets and alleys, stable housing stock, quieter streets, the support of our elected officials.

Be a part of the next five years. There's still a lot to do, and we need your help. Call 772-5982 to join the Association, a committee, or to voice your opinion.

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A haircut can be too much reality for anyone. At Salon St. Louis, Terry Harrison knows when a client doesn't really want short hair.

"I can hear it in their voices," he says. "If I don't hear that conviction, I don't cut it short." As a prelude, he massages aromatherapeutic oils into the scalp. Clients can also wear a stress-reducing yoke that relaxes the neck muscles. Clients' kids' hair he cuts free. Call in advance; he regularly flies to Europe to do styling shows. His styles, photographed by Brenda Hootselle of St. Louis, have appeared in the international journal *Passion*, Spain's *Peluquerias* and Italy's *Esthetica*.

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NEWS & NOTES

REMEMBER...

Don't send cash in the mail. There have been reports of people taking outgoing mail left in the mailbox for the mailman to pick up, and opening the mail to look for cash sent as gifts.

3800 JUNIATA PARTY

The 3800 block of Juniata celebrated its neighborliness with a block party on September 12. A pot luck supper provided fine fare, and a volley ball game kept the adults occupied while kids drew sidewalk pictures on the street and enjoyed games supervised by Anita Barker and Susan Barrington. Party co-chairs Anita Barker and Elizabeth Braznell were pleased with the turn-out, which gets larger every year. Special thanks to Anita Barker, Pam and Dave Blanner, Dave Goodson, Jerry McGeehan, Elizabeth Braznell, and everyone else who helped.

FALL ALLEY CLEAN-UP

Residents of Tower Grove Heights turned out in force on Saturday, October 17, to prepare alleys for the winter ahead. Wielding brooms and rakes, workers cleaned and swept, trimmed back vegetation, and tidied up. Some of our yard-waste-only dumpsters were painted green with materials supplied by the City.

Fall Clean-Up makes it easier to travel our alleys when they are snow covered, and makes the spring Alley Blitz a lot easier. Thanks to all you diehards who pitched in!

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BULK TRASH PICK-UP

The City will pick up bulk trash items (items too large to fit in the dumpsters) on Monday, November 16 and Monday, December 21. Please don't place items in the alleys until shortly before pick-up days, as they can create hazards for motorists and kids.

DON'T FORGET YOUR PETS

Forecasters are predicting a colder-than-normal winter, and winter weather is hard on your pets. Bring your pets indoors when temperatures drop, and remember that they need fresh water at all times.

NO TGHNA MEETING IN DECEMBER

The Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association will not have a general meeting in December. Instead, all residents are urged to participate in Holiday in the Heights. Turn on your porch light to welcome carolers, contribute to the food pantry, visit the hospitality houses, decorate your house for the lighting competition, participate in The Big Sing, attend the concert, meet Santa and his elves, put out luminaria to make the neighborhood welcoming.

