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INVESTING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

by Erin O'Reilly

When I called Elizabeth Braznell and Jay Rosloff to schedule an interview with them they said "come on over now" on Sunday at 9 PM. I met them at 3808 Juniata where they were working on their current piece of rehab property.

When I arrived I was greeted at the door by "Roger the Rehab Dog" who always wears a bandanna just in case he needs to wipe off some plaster or paint. The rehab house, which is near completion after 8-9 months of intensive work, was decorated with a bouquet of flowers from Jay's and Elizabeth's 9th wedding anniversary which they celebrated on the premises with tools in hand (are tools and plaster the symbols for the 9th anniversary?!). When Jay announced that rehab work is very satisfying and even "fun", I was thinking they were a bit kooky, but by the end of the interview I was thinking that my husband and I should start a rehab project also!

Jay and Elizabeth have acquired the trade and skills of rehab in recent years after pursuing the careers. Jay, who grew up in a brand new suburbia, ranch-style house on the East Coast is educated in anthropology and was overseas doing archeological work for several years. Elizabeth who did grow up in an old house in Webster Groves and always wanted to rehab a house, pursued a career

as a fund-raiser. After marrying and traveling overseas with Jay, she was ready to settle down under a roof instead of an archeological tent.

First they rented on Connecticut street for a year and began researching this area and the art of rehab. Then they bought a house on Juniata to rehab for their own. They call this their "chia house" because of all the ivy growing on it. Although, after 5 1/2 years, they have not finished it, they credit themselves with staying married and they plan to buy another house across the street to move into while they complete it! In the meantime they plan to finish 3808 Juniata and get it sold. Handily, Elizabeth is also a real estate agent and knows that end of the business also.

Elizabeth and Jay say that they have been influenced and advised by Susie Gudermuth and the Iezzi's who are also neighborhood investors and rehabbers. Susie's advice was to "stand on your porches and invest in those properties than you can see" and they are following her advice. In fact, they plan to buy and rehab one piece of property per year approximately!

They do 10-20% of the work themselves and hire out the rest of the work. Jay functions as the general contractor of the projects. They say the city inspectors,

TGHNA, Alderwoman Vining, their lenders, and their neighbors have been delightful! Jay boasts that they plan to have over 50% of the contractors back to work on their next project. Elizabeth compliments Jay on becoming a "superb carpenter" and bought him a compound miter saw. Jay returns the compliment and says that Elizabeth is an excellent painter and he does not complain about her expensive paintbrushes. They do a lot of shopping at Oakhill Hardware, and The Resource where Jay works part-time. Another recent investment was a pickup truck. Now all they need is a hot tub for their aching muscles!

The reasons they chose TGH to sink their money and efforts into is because they like city living and these classic, older homes. They also appreciate the heterogeneity of both the buildings and the people in the area and liken it to a salad of mixed greens versus an iceberg lettuce salad. They also took note that other people were also investing in this area and lastly, they want to make money!

By the way, 3806 Juniata is looking great with lots of fine work and materials and attention to detail! It is also in keeping with its original 1905 style. come and see it and be inspired!

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER??

by Don Hardin

Well not really, but before we know it the daffodils will bloom again.

April 1998 is when a several neighborhood house tour is

planned. We need homes and apartments for the tour. Don't be shy, we are looking for distinctive and interesting more than fancy. Taking part in a house tour is one

of the best ways to "talk up" this great neighborhood we live in. If you are interested in taking part, call Jean at 772-4987.

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FASCINATING NEIGHBORS

One of the greatest things about Tower Grove Heights is the interesting people who live here. A neighbor submitted this fascinating look at Simonetta and Arif Shah.

Simonetta and Arif met in London. Simonetta is from Bologna, Italy, and went to London to learn English so she could be a secretary back in Italy. Arif left Pakistan to go to London to do factory work, and worked in the garment industry. They moved to the United States in 1970.

In 1977 they opened their first Pakistani restaurant on Lackland Ave. Arif said that he just wanted to be in the restaurant business.

In 1978 they bought their house at 3636 Hartford St. In 1980 they opened the Koh-I-Noor restaurant on Delmar in University City. They have been in University City ever since, at a couple of locations, and are now getting ready to sell the restaurant and retire. After all the years of hard work, with the restaurant open six days a week and the seventh day

devoted to paperwork, the Shah's would like to travel and relax a bit.

They have two children, Amer and Azhar (Ozzie). Amer is a graduate of SIU Edwardsville and the Barnes School of Nursing. He is currently employed as Nurse Coordinator at Barnes Hospital and is also a Lieutenant in the Naval Reserve. Azhar has degrees in Mathematics and Philosophy from the University of Kansas, Lawrence, and is currently doing post-graduate work in Physical Therapy at Boston University.

Simonetta's father occasionally comes from Italy to visit. He is an expert wood craftsman, and still practices his trade. Arif's mother still lives in Pakistan. He has a sister living in Dallas, and a nephew who will soon begin his medical residency in Peoria, IL.

With so many convenience's close by, easy access to stores and so on, the Shah's plan to stay in Tower Grove Heights.

If you have interesting neighbors (I'm sure you do) tell us about them.

Upcoming Events

August

Greater St. Louis Daylily Society Sale
August 24

Japanese Festival Exhibit *August 28 - September 4* Contemporary Japanese art, calligraphy, prints.

23rd. Annual Japanese Festival
August 30 - September 1 Japanese cultural activities including taiko (drumming), kabuki, bon odori festival dancing, bonsai demonstrations, martial arts, tea ceremonies, cooking and craft demonstrations, ikebana, contemporary clay works, karaoke, kimono fashions, zen lectures, children's activities, and more.



September

Gardener's of America Show

September 6-7

Botanical Illustrations Exhibit

September 11- October 6 Photo and text exhibit on the Missouri Botanical Garden's research program in Madagascar. Free with regular Garden admission.

Missouri Botanical Garden Daylily Society Show and Sale *September 14*

Soule Senior Day *September 16*
 "Autumn Harvest"

Fall Bulb Sale *September 18-21* Special bulb sale sponsored by the Garden Gate Shop. Gardening information provided by Master Gardeners.

Prairie Day *September 20* at Shaw Arboretum. In conjunction with the Missouri Dept. of Conservation.

Includes wildflower plant sale.

Dahlia Society of Greater St. Louis Show and Sale *September 27* The Society presents its spectacular and

colorful annual flower show.

October

Best of Missouri Market *October 4-5*

All the best Missouri has to offer at this fun market, arts and crafts, prepared food, produce, livestock, music, exhibits and more.

La Maison en Fleur *October 10-12* at Tower Grove House. Experience the grand allure of the Victorian home dressed in elegant floral finery, hosted by the Ladue Garden Club.

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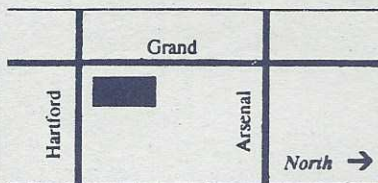
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TOWER GROVE HEIGHTS RENTAL REFERRAL SERVICE

by Don Hardin

Did you know that TGH has its' own rental referral service? My son has used it and so have many of my friends. Do you know someone wanting to rent an apartment or house? Do you have an apartment or house you would like to rent? Call the Tower Grove Heights Rental Referral Service (Jean) at 772-5982 or 772-4987. She will be glad to help. By the way, the service is FREE!!!

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BACK TO SCHOOL

by Donna Branca

Summer is here full force. Yet, soon we'll all be facing the back to school feeling of autumn and change. Leaves change color; children grown and changed.

Suzanne Armstrong, age 15, is one of those ready for change. Suzanne is about to be a sophomore at Rosati-Kain high school. the following is my interview with her:

What are you looking forward to this year?

"Cross country season, student council, and hopefully making state again. I was the only RK person to make state last year. I look forward to running and challenging my friends - it is a real team sport."

What classes are you taking this fall?

"Sophomore English, American history, American literature, biology, keyboarding, art, and algebra trig honors."

What have you missed about school this summer?

"The summer has seemed really short. I look forward seeing my friends and talking to them at school. I don't see them as much in the summer."

What will be different this year from last year?

"This year I'm planning to swim 3 night a week. I'll be very busy."

What is the worst thing about school?

"Homework. This year there will be a lot more. Last year I had 2 hours a night. This year there will be at least 3 hours. I'll be writing more papers."

It sounds like there will be a lot of growth for you this year. Can you elaborate?

"Yes, being a student council rep requires meetings 1 night per week for half an hour. During Christmas, we'll have a mailbox to send greetings to everyone at school. Also we'll plan the winter dance for freshmen and sophomores. There is planning for October day mass to include a theme, speaker, and lecture with 3 learning experiences."

Suzanne summarizes:

"I don't want school to come any sooner than it will come."

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS AND NOTES

by Ms. X

Rumor has it that stolen architectural treasures--windows, mantles, etc. are showing up in local antique shops. Thieves target vacant houses so be on the watch.

Did you hear that TGH neighborhood and Tower Grove Park were featured in the Kansas City paper last month? As a result the phones have been ringing at the Convention Center and the Grand South Grand Business District is to be included in a new promotional video.

Two new businesses will open soon on Grand South Grand. A Kosher Delicatessen is renovating the old New Dawn store and a Chinese Bakery is moving in the former China Arts store. The location where Artifice was has had many requests according to Dan Hill. The Carpenter Branch Library is in the planning stages for an extensive renovation. They hope to add additional meeting space, a larger collection, computer equipment and make the building handicap assessable. Three houses behind the parking lot have been purchased..

The International Institute is considering a move from its' present location to the old medical building near the old Sears. The Institute serves immigrants with basic language instruction and adjustment to St. Louis.

The Grand Oak Hill Housing Production Committee is starting construction at 3841 and 3839 Humphrey. This is the same group that developed the house at the corner of Juniata and Spring which was a feature on the Under Construction Tour awhile back..

Two women living in the 3600 block of Hartford who needed a new place to live were aided by neighbors including Lou Canfield, Judy Newman, Stacy Leimbach, Jane and Rocky Keel, Bill and Paulette Kapes, Sue Stanfanski, Roy Smith, Mark Abbott and nurse, Maryann Brischetto. Concerned about the women's living conditions, new apartments were found and people pitched in packing and moving belongings. Now that's what being a neighbor is all about!!!

Speaking of being a good neighbor, hats off to Glenna Powell who is purchasing

an additional 4-family on Wyoming and doing her share to rid the neighborhood of neglectful landlords.

Barb Potts, our Neighborhood Stabilization Officer, sure was surprised by a baby shower on July 12. Barb is hoping her baby due in August will arrive early so she can be with an older son, Doulass, who is leaving Aug. 16 for a month of reconstructive surgery at John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

The TGH Neighborhood Rummage sale cleared over \$260. due to the efforts of Jodie Heliker, Jeff Blunt,. Suzanne Golemb and Diane Hurwitz! Diane purchased the confectionery at Connecticut and Spring where the sale was held that hot Saturday in July. She has graciously donated space to the TGN Association for committee meetings and storage. Thanks, Diane!

Did you know that the city does not pick up the trash cans on Grand Avenue? Each business is responsible for the area in front of their business. Many have hired Tony who cleans up each morning. Ever wonder how Susie Gudermuth stays so trim? She combines her walks with bending and stretching while she picks up trash.. It sure helps the neighborhood too!

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O PIONEERS!

by Sarah Griesbach

My husband and I are committed to city living. However, we love to visit the wonderful world outside the city and often do. We fish, hike, bike, canoe, ski, camp and slap misquotes whenever possible. Recently our family headed west on highway 40 to Missouri's Wine Country where friends of ours have a cabin. A strange thing happened along the way. As we drove my husband and I both searched for evidence that we were escaping the city. We kept driving and driving and eventually, when we turned off highway 40 for highway 94, the roads narrowed and the trees thickened some but the strip malls, corporate parks and architecturally devoid housing developments never ended. Every 1/2 mile or so we passed a clear cut lot and a pile of rocks with a sign reading "Elegant New Homes Coming Soon." So much for "getting away."

I am not the only one to have noticed

this scary suburban trend - land sold to the highest bidder with the least amount of concern for the community. The Post Dispatch and Riverfront Times have had feature articles, editorials and commentaries on the issue with nearly every edition lately. Its a hot topic and deservedly so.

St. Louis is way behind in city/county planning. Most cities now rated "livable" have some sort of "Smart Growth Plan." Oregon is, so far, the only state with urban growth boundaries around all of its cities. As a result Portland is one of the nation's healthiest cities. Needless to say, St. Louis is not commonly considered healthy.

This seemingly obvious problem leads me to wonder how St. Louis County residents can continue to ignore the symptoms of our regions deteriorating health. For as many articles as can be found lamenting our areas suburban sprawl there are those defending the "right" to spread concrete all over the state (see Steve

Ehlmann's commentary column in Sunday, July 20 Post Dispatch for scary example).

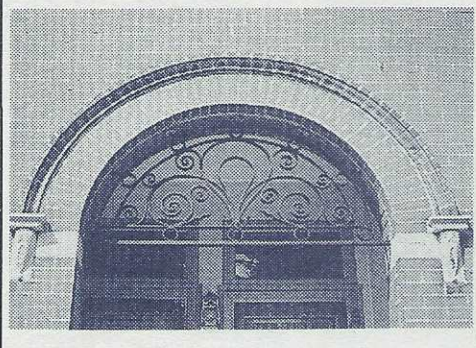
I recently discovered an abandoned area south and east of Carondelet park. I add this area to my list of deserted neighborhoods. Even relatively new neighborhoods are now in ruin all over our city. Some suburbanites, losing the views they moved "out" for to strip malls and condos, have begun to take notice. Chesterfield has placed a moratorium on development there. Even those who have fled from our cities are seeing evidence of land mismanagement.

Despite my concern for our area's future I do not believe that it is all doom and gloom for St. Louis and the region. We rehabbers are the solution (make a good bumper sticker, huh?). We are, in creating a strong neighborhood here, saving some of Missouri's bluffs and forests for the next generations to "get away" to. Our renters are conservationists and we are all pioneers.

ARCHITECTURAL TREASURES

by Don Hardin

This beautiful combination of brick and wrought iron work is at 3823 Juniata.



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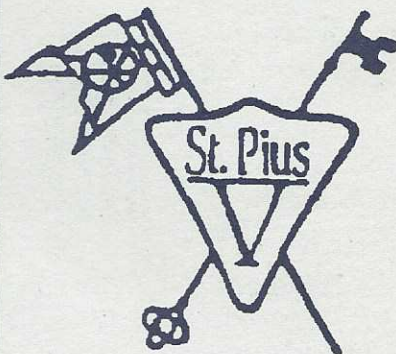
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THE 1997 GRAND GARDEN AWARDS

by Sarah Langan

The results are in. The winners of this year Grand Garden Awards all deserve our thanks for adding to the beauty of TGH. This years winners are:

3611 Utah Place, 3615 Utah Place, 3661 Utah Place, 3667 Utah Place*, 3703 Utah Place, 3815 Utah Place, 3854-6 Utah Place, 3650 Utah Place, 3724 Utah Place*, 3651 Wyoming, 3819 Connecticut*, 3823 Connecticut, 3625 Connecticut, 3717 Connecticut, 3815



Connecticut, 3634 Juniata, 3650 Juniata, 3655 Juniata, 3665 Juniata, 3806 Juniata, 3865 Juniata, 3863 Juniata, 3616 Humphrey, 3622 Humphrey, 3630 Humphrey, 3671 Humphrey*, 3718 Humphrey, 3800 Humphrey, 3826 Humphrey, 3859 Humphrey, 3879A Humphrey, 3157 Spring, 3648 Hartford, 3656 Hartford, 3726 Hartford*, 3716 Hartford, 3651 Hartford, 3632 Hartford, 3879 Hartford, 3846 Hartford, 3734 Hartford*. An "*" indicates a Grand Winner ... they will be displaying a Tower Grove Heights Garden Award lawn sign.

Take a stroll and check out these beautiful gardens yourself!

★★★★★ THE CENTER ★★★★★

by Don Hardin

From my childhood, I remember the Pelican, the building and the bird. Both the bird and building are alive and well. What a great bird and what a beautiful building! The historic Pelican, at Grand and Shenandoah, is home to several businesses and organizations. Among them is The Center.

Their mission statement is:

The Center is a non-profit culturally diverse organization. As a cultural, social and spiritual center, The Center is established to provide a safe space for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Allied organizations to socialize, hold meetings and create a greater sense of unity. In addition, The Center will create an atmosphere which will contribute to the gathering and dissemination of information between various groups and individuals, as well as with the broader community. Common work areas and office space are provided to community organizations.

The Center opened June 15, 1996 and at the end of their first year of operation published The Center's Community Yearbook. The following is a quote from that publication.

"Thank you St. Louis. We have made it through our first full year of operation!

The Center's work is focused in four areas. One is creating our own safe community space. A second is identifying and managing needed services. A third is community building and networking. A fourth is developing an infrastructure of volunteers, financial support and management, with needed professional systems in place.

The success of The Center is due to the dedication of our volunteers. They staff The Center's office and have begun every

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one of our programs from scratch. The Center's volunteers have produce this Community Yearbook to share with you their accomplishments, the opportunities for involvement and the hope that you will join us in building our community. I hope you are as proud as I am in what all of us - working together - have accomplished during this first year.

We are still a new organization and these are just beginnings that are dependent on your support if they are to grow or even continue. As with any new endeavor, this first year had its share of challenges. I have renewed reinforce by commitment to The Center and its work as the result of seeing first hand the many individual needs and personally interacting with members from every facet of our extended community, particularly our families and youth. We have a long way to go, but we have begun the journey together. We need to keep trying to find new ways to communicate in order to achieve the goals of networking and serving our very diverse and proud community. We need your ideas, your input, your time and your generous donations of money, supplies, and equipment. Our community deserves no less than our best and most creative efforts and support."

Diversity is the source of the strength and the excitement that makes the City such a great place to live. If you would like to volunteer or become a member of The Center give them a call at 314.771.7995 or fax The Center at 314.771.3392 or e-mail The Center at centerstl@juno.com. or drop by 2256 South Grand (at Shenandoah). Check out their free literature, office space and meeting rooms, but call before you drop by. Office hours are dependent on the availability of volunteer office staff.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Labor Day <i>Cookies for Cops</i>	2 Back to School	3 Botanical Garden Free Admission til Noon	4	5	6 Botanical Garden Free Admission til Noon Palm House Party, call 771-2679
7 Botanical Garden Gardener's of America Show 9-5pm	8	9 <i>7:30pm Block Rep. Meeting</i> <i>371 5 Hartford Stacy Liembach's</i>	10 Botanical Garden Free Admission til Noon Carpenter Library Pre-School Story Time 10 am	11 Bot. Garden Madagascar Photo Exhibit thru Oct 6	12 Carpenter Library "Never Lose Your Library Card Again" Every Saturday in September	13 Botanical Garden Free Admission til Noon
14 Botanical Garden Daylily Show and Sale 9-5 pm	15 Corp. Library Book Discussion "Alias Grace" 7-8 pm Bulk Trash Pickup	16	17 Botanical Garden Free Admission til Noon Carpenter Library Pre-School Story Time 10 am	18 Botanical Garden "Fall Bulb Sale" Sep 18, 19, 20 	19	20 Botanical Garden Free Admission til Noon Botanical Garden Prairie Day and Wild Flower Sale
21	22 First Day of Autumn 	23 <i>7:1 5pm General Meeting First Divine Church</i> <i>361 7 Wyoming</i>	24 Botanical Garden Free Admission til Noon Carpenter Library Pre-School Story Time 10 am	25	26	27 Botanical Garden Free Admission til Noon Botanical Garden Dahlia Show and Sale
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October 1997

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5 Bot. Gar. Best of Missouri Market \$5.00 admission 	6	7	8 Botanical Garden Free Admission til Noon Carpenter Library Pre- School Story Time 10 am	9	10 Botanical Garden Tower Grove House Decorated by the Ladue Garden Club Oct 10-12 \$5.00 admission	11 Botanical Garden Free Admission til Noon Yom Kippur
12 Tropical Fantasia - Stone Shelter - Call 621-1330	13 Columbus Day (observed)	14 7:30pm Block Rep. Meeting 3698 Hartford (Mark Abbott's)	15 Botanical Garden Free Admission til Noon Carpenter Library Pre- School Story Time 10 am	16	17	18 Botanical Garden Free Admission til Noon
19	20 Carp. Lib. Book Dis. "Undaunted Courage" 7-8 pm Bulk Trash Pick Up	21	22 Botanical Garden Free Admission til Noon Carpenter Library Pre- School Story Time 10 am	23	24	25 Botanical Garden Free Admission til Noon
26 Botanical Garden Lily Sale 9-5 pm Daylight Savings Time Ends	27	28 7:15pm General Meeting First Divine Church 361 7 Wyoming	29 Botanical Garden Free Admission til Noon Carpenter Library Pre- School Story Time 10 am Carp. Lib. Pre-School Halloween Party 10 am 2-6yrs	30 Carpenter Library Halloween Open House 6:30-8:30pm	31 Halloween Cookies for Cops 	

CANINE GOOD CITIZENS

by Cinder Wilkinson

Now that we have reached the height of summer, my favorite neighborhood resource, Tower Grove Park is at the peak of its annual usage. So are backyards and front porches. And this means also that people and dogs are crossing paths more often than ever. So, as dog lovers and owners we have a responsibility to be sure our pets are good citizens of our community. This means keeping our dogs on leashes, picking up their waste from parks and neighbors yards, and limiting barking to a reasonable amount of time. Some mornings as I run through the park with my dog and supply of plastic bags, I feel sure that I must be the only person who cleans up after my dogs. The park is not a public rest room for dogs! As the legislative liaison to the American Kennel Club for our local obedience club, I see legislation directed at particular breeds and at banning dogs in general. Many parks and public areas do not allow dogs at all. This is a shame for those of us who enjoy taking our pets along on run, hikes, camping and picnicking. However, as a parent I see the driving force behind it. I don't like to clean dog feces off of my children's feet, shoes and clothing, and my own shoes

and clothing. I don't like strange dogs running up to my children unaccompanied by an owner and uninhibited by a leash. I hate to see dogs chasing wildlife in the parks. Ducks with ducklings, squirrels and rabbits are frequent victims of the unrestrained dog. We also must remember that the safety of our pets is our responsibility. Even a very well trained dog will have lapse when distracted by something almost irresistible, like a squirrel, another dog or someone's picnic lunch. And a dog who is well trained at home is not necessarily trained at all in completely different surroundings. An off lead dog who sees a squirrel across the street and darts after it will not notice the oncoming traffic. One of the top five causes of death in dogs is being hit by a car. Some dogs are dog aggressive. It is more prevalent in some breeds than others. And they aren't always the breeds that come to mind for the general public. Small terriers, like Miniature Schnauzers, can be very aggressive, as can Dacshunds, Cocker Spaniels and Shih Tzu. So don't believe that you can spot an aggressive dog before your friendly off-lead dog runs up and gets bitten. If your dog runs up to a child and the child gets excited, the dog may well misinterpret the child's behavior and bite or knock the child

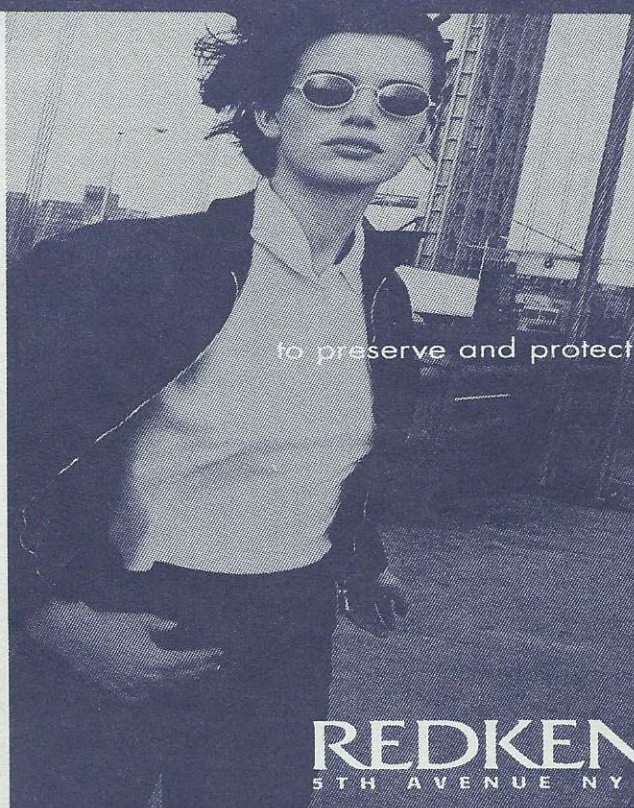
down. This can lead to lawsuits, insurance claims and the untimely death of your beloved pet by lethal injection. The leash is an invaluable tool both for training and for the safety of your dog. Barking dogs are a nuisance. Some breeds of dog bark more than others. One of my dogs is a Belgian Tervuren, a herding breed, bred for over a century to be a shepherd's helper and territorial guardian of its flock. This leads to more barking than you might find in a German Shorthaired Pointer, who is generally bred to be less territorial. However, dogs bark for many reasons, not the least of which is that they enjoy it. For many dogs barking is a self rewarding behavior. Some dogs bark from boredom, some from stress or fear and some just because they like it. Many barking problems can be solved by distracting the dog in some way to break the cycle of barking. Dogs who are left outdoors all day or all the time need interesting toys to play with, like the Buster Cube, which is a hollow cube with a cylinder inside that can be filled with food. The dog rolls it around and sometimes gets the food out and sometimes doesn't, it's a puzzle cube for dogs, and I have yet to meet the dog who didn't enjoy it.

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TUTORING

by Audrey Anderson

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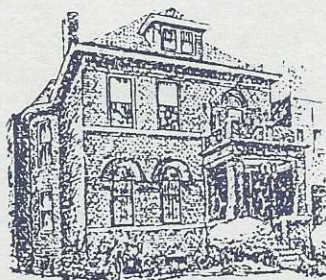
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MR. MANNERS TALKS ABOUT

NEIGHBORHOOD TRASH ETIQUETTE

Dear Mr. Manners--I am 13 years old. Yesterday, my friends and I were walking down Hartford and some old guy--he must have been at least 40 years old--started screaming at us just because a couple of us threw some chip bags on the sidewalk. What's the big deal anyway? The wind will eventually blow it away. I yelled at the old coot, but my girlfriend said I was wrong for doing that. What do you think?

Dear Gentle Reader--I do not know what makes Mr. Manners sadder--the state of contemporary education or the apparent lack of parental teaching about manners. From the logic of your question, I can only surmise that you find it satisfactory to throw candy wrappers on the floor of your home, believing that they will eventually find their way under the couch. Mr. Manners is of the firm opinion that even young teens have social responsibilities and that adults of the community not only have the right, but the obligation to point out instances when adults-to-be violate those responsibilities. Therefore, Mr. Manners, agrees with your girlfriend. Maybe you should both apologize to

the "old coot," and start a teen litter pick-up program on your block.

Dear Mr. Manners--The other day my neighbor and I had a rather heated discussion concerning leaving large items in the alley for bulk pickup. He wanted to leave an old mattress in the alley and bulk pickup is not for 3 weeks. I asked him politely to store the mattress until the third week of the month, but he told me in no uncertain terms to mind my business. Was I out of line?

Dear Gentle Reader--No I do not think you were out of line. Mr. Manners must confess that he, too, often places some items out in the alley just after bulk pickup. But he only places those items out that he believes will be "appropriated" by fellow residents--things like furniture, old toys, etc. that are in good condition. However, even then, if the items are not taken by the next morning, he either reclaims them to store until bulk pickup week or puts them into a dumpster. Items like mattresses are an entirely different question. No one is going to appropriate a used mattress and a wet mattress becomes a real eyesore. Mr. Manners believes that alleys are not dumps, but public space. You were

quite correct in pointing out to your neighbor that the alley--even that area directly behind his house--is not his to do with as he pleases.

Dear Mr. Manners--My neighbors all think I have lost my "marbles" because I take a big trash bag and pick up the litter along the sidewalk at least once a week. What do you think?

Dear Gentle Reader--You have not lost your "marbles." In fact, Mr. Manners--like Kant--believes that citizens have a "moral imperative" to pick up litter. While Mr. Manners is not as much of a believer in volunteerism as Speaker Gingrich, he believes that it is unrealistic to think that the City has the time or the resources to do those things that the citizens themselves should be doing. Indeed, there would not be litter on the streets if all people were polite--but they are not. But to walk by litter is to condone its presence and how it got there in the first place. Moreover, not to take the time to keep on top of the trash problem creates an atmosphere that leads to other problems like crime. If anyone has lost their "marbles," it is your neighbors for not volunteering to take their turns.



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Mark

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CANINE GOOD CITIZENS (from Page 9)

For the stress barker, especially in a crate, a Kong toy filled with kibble and sealed with peanut butter or squeeze cheese can be a terrific pacifier. For the fun barker, sometimes the only choice is

a bark collar. There are many types available, some of which use electrical shock and some of which use citronella mist. I have seen good results with both. Barking may not seem like a big issue, but most barking occurs when owners are

away and the neighbors are the one who suffer. Barking is another problem which can lead to lawsuits, animosity among neighbors, and the untimely death of your pet.

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Some of hold our right to own dogs near and dear to our hearts, but we must remember two things, with all rights come responsibilities, and that our rights end where others' begin. I have the right to take a dog to the park, I have the responsibility to abide by the leash law so that my neighbor who fears dogs can enjoy the park too. I have a right to walk my dog on the sidewalk, I have the responsibility to pick up his stool from my neighbors front yard, so that my neighbor doesn't step in it.

Freedoms are precious, and can be taken away. Please remember that the few of us who are irresponsible cause the rest of us to lose our right to enjoy parks and public places with our pets. Please, always use your leash, carry a pocketful of those plastic Schnucks bags to pick up, and get the barker to quiet down. It's simple and can mean the difference between a go everywhere pet and a dead dog. And if you're interested in really proving that your dog is a good citizen, you may want to take the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen test with your dog. All breeds and mixed breeds are eligible. It consist of ten test, grooming, meeting a stranger, walking on a loose lead, walking through a crown, sit and down on command, come when called, recover when startled, settle down when told, meet a strange dog and stay with a stranger. Every good family dog should be able to pass this test.

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BARB POTTS ON TOWN TALK

by Donna Branca

I met with Barb in preparation for her role as Mommy. I found her more reflective and pensive than usual. Perhaps that is what motherhood does to one.

Recently, a woman who moved from the city to the county was quoted in Towntalk. Her comments were affirmative of what we TGH residents already know. That is, there are problems in the county as well as the City. The woman indicated she had moved to the county in hopes the problems she faced in the city would dissipate. Apparently, not true. She continued to encounter her same concerns and other new concerns.

Barb's comment: "You don't have to move to live in a nice neighborhood Tower Grove Heights is a nice Neighborhood." I trust her word; after all; how can you not trust a mother-to-be?



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