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I Know My Rights!

You've spent the day moving into your new apartment, and you're hot, tired, and sweaty. You've got to take shower or die trying. But when you turn on the hot water, what happens? Nothing! Now what?

There are very well defined responses you can make as a tenant, things that are well within your rights. So just what are your rights as a tenant?

First, you need to understand what your landlord's duties are. Simply stated, he is required to maintain basic living requirements such as keeping heating units and plumbing in working condition. This doesn't mean everything will work perfectly, but it does mean it works adequately.

If unsafe or unsanitary conditions exist in your building through no fault of yours, ask your landlord to correct the problem. Then write him a letter detailing the date and time of your phone call, and any agreements you made with him during the conversation. Before mailing the letter, make a copy of it for yourself and put it in a safe place.

At this point, you need to give your landlord a reasonable amount of time to

respond. What's reasonable? That answer's elusive! But judge according to the seriousness of the problem. If your landlord doesn't respond, send him a copy of your original letter by certified mail to prove you mailed it and your landlord received it. This also emphasizes for him how seriously you take the situation. Keep copies of all the letters you send your landlord and any he may send to you. Take pictures of the problem situation and keep them with the copies of your letters.

If your landlord seems reluctant to make repairs, offer to do them yourself in exchange or pay or a deduction in your rent. If he agrees, be sure to have him sign an agreement in addition to sending him a letter. If the problem is a housing code violation, your landlord will not arrange for you to make repairs, and he fails to correct the situation within a reasonable time, you have the right to take the ultimate step: withhold your rent.

Be forewarned! Withholding your rent payment creates the possibility of being evicted. This should be done only as a last resort and with the benefit of legal advice.

Should you decide to withhold rent, it

doesn't mean you won't be paying rent. You must pay it to a special savings account called an "escrow" account, instead of to your landlord. Again, you need to send your landlord a letter by certified mail explaining your decision.

If your landlord tries to evict you, the court may look more favorably on you if you've paid your rent to an escrow account. And you will help your case a great deal if you keep copies of letters photos.

Another possibility for getting housing code violations corrected is to call in the City inspectors. This can have consequences, too, so call Operation ConServ, 622-4628, for more information.

It is clear that the best solution to a dispute is to keep it from happening in the first place. Go over the terms of your rental agreement with your landlord before you sign. Clarify how he will respond to problems, and discuss options. If his responses are vague, it's likely that problems will arise. The more you can discuss and agree with him at this point, the better your chances of avoiding disputes in the future.

Tom Booth

From the Editor

Yep! Twenty pages this month! It may break the backs of our noble block captains to get your *Gazette* to you, but advertising demand has caused us to swell from fourteen pages to twenty in less than a year.

Check out our new look—photos! Photographs give you a peek at the movers and shakers of our neighborhood.

And another first: this issue of the *Gazette* has a theme. We're celebrating renters! If home owners form the backbone of our neighborhood, renters flesh it out. These often unsung and sometimes maligned people contribute to the flavor of Tower Grove Heights.

Too often, there's a division between tenants and home owners. Tenants are

seen as temporary, and as not contributing much to the neighborhood. Home owners are perceived as standoffish and wanting to raise property values, which raises rents. Unfortunately, both views have elements of truth.

Much of the problem lies with absentee landlords who do not know or care what happens to their properties when they fail to screen tenants adequately, and who then fail to make timely repairs. Bad tenants are noisy and destructive, creating an unpleasant atmosphere for all. When buildings deteriorate, good tenants will not consider living in them, and the cycle accelerates.

Perhaps the solution lies with a coalition of home owners and tenants to address the needs of all: an attractive, clean place to

live; a safe place for kids to play; and quiet, considerate neighbors who always have a cup of sugar when you need it.

The format for the coalition exists in the form of the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association. Unfortunately, tenants are under represented both in the general membership and on committees.

We urge renters to get involved at all levels of the Association. We welcome you, we need you, and we want you to be a part of the efforts to keep our neighborhood strong. Call 772-5982 and say you'll be a part of the solution.

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On Grand

In each issue of the *Gazette*, this column will include information about current events on Grand South Grand and a highlight of one of the businesses.

Watch for the grand opening of Cheap Trx—a most unusual shop—in early July.

On May 1, Grand Books opened at 3206 South Grand. Shawn Scott, the owner, worked in a bookstore in Bridgeton for about a year and decided to go into business for himself.

Total renovation of the space to house Grand Books was the first priority. This was accomplished with lot of help from Shawn's friends, and the results are dramatic. The transition from an architecturally rich exterior to the clean, crisp, functional interior is typical of many of the businesses on Grand South Grand.

The key words at Grand Books are "customer service." Special orders are welcomed, and usually can be filled in one to four days. "Recycled" paperback books are offered for sale; and Shawn will purchase your pre-read paperbacks for 5% of the original cover price. Inquire about the three different memberships available. These offer special savings and services. Shawn plans to have an author in once a month for a book signing, too.

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Resident Profile

Longtime resident Delores Ryan moved into her flat on the 3600 block of Connecticut in 1955. When asked why she has chosen to be a tenant there for the past 37 years, she explains simply, "My place has always had everything I could want—I've never had a reason for wanting to move."

Delores, a retired English teacher, taught at nearby Southwest High School. She especially appreciates the size of her flat, which easily accommodates her numerous books and very large (4' x 5') double executive desk. Her flat also is equipped with extensive built-in storage space, which she has valued through the years.

Add to these qualities the charm of the apartment building, her quality landlords Pat and Sharon Winn, and her nice neighbors, and it is easy to understand Delores' attachment to her home.

Delores was born in St. Louis while her family was living on Park Avenue east of Jefferson. During her youth, her family moved several times, but, as Delores describes, "they always lived within a stone's throw of each former home."

Although Delores always wanted to be a teacher and pursued a teaching degree in college, her ambition was not realized until after nearly twenty years of a variety of other occupations. These included several factory piece-work jobs, as well as a



number of secretarial positions in the civil service and later with KSTL radio (which used to be in the American Hotel).

Delores eventually became a continuity checker for KSD-TV. Since one of her duties was evaluating advertisements and announcements, she was one of the first to know about the St. Louis Board of Education's request for teacher applications. She responded to the ad and quickly was hired to teach at Southwest High in 1960, where she taught for twenty rewarding years.

Now retired, Delores is active in her church, St. John's Episcopal on Arsenal, and tries to keep up with the neighborhood association's activities.

Anita Barker

Passing the Gavel

Susie Gudermuth has passed the TGHNA presidential gavel to Janice Nesser. Because of prior commitments, Susie resigned, and on May 17th the membership elected Janice Nesser to fill Susie's term.

"My dedication to Tower Grove Heights remains as strong as ever," Susie said. "I feel that my efforts to promote our neighborhood should be concentrated in some of my other activities."

Janice, founding editor of the *Gazette*, was a member of the Executive Committee for four years, chaired the Holiday in the Heights committee, and spearheaded the banner committee. She well understands the commitment required of the office of president. "It takes a lot of time," she said, "but I'm looking forward to a productive summer for TGHNA."

Susie, we're sorry to see you go. And Janice, welcome aboard (again)!



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From the President

When Elizabeth approached me to write a column from the President of the Association, my mind wandered trying to figure out just what to say. My first thought was to give a rundown on the Executive Committee meeting or maybe to list some of the projects that the Association has in the works. But as important as all that is, I felt it somehow wasn't enough. What I really needed to do was speak personally and openly to all of you about who I am and what I envision for our community.

My husband, Ben, and I moved into our house almost eight years ago. It has a nice, quiet neighborhood where we planned to spend many years. We bought our house from his parents (so actually Ben's been a part of this community for 21 years) and began molding it into our home. Then, the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association was nonexistent. A few years later, Jan Booth knocked at our door and asked if we wanted to join a group to promote the community from within and without, to tackle the needs of the neighborhood and instill a sense of pride. It was an exciting idea; we knew we wanted to be a part of it. Within a few months, the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association was

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St. Pius' Vision

St. Pius the Fifth Catholic Church on Grand Avenue has a vision. It sees itself, under the guidance of its pastor, Rev. Rich Creason, as a positive and integral force within this community. St. Pius, part of a group of churches whose purpose is to produce results to City problems that individuals cannot effect. (More on that next issue!)

But the situation has not always been so positive. Just three years ago, St. Pius was stagnant. Its membership was uninspired and it was facing a budget deficit. The school programs had declined and the buildings needed major repairs. Was the situation hopeless?

Not in the eyes of Fr. Creason, who had just arrived as pastor. He saw a parish of over 700 families and a school for 200 students. And to Fr. Creason, people mean power. People organized and united with

a common dream, he believes, have power to solve their own problems. So he set out to do just that.

Believing in grassroots organizing, he gathered 35 active parishioners who received some training and surveyed ten parishioners each. The 350 surveys provided the insights for priorities and goal setting. This also was the impetus for the concept of "block Catholics," modelled after our own block captains, that facilitate communications among the church's many members.

He had the opportunity to hire a principal and brought on board Ms. Kathleen Murphy. Her vision also is inclusive, as she views the neighboring parishes as collections of parents sharing similar challenges. She hopes to create a joint effort to bring in speakers and seminars open to those interested.

The parish is opening its doors to non-Catholics and inviting some of the neigh-

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Containers come in various shapes, sizes, and material (clay, plastic, et al). The type of container selected depends on the imagination of the gardener and the specific plant. The container must have adequate drainage holes to allow excess water to escape. Water-logged growing medium will cause loss of plant health and vigor, and often the loss of a prized plant.

Regardless of what style container is

chosen, the most critical factor is what type of soil is used. A special soil mix, known as "soiless mix," is necessary to grow good container plants. Soiless mixes are able to drain water quickly, maintain adequate air space, and retain moisture after drainage. Ordinary garden soil in a container lacks these qualities and often dries into a rock-hard clod. Many garden centers carry soiless mixes.

Decks, patios, and balconies are enlivened with containerized annuals. Alyssum's delicate foliage and white, red, or purple flowers, can be combined with dwarf marigolds or geraniums in a wide pot to create a wonderful effect in a sunny spot. A combination of salvia, with its red flowers, and trailing lantana's coarse foliage and lavender blooms makes a stunning sunny display in a long window box.

For shady conditions, coleus and impatiens are exceptional container plants. For a multi-plant container, such as a strawberry pot, blue-flowered ageratum planted with marigolds and pink petunias will create a very striking composition. The possibilities with annuals are endless and half the fun is choosing plants to achieve the desired effect.

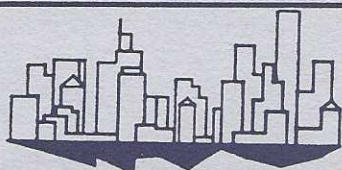
Vegetables are excellent container plants and allow the small-space gardener an opportunity to experience the thrill of harvesting home-grown produce. The critical measurement for container-grown vegetables is the container depth. Onions, carrots, beets and turnips are best grown in a 24" x 36" box with a depth of 8". Pole beans, cucumbers, and peas need a narrow 12" x 48" box with an 8" depth. A trellis is helpful for training these vegetables vertically.

Larger vegetables, such as eggplant, peppers and tomatoes, prefer a single 4- to 5-gallon container. The productivity of the contained vegetable garden is dependent on the amount of sunlight received. Leafy vegetables (lettuce, cabbage, spinach) and root crops (beets, radishes, turnips) will thrive in a much shadier condition than vegetables that develop fruit (cucumbers, peppers and tomatoes).

Growing trees and shrubs in containers dates back 4000 years to the Egyptians. Almost all plants may be grown in containers; however, it is sensible to prolong the plant's life by choosing trees and shrubs that are relatively slow growing or varieties that are naturally dwarf. Some good shrubs for containers are mugo pine, boxwoods, flowering quince and spirea. Trees suited for planting in tubs include redbud, crabapple, dogwoods, holly and Japanese maples. The roots of these plants must be protected from freezing during the winter. Either move the plant indoors or apply a thick layer of straw or mulch to cover the tub or pot totally.

Container gardens add a new dimension to any garden setting, big or small, and are an excellent way for those who don't have a garden space to bring a bit of gardening into their lives.

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



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Repairs for Tenants

I have to admit, the idea behind this article scared me to death. During 15 years of landlording, I've seen some really bad tenant repairs. Before you make repairs, contact the landlord and get his permission.

I've had tenants deduct \$150 from the rent to have stained glass made for the apartment, and \$50 of my money spent on a garbage disposal I never agreed to. I mention these to encourage tenants to have a clear agreement with your landlord on what you're doing and who's paying for materials, etc.

The number-one request I have from tenants is for interior painting, so let's cover some do's and don'ts. First, *contact your landlord*. He may not want you to paint the unpainted, natural oak woodwork! Get his agreement on color and type of paint. Then buy your supplies, being sure to get quality products and to keep all receipts. Yeah, the 99-cent rollers are cheap, but they make the wall look like it needs a shave. Try the artificial lambs-wool rollers for \$1.80. And definitely buy at least the "middle" grade of paint.

Be very careful moving furniture and ladders on oak floors. Deep scratches often can't be repaired, and the landlord can deduct from your deposit for damage of that sort. Before you paint the walls, repair any damaged plaster. Don't fill holes with toothpaste—it will bleed through your paint! You can fix 100 nail holes using spackling or joint compound for less than 50 cents, which is cheaper than toothpaste. Wipe off the excess compound with a damp cloth so it won't look like cottage cheese after you paint. Larger holes will require several applications of spackle, so plan ahead.

Tape off the woodwork and cover the floor. Start in an obscure area to get your style down. When you're done, remove the tape before the paint dries completely. Be very careful not to splatter paint on floors or carpet or on unpainted woodwork.

If you want to paint the woodwork (hopefully not the original, natural stuff!), the procedure is more complicated. Take your situation to a good paint store, and do

everything they tell you. Bad preparation can curse you with years of peeling paint.

How about the ceiling fan you're trying to hang in the bedroom? After reading this, you may want to reconsider; it's not an easy job. And remember that ceiling fans are permanent fixtures and must stay with the apartment when you leave.

Start by covering the floor to catch the inevitable mess. Turn off the circuit feeding the present light and remove the light fixture to see what's holding it up. If it's just lathe, you're in trouble. Call the landlord, because the wire must be moved to a joist, or a cross-piece must be put in. Either way is a mess involving plaster repair and painting. You'll also need an electric box to splice the wires to the fan.

If you have an existing gas pipe from the

original gas lighting, you may be able to buy a fitting for the threaded end to anchor the fan and electrical box. Take your troubles to Oak Hill Hardware—they know our housing stock, and have heard it all!

To hang other things in your apartment, use screws instead of nails. Self-tapping drywall screws are quick and cause less damage. I prefer either small nails or screws to hang pictures rather than those little super-sticky plastic picture-hanging squares. They are almost impossible to remove cleanly.

Keep in mind what attracted you to the apartment and treat it like it belongs to you. You and your landlord will be happier with any repairs you make if you talk with him first.

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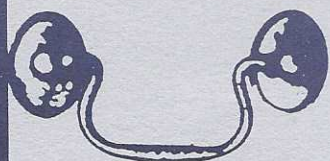
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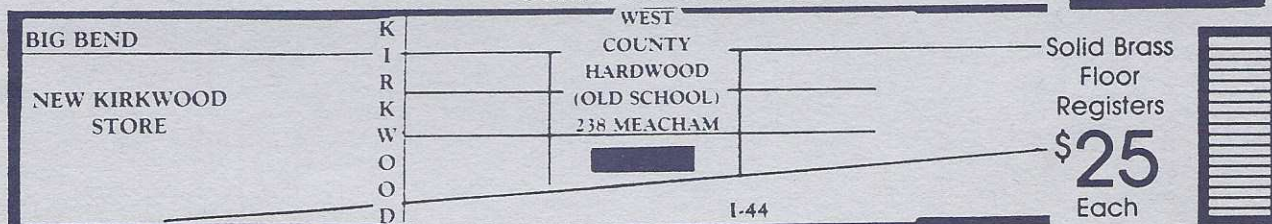


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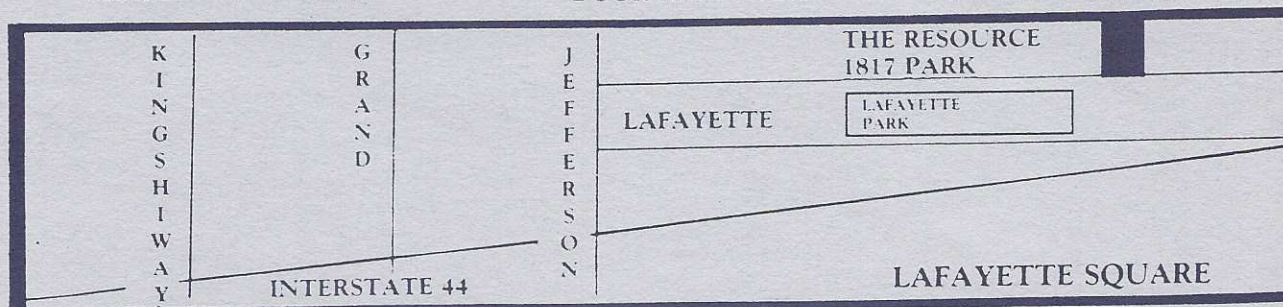
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SummerFest Success

This year's SummerFest, the annual celebration of the Grand South Grand Business District, was the best yet, according to Lenita Moore, manager of the District. The weather on May 16 cooperated, and the crowds were the largest in the history of SummerFest.

Fredbird, the mascot of the baseball Cardinals, entertained crowds, as did clowns, bands, and artists. Antique cars lined Grand Blvd., drawing oohs and aahs from passersby. The area's restaurants served on the sidewalks, much to the delight of the crowds.

Wrestling events, emceed by resident Elaine Viets, drew an appreciative audience, and the Miss Turnbuckle Contest (an "alternative" beauty contest) captured media attention.

The Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association's Flea Market and Yard Sale brought in \$284. Special thanks to Robin Faszold, Libby Kriz, Dennis Had-dock, and Mike Kriz for their hard work. They faced stiff competition from SummerFest and the Alley Blitz.

Kudos to all who worked so hard to put this event together, and to the business people on Grand who helped make the event such a success. Lenita Moore deserves special recognition for her efforts to showcase Grand South Grand.



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Showing Off the Neighborhood

Over 250 people came to our neighborhood on a cold, damp Sunday in April for the first Tower Grove Heights Realtors Showcase Tour. The tour began at Dana and Jack Winter's lovely rehabbed home, featured in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch's* Real Estate section on April 24. At the Winters', visitors received a map of the open for-sale properties and information on the neighborhood and the Grand business district.

From 1 to 4 p.m., a steady stream of interested buyers toured 22 for-sale properties and four display homes. The displays were not for sale, but showed the diversity of neighborhood housing and the adaptability of older homes to the 90s' lifestyle.

Realtors were very impressed by the tour. Wayne Failoni, of Failoni Consultants Real Estate, said, "The tour was one

of the best organized I have seen." Failoni has written contracts on two Tower Grove Heights properties as a result of the Showcase tour. Bryan Bender, of Gundaker Realtors, commented that he "can always count on a professional job when Tower Grove Heights is involved."

Besides praise from realtors, people on the tour responded favorably to meeting neighborhood residents. One tour participant told me, "You are all so friendly!"

Thanks to everyone who helped make this tour a great one. It took a lot of work and commitment from owners, real estate agents, and volunteers. Their efforts garnered a lot of positive publicity for Tower Grove Heights.

Due to the success of this tour, plans for a second Showcase Tour are being considered for the fall.

Jean Iezzi

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In August, it will be a violation not to have a house number on the rear of your property. TGHNA has them for \$4; call 776-7360 to order.

The guest speaker was Ed Stout, executive Director of Aid for Victims of Crime. Ed has been director of AVC since 1981 and established its 24-hour hotline for victim assistance. What is Aid for Victims of Crime, Inc?

- Offers emotional support through a 24-hour hotline—call OK-BE-MAD (652-3623).

- Helps guide victims through the criminal justice system
- Advocates with utilities, employers, landlords
- Refers victims to community sources of emergency food, clothing, shelter, and other support
- Helps victims and survivors of violent crime file for state victim compensation for non-reimbursable hospital and medical costs, lost wages, funeral expenses, counseling, etc.

Ed went on to explain that the victim of a crime has fewer rights than the defendant, but on November 3 we will have the right to vote on the constitutional amendment to ensure the rights of victims in Missouri. See the Calendar for dates, times, and locations of future Third District Police Public Affairs meetings.

Ed Schroeder

Cookies for Cops

The next scheduled cookie delivery to the Third District Police is July 3. Many people signed up at the last general meeting, but it would be nice to have some more people involved. In fact, we have thought about taking some of the goodies to our nearby firemen, too. We all know how difficult the Fourth of July can be for them!

We have some officers who cannot eat sweets. Last time, we bought some fruit for them. So, you could donate some fruit or cheese and crackers if you would rather not bake something.

I can tell you that our efforts are greatly appreciated. After the Rodney King verdict, we made an emergency cookie run, figuring that it may be a tough weekend for all concerned. The officers knew EXACTLY what neighborhood group we were as soon as we stepped in the door! We were also told that the card we had made for the last delivery was still on the wall.

You can drop "donations" off at 3620A Connecticut the morning of July 3 or the evening before. Let's let our firemen and officers know that we appreciate their protection of our property and rights.

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born, and we have been involved with it since.

Over the years, we've all had different ideas on what were priorities in our neighborhood. We have had our disagreements, our ups and our downs. But in the long run, they don't matter, because we have one common goal—the good of our community. If nothing else, we are neighbors. We are the people who cut lawns on Saturday, go to church on Sunday, and go to work on Monday morning. We all want to come home to safe neighborhood at the end of the day; a place where our children can play and grow; a place where we belong: a community.

For the community to move forward in a positive direction will take a concerted effort by all those who live here. It takes time and energy to get things accomplished, whether it's cleaning up an alley, passing out the *Gazette* or dealing with an absentee landlord. The need for volunteers is great. The Association, therefore, must widen its volunteer base. Whether you are a renter or an owner, this is your community—and only you can make it a great place to live by taking an active role in its future. Most important of all is that dialogue between the Association's board, the members and the non-members in the community must be kept up. So often, lack of information or misinformation leads to misunderstandings among neighbors and friends. It is my goal to make the association's Executive Committee more accessible to everyone.

If you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact any member of the Executive Committee. We are here to represent you, your goals and your concerns to initiate positive growth in our area. In the months ahead, I want to see the Executive Committee and residents work more closely together in order to effect positive change. This is our home, and only if everyone works together and communicates openly can this be a better place to live.

I'd like to end this with a quote by Margaret Mead that was given to me by Theresa Davis at Futon Express. It epitomizes my feelings and hopes for our neighborhood. "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Janice Nesser
President, TGHNA

Since You Asked

Question: Why do you rent in Tower Grove Heights?

Lori, Washington University Student: I looked in many areas of the City that would be close to school and yet affordable. This area not only was affordable, but I found a very nice apartment that was large enough for me to have a roommate. I am going home to Texas over the summer, and I won't have to worry about subletting my place. I love it here!

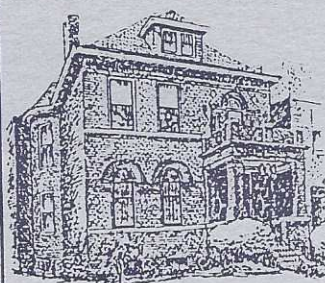
Tod, Single Parent: I chose TGH after looking in the Central West End and Soulard. This neighborhood was nicer, safer, and has great architecture that equals other very high-priced neighborhoods. My neighbors are great and my son has lots of kids to play with.

Randy and Eve, Newlyweds: Our main concern when we started shopping for a place to live was our budget. We are saving money so that we can buy our own home.

Our landlord is great, and we found a very large apartment for almost half the price of the apartments we looked at in University City and Benton Park. When we are ready to buy, the first place we are going to check into is this neighborhood.

Dale, Technical Illustrator: I was raised in north county and never was exposed to the City until some friends of mine moved to Tower Grove East several years ago. When the time came to get my own place, I decided that city life was for me, too. Tower Grove Heights is close to the Park, close to my work downtown, and close to many of my friends. My apartment is very roomy, much nicer than any of my county friends', and more reasonable. Some of my friends are planning to move here when their leases are up!

Don Hardin



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LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENED

To Lease Or Not To Lease?

Some people like leases for apartments, some don't. There are many advantages and disadvantages to having a lease. In general, both the tenant and the landlord have a better idea of what is going on with a lease. A lease should spell out the rights and responsibilities of both parties. This would include the rent payment, when it's due, whether there are any late penalties, who pays for repairs, who mows the lawn, how long the lease runs, if there is a security deposit, and how the lease can be broken by either party.

If you are a tenant, a lease lets you know how long you can live in the apartment. Even if the building is sold, the lease still applies for the length agreed to in the lease. However, if you might need to move, the lease limits your flexibility to leave without paying a penalty. If the landlord

new neighbors less often. If you are a landlord, a lease should give you more stability in your cash flow for the property and you should be able to spend less time looking for tenants to fill empty apartments. If you are looking for tenants who will stay for a longer period of time, a lease should help separate short-term tenants from long-term tenants. A lease also makes it easier to sue security deposits to help protect your property.

If you do get a problem tenant, it's harder to get them to move with a lease. With a lease, you have to go to court with a reason or bribe them to leave (sometimes offering to pay moving costs and a month's rent for a new place will convince a tenant to move voluntarily). With leases, you have less flexibility to move tenants in and out.

Mike Kriz

On the Town

In the Neighborhood

The informality of a 1950's kitchen, the color of some zany museum, with food as delicious as only true chef can prepare it. That's what Richard (the Pasta Doctor) and Micci Parmley have put into their restaurant, Mangia Italiano, 3145 South Grand (664-8585). Where else can you chomp a sandwich under a dinosaur wearing sunglasses and holding a purse?

The all-you-can-eat Pasta Buffet (11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Saturday) includes pasta salad, fruit pasta salad, Romaine Lettuce Salad, and six to eight different pastas. On Wednesday, their Marco Polo sandwich, (Chinese sausage, Japanese eggplant, Italian parsley, fresh ginger, onion, garlic, basil, oregano, tomato, and hot peppers) is featured. On Friday, try the red clam sauce. An extra-special treat on Saturday is Putanesca (Italian for prostitute). It's hot and spicy, quick and easy, and leaves a man well satisfied!

The regular menu includes a pasta plate, lasagna with sauce, and meatloaf made from Italian sausage baked in marinara sauce and covered with parmesan cheese. Try their sandwiches: the Maximus—ham, salami, and roast beef topped with melted mozzarella cheese and herbed roasted sweet peppers; the Caligula (Ed's favorite!)—Italian sausage, marinara sauce, mozzarella and parmesan cheeses; or my favorite, the Antonius—chopped spinach with garlic, mozzarella, and ricotta. There is a wide and varied selection of imported beers or wine by the glass to accompany your meal.

Mangia Italiano serves special cheese cakes and Miss Kathy's Golden Butter Cakes. Their excellent cappuccino, made from African coffee ground fresh per cup, then coated with foamed milk and covered with cocoa, cinnamon, or turbinato sugar. Stop by Monday through Friday, 4—6 p.m., for Cappuccino Happy Hour—two cups for the price of one.

And check out Mangia Italiano's fresh uncooked pastas (in some very unusual flavors and shapes), their packaged home-made sauces, extra-virgin olive oil, imported cheeses, and wines to take home.

Mary Schroeder



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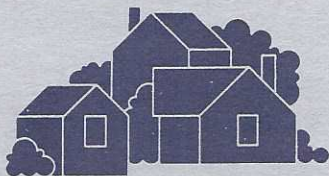
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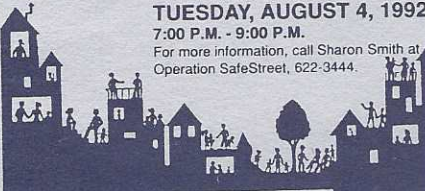
We're #1!

The TGHNA group won First Prize - a Blue Ribbon as Most Representative of Neighborhood Residents in the **Where We Live Parade** on June 7, 1992.

Congratulations also to Grand Oak Hill, on their blue ribbon for most participants from a neighborhood.

The parade kicked-off a city-wide multi-media campaign promoting city living. It is sponsored by KMOX/KMOV, St. Louis Post Dispatch, and the Missouri Historical Society.

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What Now, Mr. Watts?

On May 8, an apartment in the six-family building at 3890 Juniata was condemned for occupancy. Mr. William Watts, who manages the building for owners Robert Kelly and Lloyd Gan, appealed the condemnation. A hearing was set for June 4, but Mr. Watts asked for a continuance as he was on vacation from Anheuser-Busch. The hearing was rescheduled for June 11. Building Inspector Stan Johnson attempted to reinspect the apartment, and found that Mr. Watts, of 12082 Ladue Road, had rented it to another tenant—a violation of City law. Mr. Watts, who was arrested last week for failure to appear at a previous housing court hearing, did not show up for the June 11 hearing.

ConServ Officer Patty Boyer requested the Housing Board not continue the proceedings, as Mr. Watts has shown a lack of regard for the Board, and the Board heard from a neighborhood resident of the continuing problems with this building. The Board is considering what action to take.

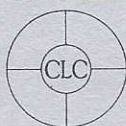
Nuisance News

Are you tired of vibrating to the bass of your neighbor's choice of music? Call the police at 231-1212. *Do not* call 911 for anything other than emergencies. There are ordinances against excessive noise. Ordinance 15.50.030 states that a person may not operate a radio, loud speaker, phonograph, amplifier or other device *at any time* with volume louder than necessary for convenient hearing of persons in the room, vehicle, or chamber where used.

Ordinance 15.50.040 says that any noise that can be heard distinctly more than a hundred feet from its source is considered excessive. This ordinance includes horn honking and noises produced by animals.

You have the right to a decent night's sleep and some *relative* (we do live in a city!) peace and quiet. Demand it. The police have made upholding the peace one of their top priorities for the summer.

Ruth Schnurbusch



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Whose Deposit Is It, Anyway?

As a matter of course, tenants are required to pay a security deposit upon signing a rental agreement, but too often renters don't take precautions to protect themselves from not having their deposits fairly reimbursed. The best way to handle a deposit dispute is to take some steps to prevent one from happening. Make sure you and the landlord have a clear understanding at the outset.

First, the amount of the deposit legally cannot be more than two months' rent. If you are paying \$250 month in rent, your deposit can't be more than \$500. And remember to keep receipt for the deposit and a copy of the rental agreement.

Inspect the apartment before you move in, and make a list of any problems or

damage and give the landlord a copy. Take pictures to verify your list. The landlord may use your security deposit to repair damage you make to the apartment, but not for damage you didn't cause; so you need to make clear what damage existed before you moved in.

The landlord can't use your deposit for repair of normal wear and tear. This includes repainting, replacing carpet that's several years old, shampooing the carpet, or replacing grout and tiles in the bathroom. However, if you made holes in the walls which need to be patched and painted, or if your dog chewed up the carpet, those repairs would be taken out of the security deposit.

Once your rental agreement ends, your landlord has to return your security deposit within 30 days. You should be present when the landlord inspects the apart-

ment to determine any needed repairs. The landlord should give you an itemized list of repairs and the cost of each that he deducts from your deposit. He also can keep portions of the deposit to cover any rent due.

Last, make sure to give your landlord your forwarding address. He can't return your deposit if he doesn't know where you are!

Tom Booth

St. Pius

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borhood youths to join its CYC Leagues. St. Pius has a vision: it's a vision of a viable church serving its members and being an active part of the neighborhood it inhabits. It's a vision of people coming together to make City living work for them—and it's becoming a reality. St. Pius has a vision that we all share!

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Membership Update

As of May 31, we have a total of 82 members in the Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association. We are 167 members away from our goal of 449.. Please call 773-7130 to join, if you have not already done so, and support YOUR neighborhood.

A special thanks to our Heritage members: Don Hardin, Ned Anson, John and Kathryn Kilker, Julius and Beverly Mori, and Kathryn and Mary Blair.

A special thanks and a TGHNAT-shirt to our Renaissance members: Charles Godar, Kevin Lanahan, Jackurov, Norman Henenberg, and Eric Otten.


Jodie Heliker

Fire Hydrants

The City of St. Louis Water Division again is alerting neighborhood residents of the dangers and expense of opening fire hydrants for kids to play.

During the summer, playing in water from an opened fire hydrant may sound like fun, but it's really dangerous—and it's a crime. Opening fire hydrants results in:

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Operation Brightside

It was a very busy weekend with all the other activities going on in the neighborhood, but lots of neighbors turned out for the Brightside alley cleanup. The trucks had to empty the dumpsters several times, and many people took advantage of the opportunity to get rid of some of those nagging large items that had been cluttering up their garages and yards. Mother Nature even cooperated by giving us good weather during the day and a rainstorm in the evening to wash off the dust after we had cleaned everything up.

Congratulations to everyone—the alleys look great!

Mike Kriz

Enviro Alert

It just so happens there's an environmental article written especially for you renters. The May/June issue of *Garbage* magazine has an article called "A Renter's Green Bill of Rights." Pedro's Planet and most bookstores carry this magazine. Hurry in quick to get your copy. You also can borrow mine or order your own. Call 1-508-281-8803, or write *Garbage*, 2 Main Street, Gloucester, MA 1930.

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Movin' On

We hope you don't plan to leave Tower Grove Heights, but whether you are moving across town or across the country, the following tips from Allied Van Lines may prove helpful.

- Eight weeks before the move, start to use up things such as frozen food, perishables, and cleaning supplies.
- Six weeks before the move, evaluate your possessions. Determine what you haven't used in the past year and donate the items to charity or have a garage sale.
- Five weeks prior to the move, make list of everyone you need to notify about your move: friends, creditors, subscriptions, etc.
- Four weeks prior to the move, fill out a change of address card at the post office.
- Four weeks prior to the move, contact utility companies for service disconnection and reconnect at the new residence (includes gas, electric, water, telephone, and cable TV).

- Contact your insurance company to arrange coverage in your new residence.
- One week before moving, withdraw the contents of your safety deposit box, pick up dry cleaning, return library books and rented video tapes.
- Drain gas and oil from power equipment such as lawn mowers.
- Two or three days prior to moving, defrost your refrigerator and freezer.
- On moving day, record all utility meter readings.

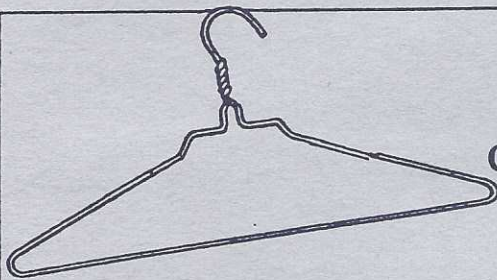
PACKING TIPS:

- Designate one drawer of a dresser for sheets and towels to be used the first night in your new home.
- Put a handful of fresh coffee, charcoal,

or baking soda in a sock and place inside your clean empty refrigerator to keep it smelling fresh.

- Pack your current phone book to make calls to your former town or to use until your new book arrives.
- Pack heavy items in small boxes and light items in larger boxes.
- Place pictures in boxes between sheets and blankets to give them added protection.
- Plates and record albums should be packed on end vertically rather than flat and stacked.
- Before packing medicine and toiletry items, make sure caps and lids are tightly secured.
- Remove bulbs before packing lamps.
- To prevent small items from being lost or mistakenly thrown out with the packing material, wrap miniature knick-knacks and other small items in brightly colored tissue paper before placing them in the box.
- On the top and front of each carton, write a general description of the contents.
- Use different colored dot stickers for each box. At your new house, hang a balloon of the corresponding color in the room where your color-coded boxes are to be placed.
- Allow children to pack their favorite toys. this makes them feel they have a part in the move.
- Use only unprinted newsprint to wrap items. Regular newspapers are messy and can soil your possessions.

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A Message From Rep. Pat Daugherty

Some items considered by the 86th Missouri General Assembly, and their status:

Gas Tax. Will take care of State's road and bridge needs for the next 15 years. Allows State to receive \$4 in federal funds for every \$1 in State contribution. Will create 40,000 jobs over the life of the project. Raised gasoline tax by two cents per gallon, with two-cent increases in 1994 and 1996. Approved by House and Senate; signed into law.

Financially Stressed Schools. Will identify and assist Missouri schools in financial trouble. State will assist school boards in establishing a budget and education plan. Approved by House and Senate; signed into law.

Smoking. Would set up smoke-free zones in public meeting areas, particularly in places where a governmental body meets. Would regulate the sale of tobacco to minors. Approved by Senate and House; awaiting governor's signature.

Mumps Immunization. Would require all Missouri school children to be immunized against mumps. Approved by Senate and House; awaiting governor's signature.

Lottery Proceeds. Would dedicate revenues raised by the State lottery solely to education. Must be approved by Missouri voters. Approved by House and Senate; signature of governor not required.

Small Business Health Insurance. Would make health insurance more readily available for workers of businesses with no more than 25 employees. Approved by House and Senate; awaiting governor's signature.

Budget. Would enact State spending plan of \$10.2 billion for fiscal year beginning July 1, 1992, with \$4.3 million coming from State general revenue fund. Budget reflects a \$1.5 million surplus on revenue estimates agreed upon by the legislature and the administration. Approved by House and Senate; awaiting governor's signature.

If you need to contact me on these or any other state measures, feel free to call me at home, 772-1948.

*Rep. Patrick Dougherty
District 67*

Thumbs Up!

It's definitely two thumbs up in Tower Grove Heights this month. Let's start with those go-getters on 3800 Wyoming. They've got their own beautification program up and running. It all started with litter pickup once a week. Now we see their four corners sprouted pretty flowers in attractive planters during Operation Brightside's Alley Blitz. Way to go Wyoming!



And then there's that wonderful restoration of a store front in the 3200 block of Grand Blvd. If you haven't noticed it, you better check out the new home of Cheap Trx. Their grand opening is scheduled for July 1, and judging from what we've seen so far, the finished product should be MARVELOUS!

Both these efforts earn a Thumbs Up for keeping Tower Grove Heights looking good.

The Thumb

Movin' On

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* Pack a box to be unloaded first at the new home. Include toothpaste, telephone, snacks, coffee and coffee pot, toilet paper, soap, flashlight, screwdriver, pliers, can opener, paper plates, cups, utensils, and paper towels.

• Pack the following in one box and personally transport it to the new home: irreplaceable photos, financial papers, checks, insurance policies, bills, passports, and valuables such as jewelry and coin or stamp collections.

* When moving plants via your car, try not to let foliage rest against the windows, or leaves will scorch.

UNPACKING TIPS:

- Consider having the TV and VCR hooked up first at the destination to occupy the children.
- Let your computer "acclimate" to room temperature before plugging in.
- Unpack breakables over the box you are taking them out of. If you happen to drop one, it will land on some packing material, reducing the chance of breakage.

Tricia Heliker

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The Dream Team

Every Sunday morning, a group of local residents meets to discuss the images that whisper our deepest fears, our strongest desires, and our most vivid imaginings. These are the images that appear in the hours before waking: our dreams.

Many of us wonder if we dream at all, since we may have little recollection once we awaken; sometimes just a dim awareness, but nothing strong enough to be significant or memorable. By not taking note of our dreams, are we losing a rich experience or some valuable insight? Sitting in on the dream group would lead you to a quick conclusion.

Tricia: "...a lot of times, even if I don't share a dream, I listen to someone else's and it's the exact thing I needed to hear that day. It really fit for me, even though it was somebody else's dream.

Linda: "I'm an art therapist and an artist.

I just love this group and feel that it keeps me on track with my life. I feel that paying attention to my dreams is like listening to the voice that really knows what's right for me. It's very valuable.

Ann: "This is the group that I give much thanks and appreciation to, because this group always lets me get away with saying whatever I need to at the time I need to say it, and helps give me an awareness of it.

Noeli (the group moderator): "All of us in our group feel that dreams are very important to all of us, and we hold them in the greatest respect. We also laugh a whole lot about them, so both possibilities are there. We're very respectful of whatever you say to us, and feel that the dreams you offer are very precious.

"Normally when a dreamer says she wants to share her dream, she reads it if possible. She doesn't interpret it as she

goes, and no one interrupts her.

"When she finishes, the group asks questions. People in the group offer their insights or something that struck them about the dream. They'll phrase it as, 'If this were my dream, this is what it would mean to me...' and that helps us keep a distance, keep from suggesting to the dreamer what her dream is about. We're not the authorities on her dream. The only authority is the dreamer.

"So, we offer thoughts and intuitions and guesses and hunches and emotions and associations out of our own experience.

Ann: "If someone gives you her idea of what is going on in the dream, you can use that and accept or reject it. But when it's right for you, you'll feel it. It'll really click, and you'll go 'Aaahhh'."

With so many individuals offering ideas about a dream, no one method of approaching a dream predominates.

Tricia: "We're open to just about any way of interpreting. We use intuition a lot, but also a lot of us have done reading or taken classes or learned where we can about dreams. Curiosity leads us on, but our reading and intuition give us a lot of help."

At this point, a participant offered her dream for analysis." The last one I

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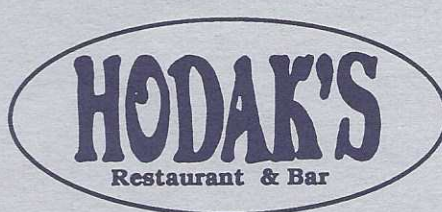
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Dreams

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had...when I woke up, it was real clear. I was tired and I was coming here, and I was riding around with two women. One we dropped off to go to another meeting. I couldn't make out what they were talking about. (Then) I was with the other woman. I saw a shortcut across, sort of behind a chain-link fence, to get to the road on the other side. And so I took it, and about half way across I realized I was in a swimming pool. The minute I realized I was in swimming pool and I saw people swimming, I started to sink and the whole car died. I was fine until the water was over my head. And then I woke up."

After hearing the dream, the participants asked a number of clarifying questions to help their interpretation.

"What kind of feeling did you have when your car was sinking?" "Any associations (you can make with things going on in your life)?" "Does 'shortcut' have any significance?" Outside of the dream,

why were you coming here today?"

Once content with the information they had, the members of the group offered their ideas. But as fleeting as dreams are, it's no surprise that a clear explanation was just as elusive.

"The shortcut would seem to indicate the 'smart' thing to do, the quick efficient thing to do, but sometimes there is a pit-fall."

"Pools would normally mean to me a lot of fun."

"In my dreams, I associate cars a lot with my body."

"With everything that was happening, you never had the feeling that anything was happening to YOU. I mean, you were always safe. No matter what was happening, you always knew you were okay through the whole thing."

Although a dreamer may not leave the group with all questions answered, it's clear that the process is an important one for most of the members.

"I came primarily to come out of my isolation and socialize. I read a book about five or six years ago by a theologian who believes that God speaks to us directly in dreams.

Although I don't have a traditional view of God, that's what I'm hoping to discern: what's the actual direction that I'm supposed to follow now, because I'm at an impasse right now in my life."

Another member says, "I've been a dreamer all my life. That's why I don't have a job! (Laughter) But I often remember what I dream, and (my dreams) seem interesting. It's been very enlightening to me to realize that they are not just for entertainment. They do have a message for me, and I think they are helping me at a crucial time in my life. I'm trying to look toward the future and determine where I need to be and where need to go. I think my dreams are a good 'whatever' to get me there."

Tom Booth

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Coffee Break

Roger Goes To School

It was one of those flyers rubber-banded to the doorknob. The new veterinarian on Grand was offering free exams. Roger the Rehabbing Dog had managed to get into the 20-lb sack of cat food and who knows how much he'd eaten. His digestive system was in an uproar, and his odiferous social indiscretions were waking us up at night. And the cat needed vaccinations, so I made an appointment.

Dr. Philip Wagenknecht assured me that Roger was in good health and our olfactory nerves were suffering worse than Roger. Tactfully, he said, "But wouldn't want to see him any heavier." Doggie diet time. And Yofi, the cat, also is overweight. So are Jay and myself, but it's easier to put the pets on a diet than ourselves!

A conversation with Susan Clontz, the office manager, revealed that one of the clinic's services is obedience training. Jay and I decided to enroll Roger.

Our first appointment with pet behavior specialist Marilyn Pona was mostly conversation. Marilyn and I discussed dogs, what my expectations were of Roger, and

what behavior problems Roger needs to work on. She watched how Roger and I interacted, and confessed a love for Dobermans.

She asked me to have Roger perform few simple exercises, and then it was time for the group howl. Marilyn brought out her Doberman, Flyer, and she, Flyer, and I commenced howling, much to the confusion of Roger and the delight of passersby on Grand. Roger didn't voice his opinion, but I suspect he will at our next session.

Maybe Roger didn't enjoy the howl, but I did. Nothing like a primal howl to release the tensions of the day!

Not that we have anything to be tense about. Our rehabbing isn't progressing much, possibly because we haven't been working on it. Instead, we've caught spring fever, first-time-homeowners' style. We're gardening and lawning like mad.

Jay wonders if we have a retarded yard. Our tulips and daffodils still were coming up in May, long after everyone else's were gone. Our peonies took forever to bloom.

These are first-year plants, I tell Jay, and

they take a while to get established. Just like it's taking Roger a while to learn the rules of our household.

Our Neighborhood Association is in its fifth year and is getting well established. Things are leafing out—the Fun and Fundraising Committee and the Neighborhood Improvement Committee are now active. Other activities are bearing fruit: the Buyer/Tenant Referral program is enjoying great success, and the Gazette has so much advertising that we've gone to twenty pages!

Like a new garden, a new pet, or a new house that needs rehabbing, time and patience are needed to get a good association going. A third element is volunteers. We need your help to continue to grow and branch into other activities of benefit to our neighborhood. Call the Association at 772-5982 to say you'll be a Block Captain (especially you Arsenal residents!), help with National Night out, or whatever else interests you. Give us a call, and help make a difference!

Elizabeth Braznell



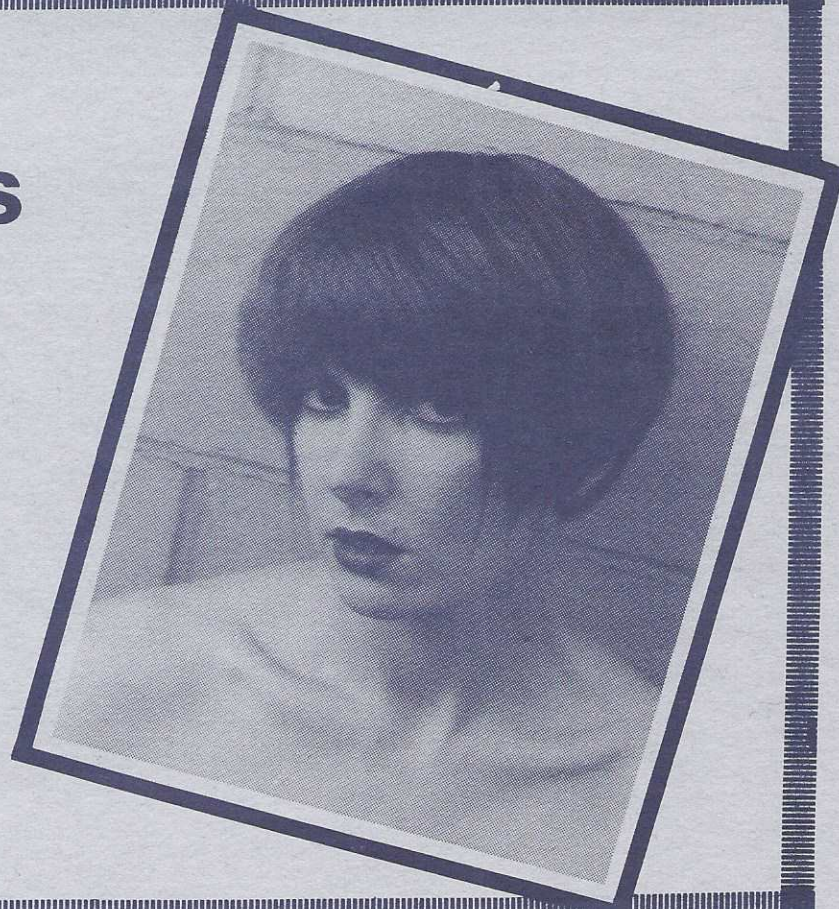
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A haircut can be too much reality for anyone. At Salon St. Louis, Terry Harrison knows when a client doesn't really want short hair.

"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

Tree—Mendous!

The City will plant curbside trees at no charge to homeowners. If you would like a tree in front of your home, call Alderman Gerry Osborn, 773-8416.

Kids Stuff

Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., Carpenter Branch Library presents Preschool Storytime. Every Thursday, they offer a Movie Matinee for children at 2 p.m. Call 772-6586 to find out the weekly title.

Books for Bucks

The St. Louis Public Library needs your used books for their second annual Library Book Sale, September 17, 18, and 19. If you have books you no longer need or want, please call the Collection Development Department at 539-0330. Volunteers to help sort and box books for the sale can call 539-0345. Proceeds from the Book Sale will be used to enhance the Library's collections.

Garden Exchanges

Hey, gardeners! Interested in forming a plant/seed exchange? Gardeners could list plants they have to trade or give and plants they want. Call Elizabeth, 773-1567.

Concrete Facts

Did you know that the City has a 50/50 Sidewalk Plan? Under this program, homeowners pay only 50% of the cost of replacing their sidewalks (streetside only). The City pays the other 50%. You must apply and be put on a list. Call Alderman Gerry Osborn, 773-8416, for details.

Bulk Trash Pick-Up

Bulk trash pick-ups are the third Monday of each month. Put large items in the alley four feet from dumpsters before 7 a.m. If items are closer to the dumpsters than four feet, the dumpsters won't be emptied.

Remember, loose trash is not picked up by refuse collectors. All trash except bulk items must be in the dumpster.

The City spends a lot of money to pay people to sort through the yard waste from the yard-waste-only dumpsters and pull out trash. When our police and fire fighters need raises and the City budget is stretched to the limit, doesn't it make sense for us to eliminate this costly practice by putting only yard waste in the yard-waste-only dumpsters?

Number Crunch

This summer, the police will enforce the ordinance that requires house numbers to be visible from across the street by someone with a flashlight. House numbers on transoms do not qualify, as often they can't be seen from the street, especially if inside lights aren't on. Numbers must be at least 3" high on the front of the house, and 2" high at the alley.

There are provisions for *finer* of \$50 to \$500 and for *jail sentences* of up to 90 days for failure to display adequate house numbers.

House number plaques (black numbers on white background) are available from the Neighborhood Association for \$4 and can have up to six numbers (i.e., 3620—22). They can be mounted on the front of your house and on the alley. Call Diane at 776-7360 to place your order.