

The Soulard Restorationist

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Friends of Soulard

Watch this space and your monthly newsflash for information about the upcoming kick-off of FRIENDS OF SOULARD. This program is designed to get the message of Soulard to a wider area, and memberships will be available soon. Project chairman Alice Jennings reports that she expects to start the project off with a bang sometime in early spring. Membership benefits will include a subscription to the *Restorationist* and several special events throughout the year. For more information contact Alice Jennings.

Notes from the Brickhouse

by Kathy Dabrowski-Poe
President, SRG

1984 is shaping up to be a really active and productive year for the SRG. In December the board set dates for 1984 activities. Get your calendars out and make note of the following dates:

July 4 - SRG - Lafayette Square Annual Softball Game - Lafayette Square
July 28 - SRG Annual Membership Picnic
September 15 & 16 - 10th Annual Fall House Tour
November 11 - SRG Installation Dinner
December 9 - Christmas Parlor Tour

Many of you will note that the Mother's Day Spring Walking Tour is not listed. At the January membership meeting the membership voted to accept the board's recommendation to drop that tour because of conflicting/competing activities during Preservation Week (when the tour was held); declining profits over the past couple of years; and the change in format of the Christmas Parlor Tour from a self guided tour to a guided, narrated walking tour.

Speaking of tours, the recent (December 10) Christmas Parlor Tour was attended by a couple of hundred people. Thanks to J. R. Key and Pam Mundy, co-chairmen and to all of you who opened your homes, baked cookies, Christmas caroled, acted as tour guides and helped in homes.

Over the next several years the Soulard Historic District will receive some public improvements. The city will be resurfacing streets, resetting curbs or pouring new curbs. Some new sidewalks are also in the plans. You'll be kept informed as plans are finalized.

Soulard, along with a couple of other neighborhoods will be featured in the 1984 Veiled Prophet Fair program as examples of how St. Louis is coming back... The SRG gave the Third District and the 7th and Shenandoah Firehouse Christmas Baskets as a token of our appreciation for their service.... Approximately 50 trees were planted in early December. Under the direction of past President John Jennings, Peter Sortino, Jim Marquis, Mark Lyman, Bill Poe and J.R. Key dug holes and planted trees. Thanks to them and Robert Pigg, who generously loaned his truck to the SRG for the afternoon.

Thar's Caves in them thar cellars!

by Jay Gibbs

Did you ever dig a hole as a kid, determined to tunnel all the way to the center of the earth or even to China? Remember that euphoric, "I'm gonna do it!" feeling? Now, imagine a grown adult in a dark, dank Soulard basement digging hole after hole in damp, filthy coal cinders. Ridiculous, right?

Right. But I did it folks, no kidding. The object of my search was no less than a cave that allegedly runs right under my house. The former owner assured my that part of the celebrated Soulard cave system was accessible by a manmade vertical tunnel whose covered top was a tantalizing three feet below my earthen basement floor. He even pointed out the exact spot, for my convenience.

"No problem" thought I as I entered the work area, fitted out like an old miner, with shovel, pick, flashlight and determination. The cellar should have qualified as a cave itself, or at least a dungeon. How could any basement possibly be that musty, damp, and disgusting without a cave under it, right? Wrong.

I dug into the cinders with blind gold rush enthusiasm, oblivious to the discomfort of stooping over in the low room. I unearthed broken flower pots, pieces of antique bottles, rusty forgotten pipes, a crusty old spoon, and even some whole, ornamental bricks. But I hit clay honest-

to-goodness virgin Missouri muck, about two feet down. Soon came a creeping thought that something might be amiss. Did I quit? No! I doggedly dug holes all around the first one, and then some more, until the surface resembled a bomb testing range. There may be a Santa Claus, but no Virginia, there is no cave entrance under my house. I know because I even drove iron rods into some of the holes as a last ditch attempt to find a hollow spot.

My contractor thanked my for helping him dig up the debris in preparation for pouring a cement floor, but my back wasn't so appreciative. Still, my prospecting yielded a wheelbarrow load of antique trim brick, in addition to the knowledge that one hundred years of coal cinders spread over a floor amounts to quite a bit. This treasury of tailings is now located in my garage, in case anyone cares to view the evidence. Moral of the story: If rehabbing becomes tedious, try digging for caves. You never know what will turn up, and you might even get your name in the paper. Oh, by the way, there is also supposed to be a secret, hidden sub-cellar room under the kitchen. Anyone wanna help me find it?

Next issue: What occurs regularly in this same basement during the rainy season after the concrete floor was poured? Stay tuned for details.

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ALDERMANIC REPORT

February, 1984

As I promised during my campaign, I would like to announce that my office will be open **MONDAY thru FRIDAY, 10:00AM - 2:00PM**. My office is located in The 7th Ward Headquarters, 2701 SHENANDOAH, (corner of Shenandoah & Ohio). Please feel free to stop by or call (772-3800) anytime during these hours. I have hired a staff person to exclusively answer the phone and assist my constituents during office hours.

One of the several aldermanic committees to which I have been assigned is the Special "Spot Blighting" Committee. I consider the tasks before this committee to be very important and I am honored to have been selected to serve on this Special Committee. On Friday, January 27, 1984, I introduced 17 Board Bills to blight the major eyesores in the Soulard areas. There will be a hearing before the *Special Blighting Committee on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1984 at 7:00 PM* to discuss seven of the Board Bills — BB #731 (809 Allen), BB #733 (913 Allen), BB #745 (1844 Menard), BB #735 (1834 S. Ninth), BB #736 (1841 S. Ninth), BB #737 (1921 S. Eleventh), and BB #741 (1925 S. Eleventh). If you have any inquiries regarding a specific address, please do not hesitate to call (772-3800).

Also, as I mentioned during my campaign, *once a month* I will invite the neighborhood leaders from the various neighborhoods throughout the 7th Ward to attend a *Saturday Breakfast Meeting*. During these monthly meetings, we will discuss and exchange ideas on current events, legislation before the Board of Alderman, and other topics of interest. I have sponsored two such meetings to date, and both have been very informative and productive. I look forward to future meetings with enthusiasm. The 7th Ward is demographically unique in that it is composed of many different groups of people and I believe these meetings will provide a comprehensive way to address the diverse needs of my constituents.

At the last Neighborhood Leaders Meeting, we discussed the allocation of *Trees* and *Capital Improvement funds* to the various neighborhoods. As the list is much too long to publish, if you are interested in finding out if your block has been selected to receive a tree, new curb work, sidewalks, or street resurfacing — please feel free to give me a call.

In closing, I would like to wholeheartedly say *Thank You* to all the people who supported me during my recent campaign for Alderman of the 7th Ward. I look forward to proudly serving all my constituents.

by Sorkis J. Webbe, Jr.
Alderman—7th Ward

Excerpts from — The Unpublished Diary of Wolfgang Amadeus Jones

While renovating a house on Sidney St. fragments of this diary were discovered in the Home's old Water Closet. Wolfgang Jones was a long time resident of the Soulard area. We did some research on his life and found he lived here from 1844 to 1903 when he was unfortunately run over by an Anheuser Busch wagon and its team of Clydesdales. We thought it best to publish the following extracts from the entrees exactly a hundred years ago — 1884. It will be interesting to compare the Soulard then and now and marvel at the progress made.

July 1, 1884 "I still marvel at the extent and vastness of the parks here in the Soulard area! People unfamiliar with them are urged to hire the services of a good guide to avoid the very real danger of becoming lost. They stretch as far as a mole can see. A group of Citizens have volunteered to plant trees and grass in the parks, but the city has said it's not necessary and that they will get to it any day now."

Sept. 17, 1884 "We are agog in Soulard! the city fathers are putting in side walks along the streets so pedestrians will not be covered with mud off the streets and can enjoy easy strolls in civilized comfort. The speed in which these miracles of modern thought are being installed boggles the mind. They promised to have the task complete by 1884!"

Oct. 22, 1884 "The farmers market here in our area grows more and more popular. We grow used to visitors from Laclede's Landing and even as far away as almost mythical Florissant coming here to shop or sell. However it has one unlooked for unfortunate effect: every beggar and Nare-do-well for 100 miles has been lured to our area with the hopes of Free Food from the droppings and leavings and snatchings from the stalls. We have all been assured that this is just a temporary inconvenience and that in a few years this will be a thing of the past."



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Herbert and Beverly Benham *by Clark Rowley*

The 1982 Souland House Tour brought Herbert and Beverly Benham to Souland and eventually led to their purchase of 1113 Sidney, a large architecturally interesting two-family. The house was fire damaged when they bought it, but they are now living on the second floor, which has new plumbing and wiring.

The couple had rehabbed a frame house in Maplewood. The structure had been chopped up into a multi-family, and they restored it to a single family structure. Prior to their moving to Sidney, they had been renting in Kirkwood.

Herbert is a pharmacist working in the Carondelet area, which is known for its

fine, older homes. Beverly is employed by an accounting firm.

Their plans are to keep the house as a two-family. They will live on the second and third floors, as they are doing now. Herbert comments that the work never goes as fast as you thought it would, and he is also surprised by the dirt, a leftover from the days when St. Louis homes were heated by coal. Every building in Souland boasts a layer of coal dust in the rafters and above the ceilings.

The Benhams have four children, including two boys and two girls. All four live in different parts of the county.

The house will be restored traditionally, which is one of the reasons the couple purchased the home — it has very nice woodwork and some excellent mantles in mint condition. The traditional restoration will complement the antique furniture which Beverly has acquired and continues to purchase.

Millard Fillmore Athletic Club #2 SOFTBALL CO-CHAMPION

The Millard Fillmore Athletic Club's #2 softball team duplicated the #1 team in taking first place in softball. The championship was slightly tainted as first place was shared due to the inability to complete the season because of rain, rain and more rain. For M.F.A.C. #2, this was their first organized competition and were very successful for a new team. The Sigel Community School's Fall League — Senior Men was inundated by constant rain and wet grounds and was forced to terminate after only four league games per team.

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Millard Fillmore Athletic Club #2	4	0
Pope's Picture Bar	4	0
Buel Street Pub	2	2
Maccabees	2	2
Pythons	2	2
Burkhardt's Oyster Bar	1	3
Mountain Maulers	1	3
Warriors	0	4

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Historic Chatillon-DeMenil House, located at 3352 DeMenil Place (at Cherokee Street, one block west of Broadway) needs volunteers to welcome visitors and conduct tours of the house. The house is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays from noon till 5 p.m. Volunteer/docents are asked to contribute one three hour shift one day a week. If you wish to help, call Mrs. Hurd at 771-5828, during working hours.

Chatillon-DeMenil House is run by a foundation to keep the historic mansion open as a museum. It is named for the two families who shaped it and lived in it. The first part of the mansion (the farm house part) was built in 1848 by Henri Chatillon and his wife Odile Delor. In 1861 Dr. Nicholas DeMenil, along with his wife, Emilie Sophie Chouteau, added rooms to the country house to build the Greek Revival Mansion that exists today.

In 1945, the DeMenil family sold the house and the new owner opened the "Cherokee Cave" beneath the house as a tourist attraction (see Skip Gattermann's articles about Souland caves in this summer's issues of the *Restorationist*). In the early 1960's the then very new Landmarks Association of St. Louis was able, through

a gift from Union Electric, to buy the building and save it from demolition for construction of Interstate 55. After that time, the Chatillon-DeMenil House Foundation was formed to restore the building and furnish it as it would have been in the days the DeMenils lived there.

The house contains the original marble mantelpieces, ceiling medallions and the original downstairs hall chandelier, which is quite unusual. It has been carefully furnished with period antique furniture and period reproduction wallpaper, rugs and draperies. If you are a Souland resident who has never taken a tour of this wonderful building, you don't know what you've missed, and so close to home. If you have time to volunteer, this museum house in our area needs your support. If you can't volunteer, go on a tour and show your support by becoming a member of the foundation. Whatever you do, don't miss knowing about this wonderful landmark right in our midst.

Special thanks to Chatillon-DeMenil House for telling SRG about the mansion at our membership meeting, and to Madt Mallincrodt for taking slides of the building for use at that meeting.

SRG COMMITTEES FOR 1984

Following is a listing of various SRG committees, their objectives and members names. If you are interested in any of these committees, contact their chairmen or board liason.

CODE COMMITTEE: Objective is to monitor improvements and activities within the Soulard Historic District to ensure compliance with the design and construction standards set forth in the historic code for the area. The Code Committee will continue to attend and participate in monthly meetings of the Heritage and Urban Design Commission and make recommendations on proposed construction. The Code Committee will also prepare a draft revision of the Design and Construction Standards for the Soulard Historic District and attempt to have that adopted by the Board of Aldermen. **CHAIRMAN:** Tom Dobbin; **MEMBERS:** Peter Sortino, Clark Rowley, Stefanie Robberson and Dick Phelps; **BOARD LIASON:** Kathy Dabrowski-Poe.

COMPUTER COMMITTEE: A new committee has been formed this year to investigate use of computers to standardize SRG roster, records and mailing lists. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Terry Hoffman; Mark Lyman; Bill Mundy; Bill Brothers; Phyllis Young; **BOARD LIASON:** Tony Hanson.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: This committee will attempt to develop and maintain relationships with churches, agencies, and other community organizations located in the Soulard Historic District. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Dave Payne, Ellen Kemper, Jay Gibbs, Pat Price, Brian Ingenthron, Rob McDonald, Thelma Sanders, Susan Ryan-Haupt. **BOARD LIASON:** Catherine Perry.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: As always, this is one of the SRG's most important committees. This committee will explore various types of fundraising activities. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Marsha Wilson, Eric Otten, Mark Lyman; **BOARD LIASON:** Carolyn Swindell.

HOUSE SALES/MARKETING COMMITTEE: The purpose of this committee is to promote sale, restoration and occupancy of commercial and residential Soulard buildings. Anticipated activities for this year include applying for a grant under the FSIP program and considering producing a brochure with listings of properties for sale. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Ruth Weaver, Charley Weaver, Mike Hudson; **BOARD LIASON:** J.R. Key.

HOUSE TOUR COMMITTEE: This committee will organize the 10th Annual Fall House Tour, as well as a Christmas Parlor Tour, in addition of providing private tours. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Brian Ingenthron, Richard Eaton, John Durnell, Candy Ulrich, Phyllis Young, Lynn Giardina; **BOARD LIASON:** Nancy Răy Farber.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Please see the article in this issue concerning the membership committee's plans for 1984. **COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:** Pam Mundy; **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Doug Robberson, Ellen Kemper, Andy Filla, Debbie Hanson; **BOARD LIASON:** Judy Cunio Marquis. **FRIENDS OF SOULARD** is a sub-committee of this committee, and its Chairman is Allice Jennings, with members Andy Filla and Dave Payne.

Plans for the Membership Committee in 1984 are:

- Roster will be issued once a year with an addendum issued once or twice depending upon need
- Programs for membership meeting will be related to the needs of Soulard residents as well as St. Louis residents.
- Socials will continue as in the past.
- Welcome Wagon will go out the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, weather providing. Contents of the wagon will include a complimentary bottle of champagne, beer and wine to celebrate new arrivals, and expanded packet of information including information about Soulard, St. Louis, churches, schools, restaurants, banks, local agencies, SRG, trial subscription to the Restorationist, SRG membership application, maps, and coupons.

Anyone interested in going out with the Welcome Wagon should contact Pam Mundy at 664-2797. Post cards will be sent out as a reminder of the date, time, and place to meet.

NEWSLETTER: The newsletter committee will continue to publish the Restorationist six times a year. Members of the committee vary from time to time. Contributions, both frequent and occasional, are greatly appreciated.

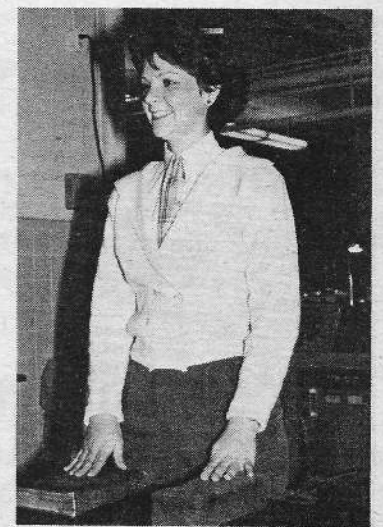
SOULARD BEAUTIFICATION: The "I Leaf Soulard" program has expanded this year, and we hope to work not only on getting more trees for the neighborhood but also on cleaning up the neighborhood and its parks and possibly starting a garden club. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Linda Hoffman, Jay Gibbs, Debra Manning, Anne Lewis, Jacob Haupt, Anne Mesko; **BOARD LIASON:** Kathy Dabrowski-Poe.

SPECIAL PROJECTS/PROPOSALS: This committee is designed to secure funding for special projects (e.g., banners, trees) and to coordinate those special projects. **CHAIRMAN:** Terry Berger; **BOARD LIASON:** Tony Hanson.



Bill Poe

Outgoing Pres. John Jennings accepts his world series poster at the installation dinner.



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SRG President Kathy Dabrowski-Poe being sworn in at installation dinner.

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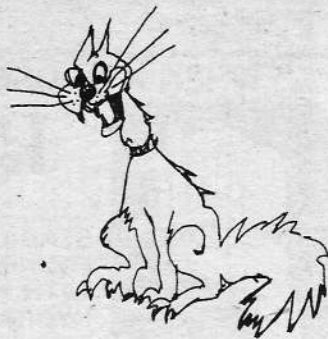
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'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY: There were more parties in Souland this year than ever before. Immediately following the CHRISTMAS PARLOUR TOUR, on December 11, LA COMTESSE JUDY de MARQUIS (as she prefers to be called now) and husband JIM, opened their decorated-to-the-teeth swellacious chateau on South 11th street to everyone on tour plus all who helped. It was a great party except for a nasty incident in which several of the Marquis' hand-rubbed Cambodian Temple Etchings were accidentally knocked from the stairwell walls. Judy's new self-imposed title comes from her love affair with the 1939 classic movie: "THE WOMEN" in which Mary Boland portrays the Countess de Lave. Judy says she identified with her right away and said if she could, she'd have her at every party. By the way, the Marquis family is really enjoying their newly acquired over-sized color television with matching video recorder. Aah, La Publicite!

COME-A-KII-YII-YIPPIE-YIPPIE-YA! NEIGHBOR!: The Poes continued in the holiday spirit with a charming chili chow-down to introduce nearby neighbors to TIM & CINDY MARTIN who bought Carl Bedell's huge house at 2407 South 13th. It's great to have this new couple in the neighborhood and I'm sure we'll see more of them as the winter weather fades.

PARTIES, PARTIES, AND MORE: Larry Hollenberg opened his notorious-for-being-Victorian Manse on December 18 from 4 'til ? to show off all the hard work he has completed this year. The gas lights were gleaming (as was Kathy Poe who was holding Nancy and Russell Farber's baby, Tema) and his player piano charmed the crowd with the songs of Christmas. Papa Barney Hollenberg just completed re-covering all the antique dining room chairs. It was also great to see former Souland resident Garry Waters who was most proud of his new acquisi-

tion, the A. Steve Costume Shop on Hampton. Garry is gearing up for Souland Mardi Gras so take note and get your costume orders in early.

Several other parties, brunches and soirees ocured with all the flair and frivolity we come to expect at Souland Social Gatherings. Always good food, good drink and plenty of fun caused every event to fly by so that by January 3rd, it was time to relax and take down those long standing Christmas trees.

The next major social event will be the Mardi Gras Ball, Friday, March 2, 1984 at the BOILERMAKER'S HALL at 1547 So. Broadway. The dress for the evening will be formal or costume only. Food will be prepared by the Chefs de Cuisine and music by Singleton Palmer. Tickets which are \$75 per couple can be obtained from Bob Printz, Carolyn Swindell or Hilary Clements. Don't miss the EVENT!!!

MALIBU BEACH HERE WE COME!

The first wedding this year in Souland will be in the Spring joining Debi Manning and Andy Filla. Debi announced the news at her annual Christmas Party held this year on December 19th. A close friend confided that the bride has selected a white net Ballerina-length dress with hat, purse, gloves and ankle bracelet to match. The groom will probably hide during picture taking session planned on the pier at the foot of Victor Street. Another reliable source has hinted that there's plenty of room in their home for a little Skipper

doll, too. Good luck Debi and Andy!

AND SPEAKING OF BLESSED EVENTS: We're still awaiting the arrival of the babies Jacoby and Rimel. Both Becky and LuAnne are do to deliver very soon and hubbies Jeff and Roger are counting the days.

AND NOW . . . HERE KITTY KITTY'S GUARANTEED TO BE ACCURATE PREDICTIONS FOR 1984:

1. Nancy Grimshaw will get a clean bill of health and return home.
2. Nancy Farber's fabulous fur coat will loose all its hair before, during, and after the FALL HOUSE TOUR.
3. Pam Mundy will buy a new car when she cashes in the empty Pepsi bottles once stacked in her entry hall.
4. Joe & Mary Johnson will come to their senses and stay in Souland only to receive the NHS ELBOW GREASE AWARD which finally gets off 12th street.
5. Dolores Phelps will get all her money from Doug for the silver serving pieces she put in lay-away in August.
6. Cecelia will have her sunroom built and then marry Fred.
7. Judy Johnson will get CAT SCRATCH FEVER from a paper cut.
8. Louise and Ed will paint their shutters
9. Carolyn Swindell will have her front tuckpointed and a roof over her head.
10. Dan Compton will work on his own cornice for a change.

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Bill Mundy

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Bill Mundy

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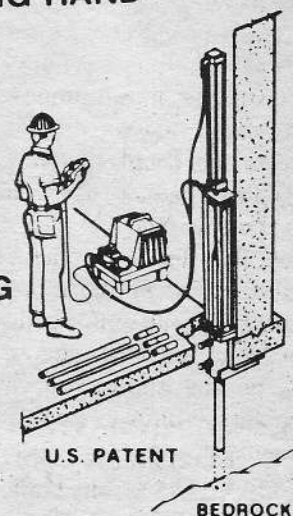
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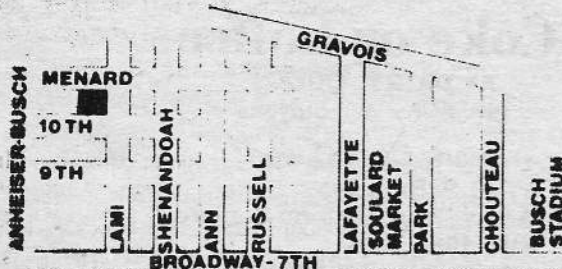


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Journal of a Restorationist

..... by Pam Mundy

The Journal Of A Restorationist was conceived because I could foresee enough catastrophes in our home to fill volumes of details that are best laughed about rather than details that are so overwhelming they force us out of our home. Well, my luck has held out and the catastrophes have been few. But sometimes I think this house plots against us just to remind us that it is a true senior citizen and refuses to let us forget its age and experience. When you think you have its needs satisfied, it throws a tantrum to gain more attention.

On one of the coldest days of 1983, our home conspired against us. We woke up shivering. Indeed, our home which we fondly call Thomas Allen's Addition Block 37, lot 8, was responsible for committing cold blooded murder. We heard the final whimpers and the last puff. Our young childish furnace was then our dearly beloved deceased furnace. Disbelief filled our cold, crazed minds. We tried the revival method hoping for a large miracle. We had no success in making even a small miracle so we decided to call in the big boys. We called all the experts in that bible of yellow pages. Their replies: "We'll try to get you in today." "You're fiftieth on the list." "Why don't you move to Florida?" Those great men can be so cold hearted when dealing with those left behind. The temperature in our hearts and the surrounding air kept falling and falling. Each time we inhaled a life giving breath, distraught was exhaled in white frosty puffs. We really didn't know where to turn — there was a murderer in our

home. However, there is a prophet of good will in Souland that can lead you to miracle workers if you can catch her in her busy schedule of helping others. I speak of none other than Vicki Renisch. The call was made and with the words "it's 35 degrees in here" the reply came quickly. "Dave Lewis."

We gathered our hopes together and made the most important call of the day. The telephone woke this saintly man from his blissful sleep. We requested his presence in our time of need and although he didn't know us nor we him, he arrived on the scene within twenty minutes. He pronounced our furnace dead on arrival. I was frozen from my pain and crawled upstairs to the comfort of my electric blanket. The miracle worker set about his task of bringing a new life into our home to replace the deceased one. This was going to be no small miracle.

I imagine this great man called Dave Lewis chanted sacred words never before heard by human ears. It is also possible that he conferred with the murderer. After much hard work that produced no perspiration which in itself is a miracle and after much lamenting, it was decided that he would indeed try to bring a new life into our home. He left and was on his way to find an infant of sorts to dispell our grief.

Time passed slowly and coldly. I was beginning to believe that even this great miracle worker could offer no solution to our situation. I fell into one of those sleeps where dreams turn into nightmares. My dreams were painful. I saw the demo-

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Entrants can prepare Creole dishes of appetizers, soups, entrees, desserts, etc. Deadline for entry is February 20, 1984. For entry forms and additional information, contact:

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lition crew find our thawed bodies in May floating in water from frozen and burst pipes. They were just about ready to start up the crane when a knock at the door aroused me. The miracle man had returned.

I was shown the new addition and unlike most new mothers, I found it a bit on the ugly side. I would fall in love with it when it showed that it loved me. I know it was unkind but grief can change people. It was placed in its crib and connected to its support systems. It was time for the greatest miracle of all to take place. The switch was ceremoniously flipped. We all felt the warmth pump through the sheet metal veins. There was life! I took back my premature thoughts of dying. There was life thanks to the miracle worker Dave Lewis.

Now I've been thinking long and seriously about Dave Lewis. I would like to propose that he be made Saint Dave and that a statue of his likeness be placed in Aboussie Park. There could be future plans for a shrine and a memorial fund and historic statue for Souland.

Today I recieved by gas bill. My

stomach was on the floor when I came to. I take it all back. This house is going to kill us yet.

Kevin Dempsey

Boy's Club Boxing Champion

Kevin Dempsey won the boxing championship of 6 year olds for the Boy's Club of St. Louis. At 51 pounds, Kevin was one of the smallest of the 24 boys entered in the 6 year old group, but he defeated five opponents to capture the title. All of Kevin's victories were unanimous decisions and in the championship fight, Kevin knocked his opponent to the canvas four times.

Kevin is one of the oldest children born to a restorationist while living in Souland. At birth in January of 1977, Kevin lived at 13th and Barton. Kevin is also a member of the Southside Warriors Boxing Club and the Millard Fillmore Athletic Club.

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Soulard Mardi Gras

This year's SOULARD MARDI
GRAS, scheduled for March 2 and 3,
promises to be the best yet. The two day
event kicks off with the MARDI GRAS
BALL on Friday night, with costumes or
formal wear required. Attendees with the
best costumes will be Rex and Cosmos of
the parade the next year. Also at the ball,
back by popular demand, will be food by
Chefs de Cuisine and music by the
Singleton Palmer Band. Call Bob Printz
(773-1914) for information or advance
tickets.

Saturday's festivities begin with the 1st
Annual Cajun/Creole Cook-off, spon-
sored by Bud Light and Budweiser. Prizes

in both amateur and professional
categories will be given. See the article in
this issue for more information.

Finally, the biggest event of Mardi Gras
will be, of course, the MARDI GRAS
PARADE, to begin this year at 5 p.m., on
Saturday, March 3. Organizers Hilary
Clemmens and Carolyn Swindell think
that this will be the best parade ever.
Prizes for the best entries will be substan-
tial, and you still have time to enter a
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