



1993 - 1994 VHCA Board of Trustees

L. to R.: Debbie Skopczynski, J.D. Christy, Jett Marks, Joyce Gross, Amy Waterman, Tom Austin, Winnie Currie, Janet Jordan; Absent - Steve Jagger, Arnold Gross, Bruce Taylor

## Meet Your New Board of Trustees

By Jett Marks

At the annual meeting in September a new Board of Trustees was elected. Here's a little information about them.

**JD Christy:** This is the second year JD will be serving as a Board member. Last year he served as Vice President and this year he will be serving as President.

**Jett Marks:** He has been a resident of Virginia-Highland since 1981 and since 1989 has been involved with the VHCA. Jett's goal has been to involve others and to make the Civic Association more accessible to businesses and residents. He will be serving as Vice President, working with Planning & Zoning, and continuing to write for the VOICE.

**Tom Austin:** He has been a resident of Virginia-Highland for the past two years. He decided to become involved in the Civic Association because he felt his part of the neighborhood needed to be represented and he wanted to give something back to the community. He will be serving as Treasurer of the Civic Association and as a member of the Zoning Review Board.

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The fate of Summerfest will be decided at the December meeting of the VHCA. Come and voice your opinion. After all - it's your neighborhood!  
DECEMBER 1 @ 7:30

## New Board and By-Laws Set at Annual Meeting

By Beth Marks

On Wednesday, September 1, the Virginia-Highland Civic Association held its annual meeting. In the past, this meeting was held the first Wednesday in June, but it has now been changed to the first Wednesday in September. The main purpose was to elect the new Board members for the '93-'94 year. However, there was a lot more to the meeting than that.

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# VHCA CALENDAR

## NOVEMBER

- 3 VHCA General Meeting
- 9 NPU-F Meeting
- 10 Ponce Coalition
- 24 Zoning Meeting

## DECEMBER

- 1 VHCA General Meeting
- 8 Ponce Coalition
- 14 NPU-F Meeting
- 27 Zoning Meeting

## JANUARY

- 5 VHCA General Meeting
- 11 NPU-F Meeting
- 12 Ponce Coalition
- 15 VOICE Deadline  
- Ads and Articles
- 25 Zoning Meeting

All meetings are open to the public. Anyone who wishes to discuss a topic of interest to the neighborhood should contact the Board to get on the agenda, otherwise your comments may not get the attention which it deserves. Please Call 323-VA28 (8344).

The VHCA General Meetings and Zoning Meetings are held at the Ponce de Leon Branch Library at 7:30 P.M. The NPU-F Meetings are held at the Mariemont Presbyterian Church at 7:30 P.M.



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Virginia-Highland is an intown community. Now go back and read that first sentence again. WE belong in this community. Read that sentence again, too.

We are all busy chasing money, children, hopes, dreams, and desires. So much to do, so little time. Last year I wrote an inspiring article that I thought would have you all thundering to the next meeting. Eighteen residents showed up!

What do you want the tone to be this year? Our goals and objectives haven't been looked at in four years. Maybe a history of VA-HI by some of the "OLD ROADIES" should be written and published. More communications through block captains could build interest, ideas and trust.

We now have some money in the bank. As soon as we have an approved budget, we plan to have a grant-type program where you can submit a community project and, if approved, get funding for the project. Do you want to help shape the grant program? Do you have an idea for a project? Let's not have the VHCA meetings consumed only by zoning issues. With goals and objectives established and with new ideas brought forth, we can accomplish something for the whole community. Zoning requests are important to the future of the neighborhood, and we are the first to consider their merits when they are submitted to the city, but there are lots of other issues too!

We have a new Board now with lots of energy for the task ahead, but we can't and won't do it all. Get up off the sofa and start participating.

Did you know there is a form you can file each year prior to tax time to tell the tax officials what you think your property value should be? The first Wednesday each month at Ponce Library at 7:30 p.m. we talk about such things at our association meetings. See you there!

P.S. A Pet Peeve was passed on to me to pass on to you - leaving your Hurby-cubby on the street all week not only looks bad, but it is also against the law. Beware, there is a move afoot to have this law enforced.

*J.D. Christy, President*

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# Having a Bad Hair Day?

By Deborah Cox

Well then, there's got to be a hair salon right here in Virginia-Highland with just the solution for you. When someone mentions "the businesses of VA-HI," the bar/restaurant scene usually comes to mind. However, after a casual survey of the neighborhood, I was amazed to find at least eight "pretty parlors." Each of these salons has its own personality and offers a variety of skills to assist the customer in search of that special look. All of the salons were contacted and we heard from the following:

Heading North on Highland....

### MACY'S BEAUTY SHOP

Macy Parks owned this shop for 52 years before selling it to her employee, Debbie Williams, two years ago. Originally, the shop was on Ponce, but 28 years ago Macy moved into the current location and also hired Debbie Williams. Since purchasing the shop, Debbie has continued to operate it in much the same manner as Macy did. She specializes in serving older women who like to have their hair washed and styled once a week.

Most of Debbie's customers come from the neighborhood and the Briarcliff area, and they are regulars who come in on the same day at the same time every week. Debbie indicated that she truly enjoys helping and talking with these older customers even if it sometimes creates unusual problems for her. One day one of her customers decided to walk down to Fleeman's to get a coke during her perm treatment and then forgot where she was going and went home. Debbie had to scramble to find her in time for the last rinse.

Cut - \$10; Perm - \$35; Men and children also welcome.

### PARKER FOR HAIR

This salon celebrated its first year in business on November 3rd. Its owner, David Parker, loves this area for its down-to-earth attitude, and he wanted his shop to have a laid-back atmosphere where folks could relax. His customers are primarily young professionals, about 50% men and 50% women. He specializes in cutting and coloring, with an emphasis on a very natural look. Over the years he has observed that no matter what people have going on in their lives, they want their hair to look nice and, thus, he truly enjoys making people feel better about themselves.

Cut - men, \$28; women, \$35; Perm - \$55; Color - \$25-\$30

### KEY LIME PIE

D.J. Freed was attracted not only to the warm, community feeling of this neighborhood, but also to the artistic element here. It reminds her in some ways of the "Village" in NYC. Her clients range from Emory students to young professionals to a number of international customers who actually fly in for her services.

As a homeowner in the neighborhood, D.J. is concerned about some of the crime she sees happening right outside her salon and believes that as a community we need to get involved in programs to reduce crime and help our homeless.

The salon specializes in cutting and coloring and operates as a smoke-free environment. In case you see a strange alien-looking creature standing outside Key Lime Pie with a full head of aluminum foil, don't worry. Most likely it's just one of D.J.'s color-treatment customers taking a smoke break.

Cut - \$21-\$40; Perm - \$45+;  
Color - 30+.

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## BOARD, From Page 1

**Amy Waterman:** Although she has been a resident of this neighborhood since 1982, until recently her involvement was only for specific occasions or concerns. She was busy! Before children, she had a demanding job as an ICU nurse, and after the kids were born, her focus shifted to them and their activities - room mother at preschool, PTA Vice President, then PTA President, soccer practice, playgroup, etc. She was asked to be involved in Kidsfest because of her experience, and this led to her thinking about other ways she could turn some of her energy to this neighborhood. She is excited to be a part of this board and this community. Her family plans to make this their home for many years. Her husband, Mark, is a physician in a downtown hospital. Her children, Ethan & Stefan, both attend Morningside Elementary. She looks forward to the work of the Board, where she will serve as the Recording Secretary and chair of the Membership Committee.

**Winnie Currie:** She has lived in Virginia-Highland since 1969 and has seen the neighborhood resurrected after the defeat of I-485. She thinks Virginia-Highland is again facing some critical issues which could change the character of the neighborhood, and she will be working to see that this does not happen.

**Arnold Gross:** This past year he was actively involved in Summerfest on the T-shirt Committee. This will be his first year serving on the Board, and he will co-chair the Public Safety Committee.

**Joyce Gross:** A Philadelphia native, she has been a St. Charles Avenue resident for 6 1/2 years. Her motivation is the reduction of crime in our neighborhood and a desire to see the vacant D.O.T. property developed. She begins her 4th term on the Board, currently serving as the St. Charles/Greenwood Representative. Joyce was our Public Safety Chairperson for the last 3 1/2 years and still remains a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee to Zone 6.

**Steve Jagers:** He has been involved in the neighborhood for many years and has served on the Board in the past as a Planning & Zoning Chairperson. He will continue to work in this area.

**Janet Jordan:** A resident of Atkins Park since 1988, she has been involved with the group attempting to rejuvenate the Atkins Park Neighborhood Association. "Elected" VP at Atkins Park's August meeting, she automatically became a Virginia-Highland Board member. Feeling inexperienced and ignorant, she hopes to learn fast by studying neighborhood history and listening at Board meetings.

**Debbie Skopczynski:** As a relatively new resident of Virginia-Highland, she has experienced the advantages and disadvantages of having a business community almost literally in her backyard. She wanted to become active in the community because she is particularly interested in changing the image of VAHI from a "great place to party on weekends," to a "great place to live." During the next year, she will be in a learning mode - getting to know her neighbors, their issues and the complexities of city government. As a member of the Planning and Zoning Committee, she will be working for long-term solutions to parking problems in the heart of the neighborhood.

**Bruce Taylor:** This will be his first year serving on the Board of Trustees. He will be Co-chair of the Public Safety Committee.



It began with an introduction of the current board members and an update of the committee reports. Then came our annual recognition of outstanding volunteers for the neighborhood. The following "Certificates of Appreciation" were awarded:

Betsy Carson	Summerfest
Ray Couch	Organizing First Neighborhood Patrol
Steve Jagers	Zoning
Stephanie Coffin	Parks and Landscaping
Wayne Glover	Summerfest
(Southtrust Bank)	
Mary Jo Peed	Newsletter
Deborah Cox	Newsletter
Beth & Jett Marks	Re-establishing Newsletter
J.D. Christy	Overall involvement

The "Volunteer of the Year Award" went to Tim Shirley of the Virginia-Highland Baptist Church for his and the church's outstanding contribution to the community. This included the use of church space for the John Howell Park Project, for Summerfest, and for other neighborhood functions.

A special thanks to all those who have put a lot of their time and effort into our neighborhood!!

The next part of the meeting was "New Business." A motion was carried that allows no funds to be allocated until an operating budget is approved within 60 days of the election of the new Board members. A proposal for making funding requests was discussed but no vote was taken.

The election followed. There were 12 nominees to fill nine positions, and the following people were elected:

J.D. Christy	Amy Waterman	Steve Jagers
Jett Marks	Winnie Currie	Arnold Gross
Bruce Taylor	Debbie Scopzynski	

Joyce Gross and Janet Jordan will represent St. Charles/Greenwood and Atkins Park, respectively.

The last issue discussed at the meeting was the adoption of the new by-laws (which you no doubt read and studied in the previous issue of the Voice). A motion was made to adopt the new by-laws as proposed, and it passed by a vote of 31 to 8, with 3 abstentions. A special meeting was called for the next general meeting to discuss some issues of the by-laws that were in dispute. The meeting was then adjourned.



# RECYCLE

## T O D A Y

By Nan Hunter

Well, it was Monday morning and as I took my son Bradley to school, I saw the new white recycling truck on its route. I must say I am so relieved the City of Atlanta has undertaken this task at long last. Certain blocks of Virginia-Highland have almost 100% participation!! If you've received your black recycling bin, use it. If you have only several recyclable items each week, then find more on the street or at work or let your neighbors in apartment houses share your bin. A friend of ours lives in a high-rise downtown and brings her "stuff" to us each week. But remember, the city picks up only glass, aluminum, newspaper and tin. Keep taking your magazines and corrugated cardboard to Sevananda or the DeKalb Farmer's Market.

**Tax Write Off.** Anyone renovating their heating system and need to unplug your cast iron steam radiators? If so, your neighbor, George Beasley, who heads the sculpture department at Georgia State University, will gladly assist you. He reuses them in sculpture projects and would love to hear from you. He'll even see that your contribution is tax deductible. Now are you interested? Call him at 651-2433.

**Reminder.** Save your toilet paper and paper towel rolls, plastic yogurt and margarine containers, and other "collectibles" without the proper recyclable by-products, and take them to The Center for Puppetry Arts on Spring Street. They need and appreciate all they receive.

**Aside.** Kudos to the Marriott's Atlanta Airport Hotel which purchased a cardboard baler and now saves \$25,000 each year in addition to keeping 18 tons of cardboard out of our land fill. The hotel also has three glass crushers and takes all their aluminum cans to the College Park Fire Department. The fire department contributes the money to the Burned Children's Fund at Grady Hospital. Our Va-Hi Fire Department does the same.

**Don't forget.** Call Clark Gregory, our neighborhood Ph.D. in composting. For \$5.00, he'll sell you a compost bin complete with instructions so you can dump all your leaves (first mow them to turn them into mulch) and combine them with your veggie shavings and coffee grounds and, voila, luscious soil for your springtime garden!!

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### Book Reviews

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#### Blue Hearts by Jim Lehrer

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Charles Avenue Henderson is a retired spook now running a bed and breakfast with his wife of many years. They are happy and prosperous when, suddenly, there are two attempts on his life and he has to hone his old skills for self preservation. Could one of his former co-workers be responsible? Is it possible the ex-Secretary of State is now the enemy? These retired spies are reliving their youth in one last fling at the chase, but it may not be a good game at their age. Lehrer reveals their personalities and some of his own caustic political views as we careen to the finish. He is a good storyteller with insider information, a keen intellect, and a loose, casual lifestyle he has passed on to his hero.

#### Molly Ivins Can't Say That. Can She? by Molly Ivins

Molly Ivins is a big, robust Texan possessing a delicious sense of humor spiked with a dose of cynicism and irony. She writes such truths as to make you exclaim "YES" and guffaw even in public. This book is a composition of her columns written in the 70's, 80's, and early 90's. She knows many of the political types of whom she writes, and she frequently has a fondness for them totally unrelated to her agreement with them. Admiration for the quirks of public personalities is a strong point that has allowed her to maintain a positive, optimistic attitude about our future.

Sometimes her column appears in the Atlanta Journal & Constitution; its schedule is a mystery I have yet to solve, but keep a look out for it in the vicinity of the editorial pages. Humor may be our only saving grace, so even if you don't agree with her, you can laugh. Just try to apply that theory to other editorials!



# Have You Taken Your B.A.T. Lately?

by Mike Goodman B.G.

Ok Class, take out a sheet of paper and number 1-to-10. We're having a pop quiz! Let's test your bicycle knowledge.

1. B.A.T. stands for
  - A. Breakfast at Ten
  - B. Braves are Terrific
  - C. Bicycle Aptitude Test
2. The first rule of the road for cyclist is
  - A. Make sure your bike is safe to ride
  - B. Wear a helmet
  - C. Be visible, be predictable
  - D. Ride on the right side of the road
3. The most frequent maintenance required on your bike is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. True or False. When available, a cyclist should ride on the sidewalk rather than in the street.
5. True or False. Cyclist should ride on the left side of the road against traffic.
6. The majority of bicycle/car accidents occur
  - A. At night
  - B. When cars run up on bicycles from behind
  - C. At intersections
  - D. When cyclists hit sewer grates
7. In Georgia, helmets are mandated
  - A. For all bike riders
  - B. Adults only
  - C. For children under 16
  - D. For babies in childseats
8. True or False. Children's bicycles are measured by the wheel diameter.
9. Marta will allow bicycles on the trains
  - A. Not at all
  - B. Any time
  - C. On the last car in non-rush hour times
  - D. If you bribe the operator

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## Path Foundation Announcement

On December 1, 1993, the PATH Foundation (People of Atlanta for Trails Here) will make a presentation on the progress of their efforts to build bike and pedestrian trails throughout the City of Atlanta. Construction has begun on the Stone Mountain to Atlanta Trail. This trail, which is one of the 110 miles of planned trails, will come by our neighborhood as it runs along the Freedom Park. The presentation will be at the Virginia-Highland Neighborhood Association meeting at 7:30 p.m. on December 1, 1993, at the Ponce library.

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## HAIR, FromPage 3

### RAVE (Formerly Permanent Raves)

After five years of operating a salon in Little Five Points, Rave owner, Ken Ross, decided it was time to move to a less dramatic area where customers did not view hair as a novelty. Ken thinks hair should be flattering, but fun, and has worked to create a comfortable, progressive salon. His typical customer appreciates imported beer on tap (which he serves) and enjoys listening to the Stones or maybe some Bob Dylan - in other words, mostly Baby Boomers.

Ken finds satisfaction in the communication process that he establishes with his customers. The trust this process builds allows him to use his creativity so that he and the customer are satisfied with the end result. As a VA-HI business owner, Ken would like for more residents to be aware that the VA-HI parking problem is also a major concern for the area's business owners.

Cut - \$28 women, \$21 men; Perm - \$65.

### GLORIA HAIR DESIGN

When Gloria Coffey was on her honeymoon last year in Bali (not bad, eh?), she began talking with a family that makes handcrafts native to their country. Her second business, Glorious Dream, was born. She came back, took out two of the five salon chairs and opened up an import business right in her shop.

Having travelled all over the world as a hairdresser on a cruise ship, this type of business seems a natural extension for her. Gloria grew up in VA-HI and when it came time to plant her feet on solid ground six years ago, she chose the area she knew as home.

Her salon specializes in foil highlighting and extensive consultation with her clients before any work is done. She likes pleasing people and is especially satisfied when she can help her customers be happy with themselves. As far as neighborhood issues go, she would like to see businesses outside of the VA-HI corner included to a greater extent in neighborhood activities.

Cut - women \$33, men \$23; Perm - \$65;  
Foil - \$60-\$75; Natural Botanic (like Henna) - \$45.



## John Howell Park Project

By Jerry Bright, Director  
John Howell Park Project

It has been a busy summer for the John Howell Park Project volunteers. The most notable accomplishment was obtaining a \$10,000 grant from the City of Atlanta Parks and Recreation Department. The funds are specifically targeted for that portion of the Contributors Walkway which is located at the Barnett Street end of the Park. Installation of the first 200 inscribed pavers is being scheduled for early 1994. The pavers will permanently recognize our neighbors, their families and friends for their civic pride and personal commitment toward community development. It would be great to have an installation ceremony, maybe with a few famous "personalities," so watch the next issue of the VOICE for an announcement.

Over the last few months, a great deal of energy has been devoted to providing information on the John Howell Park Project to a broader base of donors and organizations. Recognizing the limits of the Park Project's check book, we have up until this point focused on free media exposure. The John Howell Park Project has been featured on GCTV Channel 12, Etcetera Magazine, and in the Atlanta Journal/Constitution City Life, Midtown Edition. The latter article confused the Contributors Walkway with the memorial area dedicated to "Those Lives Affected by AIDS"; however, we are extremely pleased to see the Atlanta Journal/Constitution taking an interest in a neighborhood effort.

To say the least, we sure could use some professional assistance in establishing a marketing program either on a volunteer or fee basis. So if the community has any suggestions, please call Rick Porter, Project Manager, at 876-0105. We also would encourage you to come by the Park Project Office at the Virginia-Highland Baptist Church and meet the Board members. We typically have our meetings the first Monday of the month at 7:30 PM. Due to holidays or other events, however, the meeting date may be rescheduled. Call ahead to make sure.

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## Inman Middle School News

By Mary Abston - Co-President/PTA

As you drive along Virginia Avenue, be sure to notice Inman's beautiful new sign. Winer Construction Company, a member of the Midtown Alliance and one of Inman's business partners, helped Inman acquire the sign. Thus, we will now be able to inform the entire community about "what's happening at Inman." Many, many thanks to Patty Nalley of the Midtown Alliance for coordinating this effort.

Also, we are most grateful to BellSouth for their grant to Inman which has helped fund the sign and provide transportation to PTA functions for students and their families who live in the Techwood Homes area.

Inman's new addition is almost finished. We hope to be in the four new classrooms and cafeteria by the end of October. The new space is greatly needed and will be wonderful.

Inman has received several grants for education this year. One of the most exciting is the grant from Clark Atlanta University. A computer will be placed in every math and science classroom. In addition, Clark AU students will be at Inman during this school year to implement the curriculum they wrote utilizing these computers. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students, and we are grateful to Clark AU.

Once again Inman has an active and involved PTA Board. The officers are: Co-Presidents—Mary Abston and Charlie Stanford; Vice Presidents elect—Ruth and Al Caproni; Vice President for Fundraising—Susan Fisher; Vice President for Parent Involvement—Virginia Naylor; Secretary—Janie Boyter; and Treasurer—Marnie McMurray. They are joined by a host of committee chairs and members.

If you have any questions, please call Inman at 853-4017 and ask any board member to call you.



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## Morningside Elementary PTA

By Debbie Miller - PTA President

Morningside Elementary is changing every day! Drive by and look at the construction which began June 14 as scheduled. Within a week the work was well underway to build additional classrooms, which will be finished in the summer of 1994.

School started on August 23rd with the highest enrollment ever. Thus, the days of August and September have been filled with Open Houses, parent coffees, and the Gift Wrap Sale, as well as selling hot dogs at Kroger, and cleaning up the school.

During the '93-'94 school year, the PTA is allocating more and more funds for science and math enrichment. In addition to purchasing computer and science supplies, a "Mr. Wizard" arrived in October and a Super Science Day is being planned.

There are many people who volunteer countless hours thereby enabling Morningside Elementary School to do all that it does for the students. This participation makes the school such a wonderful community. Thank you to all these volunteers, and a special thanks to the MLPA for its generous donation to our tutoring program. Last, but not at all least, thanks to our wonderful corporate sponsors - ANSLEY KROGER and BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF GEORGIA - which help so much with curriculum enrichment and special events.

## ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALENDAR FOR 1993 - 1994

August 23 .....	School Begins
September 6 .....	Labor Day/Holiday for Students
October 29 .....	Teacher Planning Day/Holiday for Students
November 24-26 .....	Thanksgiving Holidays for Students
December 18-Jan. 2 ..	Winter Holidays for Students
January 17-18 .....	M.L. King, Jr. Holiday & Planning Day/Holiday for Students
February 21 .....	Planning Day/Holiday for Students
March 18 .....	Planning Day/Holiday for Students
April 4-8 .....	Spring Holidays for Students
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	May	June	July	Aug
Assault	15	8	14	14
Auto Theft	13	6	9	9
Commercial Burglary	0	1	1	4
General Larceny	16	7	16	10
Homicide	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0
Residential Burglary	8	6	14	20
Robbery	2	2	5	16
Vehicular Larceny	19	16	38	31



# Seize the Chance of A Lifetime!

By Mary Jo Peed

The VOICE knows that you are out there composing sentimental, witty or serious prose, short or long, imaginary or real. The VOICE knows that you people really want to see your work in print so the editors of the VOICE wish to announce:

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An essay contest will take place between the 4th quarter of 1993 and the 1st quarter of 1994. The VOICE will gladly accept all literary entries on the topic of "A Memorable Moment from Life in an Intown Neighborhood." All pieces should be typed, not more than two pages single-spaced (8 1/2 by 11), and they should be submitted to the VOICE on or before January 15, 1994. The VOICE editors will select the lucky winners whose work will be run in subsequent editions of the VOICE. All entries become the property of the VOICE and those not selected will not be returned.

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Sleepytime	3-5	Wednesdays	Nov. 17, 24; Dec. 1, 8	7 PM
Fun Science - Crafts By Me	5-12	Tuesday	Nov. 30	3:30 PM -- Reservations Required
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### B.A.T., From Page 7

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## Non-Fiction Book Review

By Jett Marks

### **Your Money or Your Life** By Joe Dominguez and Vicki Robin

This is the book that asks the soul-searching and perhaps painful question, "Are we trading our lives for money?" However painful talk about money and the lack of it may seem, the authors' prescription for answering that question leaves us upbeat and hopeful that we can change our relationship with money for the better. Plus, it is uncanny how environmentally as well as fiscally sound their ten-step process is. By following their steps, you will save the world, one check-book at a time.

The starting point is awareness - putting all purchases in terms of what the authors call "life-energy." Life-energy is a measure

of how many hours of your life you must give up in order to enjoy a purchase. After evaluating purchases in terms of life-energy and tracking this over a period of time, you can expect an average of a 20% reduction in expenses. You simply stop choosing to purchase goods and services that are not worth your time.

The book then goes on to show how you can build capital to the point where you can live off the interest. You may not care to be financially independent (not having to work for a living) or you may not care to be able to devote most of your time to friends, family, or volunteer activities, but the carrot is placed there for you to look at and consider.

How does this help the environment? Where there is excessive cost, you can usually find something that hurts the environment: over-packaging of goods, personal automobiles versus bicycles or public transportation, single use items versus reusable items, produce shipped from across the continent versus locally grown. The key concept to saving both the earth and our check-

book is living off the interest instead of borrowing against capital. Capital put to work will provide enough interest to sustain us just as the resources of the earth will sustain us as long as we do not exploit and squander them.

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## SUMMERFEST'94

By J.D. Christy

The December meeting of the VHCA will be dedicated to discussions about Summerfest '94.

Summerfest '93 was very successful and brought the community a substantial return for the investment and effort. But where do we go from here? Should we enlarge Summerfest, make it smaller, or leave it as it is? Should it stay in John Howell Park or does it need to be moved? We have heard diverse opinions ranging from "let's see if we can draw 100,000 people next year" to "let's go back to the old annual neighborhood cookout."

To avoid misunderstandings down the road, residents (owners and renters) and

business owners and operators all need to have input from the start of the process should we decide to hold Summerfest again. The meeting is December 1 at the Ponce Library at 7:30 p.m. Be there!

## Shop For A Good Cause

By Tinka Green

Window to the World, sponsored by the Mennonite Church, has opened at 1056 St. Charles Avenue. This is a unique concept to

provide a commercial marketplace for craftspeople from all over the world. Most of the people who work for this non-profit organization are volunteers who assist the craftspeople with product development, marketing advice, and actually selling the products in North American shops.

Craftspeople in the country of origin set the purchase price for their crafts which allows them to earn a living and take care of their families in these times of prevailing world poverty. It's a good way to fight unjust living conditions and preserve many ancient arts and indigenous crafts where the struggle for food can put them in jeopardy.

And, happily, it also gives us access to many charming gifts, all hand-made crafts including Christmas decorations, jewelry, baskets and carvings. There are a lot of things for children, stocking stuffers, and beautiful, exotic things to covet. Even if you are short on musical skills, you will be able to play the selection of instruments. Maybe we could start a no-talent neighborhood band and perform for various benefits. Maybe Not!

If you have some spare time, you can volunteer your services at the shop. Another way to keep the arts alive and well.

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