

### 3rd Workhouse Fire In Week Sends Prisoner To Hospital

By Robert L. Johnson  
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An inmate at the City Workhouse started a fire in his maximum security cell Friday afternoon in an apparent attempt to convince officials to keep him in isolation for a month in lieu of protection from other inmates, authorities said.

It was the third fire at the 700 East Olive, near the 400 block of North Avenue, in the last week. In the latest incident, Marty Lake, 19, of the 608 block of Lafayette Avenue, was treated for smoke inhalation at Christ Hospital after he was thrown about 4 p.m. Friday.

Workhouse personnel evacuated the flames before firefighters arrived at the scene. Police said other inmates were confined to the cafeteria and gymnasium when the fire broke out. Lake called on the first floor of the workhouse.

The inmates were admitted to Barnes Hospital after one of them started a fire in their cell Thursday afternoon. One of the inmates, Robert Starks, 17, of the 106 block of North Avenue, remains in critical condition at the hospital. His relatives, James Meyer, 31, of the 608 block of Lafayette Avenue, has been released.

Also Thursday, James Foster, 26, of the 608 block of Lafayette Avenue, was thrown about 4 p.m. Friday.

Edward F. Tripp, commissioner of the city corrections, said Lake could not be kept in isolation because he was so badly injured that he had to be taken to Barnes Hospital.

"I give them false reassurances and blankets which are flammable," Tripp said. "If a fire starts, we have to be prepared to choose to drain the cell or to contain a fire, then's little that we can do."

He said the inmates started the fire in an attempt to convince officials not to take them out of the maximum security cell.

"They are placed in isolation when they cause workhouse noise," he said. "But they get to the point where they want to remain in isolation. They try to do things to attract outside attention, hoping it will allow them to remain in isolation."

In all instances, the prisoners started the fires to keep from getting hauled. If you have inmates out there, you do things to try to stay in isolation longer."

### County Steps Up Child-Abuse Fight

By Claudia MacLachlan  
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

St. Louis family officials announced a new conference Friday that they have begun new provisions to improve investigations and prosecution in child-abuse cases.

The officials, gathered at the County's Juvenile Court Center in Clayton, said a statutory change that was put into effect Jan. 1 makes it possible for Missouri's Division of Family Services, employees in child abuse cases, to add police officers to their ranks. The change allows police officers to investigate family service workers who could alert police to child abuse cases.

County police investigators will investigate family service workers to screen cases, which account for about 25 percent of the division's caseload, said St. Louis social services administrator for the county's family service division, Miss. Mink said.

Family service workers investigated 1,100 complaints last year and expect an increase of 300 complaints this year, she said. Police will be in the county's offices in cases where a family member is cooperative. In the past, she said, family service workers sometimes had to drop a case because they had no way to force families to cooperate. The presence of a detective with the family service worker will ensure some to be more forthcoming.

The program so far involves only the investigation phase of the case, but police officers will be able to investigate child abuse cases, she said. Police officers will be able to investigate child abuse cases, she said. Police officers will be able to investigate child abuse cases, she said.

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**Maplewood Officials Stay On Ballot**

Maplewood Mayor Henry Leising and Councilman Mark R. Stallmann will be on Tuesday's ballot for re-election, despite a last-minute effort to remove them. A St. Louis County Circuit Court judge dismissed a suit Friday brought by Maplewood Councilman Robert C. Quinn, who argued that the two filed for re-election before normal City Hall business hours. County Circuit Judge Edward L. Sprague said removing the two from the ballot just days before the election would have a drastic measure.

**County Reassessment Starts Next Week**

The first general reassessment of St. Louis County real estate in two decades officially will begin next week, as County Executive Gene McNary has signed into law a \$4 million budget for the first year of the \$147 million project. The County Council approved McNary's proposed budget. There will be no property tax changes. Only a small part of the \$1 million actually will be paid by the county — the rest will be provided by the state and other governmental authorities that get their revenues from the tax. New assessments on the county's 300,000 parcels of real property will go on the books in 1984, along with new assessments throughout Missouri.

**Sentenced in Holdups, Faces Mental Tests**

Wade T. McGruder of Maryland Heights, who pleaded guilty two weeks ago of armed robbery at three St. Louis County savings associations, has been ordered to undergo 90 days of mental tests at a federal prison hospital. The tests were ordered Friday by U.S. District Judge Clyde S. Cavill. The judge also imposed a conditional 10-year prison sentence. Cavill said he would review the sentence when he receives the results of the tests. McGruder, 23, lives in the 2108 block of McKelvey Hill Drive.

**Judge Shuts Driver Training Operation**

A St. Louis County circuit judge on Friday closed a truck-driver training service in Brentwood and ordered the owner, Joe Edithoff, to return tuition advance he accepted. The action came after an investigation of the American Truck and Heavy Equipment Training Service by the state attorney general's office. Circuit Judge Robert C. J. Bonner gave the owner a year to reimburse money he accepted after promising to enroll prospective students in various schools so that they could leave on trucks or operate heavy equipment.

**Howard L. May Funeral Services Monday**

Funeral services for Howard L. May, a resident of 4333 Delmar Road, died Jan. 29, will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at St. John's United Methodist Church, 5008 Washington Avenue. Burial will follow at Valley View Cemetery, 3908 St. Charles Road.

Mr. May, 81, died Thursday at St. Luke's Hospital-East, 5333 Delmar Road. He was a member of the congregation of St. John's United Methodist Church and a former member of the board of directors of Kingdom House, 1232 South Eleventh Street.

**correction**

A Post-Dispatch article on Friday incorrectly stated that the Internal Revenue Service has office hours on Saturdays. The IRS doesn't have regular Saturday hours, but has special hours for taxpayers.

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Charlie Kraugh, a Dixieland drummer from the old Gaiuslight Square days, belts out rhythm at Friday night's opening of Gaiuslight Square at the Chase Park Plaza Hotel.

### Happy Crowds Enjoy Gaslight 'Heaven'

By Linda Erdley  
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

Friday night's opening of Gaiuslight Square at the Chase Park Plaza Hotel was a success, with happy crowds enjoying the music and the atmosphere.

The event was held at the Chase Park Plaza Hotel, which was transformed into a music venue. The night was filled with live music, including Dixieland jazz and blues.

Charlie Kraugh, a Dixieland drummer, was one of the featured performers. He played with a band that included other well-known musicians.

The atmosphere was festive, with many people dancing and socializing. The event was a well-attended success, marking the beginning of a new music scene in the area.

### Music For Basset Horns At Conservatory

By Frank Peters  
Post-Dispatch Music Editor

The St. Louis Conservatory of Music is presenting a concert of music for basset horns at the conservatory.

The concert will feature a variety of pieces, including classical and contemporary works. The performers are some of the finest musicians in the area.

The conservatory is a premier institution for music education, and this concert is a testament to the high quality of its programs.

### Holdup Victims In Man Shot Fatally By Police

A 30-year-old man who was killed in a shooting while in custody of police officers last week has been identified by St. Louis police as the man who was shot.

The victim was identified as James R. Johnson, who was shot by police officers during a holdup. Johnson was taken to a hospital, but he died of his wounds.

The police are investigating the case and are looking for anyone who has information about the shooting.

### Bi-State Bus Ridership Declines 17.6 Percent

Bi-State buses carried 17.6 percent fewer riders in the last half of last year than they did in the same period in 1979.

The decline was attributed to a variety of factors, including a recession and a decrease in the number of people traveling.

Bi-State officials are looking for ways to increase ridership and are considering new routes and services.

### Lottery Number

CHICAGO (UPI) — The winning number drawn Friday in the Illinois Lottery's Daily Game was 10.

The winning number was 10, which is a common number in lotteries.

The Illinois Lottery is a popular form of entertainment, and the daily game is one of the most popular.

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