

Opening of a 10-bed short-term evaluation and treatment center for the homeless mentally ill. He said such a treatment center would be used for those patients who do not need hospital care but require more services than they could be given as outpatients.

An agency will be sought to provide space for the center, and the state will purchase services from the agency.

He later said the publicity he was referring to was the series of Globe-Democrat articles.

The Rev. Larry Rice, also speaking at a news conference at Malcolm Bliss Mental Health Center, praised Ahr and the Department of Mental Health for taking some "very direct steps toward some very viable solutions" in dealing with the homeless mentally ill.

### Crime roundup

## 2 North St. Louis men killed in separate shootings in city

Two North St. Louis men were fatally wounded in separate shootings Thursday night and early Friday, police said.

The body of Odell Hayden, 32, of 3937 Lincoln Ave., was discovered by a passer-by at 3 a.m. Friday in the rear of a home in the 5700 block of Saloma Ave.

Hayden, described by police as a narcotics dealer, had been shot several times in the chest, police said. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Police believe the killing was drug related.

Stanford Bell, 27, was fatally wounded when a man and woman entered his home at 9:45 p.m. Thursday. Bell was shot in the back as he ran into a bedroom, police said.

Bell was pronounced dead at Barnes Hospital at 11:18 p.m. Police had no motives in the killing.

### St. Louis County

● A Michigan man was robbed of \$1,300 by two men armed with knives on the parking lot of the Sheraton Inn at Westport Plaza late Thursday night, St. Louis County police reported.

Mark H. Velasquez, 28, of Plymouth, Mich., told police he was walking across the lot about 11:30 p.m. to get something to eat when he was approached by two men. One man grabbed his hair and bent

his arm behind his back. In the ensuing struggle, Velasquez was cut on the left arm and stomach, according to St. Louis County Detective Richard Seymour.

The robbers fled on foot with Velasquez's wallet, Seymour said.

Velasquez was treated at DePaul Community Health Center and released, police said. A sign language interpreter was called in to assist officers interviewing the victim, who is deaf and can speak only a few words, Seymour said.

He told police he was carrying eight \$100 bills and two signed money orders for \$250 each in his wallet. He said his hotel room had been broken into on his last business trip to St. Louis a few weeks ago, and he had decided to keep all his cash with him.

Velasquez told police he was in town to do some business with a local firm which makes components for satellite television reception.

The two robbers wore black clothing, police said.

The bandit who grabbed Velasquez was described as about age 26, 6 feet tall, weighing 200 pounds. He had greasy hair, a thin mustache and thin lips.

The other robber was described as age 24 or 25, thin and about 5 feet 8 inches tall. He had a long thin nose and short hair.

## Board stresses criteria for next school chief

The next city school superintendent should agree with the metropolitan voluntary desegregation plan, be able to work well with teachers and other subordinates, and be a good fiscal manager, school board members said Friday night.

These issues were raised repeatedly by board members addressing a team of four consultants who will assist in the search for a successor to Robert E. Wentz. Wentz is resigning to become superintendent of Clark County, Nev., schools effective July 1.

The consultants have sought opinions from 17 groups, including businessmen, teachers, city officials and others since Wednesday.

AT A FRIDAY afternoon public hearing, a number of speakers favored selecting the new superintendent from within the St. Louis school system.

Joseph W.B. Clark, chairman of the court-appointed Desegregation Monitoring and Advisory Committee, said that the next superintendent should be professionally prepared "to educate poor kids" because the system "is about 79 percent black and probably 85 percent poor."

He noted that superintendents prior

to Wentz, who was hired in 1975 from a California district, had been chosen from among the St. Louis system's own administrators.

In 1975 and now, the second-ranking administrator in the system is black, Clark noted.

"I'M NOT SAYING that the only person who can administer a system that is 79 percent black has to be black ... but he has to have had administrative experience in a district that is black and poor," Clark explained.

Attendance at the two public sessions—Thursday and Friday totaled about 50.

The final sessions for the consultants will be with community and parent organizations from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the Health Careers High School, 1530 South Grand Blvd. The sessions are open to the public.

The consultant team, headed by Carroll F. Johnson, senior consultant for the National School Boards Association, will make a preliminary report on applicants to the board July 20, and recommend from five to seven finalists by Sept. 20. The deadline for applications will be Aug. 2.

One resident, nine police officers and one fireman were hospitalized after officials evacuated at least a dozen residents during a three-alarm fire at the Carleton Apartments, 4616 Lindell Blvd, late Friday afternoon. One other resident was treated for smoke inhalation at the scene.

City Fire Marshal Thomas Long said the fire started in a closet in Room 207 of the 53-unit building just east of Kingshighway Boulevard.

Patrolman Michael Ruggeri and his partner Patrolman Michael Ciarro said they saw smoke coming from the second floor during a regular patrol. The two called for help, and police officers evacuated the building, police said.

THE FIRE CAUSED smoke damage to most of the four-story building, and charred much of the second and third floor. Room 207 had extensive fire damage, Long said.

It took 10 minutes for firefighters to control the blaze after their arrival, Long said.

The cause of the fire is undetermined, but investigators say there is no evidence of arson.

All of the injured were treated for smoke inhalation. The fireman and police officers were taken by ambulance to St. Louis University Hospital. One resident, Eugene Jacques, 76, was treated at Jewish Hospital and reported in stable



The drawing of the man sought

## Police have sketch of possible slayer

Police have released a composite drawing of the man sought in the slaying of Jo Ann Tate and the stabbing of her two daughters in their Hyde Park apartment April 27.

The description, released late Friday, is of a man police believe was once been a boyfriend of Mrs. Tate. The description was supplied by acquaintances of Mrs. Tate.

The suspect is a white male, age 20 to 35, with a thin build and dark hair. He is 5 feet, 10 inches tall. He may have driven a yellow cab in the summer of 1981. He may frequent areas of North St. Louis and Metro East—specifically Granite City—and goes by the name of Bill.

The suspect or his relatives may live near a park with a gold-colored merry-go-round, a swing with horses on chains, a sliding board and monkey bars.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the homicide division of the St. Louis Police department at 314-444-5371.

Mrs. Tate, who was found with a single stab wound to the chest in her apartment at 1418 Farrar St., was sexually assaulted after her death, according to the medical examiner. The examiner described the slaying as a "vicious assault."

Mrs. Tate's brother found her daughters, Melissa Davis, 7, and Rene Tate, 4, were found wounded in bed.

Police speculated then that the 35-year-old woman knew her assailant because there was no sign of robbery or forced entry.

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