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2013 Summer Concert Series

Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council (SDCC) and the West End Arts Council (WEAC) are excited to announce the 2013 Concert Series schedule! All Skinker DeBaliviere residents and visitors from around the St. Louis area are encouraged to join us for this year's exciting concert series—bring a friend or the whole family!

All concerts will take place from 6pm-9pm in the Greg Freeman Park Four Corners Park (next to 6008 Kingsbury Ave. at Des Peres Ave.). Skinker DeBaliviere's Famous BBQ will be available for sale. All proceeds will be donated to SDCC/WEAC to help cover the artists' fees.

Our 2013 Summer Concert Series lineup is:

Saturday June 29, 6-9pm: Non-Stop Reggae

We are thrilled to open our summer series with one of St. Louis's best-known reggae bands! Non-Stop Reggae has played for the St. Louis area since 1998 and will perform an exciting combination of classic roots rock reggae and modern reggae dance hits suitable for all to enjoy.

Website: <http://tinyurl.com/nonstopreggae>

Tuesday August 6, 6-9pm: Polyphony Marimba

Our second concert celebrates National Night Out and will feature a nationally touring marimba ensemble from Santa Fe, NM that touts a unique multi-generational membership. Its music "vibrantly conveys a deeply personal contemporary sensibility, while drawing from the ancient rhythms and melodies of southern Africa."

Website: <http://www.polyphonymarimba.com/>

Saturday September 21, 6-9pm: Hudson and the Hoo Doo Cats

For our final concert of the summer we will welcome one of St. Louis's favorite local JumpSwinginRockinBoogieBluesaBilly band. Hudson and the Hoo Doo Cats focus on swingin' shufflin' blues, 50s rock & roll and rockabilly, and medium tempo dance music such as West Coast, Lindy Hop, Imperial and more.

Website: <http://www.hudsonandthehoodoocats.com/>

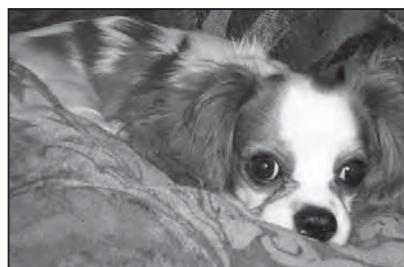


More Summer Events

Tuesday, June 4: Dog Show

7pm. [Greg Freeman Park next to 6008 Kingsbury Ave. at Des Peres Ave.]

You & your pup are invited to a Dog Show (& even if you don't have a dog....come!:) There will be prizes for fluffiest dog, biggest and smallest dog, best trick, & more!



"What is this dog thinking?"—see page 8 for answer.

Saturday, June 15th: Tai Chi

9-10am [Greg Freeman Park next to 6008 Kingsbury Ave. at Des Peres Ave.]

Tai Chi is practiced for health, relaxation, stress reduction, and for other health benefits like breathing, balance, and anxiety relief. Sifu Herb Parran will lead a class that is very good for beginners and will consist of some meditation, Chinese health exercises, breathing exercises (called Chi Gong), and some simple Tai Chi movements that don't require memory or prior experience. You can learn more about Sifu Herb and Tai Chi on his website: <http://traditionaltaiji.com/>

Mid to End of June: First CSA Pickup

[SDCC Office, 6008 Kingsbury Ave. at Des Peres Ave.]

Throughout the summer and fall, Lee Farms delivers a weekly share of produce to Skinker DeBaliviere residents (and nearby residents) who have signed up to receive a box all season! The first delivery for 2013 is anticipated for the 2nd or 3rd week of June, with pickups taking place Thursday evenings at the SDCC Office.

Neighborhood Kids to Create Skink

by Tim Woodcock

Kids who live in Skinker-DeBaliviere are invited June 15 to take part in an art workshop that will result in the creation of a new mascot for the neighborhood.

Working with professional artist Jenny Murphy, children aged 5 to 14 will create a large scale skink, or lizard, that will be displayed on top of the kiosk at the southeast corner of Kingsbury and Des Peres.

Children will also get the chance to make their own animals out of recycled materials that they can take home.

The event is sponsored by Skinker-DeBaliviere Arts Council, formerly known as the West End Arts Council. The event will take place at the 5949 Kingsbury Art Studio from 9 a.m. to noon June 15. There is a limited number of spots at the workshop and it is filling up fast.

Call the SDCC office at (314) 862-5122 or email sdcc@skinker-debaliviere.com for more information.

Des Peres School to Serve as New Magnet

by Lana Stein

The St. Louis Public Schools will reopen the Des Peres school this fall for the freshman class of a new magnet high school, the Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience. Seventy pupils will be enrolled, including a number from St. Louis County through the Voluntary Desegregation Program. The principal, Chip Clatto, told the SDCC Board of Directors on May 13 that there will also be students coming from nonpublic schools in the city. The school will be focused on health careers and bioscience. Professors from Washington University and Saint Louis University schools of medicine have agreed to work with this new school. The students will have been screened by grades and integrity. The school will offer honors courses. Freshmen will take physics. They will also perform 100 hours of community service.

Most students will arrive on busses. Students from the county may arrive in cabs or be dropped off by parents. Drop-offs will occur in the school parking lot and the busses will not go down Westminster according to the principal. The hours of the school will be 8am to 3pm.

Clatto was named principal on January 3. He has taught at Gateway Industrial High School and taught gifted classes in the 1990s. He has also served as assistant principal at Gateway and at Saint Louis University High School. He said that staff for the magnet are being selected using best practices.

Clatto said that the school would communicate with the SDCC on a regular basis. The use of Des Peres School is expected to be 2 years although plans are not definite. The St. Louis Public Schools hope to locate a permanent facility in the city's emerging biotech corridor by the Cortex facility on Forest Park Ave.

If you'd like to sign up or learn more, visit <http://tinyurl.com/csasdcc>.

Saturday, August 17: Rags to Riches Neighborhood Yard Sale

[Starts at Grace Methodist Parking Lot & Continues to Various Skinker DeBaliviere Homes]

Rosedale Neighborhood Association and Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council (SDCC) present Rags to Riches, "The Ultimate Yard Sale" featuring lots of great sale items!

For information on registering your front yard or a vendor spot, keep an eye on the SDCC website (<http://www.skinker-debaliviere.com/>) or contact the SDCC Office at (314) 862-5122.

Check our website for the most up-to-date information on SDCC events and neighborhood happenings: <http://www.skinker-debaliviere.com/>

Editor's Notebook

by Lana Stein

This is a time of change for two very venerable Skinker DeBaliviere institutions. First is our own Times. For several years, JoAnn Vatcha has located new writers for the Times and expanded the ad base. In order to expand these efforts, Rachel and Matt Boxdorfer hosted a get-together for interested parties on May 9. Their living room was filled by neighbors, some new to us. David Whiteman and Liz Pund from the SDCC were also present. There was enthusiasm and also a desire to return popular features from the past such as macho menus and neighbor profiles. Hopefully, there will be more institutional coverage as well. This event had been advertised in *The Times* and on the web. If there are some readers who could not attend and would like to be part of the city's oldest neighborhood newspaper please let us know. We will announce new bylines and new coverage in our Sept. issue. One addition can be announced now: Sean and Cristina McGroarty have accepted the challenge as Restaurant Reviewers. You'll see the review of popular Tavolo V on page 7 of this issue, following their enthusiastic review of Mission Taco in the April-May issue. *The Times* began as *The Paper* in 1970. We are excited to continue this remarkable run with new features and writers.

The Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council (founded in 1966) will also confront change beginning in January 2014. It is funded by neighbor support, institutional support (St. Roch, Grace Methodist, New Cote Brilliante, and Washington University) and federal Community Development Block Grant funds dispersed by St. Louis' Community Development Administration (CDA). Because of changes and cutbacks to federal funding, there will be new guidelines for funding and specific eligibility categories, and there will be competition for funding. Salaries can only be part of various projects. The Council is awaiting guidelines and will face many decisions. *The Times* will keep you posted

We have a rather remarkable diverse neighborhood that has been well-served by the Council and the independent newspaper. May the coming changes only be an enhancement.

Legislative Update

Three bills sponsored by Sen. Joe Keaveny, D-St. Louis, are headed to the governor's desk. Senate Bill 99 makes a number of changes to state election laws. The measure started as a simple bill to make the St. Louis City Public Administrator an appointed position rather than an elected position. It allows for the printing of the state manual or "Blue Book," which was discontinued a couple of years ago and is currently available only on the Internet.

Sen. Keaveny also sponsored Senate Bill 100, which is headed to the governor to be signed into law. The measure protects money from an individual's health savings account, retirement savings or an inherited account from being attached in bankrupt proceedings. The final bill passed by Sen. Keaveny is SB 69, which will allow hearing officers to make corrections to child support orders in order to improve efficiency in the court system and keep families out of court.

"Though we had many accomplishments this session, the failure to expand Medicaid and receive federal dollars as well as create new jobs is disappointing. In addition, failing to include early childhood education in the foundation formula continues to be a detriment for young children who need tools found in preschool in order to be successful in school later on."

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You may not always see Joe Edwards in a moonsuit, as he wore for the "grand opening" of the New Moon Room at the Moonrise Hotel, but you can visit the great rooftop space at these upcoming events:

Garbage Bag Gala - A Benefit for the STL Salvation Army - July 26, 2013

7:00PM - 11:00PM
 All proceeds from the event go to the Salvation Army. Experience the annual event that always makes the news. You won't believe the fashion show which is all clothing made from garbage bags and recycled materials couture to silly. Visit the St. Louis Salvation Army website for ticket purchases.



by Hope Edwards

Dog Days of Summer Event - a benefit for the Stray Rescue of STL - August 11, 2013

12:00PM - 4:00PM
 Join us on the Moonrise Rooftop Terrace for an afternoon with our furry friends. All ticket proceeds will go to the Stray Rescues of St. Louis no kill shelter. \$45 per person includes admittance, summer hors d'oeuvres and 2 adult beverages. Please bring your pet. Dogs must be on leashes and cats on leashes or in a carrying crate.

New at SDCC: Liz Pund

by Lana Stein

Several weeks ago Liz Pund came to work at the SDCC as the Community Engagement Coordinator. She had been interested in a community-oriented job. Away from the St. Louis area since high school, she had returned a year and a half ago and had wanted a job involving community development. Her background has prepared her for her new position. She is a graduate of Parkway Central and then attended Case-Western Reserve in Cleveland where she studied psychology and sociology. From there, she moved to Boston where she managed office operations and internal community relations for the Cambridge Innovation Center, an office community of start-ups and small businesses. Then she volunteered in St. Louis as a summer community organizer for Organizing for America. Following this position, she moved to Buenos Aires, Argentina where she lived and worked for two years.



She was interested in the job with the SDCC because Skinker-DeBaliviere is a very active, involved community. She said that "the residents take a very active role in shaping the neighborhood" and that this makes all things possible. Skinker DeBaliviere "is one of the more relevant places to be in the city." We are walkable, connected and neighborly. She is excited about helping the neighbors achieve their goals. In August, she will move to an apartment at 59xx Kingsbury.

Free Living Healthy Workshop

St. Louis Area Agency on Aging will host a six-week workshop, "Live Like Your Life Depends On It - Healthy Living", later this summer. Adults age 60 or older with long-term health conditions are invited to come learn from trained volunteer leaders and make a step-by-step plan to improve their health. The workshop sessions are held each week for six weeks and last about two-and-a-half hours. Space is limited so to sign up or to find out more, contact the SDCC office at (314) 862-5122 or liz.pund@skinker-debaliviere.com.

Guidelines for Submitting Copy

The Times welcomes unsolicited articles and letters. Because of the small size and volunteer nature of the writing staff, the quality and range of the Times has always depended in large part on submissions from non-staff area residents. Calendar listings should be phoned in to the editor at 721-7532, or mailed to 5953 Pershing Ave., 63112.

The writer is responsible for the accuracy of the data, including times, dates, location, and particularly the spelling of names. The editor retains the right to omit or alter any material. Opinions expressed in Commentaries are the opinion of the author.

Deadline for next issue: August 15, 2013. Please send copy by e-mail to jvatcha@gmail.com or by disc to 6008 Kingsbury, St. Louis, MO 63112.

Summer Concerts!

Ivory Perry Park Concerts:

Working To Bridge the Delmar Divide

The 11th annual free Outdoor Community Concerts is held every 4th Sunday during June – August, from 6-8 p.m. at Ivory Perry Park, located at 800 N. Belt, two blocks north of Delmar and Belt (down the street from Connect Care). In the event of inclement weather, the concerts will be held in the gymnasium of Connect Care, located at 5560 Enright.

June 23 -- the series kicks off with preconcert activities at 5p.m. which will include steel drumming by Nigel Thomas, health screenings, and a flea market benefitting the new west end police substation. At 6 p.m. King Omowale and the Majestic Lions will take the stage and dazzle us with their unique style of music. Their music is a fresh style that is Roots Reggae with highlights of Fusion, R&B, Contemporary Gospel and Rock. King Omowale is a Reggae icon in Los Angeles and the Caribbean.

July 28th -- features the well known Soulard Blues Band with Marty Abdullah. This blues band has toured throughout the country and the world and was voted the Best Blues Band in St. Louis by the Riverfront Times a total of fourteen times.

August 25 -- now if dancing is what you want to get up and do, then join us for Boogie Chyld, known as St. Louis' No. 1 Funk and disco band. Again pre-concert activities are at 5 p.m. and the bands will take the stage at 6 p.m.

Union Communion Ministries proudly presents the concert series, compliments of the Whitaker Foundation, Commerce Bank, The Regional Arts Commission, The Missouri Arts Council, Westminster Presbyterian Church (USA), Pilgrim Congregational Church (UCC), Union Avenue Christian Church (DOC), the 26th Ward Alderman, Frank Williamson; The Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy, the City of St. Louis, and many others. This is a unique and special event that brings people from all walks of life, race, and class together.

So grab your friends, neighbors, congregation members, and family and head on over to Ivory Perry Park with your lawn chair or blanket to experience good music and a good time. Food and beverages will be on hand for purchase along with free activities for the children. If you would like to support a local food pantry bring a non-perishable food donation to any of the concerts. For more information, visit the web site at www.ivoryperypark.com or call Archilla Buford at 314-367-2112.



More Music!

The University City Summer Band 2013 Concert Schedule has been announced:

Tuesday, June 11, Tuesday, June 18, Tuesday, June 25, Tuesday, July 9, Tuesday, July 16, Tuesday, July 23. Tom Poshak, Director

All concerts begin at 7pm at the Market in the Loop, 6655 Delmar. Some seating available or bring your own lawn chairs. For more information, go to: www.UCSummerBand.org.



The SDCC's Summer Concert Series begins on June 29 with Non-Stop Reggae. The National Night Out Concert on August features Polyphony Marimba, and the final concert of the series is scheduled for September 21 and features Hudson and the Hoo-Doo Cats.

All concerts take place at the Four Corners stage at Kingsbury and Des Peres and great BBQ is offered for sale, along with other treats. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy these free concerts right in the neighborhood.

Gateway Festival Orchestra Celebrates 50 years

The Gateway Festival Orchestra is holding a series of exceptional and free concerts at the open-air shell of the lovely, grassy Brookings Quadrangle on the WU campus Sundays in July. Each concert includes a major symphonic work and two or three smaller works. Concerts are held at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 7, July 14, and July 28.

A special note for the concert on July 28: neighborhood resident and member of the orchestra for its entire 50 years, Jan Scott, will be a featured soloist!

Bring a lawn chair or blanket for relaxing. Parking is free and plentiful, and Ted Drewes Frozen Custard is available for purchase. Children receive an attendance prize. "Notes to Munch On", a pre-concert discussion, always begins at 7:10 p.m.

The orchestra's 50th Anniversary will kickoff at the Regional Arts Commission on Saturday June 29th from 1:00-4:00. Music Memories and Munchies are Free, and a Kiddie concert begins at 2:30 at the beautiful RAC building at 6120 Delmar.

For more information, go to: www.gatewayfestivalorchestra.org.

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News of Neighbors

By Rachel Boxdorfer

Spring has been a very busy time for many Skinker DeBaliviere residents so let's get right to the point. This issue of our news has a lot of exciting stories, big names, and great photos. First of all, we often welcome new businesses (mostly restaurants) to the neighborhood in the Times, but I want to be sure to include some very exciting news that will benefit St. Louis college-bound youth. The St. Louis Graduates High School to College Center is opening at 618 N. Skinker (the building at the corner of Delmar and Skinker). Washington University has donated the space. The Center will offer assistance to students over the summer who recently graduated high school and are planning to continue their education, focusing primarily on low-income and/or first generation college-bound students. All services are free of charge. One of the coordinators of the program is Shauna Cunningham, a resident of the 6000 block of Kingsbury. Shauna also works as a guidance counselor for the St. Louis Public Schools. And the Project Manager, Laura Winter, also has ties to Skinker DeBaliviere as she is married to Willie Winter, who grew up on the 6300 block of Waterman in Parkview and went to school at St. Roch. Faith Sandler, of Scholarship Foundation fame, and resident of the 6000 block of Westminster, is a co-chair and one of the many driving forces behind the project as well.

Washington University hosted the Clinton Global Initiative University the first weekend of April. As part of the program, participants volunteered at the St. Louis Public School's Gateway Stem High School, giving the school a tremendous facelift and bringing former United States President Bill Clinton, and daughter Chelsea Clinton to the school. Principal of Gateway STEM, Beth Bender, Ph. D., had a full and exciting weekend hosting the volunteers and the Clintons at her school. Beth, a resident of the 6000 block of Kingsbury, has now been invited to attend the Clinton Global Initiative America conference in Chicago in June. We look forward to hearing about her experience there.

Also in town for the Clinton Global Initiative was Stephen Colbert, host of the Colbert Report on Comedy Central. Not many neighborhood residents realize that the Colbert family lived in Parkview for a time (1955-1960, prior to Stephen being born), when Stephen's father,



James Colbert, Jr. was dean of St. Louis University's School of Medicine. Stephen Colbert showed up on the evening of Friday, April 11th at his family's old house on the 6200 block of McPherson, and surprised Sandy and Katie Schenk who now live there. Colbert stayed for about ten minutes, toured the house, and was even text messaging a brother who remembered the house.

Another neighborhood resident, Colette Morton, of the 6100 block of Pershing, also happens to work at Gateway STEM (teaching AP Language and Sophomore English) and was also able to hear President Clinton speak at their school. But Colette is in our news for a different reason... she was selected from candidates across the country based on her application essay to attend The Florida



Humanities Council (FHC) this summer. The week-long workshop, *Jump at the Sun: Zora Neale Hurston and her Eatonville Roots*, brings educators together with distinguished historians, folklorists, and literary scholars.

Kudos go out to St. Louis author and resident of the 6100 block of Kingsbury, Margaret

Hermes, who is in the news again. Her book, *Relative Strangers*, has received second place in the Balcones Fiction Prize competition. *Relative Strangers* previously won the Doris Bawkin Book Award for Writing By a Woman.



And congratulations go out to Rachel Ebeling of the 6300 block of Waterman in Parkview and everyone involved in the Angel Band Project. Their good work with the Angel Band Project continues to draw attention to helping victims of sexual violence through music therapy. *The Ladue News* recently recognized The Angel Band Project as the Best New Charity in 2013



and will feature them in an upcoming issue. They are also in the planning phase of a music therapy program that is set to launch in the spring of 2014. And they also just hosted two benefit concerts in early May; the first at the Sheldon, and the second at the 560 Music Center. The concert featured Norbert Butz of St. Louis as the headliner. The charity began after the tragic death of Norbert's sister Teresa in Seattle. If you are not familiar with The Angel Band Project, their work, and the music, you should check it out.

Not to be forgotten when it comes to talent and news of neighbors, are the youth of the Skinker Debaliviere neighborhood. They are active and involved in all sorts of things ranging from science to music, television, and the big screen! Leading the way this issue is Anton Guidiswitz of the 6100 block of Washington and a seventh grader at St. Roch, who was recently awarded a blue ribbon at the St. Louis Science Fair for his project titled, "Of Grass and Mulch". In addition heard, he earned a special award by one of the event sponsors, MEMC,

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Daisy Hudspeth made it to the third round of the X Factor auditions in Denver. She had a great experience and then returned to St. Louis in time to graduate from Webster Groves High School. Daisy is the daughter (and step-daughter) of Dan and Monique Hudspeth of the 6000 block of McPherson. Congratulations Daisy.

News from the same block of McPherson comes from Mary Zabriskie, reporting on son Jack Hart who recently had his name on the big screen at the Tivoli when the credits roled for the indie hit *The Place Beyond the Pines*. Jack moved to Los Angeles immediately after graduation from the University of Dayton to start work at Electric City Entertainment. He worked there as an Assistant to movie producer Jamie Patricof. Recently Jack took a new job with Skydance Productions where on his second day on the new job he attended the premiere of the Skydance film *Star Trek Into Darkness*.

Katie and Paul Kurtz of the 6100 block of Kingsbury report that second son Nate graduated from Coe College on Sunday, May 12, with a double major in history and philosophy. He's traveling to Greece for the rest of May, then joining brothers Jim and Nick for the summer at Camp Mishawaka in Grand Rapids, MN, as counselors. I don't know about the rest of you, but that sounds like a perfect summer to me!

And an even younger set of neighbors are working on their skiing skills with their mom and dad. Len and Suzanne Knese of the 6100 block of Kingsbury took their daughters Chloe and Isabella to Breckenridge, Colorado for some spring skiing this year. Mom Suzanne



reports that the girls really picked up on skiing and that they enjoyed about ten inches of fresh snow while they were there.

Finishing up the news of our youth is a young man near and dear to my heart, Christian



Boxdorfer, of the 6100 block of Kingsbury. Christian ran his second half marathon on Sunday, April 7th with a time of 2:03:57. In addition, Christian raised \$1,000 for the Foster Care Coalition through the donations of many generous supporters!

As much as I love sharing news, regrettably, there is often sad news to tell as well. And so as I type, I remind myself, we should cherish and focus on the memories of people; celebrate their life, rather than dwell on the loss. On Friday, March 22nd Skinker DeBaliviere lost an old friend in Charlotte Cunningham. Charlotte lived for years on the 6100 block of Kingsbury with her father, Robert and her aunts Doris and Celestine. Tragically, Charlotte was killed after being hit by a car on Skinker outside The Dorchester where she had lived for many years.

Our condolences also go to the family of former neighbor Fredrick McKissack, who had lived for many years with his wife Patricia on the 5800 block of Pershing, who recently passed away. Fred and Pat started their writing careers working from home on Pershing, and they received many national awards for their wonderfully written biographies of African-American legends, including "Sojourner Truth: Ain't I a Woman?"

Also passing recently was Catherine Ellen Fitzmaurice at age 74. Mrs. Fitzmaurice lived with her husband Leo on the 6300 block of Waterman in Parkview for much of the 80's and 90's with their five children. Our condolences go out to the entire family.

Congratulations to the St. Louis Police Department 7th District Officer of the Year, Kelli Swinton, and welcome to our new 7th District Captain Gwendolyn Spicer - two of the women making St. Louis' Finest even better!

And ending on a happier note, as the summer weather kicks in, it is probably getting to be block party weather, so enjoy those parties, and please, send us some photos of your festivities. I know the 6000 and 6100 blocks of McPherson has set a hot date for their party on Saturday, July 13. Better have those sprinklers running for the kids! And organizers encourage others from the neighborhood to stop by and enjoy the fun too!

Do you have news to share? Please send your submissions via email with the subject line News of Neighbors to rachelb@sdtimes.org or drop off a note to the attention of Rachel Boxdorfer at the Skinker DeBaliviere office. Be sure to mark it "News of Neighbors".

Rashad Berry Leaving Pulaski

by Jo Ann Vatcha

A big surprise at Pulaski Bank was the recent announcement that Rashad Berry would be leaving the bank to move to the Washington DC area with his wife Leigh, following their marriage in November.

Rashad began work for then Central West End Savings and Loan in 1997 when he was just seventeen and a junior at Soldan High School. Rashad remembers walking from school to the bank for work and then how, when he graduated, being told he could work there full-time. Neighbors actually started the CWE S&L, which opened in 1979, to address the lack of financing in the neighborhood. Rashad has been a mainstay of this bank for 16 of its 34 years on DeBaliviere, quite a remarkable tenure.



by Jo Ann Vatcha

Bank Manager Shelly Conley stated: "Rashad has been such a dedicated member of our staff here at Pulaski Bank. He exemplifies what customer service truly means. He has seen many people through both trying and happy times. While we will miss him greatly, we wish him luck on his future endeavors."

Rashad remembers all those neighbors, too, and said, "the customers are the ones I'll miss the most, and I've really enjoyed being part of their lives. If I missed saying goodbye, you can reach me at berry0572@yahoo.com."

Many, many Skinker-DeBaliviere neighbors will also miss Rashad's warmth and friendliness, as well as his efficiency, and wish him and his wife all the best on their new adventure in life in DC.

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Wash U Housing Update

by Lana Stein

Washington University owns a number of multifamily structures in our neighborhood. The buildings they own along Pershing have or are being renovated. At two of the buildings in 61xx Pershing, fire escapes have been removed. Cheryl Adelstein of the university said that these fire escapes were a safety hazard. Break-ins from the rear had taken place and they were inappropriate sites for partying or use as decks. When possible, additional off-street parking has been added.

The large apartment building on Skinker at McPherson is also under renovation. The number of units will increase from 50 to 65. According to Edelstein, these are all "small, high finish units" and will be occupied by law, other professional and graduate students as well as faculty and staff and members of the community if space is available. The university feels that there is enough space on the parking lot to the immediate north to accommodate building residents. From past experience, the majority have not had cars.

Interested potential renters may contact:

Skinker-DeBaliviere to Host State Fair September 7

by Katrina Stierholz

Join us for our own State Fair!!

We know we live in a cool neighborhood. It's like an old-fashioned village, but in an urban setting. We have the true character of a village – people sitting on their front porches, kids playing together in the front yards, and home-grown meals to make and share. It is time to celebrate our accomplishments with a neighborhood State Fair.

Our SkinkerDeBaliviere State Fair will take place on Saturday, September 7 from 10am – 2pm. Come and show off your your very best tomato, flower, zucchini, or flower. Present your fabulous preserves, pickles, and pies. And of course – let's see some chickens!! (In a cage, please.) The event will also host lectures and demonstrations to help promote

our urban experience of Head, Hands, Heart, and Health – yes, 4-H!

So how does this work? Well, all summer long, you work hard growing healthy plants and hearty animals, and in those months when you're not weeding, watering, or feeding, you can show off your home-making skills by building a birdhouse, crocheting a quilt, or mastering your pickle-making. Then at 9am on Saturday, September 7, you bring your very best home-made and home-grown items to Four Corners where there will be judges for each category:

1. Produce (fruits and vegetables)
2. Livestock (chickens only)
3. Flowers (single stem and arranged)
4. Canned and Preserved Food

(pickles, jams,)

5. Baked Goods (pies and cakes)
6. Needlecrafts (quilts, embroidery, crochet and knitted articles)
7. Handcrafts (wood, metal, models)

Ribbons will be awarded for First, Second, and Third, and in each Category a "Best in Show". While the judges are doing their work, enjoy some time looking at the marvelous exhibition of items and attending a lecture on such diverse topics as raising backyard chickens and canning fruits and vegetables.

Interested in being a judge or helping for a few hours in planning? Contact the SDCC council office at (314) 862-5122 or sdcc@skinker-debaliviere.com to let us know!

Nextdoor Website

A new website, called the "Nextdoor", is in full operation and is adding members daily," Katie Wilson, the neighborhood lead on the site commented. "I'm thrilled it gained momentum so quickly. It's certainly a sign of the times that I was able to meet more neighbors through the website than through attending functions, going for walks and working outside on the house. Anyway I meet them, I'm happy to get to know more people in our neighborhood. Getting acquainted with other families provides support to the parents and potential playmates for our kids."

It seems having a strong network

around can help deter unwanted activity and help everyone look out for each other. Within days of setting up the site, neighbors joined and already reached out to help someone in the neighborhood try to find a place for her son and his family to live. We've set up a recommendation page with contractors, lawn care specialists and the like. There are groups formed for getting kids together to play, a ladies bunco group, and a healthy dinner swap. The possibilities are endless -- if it's something you've wanted to try, it's likely someone will share your interest.

The site is easy to use and allows you to communicate with everyone involved very conveniently. You control your email settings so you can be alerted of only things that interest you. Similar to the "like" on Facebook, you are allowed to "thank" someone for a post that you appreciate. You can also send private messages to someone if you like, make recommendations, and form or join groups. There are also classifieds, events, lost



and found, and crime and safety headings you can post under.

Katie says, "Thank you to everyone that has gotten involved either by joining, spreading the word or posting on the site. It has really surpassed my expectations and I can't wait to meet more neighbors! To join, you can go to the following webpage: <https://nextdoor.com/invite/n0b63kpxu1ysre45molv> which will link you directly to our neighborhood. You can also feel free to email me, Katie, directly and I can reply with the link so all you have to do is click. I can be reached at katie.kaw.wilson@gmail.com."

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By Andy Cross

St. Roch 4th grade girl scouts lend a helping hand to the SD Beautification Committee by planting Operation Brightside flowers in the greenspace at Waterman/DeGiverville/Laurel. This location is featured on the Breakfast Garden Tour on June 1st.

Delmar Business Spotlight

Tavolo V

by Kristine McGroarty



May is one crazy month. Ca-razy. End of the school year, it ain't for sissies. Around these parts, May is also the month that my co-writer, partner in crime and beloved husband leaves me IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS MADNESS and goes on retreat for three days. It's a good thing, really, but for the last two years retreat has overlapped with our wedding anniversary. Not such a good thing.

So last Wednesday we went out for dinner a few days early to celebrate lucky #16. We had two big boys to run to and from a Boy Scout meeting in Forest Park, so we needed to go somewhere close, easy and most importantly, delicious. We threw some names out there, one of which was of course our newest favorite, Mission Taco [see our review in April-May, 2013, TIMES], when Sean suggested TAVOLO V. We both agreed it was a perfect choice.

Off we went to the east side of the Delmar Loop and while there discussed this article. "There just is not enough time in the month, let alone this week, I am leaving TOMORROW so no - we are not writing a review this month. Next time around we will write a review for Piccione," said my beloved. Sounded fair. Made sense.

But then our food arrived and with each delicious bite I finally said aloud what my stomach was thinking, "How can we NOT write about TAVOLO V".

Have you been yet? They opened over a year ago and the reason I sit here with the to-do list adding up is because everyone should go to TAVOLO V. You will not be disappointed and no matter what you choose from their menu you cannot go wrong. Why? How can that be? Because everything is good. It's fresh, it's simple, and it's delicious. YOU MUST GO TO TAVOLO V. Now.

Over the last year we have eaten there more than a few times. It's a date night staple at Casa McGroarty. I have been with some girlfriends for dinner and also just for drinks. That's the great thing about TAVOLO V, no matter who you are with, or what you are in the mood for, you will find it.

Do you have small kids? They won't sit still, they're picky eaters? Take them. TAVOLO offer nine different delicious Pizzas Neapolitan for \$12. They are fresh, they are quick, and one pizza will fill two (or three in our case) small people! You have hungry teenagers? Again, order a pizza-the whole thing will fill them up.

You want just appetizers - with some friends - great idea! The portabella mushroom is a meal in

itself. The zucchini is delicious. The spinach appetizer - yes please! I have never tried something at TAVOLO V that disappointed me.

Their salads are perfect. You can do appetizer and a salad and call it a night.

Going out with the guys for drinks and dinner? Riosotto of the day. It's a house specialty and it's always good! Their entrees are a good size-we usually end up taking some home to fight over the next day. There's always a fresh fish of the day, and you guessed it-we have never been disappointed!

Last week I had the fish special, which was Scottish salmon cooked to perfection. It was on a bed of radicchio with lemon and olive oil and-are you ready...watermelon radishes. Whoever heard of watermelon radishes? My friend Ligaya Figueras has, I am sure, but not this girl. I am not a huge fan of radishes but my dad loved them so I thought I should at least try them. Ohmylordy it was heavenly. I made the mistake of telling Sean to try the delicious blend of sweet and crunchy with the salmon and then proceeded to try and block his fork from coming across the table for the rest of our meal.

I really do love to share but Sean had his own plate of deliciousness-the Pasta Funghi. Mushrooms so tender, cooked to perfection and paired with house made pasta and a simple, delicious sauce. Not too heavy, not to light just delicious flavor. So, I stole his funghi and he absconded with my newfound best friends radishes. All's fair in love and war, right?

TAVOLO V has an extensive wine menu, a full bar, some delicious desserts and brunch on Sundays. Their new patio is finished and we waved hello to many a neighbor walking by on a beautiful May night. Shout out to Andy, Linda and Emily Cross-heh there Joe Hogan and Katie (the dog)!

So you must go. Go now. Go soon. I promise you'll be back. Fresh, delicious Italian food has arrived in the Loop and it is figuratively at our backdoor. You'll thank me and think, "This is so good she had to write about it." The laundry, it can wait.

Happy Anniversary Sean!

By Hope Edwards



Walk of Fame's Latest Star

St. Louis-born golf prodigy Judy Torluemke began playing at age 6 and honed her skills at the "Triple A" golf course in Forest Park. Described as one of the best prospects ever in a 1961 Sports Illustrated cover article, she turned pro in 1962 and won her first tour event in 1968. The first LPGA player to top \$100,000 in winnings for a season, she was named LPGA player of the year in 1975 and 1976. After retiring in 1983 with 26 tour victories, Rankin became a top television commentator for women's and men's events, and captained the U.S. team to consecutive Solheim Cup victories in 1996 and 1998. Recipient of golf's Patty Berg, Bob Jones and Ben Hogan Awards, Judy Rankin was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2000.

Judy Rankin was honored with a star on the St. Louis Walk of Fame at 6146 Delmar on April 29, 2013.

Discover La Bella Vida ... In Colombia!

But if you can't make the trip, here's the next best thing: curl up with a copy of *Morada al sur* (A Home in the South), the first English translation of the work of Aurelio Arturo, regarded by many as Colombia's finest poet.

Exiled in the north of the country and witness to its violent political and social upheavals, Arturo writes with love and longing for the southern landscapes of Colombia. His language embraces his beloved home as if to recreate it. And in this elegant and sensuous collection, translator Rose Shapiro brings to life the beauty of Arturo's poetic imagery. Rose Shapiro (1965-2009), an associate professor at Fontbonne University, was a resident of the SD neighborhood before losing her battle to ovarian cancer in October 2009. The SD Times noted her passing in the November-December 2009 issue. PenUltimate Press, Inc has just published her book which she was working on at the time of her death. PenUltimate is a small literary press located at 520 N. Skinker in the SD neighborhood.

The book is available from Penultimate Press, at Washington University or on Amazon.

OUR HUMBLE ABODES

by Dan Hudspeth

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IN YOUR EAR

by Hawkeye Z. Hoerr, Commentary in the TIMES for more than 32 years.

Do you ever wonder what dogs think? Sure, you can tell when they're happy or excited or tired, but beyond that, what is going on a dog's mind? Good news: I can tell you!

It's not just that Hawkeye is a dog whisperer, one who is simpatico with pooches and can infer their moods and mind-sets. It's true, he - I mean, I - can do that. I grew up as an only child but there was always a dog in the house, so from my youth on, I was sort of a peer to the family pooch. Granted, my dogs never learned to read or drive a car, but that's OK. I never learned to bark well, and still have trouble deriving satisfaction from a bone.

But my dog whisperer skills are only a part of the reason that I can read dogs' minds. You see, and please don't repeat this, it's just between us, I am able to do this thanks to a professor friend of mine who works in the Phrenology Lab at a very nearby university. Chances you, you've not even heard of the lab even if you work or are a student there. The lab is Top Secret (the technical term for this is hush-hush) and its presence goes back to the Cold War days.

You see, back then we were very concerned with getting ahead of the Ruskies. They had shocked us with Sputnik, and we spent dozens of years trying to recover. From the Bay of Pigs to backyard bomb shelters to out-spending them into oblivion, there were lots of years when an inordinate amount of federal dollars - defense dollars, offense dollars, and under the table dollars - went to find an edge against the U.S.S.R. That's how the Phrenology Lab started in 1961. The Phrenology Lab, you see, was designed to figure out how to read others' minds.

So get this: Off the record (I don't want my degree revoked), it is now possible to hear another's thoughts, to read another's mind! The problem is that you have to hold what looks like a stethoscope against the other person's head. It's not tiny, so you can't do this on the sly. Well what good is it? If the other person knows you're going to read their mind, they'll focus and control their thoughts. My professor friend was, no surprise, quite disappointed to have helped develop mind-reading technology that isn't being used.

The port was exceedingly good, and it hit me! "What about dogs?"

I barked. Dogs won't mind a quasi-stethoscope being held against their head, so why not give it a try? After a few more glasses of fine port (isn't all port fine?), my professor friend showed me how the equipment worked and sent me on my way. Because this is hush-hush, I could only borrow the equipment for one hour. Off I went! My goal, of course, was to talk to Onyx, my charming and erudite standard poodle.

I crossed Skinker, heading east from the campus, and began by chatting with Lucky, a mixed-breed I saw on Waterman Boulevard. "Can I listen to his heartbeat?" I asked Lucky's owner who was walking him. She gave me a quizzical look and nodded affirmatively. I greeted Lucky and asked how he was doing, and put the mind-reading disk against his head.

With no hesitation, Lucky's brain responded, "Man, I am tired of these boring walks up and down the same block on the non-forgiving concrete. Would you ask her to just let me go in the yard and do my business?" Eureka, I thought, Archimedes-style! I was already down to minute forty-two, though, so I apologized to Lucky and his owner and rushed off. I'll tell her later, I thought.

I hurriedly crossed McPherson Avenue and was stopped by a deep woof from a front porch. Lawrence, a huge boxer, was shouting at me. His owner sat nearby and welcomed me as I approached. I rubbed Lawrence's ears, slipped the disk on his forehead, and said, "How are you doing, pal?" Lawrence looked directly into my eyes and seemed to shout through the cord: "Finally someone can hear me. Why don't they get rid of the electoral college?" It was a good question but I didn't have time to explain (indeed, I wonder about that too!), so I just looked puzzled and rushed down the street.

I was down to minute twenty-one, and Meteor, a small Chihuahua walking toward me, was next. Her owner (I know Meteor is a her 'cause of the red bow on her collar) thought I just wanted to pet Meteor, and didn't notice my metal disk and the

cord when I bent over. "Meteor, how goes it?" I asked, slyly putting the disk against her head. She answered, "Plese decirle que me gustar'a mejor los alimentos!" What??? How foolish of me not to realize that Meteor the Chihuahua would speak Spanish. I told her that I couldn't help, and moved on. I knew that I should have paid more attention in Spanish class!

Finally, with sixteen minutes left on the clock - I felt like Cinderella - I entered my Kingsbury front door. Onyx had been on guard-duty, barking at the squirrels, blown leaves, and mail-delivery people. He greeted me with a husky bark and I quickly put the disk on his forehead. "Onyx, buddy," I said, "it's me, Hawkeye, your friendly master, what do you have to say?"

Onyx turned his head a bit and then responded, "Hey man, can you teach me how to work the cable television? Listening to NPR all day gets boring!"

"But I love NPR," I said, "and watching too much cable will make you dumb."

Before I could remove the disk from his head, Onyx replied, "Me dumb? Who are you kidding? I am not the one wearing ties!" Alas, I had no time to retort, down to six minutes, so I sprinted out the door to return the equipment to the lab. I made it just in time; no pumpkin coach for me!

What's next? Stay tuned, because my professor friend tells me that new technology has reduced the size of the disk and made the communication wireless; there's no cord. It's now possible to read people's minds without them even knowing it. I know that I'll begin at Kayak's Coffee. I may look like I'm reading my Kindle, but that's not the case. Hey, I think I know what you are thinking!

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