

# The TIMES of.... SKINKER DEBALIVIERE

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## The Times Salutes Betty Klinefelter

by Jo Ann Vatcha

She began her working life at IBM, and, in another day, might easily have become a working mom looking for a pre-school. Instead, living in Skinker-DeBaliviere thirty years ago, raising her family, other opportunities arose. One of those became the special achievement of being director of Grace Pre-School, from which she has recently resigned due to health reasons. Betty has been active in many ways over the years.

One of those opportunities for leadership came in 1957 when a "father shortage" caused her to become a Cub Master for her son's troop. Now twenty-eight years later, she says Cubs are still her favorites, "the most fun...to have little boys in pre-school and before I can blink my eyes they are eight years old and Cubs!" Then in 1959 another opportunity presented itself, and she organized a Brownie troop, following her daughter on through to Senior Girl Scouts. Her own children grew up and out, of course; Betty stuck with scouts and became a very special scout leader.

Under Betty's leadership, the Senior Girl Scouts developed their now famous catering skills and began serving dinners and breakfasts to groups, banking the proceeds to serve as seed money for taking trips, not to Kansas City or Cincinnati, but to Rome, to Hawaii, to Moscow, etc.! The exotic destinations and the discipline she teaches to get there are in addition to the more ordinary ways in which Betty has used scouting to help "her" children become their best.

Along with volunteering for scouting, Betty was in the early 1960's asked to become director of the Children's Division of Christian Education at her church, Grace United Methodist. She developed Sunday School programs, of course, but went much further. She took classes in early childhood education; she attended Washington University's School of Social Work; she worked in the community—in those days there was plenty to be done! She served as representative to the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council, as board member of the People's Clinic. And in 1968 she was the recipient of the *Neighborhood Service Award*—"For Outstanding Service to her community," from St. Roch's Church, April 28, 1968.

Ten years later, she was elected to the St. Louis Board of Education, and she served a six year term on that busy board, assisting in resolving a city-wide teachers' strike and in many other ways trying to make a difference for children throughout St. Louis.

These activities are wrapped around her great work as director of the Grace Methodist Pre-School, the position from which she has recently resigned after thirteen active years plus two more as teacher before becoming director. Fifteen years and 300+ children later, what a difference she has made in the life of this community. Grace Pre-School is at once a model for early childhood educators and easily the

most fun place in the world for the lucky children who get to play there with special teachers led by the lady who really knows what it takes to get them ready for reading—and for getting along with others—and for being the best they can be.

To succeed in creating a pre-school of such special distinction in a neighborhood with so many academic parents took special skills. Betty Klinefelter combined her own academic studies with an ability to communicate with parents as well as kids. Her obvious affection and appreciation for the children and their uniqueness are combined with a knack for showing parents in little ways how really special their own children are, as well as how to help them overcome problems and develop their potential. As informal as it seems, the atmosphere is one of professionalism, of caring, of creativity. One example: the dress up trunk.

Knowing how important "dress up" is to children finding out about the world of grown ups as well as discovering themselves, Betty put together over the years one of the most fabulous trunks ever. Magnificent brides' dresses (which boys or girls might have on any day!), velvet coats, hats of every size and shape—and much more—make imaginations run miles!

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Photo by King Schoenfeld

## Grace Methodist Has Change In Pastors

The congregation of Grace United Methodist Church honored Dr. and Mrs. John N. Doggett, Jr. at a reception on Sun., May 26, marking Dr. Doggett's retirement as pastor of the church. The Rev. Dr. John van der Graaf has been named the new pastor of the church, effective May 27. The congregation will welcome Dr. van der Graaf at a reception at the church on Sun., June 2.

Reviewing his three-year ministry at Grace Church, Dr. Doggett feels that the church has stemmed the tide of declining membership and has strengthened its position as an integrated urban church. He is confident that the outreach programs initiated at Grace Church will flourish under the leadership of Dr. van der Graaf, currently pastor of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Florissant.

"I am delighted with the appointment of John van der Graaf," he states, "a young man with an excellent record of creative leadership. As for me, I am ready to move from a leadership role in the church to a supportive role."

Dr. Doggett's career spans forty-three years of ministry, including six years as North St. Louis District Superintendent for the United Methodist Cabinet and eight years as pastor of Union Memorial United Methodist Church in St. Louis. Previous to that, he served congregations in New Jersey, New York, and California.



The Rev. Dr. John N. Doggett, Jr.



The Rev. Dr. John van der Graaf

Planning to maintain his home base in the St. Louis area, Dr. Doggett will continue to serve on the Board of Directors of the Central Medical Center Hospital, 4411 North Newstead, and assist with the development of a hospital complex with rehabilitation and extended care facilities.

to be completed in 1987 and a senior citizen center scheduled for opening at 3300 North Kingshighway in 1986. In addition, he will provide chaplaincy service at these centers. The Doggett's future address will be 4466 West Pine Boulevard in the Central West End.



Photo by Jeremy Schoenfeld

## Blitzers

Operation Brightside on May 18 was a great success. The Beautification & Planting Award for our Region went to Shirley Polk and neighbors for their project in the median in the 5700 block of DeGiverville. From left to right (front row): Mike Danny, Dennis Caine, Martise Barnes, Vanessa Williams, Shawn Jackson, Jannell Stephens, Maurice Davis, Taurance Weddington, Elsie Barnes, Star Barnes, Chris Barnes, Kesha Barnes; (rear): Anthony Ward, G. C. Caine and Shirley Polk, Block Captain.

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## June 8 Set For Rags To Riches Sale

If you haven't marked your calendar yet, do so post-haste: Rosedale's fourth annual Rags to Riches Sale is Saturday, June 8. Nineteen yard sales are registered already, and Nancy Farmer reports that requests for registration forms are still coming in.

Things get underway at 8:30 a.m. at the Kingsbury Animal Hospital parking lot. Stop by there and pick up a free map of the neighborhood sales, shop the Men's Liberation Bake Sale and enjoy coffee and donuts with friends and neighbors. Hot dogs, burritos, beer and sodas will also be available there all day.

If you plan to have a sale, please register at the SDCC office (6195 Washington, in the Delmar Baptist Church) by noon on Friday, June 7. Include your name, address, telephone number and \$5 check or money order and your address will be included on the map. For more information phone SDCC, 862-5122.

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# June Calendar

- 1 Continuing exhibitions: Victorian Handwork; Audubon prints; "The Block Brothers Collection" photographs; Antique Toy Trains; and St. Louis artists. Mo. Historical Society, Forest Park. Free. (Through July.)
- 2 3rd Annual Walk for the Hungry, 10 mile hike beginning in Memorial Plaza Park at Tucker & Chestnut. Registration 1-2 p.m. Call 241-2425.
- 4 Preschool story hour, 10 a.m., Cabanne Library, 1106 N. Union, 367-0717. Free. (Also 6/11; 6/18 & 6/25.)
- Foreign Film Theater, St. Louis Art Museum Auditorium, *Throne of Blood*, 7 & 9:15 p.m. \$2; \$1 for Museum Friends.
- Monthly program meeting of Metro St. Louis NOW (National Organization for Women), 7:30 p.m., 6665 Delmar. The program will be "Aikido—Non-Violent Self Defense for Women." For more information call 645-2911.
- 7 Margaret Rutherford Sampler, St. Louis Art Museum Auditorium, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, 1:30, 7 & 9:15 p.m. \$2; \$1 for Museum Friends.
- 8 "Rags to Riches," Rosedale Neighborhood's 4th Annual community yard sale. Begin at 8:30 a.m. at Kingsbury Animal Hospital, Kingsbury & Skinker. Additional information in this issue.
- "Living Treasures: Preserving Our Ethnic Heritage," 2-day folk art exhibition/demonstration, St. Louis Art Museum Sculpture Hall, 1-4 p.m. (Also 6/9.)
- 10 Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council meeting, 7:30 p.m. Delmar Baptist Church, 6195 Washington.
- 11 Washington Heights Neighbors meet, 7:30 p.m., Hamilton School. "Our Summer to Fly," summer program for children begins at Mo. Historical Society, 361-9252 for information. (See related article.)
- "Eva Zeisel: Designer for Industry." St. Louis Art Museum Gallery 120. (Thru 7/28.)
- Foreign Film Theater, St. Louis Art Museum Auditorium, *An Actor's Revenge*, 7:00 & 9:15 p.m. \$2; \$1 for Museum Friends.
- 13 "The Work of Atget: The Ancien Regime," the third of a 4-part series exploring French photographer Eugene Atget's work. Cohen Gallery, St. Louis Art Museum. (Thru 7/28.)
- 14 Margaret Rutherford Samples, St. Louis Art Museum Auditorium, *Blithe Spirit*, 1:30, 7 & 9:15 p.m. \$2; \$1 for Museum Friends.
- 15 "Economic Issues of Apartheid," slides and talk by Mary Earls of the St. Louis Coalition against Apartheid. 2 p.m. Cabanne Library, 1106 N. Union, 367-0717. Free.
- Concert for young adults by Starfire and Somethin' Special, 4 to 5 p.m., Cabanne Library, 1106 N. Union, 367-0717.
- 16 David Buechner, Xerox Affiliate Artist, will present an "Informance" at 2:00 p.m. For the informal, informative performance for the family, he will play piano selections from Mozart, Chopin, and Debussy, and will encourage questions from the audience. His appearance is sponsored by the St. Louis Symphony through the Xerox Affiliate Artists Residency Program.
- 18 Foreign Film Theater, St. Louis Art Museum Auditorium, *Double Suicide*, 7 & 9:15 p.m. \$2; \$1 for Museum Friends.
- 19 Films for Children—"The Golden Fish" & "The Best Horse," 1 p.m., Cabanne Library, 1106 N. Union, 367-0717, free.
- 21 "Chaplin Lost and Found"—Charlie Chaplin retrospective to be screened on 8 evenings over two weekends. 6/21-6/24 and 6/28-7/1, 7 p.m.
- 23 The Patt Holt Singers celebrate summer in a colorful and energetic musical production, "Meet Me in St. Louis," at 2 p.m. in the Lionberger Gallery, Missouri Historical Society, Forest Park. Free.
- 24 Crafts for children—create an adventure and take it home. Make your own game kit. 1 p.m. Cabanne Branch Library, 1106 N. Union, 367-0717.
- 25 Foreign Film Theater, St. Louis Art Museum Auditorium, *Life of Chikuzan*, 7 & 9:15 p.m. \$2; \$1 for Museum Friends.
- 26 Films for children—"Bush Country Adventure," 1 p.m. Cabanne Library, 1106 N. Union. Free; 367-0717 for information.
- 30 2nd Annual "Sunday Celebration," fund-raising event for Stella Maris Child Center. Brunch at the Pasta House with tour and entertainment at the Center. \$15.00 per person; call 367-7950 for further information. (See related article.)

## Programs At Barnes Hospital

"I Can Cope," an eight-week educational course for cancer patients and their families, begins June 4 at Barnes Hospital. The free course is taught by doctors, nurses, social workers and other professionals who work with cancer patients, and is sponsored by Barnes Hospital's department of social work and the American Cancer Society.

Topics include learning about cancer, coping with daily health problems, expressing feelings related to cancer, living with limitations, using community resources, and maintaining a positive self-image. Sessions will be held 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Health Education and Screening Center on the ground floor of the West Pavilion. To register, or for more information, call Jennifer Manolis or Kathryn Zent Sweren at 362-5574.

"I'm Important, Too!" is the topic of a program dealing with sibling preparation sponsored by Barnes Hospital's Department of Education and Training. Designed for parents and their children (ages 2-6), the class helps increase the child's acceptance of the new family member. The parent's awareness of each child's special importance is discussed. Children will take a trip to the nursery, and will practice holding and diapering lifelike baby dolls.

The program is held the second Monday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The fee is \$6 per child. To register, or for more information, call 362-5250.

## Home Security Tips

When planning your vacation trip for this summer, devoting some extra time to a few security measures can help to assure you of returning to an undisturbed home. Sgt. Charlie Metzner, St. Louis Police Department liaison to Operation SafeStreet, offers the following tips:

1. Take a few minutes, stop by your local police district station and fill out a vacation checklist form. The patrol car assigned to your area will check your home randomly day and night.
2. Have a close friend or neighbor check your house regularly. That person can alternate the lights in different rooms and change shades and blinds to give your home an "at-home" look. Ask the friend to remove the circulars from your porch and yard.
3. If you are only gone for two or three days, you could have your neighbor or friend collect your mail and newspapers. If you are going to be gone for a longer period, it would be a good suggestion to cancel your mail and paper deliveries for the length of your trip.
4. Make arrangements to have your lawn taken care of while you are away.

5. Let your neighbor know where you can be reached. Don't hide a key outside. If a burglary is discovered while you are away, ask your neighbor to call the police immediately and then get in touch with you.

6. Bring everything inside. Lawn furniture, toys, tools, and bicycles should be stored indoors. The garage should be closed and locked.
7. Remove valuable articles from places where they can easily be seen through windows.
8. Give your home a security survey before you leave. Find weak areas and strengthen their security.

9. Don't discuss your plans publicly or in a newspaper. Talk about your good time after you return.

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       Ages 6-12 \$1.50  
       Under 6 Free  
 Skates may be rented at the rink for 75¢  
 Tickets: Nancy Farmer, 862-5122  
       Bob Dowgwillo, 726-0740  
       Shirley Polk, 361-2094  
       Any SDCC Board member

**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE.** No money will be taken at the gate; no one admitted without a ticket.

## Using Your Married Name At Work?

### An Important Tip

Vincent A. Hayes, District Manager of the Central West End Social Security Office, is reminding anyone who is going to use their married name at work to have their name changed on their Social Security records to make sure they get full credit for all their earnings.

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identity under both your old and your new name. You'll get a new card in the mail with your new name, but you'll keep your same social security number.

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# Area Institutions Plan Summer Programs for Children and Teens

## ... At the Art Museum

The St. Louis Art Museum's classes for kindergarten through eighth grade are scheduled in a series of two-week workshops through the summer. Each workshop will consist of six sessions, meeting 10:30-12:00 or 1:30-3:00, Wednesday through Friday for two weeks. Although each workshop is an independent program, they have been designed to offer a continuous learning experience in the event that a student should register for more than one workshop. All students participating in the summer workshops will learn about the Museum's collections and special exhibitions, experiment in the elements of art and design, and create

their own works of art by drawing, painting and sculpting. Materials will be provided. Tuition is \$32, \$24 for Museum Friends.

Preschoolers may register for a series of two-week workshops, consisting of four sessions, meeting Wednesday and Thursday at 10:00-11:00 or 1:30-2:30. Tuition is \$30, \$22 for Museum Friends.

Dates for all workshops and registration deadlines are as follows: Workshop I—June 19-28—deadline is June 10; Workshop II—July 10-19—deadline is July 1; Workshop III—July 24-August 2—deadline is July 15. To register, contact the Education Department, at 721-0067, extension 86.

## ... At the Historical Society

Children ages six through thirteen are invited to explore man's varied adventures with flight and the lure of the mysteries of space in "Our Summer to Fly," a series of free programs beginning on June 11. The Missouri Historical Society and the St. Louis Science Center will present the series in the Jefferson Memorial Building in Forest Park. Flight will be featured in dramatic and musical presentations and in programs about hot air balloons, kite-making, model rockets, barnstormers, Charles A. Lindbergh, and

women pilots. The culmination of the six-week series is Spaceweek, July 16-21 and the opening of the Science Center's James S. McDonnell Planetarium in Forest Park on July 20.

The programs are held Tuesdays and Thursdays (with the exception of the final talk, "NASA Flight," on Friday, July 19) at 10:30 a.m. for younger children and at 1:30 p.m. for older boys and girls. There is no admission charge. For a brochure with complete listings, call the Society's education office at 361-9265.

## ... At Grace Methodist

Grace United Methodist Church and Hamilton Community School will again be providing a Summer Day Camp for children 6 to 12 years old at Grace United Methodist Church, Waterman at Skinker. The seven-week program, beginning June 17 and ending August 2, will offer a variety of unique new activities and programs. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A nutritious breakfast and lunch will be provided. This year of special interest will be computer classes, Karate classes, dance, cooking, and mysterious DISCOVERY PERIODS. Arts and crafts, recreation, reading, and tutoring will continue to be important parts of the program. Field trips are scheduled to the "Huck Finn" riverboat, the Wax Museum, Kramer Marionettes, Grant's Farm, and a special American Indian Storytelling session will be held at Forest Park.

The cost of the program is \$40.00 for the first child, \$20.00 for the second and third child, and \$5.00 for every child past the third in one family. Registration will be held at Hamilton Community School, 5819 Westminster from June 3 to June 6 from 4 to 9 p.m. Enrollment is limited to one hundred children. Further information can be obtained from Rita Navarro, Hamilton Community School coordinator, 367-6996.

This program has been planned and funded in cooperation with Hamilton Community School, Grace United Methodist Church, Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council, Central West End Savings & Loan, Four-H Club, Washington Heights and Rosedale Neighbors. Tax-deductible contributions to scholarship funds are being accepted.

## ... At Hamilton Community School

Special activities for teens will be offered through Hamilton Community School and Grace United Methodist Church. Based on the recommendations of the newly formed Teen Advisory Council, two three-week sessions will be held from 1 to 4 p.m.

Session One beginning June 17 and ending July 3 will offer Karate, dance, coed basketball, and music making—the business. Music making—the business is an opportunity to speak with professional musicians about the How-to-of-making-a-living-as-a-musician.

Session Two, from July 15 to August 2, will offer coed body building, fashion and make-up, driver's ed, and roller skating.

Weekly "rap sessions" facilitated by an adult host of the group's choice will be held on Wednesdays at Grace United Methodist Church. Swimming will be available every Friday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m., courtesy the Department of Parks and Recreation. Daily lunches are also available.

Cost of one class per session is \$7.00, \$10.00 for two classes and \$2.00 per any class thereafter. Registration will be held at Hamilton Community School June 3 to June 6 and June 10, 4 to 10 p.m. Additional evening activities are in the planning stages. To join the Teen Advisory Council or for further information contact Rita Navarro, HCS coordinator, 367-6996.



Photo by King Schoenfeld

## Macho Menus: Savory Pork Tenderloin

(Editor's Note: Our final Macho Menu columnist before the summer break is Brad Weir of the 6100 block of Westminster. Brad and his wife Marj have been part of the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood for twenty years, and both have been active in community and city-wide organiza-

tions. Currently, Brad is the head coach and manager of the St. Roch's softball team—The Beagles, commercial distributor for The Times, and chairman of the City's Heritage & Urban Design Commission. He is an electrical engineer for Century Electric.)

By Brad Weir

Pork tenderloin is the leanest and, as its name implies, tenderest cut of pork you can find at the local meat counter. While it is a bit expensive, the problem with serving it for the main course of a dinner is finding enough tenderloin. At many supermarket meat counters pork tenderloins are few in number and low in weight, between a half and three-quarters of a pound. Occasionally though, you can find them wrapped two to a package and running nearly a pound each. Such tenderloins are used in this simple but quite tasty dish.

### INGREDIENTS

To serve 6:

- 3 or 4 pork tenderloins
- 6 to 8 strips of bacon
- ½ cup soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon grated onion
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- ¼ teaspoon seasoned salt
- ½ cup granulated sugar

Spiral wrap the bacon strips around the tenderloins and pin in place with wooden picks.

Combine the soy sauce, onion, garlic, vinegar, cayenne pepper, salt, and sugar. Place the tenderloins in a baking dish and pour the marinade over them. Let this dish stand in the refrigerator for 4 to 5 hours. Turn the meat at least once while marinating.

Roast the tenderloins, uncovered, in a 300-degree oven for 1½ to 2 hours. Turn the meat once during this time and spoon the marinade over it.

The tenderloins may be served on a bed of rice or noodles. The marinade juice from the baking dish is served separately, spooned over the meat.

Yes, the picture shows only two tenderloins, while the recipe talks about three or four. Two are quite enough for our family of four. We use the same quantity of marinade whether cooking two or four tenderloins. The marinade is so tasty that we usually extend it with flour and water to make ample sauce for all.

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# Parkview Perspective

by Ellen Matthews

Evelyn Nance and Dorothy Ward are Parkview residents—by day. In the evening they return to their own homes elsewhere in the city. Since they probably spend more waking hours in our neighborhood than some homeowners, they are important to our community.

Who are these women? They are babysitters. Evelyn Nance has been babysitting for Ursula Goodenough and John Heuser's children since Jessica was born over four years ago. Jessica is now in nursery school, but two-year-old Thomas keeps her busy while Jessica is gone. Evelyn began working outside the home when her own children were grown. She decided to do what she knew best and loved—watching children. She was on hand to cuddle Jessica before she was even a day old. She calls Jessica her "best baby." And when Thomas arrived she was eager to see him. "He's a smart boy," she says. "They're both nice."

Evelyn is also proud of her own boys. Her oldest son has a master's degree, and the middle son a Ph.D. The youngest one is in the Navy and is studying to be an R.N. She has eight grandchildren and another one is on the way.

Like Evelyn, Dorothy Ward has been working in Parkview for several years. She cares for Alex Permutt, the son of Alan Permutt and Sally Barker. She's a neighborhood feature as she hurries Alex's stroller down the sidewalk as they go to visit friends. Dorothy bubbles when she talks about Alex. "He's just a doll," she says. "He never cries."

Dorothy is from a large family and she says, "I always wanted a lot of kids. But I was only blessed with one daughter." Her daughter, now grown, is an attorney, and she teaches at the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut. She was recently in town for the ceremony naming her father, Robert James Ward, a bishop of the Church of God in Christ.

Evelyn and Dorothy smile with pride as they watch their Parkview children play. Their presence allows Ursula Goodenough and Sally Barker the freedom to pursue careers outside the home while being assured that their little ones receive good care. There are many Parkview babysitters. They are extra eyes and ears for us all during the day and they certainly enrich our neighborhood.

## Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

On Monday, May 7, the Rosedale Neighborhood Association held a meeting, chaired by President Arline Webb, 6100 Pershing, in the St. Roch's cafeteria. The highlights of the meeting included an update on the Rags to Riches (see more information in this issue); an introduction of the new Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council Director, Nancy Farmer; and an Operation Brightside presentation. Rita Navarro, formerly of the People's Clinic was also introduced at the meeting. She will be heading up the Community School at Hamilton. A delicious sampling of desserts followed the meeting which was well attended. Speaking of Brightside, our Blitz weekend was a "sparkling" success on May 18th. The event was well orchestrated thanks to the efforts of the Brightside office and especially because of our super Regional Chairman, Bruce Yampolsky (of DeBaliviere Place and Doughboys) and our great local Area Commander Sam Green, 6100 Westminster, with a lot of help from Nancy Farmer.

Tom Hoerr, 6100 Kingsbury, director of New City School was "busting his buttons" when he reported that New City, 5209 Waterman, was named an A+ school by *Instructor Magazine*. On May 24th, Mayor Schoemehl presented Tom with the award from *Instructor* at an assembly at the school where certificates were given to all the staff and children and there were also "presentations" by the children. They had balloons, stickers, and T-shirts announcing their A+ status.

On the subject of our neighbor the mayor, Vince was aboard one of TWA's inaugural flights to Europe. Vince and sister Lou Green, head of Operations Brightside, as well as Nancy Rice, 6100 Westminster, Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry took the flight to France and spent two weeks visiting there and in Ireland. Jill McGuire, 6100 Westminster, the new head of the City-County Humanities Commission was also able to take one of the inaugural flights.

Rick Wilt, 6100 McPherson, took a trip to Guatemala and Belize at the end of April. Rick, an avid bird-watcher, spent a lot of time watching birds, but was also able to do some pyramid-climbing and snorkeling.

John Nunley, 6100 McPherson, a curator at the St. Louis Art Museum spent time this year in Jamaica and the Bahamas doing some background work for his 1987-88 Pre-Lent Carnival Exhibit. This article last month failed to include Linda Nunley in our report of the "Art St.

Louis" exhibition last month in the Globe-Democrat building. It was her first real showing in the St. Louis area and was quite promising for her. Linda, who teaches art at St. Roch's School, also took a trip to Port of Spain, Trinidad, in February for their pre-lenten carnival.

We are pleased to announce the premiere of Westminster Communications, Inc. The business, headed by Marcia Kerz as president and Marj Weir as vice president, both not surprisingly of 6100 Westminster, is located at 1001 Bellevue at Clayton (645-4488). They are helping organizations build donor-based programs for fund raising. We wish them much success.

The Reverend Dr. John Doggett, pastor at Grace Methodist, retired in May. He was honored at a reception there on May 26.

Joanna Smith, bookkeeper at St. Roch's is really being missed there. She has been ill and has been staying with her niece. Many thoughts and good wishes are with her.

Congratulations to Stephen Eaker and Barb Lundgren on the birth of their daughter, Brenna, on May 7. Brenna was born at home, 6100 Kingsbury, weighing 8 lb. 10 oz. and is the baby sister of Quinn.

Another congrats to Beth Bender, daughter of Rich and Joan Bender, 6100 Kingsbury. She graduated from Wheeling College in Wheeling, West Virginia, with a major in history. She had been vice president of her class.

Mother's Day month brought a couple of out-of-town moms to the neighborhood to visit. Jane Geer's mother from Massachusetts was visiting Jane and family and Paula Repetto's mother from Georgia was visiting the Repettos. Both families live in 6100 Kingsbury.

We are pleased to report that Jennifer McComb has found a new home in the Rosedale Condominiums following a recent fire. Her cats have also recovered from their injuries as a result of the fire, thanks to excellent care by Dr. Stephen Brammeier of the Kingsbury Animal Hospital.

Our deepest condolences to Geneva and Carmen Hornberger, 6100 Waterman on the recent death of their husband and father, Leroy Hornberger.

Mark your calendars now for the June 30 Sunday Brunch at the Pasta House to benefit Stella Maris Child Center (Delmar and DeBaliviere). Hope to see you there!

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# Kiosk Patrons Speak Out

The article from the Kingsbury Kiosk this month has not been written by Mary Ann or Arlene, but by the public. Those of you who regularly use the facility know how true the following comments are; those of you who do not visit the Kiosk maybe will be inspired. A more fitting Happy Birthday Kiosk could not have been written.

I think the Kiosk makes our area a friendlier, more pleasant place to live. Not only is it extremely convenient for parents of little children (take a walk and find a book) and for those involved in writing or reading projects, it is also a place to meet some very nice people. As books add charm and warmth to a room, the Kiosk adds charm and warmth to our neighborhood.

—Mary Pride

I enjoy the Kiosk because it is so convenient and there's a good selection of best sellers by my favorite writers. Also, Mary Ann is always willing to locate a book at another branch if it's not available at the Kiosk. Because it is so close to home, I can take our children there often where they can always find new stories to read and they too have developed their own list of favorite authors.

—Lois Schoemehl

I like the Kiosk because I can find books on a fourth grade or fifth grade level. Here the librarians are nice and friendly. I like lots of things at the Kiosk.

—Stacey P. Bradley (age 9½)

The Kiosk is very convenient for me. They order mysteries and other books and I appreciate it very much.

—Nelda V. Hodges

I like the Kiosk because it is an extraordinary place to study and check out new books. And they have this machine called a Anacomp Micrographics which is used for finding new books.

—Oscar Davis (age 12)

The reasons why I like the Kiosk are: 1) it is accessible to everyone in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area; 2) it is well stocked with books on every subject and it is the first to get the latest best sellers; 3) the librarians, Mary Ann Shickman and Mr. Claude Bennett are so helpful in ordering books from other branches and finding things at the Kiosk. To sum this up, I consider it the best in the neighborhood for helpfulness and that includes Kingshighway and Lashly.

—Elizabeth Bonds

The Kingsbury Kiosk is convenient for me. I can walk to it in a matter of minutes. Normally on my morning walk, I stop by to see what is new in the window. Through the cat-fiche system I have access to all city libraries. Usually I go to the Kiosk every other day.

—Nkengen Mawusi

The Kiosk has been a godsend to our family during the past two years. Mary Ann Shickman has been a considerate and helpful librarian who has sought to secure many books from other libraries. We enjoy her book reviews as well as Arlene Sandler's in "The Times of Skinker-DeBaliviere." Mr. Claude Bennett has provided continuity from the days of the Des Peres Branch to the Kiosk.

—David Schmidt

I find our Kiosk a great personal pleasure and a highly valuable neighborhood asset.

—John D. Elder

I like the Kiosk because I love to read and most of the books I read come from it. And it has a good selection of books for my age (but they left out the Nancy Drews).

—Mary Wiltenburg (age 8)

Within the limitations of its space, the Kiosk offers most of the services available at the regular branches. Mary Ann Shickman is a dedicated librarian who also reviews books for "The Times of Skinker-DeBaliviere" as well as Arlene Sandler of Cabanne Branch who reviews children's books. Although the Kiosk has many recent and popular books in their collection, books can be borrowed and received within 24 hours from any of the other St. Louis Public Libraries. The Kiosk is also popular because it serves all age groups as well as people from many different backgrounds. We are happy to have the Kiosk as part of our neighborhood.

—Virginia Cunningham

Having a son with a Master's degree in Library, and having worked at Central in St. Louis in the wonderful days before World War I, I have a strong feeling for good libraries and for those who respect and love them. The Kiosk has our deep admiration—it is economical but fills our needs for perfection. It has a highly able and personable director and wonderful downtown support. What a treasure we West St. Louis people have and thanks. I'm sure Carnegie would say the same.

—G. V. Williamson

For the young readers and their parents, Arlene has a final message before the summer. As a group, children and young adults checked out almost 14,000 books since the Kiosk opened in May of 1983. Arlene asks that you help celebrate the library's second birthday and your upcoming summer by joining the Summer Reading Club. To earn a certificate, you have to read fifteen books completely by September 1. Pick up an official folder at the Kiosk at the beginning of June and be part of the Mighty Mississippi Summer Reading Club Adventure.

Thank you Arlene and Mary Ann for your contributions to *The Times* and to the neighborhood. You along with Claude Bennett make the Kiosk a very special place.

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Else Sorensew and Dennis Shaughessy

## Else Sorensew Takes Charge At Stella Maris

Appointed Director of the Stella Maris Child Center on May 20, Else Sorensew directs and administers the care of 140 children ages 6 weeks to 6 years at 5654 Delmar at DeBaliviere.

In announcing the appointment, Richard Rapfogel, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Stella Maris stated, "We welcome Mrs. Sorensew to this position and are delighted an individual of her talent and experience has been selected to head up the operation. Her appointment underscores the outstanding achievements made in her former position as Program Director at the center, that is, the exemplary expansion of the Infant/Toddler Care and the establishment of an innovative and effective supervisory training program."

Mrs. Sorensew succeeds Dennis Shaughessy, who recently accepted a position with Maritz, Inc. in Fenton, MO. He will be working with their Program Training Services Division.

Prior to joining the center in 1983, Mrs. Sorensew was an Early Childhood Education Specialist for the Child Day Care Association and from August 1977 to June 1981 taught age groups 3-4 and 4-5 at the New City School.

A native of Christianfeld, Denmark, Mrs. Sorensew received her Bachelor's Degree, specializing in Infant/Toddler Training, from the Early Child Development Institute in Aalborg, Denmark, and her Master's Degree from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville (SIU). Additional activities include teaching Early Childhood education at SIU and facilitating educational workshops. She is the mother of two sons, Erik, 20, a student at SIU and Jens, 16.

Stella Maris—a latin term meaning star of the sea—has been a cornerstone of the West End community for over forty years. Serving as a training ground for early childhood education students, the center's staff seeks to provide a nurturing, loving, caring, secure environment, so vital to the healthy development of the young child. Mrs. Sorensew states her objective will be to build upon this tradition. "I intend to maintain the same philosophies we have built over the years," says Sorensew. "What's important is the continued expansion of our children's programs, the professional development of our staff, the enhancement of classroom team training concepts, and the maintenance of close-knit community relationships."

While the center is a United Way organization, they do depend upon the community to reach these objectives. The Friends of Stella Maris, a 15-member organization established 18 months ago, is one such group which works to foster community involvement through fundraising activities. To that end they are announcing their second annual "Sunday Celebration" to be held June 30, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The day will begin with Brunch at the Pasta House, 310 DeBaliviere, followed by a leisurely walk down DeBaliviere to the Center. Here, visitors will be entertained by strolling musicians and touched by the warmth of the youthful environment as Stella Maris hosts an Open House. Tickets are \$15.00 and are tax deductible. For reservations and/or additional information, please contact Stella Maris Child Center at 367-7950.

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# It's Been Fifty Years

by Ray Breun

As the scaffolding comes off the exterior of the Old Courthouse, compliments arrive about its appearance in the context of all that is new downtown. Unknown to many are the facts that the building was abandoned by the city in 1930 and nearly burned down as the result of an electrical fire in 1936. Yet, within six years after abandoning its oldest major piece of governmental architecture, the City managed to help create that Memorial which is now preserving it; the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial—the oldest national historic site in the National Park Service—is fifty years old this year. Belatedly, the courthouse was made a part of the Memorial in 1940.

One hundred twenty-five years ago the construction of the new dome of the courthouse was just underway, and one hundred fifty years ago, the Old Cathedral was celebrating its first birthday! Today, they are both part of the grounds of the national park area celebrating its golden anniversary. The Gateway Arch, the most obvious piece of public sculpture in St. Louis, is twenty years old this year; it is the most successful feature of the Memorial which commemorates the country's westward expansion brought about through President Thomas Jefferson's purchase of the Louisiana Territories. (The Old Courthouse, in fact, is the second and "new" courthouse on the same block as the actual "old" courthouse which was torn down in 1851. The Old Cathedral is the third such structure on its block, so it is really quite new by comparison to what it replaced.)

Fifty years ago, when the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial was first created by executive order of Franklin D. Roosevelt, there were a series of court cases testing the open site concept as proposed by the Memorial. A major part of the arguments, which were to last five years, centered around the amount of tax-producing property which would be destroyed to build the historic site (the grounds presently surrounding the Arch were then covered with buildings similar to what remains today in Laclede's Landing). As it has turned out, the not-for-profit corporation, which supports the work of the National Park Service, pays more earnings taxes than were ever collected in property taxes during the years of the court cases. In addition, the Memorial provided the necessary spark needed to stimulate the investment in and development of the office buildings and hotels which now surround the area. Today, that same concept is transplanting itself to East St. Louis, as Congress seeks to extend the Memorial to the east bank in Illinois. As the commission which will design the master plan for that expansion begins to meet, the leader of that effort has been added to the board of the not-for-profit organization supporting the Memorial, cementing a relationship going forward with the dreams begun fifty years ago.

There was a time when dozens of boats were tied up to the levee below where the Arch stands now. Today, only the "Delta Queen" and the "Mississippi Queen" tie

up a few times each summer and the boats of Streckfus Steamers take visitors along the river. And even though the riverfront has yet to be discovered by many St. Louisans, it is more active today for "regular" people than it ever was. Mules and railroad tracks have been replaced with active and passive attractions amenable to families as well as elderly and those just out for a good time. The Jefferson National Expansion Memorial has been the centerpiece of that retransformation of the riverfront. The renovation of Laclede's Landing is well appreciated and plans for the Jacques Cousteau museum are just beginning and are probably now known to many. Other projects include the completion of a replica of Ead's largest river ironclads from the Civil War, the reopening of the *Admiral* this fall as well as the *S. S. President* bringing day cruises in a grand style back to the riverfront in July. But the most exciting aspect of all this increased development is the ambience of the promenade nearing completion. The Arch focuses attention again on the Mississippi, and the promenade makes day and evening strolls along the river's shore a delight. Plans are underway for a marina between Laclede's Landing and the Ashley Street Power Plant to the north. The promenade begins in that very area. From there it follows the shore above the cobblestone south to the Popular Street Bridge and potentially beyond it. It makes walking along the river at St. Louis enjoyable and relaxing.

And none of this would have been possible without the vision needed to create the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial. With its Arch and Old Courthouse, the Memorial remains the focus which attracts visitors from across the globe—over eight percent of the people coming to the Arch do not speak English as a native tongue. More people visit the museum under the Arch than go to all the baseball and football games at Busch stadium combined. Yet the point is not one of comparison, but one of various attractions doing their part to build an economy. St. Louis has had six major economic upturns in its long history. The most recent one is underway right now, and it is more massive than any of the others. At this time, nearly \$750 million worth of construction is underway in downtown alone. Virtually all of it is directly related to the successful completion of the Arch which is in turn the product of the dream of Luther Ely Smith who founded the group which brought the Memorial into existence fifty years ago this year.

Betty Klinefelter

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Her bag of tricks has also included many ways she has found to "volunteer" the parents in decorating, in building, in creating for the pre-school building and yard.

Betty's impact on St. Louis early childhood education goes further than the immediate neighborhood, of course, reaching for example many students who have been under her supervision in practicum settings from Forest Park Community College; she has had an opportunity to counsel and steer them in—or away from—careers in what she considers the most important part of education. Many of her students have gone on to become themselves important educators; Nancy Joyner, for example, who is director of the Ethical Society Pre-School. Serving not only as teacher but also a role model, Betty says one of the difficulties of steering good people into this important career is the salary range, a problem facing all areas of education.

In their announcement of her resignation from the directorship of the preschool, the Grace Reporter noted, "Under her dedicated guidance the school has become more than a school, it has become a neighborhood institution. How many of our church members realize that this is one of the greatest missions our church provides for the neighborhood?"

A neighborhood institution indeed, Grace Pre-School is most of all a warm and caring place for the hundreds of children lucky enough to have been there while Betty Klinefelter gave her special talents to them. She says, "I love this neighborhood and community and know how lucky I've been to know so many wonderful people. I am grateful that so many parents have trusted me with their children."

As we recognize her accomplishments in pre-school education, we also note that she intends to remain active in Cub Scouts and Sr. Girl Scouts as well. As she says, she is not retiring, only resigning one of her several jobs.

As she takes off the pre-school hat, we say, with the hundreds of children she has taught, "Thanks, Klinefelter!"

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# In Your Ear

by Tom Hoerr

First of all, congratulations to those of you who successfully cracked the ink code in last month's column. The key was to use lemon juice and mild rubbing for a period of five minutes or so. Thanks to those of you who told me that you enjoyed my comments about White Castle hamburgers and the energy shortage. My apologies for getting a bit out of line about Cal Stuart's clothing.

Now to this month's thoughts, with no code other than that of my arcane perspectives on the world.

Summer is coming and you know what that means—months without *The Times* to keep you up on neighborhood events, mosquitoes, late inning Cardinal baseball losses, no cable television, humidity, more mosquitoes, and lots of thin sun-bronzed bodies cavorting here and there (unfortunately, mostly there). Thin is so "in" that it's disgusting! Have you noticed all of the commercials? From Mary Lou Retton to Cher to John Madden, everyone on the tube can stand sideways and disappear. (I threw John Madden in there to see if you're reading carefully.)

Our obsession with thinness has gotten totally out of hand, so to speak. We started with Lite Beer and now we have lite fruit salad, lite yogurt, lite pizza, and lighter fluid. I don't know which is worse, lite pizza or lite yogurt. The former is oxymoronic, like military intelligence; the latter is redundant . . . How could something that sounds as healthy as yogurt not be lite?

Anyway, all of our advertising, our fashion, our menus seem designed to convince us that when it comes to body weight, like acne, less is better. Now mind you, I write of this whole topic as an outsider. I've always been fortunate with my weight. If you've not seen me, suffice it to say that I'm often told that I look like Tom Sellick. I have no problem casting a thin shadow, it's just that I am familiar with the problem because I have lots of—to use the scientific term—"porky" friends. One of my neighborhood buddies is so hefty that the folks from Operation Brightside asked him to move to the county.

Given this compulsion for lean and lanky, *In Your Ear*—as still another public service—offers tips for getting into shape so that you, too, can be a Diana Ross clone. The rules aren't all that complicated, they just require what it takes to get ahead in every arena: setting goals; hard work; and an ability to disassociate oneself from reality.

1. If it tastes good, don't eat it. This is a bigie and if you can follow it, you'll resemble Slim Pickens or your favorite streetlamp in no time. Unfortunately, the corollary to this rule doesn't work. My wife's cooking (when she cooks—about as often as Halley's Comet comes by) is terribly fattening, for example. For years she earned clothing money by fattening up stray cattle in the kitchen before slaughter. Her mother believed that pork was the essential ingredient for life and, consequently, my wife puts pork in everything she cooks (whenever the Comet appears). She cooks pork in omlets, pizza, and salads, to be sure, but also in cake, cookies, and orange juice.

2. Green foods are OK. Stringbeans, peas, broccoli, asparagus, and lime jello are low in calories and, in fact, contain all (yep, all!) of the basic nutrients necessary for life. There's only one problem with this all-green diet: a friend of mine lived on nothing but green food for almost a year, and while his health was fine, he grew terribly envious.

3. Foreign foods are bad unless the countries they come from also makes lots of television sets for export to the U.S. I don't understand this one at all, but I suspect there's a link between the electrons in the television tube and protoplasm.

4. Calories don't count if they're consumed underwater. I mean, have you ever seen a fat fish? I didn't believe this when I first heard it, but after a number of experiments in my backyard pool with quarter-pounds, fries, and pepperoni pizza, I know it's true. (For what it's worth, if you do this, put your ketchup on the fries before you enter the water, otherwise it will attract sharks.)

5. Non-hirsute food is good. This is a very easy rule. If the food had hair while it was alive, don't eat it. This means that it's OK to eat fish, bananas, apples, chicken, grapes, and Telly Sallavas. Beef, lamb, peaches, and rabbit are not good. (Rabbits are especially fattening because they count as a double-hair . . . When this fact was made known it was especially damaging for a friend of mine who had started a rabbit farm and consequently lost a great deal of money. When I asked him whatever possessed him to start a rabbit farm in the first place, he replied that he was really into hare-raising experiences.)

6. Anything produced by a company whose name rhymes with Banheuser-Fusch or Med Trewes is fattening. Especially beware of Med Trewes' Boncretes!

7. Frozen T.V. dinners are fine, regardless of the calorie content, if you eat them before they thaw. Just put on your mittens, take an ice pick, and hack away. Any calories you consume will be more than offset by the effort required to eat the food. (I don't understand how there can be fat eskimos, but then I don't understand why people live in LaDue either. I really don't understand why fat eskimos live in LaDue.)

8. Any food eaten while listening to Richard Evans' "Thought for the Day" on KMOX at 6:55 a.m. doesn't count in your daily calorie total. After hearing the broadcast, you'll undoubtedly throw up everything you've taken in.

Finally, if all else fails and you simply can't adhere to these rules, just wear bulky, loose-fitting clothing. Plaid sports coats, pink carnations, and red polyester go a long way toward covering those few extra pounds. As a last resort, you can always turn to the onion diet. You can eat whatever you want and as much of it as you want, but you have to eat a raw onion before and after each meal. You won't lose any weight, but no one will get close enough to you to notice.

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