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Guy Phillips, Heather Frampton Of KY98 FM Join The 2nd Cookie Bake-Off

If you are brave enough to subject your cookie baking skills to the scrutiny of Guy Phillips and Heather Frampton, the notorious KY98 Radio morning disc jockeys, you could become a winner. Phillips and Frampton will be Honorary Judges for the Second Chocolate Chip Cookie Bake-off on Friday evening, February 13. They will be tasting all the cookie entries and may even help the winners "broadcast" their success. Neighbors familiar with the Phillips, Wall, and Frampton KY98 morning show can imagine what the evening might offer.

Everyone in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area who loves munching freshly baked, soft, chocolate-filled cookies and who waits with anticipation each month for the next issue of *The Times*, should mark his or her calendar for the 13th.

Phillips and Frampton, the official judges and contestants will gather at Susan and Sandy Rothschild's "old" home, 6208 Washington, to begin the Bake-off. The only requirements to join everyone in the neighborhood for a great evening is a small donation of \$10 per person to help keep *The Times* on the streets. All of the proceeds will help pay the publishing costs of the newspaper. And your contribution is tax-deductible, for whatever that is worth in 1987.

You can still buy a judgeship and help decide the winners for only \$25. To become a judge, send your check to Susan Rothschild at 6208 Washington no later than February 9.

So if you have any baking talent, aren't afraid of the heavy competition, and know which judges to contact in advance of the event, bring 3 dozen cookies with you and enter the contest. The entry deadline is 7 p.m. Friday the 13th. Official judging will begin at 8 p.m., but our honorary judges will be tasting the entries much earlier.

More entries will win this year since *The Times* is accepting both chocolate chip and un-chocolate cookies as entries. The grand prizes for the chocolate and un-chocolate cookie winner will be cash in unmarked small bills plus other fun prizes. And your photo will be in *The Times* along with your famous, winning recipe.

And don't forget that without the Second Chocolate Chip and Un-Chocolate Cookie Contest Bake-off, this paper could not continue as the oldest and best neighborhood newspaper in St. Louis.

Bring your family and your friends for a great evening. For more information, call Susan Rothschild at 725-0878 or Marcia Kerz at 863-0086.



Pictured above are KY98 radio personalities Guy Phillips (left) and Mike Wall. Phillips will be joining The Times' cookie contest as a judge. Heather Frampton, also of KY98, will be another judge.

Celebrate Mardi Gras With The St. Louis Ragtimers



The St. Louis Ragtimers will perform a Mardi Gras concert on Saturday, February 28, at 8 p.m. The location of the concert will be announced February 1. The event is sponsored by the Skinker-Debaliviere Community Council and the West End Neighborhood Arts Council with support from the Regional Arts Commission.

The St. Louis Ragtimers formed in 1961 out of a mutual love for classic ragtime and traditional jazz of the 20s. In 1965, the group formed the National Ragtime and Classic Jazz Festival aboard the "Goldenrod Showboat." The St. Louis Ragtimers have toured throughout the United States and Canada and have released eleven recordings including three solo piano albums. The group has twice appeared on NBC's *TODAY* show.

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The group's outstanding talent includes: Trebor Tichenor, piano, an internationally recognized ragtime historian, collector, author, and composer; Don Franz, tuba and leader; Bill Mason, cornet, vocals, and harmonica; Eric Sager, clarinet, vocals, and soprano sax; and Al Stricker, banjo and vocals.

Admission for the concert is \$3.50 per person. Contact SDCC board members or the SDCC offices, 6010A Kingsbury, 862-5122 for more information.

The Great Es-skate: 4th Annual Evening On Ice

If you can't beat Old Man Winter, then join him, and join US for the fourth annual "Evening on Ice" skating party on Saturday, February 21 at Steinberg Memorial Skating Rink. You are invited to enjoy two hours of private skating in the great outdoors, on one of the largest rinks in the country. A roaring bonfire at rinkside will keep you warm when you aren't doing your laps. Broom hockey buffs, bring your brooms!

Skating begins at 5:15 p.m. and ends at 7:15 p.m. You may arrive early if you like to claim a locker and get into your skates. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for young people ages 6 to 18. Children under 6 are free. Those with paid admission are eligible to win one of several door prizes. You can also obtain specially reduced prices on the food service menu, which includes items from popcorn to pizza.

Tickets should be obtained in advance from any member of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council or an officer of the Rosedale Neighborhood Association. Rink regulations prevent us from offering tickets for sale at the gate. Call the SDCC office (862-5122) or Bob Dowgwillo (726-0740) for further information.

Steinberg Rink is located at the east end of Forest Park, within sight of Children's Hospital. While the rink itself is outside, the heated indoor facilities include a changing area, lockers, restrooms, a staffed first aid room, and a newly refurbished food concession. Skates (hockey, figure, or speed) can be rented for 75¢; skate sharpening is \$3. Locker rental is 25¢.

Benefit Highlights New City School's Diversity



Several members of the New City School Diversity Committee enjoying the benefit were (from left): NCS teacher Monette Gooch-Smith; committee chairperson James Wilson (4300 McPherson); NCS teacher Sally Boggemann (6100 Washington); and NCS Director Dr. Thomas Hoerr (6100 Kingsbury).

Student diversity — especially racial and economic — is an important aspect of the New City School learning experience. The New City School student body is diverse both racially and economically. For the 1986-87 school year, New City School allocated over \$50,000 in need-based financial aid. New City School students come from 35 different zip codes; 30 percent are from minority families, and 15 percent receive financial aid.

New City School received an A+ rating from *Instructor* magazine in the Spring of 1985 in recognition of exemplary academic programs, outstanding teachers, strong community support, and concern for individual students. New City was the first school in Missouri, and the first independent school in the nation, to receive this A+ rating.

Diversity, financial aid, and the importance of urban education were the topics of conversation at a Financial Aid Benefit sponsored by New City School on Thursday, November 20, at the home of New City parents Mike and Jeanne Roberts, 5025 Lindell. It featured Dr. Marguerite Ross Barnett, Chancellor of the University of Missouri - St. Louis, as guest speaker. Central West End Savings & Loan generously underwrote the special event, with the Anheuser-Busch Companies, Boatmen's Bank, Mark Conner Builder, Mead-McClellan, St. Louis Dental Services, Inc., and Union-Sarah Economic Development Corporation also providing generous financial support.

New City School is an independent elementary school located at 5209 Waterman, in St. Louis' Central West End. Enrollment for the 1986-87 school year is 302 students, ages 3 years through sixth grade.

It's The Times For A Mug

Now you can have *The Times of Skinker-DeBaliviere* at breakfast every morning. No, we haven't gone to publishing daily yet. But *The Times* has produced ceramic mugs with our very own masthead on them, so you can have your morning coffee with us.

The mugs will be available for \$5 at the Cookie Contest Party on Friday, February 13 (See page 1.) or you may order mugs by calling 727-7378 (evenings) or 863-0947 (days) or by sending the form below with your check to 5851 Waterman, St. Louis, MO 63112.

Costs of producing the mugs are being underwritten by Central West End Savings and Loan, 415 DeBaliviere. All proceeds will go toward the support of *The Times*.

The ceramic mug is blue with white print and would be a great Valentine's gift filled with chocolate kisses. Order yours soon!

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(We will deliver mugs ourselves within the SDCC area.)

Area Events Brightened The Holidays

The Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council celebrated the Holiday Season with three neighborhood events: a Christmas Walk and House Tour, an Outdoor Lighting Contest, and a reader's theatre presentation of *A Child's Christmas in Wales*. The House Tour was held on the afternoon of December 14, which was a beautiful, sunny day. Nine homes, decorated for Christmas, were open for tour and St. Roch's provided refreshments in the newly renovated Church Hall. The Tour ended at 4 p.m. to coincide with Grace Methodist's annual Candlelight Caroling Service. Both events were well attended.

SDCC's First Annual Outdoor Lighting Contest was a true success. Three winners,

one from each neighborhood, were awarded a hand-crafted Christmas ornament. Our distinguished judge, Paula Repetto, selected as winners: Maverine Wilson from Rosedale, Jim and Kathy Merlo from Parkview, and Janelle and Lessie Stephens from Washington Heights.

Dylan Thomas' *A Child's Christmas in Wales* was presented at Grace Methodist Church on Wednesday evening, December 17. Ken Cohen directed the production with a cast of Kathleen Hamilton, Dan Shea, Rocco DiLorenzo, and Terry Vanicelli. Mary Vanicelli's Brownie Troop 533 baked over six dozen cookies for the reception that followed the reading.

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February Calendar

- 1 "NO CRYSTAL STAIR: BLACK ST. LOUIS, 1920-1940," an exhibition of newspaper accounts, photographs, personal accounts, and artifacts, may be seen at the New Acquisitions Gallery of the Missouri Historical Society, Jefferson Memorial, Forest Park. For more information, phone 361-1424.
- ANDY WARHOL will be the topic of a Sunday Editions program/film presented at the St. Louis Art Museum auditorium at 2:30 p.m. FREE.
- "RECENT WORKS/WATERCOLOR COLLAGE," by Ginny Herzog will open with a reception for the artist at The Gallery of University City, University City Public Library, 6701 Delmar, from 3 to 5 p.m. The exhibit will be on display through 2/27. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. through 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 2 through 5 p.m. For more information, call 727-3150.
- 2 A FREE AIKIDO CLASS will be offered by the St. Louis Ki Society, 6006 Pershing (at Forest Park and Des Peres) at 6 p.m. Aikido is a soft martial art teaching unification of mind and body for self-discipline and self-defense. Visitors are welcome at all classes. Also offered on 2/4 at 6 p.m. and 2/7 at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call 726-5070.
- HAKAN HAGEGARD, baritone, will be presented in concert at CASA, 560 Trinity, at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$8-25. For more information, call 864-3033.
- 3 "DANCE BLACK AMERICA," a film about the Dance Black America Festival at the Brooklyn Academy of music in 1983 will be featured at the St. Louis Art Museum auditorium, 5:30 p.m. For ticket information, call 721-0067.
- "ENTR'ACUTE," a Black History Month program, will be presented at the St. Louis Art Museum auditorium, Forest Park, at 7 p.m. Richard Martin, president and founder of the Children's Performing Arts Academy and Master Teacher of traditional African American jazz and tapdance from the University of Missouri-Columbia, will present a short lecture on the relationship between music, black history, and dance in America. For more information, call 721-0067.
- MANUAL PUIG, Argentine novelist and author of *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, will speak on "Literature and Film," at Washington University's Graham Chapel, 4 p.m. FREE. For information, call 889-5202 or 889-5267.
- 4 "FAR SIDE" cartoonist Gary Larson will lecture at Washington University's Graham Chapel at 11 a.m. FREE. For information, call 889-5202 or 889-5267.
- 5 AL ANON meets every Thursday at Grace Methodist Church, Waterman at Skinker, 10 a.m.
- 7 JOHN BERRY MEACHUM'S SCHOOL FOR FREEDOM will be the topic of a discussion presented by the Missouri Historical Society's staff. The audience will have an opportunity to learn about how blacks, mostly slaves, were educated on the legendary steamboat school in the middle of the Mississippi River, out of the jurisdiction of the repressive Missouri law that forbade the blacks to learn to read or write. Presented at 10:30 a.m., Missouri Historical Society, Jefferson Memorial, Forest Park. FREE.
- 8 "THE OLIVER SAIN REVUE" plays rhythm and blues from the 1920s, 30s, and later at the Missouri Historical Society's Lionberger Gallery, Jefferson Memorial, Forest Park. FREE.
- 9 KATHLEEN MATTIS, associate principal violist with the St. Louis Symphony, will perform at Concordia Seminary's Pitzlaff Hall at 8 p.m. She will be accompanied by pianist George Silfies, also of the St. Louis Symphony. Tickets are FREE, but must be reserved in advance by calling 721-5934, extension 223.
- 10 THE KAMMERGILD CHAMBER ORCHESTRA of St. Louis will perform the works of Mendelssohn, Bartok, and Dvorak at The Center for Contemporary Arts, 524 Trinity, at 8 p.m. For ticket information, call 721-2336.
- THREE FILMS, "Alvin Ailey: Memories and Visions," "Relations," and "St. Louis Blues," will be presented at the St. Louis Art Museum auditorium, Forest Park. The films are part of several special offerings during Black History Month, exploring black dance, music, and history. For information, call 721-0067.
- 11 ELLEN GOODMAN, syndicated columnist, will lecture on "A Matter of Values," at Washington University's Graham Chapel, 11 a.m. FREE. For more information, call 889-5202 or 889-5267.
- 13 "GUYS AND DOLLS," the film that won Frank Sinatra an Academy Award, will be shown at the St. Louis Art Museum auditorium, Forest Park, at 1:30, 7, and 9:15 p.m. Admission: \$2; Museum Friends, \$1.
- THE TIMES OF SKINKER-DEBALIVIERE will host the Second Annual Chocolate Chip Cookie Contest and Fund Raiser, 6:30 a.m., at the home of Sandy and Sue Rothschild, 6208 Washington. (See related article.)
- 14 A ST. VALENTINE'S DAY CONCERT will be presented by the St. Louis Classical Guitar Society and Flute Society of St. Louis, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 6800 Washington. General admission tickets: \$2. For more information, call 725-0739.
- 15 THE BEL CANTO CHORUS with orchestra will present the premiere of "Echoes of the Lamb." Mozart's "Missa Brevis in F Major" will also be presented on the same program at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 6800 Washington, 7:30 p.m. General admission tickets: \$4. For information, call 727-9553 days or 727-3587 evenings.
- A CONCERT OF JEWISH MUSIC will be performed at United Hebrew Temple, 225 S. Skinker, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$3.50. For information, call 726-4666.
- "SONG AND DANCE FROM THE 1920s AND 1930s" double bill features Roosevelt Vocal Ensemble from Roosevelt High School and Us Players and Gospel choir, Melody of Praise, from St. Louis University; at the Missouri Historical Society's Lionberger Gallery, Jefferson Memorial, Forest Park. 6 p.m. FREE. For more information, call 361-1424.
- 16 CHAMBER MUSIC performed by members of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra will be presented at Grace United Methodist Church, 6199 Waterman, 8 p.m. For ticket information, call 534-1700.
- 18 A GROUP EXHIBITION featuring the paintings of Nancy Scheinman and sculpture of Dewey Dempsey will open with a reception at Elliot Smith Gallery, 360 Skinker, from 2 to 5 p.m. The exhibit runs through February 24. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday; and 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday. For information, call 726-1170.
- ALI A. MAZEUI, writer and presenter of the PBS series "The Africans: A Triple Heritage," will be featured speaker at Washington University's Graham Chapel at 11 a.m. The title of his presentation will be "Cultural Forces in the World of Politics: A Third World Perspective." FREE. For more information, call 889-5202 or 889-5267.
- 20 "SOME COME RUNNING," featuring Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Shirley MacLaine, and Arthur Kennedy, will be screened at the St. Louis Art Museum auditorium, Forest Park, at 1:30, 7, and 9:15 p.m. Admission: \$2; Museum Friends, \$1.
- THE CITY PLAYERS will present the St. Louis premiere of Harold Pinter's "Other Places." The play runs through March 8 at The Center for Contemporary Arts, 524 Trinity. For ticket information and reservations, call 727-0550 or 361-2211.
- 21 FOURTH ANNUAL EVENING ON ICE Skating Party, Steinberg Skating Rink, Forest Park. Call 862-5122 or 726-0740 for more information. (See related article.)
- THE FEDERALIST will be the topic of a children's program featuring stories about Alexander Hamilton, delegate to the Constitutional Convention at the Missouri Historical Society, Jefferson Memorial, Forest Park. 10:30 a.m. FREE.
- 22 "BLACK AMERICAN FOLK TALES," told by Patricia McKissock, with stories and slides from her book, *Flossie and the Fox*, will be presented at the Missouri Historical Society's Emerson auditorium, Jefferson Memorial, Forest Park. 2 p.m. FREE. For more information, call 361-1424.
- "AN EVENING WITH FUGARD" will be performed by the St. Louis Black Repertory Theatre with excerpts from plays by Athol Fugard at the Missouri Historical Society's Lionberger Gallery, Jefferson Memorial, Forest Park. 6 p.m. FREE. For more information, call 361-1424.
- 25 RAY BRADY, CBS Evening News Correspondent, will speak on "What's Ahead for the Economy?" at Washington University's Graham Chapel, 11 a.m. FREE. For more information, call 889-5202 or 889-5267.
- 27 "THE DETECTIVE," a film starring Frank Sinatra, Lee Remick, Jacqueline Bisset, and Jack Klugman, will be shown at the St. Louis Art Museum auditorium, Forest Park, at 1:30, 7, and 9:15 p.m. Admission: \$2; Museum Friends, \$1.
- 28 BUFFALO HUNTERS will be the topic of a children's program featuring slides and artifacts to show the nomadic lives of the Plains Indians before the white man at the Missouri Historical Society, Jefferson Memorial, Forest Park. 10:30 a.m. FREE.
- THE ST. LOUIS RAGTIMERS will present a Mardi Gras concert at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be available, but not included in the \$3.50 general admission price. Location to be announced. Call the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council office, 862-5122, for more information.

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The Candidates Speak Out

The voters of the 28th Ward have always been independent and active in their participation in the election process. In the spirit of such awareness, *The Times* initially had hoped to sponsor a debate between the Democratic candidates for 28th Ward alderman as a means of presenting the men seeking office to the area's constituents. Unfortunately, the timing of the primary election and the final date for filing made this impossible for us.

Instead, the five candidates were contacted, either in person or by certified mail, and were asked to submit a profile outlining their backgrounds and qualifications. In addition, all were given the opportunity to purchase advertising space.

The response was enthusiastic: four of the five have provided us with statements and photographs. James Balls, although responding affirmatively by telephone, had not submitted anything by the time it was necessary to go to the typesetter.

The 28th Ward is an area marked by a diverse population representing a variety of needs. The staff of *The Times* hopes that the following statements will help clarify to the voter the opinions and talents of each man and their views on the issues confronting our neighborhood.

Please take the opportunity to vote on March 3, 1987. Voting is a privilege and a duty; it is your chance to voice your opinion and make your choice count.



Mike Magrath: Candidate, Democrat for Alderman, 28th Ward — March 3, 1987

I would like to thank *The Times of Skinker-DeBaliviere* for the opportunity to discuss some of the central issues in the Aldermanic race with you, the voter. There are clear differences between the candidates, and these differences will directly affect the lives of the residents of the 28th Ward. My candidacy offers a clear alternative — a people-to-people effort — which will deal directly with your problems and needs.

The decision to run for Democratic Alderman was made after careful thought and discussion with my family following requests, inquiries, and encouragement from many people who want to see better representation for the 28th Ward and more positive, progressive leadership at the Board of Alderman. My family and I have lived in the 28th Ward for over seventeen years, and I have a strong feeling of commitment to the principal that we should work "to maintain and improve our area so that we all may live in an attractive, desirable neighborhood."

I believe that I offer a unique blend of community leadership, grass roots involvement, and professional experience. My record clearly demonstrates that I am the kind of leader who will represent the *whole* community. My past and current experience includes:

- Coordinator of Parent and Community Involvement, St. Louis Public High Schools
- Officer, 56th State Representative District Committee
- Member, Local 44, American Federation of School Administrators
- Steering Committee, St. Louis Housing Council
- President, Washington Heights Neighbors Association
- Chair, Hamilton School Parent Community Advisory Committee
- Coordinator, Columbia Community School
- Director, St. Louis Neighborhood Resource Center
- Member, Aldermanic Displacement Monitoring Task Force
- Member, Missouri Commission on Neighborhoods
- Adjunct Assistant Professor, St. Louis University
- Masters Degree, St. Louis University

The endorsement of my candidacy by State Representatives Paula Carter (56th District), O.L. Shelton (57th District), and Charles Quincy Troupe (62nd District) will insure cooperative state and local working relationships. With federal funds and programs being funneled to the state level, this kind of cooperation becomes more important than ever.

There are critical problems and needs facing the residents of the 28th Ward. The duties of an Alderman require him to first and foremost represent the people of the 28th Ward rather than the special interests that too often receive favored treatment.

Secondly, the Alderman must involve people in making decisions that affect their neighborhoods within the Ward and in the City as a whole. As Alderman, I will meet with block units, neighborhood associations, businesses, churches, and citizens to insure that constituents have an active and early voice in decision-making.

Third, I am committed to responsible redevelopment through stabilizing and improving existing residential neighborhoods, such as Hi Pointe, Washington Heights, and Skinker-DeBaliviere.

Our neighborhood has witnessed arrogant and high-handed actions from developers and speculators. As Alderman, I will work steadfastly with all concerned to complete the long-overdue development of the Delmar and DeBaliviere commercial areas.

Moreover, I would firmly press for immediate action on the development of the Nina Place area. The intentional delaying of this redevelopment is simply an attempt to force more people out of our neighborhood. I will work aggressively to turn this deplorable situation around.

Finally, as Alderman, I will use a balanced approach to direct public and private resources to the places and people in the 28th Ward according to need. This includes:

- Expanded services for senior citizens
- Housing rehabilitation
- Neighborhood improvement
- Greater employment and training opportunities
- Safe, sufficient and accessible police protection
- A wider range of programs and services offered through the Community School
- Small business development

I welcome your views and suggestions on the issues that concern you. Together we can make a difference.



Lee M. Jacobs: Candidate, Democrat for Alderman, 28th Ward — March 3, 1987

This statement is in regard to my candidacy for Alderman of the 28th Ward.

I'm running for the Board of Alderman in the 28th Ward for three principle reasons.

1. To heal the rift developed within the 28th Ward in August when Mayor Schoemehl fielded a slate of candidates to challenge the incumbents supported by Rep. William Clay. I must say at the time I also supported the slate, and that was basically because the 28th Ward Regular Democrats Club did and I'm a member of the 28th Ward.

However, on the other hand, I have an open and honest relationship with Senator John Bass and William Clay, Jr. A relationship I think that's strong enough to heal this rift — a rift that could cause problems for Mayor Schoemehl's re-election and for Richard Gephardt's bid for president in 1988.

2. To increase community involvement in the political process. As many of you know, I ran for Committeeman in the 28th Ward in 1984 and received nearly a third of the votes cast. These results indicate that a substantial portion of the 28th Ward supported my ideals and candidacy. One of the main issues is the fact that the make-up of the Ward leadership isn't indicative of the Ward's social and economical make-up.

I submit to you that if I'm elected Alderman, I would bring diversity to the Ward leadership that is so desperately needed.

3. I have earned the opportunity to be Alderman, which leads me to my qualifications for the job of Alderman. What qualifies me to be Alderman of the 28th Ward, besides the fact that I and my family have lived in the 28th Ward for nearly 20 years, is that I'm an alumnus of St. Louis University and Forest Park Community College, where I study political science and business administration.

What separates my candidacy and qualifications from the rest is that I have gained first-hand experience in politics from the national level to the local level. At the national level, I was coordinator for Jesse Jackson's 1984 bid for President. In addition, I was selected as an alternate to the 1984 National Democratic Convention, which could prove to be essential in the Gephardt bid for President. At the state level, as many of you may know, I was a candidate for State Representative of the 59th District, opposing Chester Hines and Bill Clay, Jr. in the 1986 August primary. Later, I withdrew and pledged my support for Judy Raker and Chester Hines. While supporting these two candidates, I gained extensive experience in the day-to-day operation of state government.

Finally, at the local level I gained my experience as a candidate for Committeeman, which is the lowest basic level of government.

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Dan McGuire: Candidate for Re-election, Democrat for Alderman, 28th Ward — March 3, 1987

I have been honored to serve as your Alderman in the 28th Ward for the last six years, and look forward to continuing to work with you after the upcoming election. While our ward now stretches from Manchester on the south, along the City Limits to Delmar, and then east all the way to Boyle, Skinker-DeBaliviere is my home. My wife, Jill, our infant son, Danny, and I moved into our first home at 5788 Waterman in 1971, after I returned from a tour of duty with the U.S. Army in Korea. By the time our other son, John, reached two years of age, we needed more room, so in 1978 we moved to our current home at 6185 Westminster. Both children attended St. Roch's School, and Dan is now a junior at CBC.

During these last 16 years, Skinker-DeBaliviere has been reborn. Many of our single-family homes have been renovated. Where once stood blocks of blighted apartment houses, now stands DeBaliviere Place, a nationally acclaimed model of urban renaissance; Lucier Park, our children's neighborhood playground; and Kingsbury Square, one of the first subdivisions built within the City in decades. The aged and dilapidated streetcar garage and yard at Delmar and DeBaliviere has been transformed into a modern, architecturally pleasing landmark; and an underutilized and failing private hospital has been converted into a regional health center within walking distance of our area's needy, and whose staff provides a great economic boost to our neighborhood shops and restaurants. After the completion of the Nina Place and DeBaliviere Arcade projects, the promise of light rail transit linking our community with the airport, UMSL, and Downtown, will provide the final step in Skinker-DeBaliviere's climb back to becoming a premier residential neighborhood. Indeed, our ethnic, social, and economic diversity is a model for the metropolitan area.

I have always been an active member of the community, but as your Alderman for the last six years, I have played a major role in this continuing rebirth of our neighborhood and our City. As the incumbent, I do not offer you hollow unrealistic promises and political rhetoric but a solid record of accomplishments.

The primary task of any Alderman is to insure that his constituents receive the best City services possible and their fair share of limited tax dollars for neighborhood projects and institutions. Since space does not allow detailing this record here, I have purchased additional space in this issue for this purpose.

In brief, I have worked hard to adopt worthwhile proposals for the City and then made sure that all of our neighborhoods in the 28th Ward were among the first to benefit. For example, Skinker-DeBaliviere was in the first group of neighborhoods to be offered:

- Low-cost or free Home Security Packages through Operation SafeStreet
- Low-interest loans and grants for low- and moderate-income resident home-owners, to correct housing code violations and to finance major home renovations, through Operation Impact
- Cable TV service
- City dumpsters
- New and more efficient street lighting

I have also been active in other City-wide issues of interest to our area. I successfully sponsored many important ordinances which include:

- A complete revision of the City's zoning code, with new emphasis on historic preservation, and providing citizens with a stronger voice in proposed new residential and commercial projects in their neighborhoods.
- A new "insurance" program to repair water line breaks and leaks, which were previously the responsibility of the homeowner. These repairs are paid for by a surcharge on quarterly water bills.
- The establishment of several "obsolete districts" within the ward to provide tax incentives for existing homeowners to rehabilitate their homes.
- The expansion of the Skinker-DeBaliviere-Catlin Tract Historic District boundaries.
- The establishment of a fund to support abused women's shelters in the city, financed by a surcharge of \$5 on each marriage license and divorce decree.
- An increase to \$50 in the fine for parking in a "Handicapped Parking Only" space.

For the past six years, I have worked full-time at the Board of Aldermen and in our neighborhoods, accessible, and responsive to the many diverse needs of the 28th Ward. I have kept the community informed of current issues and events through regular columns in *The Times of Skinker-DeBaliviere* and *West End Word*, and I meet with block units, neigh-



Dr. Edward Wolfram: Candidate, Democrat for Alderman, 28th Ward — March 3, 1987

I want to make clear from the start that I have two purposes: to win the Democratic nomination for 28th Ward Alderman and, as Alderman, to stop the trade-off of city contracts and influence for campaign contributions.

I was appalled by the *Post-Dispatch* series about Mayor Schoemehl's campaign contributions, but I'm enraged that my Alderman and his colleagues do nothing to make such dishonest practices illegal. I'm enraged that while we desperately need to improve our schools, no public official aided Michael Sheehan in showing that School Superintendent Jones can't buy a dinner in St. Louis for under \$100. And I'm disgusted to learn that less than 5% of contracts for St. Louis' recent tax-supported construction went to minority contractors.

What goes on at City Hall now is not right. The rich get richer while industry leaves St. Louis. We lose skilled blue collar jobs and the new jobs created by tax-supported renovations downtown bring minimum wage: clerks, waitresses, maintenance workers. Often these jobs are part-time, temporary, or seasonal. Sometimes now even people who work full-time are below the poverty level.

The unemployed and part-time or seasonal workers have no benefits. The need for good free health care is greater than ever. This City administration made health care a political issue. It gave us promises, but never gave us a good solution.

I believe many problems remain unsolved because there's no money in solving them. Keeping Forest Park fit, providing good health care, good public transportation, good crime protection doesn't put money in the pocket of politicians, so there's no top-level commitment to solve them. Did you know that unspent campaign contributions can go into the candidate's pocket? If a candidate raises \$1 million and the campaign costs \$500,000, that candidate personally can be \$500,000 richer. No wonder even politicians who aren't running trade public favors for campaign contributions: they feather their nest. Maybe "campaign contribution" is just new way to say bribe.

The 28th Ward needs independent representation. The problems facing the City are grave and the 28th shares all of them. No problem with developers, safe streets, or unemployment is unique to the 28th Ward. But what happens in this Ward has to make sense to its citizens. How can our current Alderman demand that? His wife ran the Mayor's campaigns. She was part of his City Hall staff. Her current job as a Regional Administrator depends on political backing. For the sake of his Ward, does our Alderman oppose a force that keeps bread on his table and his children in parochial school. He says his full-time job is being Alderman. That pays \$12,500 a year.

I'm not backed by any political faction. I'm not Schoemehl's man or Clay's man. I'm a physician who has always been his own boss. If you wonder what kind of Alderman I'll be, ask your friends and neighbors what kind of physician I am. I've treated many of them, their kids, their old people for 25 years. Ask them. I treat rich and poor with the same careful care. I'm available to them; I do what I promise; I answer phone calls. Being a doctor isn't much different from being an Alderman. You do what is best for your people in the short and long run. To do both jobs well, you have to be energetic, efficient, and in good health.

I believe only private citizens serving in public office can keep politics honest. I don't trust people who make politics a career. Their only livelihood depends on getting reelected.

I'm running for many reasons: 1) With grassroots support, I can win. 2) The 28th Ward and the City need people free to oppose the administration, big business, big city developers, and others whose purpose is chiefly self-serving. 3) The City needs honest political office holders.

There are honest, independent, hard-working Aldermen on that board. The 28th Ward needs to add one more to bring leadership and independence back to the 28th.

borhood groups and other organizations whenever invited, to listen and act on resident and business concerns.

I look forward to the challenge of serving you, my friends and neighbors in Skinker-DeBaliviere, for another four years.



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It All Began In The Middle Of February

by Ray Breun

It was St. Valentine's Day when a boat with thirty men landed on the western shore of the Mississippi at the first large stone bluff south of the mouth of the Missouri. Pierre Laclède, the leader of the group, was not there on that day. He had come earlier to select the spot, but had decided to talk French settlers on the eastern shore into joining his trading post settlement rather than be subject to the British. But that is to get ahead of the story.

Laclède, a partner with Gilbert Antoine de St. Maxent, left New Orleans on August 3, 1763. Governor Kerlerec, the last French governor of Louisiana, had given the firm of Maxent, Laclède & Company a license to trade with the Indians at the mouth of the Missouri. This privilege was confirmed by the French commissioner at New Orleans who succeeded Kerlerec, D'Abbadie, who took command before Laclède sailed upriver. It was nearly three months for the trip to Ste. Genevieve. Laclède found the settlement too small when he arrived toward the end of October, so he wintered at Fort Chartres, arriving there on November 3, 1763. After settling in, Laclède explored the entire western shore of the Mississippi from just above the mouth of the Missouri down to Ste. Genevieve. In December, he settled on a spot and began to draw up a plan for the distribution of land in a grid pattern along shore in addition to strips of farmland west of the trading post for growing crops.

That year, 1763, saw the French lose the Seven Year's War to the British. The French were forced to surrender all their remaining New World lands. Louisiana was ceded to the Spanish in order to keep the British from gaining the entire continent. Most of the French settlements east of the Mississippi, therefore, were technically British after the war. Laclède knew he could bring most of the French in these places to St. Louis to escape British hegemony.

On Tuesday, February 14, 1764, the first boat of Frenchmen in Laclède's party landed at the bluff where the trading post, St. Louis, was to be built. Auguste Chouteau, son of Laclède's paramour, Madame Chouteau, was present at the landing and is sometimes referred to as the leader since Laclède was busy marketing his new settlement to the anglophobic French in Illinois country east of the Mississippi. The following day, Wednesday, February 15, preparation of the trading post began. Trees were blazed, cut, and prepared for use in the construction of buildings. Streets were laid out. It is this day which is usually given as the founding day of St. Louis.

The locality of St. Louis was rather picturesque. Situated on a limestone bluff above flood level, the trading post and its buildings were near easily navigated streams. Deer, buffalo, and other game were abundant. The weather was temperate and seasonal. The soil was productive, making farming successful.

In two years, it will be 225 years since Laclède's men landed on St. Valentine's day and began to build St. Louis on February 15, 1764. Founder's Day is not a major celebration at this time, but perhaps it is not a fruitless suggestion to urge such an annual event during the commercially slow time of the year. The Riverfront Marketing Committee is discussing it, and perhaps between now and the 200th anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase in 2003, Founder's Day can grow into an annual festival.

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Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

Well, I said I would do it and I did. Just a few days after I labored over and delivered my last Vicissitudes, I labored and delivered my son, Jacob Edward Horner. He was born on the evening of October 24th, weighing seven pounds and five ounces. He has already doubled his birth weight and is as good as gold. He certainly started out right, by arriving on exactly the day I said would be the most convenient. For those of you who are interested in fortune-tellers, seers, and psychics, I'm encouraging Mary Ann Shickman of the Kingsbury Kiosk to make it part of her library services. She predicted Jacob's birthdate to day before it happened. She says it has something to do with having Indian blood in her veins. Whatever it is, I'm impressed.

I was last seen publicly in my previous blimp-like form at the Rosedale meeting and Potluck, in late October. A small crowd enjoyed a great supper as Susan Littlefield begged all the "chefs" to donate their "potluck-iest" recipes for the 28th Ward Club's cookbook, which should be hitting the scene before too long.

November started out well with the annual Christmas Bazaars at Grace Methodist and St. Roch's, held Nov. 6th and 7th. Kudos to Jim Merlo who donned red velvet and white fur to play Santa at the St. Roch's Bazaar. Santa was unable to attend himself, due to his big opening day at several area malls. Jim and Kathy Merlo and daughter Jenny are new to the area in 6300 Westminster, and we welcome them.

On December 14th, we had the annual neighborhood Christmas Walk. I only made a few of the open houses that day, but what beautiful ones they were. And how lucky we were to be able to enjoy such a gorgeous day. It was great to see so many neighbors participating in the lights contest; it really made the neighborhood look festive.

A few blocks organized caroling parties to wish their neighbors happy holidays in a most traditional way. The Contemporary Choir of St. Roch's asked their leader, Bob Dowgwillo, to help them plan some caroling as well. The group toured Parkview and Rosedale, collecting money which was donated to Our Lady's Inn. The caroling was followed by a party at the Fleeners in Parkview.

Speaking of Bob Dowgwillo, 6100 Pershing, big congratulations are in order. Bob became engaged on November 11th to Heide Klees. Bob selected Armistice Day, saying that if the Germans could surrender, then so could he. They will be married on May 30th at Christ the King in U City. Heide is the daughter of Patty Klees, who teaches 7th and 8th grade at St. Roch's, and is a legal assistant at the firm Thompson-Mitchell. Bob is an aeronautical engineer at McDonnell Douglas, and is best known in this area as the president of Rosedale Neighborhood Association. Bob and Heidi are planning a traditional wedding and are even taking dancing lessons so they can "start their marriage out on the right foot." They will make their home in Rosedale.

Hats off to Ginny Klevorn, 6100 Washington, who introduced the couple and is now known as the "Dolly Levi of Skinker-DeBaliviere." In her off-hours as matchmaker, Ginny has a new job at Dillard's Crestwood buying office as an assistant buyer. She graduated from St. Louis University in December with a business degree in Marketing.

Jim Boggeman, 6100 Washington, also has a new job. Jim is now managing Turco Warehousing Inc. in Sauget. Turco warehouses gas grills and swingsets.

Immediately following the holiday, Tom and Karleen Hoerr, 6100 Kingsbury, grabbed their well-worn passports and headed for Spain and Portugal. They report having a great time with one exception. Tom was unable to enjoy New Year's as he was suffering from some "bug" and heard the new year rung in from his hotel sickbed.

Karen and Boulter Kelsey and family have taken up new residence in Kingsbury Square. Their former neighbors will miss them, but we're glad they're still in the area.

Bill and Mary Christman and children Keely and Sam have also moved. They now reside on Yale in University City. Bill will keep his studio on 6000 Kingsbury, so fortunately the Christmans will also remain a part of the neighborhood.

Tim Rohan is someone who has had ties to the neighborhood for a long time. Tim has his own interior design firm — T. Rohan — at 7310 Manchester in Maplewood. Tim is the son of Marie Daggendorf and the late Thomas Rohan, who first made their home here in the 6100 block of Kingsbury in 1957. Tim and his six sisters grew up here. After their father passed away, Marie married George Daggendorf, and they continued to reside here until just last year.

Tim is very proud of his shop, which features all types of interior design selections and also boasts a workroom in the back. This way he is able to offer in-house upholstery, finishing, and even furniture design. Good luck to Tim in this venture.

Hope to see you at the Paper Fund Raiser at the Rothschild's on February 13th. Look for more information about this as well as the skating party (February 21st), and the St. Louis Ragtimers (February 28th) in this issue.

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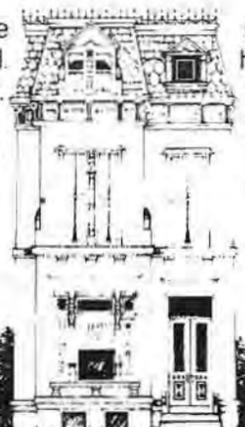
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The primary task of any Alderman is to ensure that his constituents receive the best City services possible and their fair share of limited City tax dollars for neighborhood projects and institutions. While I am also proud of my leadership and success in solving many Citywide problems, I would like to share my record with you as it directly relates to Skinker-DeBaliviere.

Street Repaving

In the last three years, most of our neighborhood streets have been repaved. The following are scheduled to be repaved this year:

- Union from Lindell to Waterman
- Park Road from Lindell to Union
- Waterman from Belt to DeBaliviere
- Delmar from Skinker to City Limits
- McPherson, Kingsbury and Westminster from Rosedale to Des Peres

Curb Repair

Phase I of the Skinker Beautification Program was implemented in 1986. An additional \$10,000 of curb repairs are already under contract for Phase II this year.

Traffic Improvements

- Des Peres at Delmar, Clara at Delmar, and Nina Place at McPherson were closed, returning these streets to our neighborhood by forcing crosstown traffic onto Skinker, DeBaliviere and Union.
- Street constrictors were built on Westminster at Skinker and McPherson at Des Peres.
- The DeBaliviere median has been modified for improved traffic safety.
- The traffic diverter at Rosedale and Washington was removed to rejoin the 60XX block of Washington with the other residential blocks of Rosedale.
- A landscaped median will be constructed on Delmar from Union to DeBaliviere this year.

New Sidewalks

With my assistance, many residents have been funded for 50% of the cost of new sidewalks for their homes through the City's "50/50 Program."

Trees & Green Space

Literally hundreds of trees have been planted in Skinker-DeBaliviere during the last three years at no additional cost to residents. The vacant lot at Des Peres and Westminster and the abandoned frame office building at Washington and Des Peres have been recently purchased by the City. The building will be demolished and both lots will be landscaped and maintained by the Parks Department.

Lucier Park

In 1981, this new park was only a barren mud flat. During my term of office, the park:

- Has been fenced, seeded and landscaped with flowers and trees;
- A softball diamond with backstop and a soccer field have been added;
- A children's playground was built with a City grant matched by a fund-raising drive of neighboring block units; and
- Bleachers, benches, and a water fountain have been installed through the gifts of "Step-Up St. Louis" and the Phillip Lucier family.

Forest Park

Forest Park has been a major priority during my tenure as your Alderman. Even though two federal grant applications to clean our lakes were not approved, and Republican Governor John Ashcroft vetoed two bills that would have restored the lakes and roads in the park, because of my efforts much progress has been made.

- After two years of hard work, I was able to have a Master Plan for the future of Forest Park adopted.
- As a result of this Plan, and with additional personal lobbying, I was successful in creating a new full-time City position in the Parks Department, whose sole responsibility is monitoring and improving Forest Park.

- A major private capital improvement fund-raising drive has been initiated starting with the \$325,000 renovation of the Dwight Davis Tennis Complex scheduled this spring.
- I successfully sponsored an ordinance that prohibits the City's Board of Estimate & Apportionment, the Board of Public Service or the Parks Director from giving away any more land in our public parks for new uses. Any new use in our parks can now only be approved by the full Board of Aldermen after formal public hearings and debate. Further, all monies derived from any such new leases must be used for park purposes.
- I also successfully sponsored an ordinance prohibiting the use of bottles in our public parks and playgrounds.
- The entire bicycle path, Lagoon Drive and our neighborhood's access to the park, Des Peres from Lindell to Grand Drive and University Circle from Grand Drive to Skinker, have been repaved.
- The sidewalks around the Jewel Box have been restored.
- New directional signs have been erected.
- The historic Cabanne House has been restored for public use at no cost to the City.
- The Stupp Memorial Fountain at the Jefferson Memorial has been constructed, and at my insistence, the Missouri Historical Society is charged by law with its perpetual maintenance. This is the first time the City has accepted such a gift with the assurance that it will be properly maintained in the future at no cost to our citizens.
- The Science Center reopened the Planetarium after it was closed by the City because of budget cuts. With my help City funds were awarded to install the new state-of-the-art Digistar Projection System which had been donated to the City by the McDonnell Foundation.
- Two park bridges will be restored this year.

Neighborhood Development

Our neighborhood continues to flourish and rebuild. The DeBaliviere Place residential project is nearing completion, and the long-delayed DeBaliviere Arcade commercial project is scheduled to begin this March. The major rehab of apartments on Pershing at Laurel and Washington at Rosedale has been completed. The recent renovation of residential and commercial buildings on Delmar, east of DeBaliviere, promises to spark additional investment in the Regional Hospital area to link up with Savoy Court at Union.

In the neighboring 26th Ward, the Kingsbury Square developers are again building new townhomes. However, the appearance of large earth mounds on Laurel has caused several complaints from Washington Heights residents. 26th Ward Alderman Wayman Smith and I are negotiating with the developers to arrive at an equitable solution to this concern.

I am very proud to report that my work in assisting neighborhood development includes several successful programs for long-time residents. Through the Operation Impact program, much of the neighborhood was targeted to take advantage of two low-interest loan programs for low- and moderate-income homeowners. Loans and grants of up to \$3000 for code abatement are available through Neighborhood Housing Services and major renovation loans are administered by the Urban League. Many local homeowners have taken advantage of these programs.

In addition, several "obsolete districts" have been established within the ward to provide tax incentives for existing homeowners to rehabilitate their homes.

While in the past the power of eminent domain and major relocation were necessary to begin the redevelopment of our area, **not one building in Skinker-DeBaliviere has been obtained by eminent domain during my tenure** as Alderman. In fact, the threat of eminent domain has been used primarily against vacant property owned by real estate speculators.

The Rosedale neighborhood is finally rid of speculator Mike Beardson's control of several vacant apartment buildings. His financial scheme collapsed due to the combined pressures of the threat of eminent domain and code enforcement by the City, and foreclosure proceedings on his mortgage. Landmark Bank and developer Mead-McClellan have taken over these properties and have already begun to complete the rehab of 6111 Pershing and 520 Rosedale. The other buildings are scheduled for completion this summer.

Unfortunately, work in the Nina Place area has been delayed. When, in 1984, two competing neighborhood-based corporations failed to begin any plan for this area's rehabilitation, I brought together three local groups in an attempt to

finally get the project started. The Nina Redevelopment Corporation (made up of representatives from Cornerstone, affiliated with Grace & Peace Fellowship; Piece of the Rock, controlled by Msgr. Sal Polizzi and parishioners of St. Roch Church; and Pantheon Corporation) was awarded the development rights for the project in December 1984. **No owner-occupied property was ever threatened by eminent domain.**

When the financing package for the project was finally put together late in 1985, Mike Beardson's partnership (which in addition to the Rosedale properties, owns six vacant buildings in the area, including two on the 58XX block of Westminster) reneged on their previous joint venture commitment and the entire project had to be restructured. Because of uncertainty about the new federal tax code and a weakness in the apartment rental market in St. Louis during 1986, a new financial package has not yet been completed. It is hoped that the remaining financing will soon be committed, or that another developer can be found quickly, so that construction on this long-overdue project can begin this building season.

Hamilton Community School

In 1983, the City's Community School Program faced tremendous budgetary problems. Our Hamilton Community School was scheduled to be closed, or at best severely cut back in funding. Through my efforts in the Board of Aldermen, we were not only able to support Hamilton with full funding, but to "lock in" almost \$1 million a year in federal block grant funds to assist this very worthwhile Citywide program in subsequent years.

Kingsbury Library

When a devastating fire destroyed our library several years ago, the Library Board decided not to rebuild in our community. Joining forces with other neighborhood leaders, we were able to convince the Board to reconsider and provide our neighborhood with permanent daily library service at the innovative and successful Kingsbury Kiosk.

Cable Television

After leading the floor debate in the Board of Aldermen, which finally resolved the years-old controversy over awarding a Cable TV franchise in the City of St. Louis, I succeeded in including Skinker-DeBaliviere in the **first** area of the City to be wired for service. Additionally, I led the effort to include the Arts & Entertainment Network to the "basic" pay plan at no additional cost to subscribers.

Operation Safestreet

Through my efforts, our neighborhood was included in the **first** phase of this highly successful crime-fighting project. Most importantly, our homeowners were able to take advantage of the low-cost home burglary prevention package offered by the program. The total package includes the installation of dead-bolt locks and "peep holes" in front and rear doors, basement security bars for doors and windows, first floor window locks, dusk-to-dawn light kits and smoke alarms. These items were installed free to senior citizens and are still available for the neighborhood.

Operation Impact

Again, much of our neighborhood was in the **first** phase of this blight fighting attack, which for the **first** time included low-interest loans and grants to low- and moderate-income homeowners, additional building inspections, new expedited court proceedings for code violations in the area, and an emphasis on ridding the neighborhood of vacant buildings.

I have worked full-time as your Alderman to ensure that Skinker-DeBaliviere and the other neighborhoods in the 28th Ward receive their fair share of City dollars, service and programs. I have kept the community informed and, whenever invited, met with all groups in the area to listen and act on residential or business concerns. By working together much has been accomplished... but much remains to be done. I sincerely hope I have earned your respect, your trust, and your vote in the March 3rd Democratic Primary.