

# The *TIMES* of... SKINKER DEBALIVIERE

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## Progress Shows At Hamilton School

by Sue Rothschild

Hamilton Elementary School, 5819 Westminster Place, enjoys a second name—the "United Nations School." John Bernard, principal of Hamilton, coined the name to describe the mix of children he oversees. Hamilton has the distinction of being the school for English as a Second Language (ESL) for students from throughout the city and parts of the county. The 120 ESL children are from many parts of the world, including Africa, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, and Mexico. Hamilton was chosen because of its central location. Children are assigned to the Hamilton ESL program by the Recruitment and Counseling Center.

The ESL students work most of the day in their regular grade classroom. They spend about 45 minutes a day with an ESL specialist in a separate classroom for work in English, using picture cards, books, and computers. Even after they become fluent in English, most will stay at Hamilton through 5th grade, while others will go back to their neighborhoods. This exposure to other cultures is a rewarding experience for both students and teachers, and shows in the quiet and friendly environment at Hamilton.

About one third of the students at Hamilton live in the Skinker DeBaliviere neighborhood. Other students are bused from South St. Louis areas near Spring and Wyoming.

The total population is 527 students, which, Mr. Bernard says, "is about as many as we can handle." The largest classroom has 28 children, while the others have fewer.

Hamilton also teaches special education children in their own, self-contained classrooms. The children have speech, sight, or learning disabilities.

Hamilton welcomes volunteers from the neighborhood. A volunteer can "write his own ticket" on what activities he would like to help with, be it supervising at recess, working with the children on computers, or accompanying them on field trips. Washington University students lend a hand by reading to children, and working with them on an individual basis. Volunteers can call the school office at 367-0552.

The school has been recently plastered and painted inside, and a new roof and guttering work has been completed outside. Mr. Bernard says that new windows will be the priority if more money can be raised for capital improvements. A new lunchroom would also be a welcome addition, because the present cafeteria was once the boy's gym.

The cultural diversity at Hamilton is helping to raise test scores and improve discipline. Other changes in the neighborhood, such as new construction in Kingsbury Square, and rehab work on nearby Washington Avenue, are also helping to make the school better. The students, staff, and community can all take pride in Hamilton Elementary School.



Children walking past the interesting facade of Hamilton School, as they walk to school at 8:45 a.m.



Children arriving by bus at Hamilton School.

Photo by King Schoenfeld

## New President Elected At SDCC



Paul Kurtz

The Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council Board of Directors selected Paul Kurtz as its tenth president at the September 12th meeting. Kurtz has lived in the Skinker DeBaliviere neighborhood for 10 years in the 6000 block of Washington and he has served on the SDCC Board seven years representing the northern six blocks of the Rosedale Neighborhood. Kurtz also serves on the Rosedale Neighborhood Association Board of Directors.

Kurtz succeeds James McLeod, who presided over the board for the 1987-88 term. At the August board meeting, McLeod's last as president, at-large representative Karleen Hoerr thanked McLeod on behalf of the board. She acknowledged his leadership and contributions to the Council not just for his term as president but for the 10 years that he has tirelessly served the board. McLeod thanked the board for their support and hard



Jim McLeod

work, and expressed his confidence in the future of the Council and in presidential nominee Kurtz. McLeod will continue to serve on the board as the Washington University representative.

Other officers at the September meeting include: Bob Mahon, vice president, representative of the Parkview Agents; Catherine Forslund, secretary, elected as an at-large representative at the same meeting; and Kathleen O'C. Hamilton, treasurer, also an at-large representative.

In addition to Forslund, the board elected four new at-large directors: Randy Bailey, George Genung, Marty Hussey and Shirley Polk.

President Kurtz believes the Council's mission "to make the Skinker DeBaliviere

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## Ministry Sponsors Thanksgiving Baskets

The Breitmayer Community Ministry of Grace United Methodist Church is sponsoring a Thanksgiving Basket program for needy families in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area. Each of the baskets will consist of a turkey and all the trimmings for a Thanksgiving Day dinner, plus food for an additional three days.

Last year the Breitmayer Ministry distributed 55 baskets and had a waiting list of 100 people who had registered for food who could not be served. This year, those who receive the Thanksgiving Baskets will be pre-screened before receiving the baskets, in an attempt to distribute the baskets fairly.

The goal this year is to double the number of baskets, but in order to do this the Ministry must raise approximately \$3,000, because each basket costs \$25.00. To reach this goal they are asking for donations from residents of the Skinker-DeBaliviere community. If you wish to donate to the Breitmayer Thanksgiving Basket Fund, or if you desire additional information, please call Linda Emerson at 863-8900. Donations may be mailed to the Breitmayer Community Ministry, 6199 Waterman, St. Louis, MO 63112. Please make checks payable to the Breitmayer Community Ministry. Your contribution is tax deductible.

## From The Mayor's Desk

by Vincent C. Schoemehl, Jr.

I recently introduced a neighborhood improvement plan titled Operation ConServ (Concentrated Services) to enhance the quality of life in St. Louis neighborhoods. Under the plan, Operation ConServ encourages neighborhoods to develop and implement individually designed neighborhood plans.

Operation ConServ will be comprised of four major components: a detailed neighborhood plan, housing development strategies, concentrated neighborhood services and capital improvements. These components will be integrated into neighborhood based strategies for residential and business communities within the City of St. Louis. The four ConServ components will be designed in cooperation with neighborhood leaders and political leaders. Details of the plan are currently being finalized by City officials.

Over the next three to four years, City residents will see ConServ unfold in three phases. The City has already commissioned 13 key neighborhood plans, in areas of north and south St. Louis, which will soon be completed. The first cluster of plans will be called Phase 1 of the ConServ project. Within the next few years, St. Louis should have a neighborhood plan in place for each community within the City.

Operation ConServ will make it possible for neighborhood housing corporations and residents to obtain assistance in dealing with and carrying out ideas on housing needs for their neighborhoods. Community businesses will also receive assistance in enhancing the exterior of their properties.

Operation ConServ will be coordinated by a group that will be known as the Operation ConServ Council. The Operation ConServ Council will be comprised of representatives from 20 different City service areas. The Council will give neighborhood and political leaders a chance to obtain immediate feedback on certain issues of concern or interest in their particular neighborhoods. The special needs of neighborhoods will vary from one to another. Some communities will rely heavily on all ConServ components and other communities will utilize only a few components.

Service areas represented on the Council include: Building Inspections, Citizens' Service Bureau, Community Development Agency (CDA), Forestry Division, Housing Authority, Operation BrightSide, Operation Impact, Operation SafeStreet, Parks Department, Police Department, Refuse Department, Streets Department and others.

The plan of action for Operation ConServ is to decide what strategic approach is best for individual neighborhoods, set priorities for the most efficient use of limited resources, effectively deliver the needed services to the neighborhoods and to affect a positive degree of change. The ConServ Council is limited to 20 important service areas; however, other service areas will be added after ConServ is firmly in place.

City neighborhoods are the backbone of the community. Therefore, it is imperative that measures are instituted to preserve the quality of life found in the City. Operation ConServ utilizes a comprehensive approach in addressing the specific needs of the residential and business communities. It is vital that our neighborhoods are preserved to ensure the future growth of the City of St. Louis.

## Neighborhood Scouts Earn Eagle



Photographer Quinta Scott

Eagle Scouts Kalon Scott (left) and Matthew J. Falk.

Kalon Scott, son of Barrie and Quinta Scott, and Matthew J. Falk, son of Robert Falk Jr. and Joan Buxton Falk, have earned Scouting's highest rank—that of Eagle Scout. Both young men are members of troupe 98 of Saint Roch's Parish.

Kalon, a graduate of Principia, is a student at Kansas State University working toward a degree in Architecture, a merit badge he earned for his Eagle. Kalon performed his Eagle project at Christ Church Cathedral's shelter for the homeless. He has served as leadership corps member, scribe, assistant senior patrol leader, and Senior Patrol Leader in his troupe as well as Keystone district camporee staff member for several camporees. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow Shawnee Lodge and is a recipient of the Christian Science Religious Award in Scouting.

Matthew, a graduate of Saint Louis University High School, is a National Merit Scholar attending Macalester College work-

ing toward his degree in Psychology. Matthew travelled to Haiti for his Eagle project where he assisted in the construction of a church as well as serving in a medical clinic and school. Upon his return he prepared a slide program which he presents in St. Louis to acquaint people with the ongoing Haiti Project at SLUH. He has served as a leadership corps member and assistant senior patrol leader in his troupe. He was twice campmaster for the Keystone district camporees as well as campmaster for the Handicapped camporee of St. Louis Area Council B.S.A. He has held the posts of both secretary and Chapter Chief of the Keystone chapter Order of the Arrow Shawnee Lodge. He holds the Catholic Religious Award in Scouting.

Both Eagle Scouts are members of troupe 98 of Saint Roch's Parish at 6000 Waterman. Troop 98 is a boy-led troupe open to boys of all faiths. Dennis Mattli is the Scoutmaster.

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### New Coordinator At Community School

Hamilton Community School welcomes Alva L. Jacobs as the new interim coordinator. Ms. Jacobs started September 26th and brings to Hamilton Community School organizational and leadership skills developed through her experiences as a successful business person, teacher and administrator. She co-owned and operated the "St. Louis Academy for Children Pre-School and Kindergarten" in the Riverview/Baden area and has been an independent financial consultant. She also taught at the junior high level in the Ladue School District for five years. Most recently she has been teaching at Cook

Middle School on nearby Horton Place in the West End. In addition, as a long time city resident, Alva has been involved in numerous civic, religious and political activities.

Alva is committed to strengthening the community school's programs and expanding the educational and recreational services provided for all ages.

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# November Calendar

## Continuing

Downtown: Paintings and Drawings by Bill Kohn. Elliot Smith Gallery, 360 N. Skinker.

New Sculpture/Six Artists presents recent works by a group of highly innovative contemporary sculptors. Special Exhibition Galleries, Art Museum, \$3 adults, \$2 students, \$1 children.

"Inner Weaving": Artists Kathi Hermann and Marjorie Johnson, using fabrics and ceramics, at Componere, 6509 Delmar.

Made in St. Louis: Selected Works on Paper from the Washington University Contract Print Shop. Elliot Smith Gallery, 360 N. Skinker.

"Tri-Angulations": Weavers Jean Larson McLane and Lyne Sableman and "New Works": Silversmith Teresa Callahan present their work at Componere, 6509 Delmar.

## November

- 5 "As the Wind Rocks the Wagon": a one-woman drama about the lives of pioneer women. 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., also Sunday at 2:00 p.m. History Museum. \$6.
- 6 "Joyous and Sorrowful Mysteries": works by Monica Mason at the University City Public Library Gallery. Reception for the artist 3-5 p.m.
- 7 **Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council meeting**, 7:30 p.m., 6010a Kingsbury at Des Peres.
- 8 **Election Day**—Polls open 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- 9 "Melting Ice Sculpture" by Mineko Grimmer at the Gallery of Contemporary Art. Reception for the artist, 6:00-9:00 p.m., 524 Trinity Ave.
- 10 **City West Business Association regular meeting.**
- "The Meaning of America," Vaughan Memorial Lecture by Daniel J. Boorstin. 8:00 p.m., the History Museum in the Jefferson Memorial. Free.
- 11 All I Desire (film), with Barbara Stanwyck and Richard Carlson; 1:30, 7:00 and 9:15 p.m., Art Museum Auditorium, \$2.
- "The Secret Garden," presented by the Muni/Student Theatre Project. Runs through December 4. 8:00 p.m., New City School, 5209 Waterman.
- Photographer Quinta Scott and author Susan Croce Kelly will sign copies of their new book, Route 66: The Highway and Its People at Left Bank Books, 399 N. Euclid, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- 12 **St. Roch's Christmas Bazaar.** 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Church Hall, Waterman and Rosedale. See related article.

## November (Cont)

- 12 Passions, Inc., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Farmer's Almanac, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Market in the Loop, 6655 Delmar.
- Grace United Methodist Church Holiday Bazaar. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Waterman and Skinker. See related article.
- 13 **St. Roch's Christmas Bazaar.** Noon to 2:00 p.m., Church Hall, Waterman and Rosedale. See related article.
- Grace United Methodist Church Holiday Bazaar. 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Waterman and Skinker. See related article.
- 14 CASA in Concert—Wind Ensemble; 8:00 p.m., CASA, 560 Trinity.
- 15 "The Myth of Pruitt-Igoe": talk on work in progress by Kate Bristol. 4:00 p.m., the History Museum in the Jefferson Memorial. Free.
- 16 St. Louis University presents Tom Stoppard's "The Real Inspector Hound," 8:00 p.m., St. Louis Room of Busch Memorial Center. \$15.
- 17 **City West Business Association Board Meeting.** 8:30 a.m., Cox, Curry & Associates, 5622 Delmar.
- Anton Kuerti, pianist; 8:00 p.m., CASA, 560 Trinity.
- 18 Painter/sculptor Sue Eisler will show slides and discuss her work at the Arts Group, Grace and Peace Fellowship Church, 5574 Delmar, 7:30 p.m.
- The Tarnished Angels (film), with Rock Hudson and Robert Stack; 1:30, 7:00 and 9:15 p.m., Art Museum Auditorium, \$2.
- The First Congress, presented by the Holy Roman Repertory Company. 8:00 p.m., The Sheldon, 3648 Washington. Call 569-8006 for information.
- Tea Lecture: Victorian Christmas Decorations—talk and demonstration by Carol Brandon, instructor from Florissant Valley Community College; 1:30 p.m., History Museum, \$3, call 361-1424.
- CASA in Concert—Early Music Ensemble; 8:00 p.m., CASA, 560 Trinity. Free.
- 19 Missouri's Black Heritage: a slide-illustrated program showing the contributions of blacks to St. Louis, especially to the 1904 World's Fair. 10:30 a.m., History Museum. Free.
- Mary Wenger's Herbal Plants, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Market in the Loop, 6655 Delmar.
- Sabicas, the "King of Flamenco," in concert at the St. Louis Classical Guitar Society. 8:00 p.m., CASA, 524 Trinity.
- 25 "Accidental Death of an Anarchist," presented by the City Players of St. Louis, 4947 Laclede. Through December 11.
- Written on the Wind (film), Dorothy Malone and Robert Stack; 1:30, 7:00 and 9:15 p.m., Art Museum Auditorium, \$2.
- 26 Mary Wenger's Herbal Plants, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Eclocttic Designs, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Market in the Loop, 6655 Delmar.

## December

- 2 Imitation of Life (film), with Lana Turner and John Gavin; 1:30, 7:00 and 9:15 p.m., Art Museum Auditorium, \$2.
- Lee Hall: Very Small Landscapes; Elliot Smith Gallery, 360 N. Skinker.
- Bacchus: Paintings by Elaine de Kooning; through December 31. Elliot Smith Gallery, 360 N. Skinker.
- 5 **Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council meeting**, 7:30 p.m., 6010a Kingsbury at Des Peres.



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# SDCC Board Faces Busy Agenda

by Catherine Forslund

At the October Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council (SDCC) meeting, a number of important neighborhood topics were raised for discussion.

Attendance included Randy Bailey, Nancy Farmer, Mary Fleener, George Genung, Karleen Hoerr, Marty Hussey, Paul Kurtz, Bob Mahon, Alderman Dan McGuire, Shirley Polk, Arline Webb, Neville Vatcha, Kathy Wobus and this reporter. Visiting the meeting was 7th District Relief Sergeant Clarence Contestabile.

The September minutes and current treasurer's report were both reviewed, discussed and accepted with minor typographical corrections.

Sergeant Contestabile told the Board he was glad to stop by for a visit to keep up with what's going on in the neighborhood. He reported that the reduction of manpower in our district has been fairly severe. There have been a number of daytime burglaries in recent months which have kept the 7th District officers very busy.

SDCC Director Nancy Farmer gave the Board a summary of the new Operation ConServe program being developed by the City. While still only in the planning stages, this operation sounds as though it will join Operations Brightside and Safestreet as major success stories of progress and growth for our City's neighborhoods. ConServe will be tied to the consultant and development studies which have been conducted around the City in the last year. Susan Feinberg has been named ConServe's Director. Specific programs to be implemented will vary from neighborhood to neighborhood depending on local needs. Representatives of all City departments will be involved as well as a number of City employees. Neighborhood housing corporations, formed and funded by the City, will operate separate and distinct from other local organizations. Their role will be to intervene and assist in neighborhood priority situations such as rehabilitation projects, funding for home repairs or other areas of local concern. Operation ConServe should be in full swing by next spring!

The West End Neighborhood Arts Council (WENAC) will present their 5th Annual Art Exposed on October 16, 1988 at Four Corners. Features will include the usual adult and children art exhibits, artist studio tours and music, but this year there will be the added delight of the first St. Louis Edible Art Competition. The day should prove to be an exciting one for our neighborhood as we showcase our talents for the City.

The SDCC is officially committed to participate in the annual local fall classic, Old Newsboys Day. [This year's event takes place on Thursday, November 17.] We will be selling papers at Waterman & Des Peres and Forest Park Parkway & Des Peres from 6:30-9:00 a.m. Additionally, Shirley Polk will be at her usual post, DeGiverville & DeBaliviere, beginning at 6:00 a.m. Volunteers for 1/2 or 1 hour shifts are welcome. We should all join in to support this venerable St. Louis charitable fund raiser by selling or buying the special-edition Suburban Journal that day.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Washington University has contacted SDCC and Alderman McGuire to consider a proposal to construct an additional parking lot on the lawn east of the existing lot near the

southwest corner of Skinker and Forest Park Parkway (Millbrook). The construction of a new engineering building in the County portion of campus carries with it the County requirement of a certain number of additional parking spaces on campus. This proposal is one alternative to meet that requirement. A permit for any construction on this site must be approved by SDCC, McGuire and the Mayor's office. Directors will go back to their respective organizations for neighborhood feedback on the project and Jim McLeod, the Washington University Board representative, will present and discuss their perspective on the situation at the next meeting.

Board members discussed and reviewed street, entrance marker and other plans for the Nina Place/DeBaliviere Place West development area. McGuire reported that there are still a few properties not blighted or included in the development plans. Owners will be given a final chance for blighting. The City is also looking to help other area owners with site and home improvements. The demolition of 2 buildings on 58xx Westminster has been approved as there are no development plans or prospects for the buildings after over 10 years of vacancy.

The streets department is considering ways to improve the traffic flow and safety in the Nina Place vicinity. A lane narrower on Kingsbury at Nina is under study and the request for ornamental lighting on the bridges is being renewed. City Traffic Division officials are stumped by the unique Nina/Waterman/Laurel intersection and will need a specific City ordinance to determine additional stop sign configuration there. The Board is considering a proposal for one stop sign on east-bound Waterman at Laurel and one on west-bound Waterman on the north side of the Nina alley. This plan hopes to facilitate traffic safety on Laurel as well as provide safe ingress and egress for residents of the newly developed buildings through the alley. A suggestion to eliminate parking on the curves of Laurel and Nina to allow better vision in the whole vicinity was also taken under advisement.

As for the proposed entrance marker, Board consensus was that despite the fact a marker is appropriate, the design proposed is inappropriate. The structure is too large and deemed potentially unsafe. Directors and Sgt. Contestabile worried about cars' views being obstructed and/or unsavory elements hiding behind the proposed high wall portions. McGuire promised to look into the current status of the project and do what he can to halt construction until design changes can be made to make the marker suitable for its setting on the circle at Nina Place and Waterman.

Operation Brightside is again making available tulip and mixed bulbs. They are free to organizations or can be purchased \$5 for 50 bulbs to individual citizens.

The SDCC/WENAC computer purchase is still being evaluated.

Farmer sadly reported the recent resignation of Jane Rund as Skinker-DeBaliviere's Neighborhood Liaison Officer. She was always very helpful and will be sorely missed. Kurtz suggested the Board send her a letter expressing their grateful appreciation of all her concerned efforts. No replacement has yet been named.

The City West Business Association has proudly announced their new name. They hope to expand membership and encourage local support for all member businesses.



Artwork by children of area schools was exhibited in one of the 4-corners studios.

## Rosedale Meeting On Nov. 12th

The Rosedale Neighborhood Association (RNA) Board of Directors has scheduled the fall RNA general meeting for Thursday evening, November 17, 7:00 p.m., 28th Ward Democratic headquarters, 6010 Kingsbury. This meeting will not be a pot luck dinner but the association will have the usual refreshments available at nominal prices.

The RNA board has set a very full agenda for the meeting. First, Boatmen's Bank has been invited to send a representative and make a brief presentation on the Community Reinvestment Program. If interest warrants, a real estate and financing seminar will be organized for later in the winter.

The second agenda item is Obsolete Districts. The RNA is interested in programs which can potentially help the neighborhood to improve. The City's Obsolete District program offers a tax incentive to owners of one to four family structures within the designated district boundaries to maintain and upgrade their properties. Obsolete districts DO NOT involve eminent domain; the program is primarily used by existing homeowners. The process of creating Obsolete Districts and examples of where and how it has been used in other areas of the city will be presented at the meeting. The board hopes that in the weeks following this general

meeting, residents of Rosedale will organize meetings at the block level to determine if the program would be beneficial for individual blocks. Alderman Dan McGuire believes the program would be helpful for at least some of the blocks in Rosedale. He, along with RNA & SDCC will assist in organizing any additional meetings that are requested.

The third agenda item for Nov. 17 is the barricades on Rosedale at McPherson, Kingsbury and Westminster. These barricades are over 20 years old; their design is obsolete (the City no longer uses the chain and post design) and they are in desperate need of repair and beautification. The Board hopes the residents of Rosedale will spend 30 to 45 minutes discussing these barricades and what should be done with them. The goal is to form a committee which will be charged with researching the options, surveying residents' opinions, and reporting back to RNA on a monthly basis.

These agenda items are of major importance to the Rosedale Neighborhood which includes the 6000 & 6100 blocks of Pershing, Waterman, McPherson, Kingsbury, Westminster and Washington. Everyone who lives in Rosedale is a member of the RNA, tenants as well as property owners. Please plan to attend on November 17.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Historic District Review

After being proposed in the original ordinance, zoning changes along Delmar and Des Peres are finally being introduced at City Hall. The objective of the changes are to put downgraded commercial restrictions on future development which will keep uses in line with a residential neighborhood environment. Current occupants of affected areas are, however, "grandfathered in" to their current status. The committee is still planning a commemorative event.

### Parkview

Street and sidewalk repairs for this year have been completed. Additional tree trim-

ming and spraying will soon be finished.

Concerns about the Washington University Homecoming Parade trash, Thurtene Carnival location, construction, parking and trash will be discussed at the November meeting when McLeod will return and can represent the University in this matter.

### Rosedale

The Rags to Riches was well attended and successful despite the early scattered rain. The Phoenix condo accommodations raffle was won by Mary Brake.

### Christmas Walk

Plans are progressing and a report will be ready for the next meeting.

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# Art Exposed '88 Was Success



The chef of the Radio Diner (aka Bill Cristman) greeted Art Exposed visitors.

by Polly O'Brien

You didn't have to be an artist to enjoy yourself at Art Exposed '88. Over 1,000 people visited the Four Corners Plaza on October 16 to view the work of West End artists, to witness the incredible, Edible Art Competition, to hear live music, and even to ride an elephant. The fifth annual Art Exposed, sponsored by the West End Arts Council, was a showcase for artists who live and work in our neighborhood.

Ten local artists opened their studios, showing their work in progress and chatting with visitors. Their works included painting, sculpture, photography, collage, and painted furniture. A walk through these studios gave a unique glimpse at art as process as well as product. We could see how artists work through themes and styles; how odd bits of wood, postcards, snapshots, or written phrases tacked up in studio corners influenced the surrounding art. The artists greeted visitors warmly and enthusiastically discussed their works, their puzzlement as well as success. It was a more relaxed and intimate view of fine art than is usually possible.

The studio of Kate Rosenbloom also

featured the art of students from Stella Maris, St. Roch's and New City schools. The theme of the Children's Art Exhibit was "My Family" and there were many humorous moments as family members viewing the exhibit recognized themselves in these pictures.

Another 15 West End Artists displayed their work in a group exhibit held in the 28th Ward Democratic Headquarters. Most of these artists have shown their work at this event in prior years. The group exhibit has become a rich and diverse grouping of work. It has allowed those of us who have attended through the years to see the development of such artists as Lara Alberti, Linda Horsley-Nunley, Bill Hawk, Barbara Harman, Mike Miksicek, and Phil Roberts.

Perhaps the most comprehensive display of art by one artist was Bill Christman's transformation of his studio into the 1940's style "Radio Eats Diner." Visitors were treated to 25 cent hamburgers and 6 3/4 oz. bottled Cokes while they were entertained by the short-order humor of the sodajerks. The walls in the "diner" displayed Christman's flashy, funny, sometimes outrageous diner sculpture. At



Photo by King Schoenfeld

Edible art was one of the features of Art Exposed; here (foreground) a chocolate cake treasure chest with candy coins and a mixed fruit "tree."

times during the afternoon, Christman even transformed himself into his fly-swatter-toting character "Chef deBitzko."

The first public Edible Art Competition was a highlight of the afternoon. Herb Balaban, Elliot Smith and Mary Strauss undertook the formidable task of judging 12 edible art entries from restaurants, caterers, bakeries, and individuals around town. There were playful entries such as the fruit mobile entitled "Not-So-Still-Life" and the basket made of bread and filled with silver-wrapped Hershey's kisses candy entitled "Breaded Silver Basket." There were serious culinary artworks such as the "Chocolate Cheesecake" and the "Potted Lamb." The winner of the competition was both a delicious looking and whimsical cake entitled "Betty Crooked Cake" prepared by Ron Denk and Mark Erker of Catering St. Louis. An alluring chocolate "Treasure Chest" cake with gold wrapped chocolate coins and candy necklaces spilling out of it won second place and was created by Ruth Rassieur. The third place winner of the Edible Art Competition was the hardly describable "remains" of a building whose bricks and mortar were sugar wafers and peanut butter; the piece was aptly enti-

tled "Rambo Meets the Gingerbread Cottage." This destruction was created by Gerald Balding. The highest bidders got to take the tantalizing creations home following a silent auction that raised funds to benefit the West End Arts Council.

Art Exposed '88 also included music throughout the afternoon. The program was opened by over 100 New City School students singing and roller skating to their own Starlight Express. The jazz duo Jasmine played for the balance of the afternoon, delighting the crowd with their mellow sound. The elephant Flora of Circus Flora was a surprising addition at Art Exposed '88. Adults and children took rides on the 7 year old "baby" elephant, adding the thrill of a lifetime to an exciting festival.

The Four Corners Plaza truly came alive on October 16 as the West End Arts Council proudly showcased the arts. Neighbors and visitors from the metropolitan area were treated to fine art, humorous art, art for and by children, art that made beautiful music, and art that attracted bees. Art Exposed has become an event for the entire family and was well worth an afternoon's visit.

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## Note From The City West Business Association President

by Jessie L. Cox, CLU, CHFC

It is a pleasure to announce the appointment of two new members to our Board. John Bordeaux, of Freewheelin', and Pat Cantwell, of Cancorp, Inc. were unanimously appointed at our most recent Board meeting. Pat will head up the membership committee, while John will be heading up our hospitality arm. In other words, he'll be arranging our meals and all the other details for our monthly meetings. A warm welcome to both John and Pat!

Our October general meeting was held on October 18 at the Marlboro Room. Anne Horner, CPA, spoke about "Tax Reform and the Small Business." She pointed out some of the pitfalls of waiting until year end to see your CA. Some of the new rules may substantially increase your tax liability. It is best to be prepared. A service provided by Ms. Horner, as well as other CPA's, can help the small business owner "get a handle on" his or her tax liability each month. You provide minimal monthly information about receipts and disbursements to your advisor. For a modest monthly fee, you will receive monthly statements which assist you in making business decisions and tax planning. Since

your records are computerized, the monthly fee normally includes your tax return. For those of you with questions, Ms. Horner can be reached at 862-0666.

Our next general meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 10th, at the Police Station. It will be a breakfast catered by Burger King. We'll look forward to hearing all about the Super Stations!

Progress is being made in completing our name change from Skinker DeBaliviere Business Association to City West Business Association. We hope to have our new logo and stationery soon. Members can expect to be billed in December for their 1989 dues. All new members are most welcome! Our membership is growing—up nearly 34% this year! Hopefully each member will recruit one new member for the new year and we'll double our ranks!

We are hoping to make the "Times" more available to areas east of DeBaliviere. We could use some volunteers to drop off copies at a few locations once a month. Call me at 367-3400 if you can help. Also, we hope to do some feature articles on various businesses who are members of City West Business Association. Contact me to get your business in the "Times"!

## Dancing Lessons At The Kiosk



Photo by Mary Ann Shickman.

Indian dances entertain neighbors at the Kiosk.

by Mary Ann Shickman

Joe and John Moore, Native Americans and members of the American Indian Center, demonstrated traditional Indian dances across from the Kiosk on Saturday, October 15th, as their father Don Moore explained the meaning of the dances.

One of the dances performed by Joe and John, pictured above, is called a Shield dance and demonstrates that it is better to tap your opponent and escape with high honors, than to hurt him.

The Circle Dance, which demonstrates that everyone is equal, presented an opportunity for the onlookers to join Joe and John in dancing. About 35 people joined hands, danced in a circle, moved to the middle and whooped for joy!

The program, presented by the Kingsbury Kiosk, was given to bring to the attention of the public the need of the American Indian Centers to raise money for food baskets for the 4500 Indians in the greater St. Louis area who are living in poverty.

### Directory Of Services City West Business Association

A major goal of the City West Business Association is to promote local businesses to the community. Following is a brief description of services offered by some of our members.

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**Feinberg Real Estate/Sam Green**, Commercial real estate, 367-6100.

**Kingsbury Animal Hospital**, 420 N. Skinker. Veterinarians Steve Brammeier and Susan Brockmeier, 721-6251.

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The Breitmayer Community Ministry of Grace United Methodist Church operates a job referral service that can be used by Skinker-DeBaliviere residents. Linda Emerson, director of the ministry, matches people together. She has files on about 100 workers who can do housekeeping, yard work, painting, babysitting, clerical and general handyman jobs. These workers can be called for immediate temporary work for a day, or possibly hired for longer terms. The ministry conducts reference checking before sending anyone out, and asks for an evaluation afterwards. Payment is between the employer and worker, and no payments are made to Breitmayer.

The Ministry would like to have more

workers on file because Linda is getting calls for jobs she cannot fill. For instance, an unusual request for two chauffeurs over age 55 to drive elderly citizens was received recently, and there was no one in her files with those qualifications. Linda has also been getting calls for people with secretarial and data processing skills. If you are interested in earning extra money, this job referral service would be a good place to list your name.

Linda would like to set up refresher classes on housecleaning, laundry, and household repairs. She is hopeful that teachers can be found, as well as sites for on the job training.

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A Holiday Bazaar will be held at Grace United Methodist Church, 6199 Waterman (corner of Waterman and Skinker) on Saturday, November 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and on Sunday, November 13th, from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. A wide variety of hand crafted gift items and home cooked foods will be available. Booths will feature toys, hand knit sweaters, children's clothing, wreaths,

Christmas decorations, and many other hand crafted gift and household items. A bake sale will feature homemade breads, pastries, jellies and honey. Funnel cakes will be available, and lunch of homemade soup, sandwiches, and desserts will be served both days. For more information call the church office at 863-1992.

## Shop At St. Roch's Christmas Bazaar

Put yourself in the holiday spirit and get started on your shopping at the Fifth Annual St. Roch's Christmas Bazaar. The bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 12 from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. and Sunday, November 13, from noon till 2 p.m. in the Church Hall at Waterman and Rosedale.

The bazaar features all kinds of handmade items from holiday decorations, wreaths and ornaments to special gift items, afghans, baby clothes and sweatshirts, just to name a few. A number of area crafters and merchants will be renting booths with a variety of wares for all kinds of shoppers. There will even be educational toys to order in time for Christmas morning.

Homemade baked goods can be purchased for eating now or freezing for the holidays. Homemade candies are great for gift-giving.

This year the School Association's Book Sale will be held in the Church Hall with the Bazaar to offer even more convenience

for shoppers.

A special part of the St. Roch's Bazaar each year is the "For Children Only" booth. Small, specially chosen gifts, will be available for \$1 or less, which children can purchase for family members or friends. Special Christmas helpers will be on hand to help the children make their selection.

Santa Claus will be available for listening to Christmas lists on Saturday from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. You can even have your child's picture taken with Santa.

A light breakfast and lunch menu will be offered on both days for shoppers who need a little refreshment or for friends who might like to sit and chat over a coke.

Proceeds from the Bazaar will go to support the activities of the Women of St. Roch, an organization of parish women dedicated to raising funds and providing resources to meet parish needs.

## Arts Council Has Note Cards

Just in time for Christmas, the West End Arts Council has for sale a limited number of boxed note cards that feature full color reproductions of art works by area artists. The brainchild of President Polly O'Brien, the note cards are a fund raising venture for the Arts Council.

The cover of each card depicts the work of an artist who lives or works in our neighborhood. The artists and the works they generously allowed WEAC to reproduce include: Ken Anderson, "Barrier"; Bill Christman "de Bitzko's"; Bill Kohn "The Famous Passover"; Phil Roberts "Back Yard"; Kate Rosenbloom/Kenneth Anderson "Flesh Fire"; and John Rozelle "Sentinel III." The inside of the cards are blank, so they can be used for any occasion.

The cards are packaged 12 to a box, two of each of the six designs, with 12 envelopes. They sell for \$10. The cards may be purchased from any WEAC board member and are also available at the SDCC office. WEAC hopes to have them in a few local retail stores and at upcoming holiday bazaars so please look for them.

The West End Arts Council is a not-for-profit corporation whose mission is to promote the arts & artists in our area. WEAC sponsors events like Art Exposed, children's programs, and an annual concert series. WEAC is supported by grants from the Regional Arts Commission; grant monies must be matched with private donations. Proceeds from the note cards will help the Arts Council match its 88-89 RAC grant. For more information call 862-5122.

## Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

This seems to be the month for new neighbors. I know I can't get them all, but here are a few.

On 6100 Westminster, Brian Ragen is a new resident. Brian, originally from California, and most recently from Princeton, New Jersey, where he received his Ph.D., is an assistant professor of English at SIU-Edwardsville. He is currently teaching freshman composition and introduction to literature. The most exciting thing in Brian's life right now is the anticipation of the publication of his first book, *A Wreck on the Road to Damascus*, about Flannery O'Connor.

Also new on Westminster is Janine Blair. Janine, however, was in New York at the time this was written, and could not be interviewed. Her story will have to wait.

On 6100 Kingsbury, we welcome Lisa and Larry Zarin and their son, Max. Larry is executive Vice-president with Contemporary, and Lisa is a free-lance producer. Also new to that block, although not new to the area, are Jean and Bob Ducker and family. The Duckers moved from DeBaliviere Place.

Kiki and Juan Chavez and family are new to the 6000 block of Washington. The Chavez family moved there from Parkview.

The 6000 block of McPherson has a large number of fairly new residents. Mark Gorman, who also lives in that block, has rehabbed a number of properties there and they now have new residents.

Scott Jones is one of those new residents. Scott was born and raised in St. Louis, graduated from Clayton High School and is a 1981 graduate of Washington University. He attended medical school in Kirksville and is now a physician in private practice. He has his newly expanded offices in North County. Unfortunately, Scott recently had to undergo surgery, but he is recuperating well.

Walter and Jacqueline Weder are also new on 6000 McPherson. The Weders are from Zurich. Walter is an intern on a year fellowship at Barnes Hospital working with the lung transplant team.

Preston and Sheila Cole and Lou Hamilton round out the current list of new residents in that block. Preston works for the Missouri Conservation Department. Lou is well-known in the area as a resident and as one active in local politics. The last of Mark Gorman's rehabs was to close at the end of October. That new owner will be announced later.

Speaking of Mark Gorman, sometime this month he and his wife, Mary, will become parents when they welcome Benjamin Liam Gorman into the world. Mark says that Mary will be evicting Ben around this time. They

are eagerly awaiting the birth.

We extend a hearty welcome to Rusti Gormley and all of the new residents in the Nina Place condos. Rusti, an agent with Feinberg, and her daughter, Megan, were the first to move in.

Congratulations to Sharon and Phil Roberts, 6100 Kingsbury, on the recent birth of their son, Michael Dylan. Michael was born on September 14th and weighed seven pounds, nine ounces. He is the baby brother of Annie, five.

Another new arrival came in the person of Cameron Curtis Vanicelli on September 21. Cameron was born to Terry and Mary Vanicelli of Parkview. He is the new baby brother of Monica and Maddalyn.

Cameron will be playing with Joe and Nancy deBettencourt's new son, Christian Mark, who was born in June. The deBettencourts live in 6200 Washington.

Friends and neighbors are wishing a speedy recovery to Art Mounts. Art, 6100 Waterman, underwent surgery last month.

Long-time residents and friends of Steve Vossmeier will be pleased to know that Steve and Celeste Schejbal were married on August 6th at their home in 5200 Westminster. Celeste is a third-year law student at St. Louis University. The couple were married by Cal Stuart. Cal did a beautiful job even though he had quite recently had an accident with a fan and his hands were really bandaged. Celeste and Steve honeymooned in Nantucket.

Best wishes also go to Annie Decker Martin and Michael Cravens on their recent marriage. Annie formerly lived in the 5900 block of Waterman.

A most sincere congratulations to JoAnn Vatcha who was selected for Leadership St. Louis. JoAnn has just begun the year-long program this fall and is really enjoying the activities and the people. She says it's getting so that those involved with the program are in awe of Westminster Place and the number of Leadership participants it has produced.

Catherine Forslund and her husband, Roy Roncal, 6000 Waterman, have lived in the neighborhood for seven years. Roy, in fact, has lived in the neighborhood for most of his life. Catherine is the new secretary for the Community Council. She is a corporate paralegal, a picture-framer and a sometime-writer. The two went on a summer vacation this year to Ghost Ranch. This is not the first time that Catherine has taken an astronomy course there at the ranch in New Mexico which offers classes on a wide variety of topics and skills. Roy, a photographer, enjoyed the scenery and relaxation.

Neighbors and friends of Jim Parker, formerly of 6100 Westminster, will be saddened to learn of his recent death. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and their children, Brad and Theresa.

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## In Your Ear

by Tom Hoerr

As I write this, election time is almost here. By the time you read this, the presidential election time will probably be over. You're lucky; I wish it were over already.

I understand that this country is founded on democracy and all that, but something is wrong with the way things are going around here. My hero, Churchill, said something like, "Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all the rest." I don't disagree with him, but I think even he'd have some reservation if he was witnessing this chapter of our every-four year spectacle.

Let's start with voter turn-out. This year, if we're lucky, we'll get, maybe, 50% of the eligible voters actually casting ballots. Now there are two schools of thought on this one: First and foremost, it's pretty sad when only about half of those who have the right to vote exercise it. That says something about our political process, and whatever it says, it's not good. The other school of thought, though, readily obtainable if you have a conversation with just about anyone, is "Hoo, boy, am I glad that turkey's not going to vote!" Y'know, the only people I really trust to vote are you and me (and I'm not always sure about you). To sum it up, a really poor free-throw shooter in the NBA makes a higher percentage of free throws than the percentage of people who will vote! Think of that every time you envision 7'6" Manute Bol trying to balance his body at the free-throw line.

The major issue, and no doubt a primary cause of our low voter turn-out, is the caliber of candidates who wind up running for president. I mean, really! Give me a break! Are you going to suggest that out of 260 million-plus people, George Bush and Mike Dukakis are the best two candidates we can offer? It's a little like casting Pee Wee Herman for the lead in *Gone With The Wind*. Sure, Pee Wee would be better than Jimmy Carter or Roger Rabbit, but is he the best we can do?

I'll try not to even talk about the selection of Danny Quayle. It's a bit like shooting dead fish in a barrel of solid ice. He's so embarrassing, he probably wouldn't even make a good alderman! The best line I've heard about George Bush is that he reminds every woman of her first husband. As for Mike Dukakis, he's the only person I know who can make Robert Dole seem warm and friendly. Senator Lloyd? Straight out of a Marlboro commercial.

So there we have it. These four individuals are the best qualified to run our country, right? If you believe that, you probably think that our cable t.v. service will improve and that light rail will come in under budget. If, indeed, you do believe these things, give me a call because I've got a great deal for you on some prime retail space on DeBaliviere.

Alright, alright, you say. I'm kicking not just a dead horse, but a petrified one. What do we do about it? Simple. We all know that the problem in selecting our leaders is a function of party politics, the primary system, the media, the importance of fund-raising and high-rollers, and the fact that any three people can't agree about anything, including the fact that they can't agree.

I propose that we totally scrap our present system and that we select our presidents through different and radical means. It would mean giving up some of our cherished traditions, like two-year campaigns, political conventions, negative advertisements, and fat-cat

contributors. It would mean using a system that reflects the diversity of our great land. My proposals aren't perfect, but could we do a whole lot worse than the litany of candidates that we've faced for the past couple of decades?

Here then, with compassion and a spirit of "Why not?" are my suggestions for selecting our presidents:

1. Tie the selection of president into the various state lotteries. Any person who wins more than one million dollars in a state lottery would have his or her name entered into a giant presidential sweepstakes. Every four years a name would be drawn and one of our new millionaires would be president. We all know that luck is more important than skill, so who better to lead the U.S. of A. than someone who has already demonstrated great luck?

2. Not unlike #1, have the president be the lucky person that Ed McMahon identifies as winner of the Reader's Digest Sweepstakes. This would still get you a lucky individual, but wouldn't discriminate against non-lottery ticket buyers. After all, doesn't everyone return the Reader's Digest form? I, for one, spend hour upon hour trying to decipher the directions and paste all of the little stickers in their hidden spaces. We want our president to show tenacity and be good with details, and I can't envision a better way to determine this than by successfully mailing in the Readers' Digest form.

3. Since, based on the last eight years, good looks and a television presence appear far more important for a president than any other quality, choose the president from the various game-show hosts who are on television. Pat Sejak seems to have a great sense of humor and can work with Vanna, so dealing with Gorbachev would be a piece of cake.

Jeopardy's Alex Trebek looks great and I can imagine the nuclear arms negotiations under his regime. Alex turns to his Soviet and Chinese counterparts and says, "For World Peace, this item is capable of killing thousands of citizens without destroying major cities!" The two representatives jump up and hit their buttons, racing against one another to be first with the correct answer. "Yes, Red China," Alex says, and the representative replies, "What is a neutron bomb?" "Correct," replies Alex, "That's 500 million tons of grain to China!"

4. Find out if Elvis Presley really is alive. If he is, immediately make him president. Granted, he doesn't seem to have any qualifications for president, but that doesn't seem to matter with Quayle, and Presley is a much better singer. If Presley is dead, make him president anyway. It probably wouldn't show except for press conferences, and he could always get vice-president Cyndy Lauper to do those for him.

5. Pick a member from our Board of Aldermen to be president. I grant you that this is by far the riskiest suggestion I've made. Having one of our aldermen as president would be far more dangerous than a dead

Elvis Presley. The advantage to us, though, is obvious. An alderman who is president is an alderman who can't do damage here in St. Louis. Heck, given Reagan's vacation and nap schedule, it may be the one job that requires less work than what they now do.

Barring all of these proposals, how about just authorizing me to simply name someone to be president? Clearly, my judgement is sound, my heart is true, and my values are consonant with yours. I live east of Hanley, smoke only first-class cigars, keep my wife stylish in all the shoes her heart desires, and have wonderful taste in ties. What better qualifications could one have as our nation's first "president-selector"? My choice for the job? A simple one, like Caesar's wife, above reproach: Whitey Herzog.

## President

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neighborhood a better place to live and work; to help neighbors who have questions or concerns; to make the neighborhood safe and attractive; and to attract investment and increase stability" is as relevant and important to the neighborhood today as it was when the Council formed 22 years ago. While the specific needs, projects and issues have changed over the years, Kurtz believes the major areas of concern for the Council are the same: "bricks and mortar," safety, beautification, promotion/marketing and quality of life. Kurtz also believes the Council is an important forum for discussing neighborhood issues and resolving problems. Kurtz looks forward to the coming months; he anticipates a busy and productive year for the Council and the neighborhood.

## Animal Rights Team Asks For Supplies

The St. Louis Animal Rights Team is helping to collect items for several animal sanctuaries in the area. They would be grateful for household discards such as:

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aluminum pie pans

scrap paper for notes

used electric can openers

Dr. Steve Brammeier has generously offered to let the Animal Rights Team put a large brown trash can on his premises at 420 Skinker, on Saturday, November 12th, until 5 p.m., to collect any items neighbors would like to donate.

For further information on donations, please call Sylvia Stahl at 862-2197 or Hilda Olsen at 391-1338.



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