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Christmas Programs And House Tour On Dec. 18th

Set aside Sunday, December 18th for a day of special holiday events in Skinker-DeBaliviere. Delmar Baptist Church will include a Christmas cantata in their morning worship service; the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council will sponsor a Christmas Walk/House Tour and an outdoor lighting contest; the Breitmayer Ministry of Grace United Methodist Church will host a Christmas party for neighborhood children; St. Roch Catholic Church will host a Christmas concert; and Grace & Peace Fellowship will host its annual Christmas program of music and drama followed by neighborhood caroling.

Read on for more details about each of these events!

The adult choir of Delmar Baptist will perform "Make We Joy: A Christmas Cantata in the Medieval Style" composed by Wilmetta Spencer. Organ, oboe and brass quartet will accompany the choir. The children's choir will also participate in the service by performing Hal Hopson's "A Night for Dancing." The service begins at 10:45 a.m. Lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall following the service. Doug Vancil, music director, will play the organ for 30 minutes at 2 p.m. and again at 3 p.m. The church will remain open until 4 p.m. for SDCC's Christmas Walk/House Tour.

The Christmas Walk/House Tour is back this year. Even the best events need a rest and SDCC opted not to sponsor the tour last year. House tours are a special tradition in Skinker DeBaliviere. Volunteers organized the first tours twenty years or so ago to market the neighborhood and attract responsible home buyers to our area which then was barely staying off the throes of decline. As the neighborhood steadily improved the house tour evolved into a Christmas Walk. The event is still a good marketing tool, but the focus has shifted; it's a holiday "show-off" as much for our own neighbors as for residents outside of the area. Expect to see spectacular Christmas decorations and quality and



Two elegant Parkview homes, at 6227 and 6237 McPherson, will be featured on the December 18th Christmas Walk and House Tour.

Photo by King Schoenfeld

innovative rehab work in these homes open for tour:

6047 Waterman (Forslund/Roncal)
6113 Pershing (Dowgwillo)
6148 McPherson (Wampler)
6178 McPherson (Fox)
6143 Kingsbury (McCarthy)
6124 Westminster (Schoenfeld)
6227 McPherson (Fanson)
6237 McPherson (Conger)

The house tour runs from 1-4 p.m. and admission is free.

will be held in Fellowship Hall. Admission is a toy in good condition.

SDCC is sponsoring the outdoor lighting contest again this year. One winner each will be selected from Parkview, Rosedale and Washington Heights. The winners receive a commemorative Christmas ornament. Judging will take place after dusk on the 18th.

From 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. the Breitmayer Community Ministry, with help from SDCC, will sponsor its second annual Christmas party for neighborhood children. Activities at the party include crafts, music, holiday treats and a special appearance by Santa Claus. Adults who want to go on the house tour and prefer not to take the kids along are welcome to leave their children at the party. Parents are welcome at the party too, of course. The party

At 4 p.m., a 40 voice community choir will perform a Christmas concert at St. Roch Catholic Church under the direction of Greg Schweizer. The choir features familiar faces and voices from St. Roch's along with some of Schweizer's voice students and members of other parishes as well. The concert includes a variety of holiday music including traditional Christmas carols. Admission is free.

The Grace & Peace Fellowship Christmas program will begin at 6 p.m. The program features music and drama, children and adults. Admission is free. Christmas caroling throughout the neighborhood immediately follows the program.

For more information on any of these programs, contact the sponsoring institutions directly, or call SDCC, 862-5122.

Happy Holidays!

Obsolete Districts, Barricades Hot Topics At Rosedale Meeting

by Bob Dowgwillo

Obsolete districts and barricades were the major topics at the Fall general meeting of the Rosedale Neighborhood Association (RNA), held November 17 at the 28th Ward Democratic Committee Headquarters. These issues plus a standing room only crowd made for an evening of lively discussion.

Alderman Dan McGuire introduced the concept of an obsolete district as one means to encourage improvement of the few substandard buildings remaining in Rosedale. As provided by statute, a specific area is declared an obsolete district by passage of a bill by the Board of Aldermen. Then, owners of building of four residential units or less located within the district are eligible for a property tax freeze on major repairs and

improvements. The cost of such repairs and improvements must exceed one half of the assessed value of the property. It is McGuire's understanding that the abatement also protects the property owners from any increase in taxes due to the bi-annual reassessment. Any abatements remain with the building during the full five years, even if the building is sold. The abatement ends completely after the five year period.

Although available several years, obsolete districts are "not well used, as such," says McGuire. The Shaw and Tower Grove neighborhoods and some parts of the Central West End have seen limited applications.

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Dr. King To Be Honored In January

Honoring a life lived in dedication to the principal that all of humanity can be united in peace and service will once again provide the reason for an event designed to draw together residents of the Skinker DeBaliviere neighborhood and the surrounding community together.

The life of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. will be commemorated through a lively evening of singing, dance, drama and inspirational speakers in what may be one of the largest local events commemorating Dr. King's birthday, January 15. The service will be held at 7 p.m. January 7, 1989, at Grace and Peace Fellowship, 5574 Delmar at Clara, and will be followed by a dessert reception in the church assembly hall. Dr. Thomas Hoerr, director of New City School, will emcee the evening's festivities.

The event is sponsored by the Neighborhood Services Coordinating Committee, the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council, and neighborhood business and institutions. For more information on the commemoration, or to volunteer your help with a variety of tasks, please call 862-5122 or 367-8959.

Coming In February...

10:00 P.M. Closing Time

Is the proposed 10:00 p.m. business closing time good or bad? What compromises are acceptable? The Times would like to print views from both sides and welcomes any submittals.

Valentine Vignettes

Who makes this neighborhood a better place? We'd like to recognize those who work here every day with a picture and a thank you. Please call the Times with your suggestions.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Mr. Breun:

Your article about St. Charles Street in the October issue of The Times interested me very much. I find it hard to believe that there was a large area just west of the new Courthouse in the 1840s. The new Christ Episcopal Church was built in 1839 at the SW corner of Broadway & Chestnut. The Presbyterian Church was another block south. The neighborhood was a fashionable one at the time, although by 1857 it has become quite commercial and Christ Church began its move to 13th and Locust in 1859.

Your story about the "necessaries" in the Courthouse basement is an intriguing one and probably true. What are our sources for this account?

Shortly after its construction Christ Church was used also for a few years by the Lutherans who had arrived from Saxony and needed a place for worship. They were denied the use of the only other German-speaking church because of theological differences! So, Christ Episcopal Church began its long history of ecumenical relationships.

Thank you for keeping history alive.

Cordially yours,
Charles F. Rehkopf
Registrar of the Diocese

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While visiting St. Roch's Christmas Bazaar Nov. 12, a young shopper took time to demonstrate a new puppet to Santa (Jim Merlo.)

From The Mayor's Desk

by Vincent C. Schoemehl, Jr.

Recently, I unveiled a new not-for-profit corporation that will serve as a catalyst for programs among youth in the City of St. Louis. The corporation is titled Operation Teamwork and it is designed to foster positive experiences for youth through recreational, leisure and educational activities.

Operation Teamwork will work with organizations which are established as providers of recreational and educational outlets to identify and gather resources that are needed within the community. Teamwork will assist organizations in creating and organizing additional recreational and educational programs for the City's youth. In addition, Operation Teamwork will recruit and help train adult volunteers. Operation Teamwork will seek funds from local corporations and individuals to expand recreational and educational programs. Teamwork will not directly coordinate or sponsor leagues or tournaments.

The mission of Teamwork is to direct City youth toward constructive activities. Operation Teamwork will fill the extracurricular activity void that many children who live in the City of St. Louis are now experiencing. Young people in our City do not have the kinds of team or organizational resources that were available to their parents. Operation Teamwork will make those activities available.

Organizations cooperating with Operation Teamwork will provide baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, scouting and social activities. The activities will be restricted to residents of the City of St. Louis who are between the ages of 5 and 19. The participating organizations will train adult volunteers who will supervise and direct the youth activities.

The need to provide children and teens with positive social and recreational outlets and the success of previous public, private cooperative programs encouraged me to work to make Operation Teamwork a success. Operation Teamwork is pulling community volunteers, organizations and public and private energies together to give young people who reside in the City something to do with their free time. I have been very pleased with the results we achieved with the other public/private partnerships and I am sure that Operation Teamwork will be equally as successful.

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Winter Calendar

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Personal Images. Photography by Leah Friedman at the Gallery of the University City Public Library, 6701 Delmar. Through Dec. 30.
 Bacchus: Paintings by Elaine de Kooning, and Lee Hall: Very Small Landscapes: Elliot Smith Gallery, 360 N. Skinker.
 New Offerings: Holiday Selections by 70 Gallery Artists. Componere, 6509 Delmar. Through December 24th.
 "Victorian Legacy: Christmas Ornaments 1870-1988" features ornaments from the History Museum's collections. Jefferson Memorial Building. Through December 31.

December

- 4 "St. Louis: Landmarks and Historic Districts": slide lecture by Carolyn Hewes Toft from her new book, which will be available for purchase and autographing. History Museum, 2:00 p.m.
- 5 **Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council meeting**, 7:30 p.m., 6010a Kingsbury at Des Peres.
- 6 7th District Public Affairs meeting, 7:00 p.m., 7th District Headquarters, 5240 Enright.
- 7 CASA in Concert-Conservatory Orchestra, George Silfies, conductor, 8:00 p.m., CASA, 560 Trinity. Free.
- 8 "Black Nativity," presented by St. Louis Black Repertory Company. 8:00 p.m., Center of Contemporary Arts, 524 Trinity, \$15. Thursday through Sunday till December 23.
- 9 "The Madcracker," presented by Mid America Dance Company, 8:00 p.m., Edison Theatre on the Washington University Campus. Also Dec. 9, 10 and 11th at 2:00 p.m. Tickets \$11-\$16.50.
 Jaime Laredo, violinist and Joseph Kalichstein, pianist; 8 p.m., CASA, 560 Trinity.
 The Hunchback of Notre Dame (film), with Charles Laughton, 1:30, 7:00 and 9:15 p.m., Art Museum Auditorium, \$2.
- 10 "An Ozark Missouri Christmas": a children's program showing toys and decorations from early Ozark settlers, 10:30 a.m., History Museum. Free.
 University City Loop Christmas Walk, 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Caribbean Festival Arts opens at the Art Museum. An exhibition of the elaborate costumes, sounds and motion of Caribbean festivals. Through February 19th.
- 12 CASA in Concert-Conservatory Chamber Ensemble, 8:00 p.m., CASA, 560 Trinity. Free.
- 16 "A Christmas Story," by H. L. Mencken, presented by the City Players of St. Louis, 4947 Laclede. Through December 23.
 "The Green Knight, a sexy old Yuletide story," presented by the Holy Roman Repertory Company, 8:00 p.m., The Sheldon, 3648 Washington. Call 569-8006 for information.
 Rembrandt (film), with Charles Laughton and Elsa Lanchester; 1:30, 7:00 and 9:15 p.m., Art Museum Auditorium, \$2.
- 17 "Missouri-A Melting Pot for Holiday Customs": Children may learn to play games, make paper ornaments and taste holiday treats from European immigrants, 10:30 a.m., History Museum. Free.
- 18 "Make We Joy: A Christmas Cantata in the Medieval Style," Delmar Baptist Church, Washington & Skinker, 10:45 a.m.
Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council Christmas Walk and House Tour, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Children's Christmas party, Grace Methodist Church, Waterman & Skinker, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Christmas Concert, St. Roch Church, Waterman & Rosedale, 4:00 p.m.
Grace & Peace Fellowship Christmas Program, Delmar & Clara, 6:00 p.m.
 (See article on Page 1 for details of the above events.)

- 23 Mutiny on the Bounty (film), with Charles Laughton and Clark Gable, 1:30, 7:00 and 9:15 p.m., Art Museum Auditorium, \$2.
- 26 "The Return of Lenny Bruce," presented by the Theatre Project Company. Runs through December 31, 8:00 p.m., New City School, 5209 Waterman.
- 30 Night of the Hunter (film), with Robert Mitchum, directed by Charles Laughton, 1:30, 7:00 and 9:15 p.m., Art Museum Auditorium, \$2.

January

- 3 7th District Public Affairs meeting, 7:00 p.m., 7th District Headquarters, 5240 Enright.
- 6 Recent Works, Sacred or Profane: paintings by Jon Cournoyer. Componere, 6509 Delmar. Reception for the artist 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Through January 31st.
- 8 Christo: Wrapped MOMA and Other Graphics; Elliot Smith Gallery, 360 N. Skinker,
 Greg Edmondson: Drawings and Sculpture; Elliot Smith Gallery, 360 N. Skinker.
- 9 **Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council meeting**, 7:30 p.m., 6010a Kingsbury at Des Peres.
- 11 "Eleemosynary," presented by the Theatre Project Company. Runs through February 5, 8:00 p.m., New City School, 5209 Waterman.
 "A Coupla White Chicks Sitting Around Talking," presented by the Theatre Project Company. Runs through February 5th, 8:00 p.m., New City School, 5209 Waterman.
- 20 "The Peking Opera": A spectacle of ancient folk stories, acrobatics, masks, and brilliant costumes from China, 8:00 p.m., Edison Theater at Washington University. Also January 21.
- 27 Paul O'Dette & Hopkinson Smith in concert at the St. Louis Classical Guitar Society, 8:00 p.m., the Ethical Society, 9001 Clayton Road. \$10.
 "Sin in the City: Boswell's London Journal," presented by the Holy Roman Repertory Company, 8:00 p.m., The Sheldon, 3648 Washington. Call 569-8006 for information.
- 28 St. Roch's Progressive Dinner. See related article.
- 29 The Duo Cellisimo: Claudio Jaffe and Johanne Perron; Concordia Seminary, 801 DeMun Avenue.
- 31 Vinson Cole, tenor, 8:00 p.m., CASA, 560 Trinity.

February

- 3 Contemporary Botanicals: Watercolor by Adrienne MO-MI Tallin and New Works in Metal: Jewelry by Teresa Callahan. Componere, 6509 Delmar. Through February 28.
- 6 CASA in Concert-Tarar Gabora, violin, 8:00 p.m., CASA, 560 Trinity. Free.
Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council meeting, 7:30 p.m., 6010a Kingsbury at Des Peres.

History Museum Celebrates Holidays

Garlands of greenery, bright bows, wreaths and a special exhibition of ornaments will give the Jefferson Memorial Building in Forest Park a holiday look through December. "Victorian Legacy: Christmas Ornaments 1870-1988" features historic ornaments from the History Museum's collections and private owners as well as 1988 ornaments donated to the museum by the Missouri World Organization of China Painters.

Current exhibitions, such as "Growing Up in St. Louis" and the Blow Library, reflect the holiday spirit with festive decor of the appropriate period.

The History Museum in Forest Park is open Tuesday through Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. but will be closed from 1 p.m. December 24 through December 26 and from 1 p.m. December 31 through January 2. There is no admission charge.

December special events include free children's programs and a special performance of holiday music. On Saturday, December 10, at 10:30 a.m. children ages six

to 13 may hear about "An Ozark Missouri Christmas" in a talk with slides, toys, decoration and crafts. The following week, on December 17 at 10:30 a.m. children are invited to create paper replicas of ornaments brought to Missouri by Eastern European immigrants at the program "Missouri-A Melting Pot for Holiday Customs."

Music will fill the air on Thursday, December 15 at 11:30 a.m. when fifth and sixth graders from Mary Institute sing Jewish holidays hymns and European carols in the Loggia (main entrance) of the Jefferson Memorial Building.

Girl Scout Troops Forming

Girl Scout troops are now being formed in the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood. Girls, kindergarten through 8th grade, who are interested should please call Rita Magyar at 721-0442. Rita will also be happy to hear from any adults who would like to volunteer their services.



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Following a period of discussion, a straw vote showed most in favor of pursuing the idea. Persons interested in learning more about obsolete districts should contact Nancy Farmer (862-5122), Executive Director, Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council.

The condition of the twenty-five-year-old traffic barricades on Rosedale was the next agenda item. Rosedale Assoc President Terry Buckley asked if the neighborhood should "ignore them, clean them, or change them." Subsequent discussion pointed out that the current appearance of the barricades is deplorable, that some traffic control is still needed, and that perhaps the barricades serve undesirably to separate Rosedale into two neighborhoods.

Alderman McGuire noted that the city no longer favors post and chain barricades because of safety concerns. Also, options may be limited by the need for passage of a bill by the Board of Aldermen to eliminate the barricades, and the limited city money available for any work.

A motion was made and carried to establish a committee to study the issue.

Three issues were raised in new business. Residents of 6000 Washington complained of the mud from the vacant lot adjacent to the traffic turnaround at Washington and Des Peres. McGuire stated that money for landscaping has been approved, but there has been a problem with the Parks Department in getting the work done. The Department has been contacted, and he expects that the work will be completed before the end of the year.

Another resident noted that Rosedale now has two of the Journal papers delivered: the Central West End edition and the Clayton edition.

This has made the litter problem associated with unclaimed papers even worse. A representative of the Journal Papers contacted by phone stated that the delivery of the Clayton edition would be stopped. Residents were encouraged to complain to the Journal if the problem persists. Alderman McGuire reminded residents that they can request the Journal to cease delivery of all papers to their address.

A resident of 6000 Pershing complained of an overhanging tree on the property at the southwest corner of Waterman and Des Peres. Low branches interfere with use of the sidewalk and block the view of drivers exiting the alley. Alderman McGuire stated that he will contact the property owners to have the situation corrected.

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Tour On Dec. 18th



6148 McPherson



6178 McPherson

Progressive Dinner is January 28

The Annual Progressive Dinner benefiting St. Roch Church will be held on Saturday, January 28th. Cocktails will be at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m., and dessert at 9:00 p.m. As usual, guests will move from house to house for cocktails and dinner, and will join together at St. Roch Parish Hall for dessert. Tickets are \$25.00 per couple.

Everyone in the neighborhood is welcome to this festive occasion. There are usually around 200 people in attendance at the Progressive Dinner, and many friends who have moved out of the parish regularly come back to support St. Roch's.

For further information, please contact Mary Fleener at 725-5736.

Caroling Groups Wanted

Again this year, St. Louis Christmas Carols Association invites you to form a neighborhood caroling group. A group leader gets together with friends to sing on the date and at the location of their choice. This St. Louis tradition, begun in 1911, benefits over 70 local agencies serving needy youngsters throughout the metropolitan area.

The first step in becoming involved in this enjoyable, as well as worthwhile activity, is to call your area chairman who will reserve your street and supply you with collection canisters, song sheets, and the necessary identification. The area chairman for the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood is Karen Kelsey, 361-0555.

Just a few of the agencies which receive funds from the Christmas Carols Association are: Stella Maris Day Care Center, The Miriam School, The Annie Malone Children's Home, and Child Haven. Plan to include caroling among your holiday celebrations this year. The children of St. Louis will thank you.



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November SDCC Meeting

by Catherine Forslund

Many bright new prospects for our neighborhood presented themselves to the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council (SDCC) at their November meeting.

Present were Randy Bailey, Nancy Farmer, Mary Fleener, Georgi Fox, George Genung, Kathleen Hamilton, Karleen Hoerr, Marty Hussey, Paul Kurtz, Bob Mahon, Jim McLeod, and this reporter. Guests Alva Jacobs and Alderman Dan McGuire attended.

Ms. Alva Jacobs, the new interim coordinator of Hamilton Community School, made an inspired presentation to the Board about the plans to make the school's program an integral part of the neighborhood. Their office hours, which extend into the evening, make information, registration, and help accessible to all neighbors, no matter what their schedule. They will mail a school brochure to neighborhood homes shortly.

Hamilton will expand its curriculum to include courses such as college entrance examination preparation, tax seminars, college financial aid form completion, computer topics and successful parenting. They also hold self-improvement, hobby and arts classes. They are seeking out interested people from the wealth of qualified community residents to teach a variety of courses that will invite and excite neighbors to attend and broaden their horizons.

They are expanding the youth programs and hope to become an integral part of improving the lives of our area children. One welcome addition is a planned program with the 7th District Police aimed at helping kids fight the drug problems around them.

Ms. Jacobs encourages neighbors to stop by any time to visit her and see the program, make suggestions for new courses and get excited about participating in this part of city living.

The October minutes were approved with the addition of Hoerr's comments suggesting the name "Nina Place" be on the entrance monument for DeBaliviere Place West redevelopment area. The treasurer's report was approved.

McLeod reported that Washington University has put the proposed parking lot on the Skinker/Parkway lawn on hold for the time being. The construction of two new campus

buildings has begun and they will take up some existing lot space. To compensate for the loss, new parking space will be constructed along the Forsyth Boulevard side of campus.

Fox said that there are enough volunteers for the paper distribution at the Des Peres intersections of Waterman and the Parkway on Old Newsboy's Day.

Alderman Dan McGuire reviewed the proposed city ordinance which would require that businesses within 100 feet of a residential area have a permit to operate between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. The ordinance is being discussed with opponents and it seems probable that a compromise will be worked out. Good neighbor businesses should have no problem obtaining permits but the ordinance would allow a way for the City to deal with those which disrupt residential living. The Board agreed to send a letter to the Board of Aldermen supporting McGuire's efforts.

A Policemen's Awards Banquet is still planned for early next year.

The Board approved the stop sign proposal made last month for the Laurel/Waterman/Nina intersection to increase safety as traffic volume grows in the area with its increased redevelopment.

McLeod will arrange a meeting between Washington University representatives and other parties who are concerned about Homecoming Parade trash and Thurtene Carnival location, construction, parking and clean-up.

SDCC will continue to monitor the status of the Academic and Athletic Academy, also known as Little Hamilton school, on Des Peres at Westminster.

A petition for area approval may be coming around to allow Talayna's to have a service bar for patrons only. Closing hours should be earlier if this proposal is accepted and a new license is issued.

Hamilton announced that Richard Huff, director of the National Endowment for the Arts, will speak in St. Louis. St. Louis is one of the few cities in the country which receives National Endowment funding down to the neighborhood level. There have still been some complaints about the Sunoco station, and even though the Board sent a letter expressing neighborhood concerns, another

will be sent to keep these issues on the minds of the management.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The annual Community Development Agency (CDA) fiscal audit was conducted in October. The written report had not yet been received, but Farmer expects no problems. The Board voted to accept the proposed budget and CDA Block Grant funding at the same level which was received last year.

Operation ConServ is setting up the initial 13 housing corporations. One of the program's main thrusts is to bring housing development, planning and control to the neighborhood level. Farmer stressed that the new corporation will be distinct from SDCC, even though it will use the SDCC office for its address.

The proposed DeBaliviere Place West entrance monument questions were happily resolved through meetings with neighbors, Hoerr, Bailey, McGuire, Farmer, condominium owners and the developer. The monument has been scaled down below 4 feet, will be set back on the circle, and will read "Nina Place."

Before year's end, Farmer, along with area religious and education leaders, will conduct a door to door survey to determine the number, ages and school affiliation of area children. This information will be used by local schools and churches to help develop programs for the children.

Farmer said that Karen Largen of the Grace and Peace Fellowship is in charge of organizing the 1989 Martin Luther King, Jr. commemoration activities. Other area churches plan to be involved in the celebration. The Board supports the activities and Farmer will notify Largen of SDCC backing.

There is renewed interest in forming an adult co-ed volleyball group. Hamilton Community School will offer a free winter program.

The City West Business Association welcomed two new members. They are neighborhood resident Pat Cantwell and Freewheelin' Bicycle owner John Bordeaux.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Historic District Review: Katie Kurtz met with Kate Shea and Jan Cameron of the Heritage and Urban Design Commission. Shea and Cameron offered their help with the study of neighborhood development since the passage of the Historic District Ordinance. A report and recommendations will be presented to the Board.

Parkview: Fleener said the only news is the continuing repair work on the non-functioning inner circle street lights.

Rosedale: Kurtz reported on the upcoming meeting. (See related article.)

Christmas Walk: The Christmas Walk and other programs will be held on December 18th. (See related article.)

Times Needs Distributor

The Times needs a new distributor for the 61xx block of Waterman. The task takes about one hour once a month. If you are interested, please call Sue Rothschild at 361-0880 or 725-0878.

Old Newsboy's Day

The Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council participated in Old Newsboy's Day for the first time this year thanks to board member Georgi Fox. Old Newsboy's Day is sponsored by the Suburban Journals as a fund raiser for programs that benefit children in the metro area. The Journals publish a special edition one day each year which is sold on the street by volunteers. The proceeds are divided among numerous organizations.

Fox proposed that SDCC participate in the event, as an organization, at the September board meeting. She volunteered to recruit neighbors to sell the papers at two intersections: Waterman and Des Peres and Forest Park Parkway and Des Peres.

In addition to Fox, Randy Bailey, Roy Bell, Nancy Farmer, Catherine Forslund, Alex Fox, Bob Mahon, Peter McCarthy, Barbara O'Flynn and Brad Weir braved the chill Thursday, November 17, to sell papers between 6:30 and 9:00 a.m.

Washington Heights neighbor and SDCC board member Shirley Polk also participated in Old Newsboy's Day. Veteran newsboy Polk sells papers every year at the Waterman-DeBaliviere intersection.

Mysterious Navajos And Comanchis At the Kiosk

by Mary Ann Shickman

Continuing our exploration of Native American lore, there are several excellent books available at the Kiosk which we want to recommend.

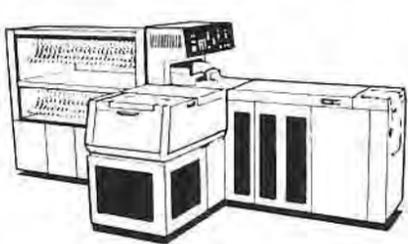
Tony Hillerman is the author of *Skinwalker* which takes the reader into the canyons and onto the mesas of the Southwest. The Washington Post calls Hillerman "one of the superior and definitely distinctive mystery writers of the past fifteen years." And Kiosk patron Christine Smith says, "those who have read any of Tony Hillerman's Navajo detective stories receive a short course in Navajo ethnography and meet either Lt. Joe Leaphorn or Sgt. Jim Chee of the Navajo tribal police. *Skinwalker* brings them together in a story of contrasts and interaction between the tribal police, the local police and the FBI." Another Hillerman novel, *Gateway*, deals with the Federal witness relocation program and is considered one of the author's finest. In another, *Dancehall of the Dead*, an Indian boy disappears while he is performing a ritual Navajo dance.

Douglas C. Jones in *Season of Yellow Leaf* writes about a ten-year-old frontier girl abducted by Comanche Indians in a raid in 1830. At first the girl is resentful and afraid until she adjusts to the Comanche culture. She is given the name of "chosen" by the Indians and when she grows into womanhood she marries a great Indian warrior, Iron Shirt, and they have a family. The atmosphere is skillfully detailed. Other books by Jones are *A Creek Called Wounded Knee*, *Elkhorn Tavern*, and *Barefoot Brigade*.

With the Holiday season nearly upon us, we want to send greetings from the Kiosk to one and all.

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In Your Ear

by Tom Hoerr

The workmen arrive tomorrow. They're scheduled to come around 8:00 a.m., so we've spent the day putting our pots and pans and other cooking gear into boxes. You see, we're renovating our kitchen and removing our stove.

Taking out the kitchen stove isn't something that's done very frequently, taking it out and not replacing it, that is. Just because it's not done often doesn't mean it's a bad idea though. For us it makes all kinds of sense.

We decided to renovate the kitchen a few months ago. Like many other families, I think, my first wife and I spend a remarkable amount of our at-home-waking-hours in the kitchen. We like to enjoy a quiet dinner and discuss the events of the day. There's nothing like a Domino's or Pantera's Pizza, a club sandwich from Redel's (with fries), a seafood sandwich from the local Subway Shop, or some of Straub's chicken salad on a bagel to make the day complete. Add a Carta Blanca beer and KWMU and you've got a perfect evening.

As in any renovation, we started with what we wanted and left the budget until later. When later came we agreed that the eight-jet hot tub in the kitchen was just a bit too much.

We began by agreeing that the old wood floors needed changing. They show simply too many years of footwear and paw-wear. We talked about covering our floors with tile or linoleum, but ultimately decided that new wood flooring would be best. Once we knew that we were adding fresh flooring, we also knew that we could begin anew with our floor plan. We could decide what stayed and where it went. No longer were we bound by the infamous trapping-island design, the legacy left us by our "mom cooks and everybody else looks" predecessors.

At first it was said as a joke. "We ought to get rid of the stove," I stated, "it's used as often as our old coal furnace in the basement or the manual typewriter in your study."

Karleen laughed and responded, "How would that look? Besides, the cat likes to lay on the stove's covered grill in the winter."

The more we talked, however, the more we decided that it made all kinds of sense to take out the stove. With our multi-talented friend, the microwave, and the broiler in the oven for toasting bagels, along with the telephone for pizza deliveries, we really don't need a stove. Other than last Thanksgiving, neither of us can remember using the stove during the past year. Oh, there has probably been a time or two, but we sat for an hour trying to think of when the stove was last used and couldn't come up with an occasion. Except for the cat's resting place, that is, and he's just out of luck.

We've already called the Miriam Shop on Skinker, and they're expecting all of our pots, pans, and other cooking utensils. They should fetch a good price for these items, as most of them are still fairly unused. There's one pan that shows lots of wear, but it was already showing wear when my mom gave it to us when we got married. We've primarily used it as a container for storing small Milky Way and Snickers bars in our freezer. Believe me, there's nothing like a frozen Milky Way!

Freeing up the area that our stove used to occupy will make our kitchen much roomier. We now have the juke box in one corner, and we're considering moving it more towards the center now that we have the space. We are also talking about having the dishwasher removed, and simply eating off of paper plates and with plastic utensils. After all, the pizzas, club sandwiches, and the like come in boxes or heavy paper containers, so there's really no need to put the food on dishes which must be washed. We have a trash compactor, so we can accumulate paper products for quite some time before the trash must be carried out. We haven't made a decision about the dishwasher yet, though. Karleen is undecided, but I'm lobbying for removing it because then we'd have room for a pool table.

We should be done in a few months. This will mean that we can be on the neighborhood's House Tour and Christmas Walk in 1989. When we are, I hope you'll all come visit and see our "Kitchen of the Future," a microwave and a telephone!



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