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Historical Society Announces Temple Design

The Missouri Historical Society, which currently operates the History Museum in the Jefferson Memorial Building in Forest Park, is planning to create a library/archives facility to house its nearly 3½ million books, documents, photographs, artifacts, and works of art pertaining to the history of St. Louis and the Louisiana Territory.

The Society plans to renovate the old United Hebrew Temple at 225 South Skinker Boulevard and construct a new annex replacing the 1956 educational building addition to the south of the main Temple.

Preliminary estimates indicate the cost of the temple renovation and new annex is \$7.5 million, according to Ted Wofford, of the architectural firm of Murphy, Downey, Wofford & Richman.

"A thorough study of the site showed that the 10,000 square feet offered by United Hebrew's former Sunday school building would be inadequate and quite expensive to bring up to the standards needed," said Wofford. "The new building will provide 54,000 square feet of space and will make excellent use of the site."

"We have held to all the building lines on the Temple in the design of the addition. The facade, of matching buff brick laid in the same horizontally banded pattern, will relate in height and profile to the side bay walls of the Temple. To keep the height consistent with that of the existing school addition and reduce the visual mass, two of the four stories will be below ground level. Most important, this will provide an energy-efficient, climate controlled structure for the preservation and conservation of the Historical Society's irreplaceable materials. Conservation laboratories, processing, related staff offices, and research facilities are programmed for the new annex."

"We hope to break ground in September and estimate a one-year period for construction," said Wofford.

The main building, dedicated in 1927 and used since then by the United Hebrew congregation, will be transformed into a library and research facility by the Missouri Historical Society. The sanctuary, dominated by a large dome, will house the main public reading room. Surrounding it will be offices and stack areas for the library, archives and pictorial history collections. The only structural change planned for the exterior is a new entrance, marked by three doors on the ground floor of the Temple building. The strong vertical design of the facade's three central arches will be continued to the handicapped accessible upper sidewalk level, where the doors which will integrate into the existing brick panels will offer easy and obvious public access. The broad steps that descend to this sidewalk level will be removed, and simply continue down in straight runs.

The entrance will lead to a lobby opening into a community space on the lower level. An elevator will take the public to this lower level and up to the library area.

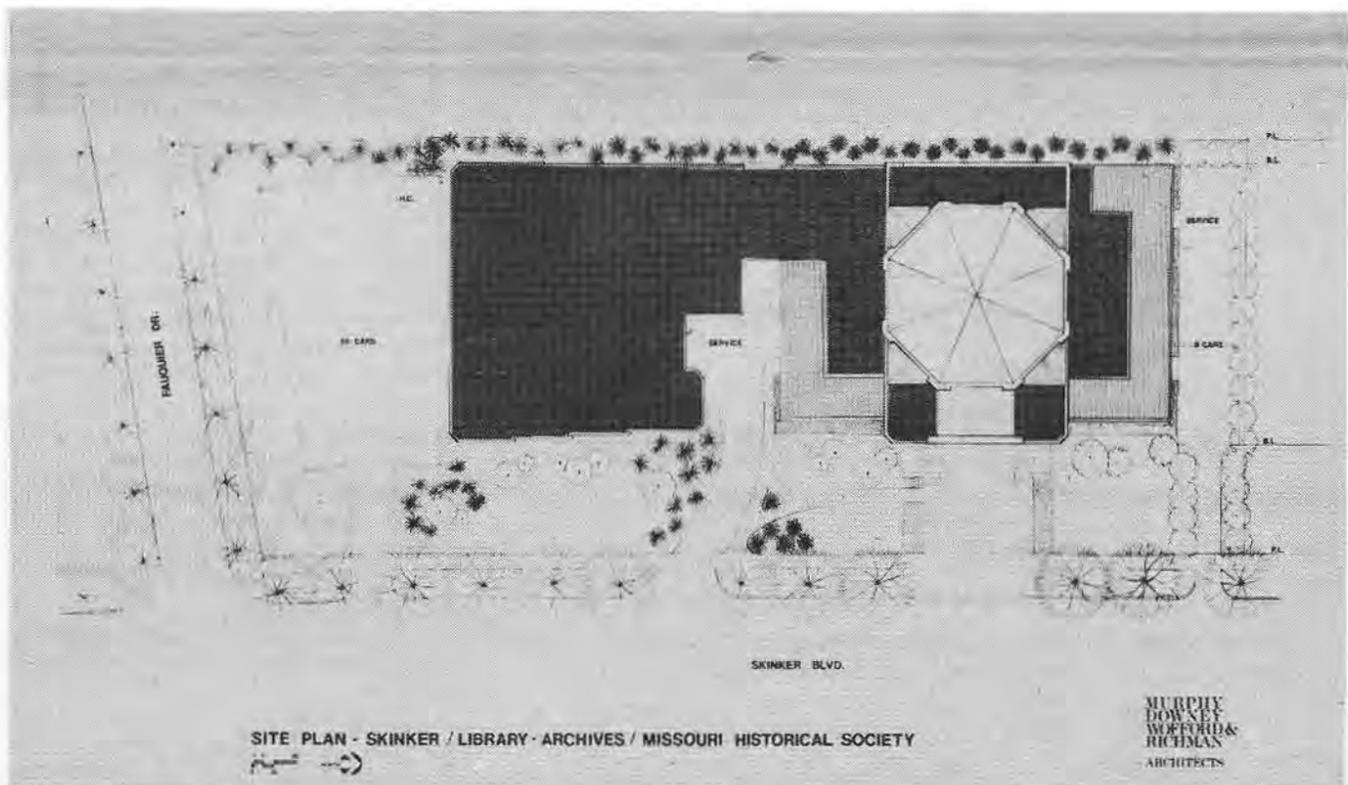
"We are still in the process of programming and planning the interior of this building," said Wofford. Also planned is a small parking lot south of the property, bounded by Fauquier Drive, which will exit and enter off of Skinker Blvd.

"The renovation and new construction will be financed in a public-private partnership," said Dr. Robert Archibald, executive

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Architect's drawings for the Missouri Historical Society's renovation of the United Hebrew Temple at 225 S. Skinker Blvd. The plan shows three new doors into the former sanctuary and a new building annex that will unite the archival, pictorial history and library collections and provide processing and conservation labs in one climate-controlled facility.



Site plan for the renovation of the United Hebrew Temple. The plan shows the temple joined to a new building annex.

"Rags To Riches" Is September 23

The Rosedale Neighborhood Association (RNA) will sponsor the eighth annual "Rags to Riches" on Saturday, September 23. RNA invites everyone in Skinker DeBaliviere (Washington Heights, Rosedale and Parkview) to register and have a yard sale that Saturday. The registration fee is \$10.

RNA sponsors this event as a fund-raiser for the organization which helps support the *Times*, and also as a neighborhood service. RNA publicizes the event with classified ads in the *Post-Dispatch*, the *Journals* and *Student Life*, as well as with press releases and public service announcements. With help from the Skinker

DeBaliviere Community Council, RNA produces a Guidebook for shoppers which locates the sales on a map and lists some of the items available at each address. RNA also secures the necessary City permits which would cost residents \$10 each if purchased individually. The \$10 registration fee is a bargain.

In addition to the yard sales, RNA sponsors a bake sale and barbecue at the Kingsbury Animal Hospital parking lot. Coffee and donuts are available in the morning; hot dogs, salsiccia and cold drinks are available beginning at 11:00. Home baked goodies are available while they last.

1987 and 1988 were record-breaking

years for Rags to Riches with over 40 yard sales registered each year. RNA hopes to register 50 sales this year and increase participation from Washington Heights and Parkview.

If you are interested in having a yard sale, watch for flyers with additional information and a registration form to arrive at your door in the next couple of weeks. If you don't receive a flyer by September 10, call the SDCC, 862-5122 and a form will be mailed to you. The more sales there are on your block the more shoppers you are likely to attract, so plan a sale and encourage your neighbors to have one too.

Best Paw Forward At The Kiosk

by Mary Ann Shickman

Sixty splendid-looking animal photos were entered in the St. Louis Public Library Kiosk annual Pet Photo Contest, setting neighborhood judges Dr. Steve Brammeier and Georgie Fox a hard task.

Their choices for winners follow:

Best looking dog: Maggie Schoemehl who was photographed by owner Tim Schoemehl of the 61XX block of Westminster chasing a squirrel up a pile of logs.

Best dog photo: Toby Smith owned by Tommy Smith of the 59XX block of DeGiverville. Toby is a handsome German Shepherd with light blue "husky" eyes.

Funniest dog photo: Pepper Mash, a Dalmation, wearing a red bandanna five different ways in each of five photos. Pepper is owned by Carla Mash of the 6XXX block of McPherson.

Animal family: Three Irish Setters named Pepito, Moonie, and Big Boy who are father, mother and son and live with their owner Tony Billups on the 58XX block of DeGiverville. The Racing Form inspired their names.

Most unusual animal: A horse named Samson submitted by Elizabeth Renard of the 62XX block of McPherson.

Best cat photo: Friskey Wiltenburg, although she looks anything but frisky asleep, draped on top of a radiator with tail and paws dangling down. Friskey belongs

to the Wiltenburg family on the 61XX block of Kingsbury.

Best looking cat: Catchaw Georgieff who has beautiful red hair but minus a tail from an incident with a dog a few years ago. She is owned by the Georgieff family on the 61XX block of Westminster.

Funniest cat photo: Abby Flynn who was hanging from the rafters when the picture was taken. She belongs to the Flynn's on the 59XX block of Pershing.

Special Award: Annie Smith won for being a brave pussycat. As her picture hung in the exhibit Annie was hit by a car in front of her house. She dragged herself by her front feet to the lawn. Owners Bruce and Christine Smith took her to the vet to find she had a broken pelvis and two broken legs. Now, after three surgeries, she has begun to limp to her food dish and potty.

We wish to thank McDonald's, Burger King, and the Coyote's Paw on Delmar, and West End Wines on Belt for their generosity in this project.

If you missed it, you will be able to see the winning photos on exhibit at Art Exposed in October.

The party for children who participated in the Summer Reading Program will be Saturday, September 16th, at the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council.



Photo by King Schoenfeld

At the Kingsbury Kiosk to receive their prizes for winning photos in the Pet Photo contest from librarian May Ann Shickman (left) were (rear) Tommy Smith, Tony Billups, Christine and Bruce Smith with "Annie," Rose Flynn and (front) Meg Flynn and Lisa Georgieff. Poster artwork was provided by Marlon Fields.

Gala Celebration of U. City Library

Featuring dance music by David Venn's orchestra with vocals by Asa Harris, and an on-going mystery theatre written and directed by Robert Wilcox, the gala is scheduled for Saturday evening, September 23, from 8 p.m. to midnight, at the library. Light refreshments will be catered by the European Caffe. Admission is \$25 per person and guests are encouraged to dress in clothing representative of the late 30's and early 40's.

Reservations for the 50th anniversary celebration may be made at the library or by mail. For further information call 727-3150.

What do these well-known sayings have in common: "Tomorrow is another day," "We're off to see the Wizard," and "I'd like to apply for a library card"? They were all on the lips of University City residents in 1939. The same year that gave us "Gone With the Wind" and "The Wizard of Oz" was also the year that University City dedicated its public library. To mark the fiftieth anniversary of the University City Public Library, a gala celebration with a 1939 theme has been planned by the Friends of the Library and the Library Board of Trustees.

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SDCC To Sponsor Dog Show

The Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council will sponsor a Dog Show on Saturday, September 30, beginning at 10 a.m. lasting until approximately 12 p.m. Georgie Fox is chairing the event. Fox came up with the idea after judging photos of pets for a contest sponsored by Mary Ann Shickman at the Kingsbury Kiosk. Dog shows are popular events in other communities and Fox hopes the event here will capitalize on the enthusiasm already generated by the photo contest. Fox also believes this can be a fun and inexpensive neighborhood event.

Judges, categories and prizes haven't been finalized yet, but possible categories include:

- largest dog
- best trick
- longest ears
- most obedient
- best thoroughbred
- best mixed breed

- longest tail
- saddest expression
- best pair (two dogs belonging to one owner).

The following guidelines for entering the dog show have been established:

- 1) DOGS MUST BE ON LEASHES
- 2) DOGS MUST HAVE CURRENT RABIES VACCINATION (THE OWNER MUST PRESENT VACCINATION CERTIFICATE)
- 3) CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER ENTERING THEIR DOGS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

These guidelines must be strictly observed.

If you plan to enter the dog show it would be helpful if you registered in advance. Please call or stop by the SDCC, 6010 Kingsbury, 862-5122 and leave your name, address and phone number. Fox also needs volunteers to organize & work at the event; if you can help, call SDCC.

Business Association Sponsors Fair

The City West Business Association is sponsoring a family fair, "Clowning Around DeBaliviere," Sunday, September 24 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event will be held on the parking lot of the Bi-State garage at 455 DeBaliviere. DeBaliviere Avenue south of Delmar will be closed to traffic during the event.

The fair will feature music, variety artists, game booths, food booths, and information/display booths. Proceeds from the fair will be divided between Stella Maris Child Care Center and Hamilton Community School. A variety of neighborhood businesses, organizations and restaurants plan to participate including Regional Medical Center, Subway Shop, American Red Cross, Happy Taco, the DeBaliviere Dental Center and Classical Coffees.

Ron Norris, who is helping to organize the fair, says "City West needs to have a higher profile and be more visible in the community it serves." CWBA believes the family-oriented event will help the organization achieve better recognition. Norris also believes it's important that this event benefit neighborhood charitable organizations. City West hopes the fair will be an annual tradition benefiting different organizations each year.

Admission to the fair is free; booths are available for \$50. For more information call Bruce Yampolsky at 454-6696.

September Calendar

September

- 5 *Persistence of Spirit* exhibit featuring pastels and charcoal drawings by Joanne Stremsterfer will be on display at The Gallery, U. City Library. Through Sep. 30.
- 8 "George Washington, First Citizen Of The World" presented by Holy Roman Repertory Company at COCA, 524 Trinity, 8 p.m.; Sep. 8-9. Call 569-8006 for more information.
Craft Alliance Gallery will host the exhibit *Mirror Images: Reflections In Clay*, curated by artist Paul Soldner. Opening reception, 6-8 p.m. Exhibit on display through Oct. 3.
New works by *Serena Bocchino: Paintings and Drawings*; at Elliot Smith Gallery, 360 N. Skinker, in Gallery I. Through October 15. Artists reception from 7 to 10 p.m.
Encounters by Leslie Laskey—prints, drawings, paintings, and sculpture at Elliot Smith Gallery, 360 N. Skinker, gallery II. Through October 15.
- 9 The International Guitar Series presents Pepe Romero in a program of Guitar masterworks from Europe and Spain. 8 p.m. CASA, 560 Trinity, U. City. 725-0739.
- 10 *Backsliders & Benefactors*: People Bishop DeBourg dealt with in early St. Louis. In conjunction with "La Ville de Pain Court" exhibition; Jefferson Memorial Building; 2 p.m. Free.
Newly formed Classical Diversions Musical Society to give its first concert titled "Baroque Fest," at 2 p.m., in Wash. U's Graham Chapel. For more information call 256-6782 or 889-5581.
- 11 **Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council meeting**, 7:30 p.m., 6010 Kingsbury.
- 12 **Parkview Agent's meeting**, 7:30 p.m. Call 361-0880 for location.
- 16 **Party at SDCC**, 6010 Kingsbury, for children who participated in the St. Louis Public Library Summer Reading Program. Contact the Kiosk for more details.
"Ovations For Young People" series opens with a performance by Paul Mesner Puppets; 2 p.m.; Wash. U's. Edison Theatre, 6445 Forsyth; Ages 6-12. For more information call 889-5581.
- 17 World's Fair Ice Cream Social hosted by Pevely Dairy. Free ice cream and band music, on the site of the main entrance to the 1904 World's Fair, Jefferson Memorial Building. 2-4 p.m. Free.
Open House at the Center for Contemporary Arts; 524 Trinity. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Scoops in the Loop will provide the ice cream, the balloons and fun are on us! Stop by and enjoy.
- 20 Theatre Project Company 1989-90 season opens with the play "Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune;" New City Theatre, 5209 Waterman. Through Oct. 8. For more information call 531-1301.
- 22 The Market Theatre Company of Johannesburg presents "You Strike the Woman, You Strike the Rock." Sept. 22 and 23, 8 p.m.; Edison Theater, 6445 Forsyth. For further information call 889-6543.

- 23 **Rags to Riches: Rosedale's annual yard sale extravaganza**. See related article.
50th Anniversary Gala at the University City Public Library. Call 727-3150 for information.
Annual Meeting of T.S. Eliot Society; opening lecture at 10 a.m. by Leonard Unger, Ph.D., followed by papers by leading Eliot scholars. Jefferson Memorial Building, Forest Park.
- 24 "**Clowning Around DeBaliviere**," a family fair sponsored by the City West Business Association. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bi-State Garage, 455 DeBaliviere. See related article.
Washington University presents Liederabend (German song recital); 4 p.m., Steinberg Hall. Features Seth Carlin and Mary Henderson. Free. Call 889-5581 for more information.
- 30 **Dog Show**, sponsored by the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council; 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Kingsbury Kiosk, Kingsbury at Des Peres. See related article.

October

- 2 **Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council meeting**, 7:30 p.m., 6010 Kingsbury.
- 6 COCA launches a new theatre series with a benefit performance of "The Mask Man" by Faustwork; 8 p.m.; COCA Theatre, 524 Trinity. Champagne reception follows performance; \$25.00.
National Theatre Of The Deaf performs an adaptation of Homer's "Odyssey"; Oct. 6 and 7; 8 p.m., at Wash. U's Edison Theatre, 6445 Forsyth. For more information call 889-6543.
- 7 The Cranbrook Tradition exhibit explores contemporary crafts, trends and changes in design. Craft Alliance, 6640 Delmar. For more information call 725-1177. Through Oct 28.
Tales from "Arabian Nights" will be performed by the Little Theatre of The Deaf at 2 p.m. in Wash U's Edison Theatre, 6445 Forsyth Blvd. Ages 8-12. Call 889-6543 for more information.
- 8 History Museum's sixth annual fire engine rally will be held at the Jefferson Memorial Building in Forest Park. 9 a.m.
- 10 **Parkview Agent's meeting**, 7:30 p.m. Call 361-0880 for location.

Art Exposed '89 On October 15

Planning for Art Exposed '89 is well underway. The West End Arts Council will sponsor the event Sunday, October 15, 1989 from noon to 5 p.m. at Four Corners Plaza, Kingsbury at Des Peres. Several artists' studios will be open for tour and a group exhibit will feature works by area artists. Art work by students from neighborhood schools will be displayed and sold with the proceeds divided between the schools and WEAC. A two hour concert is planned from one to three p.m. featuring former members of the popular performing/recording group SPATZ: Charlie Pfeffer, Steve Mote and Lydia Ruffin.

Bill Christman is again organizing an Edible Art Competition for Art Exposed. St. Louis' First Edible Art Competition, held last year, was great fun and a great success. Judges for the contest are Vince Bommarito of Tony's, Joe Pollack of the *Post-Dispatch* and designer Marcia Smith. Prizes include dinner for two at Fio's La Fourchette, La Veranda, Richard Perry

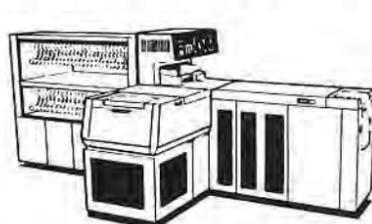
and Duff's, among others. Individuals as well as caterers/restaurateurs are encouraged to enter the competition. For more information about the contest call SDCC, 862-5122 or Bill Christman.

Christman's larger-than-life, fly-swatting, short-order cook Mick deBitzko is again helping to promote Art Exposed. DeBitzko debuted at last year's event in Christman's studio which he converted to a 1940's diner. Christman's diner sculptures, 25 cent hamburgers and 6 oz. Cokes were major attractions of the afternoon. DeBitzko will be on hand this year as well, serving steaming bowls of chili soup at the mobile "Voo Doo Chili" diner whose motto is "Take it and Git!"

Art Exposed has grown bigger and better each year since its inception in 1984; Art Exposed '89 promises to continue the trend. Mark October 15 on your calendar now and watch for the October issue of the *Times* for more information.

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Vicissitudes

by Terry Vanicelli

Summer is supposed to be a slow time in the real estate business, but we managed to acquire a number of new neighbors anyway. Karleen Hoerr from Feinberg Realty was kind enough to give me the names of these new arrivals:

Mary Margaret Cross is new on 61XX McPherson. She has two daughters, Laura and Alison.

Andy and Linda Cross have moved into the 60XX block of McPherson.

Mark and Robin Mense are now in 59XX McPherson.

Ben and Annette Homan are new additions to Nina Place.

Look for Michael Holohan and Faith Sandler on 60XX Westminster.

Alan Larson has moved into 62XX Pershing.

Joe Griesmeier is new to 61XX Kingsbury.

We gain, but we lose, as well. Tom Hussey of 61XX Washington has become Associate VP of Physical Facilities at the University of Pittsburgh. He left all of his children here in St. Louis, however, so we can count on seeing Tom and Marty from time to time.

Our trusty photographer, King Schoenfeld, has successfully avoided the bedlam usually associated with cranking up our favorite paper for fall by going on vacation. He stashed his children with his folks in Wisconsin earlier this summer and has now gone to retrieve them and cool off a bit.

Jenny Fox went to Colorado Springs with some friends this summer and managed to avoid being snared by any of those dangerous young chaps at the Air Force Academy. Meanwhile, her brother Alex visited John and Ann Morris on Pauley Island, South Carolina.

Your humble servant took advantage of Southwest Airline's \$19.00 fare to take his tribe up to a provincial reunion in Detroit. Yep, provincial. It seems that a whole group of Italians left Perugia about the same time and settled in Detroit within a few blocks of my grandfather's bar. Guess where everybody used to hang out. Calling themselves the Paizans, they are now regrouping out in Suburbia. We couldn't pass on this opportunity to present our son Cameron—the newest male in the clan—to our tribe.

Jim McLeod took 12 students to Germany this summer. I don't know if an experience like that qualifies as a vacation, but I'll put it here, anyway.

The Breuns of 61XX McPherson had two rather interesting vacations. On the first trip the family traced the Lewis and Clark trail. Later, Ray and KMOX's Bob Hardy accompanied another group to Alaska to visit the more or less unspoiled and unloiled wilderness there.

Tom and Karleen Hoerr had the most exciting vacation this year of anyone. They planned to visit the Far East: Hong Kong, Singapore, and Bangkok. They had wanted to visit China, but there was this revolution going on and they were discouraged from seeking that destination. Once they arrived out there, they dropped Singapore (it didn't break) and got into China; the word was out that it was probably OK. Karleen assured me that she and Tom are not brave; all was peaceful in the areas they visited and the lack of tourist crowds was refreshing.

Everyone's favorite kind of trip is a honeymoon and Ken Cohen of 61XX Pershing and Margie Brammeier became eligible for one by getting married this summer. P.S. Thank you, Margie and Ken, for your contribution to the *Times* in honor of Cal Stuart presiding at your wedding.

Marriage frequently leads to maternity, so let's see who is expecting babies. Robin Moore, Nancy Farmer's secretary at SDCC, is due to have twins in October, although her OB thinks September looks more likely.

Barrett Toan and Polly O'Brien of 61XX Kingsbury are expecting a baby on Halloween.

Larry and Nancy Hughes of 60XX McPherson are expecting their first child on November 17. Nancy actually went to the trouble of booking herself to Indianapolis on the same plane I was taking to Detroit so she could tell me about this.

Paul and Katie Kurtz welcomed Nathaniel Polk Beckwith Kurtz to 60XX Washington on July 3, 1989.

SDCC Director Nancy Farmer and 28th Ward Committeeman Bruce Yampolsky (55XX Waterman) both were cited—not for speeding!—by the St. Louis Police District Public Affairs Committee for community service.

Rita Washington-Sweets, well known to melodrama lovers in this neighborhood, has been appointed Director of Audience Development for the St. Louis Chapter of Young Audiences, Inc.

Alexander T. Marshall, son of Geneser and James L. Jeter (58XX Waterman) has won a National Merit Scholarship. He will attend Washington University.

Leslie Peters succeeds Polly O'Brien (see maternity notices) at the West End Arts Council.

Nina Guirl, 55XX Waterman, has been appointed the Marketing Director of the St. Louis Artists Coalition. She moved back to St. Louis from New York City.

The Happy Taco opened at 5917 Delmar, between Family Dollar and the Courtesy Country Store. This store is also locally owned, by Gloria Montano and Lourdes Henares of 63XX McPherson. These people are terribly nice, so be sure to visit them.

Terry Vanicelli of 62XX Washington has started up Help! Computer Services. This firm seeks to assist first time micro-computer users and others who need help or training outside of normal business hours. Terry is an old pro: he helped introduce the original IBM PC to St. Louis 'way back when.

Al and Shirley Polk hosted their twelfth West End Neighbors Picnic at Forest Park on August 13. This free affair included chow, a band, and a bike raffle.

Foreign Affairs: The Sister Cities program is alive and well, thanks in part to Ray Breun and Msgr. Sal Polizzi of St. Roch's. This summer about 10 young men and women from our sister city of Bologna spent three weeks with selected St. Louis families. Two of these families were the Shaughnesseys of 55XX Lindell and the Hamiltons of 62XX McPherson. Msgr. Polizzi hosted a barbecue for everyone participating over at St. Roch; about 50 attended.

OTTIE'S CORNER: Officer Edwards gave a bike safety program in Parkview on July 22. This event began with a parade, featuring Cub Pack 31 as honor guards. Prizes were awarded for the best decorated navigable bike. Popcorn was provided in abundance by the folks at the Tivoli Theater. After the presentation, Ottie gave the children a test, prior to awarding bicycle licenses. The most important question was what to do when coming to a stop sign. All of the kids yelled "You Stop!" Officer Edwards then sent the kids home, asking them to remind their parents to do the same, a practice not often followed in Parkview.

SDCC and Officer Edwards will probably present another bike safety program for the SDCC neighborhood in the spring.

History Museum Celebrates Ice Cream Cone



The History Museum in Forest Park celebrates the 85th anniversary of the debut of the ice cream cone at the 1904 World's Fair with an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, September 17 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Photo from the 1904 World's Fair collection of the Missouri Historical Society.

The History Museum in Forest Park and Pevely Dairy Co. will celebrate the 85th anniversary of the debut of the ice cream cone at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis. The old-time Ice Cream Social will take place on Sunday, September 17 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the south lawn at the Jefferson Memorial Building, near the site of the grand entrance to the World's Fair.

Pevely Dairy will provide free ice cream cones to all participants, so they can sample one of the the World's Fair's great contributions to popular cuisine. Participants also will have a chance to learn about other food favorites that debuted at the World's Fair, such as the hot dog and iced tea. Other festivities will include period mus-

ic played by a ragtime band and contests for children.

The 1904 St. Louis World's Fair marked the centennial of the Louisiana Purchase, which extended U.S. territory throughout the Mississippi Valley and Great Plains. Nearly 20 million people visited the Fair, bringing international attention to St. Louis.

The Jefferson Memorial, located on the northern edge of Forest Park near Lindell and DeBaliviere, is the home of the History Museum operated by the Missouri Historical Society. It was built after the World's Fair in 1913 to honor President Thomas Jefferson, who engineered the Louisiana Purchase.

Kids Need Social Security Cards

Social Security will issue 2.7 million new Social Security cards to children in the next 10 months as the result of a new law. Next year at tax time, the Social Security number of any dependent age two or older must be listed on your tax return. Before the law was changed, a number was required for dependents age 5 or older.

Social Security estimates that about half of the children age two to four don't have numbers yet.

Because of the large number of applica-

tions expected, Social Security is warning parents to apply early. The usual processing time for a Social Security card is about 10 days but large numbers of applicants waiting until the April 15, 1990 deadline could cause delays.

People who wish to apply for cards for their children should call Social Security at 1-800-234-5772. You'll receive information about the evidence required and an application through the mail.

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Touching Bases

This feature highlights our neighbors—the famous, semi-famous, not-so-famous, infamous and anonymous.

by Tom Hoerr

In describing why she loves her job, Dee Joyce-Hayes, a resident of the 6100 block McPherson and a prosecutor in the City Circuit Attorney's office, says: "In some very small way, I feel the work I do makes a difference to people. We deal every day with people who are hurt, who need help, who depend on us—not only in a legal sense, but in a human sense."

Dee was raised in Lexington, VA, a small town of 7,000. When asked whether she could return today to live in her hometown, she replies, "Some days I think I could, most days I think I couldn't. It's a much more peaceful environment; crime is almost nil. It would appear to be a wonderful place to raise kids, and it certainly has its appeal...But a part of me thrives on the things you find in a city that you don't find there."

Dee graduated from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA—the first person in her family to finish college—and moved to Washington, D.C. intending to "get a job in government!" She initially worked as a receptionist at a law firm and was soon promoted to office manager. She was later employed by the Norfolk & Western Railroad in the "lobby office" and then worked for the Department of Transportation. During this time she met her first husband, Steve, then an aide to U. S. Senator Tom Eagleton. At the time of her marriage, Dee remembers, she had an "inkling" to go to law school.

Dee and Steve moved to St. Louis in 1972 so that Steve could run for the Missouri House of Representatives from an area that included Skinker-DeBaliviere. They moved on the 6000 block of Westminster and Steve was elected to the State House. Dee says they knew that they wanted to live in Skinker-DeBaliviere, but buying a house in the neighborhood wasn't easy in 1972: "Our real estate agent was from a tiny suburban agency. He sat in the car with the doors locked until we pulled up. He was very nervous!" There was a

good deal of red-lining then, she remembers, and it was necessary to assert oneself with lenders in order to get a loan.

In 1977 Dee enrolled in St. Louis University's School of Law. In reflecting on her law school experiences, she says, "St. Louis University had a fine atmosphere. I felt that since I would be practicing in St. Louis, it would be a good place to be. 'Humane' is used many times to describe the St. Louis U. law school experience, and it's true!"

"Going back to school as an older person made a difference," she continues. "I was more mature and stable, much less intimidated than I would've been earlier. I was much more directed; I really wanted to be there. Altogether it was a real pleasant experience. I enjoyed law school!" Dee graduated in the spring of 1980 and was carrying Rob, now a third grader, at the time.

Rob was born in November and Dee started with the City Circuit Attorney's office in February of 1981. "It was the only place I applied," she notes. "I wanted to be a trial attorney and knew I could get the experience there."

"I never expected to be in the Circuit Attorney's office this long," she continues, "I never planned to be a career prosecutor. The reality is that I like what I do and I feel a commitment to my job. I'm very happy there, it's my niche."

"The worst part of the job," according to Dee, "is telling people 'no.' It's facing people who've been victimized and telling them that there's not enough evidence to make a case. You're only meeting people under circumstances where they've been victimized, and now they feel like the system is victimizing them again." She takes a deep breath and continues, "You have to work awfully hard not to let it get to you. The 'kid cases' (cases dealing with abuse to children) bother me the most."

In March of 1989 Dee was promoted to "First Assistant Circuit Attorney." In this position she handles the warrant office and



Dee Joyce-Hayes during last spring's Operation Blitz.

grand jury, does some administrative work with the 40 attorneys in the office, and is the liaison to the Police Department. Dee states that she has the option of taking a case if she wants it. "Often, traditionally (the person holding this role) will take only one big case per year. It's important to help keep one's skills and also important for the younger attorney's to see this" she observes.

When asked whether she would be interested in Circuit Attorney George Peach's job if he were to retire, Dee says, "I'd love the job, theoretically. Practically speaking, I don't feel that I have the political connections or clout that I'd need to have the backing to run (for the elected office). The bottom line is that you need ward organizations and people to give money. I have no illusions to having these kinds of ties." In summary, she says "It's a political office, although George doesn't run it like one. It is, though, and you can't get away from that."

In 1984 Dee and Steve were divorced. She met Gary Hayes, a policeman who was assigned to the Circuit Attorney's office, and married him in August of 1986. Today

Gary is a private investigator with "Hayes Investigative Services, Inc." Dee and Gary love to travel and enjoy scuba diving. Lately they've been to Aruba, Mexico, and the Bahamas.

Dee and Gary have a daughter, Elena, who was adopted in July 1988. She is from Mexico and came home with Dee and Gary when she was two months old. Dee's memories of the adoption are vivid: "We started the adoption process in May of 1987. It took us all of spring and summer to get the paperwork done. Then we received a call one night—a Monday evening at 2:00 a.m.—telling us that she was born three days ago. We had to be there, Mexico City, by Thursday!"

Elena, according to Dee, is "wonderfully good natured!" When asked how she can reconcile the demands of her job, Rob, Elena, Gary, and her two cats (Linn and Tai), Dee says, "I'm fortunate to be married to an absolutely wonderful person who can change his schedule to help or accommodate me. The fact that he is in business for himself certainly helps. Whenever I need him, he's there without being asked to be."

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SDCC Busy All Summer

by Catherine Forslund

Usually summertime means vacations and a change in our usual routine, but for the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council (SDCC) Board the summer months brought business as usual.

Attendance at the meetings was as follows: June—Frank and Flossie Driscole, Nancy Farmer, Mary Fleener, Georgi Fox, Paul Kurtz, Bob Mahon, John Roach, Phil Roberts, Arline Webb, and Kathy Wobus; July—Randy Bailey, Nancy Farmer, Mary Fleener, Georgi Fox, Marti Hussey, Bob Mahon, Shirley Polk, Arline Webb and Kathy Wobus; August—Bill Duncan, Nancy Farmer, George Genung, Kathleen Hamilton, Karleen Hoerr, Paul Kurtz, Bob Mahon, Shirley Polk, Phil Roberts, Arline Webb, and Kathy Wobus. This reporter attended all three meetings.

The May, June and July minutes were all reviewed and accepted. The Treasurer's reports and cash statements for the same period were also discussed and adopted by the Board.

June Highlights

John Roach made a presentation to the Board for construction of a Zipp's restaurant in the 58XX block of Delmar. He discussed the current status of the area and its prospects for future development. Zipp's is a locally owned corporation which would use this location as a training unit and showplace for interested franchisers. Pantheon already holds the development rights to the block, but they would need to acquire one parcel from another owner. Two buildings on the block are already slated for demolition because they are in dangerous condition. The area's zoning does not allow a fast food use by right, so they would need to get a conditional use permit from the city. The Board discussed the proposal further before voting to oppose it. They will express appreciation to Roach for the presentation and explain SDCC's interest in Delmar development. The concern is that fast food establishments are not really the kind of business SDCC wants to encourage and with the Commercial District plan coming this summer, they want to work within its guidelines.

The Director's Report included information about the SDCC move downstairs into the former 28th Ward headquarters. SDCC will be getting a \$5,000.00 grant from the Regional Arts Commission for community arts events. The Mary Henderson concert was excellent, but attendance was off from last year. The theater production was very successful with big attendance and many new neighbors involved. Blitz Day was also successful. Farmer reported that the Title V part-time secretary Erlene Smith will be starting soon and will be a great help.

Fox suggested writing a letter of commendation to the City forestry department thanking them for their great clean-up job after the June storm.

July Highlights

The Board discussed a short-fall in the budget for this year. There is a cushion to absorb the shortage so SDCC will go ahead with the previously authorized computer purchase jointly with the West End Arts Council.

Fox outlined a proposal for a neighborhood dog show with many "fun" categories for entries to get many area kids involved. (See related story.)

Questions were raised about the delay on the McPherson parking lot expansion by Grace. The City's 50/50 sidewalk repair plan was discussed. Bailey suggested and the Board approved that SDCC send a letter of recognition to Joe Edwards at Blueberry Hill for his efforts to establish the Walk of Stars. Polk asked that Mestman Realty be contacted to place more trash cans at DeBaliviere Center and DeGiverville to accommodate all the litter in the area.

Farmer gave the Director's report. The move to new space has provided much more visibility and accessibility. The Zipp's plan has been tabled by Pantheon but their representatives will meet with the commercial district planning committee to help discuss overall plans for Delmar. Mestman Realty is talking with Walgreen's about locating a store in the undeveloped DeBaliviere Center parcel, but Farmer assured the Board that if any building plans deviate from those approved last year, Mestman must come back to the City for approval. National Night Out will be August 8, and there are no specific events planned. Hamilton School will be sponsoring a photography contest in the early fall with the theme of what makes a place a home. SDCC will need to adopt a personnel policy as a Title V employer/host. A specific plan will be adopted by the Board soon.

August Highlights

SDCC Conserv Officer Bill Duncan gave a report which included an update on improved derelict car towing. Currently about one car per week is being removed. Many dumpsters will be replaced in the next few months so he asked that people report ones with holes in the bottom. Webb asked about water erosion in Pershing alley along the Parkway. He will investigate.

Board members discussed the recent *Post-Dispatch* article about the neighborhood which was very favorable. Proposals for fundraisers were also covered. This will be investigated further. Forslund requested that a permanent SDCC beautification committee be established which she offered to head initially. Also the Board agreed to add the SDCC name and support to the Coalition for the Environment's garage sale and recycling event August 26 at Crossroads School.

In her Director's report, Farmer advised that the computer would be installed in mid-August and that word processing and database software had also been purchased. The Board approved an application to the Missouri State Surplus Property Agency so we can possibly get better prices on office supplies and equipment. Walgreen's negotiations continue; and the Board asked Farmer to let Mestman know we are anxious to know what plans are being made in addition to notifying them of some neighbor complaints with litter, etc. Farmer reported that Mike McGrath will be the new director at Hamilton Community School following a shake-up there. The Board will send Alva Jacobs a letter expressing our thanks and support in future endeavors and one to the City Community School Advisory Board expressing dismay at how things were handled at Hamilton.

The Dog Show has been scheduled for September 30. The Concert series will have events on September 17, 24 and October 1. One will be at Kingsbury Square, one at Four Corners and one in conjunction with the City West Business Association street event on DeBaliviere. Art Exposed will be October 15 and bigger and better than ever. Edible art judges include Joe Pollack, Vince Bommarito and Marcia Smith. SDCC will again supply ice to Polk's annual free picnic in Forest Park.



Photo by King Schoenfeld

★ ★ ★ Storm Aftermath ★ ★ ★

The "Great Storm" of June 1, 1989 that left its mark throughout Skinker DeBaliviere got the Newsham's attention by uprooting a beloved old tree and planting it on Bob's car in the 6100 block of Kingsbury. Waiting for clean-up crews with Betty were grandchildren Peter and Maggie Mahoney.

Committee Summer Reports

Planning

Sub-committee reports were turned into the steering committee about mid-August. The public forum in June was pretty well attended and included a Metro Link presentation. Expect a good product to be presented to the Board for approval.

Historic District Review

They were mostly concerned with the planning proposal work which included a review of the historic district boundaries, proposals from our ordinance to push through, and ideas on making the district requirements more understandable and accessible to neighbors.

Parkview

The interior street re-surfacing is completed. The Brass Quintet concert was a success despite vandalism to the City's bandshell. Some new agents have been elected and new resident directories are out. Crime has been down there during the summer.

Rosedale

The Blitz barricade beautification project won a \$100 regional first prize. New officers will be elected in mid-August. A few crimes shook up neighbors in late May/early June. Rags to Riches is scheduled for September 23.

Housing Corporation

The corporate directors have liability insurance and are looking at an early August closing date to take title from the city to the Rosedale Square buildings. Their tax exempt status is still pending with the IRS. They are happy to receive comments and suggestions from neighbors.

Nomination

The executive committee will act as the nominating committee for the 1989-90 officers. They will make recommendations at the September Board meeting for officers and committee assignments for all Board members.

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Childgarden School To Open

On or before September 1, Childgarden School, a Developmental Daycare and Preschool, will open at 3840 Lindell Boulevard. Located in the Central West End corridor, just ten minutes from downtown St. Louis and Clayton, Childgarden will offer unprecedented services for children from six weeks to six years of age.

It is the only daycare facility in the City of St. Louis operating in conjunction with a major teaching facility. Through its relationship with St. Louis University and Medical Center, Childgarden will offer one of the highest staff/child ratios in the area. In addition, Childgarden will offer individual, marital and family therapy and support groups. All therapists providing services have been certified at a minimum of a Masters level.

Unlike many childcare centers that are located in minimally attractive facilities, Childgarden occupies a fully-renovated historic Art Deco 14,500 square foot elegant cut stone building. Special features include interior neoclassical detailing and the original art glass ceiling overlooking the two-story atrium.

Acclaimed artist Marie-Louise Rouff has designed and painted a visually engaging three-dimensional interactive environment especially for children. Many of Rouff's murals have moveable components that may be manipulated by the children to reflect a change of seasons or themes.

The center also features enclosed indoor and outdoor play areas and parking for over 40 cars.

Daily activities will include snack and meal time, structured educational curriculum, a supervised nap or rest-time and outdoor play time for preschool children. During most activities, children will be organized according to chronological age of infants (from six weeks to twenty-four months), toddler (twenty-four to thirty-six months) and preschoolers (three to five years of age).

Childgarden will operate on an eleven hour day from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Oldham Scholarship Committee Formed

The University of Missouri-St. Louis has formed the Marian Oldham Scholarship Committee, whose members will develop a program to provide scholarships for minority youth in St. Louis, UM-St. Louis Chancellor Marguerite R. Barnett announced recently.

Co-chairing the Scholarship Committee will be Ozzie Smith and Jackie Joyner-Kersey, two sports heroes who have been important role models for minority youth in St. Louis.

Oldham, of the 5200 block of Westminster, is the acting chairperson of the Real Estate Board of Metropolitan St. Louis Equal Rights Committee, and has been associated with Feinberg Real Estate Company for eleven years. She was the first African-American woman to serve on the University of Missouri Board of Curators. She has had a long career as a civic affairs leader and civil rights activist.

If you would like to make a contribution please send your gift to: Marian Oldham Scholarship Fund, University of Missouri-St. Louis, 426 Woods Hall, 8001 Natural Bridge, St. Louis, MO 63121.



Marian Oldham

Historical Society *Continued from page 1*

director of the Missouri Historical Society. "While we will use monies received from the History Museum Subdistrict, we will also undertake a major effort to raise funds in the private sector."

"The project on the property on Skinker Boulevard will allow us to accomplish several major objectives," said Archibald. "First and foremost is preservation and conservation of our fragile and irreplaceable materials. Through consolidation in this facility, incorporating state-of-the-art environmental, security and retrieval systems we will be able to provide better access to our extensive resources to the many researchers who come from around the globe."

When the new Library-Archives building is completed, all materials will be moved from the Jefferson Memorial Building and from off-site temporary storage areas to Skinker. The library and registration staff and several administrative offices will also leave the Jefferson Memorial Building, which will then be renovated to provide more space for

education and exhibitions.

The Missouri Historical Society has contracted with the History Museum Subdistrict to operate the History Museum, library and archives. Voters in St. Louis City and County added the Subdistrict to the Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District in 1987.

The History Museum Subdistrict purchased the Temple and Sunday school building on Skinker Boulevard from the United Hebrew congregation in February. United Hebrew is currently constructing a new sanctuary in St. Louis County at 13788 Conway Road and Woods Mill Road. A classroom building had been completed and is in use at that location.

United Hebrew Temple was placed on the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Wydown-Forsyth Historic District. Built in 1924-25, it was one of the three largest temples in the nation. The architects were Maritz and Young, and Gabriel Ferrand, head of the architecture school of Washington University, was responsible for the Byzantine design concept.

50/50 Sidewalk Repair Program

Several years ago the City instituted a 50/50 Sidewalk Repair program whereby the city shares the cost of repairing sidewalks in front of residential properties with the property owner. The city pays 50%, the owner pays 50%.

Many property owners are not aware that the sidewalk in front of their homes is their responsibility. The city's building code states "All sidewalks, steps, driveways, parking spaces and similar paved areas for public use shall be kept in a proper state of repair and free of all snow, ice, mud and other debris. If any sidewalk or driveway or portion thereof by virtue of its state of repair shall constitute a danger

to public health and safety, the sidewalk or driveway or portion thereof shall be replaced." Building inspectors can issue citations for violating this code.

The 50/50 program which assists owners with costly sidewalk repairs has limited funding. Each ward is allotted money for the program every year; when the allotment is spent, no repairs are made under the program until the next year. The current waiting list is 18 to 24 months. If you would like to take advantage of this program and get on the waiting list, call Streets and Traffic, 647-3111, ext. 137. The request must be made by the property owner.



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In Your Ear

by Tom Hoerr

Father Time and I arm-wrestled last week, and Father won. It wasn't even a close match.

Like the rest of you, I'm sure, I try to avoid focusing on those things which tell me—shout at me these days—that I'm growing older. Sometimes, though, the inevitable effects of the aging process grab me by the throat and yell at me through a bullhorn so that I can't ignore them. That happened recently.

Last fall I began calling the *Post-Dispatch* to complain about the quality of their print. The size of the individual letters and characters was getting smaller and I was forced, oddly enough, to hold the paper farther away to read the words.

Each of the six or seven times that I called, the Readers' Advocate would begin to explain about the kind of ink they were using and how, yes, she was sorry that it did rub off on people's fingers. Each time I'd interrupt and note that I wasn't calling about the quality of the ink, but the size of the print. The letters, I knew, were getting smaller. "You can't fool me," I said, "this is being done to get more words on each page so that you can save money!" She denied it vigorously.

It wasn't just the *Post*, either. I also called the editors of *The Atlantic*, *Newsweek*, *Sports Illustrated*, and *The National Enquirer*, all of my favorite publications. In every case they denied making their print any smaller or harder to read.

I was convinced that I had uncovered some communist or suburban plot until I complained to Sue Rothschild, the editor of our award-winning *Times of Skinker-DeBaliviere*. Sue painstakingly showed me the layout sheets from 1987 and 1989. Indeed, there was no question. The size of the print was the same. I was faced with the inevitable. Somehow my arms were shrinking and getting shorter.

"How could this be?" I wondered. I knew that there are all kinds of strange diseases going around these days. Then I remembered that my first wife and I had visited central Europe not long after the Chernobyl disaster and had eaten some leafy salads. Plus, there was a week this summer when I went on a binge and ate White Castles for three days in a row. I wasn't sure what exactly had happened or how it had taken place, but clearly some-

thing had affected the length of my arms.

I came home and checked my long-sleeved shirts, but, much to my surprise, they all still fit! My arms were the same size. Now I was perplexed. The size and clarity of the print had stayed the same, my arms were no shorter, yet I was having trouble reading. I increased the wattage in all of the light bulbs in the house, but there was no improvement. I couldn't imagine what the problem might be.

Several months later I was at a party discussing my problem with a friend and she asked me if I'd had my eyes checked. "Now that would look silly," I responded. "I don't know anyone with checked eyes. Blue or green sure, or even hazel, but checked eyes?"

There was a long pause and my friend emptied her glass with a big gulp. "No, you idiot," she quietly whispered, "I mean have you had your eyes examined by a doctor?"

Then the truth hit me like the shock of pain that runs up my leg each morning when I first get out of bed: I may be having vision difficulties due to semi-quasi-middle age!

Last week I went to Dr. Bob, an old friend who's an ophthalmologist. He asked me to begin reading from the eye chart.

"Which chart?" I asked.

"The one on the wall," he replied.

"Is there a closer one I can read from?" I asked.

"You've come to the right place," he said dryly.

A week has passed since my eye exam. Since then I've been to three retail eyeglass stores and have talked to an optometrist, two opticians, three optimists, and waved at an opossum.

One place that the first wife and I visited had this huge room with a see-through wall so that we could actually see the lenses being ground and the eyeglasses assembled. (I couldn't help but think of the tale about the man who was visiting an eyeglass factory and fell into the lens-grinding machine. Yep, he made a spectacle of himself.)

The end of the story is that I'm now sitting here wearing these funny kind of half-glasses. I'm not ready for the bifocal step yet; the half-glasses are a compromise between necessity (being able to read) and vanity (not walking into ours).

Redel's Drawing Benefits Stella Maris



Photo by King Schoenfeld

Drawing the winning ticket in Redel's Caribbean Cruise raffle to benefit Stella Maris Child Center were (from left) Bruce Yampolsky, 28th Ward Committeeman; Lee Redel, owner of Redel's; Else Sorensen, Executive Director of Stella Maris, and Meg Kolb. Cruise winner was John Ludwig of Kingsbury Place. Carol Ratcliff of University Center won a second prize of St. Louis Symphony season tickets. The benefit raised \$2,310 for Stella Maris.

It's absolutely amazing how helpful the glasses are. The difference between peering over and looking through the lenses is embarrassing! I have a slight headache now because I'm not used to not squinting when I read, but I suspect I'll get used to seeing things normally. Now that I can see and can see what I couldn't see, I can see why I couldn't see. See?

Some people who don't know me well were concerned that the glasses would bother me; they feared that it'd be difficult for me to admit that I'm aging. Ha! Little

do they know. I just pretend that they're sunglasses with clear lenses. I've rationalized that the glasses give me a rather erudite, sophisticated look. When I wear them, I think I resemble a cross between Ben Franklin and Sam, the bartender from "Cheers." Come to think of it, my hairline is more like Ben's.

Actually, the best thing about the glasses is now that I can see again, I'll be able to rely more on the written word. That's good because lately it's been harder for me to make out what people are saying.

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