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DeBaliviere Arcade Update

by Rochelle A. Fortier Nwadibia

Gary Mestman, developer of the DeBaliviere Arcade and head of Mestman Real Estate, Inc. stated that he has just signed a lease with Ren Corporation. Ren, a kidney dialysis corporation, currently has operations in eighteen states. According to Mestman, Ren provides kidney dialysis on an outpatient basis.

"This service is greatly needed in the St. Louis areas," stated Mestman. Ren will occupy 5600 square feet of the arcade which includes three of the middle front stores. With two health care services in the arcade, Ren and DeBaliviere Dental, Mestman states that he still plans more retail use of the remaining 15% of space.

Finished in 1988, many of the store spaces have not yet been filled. However, Mestman has no regrets about his decision to invest in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area. According to Mestman, "It is a solid area, and good property."

The road, however, has been a rocky one. Efforts to lease space for a jazz club in the arcade, and to construct a Walgreen's on the lot at 501 DeBaliviere were met with staunch neighborhood opposition. Alcohol and traffic were among concerns raised by residents. Local neighbors attended hearings before the Excise Division of City of St. Louis, the Heritage and Urban Design Commission, and the Board of Adjustments.

The Excise Division denied the application for a liquor license to the jazz club representative. The request for rezoning from residential to commercial necessary for the construction of Walgreen's was denied by the Board of Adjustments.

When asked what current plans were for the 501 DeBaliviere site, Mestman stated that he was awaiting Walgreen's decision on other options. He is also exploring possibilities with the Bi-State Development Agency Transit System. DeGiverville resident Roy Tagger stated, "I'd like to see something nice go up on the lot."

Neighbors have welcomed the Woody's & Wells A-1 Barbecue to the strip. "It's the best barbecue in town," stated a Waterman resident. Residents living directly behind the arcade would prefer that the barbecue be cooked inside with the installation of the appropriate exhaust system. Complaints have centered around the smoke and smell of barbecue in their homes. Mestman stated that he had written a letter to them and expected resolution of the problem.

David Woods, owner of Woody's & Wells A-1 Barbecue stated that he is working very hard to solve the problem. At this point, however, he was not able to give an exact date. "I'm going to comply with whatever the city wants me to comply with," stated Woods. Continued neighborhood support may enable Woods to purchase the necessary exhaust system to satisfy residents.

Skinker-DeBaliviere Neighbors have had mixed reactions to the development of the DeBaliviere Arcade since its purchase from Pantheon. When asked his opinion of the arcade, Wesley Falker, Block Unit head for the 5700 block of Waterman stated that he preferred maintenance of the architectural integrity of the neighborhood. "I wanted the former buildings to remain and have parking in the back."

Others neighbors are glad the strip has finally been cleaned up, and put to use.

Other tenants, Subway, Joe's copies, DeBaliviere Dental, Vincent's Hairport Express, and Nuvo Cleaners, have met little if any opposition.

Neighbors on the 5700 blocks of DeGiverville and Waterman have commented on the increased litter throughout the neighborhood. Others have commented on the frequent lack of available parking spaces in front of the businesses.



Photo by Carla Mash

Pepper Mash, an 11 year old Dalmatian owned by Carla Mash, is a three time winner at the Kiosk Pet Picture contest. See the story on Page 6.

Pet Show Next September

Calling all pets! Calling all pets! The Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council announces that the 2nd Annual Community Pet Show will be held on September 15 or September 22, 1990. There will be a new category this year called "Pet/Owner Look Alike" (costumes welcome), as well as some of last year's favorites including Best Trick, Longest Tail, and Biggest Dog.

Look for more information in the September issue of the *Times*.

"Rags To Riches" Will Be September 8

The Rosedale Neighborhood Association (RNA) will sponsor the ninth annual "Rags to Riches" on Saturday, September 8, 1990. RNA invites everyone in Skinker DeBaliviere (Washington Heights, Rosedale and Parkview) to register and have a yard sale that Saturday. The registration fee is \$15.

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.

In addition to the yard sales, RNA sponsors a bake sale and barbecue. 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.

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 August. 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.

Rabies Immunization Clinic

On July 14

The Kingsbury Animal Hospital and the City of St. Louis Animal Regulation Center will conduct a rabies immunization clinic for the pets of 28th ward residents on Saturday, July 14, 1990, announced Alderman Dan McGuire. The clinic will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 at the Kingsbury Animal Hospital located at 420 N. Skinker (at Kingsbury). No appointment is necessary. The fee of \$10.00 per pet includes a one year immunization and city license. For additional information please contact the Kingsbury Animal Hospital at 721-6251, the Animal Regulation Center at 353-5838, or the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council at 862-5122.

Bike and Skateboard Clinic To Be Held

Officer Ottie Edwards will host a Bicycle/Skateboard clinic at Four Corners (Des Peres and Kingsbury) on Saturday, June 30, at 10:00 A.M. Cohosting the affair will be Altered Skates, who will also furnish a skateboard demonstration team.

During the clinic, bicycles will be inspected, and young cyclists will have the opportunity to run a rally course in which they will learn and practice safe bicycle operation. Officer Edwards, with assistance from Whelan Security, will coach the cyclists and score them in their efforts.

In addition, a skateboard course will be laid out, with coaches from Altered Skates to supervise and demonstrate skateboard techniques. Those who wish to participate in the skateboard clinic will have to bring their own safety equipment (helmet, padding, etc.) as no one will be permitted on the course without it.

All children in the SDCC area are invited to attend this event, which will last about an hour and a half.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

I am compelled to express a growing concern which affects one dilemma facing our neighborhood and others. It concerns beautification. I have lost count of the people who have said, "Why can't we make the barricades or cement planters look nicer," or "It would look great if we planted flowers at Four Corners," or "It's wonderful that you're planting things around here." I thought these comments indicated people's interest in getting involved and helping with such projects. But NOOOO..... They just want to talk about it. If volunteerism is to be the wave of the '90's, better put those surfboards away, because there's barely a ripple in evidence!

All this is not to say that no one ever does anything. The neighborhood theater production, the Times and SDCC and housing corporation all show there are those neighbors who contribute their time and energy for the benefit of us all. But, making our neighborhood look better is something every single one of us can participate in. Seniors, kids, yuppies, students and working parents can all pitch in a small fraction of their time. If everyone did a little bit, the combined effects would be stunning.

Beginning with litter pick-up, progressing to leaf, lawn and alley pick-up and ending with flower and tree planting, we cannot expect the City to do everything for us. We are blessed with one of the prettiest cities in the county, yet we must be willing to do a part too. If we each kept our outdoor space—whether home or apartment building—picked-up, the old 'hood would sparkle! Is it that people think they need permission to pull weeds, rake leaves or plant some flowers? If so—then it is granted by the SDCC Beautification Committee. And when our committee puts out the call to organize an urban planters group or begin a community garden, I only hope the answer is as good as for our neighborhood survey in February.

So, next time you're tempted to remark that flowers at the end of Rosedale would be nice—just plant some instead. When you divide your bulbs, irises or daylilies, plant some at Four Corners or on Laurel at Kingsbury Square. We have parks which could benefit from some sprucing up. ACT! Take a hold of your neighborhood's destiny! JUST DO IT!

Catherine Forslund
60xx Waterman Blvd.

To the Editor:

We want to remind our friends and neighbors of an unusual travel/study program which would allow them to see the Holy Land. It features first-class arrangements and is offered at a not-for-profit low cost.

Area churches have been invited to participate in this ecumenical travel course. It includes archaeology lectures and field trips to the sites of Biblical events. Its theme is "Jesus, His Life, His Time, His Land, His Hebrew Faith"

First-class accommodations, round-trip airfare, breakfast and dinner and outstanding lectures are included in the basic tour cost of \$1,340 for trips leaving January 10, 17 and 21 for 10 days. Please drop us a line at 6132 Kingsbury if you are interested.

Rocco and Bernadette DiLorenzo

Notes From Operation Safestreet

It's spring again and the weatherman is telling everyone to open their windows. Do it, but remember, make sure to close them when you leave the house. Don't leave ground floor windows wide open at night—that's an invitation to burglars. Secure them so that they'll only open five inches. We can fix your windows for you in this manner for only \$10.00 (first floor windows). Call us at 622-3444.

Please get organized. Form those block units and neighborhood associations. Several neighborhoods are organizing steering column collar installations. If your group—it could be your neighborhood association, or your church, or your club—wants to volunteer a half-day and some volunteers, we can get collars from the distributor for \$25.00 and you can put them on for your friends and neighbors. Call us at 622-3444 and we can help you set it up.

It's nearing the end of the school year. Adults and children alike will have a much more peaceful summer if we start to plan now. Right now is the time to make a plan with your kids for the summer. Find out what's available for them and for you to make it an active happy summer. Call the school for ideas about camp, summer school or call the library, boy's club, girl's club and recreation center. Start a garden, start a hobby, hire a kid...Be a volunteer for Operation Teamwork (361-0015) or "adopt" a neighbor kid for a weekly outing. We talk about how bad drugs are—but we need to give kids an alternative. Let's do something for our kids before there is a problem. Let us know what you're doing and we'll share the idea. Write to us at City Hall, Room 417, 1200 Market, St. Louis, MO 63103. Enclose a picture and maybe we'll be able to use it! Keep talking and keep the peace!

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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| old blankets | collars |
| towels | dog houses |
| wash cloths | coupons for dog & cat food |
| washable throw rugs | aluminum pie pans |
| dog and cat dishes | scrap paper for notes |
| plastic buckets (feed & water) | 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 N. Skinker, on Saturday, June 16, 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.

"Golden Gateway: Asian Americans In St. Louis" Exhibit Opens

St. Louisians with ethnic heritages reaching across the Pacific to China, Japan, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos and Korea relate their unique histories in a new exhibition of photographs, "Golden Gateway: Asian Americans in St. Louis." The exhibit opens on Thursday, May 31 at the History Museum in the Jefferson Memorial Building in Forest Park.

The exhibition is a cooperative effort of the Missouri Historical Society, KMOV Channel 4, A World of Difference, the St. Louis Center for International Relations and the International Institute. The photographs will be on view through September 3.

Though in number only a small segment of St. Louis area residents, Americans of Asian backgrounds enrich the community

significantly with their cultural diversity. Descendants of Chinese immigrants who have lived in the United States for four generations have different concerns from Vietnamese and Laotians, who may still confront problems of language and employment. The exhibit treats the specific history of the seven national groups as they made new lives for themselves in St. Louis.

The exhibition was produced in cooperation with members of the following groups: the St. Louis Chinese Society, the Organization of Chinese Americans, the Korean American Society, the Vietnamese Buddhist Association of St. Louis, the Japanese American Citizens League, the Thai Association, the Laotian Mutual Aid Association and the St. Louis Refugee Resettlement Association.

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Summer Calendar

Continuing

- Blueberry Hill's special display window will feature the Walk of Fame exhibit, including pictures and bios of this year's 10 inductees plus the previous 10 inductees. Through June 30.
- Free Falling Furniture*, by Theresa Disney. Componere Gallery of Art and Fashion, 6509 Delmar. Through June.
- Our City—St. Louis Urban Views*: Paintings, prints and drawings from the Missouri Historical Society's collection depict St. Louis from the 1800's to present. History Museum. Thru July.
- Ragtime To Rock 'N Roll: St. Louis African American Music*—exhibit will be held at the History Museum through 1990. Exhibit focuses on rock 'n roll music and musicians.
- Images Of Aviation In St. Louis*—exhibit of 40 photographs from St. Louis aviation history. Through 1990. History Museum.

June

- 12 **Parkview Agent's meeting.** 7:30 p.m. Call 361-0880 for location.
- 16 *Ragtime Rendezvous*—Trebzor Tichenor and the St. Louis Ragtimers illustrate the history of ragtime with a slide-lecture and concert; 2 p.m.; History Museum. \$5.00.
- Opera Theatre summer season at the Loretto-Hilton Center at Webster Univ. presents a matinee performance of Peter Grimes at 2 p.m. Call 961-0644 for more information.
- Animal Rights Team is collecting goods for animal sanctuaries. Kingsbury Animal Hospital, 420 N. Skinker.
- 17 *Gospel According to ZJP*—Zella Jackson Price, on-air personality from KIRL radio, sings Gospel Favorites and performs in concert; 2 p.m.; History Museum.
- 19 *Sweet Land Of Liberty*—Opening program in six-week series for children ages 6 through 13; History Museum; 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; through July 31 (no programs July 3 or 5). Free.
- 21 28th Ward Regular Democrats Ward meeting. New City School, 5209 Waterman at Lake. 7:00 p.m.
- 23 **Bicycle Safety program at Four Corners**, Des Peres and Kingsbury. See related article.
- 24 *Silk Sarongs and City Streets*—Documentary film on St. Louis Laotian community followed by Latian Dancers of St. Louis performing traditional dances. History Museum; 2:00 p.m. Free.

July

- 2 **Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council meeting.** 7:30 p.m., 6010 Kingsbury.
- "Hepp Left Unattended"—mixed media exhibit by artist Carl Hepp through July 30. Reception July 7, 6-9 p.m. Componere Gallery, 6509 Delmar.
- 3 Theater Factory presents—"Duet For One," a story based on the life of cellist Jacqueline DuPre; Freeman Theater at Mary Institute. For more information call 832-1919.
- 5 **Deadline for submitting pictures for the Kiosk Pet Picture Contest.** See related article.
- 14 **Rabies immunization clinic** at Kingsbury Animal Hospital for all 28th ward residents. 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Kingsbury and Skinker.
- 15 An original production by the students enrolled in the 1990 Children's Workshop offered by Theater Factory St. Louis; The Freeman Theater, Mary Institute.

Walk Of Fame Honorees



Photo courtesy of Blueberry Hill

(Top) Joe Edwards (right), presents a Walk of Fame Star to Leonard Slatkin.
(Below) On the platform at the ceremony are (from left) Leonard Slatkin, Howard Nemerov, William Danforth, and Willie Mae Ford Smith.

August

- 1 "Shapes and Shadows"—wearable art exhibit by artists J. Michael Davison through August 31; Reception Aug. 3, 5-8 p.m. Componere Gallery, 6509 Delmar.
- 6 **Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council meeting.** 7:30 p.m., 6010 Kingsbury.
- 7 Theater Factory St. Louis presents "Oklahoma" at the Lionberger Gallery, History Museum. Contact the Theater Factory box office at 832-1919 for more information.
- 22 Exhibit titled "Porcelain Dreams" by artist Michelle Davis Componere Gallery, 6509 Delmar. Through Sept. 29th. Reception, Friday, Aug. 24, 6-8 p.m.

September

- 8 **Rags-to-Riches** day of sales and barbecue, sponsored by the Rosedale Neighborhood Association.

Grace Pre-School Taking Fall Reservations

Grace United Methodist Church Pre-School, Waterman at Skinker, offers a program with emphasis on the child's social, emotional, and physical development and cognitive skills. Classes are small, making possible individualized attention in a well-rounded program designed specifically for pre-schoolers. There is structured programming in art, music, science, nature, storytelling and social activities. The emphasis is on ideas, understanding and insight.

Children should be 2½ through 5 on or before September 30. Children are grouped according to age. Enrollments are for September through May. School hours are from 8:30 A.M. to 11:45 A.M., Monday through Friday, 5 days, 3 days or 2 days a week. Extended day hours are available Tuesday and Thursday.

Tuition is \$110.00 a month, payable monthly, or in full annually. A \$35.00, non-refundable, registration fee is required with application and enrollment. For more information call the church office, 863-1992.

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Summer Camps And Classes Abound

Children's Classes At Craft Alliance

Registrations are now being accepted at Craft Alliance Center for the Visual Arts for the summer session of art classes for children ages 3-15. Two-week sessions are offered in June, July, and August, and meet once, twice, or three times weekly.

Classes available to preschoolers, ages 3-5, include Mudpies and More, Mush 'n Gush, and Arts Experience. Children ages 6-10 may participate in a diversity of classes ranging from Pottery, Drawing and Painting, and Cartooning, to Printmaking and Papermaking, Designs on Fabric, and Exploring Living Things Through Art. Older children, ages 9-15, may engage in such specialized classes as Live the Life of a Sculptor, Live the Life of a Painter, Live the Life of a Potter, and Baskets, Bottles and Bowls, in addition to varied curriculum in pottery, drawing, painting, and fiber. Parents may opt to work alongside their children in classes designed specifically for this purpose.

Enroll in person or through the mail at 6640 Delmar Boulevard in the University City Loop. Please be aware that class size is limited. Class fees range from \$45-\$90. For further information or to receive a brochure, please call 725-1177.

Breitmayer Summer Day Camp At Grace Methodist

The Breitmayer Community Ministry has announced the dates of their annual summer day camp, beginning June 11 and closing August 3. The day camp hours are 9-4 p.m., Monday through Friday. There are extended hours available at an additional fee to parents who request the extended hours.

Planned activities include dance, music, arts and crafts, drama, storytelling and exercise. There are field trips planned to attend the Circus Flora, to go bowling, a Cardinal baseball game, the Magic House and many other places of interest.

Hot breakfast and lunch will be served. Registration is open to ages three through thirteen. Contact Linda Emerson at 863-8900 for more information.

Wash U. Offers Art Classes For Teens

Fashion, drawing and sculpture classes for students ages 13-18 will be offered jointly by the Washington University School of Fine Arts and Laumeier Sculpture Park in a special summer art program.

The program will be offered in two sessions. Session I runs from June 12-July 5. Session II runs from July 10-August 2. All classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The fashion design class, taught by Jeigh Singleton, associate professor of art and fashion design at Washington University, will be offered from 9 a.m.-noon during session I only. The class, limited to 12 students who are high school sophomores or older, is an introduction to apparel design as wearable art, with projects in drawing, construction and presentation. It will be held at Washington University's Bixby Hall, on the corner of Skinker and Forsyth boulevards. Tuition is \$125 and includes materials.

The drawing class, taught by Kay Knight, will be offered from 9 a.m.-noon during both sessions. Knight, a graduate student in painting at Washington University, has taught extensively in public schools before attending graduate school. The class, limited to 15 students, will explore the drawing of objects, the human figure and landscapes using various media. It will be held at Laumeier Sculpture Park Moss Shelter, at the south end of the park. The sculpture park is on Rott Road near the intersection of I-270 and I-44. Tuition is \$110 and includes materials.

The sculpture class, taught by Toni Wirts, will be offered from 1-4 p.m. during both sessions. It will be held at the Laumeier's Education Center. Wirts also teaches sculpture at Meramec Community College and conducts teacher workshops for Webster University. Fifteen students will be introduced to the sculptures at Laumeier Park and will work with clay and other media using contemporary sculpture techniques. Tuition is \$125 and includes all materials.

For more information or to register for any of the classes, call the Washington University School of Fine Arts at 889-4643.

Ballroom Dancing At COCA

Register for ballroom dancing and learn the basic techniques including following and leading. Learn the swing, rumba, fox trot, waltz, cha-cha, and the tango. The class is on Thursday, June 14 through August 2, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Call 725-6555 for more information.

Adult Classes At Craft Alliance

Registrations are now being accepted for the summer session of studio art programs at Craft Alliance Center for the Visual Arts, located at 6640 Delmar in the University City Loop. Eight week classes for adults will be offered in Ceramics, Fiber Arts, Metalsmithing, Design, Painting, Drawing, Papermaking and the Book Arts. No experience is necessary for many of the classes. Teens ages 14 and up, preferably those with some background in art, are eligible to participate in adult classes.

Classes will begin the week of June 11. Tuition ranges from \$45 to \$120. Call 725-1177 for additional information or to receive a brochure. Please sign up early, as class size is limited. Registrations will be accepted in person or through the mail.

Highlights in the clay program include wheelthrowing, handbuilding, ceramic jewelry, glaze calculation, and raku. The metals program will offer instruction in fabrication and casting. The paper studio features courses in calligraphy, printmaking, papermaking, and papermarbling. In addition to weaving courses and a one-day workshop in fiber jewelry, the fiber studio introduces an innovative class in beaded collars. Those interested in painting may choose to work in oils, acrylics, or watercolors. Parents may wish to enroll in clay and papermaking classes designed specifically for parents and children.

Aerobics At COCA

COCA will be offering Aerobics for teens and adults June 5 through August 28. The class will be held on Tuesdays from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. This class is especially designed to build strength, coordination, and endurance in an aerobic workout.

YWCA Has Summer Day Camp Openings

Summer is fast approaching and the need for youth recreational activities will become greater.

To meet these needs, the YWCA of Metro St. Louis will be providing a variety of Summer Day Camp opportunities. For three fun-filled months, area youth ages 5 through 15 can enjoy an array of enrichment activities at Camp Derricotte.

Five of the YWCA six service sites offer Camp Derricotte, a safe, affordable co-ed day camp. Included in the daily activities are games, arts & crafts, dramas, movies, rollerskating and more. A free lunch and beverages are provided but youths can bring their own lunches if desired. Several professionally-supervised field trips are planned to places like Grant's Farm, Springfield, Missouri, Forest Park and the Gateway Arch. A recreational swim, group singing and dancing along with indoor/outdoor sports, make Camp Derricotte an enlightening experience for area youth.

In addition to Camp Derricotte, the YWCA also offers its summer KEYS program at more than 10 locations throughout the city and county. KEYS is an acronym for "Keep Every Youngster Safe." This program is held in a licensed care center and provides a safe, fun place for children of working parents and guardians.

Most of the summer Day Camp and KEYS programs begin around June 4 and extend through August 24. Each YWCA site offers its own program schedule, so it is necessary to call the nearest Branch for times, dates and fees.

The YWCA sites which offer Summer Day Camp Derricotte and/or KEYS are: Women's Resource Center-6665 Delmar Blvd., contact Jan Nast, 726-6665. Carondelet Branch-4510 S. Kingshighway, Contact Sherry Christ, 832-2000.

County Branch-140 N. Brentwood Blvd., contact Dahna Willis, 725-7203. Kinloch Branch-5810 Monroe St., contact Nonie Smith, 521-1498.

Phyllis Wheatley-2709 Locust St., contact Vera Lisenby, 533-9400.

Promethea Well Received By Play Goers



Skinker DeBaliviere neighbors practicing their roles in an original burlesque comedy, "Promethea," by Tom Clear (right). The play was well received by small but loud and enthusiastic audiences at New City School on Friday and Saturday of the Memorial Day weekend.

Shown in rehearsal here are many of the cast, including (left to right): (rear) Jeremy and Dee Schoenfeld, Dan Shea, Con Christesen, Elizabeth Judy, Ed Stout, Terry Vanicelli, Dave Dempsey, Bernadette DiLorenzo, Ann Judy, Kathleen Williams and Rose Flynn; (foreground) Madeline Vanicelli, Meg Flynn, Peter Schmit, Mary Bea Stout, Stephanie Bell, Monica Vanicelli and Maureen Bell. (Not shown in this picture are Laura Horner, Rocco DiLorenzo and Zachary Christesen.)



In the exciting climax to "Promethea," Jove (Peter Schmit) gives fire to Promethea (Bea Stout) as the cast of prehistoric Skinker DeBaliviere women, Jove's guards and children look on.

Neighbors Out On Blitz Day



Hal Lansing, 62xx Washington, trims bushes in his alley.



The Dorris family was at work in the 62xx Westminster - Washington alley. Pictured here are Carolina, Barb, and Henry.



Cub Scout leader Mary Wright leads the forces on Limits Walk.

Photos by Sue Rothschild

Right: Cub Scout Pack 31 worked towards its World Conservation Badge by cleaning up Limits Walk between the City and University City. From left are Kevin Davis, Mark Ellebracht, Trees and Parks Agent Bob Horner, Marty Knoten and Gerry Davis.

Far right: The Bolden family of 60xx Washington swept and raked and filled up trash sacks on Blitz Saturday. From left are Reggie Bolden, Keith Dent, Gracie Bolden, Louis Bolden and Kevin Bolden.



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SDCC Looks At Laurel

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by Catherine Forslund

Lacking an official quorum, the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council (SDCC) Board held their May meeting anyway and took up the business of the neighborhood as usual.

Present on May 7 were: Nancy Farmer, Georgi Fox, Lou Hamilton, Karleen Hoerr, Martin Jaffe, Aaron Johnson, Bob Mahon, Dan McGuire, Shirley Polk, Roy Roncal, Lana Stein, Neville Vatcha, and Joel Ward.

The April minutes and treasurer's report were reviewed but could not be approved without a quorum.

Jaffe gave an update report on the status of the McPherson/Laurel re-development project. The City's Community Development Agency is holding up funding on the McPherson portion of the plan, but new proposals for the 4xx Laurel site may get it moving. Jaffe described a proposed modular housing plan for that site which might serve as a model for other middle-income new construction around the city. He is impressed with the quality and affordability of these units being studied in a joint state/city project. The Board gave its initial consent to the examination of this project for the Laurel & McPherson corner site. Much more review, planning and approval will still be required before any construction would begin.

Director's Report

The community theater production is on schedule for the May 25 and 26 performances at New City School. This will be the first 2 night performance and should be fun for cast, crew and patrons.

The City produced neighborhood brochure is still in the works, even though the funding is on hold. The Board would prefer another "tag line" than "Skinker DeBaliviere—A Neighborhood of Diversity and Integrity." Hamilton will help work on the brochure.

Blitz Day '90 was the slowest ever. There was little promotion and many block captains were unable to participate. While some areas got attention, many more went unattended.

City re-inspections are in progress following the code enforcement sweep done earlier in the year. It's now a nightmare of non-permit work with many contractors lying to homeowners about the need for building permits.

A sketch of the proposed Metro Link sculpture will be erected by John and Linda Nunley near the site of the Forest Park Station at DeBaliviere and Forest Park Parkway. This sculpture will be built of donated objects, will attract attention for the

1993 opening of the system and will be temporary.

SDCC agreed to support the West End Community Conference attempts to have the lights replaced at the entrance to the Ruth C. Porter Mall at DeBaliviere and Delmar.

A bicycle and skateboard safety program will be held at Four Corners (Kingsbury and Des Peres) on June 23. The event is being organized by Officer Ottie Edwards of the Parkview security force.

The neighborhood garage seminar had a disappointing turnout considering the number of calls the SDCC has received regarding city building citations.

Committee Reports

Housing

Hoerr reported that they are getting bids for repairs on all of their buildings which received City inspection citations. They want the work done correctly, so they are being careful with contractors. The corporation is also looking at three rental buildings to purchase which they then want to sell to owner-occupants.

Beautification

Forslund showed preliminary sketches done by neighborhood artists Jeff Wilkerson and Cynthia Wallace as proposals for decorating the cement planters at the north end of Rosedale and possibly those on Laurel at Kingsbury Square. The Board encouraged the committee to continue refining the plans which will then be reviewed and approved before application.

Parkview

Mahon described the Pershing resurfacing which is now complete, but was sorry to report that the outer loop lights are still out. The annual meeting will be May 21. (See related article.) The Center gate is being repaired, but will remain closed until further decisions are made by the new agents. There seemed to be no problems with Thurtene Carnival this year.

Rosedale

The Executive Committee has met to begin Rags-to-Riches planning, Roncal reported. Tentative date is September 8, but it is not definite. They are considering more advertising and possible co-involvement with groups officed in the World Community Center.

Dog Show

Fox agreed to organize it again this year in June. McGuire said the City was planning a mass rabies inoculation which may occur around the same time.



The Kingsbury Kiosk celebrated its seventh anniversary on May 12th with an open house, refreshments and many of its regular friends and readers. Special attractions included the engine and crew from Engine House #30 (left rear) and Officer Andre Jones and his horse Justice (right rear). Branch Supervisor Leandrea Lucas (left foreground) helped serve some of the visitors.

Kiosk Summer Projects

by Mary Ann Shickman

The fourth annual Pet Picture Contest will kick off right after the 4th of July holiday. So bring in pictures of your dog, cat, gerbil, or canary! (A canary did win two years ago.)

The pictures will be exhibited on a bulletin board on the window of the Kiosk and, according to tradition, dog trainer Georgi Fox and veterinarian Dr. Steve Brammeier will pick the winners. Categories are: Best Picture of a Species; Funniest of a Species; and Best Looking of a Species. A new category this year is Best 100 Word essay about your pet, one you have had or one you would like to have. The winners will be announced in August and the prizes, gift certificates from neighborhood businesses, will be handed out during Art Exposed in October. If you have any questions about the contest, ask at the Kiosk. Bring in your pet pictures anytime from now until the 5th of July.

Come to the Kiosk and register for the St. Louis Public Library summer reading club. Read 15 books from the library before September 1, 1990 to qualify. Children who are not old enough to read may become club members if books are read to them. Keep a list of completed books in your official summer reading club folder and bring the folder with you each time you return books to have the list verified

by the librarian. Certificates will be given at the location where you register.

Children, preschool through 3rd grade, who read or listen to 75 books, or those 4th grade and up who read 40 books during the summer months will receive an invitation to a Super Readers' Party at the central library in September.

The Kiosk will sponsor a party also, at the Skinker-DeBaliviere council headquarters. Any child who reads at least 15 books is invited. There will be refreshments, entertainment, door prizes, and certificates.

Ramona Clark, who has been working part time at the Kiosk, is leaving with our thanks for a job well done. Consequently there is a part time job available, 10 hours a week for the minimum wage for persons 16 years and older. Call 726-3653 to apply.

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Parkview Elects New Agents



A new street surface being applied to 62xx Pershing.

The Parkview subdivision held its annual business meeting on May 21. The agenda included the introduction of new residents, reports on neighborhood activities and the election of Agents.

Parkview Agents run the business affairs of the neighborhood and enforce the subdivision's indenture. Ted Fanson of 62xx McPherson, George Genung of 63xx Washington and Xenia Naert of 63xx Washington were elected to 3 year terms. Nancy deBettencourt of 62xx Washington, Jim Merlo of 63xx Westminster and Mary Wright of 62xx Waterman were elected to 1 year terms. The remaining Agents are Sandy Rothschild, President; Bryan Gerard, Treasurer; Tom Knoten, Sec-

retary; Mary Fleener, Building Plans Review Committee; Lynn Hayden, Security Committee Co-chairman; and Bob Horner, Trees and Parks Chairman.

A report by Sandy Rothschild described the highly successful results of Parkview's recent renovation program. Scheduled work on curbs, streets and sidewalks has been completed two years ahead of schedule and \$100,000 under budget. In the last three years, all streets have been resurfaced including major repairs to the 62xx block of Pershing. In addition, Parkview has planted 48 trees in the tree lawn and in its 3 parks, and has tuckpointed major sections of its wall along Skinker Boulevard.

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Vicissitudes

by Terry Vanicelli

Cowabunga, is it the last issue of the year already? Well, as one frog said to the other, Time's Fun When You're Having Flies. And I sure hope this past year with the Times has been as much fun for you as it has been for me.

Normally I write mostly about folks that live in the Greater Skinker-DeBaliviere Area. However, there are lots and lots of folks who don't exactly live here that are pulling an oar with the rest of us to keep this area more than just habitable. I'd like to introduce you to a couple of them.

Val Saffron lived for many years on 63XX Washington. She has always been very active in the neighborhood, even after she relocated. Val is now a movie celebrity, after finishing filming in St. Charles for the Disney Studios production of *Return to Hannibal*. The film relates the lives of Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn, twenty years after the events that Mr. Clemens immortalized (always wanted to use that word). Val plays the part of Tom's mother. The movie will be released in September or so on the Disney cable network, and I sure hope we'll see a video version, as well.

A newcomer to the area is Con Christenson of 49XX Laclede. She and her son Zachary just moved here from Evansville, IN. Can't say as I blame her; I've been in Evansville lots of times and the truckers don't call it Stoplight City for nothing. Both Con and Zach were in the recent SDCC production of *Prometheus* and Con is also involved with other arts endeavors in the area. Among other things, she is a potter and she hopes to be opening a shop soon. Watch this space.

Sometimes you find treasure almost literally in your back yard. I looked out the window at mine the other day and discovered that lo! Mound City Uniform had been replaced by a flower shop. To my chagrin, the place had been there almost a year (1st anniversary is June 10) and I hadn't noticed it. The name of this place is Flaunt and I like it because it is not just a flower shop. They bring a whole batch of related services together.

You want to commit matrimony? They can provide the limo for the event, cater the various preparties and receptions, liven things up with clowns and comedians, and even add spice to the Final Fling parties with Exotic Dancers, etc. They have flowers too, if you need 'em. Mike Alley, John Hyland, Jackie Carosello, and Lisa Oberle started up the business out of a basement in Florissant. Friends suggested they look at the Loop area. The rest is history. They love the area and our neighborhood has been good to them. If you're having an affair, you may want to see these folks at 6252 Delmar about catering it.

Getting back into the neighborhood, I've got to plug the recent SDCC production of *Prometheus* at New City School on May 25 and 26. This is the second year that Tom Cleer has put a lot of work into a good night's entertainment. Again he wrote the script for the play, as well as directing it, accompanying the production on the piano, and playing Master of Ceremonies for the whole evening's entertainment. His writing has been very funny, aimed at local affairs, yet gentle in his humor. This is the first time I've been out in the audience and I was especially impressed with the way in which he gets the audience involved with

the whole thing. The SDCC Spring Melodrama—or whatever else you may want to call it—now appears to be an established Event and I hope you will all be able to catch it next year.

Catherine and Manuel Ramos of 62XX Washington are expecting a baby on September 10.

Ellen F. Cruickshank, 56XX Waterman, has been named an associate at the law firm of Suelthaus & Kaplan. Ellen moved here from Chicago.

Congratulations to Grace Church members Bill Bueler and Dale Ross who own Burrito Brothers Restaurant and to Joe Edwards, owner of Blueberry Hill. In the *Restaurant 1990* magazine Burrito Brothers won the Best Lunch (casual) award and Blueberry Hill won First Place in the Best Decor category.

Steve Vossmeier, past resident of 60XX Westminster, has been named to the U.S. delegation that will monitor the elections in Czechoslovakia this June.

OTTIE'S CORNER

I know I promised you a story on watch plants, but this month I've got to brag about my intern, Patrick Dolan. Patrick has successfully completed his program and is continuing to advance in his chosen career of law practice and enforcement. But before he left, he was involved in a police operation that could only have happened on TV.

Names have been changed to protect the innocent.

My name is Ottie. I'm a cop. It all started at 12:30 PM on Day Watch on 10 May, 1990. Law Enforcement Intern Patrick Dolan and I were patrolling the Parkview beat when it happened.

"One Adam-12, proceed to 63XX Washington. Occupant reports burglary in progress."

Upon responding, we observed a subject departing the yard on foot. Carrying a pillow case, he proceeded to run east through the alley. We tried to activate our siren and lights. Intern Dolan reported the machine was out of gumballs.

Subject then perceived us despite our malfunctioning bells and whistles and tossed the pillow case into a dumpster. I stopped the vehicle and directed my partner to stay with the pillow case, which clanked suspiciously when it hit the dumpster.

Upon exiting the car, Intern Dolan unlimbered a tennis ball and proceeded to throw it at the fleeing felon, striking him in the back of the head. Suspect then stopped, turned and complained "You are not supposed to throw things at me!" His protest was ineffectual; not only was he beamed with the ball, justice hit him equally hard.

If anyone named Dan reads this, yes; we did book him and the case will be in court by the time you read this. As my supervisor, Sgt. Preston said, "This case is closed, King" (He never can get my name right).

Remember, my name is Ottie. This is my job. I carry a badge. My partner carries tennis balls.



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Wanted: A house in Parkview or Skinker-DeBaliviere to sublease for a family reunion July 2-10. Please send information to 6218 Waterman, 63130.



Photo by Mary Ann Shickman

Portrait Of A Policeman

by Mary Ann Shickman

Born and raised in Chicago, Skinker DeBaliviere resident Jerald Barnes received his college education at St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Virginia on a basketball scholarship before moving to St. Louis. He still plays basketball as well as softball on the St. Louis Police Department teams besides his work as an officer in St. Louis' "finest."

In his two years with the department he has chalked up an impressive number of honors, most recently receiving the Chief's Performance Award Plaque. He also has received a Quarterly Award for best overall performance, was an officer of the month in January and been selected for the Captain's awards of excellence.

Officer Barnes is one of the most promising young policemen Captain Everett Page of the 7th District has seen in a while. Sergeant Beverly Nobel, his superior, says "He really loves his job, even to the extent of using his own time to work on 7th District cases." She cites the remarkable detective work done with his partner, Officer Tom Bergman, on a case where a man was shooting out street lights in the Skinker DeBaliviere neighborhood. They kept vigil at night in civilian clothes until they caught the suspect.

Sergeant Nobel also describes an incident where Barnes walked in on a hold-up in progress. The hold-up man began firing shots at Barnes while running. Because children were nearby Barnes did not return the shots although he did not believe he would get out of the situation alive. Sergeant Nobel adds, "The job has become increasingly dangerous. People don't respect police officers anymore and this is probably a result of the drug culture."

An empathetic person, Officer Barnes told of recently trying to resuscitate a baby on the way to the hospital, but despite his CPR and first aid efforts, the baby died. He

felt terribly, carrying that feeling with him for days.

On the personal side Officer Barnes lives in the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood and also patrols it. He loves the neighborhood and is saving his money to buy a house here. He is an animal lover and looks forward to having a Dalmatian in that house with him. He is very attractive, of medium height and has a disarming smile. He emphasizes that he is single and available.

Officer Barnes was wearing civilian clothes the first time he appeared at the St. Louis Public Library Kiosk—blue jeans and a shirt hanging out to cover his gun (which police officers must wear at all times). He was ordering books from the CD-ROM when a man walked in and was being abusive to the librarian. Officer Barnes simply turned around and said, "I'm a police officer," showing his badge. He told the man to head out or he would arrest him. The man has never come back although he had been a nuisance around the library for some time.

Books on Black History are favorites of Officer Barnes. He read several books on Marcus Garvey but was so impressed with the book *Black Men: obsolete, single, dangerous?* by Haki R. Madhubuti that he bought one for himself and another for his father in Chicago.

When he retires from the police department, Officer Barnes says he will buy a boat big enough to live on and sail to the Cayman Islands in the British West Indies. There he will live out his days swimming, diving, scuba diving and reading books. For now he settles for vacations in the Caymans.

We wish Jerald Barnes a lot of success in his life. He deserves it.

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In Your Ear

by Tom Hoerr

I often wonder what aliens from outer space would think if they descended upon our planet and judged us on what they thought when they viewed various bits and pieces of our civilization. We have troubles enough if they pass judgement on us after studying and understanding all of our strengths and flaws.

Many is the night that I've lain awake, worrying about this danger. It's always been a potential problem, but now that we're beaming television signals to the heavens, it's even worse.

If you assume that there's no intelligent life besides us (HA!) in our solar system, then one must look at the closest solar system. The nearest star, not counting our own sun, is forty light years away (that's farther, even, than West County, which is the farthest thing I can envision from what we call civilization). This means that just now, even as you read this, television signals from 1950 are reaching there. If memory serves me correct (actually, it was long before my birth), there wasn't a whole lot on the tube in 1950. But look what the next ten years brings!

Yep, some aliens may soon be meeting Dave Garraway, Leave It To Beaver, The Honeymooners, and Wrestling At The Chase. I guess that pretty much shoots any possibility that they'll ever bother coming here to meet us.

And it'll only get worse of course. Forty years from now these same aliens will be seeing re-runs from Miami Vice, the Weather Channel, Wheel Of Fortune, and Willard Scott. Aliens in even more distant solar systems, another forty light years away, will first be meeting Dave Garraway and Mrs. Cleaver. As long as there's a there, someone or something somewhere will be receiving all of this mess that we send over airwaves.

It is Earthyear 2030, somewhere in a distant solar system. A giant silver orb is sitting in the middle of the room, slowly rotating. Slender beams of light shoot out in several directions. The room is large and resembles, what a surprise, the setting of "The People's Court." Only instead of people being present, the room is filled with small rose colored frog-like creatures approximately two feet tall. Each of the little creatures is wearing sunglasses, a bow tie, and yellow tennis shoes. All of the creatures smoke very large cigars.

The creature behind the desk stands and all of the others stand too. It puts on what is clearly a judicial robe and the others bow, presumably out of respect. We see that their feet don't touch the floor when they stand. Instead, each one hovers slightly above the surface. The frogette to the left of the judge begins to read.

"Hearye, hearye, hearye. Zodolty court #34490b, Zodolty against the planet Earth, is now in session."

The courtroom goes quiet and the orb begins to rotate a bit more quickly. Everyone—everything?—in the courtroom sits, but they do it by drawing their legs up to their bodies, and suspending themselves a couple of feet from the floor.

"Is there anyone here to speak for Earth?" the judge asks. No one speaks. Then, in unison, all take puffs from their cigars. The judge nods at the frogette who first spoke, and it continues.

"Your frogness, each anchonet we sacrifice a small life-form in honor of our highness. The anchonet has almost ended,

so it is time that we select a candidate. The sacrificial committee has unanimously recommended the planet Earth as the candidate!"

The judge waits a moment, then asks, "So there is no sophisticated life-form on the planet?"

"Well, not really, your honor," the frogette says, mightily puffing the cigar.

The judge's purple eyebrows raise and it peers over the desk. "You say 'not really' do you? Not really???" He takes a puff of his cigar, coughs, and continues. "You know the rules of this court: We must make a planetary sacrifice each anchonet to our highness, but it *cannot* be a planet with a sophisticated life-form. You do know that, don't you?"

"Yes, your honor, and I have evidence that this planet Earth does not have a sophisticated life-form." The frogette makes a quick arm motion, a screen drops from the side wall, and the giant orb comes a projector. Without a word, image after image after image is shown on the screen.

Vignette after excerpt after sound bit: Archie Bunker, Death Valley Days, Monday Night Football, Queen For A Day, Dobie Gillis, The Dating Game, Cable Shopping Network, The Joan Rivers Show, The Indy 500, My Mother The Car, Charlie's Angels, Perry Como, Family Feud, Channel 2 News, Geraldo, Dallas, Bowling For Dollars, Sanford & Son, Runaway With The Rich and Famous, As The World Turns, Donahue.

The entire film lasts between fifteen and twenty minutes. When it is over, the judge says, "This is pretty convincing evidence, but we must be certain without a shadow of a doubt!"

Without speaking, the frogette nods at the orb and a 60 second excerpt from Mr. Ed is shown on the screen. The judge quickly nods and says, "Zap 'em!"

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The Upcoming Earthquake: Everybody's Fault But No One's To Blame

by Tim Cimino

Before the next ten years are over, there is a 50% chance of an earthquake in the Midwest that is roughly the size of the one that hit San Francisco in the fall of 1989. However, for the same size earthquake, the destruction here is expected to be far greater.

Reasons for the potential for greater destruction include the following:

—The fault is deeper, and because the soil communicates shock waves better, the area of destruction will be much greater. (Large portions of seven states: Missouri, Mississippi, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee).

—Buildings and bridges are older and have not been built to withstand earthquakes; much more structural damage will result.

—Most people here are uneducated about what to do before, during, and after an earthquake. Because some people still do not believe it is likely, there will probably be far more deaths and personal injuries. (Imagine an earthquake in winter.)

The tall, unreinforced, masonry buildings which we so admire in our own neighborhood are particularly vulnerable to earthquake damage. The widespread use of natural gas increases the risk of fire fed from broken gas pipes. The American Red Cross suggests the following to help make our homes safer during an earthquake:

—Anchor hanging lamps with closed hooks, or relocate.

—Secure top heavy furniture to wall studs with metal braces.

—Keep all breakables in low or secure cabinets.

—Stabilize water heaters with metal straps to wall studs.

—Locate main electrical, gas, and water shut offs.

—Maintain a fire extinguisher in an accessible place.

—Use flexible gas lines to appliances.

—Place secure latches on cupboard doors.

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—Relocate heavy, unstable objects away from exit routes.



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