

# The *TIMES* of... SKINKER DEBALIVIERE

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## HOUSING CONSERVATION: *Occupancy Permits Needed Now*

On February 15, 1992, the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood (with the exception of Kingsbury Square and the north sides of 5800 Washington and 5700 McPherson), becomes a housing conservation district. Our neighborhood joins a number of conservation areas on the south side and central corridor with still others proposed throughout the city. Housing conservation districts serve to protect the housing stock from deterioration.

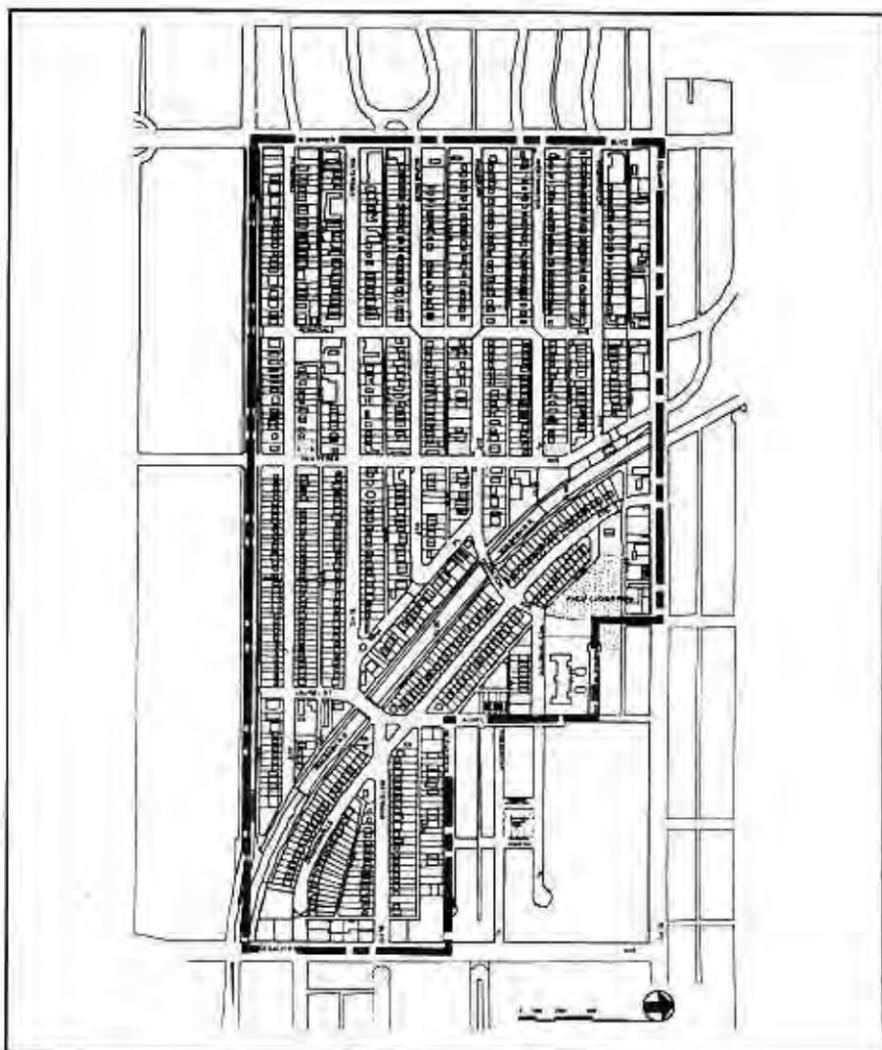
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In the case of rental units, an application is required within 7 days of occupancy and the Certificate is required within 30 days of the application date.

If you have questions about our Housing Conservation District or plan to sell or buy a home or to rent residential units in Skinker-DeBaliviere, call the Building Division at 622-3352 or the SDCC office at 862-5122. ●



## DISCOVERING OUR NEIGHBORS: LORETTA LLOYD AND THE SUNSHINE ACADEMY



by Lana Stein

Sixteen years ago, when her youngest child started kindergarten, Loretta Lloyd decided that she wanted to resume a career outside the home. She was very interested in daycare. She had noticed that many children did not have a suitable place to go while their parents were at work. After consulting with her husband Willis, a letter carrier in our neighborhood, she decided to work as a daycare provider for a year to see if she was suited to the task and if the task suited her. The first site of what was to become the Sunshine Academy was a building the Lloyds owned at 5900 McPherson.

Lloyd found that she loved working with small children. "You have to love and respect the kids to do the job well." She has found a very special satisfaction when a child greets her with a smile and a hug. It makes her want to make that part of the day when the children are in her care a pleasant and secure time.

After that first year, Lloyd returned to Forest Park College to complete her education. She and her husband remodeled their basement so that it could serve as a daycare center. The site was licensed by the state. After four years at this location, the Sunshine Academy moved to larger quarters at 6001 Delmar.

After three years, Lloyd decided to try to purchase property on Delmar. She believed the area to be on the upswing and also needed more space for the children. The Sunshine Academy is now at 5967 Delmar. This site required a lot of remodeling after purchase but had the requisite number

of bathrooms and adequate space for the number of children she wished to serve.

Currently, 60 preschoolers attend the Sunshine Academy and there is space for more. The two year olds explore, socialize, and get some autonomy from their parents. The 3, 4, and 5 year olds are taught the learning skills necessary to prepare them for kindergarten as soon as their attention spans permit.

The Academy also has field trips for children in the appropriate age groups. Favorites include outings to the zoo and other activities in Forest Park, circuses, and the Arch. There also is an excursion on the Huck Finn each year. Older children are able to play kickball in the park with their counterparts from other daycare centers.

In the early years, the Academy drew most of its students from Skinker-DeBaliviere, those who lived within walking distance. Today they come from all over the city and sometimes from the county as well. The majority are from single-parent households. Their parents work in the medical professions, are bus drivers, security guards, cashiers, and sometimes students.

Loretta Lloyd continues to love working with children. "We only have them for nine hours. If we can instill some things, maybe we can help them cope with the rest of it."

The Lloyds have lived in Skinker-DeBaliviere since May 1, 1968. Mrs. Lloyd feels that it is a positive thing to live here. She and her husband have been able to interact with all kinds of people and have grown in relation to (Continued on page 5.)



Black History Month: The Missouri Historical society presents the world premiere of "Slightly Blue," by Harold A. Blanchard (above). The Laclede Quarter will perform the new work at a free program beginning at 2 pm on Sunday, February 16 at the History Museum in the Jefferson Memorial Building in Forest Park.

## Thanks Sue

Sue Rothschild has resigned as editor of THE TIMES OF SKINKER-DEBALIVIERE to pursue a Master's Degree in Accounting at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Attending school full time, Sue will also be retiring from a few of her administrative duties at husband Sandy's firm, Sandy Rothschild and Associates. She will continue to do some of the firm's book-keeping.

Sue was the first editor from the Parkview neighborhood in the history of THE TIMES. She will continue to serve on the TIMES' Board of Directors, to represent the Parkview side of the neighborhood.

Among her achievements as volunteer editor for three years were increased ad revenues and major changes in the printing process.

"Sue's dedication to the TIMES has helped make the difficult job of putting out a monthly publication a lot more reliable and rewarding," said Venita Lake, long-time layout editor. Added King Schoenfeld, chief photographer, "Sue's contributions to the TIMES will be remembered by all of us who care about the future of the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood."

Thanks, Sue! And best of luck, as you work toward your new goal. ●

# FEBRUARY CALENDAR

## NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

### February

- 10 Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council (SDCC) Board of Directors Meeting. All are welcome. 6010 Kingsbury, 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Beautification Committee. Call 862-5122 for details.
- 20 28th Ward Regular Democrats Meeting. All are welcome. New City School, 7:00 p.m.

### March

- 9 SDCC Board Meeting. 6010 Kingsbury, 7:30 p.m.

## NEARBY EVENTS OF INTEREST

### February

- Now-29 Exhibition of Andrew T. Erickson's contemporary expressionist watercolors. University City Public Library.
- Now-March 14 Jeff Norman's photographs. The Gallery at COCA.
- 9 "Call Me Out My Name." Drama based on an original slave narrative. The History Museum, 2:00 p.m. Also on February 23.
- 14-March 1 "Prelude to a Kiss." The New Theatre. Presented at Mahler Theater, 4915 Washington.
- 15 "Africa in Motion." Children's Program Honors Black History Month. History Museum, 10:30 a.m.
- 16 Laclede String Quartet. World Premiere of Harold A. Blanchard's "Slightly Blue." History Museum, 2:00 p.m.

### March

- 1 "Plenty." Mallinckrodt Center Drama Studio, Room 308, Washington University, 2:00 p.m.
- 2 Washington Univ. School of Architecture Monday Night Lecture. Massimo Vignelli, designer. Steinberg Aud., 8:00 p.m.
- 6 "My Children! My Africa!" Ovarions Series. Washington Univ., Edison Theatre, 8:00 p.m.

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# Delmar Committee Nearing Its Goal

by Lana Stein

On December 17, the Delmar Commercial Revitalization Committee met to celebrate the season and its considerable progress in drafting a redevelopment plan for the thoroughfare. Members shared a delicious meal at the Thai Cafe, 6170 Delmar, and also received a sneak preview look at the soon-to-open Wabash Triangle Cafe across the street. Both cafes are harbingers of the type of development the committee envisions for Delmar between the city limits and DeBaliviere.

The Committee hopes that its plan can be introduced at the SDCC Board and subsequently at the Board of Aldermen this spring. The plan is likely to include the following components:

1. Design standards, including standards for landscaping
2. A revision of the streetscape, perhaps including a small median and a narrowing of the present 7 lanes of traffic
3. Prohibiting certain uses. Based on surveys of business owners and area residents undertaken by Washington University graduate student Debra Smith, prohibition of the following uses in any new development is being considered: package liquor store, pawn shop, junk store, service station, a facility selling food that does not have table

service. Such prohibitions would not apply to existing businesses unless they are sold and not reopened with their present usage within six months.

4. Potential developers will be able to seek redevelopment rights for certain parcels through the LCRA.

5. Tax and other incentives will be available to those who wish to improve their present property as well as to those who wish to develop vacant parcels.

Committee members who include JoAnn Vatcha, chair, and Sam Green, Dennis Townsend, Loretta Lloyd, Lana Stein, George Johannes, Jack Wright, John Reave, and Cynthia Homan, are consulting with Aldermen Clay and McGuire about the language to be included in the proposed ordinance. They also are planning a public meeting to discuss the plan before it is taken up by the Board of Aldermen.

In order to begin improvements to Delmar in the near future, the Committee has endorsed two grant applications submitted by the SDCC to the city's Theme District Neighborhood Commercial Improvement Project and to Southwestern Bell. If these proposals were to be approved, funds would be allocated to begin certain streetscape improvements such as tree planting. ●



Committee Members Dine at Thai Cafe.

# Classic Burgers A Delight



by JoAnn Vatcha

"Oh, no!" we heard expressed when somebody close noticed the departure of the House of Jamaica at Delmar and Eastgate. Naturally, we City folk took it personally that a business had forsaken the City portion of the Loop.

"All right!" was the more upbeat comment when we noticed recently that the space did not stay empty long. The newest restaurant in the Loop is "Classic Burgers and More", owned by Brent Schafer, pictured here with his beautiful baby grand, on which he plays the classics in music as well.

The burgers start with 8 ounces of

fresh beef, char-broiled as you like. Ordering "well-done" brings forth an evenly-cooked, moist burger—not the distasteful blackened lump of raw-meat-lover chefs. The large variety of toppings allows for everyone at the table to try something a bit different.

On a recent family outing, we tried burgers of two types: "The Roundup" (KC

BBQ sauce and grilled onions) and the "Burger Au Poivre" (Dijon mustard and cracked pepper). Each was \$3.95. Both were presented nicely and had distinctive tastes, though the poivre was a bit more finely ground than expected from the lovely term "cracked".

"The Roundup", ordered without the grilled onions, was definitely the highlight of the meal, with all four of us vying for pieces of this fine burger with an exceptional BBQ sauce.

Also sampled by our crowd were two appetizers, the "Munchrooms" at 2.95 and the "Charbroiled Shrimp," at 5.25 the most expensive appetizer on

the menu. The shrimp were large, not jumbo, but adequate, and the sauce for dipping was tasty but very (spicy) hot. Beware-type hot.

The "Munchrooms" were tasty breaded mushrooms, deep-fried at just the right temperature so they were full of flavor, but not dripping with grease. There were lots of them, and they're served with a cool ranch sauce.

When a restaurant is called "Classic Burgers", why would anyone order a chicken sandwich? Do inquiring minds really want to know? At any rate, this critic did. On an earlier visit, we tried a "Grilled Chicken du Paris"—not as wine-y as hoped for, but fine on the flaky croissant. At our family outing, a "Chicken Salad Sandwich" on sour-dough bread was big and fresh, but too heavy on celery and very sweet-tasting. That KC BBQ sauce on the adjacent burger proved too tempting for the would-be chicken eater.

Fries were order in the interest of thoroughness and are available curled and regular, seasoned and plain. We ordered plain, regular, and they were fine as a crisp complement to the nice big burgers.

Desserts look and sound outstanding, including Amaretto and turtle cheesecakes, a cake called, invitingly, "chocolate suicide", Chocolate Pecan Turtle Pie, and a "Pie du Jour". We saved these—as well as the salads and soups—for another time.

A-B beers and white Zinfandel and

burgundy wines are available, as are a good variety of non-alcoholic beverages, including hot chocolate.

Brent Schafer, owner of Classic Burgers, also occasionally plays a wonderful baby grand piano, which is the visual centerpiece of the restaurant. With happy hours Friday and Saturday evenings from 5-7, the new place promises to be a welcome addition to the Loop.

If you're looking for Caribbean, you can find the House of Jamaica near their old home, now at Olive. But if you're looking for a good burger close to home, give our new neighbor, Classic Burgers and More, a try. ●

## Seeking New Talent

The Board of Directors of the TIMES invites all those interested in contributing to the paper to contact us at 721-7532 or 862-5122. Particularly needed is someone to compile a monthly Milestones feature (based roughly on the now departed Viscissitudes). Milestones hopefully will resemble its namesake in TIME albeit in a loose way. We need a volunteer who could coordinate entries from all parts of the neighborhood and list out anniversaries, new arrivals, significant occasions, etc., in every issue. ●



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## THE PET-O-FILES

By Marj Weir

Reports of the activities of the local wildlife—more or less domesticated. Readers are encouraged to submit items.

A reward is being offered for documented sightings of local opossums changing by their tails from any neighborhood tree. One neighborhood student is developing a science fair project which hypothesizes that local 'possums are really just large, fluffy rats trying to improve their image. The researcher seeks evidence to dispute this theory, but doubts it is possible to obtain. If sightings are made, photographic evidence will be required for the reward to be given. This evidence should include some local landmark to verify that this is, in fact, a Skinker-DeBaliviere "possum". The researcher does not dispute that 'possums exist, only that they do not exist in this area. Those seeking this reward are reminded that the 'possum season opens March 1 and the population will be decimated thereafter in anticipation of the St. Patrick's Day feast.

Squeaky, who has condescended to abide with the Stuarts of 61XX Kingsbury for many years, reportedly caught the third mouse of her long life and shared her prize with the family. Impressed by her achievement, they conferred on her the title "Killer Cat" and have labelled her favorite chair to this effect. A little mutual respect goes a long way in domestic relations.

Cecil Fielder, however, currently under feline contract with our new editor, Lana Stein, has been flirting with a trade. In recent days, probably going for an imaginary long ball, he pulled over an entire bookcase, causing considerable property damage, but walked away without a scratch. He is currently a suspect in the destruction of a prized ceramic vase during another after-hours incident.

The Westminster naturalist, whose motto is "If it likes live food and has no personality whatsoever, I want to raise it", reports that an iguana can remain motionless for at least three hours at a stretch. The excitement is unbearable.

Greater Love Hath No Man or Cat Department: Ashley, the winsome white and black cat who adopted the Schoenfelds of Westminster, submits to a bi-weekly bath in order to share their affection without causing an allergic meltdown. Sounds like a profile in courage on their part, too. Ashley must be very lovable because Gus, the family Scotty, is totally devoted to her as well.

Send your anecdotes concerning inter-species relations to Pet-o-files, care of the SDCC office, 6010 Kingsbury, by the 15th of the month. ●



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# RETIRED SEVENTH DISTRICT POLICE OFFICER STARTS BUSINESS

By Mary Ann Shickman

Hugh J. Geiler is familiar to many Skinker DeBaliviere neighbors. He has lived in the 6100 block of Washington for several years with his wife Jane, an Assistant Circuit Attorney. He has four grown children, Linda, MaryJo, Dale, and Scot.

Geiler grew up on 5651 Cote Brilliant and attended St. Edwards grade school and McBride high school. He joined the St. Louis police force in 1969 and was assigned to the eighth district where he spent eight years. Following this, he became a mounted policeman for the next eight years. He then went to the seventh district. Four years later, he retired.

Geiler has been retired from the police department for three years now. He has reflected on how many police calls dealt with fire or burglary. It became obvious that victims of fire or burglary or other instances where property is lost or damaged had a great deal of trouble knowing what losses were sustained and how to prove to insurance companies what they owned.

Geiler recalls a call he went on where he found the home totally empty. The victim said everything had been stolen including furniture, appliances, pictures on the walls, rugs, and expensive jewelry. The house was stripped down to the bare walls and floors. She spent days trying to list all the things she had lost.

Hugh recalls going on calls where a home is completely devastated by fire. He remembers the heartbreak of the victims who could not begin to remember details about their possessions.



They were unable to describe these possessions to the satisfaction of insurance companies or police.

Hugh Geiler started his Video Ident business (727-3241) based on his twenty years of investigative experience with the police department. He is

able to provide home owners with a complete video tape record of the contents of their home for a modest cost. One of Hugh's first customers was Thomas A. Scatizzi, president of Central West End Bank at 415 DeBaliviere. ●

## HOUSING CORPORATION: SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

The Skinker DeBaliviere Community Housing Corporation (SDCHC) held its second annual meeting December 4, 1991, 7:30a.m. at Central West End Bank. The SDCHC incorporated in November, 1989 and held its first annual meeting in December 1990. The board holds regular meetings biweekly on Wednesday mornings.

An important agenda item at this annual meeting was the election of directors and officers. John G. Storey, whose two year term as a director was expiring, was reelected to the board for a four year term. The following officers were elected for one year terms: Karleen Hoerr, President; Tom Scatizzi, First Vice-President; John G. Storey, Second Vice-President; George Johannes, Third Vice-President; Katherine Kurtz, Secretary; Susan Feinberg, Treasurer. James E. McLeod will also continue to serve as a member of the board for the third year of his three year term.

The SDCHC reviewed its activities in 1991; it was a productive and busy year. Throughout last winter and spring, the SDCHC worked with a Consultant, Operation Impact, and Operation ConServ in developing a "Housing Strategy," a plan to guide the SDCHC's activities. In short, the plan adopted targets the area around the Rosedale Square Apartment project (6XXX-61XX Washington and 5XX Rosedale). The SDCHC continued to be concerned with properties outside of this target area, especially "problem" properties, non-conforming or obsolete uses, etc. However, the primary focus of SDCHC's activities was, and continues to be, the Rosedale Square Redevelopment Area.

Among the SDCHC's successes in implementing its Housing Strategy

was selling the vacant two-family building at 6029 Washington that SDCHC had acquired in 1990. The buyer, Mark Ippolito, is rehabbing the building and he will occupy one of the units for at least three years.

SDCHC also acquired the laundromat at 532 Des Peres. Negotiations for this purchase took months but SDCHC moved quickly after the August 1 closing and had the existing structure razed within weeks. Union Electric granted SDCHC's proposal for landscaping through the Green Leaf program. The lot was planted early in December (see related article).

The board was pleased with the progress made in stabilizing the Rosedale Square Apartment project last year. Rosedale Square continues to challenge the SDCHC's resources. A committee of the board, together with manager Pat Sweet, worked very hard to improve the buildings by having furnaces installed in the basements, painting common areas, repairing sidewalks and hiring a contractor to trim the healthy trees, remove dead trees, etc. The budget for 1992 includes additional improvements for this project.

SDCHC also moved forward on redevelopment plans for three properties: 6025 Westminster, 6048 Washington, and 6036 Washington. An architect has completed drawings for the rehab of 6025 Westminster converting the second and third floors to a townhouse unit. When completed, SDCHC will market the building to an owner-occupant who would live in the townhouse and rent the first floor unit.

Plans are also to convert 6048 Washington to two attached townhouse units. SDCHC is forming a partnership with private developers for this project. The board is hopeful that construction

will get underway in spring 1992. These two fee simple townhouses will also be marketed to owner-occupants.

6036 Washington is a six unit building that SDCHC acquired in 1980. The board has developed plans to moderately rehab the units and continue to operate it as part of the Rosedale Square rental project.

1991 saw the transfer of several scattered site multi-family properties from private ownership to the Technical Assistance Corporation (TAC), a quasi-public agency formed by the City. Acquisitions of inactively troubled projects by TAC occurred throughout the city and involved dozens of private owners and millions of dollars tirelessly with TAC and City officials on the transfer of the eleven properties in this neighborhood has a small, but important interest in the ownership of these buildings. SDCHC continues to monitor management, maintenance, and financial stability of these buildings.

The long-range, long-standing goals of the SDCHC are to increase owner-occupancy and to decrease density. As outlined above, the plans for all of SDCHC's properties are guided by these goals. The density issue is of particular concern with the areas of multi-family buildings. These buildings were constructed at the turn of the century when most tenants used public transportation and did not own cars. SDCHC recognizes parking and overcrowding as nagging problems for the neighborhood.

SDCHC board members are proud of the organization's accomplishments in 1991, but acknowledge that there is still much to be done. Many plans were developed in 1991 that will be implemented in 1992. The year promises to be just as productive and busy as 1991. ●

# New Times Editor: Lana Stein

by JoAnn Vatcha

With this issue of THE TIMES, we welcome a new editor, Lana Stein. A resident of the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood for nearly three years, she shares the unbridled enthusiasm many feel for "the City's best neighborhood". After several academic relocations around the country, she proudly calls our neighborhood home.

Lana has been an Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Missouri-St. Louis since 1987. Previously she taught at the University of Georgia, recruited to the south after receiving her PhD in Political Science at Michigan State University in 1984. Before returning to graduate school, she worked for two public housing authorities, in San Francisco, and in Michigan, as well as a non-profit agency which developed housing for farm workers.

Her initial visits to St. Louis were purely scientific, spent in research for a study on big-city bureaucracy. Interviewing dozens of politicians and piecing together the history of patronage offices in St. Louis City Government proved fruitful for writer Stein, whose book HOLDING BUREAUCRATS ACCOUNTABLE was published last year.

Since the publication of her book, she has co-authored a study on Black-White elections in St. Louis which explains racial demography and raises many intriguing questions regarding when and if a black mayor can be elected in St. Louis. As a result of these and other published articles, Lana has been interviewed on Channels 9 and 5 and traded remarks with Charlie Brennan and Kevin Horrigan on KMOX

Radio. The Journal and Post-Dispatch newspapers have increasingly sought her comments and opinions on political issues and people.

The many months of research and interviewing politicians (including Alderman McGuire) also led Lana to Skinker-DeBaliviere and to her first home purchase, one of the Nina Place Condos. She has subsequently served on the condo association board of directors and is a firm advocate for completion—and top-notch maintenance—of this large rehabilitation project in the center of the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood. Picked last year to serve on the community council to represent Nina Place, Lana is currently serving her second term as Vice President of SDCC.

Proof once again that you choose the busiest person to undertake another busy job, in 1991, Mayor Schoemehl appointed Lana to the city-county Board of Electors. Having recently completed the year-long grueling meeting schedule, Lana feels it was "an unforgettable experience spent learning about all the problems and challenges our area will face in the future and discussing many creative ideas on how to deal with them."

In her newest challenge as TIMES Editor, Lana wants to emphasize coverage of neighborhood activities and include news about people from every part of the neighborhood. "I encourage any resident interested in writing or suggesting items to be covered in THE TIMES to contact me," she said. She also said she looks forward to meeting other residents and involving new blood in the writing and layout and delivery of



THE TIMES. "I'm really excited about the opportunity to carry on this wonderful volunteer tradition in my adopted neighborhood," stated Lana. Along with news of people are anticipated political coverage and features about issues of importance to residents and business alike, such as the upcoming series on Delmar.

"On behalf of the board of directors of THE TIMES, I'd like to welcome Lana

to the helm. We're excited to have new leadership and to be working with a person whose qualifications are outstanding and whose commitment to our neighborhood is so great," added Marj Weir, former Editor. As the newest in a long line of volunteer Editors, Lana has a unique challenge ahead. "I invite old and new contributors and deliverers to work with me to help make THE TIMES even better." ●

## Neighbors Aid Old Newsboys

On November 21, old newsboys fanned out across the St. Louis area to sell special editions of the JOURNALS. Proceeds go to charity. They were joined by Mavis Clark of the 5700 block of Waterman and Shirley Polk of 5700 DeGiverville. These women, long-time residents of Skinker-Debaliviere, sold papers at the corner of DeBaliviere and DeGiverville to many neighbors on their way to work. Fortunately for all concerned, it was a bright sunshine-filled morning. ●



## Union Electric Adds Greenery To Des Peres

The Skinker Debaliviere Community Housing corporation (SDCHC), a not-for-profit neighborhood group, proudly announces a grant from Union Electric's Greenleaf program, the attractive landscaping on Des peres just south of Delmar was designed, purchased, and planted by Union Electric.

The goals of Union Electric's Green Leaf program are to improve energy conservation and air quality by the planting of trees and greenery. To elect cities where this should occur, U.E. accepts grant proposals from not-for-profit organizations.

SDCHC acquired property in the 500 block of Des Peres in August 1991. SDCHC leveraged its resources to acquire the property and tear down an obsolete, non-conforming commercial

structure. SDCHC sought assistance from U.E.'s Green Leaf grant program in landscaping the vacant lot, a long-time neighborhood eyesore.

SDCHC sought assistance in landscaping this lot in accordance with its long-standing neighborhood plan for the "Greening of Des Peres." This lot is to be maintained as the fifth in a series of pocket parks along Des Peres between Pershing and Washington.

U.E. accepted SDCHC's proposal to design and implement a landscaping plan. Twenty-nine trees, including White Pines, Bold Cypresses, Ornamental Pears, Red Maples, Yoshino Cherries, Washington Hawthorns, and Sweet Gums were purchased by U.E. and planted by U.E. employees according to plans developed by U.E. foresters. ●

## Apply Now for Curb Lot Trees

By Faith Sandler

The newly formed Skinker-Debaliviere Beautification Committee encourages neighborhood residents to consider applying for FREE street trees from the Forestry Department of the City of St. Louis. The tree yards, located on each block between the street curb and the sidewalk, are designed to hold shade trees.

The process is very simple but you must apply before March 1. The Beautification Committee requests that you telephone the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council office at 862-5122 to apply so that requests can be tracked. You need to provide only your name, address, and telephone number. A listing will then be compiled for our neighborhood and submitted to the Forestry Department before the application deadline. Applications will be considered and those approved will find that next fall, the Forestry Department will do all the necessary work—digging and planting the tree you have requested.

Each ward is allotted a certain number of trees, so phone in your application soon so that our neighborhood can enjoy the shade, beauty, symmetry, and cleaner air these trees will provide. ●

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# COMING IN THE *TIMES*: A PHOTOGRAPHIC HOUSE TOUR OF SKINKER-DEBALIVIERE

It has been a few years since Skinker-DeBaliviere hosted a house tour. During this time, many neighbors have enhanced the exteriors of their homes and others have remodeled kitchens, added sunrooms, etc.

TIMES board members think that it is time to highlight some of these improvements and allow residents to show off the lovely homes they have created. One way to do this is through

the *TIMES*: We will present a photographic tour in the April issue. As many photos as possible will be displayed.

If you would like to feature either the interior or the exterior of your home in the *TIMES*, please call King Schoenfeld at 863-0152. He will arrange a convenient time with you for photographing. Photos of homes in all areas of the neighborhood are desired. ●

## 28th Ward Committeepople Announce Reelection Candidacy

At a well-attended 28th Ward Regular Democrats Christmas party held on Dec. 13 at Portland Towers, 28th Ward Democratic Committeewoman Rose Marie Storey and Committeeman Bruce Yampolsky announced that they would seek reelection to their posts. Voters in the city will select committeepople in the August 1992 primary election.

Storey has been a resident of

Skinker-DeBaliviere for 38 years and, with her husband George, has raised 8 children in the neighborhood. She currently heads the Earnings Tax Division in the Collector of Revenue's office. Yampolsky resides in nearby DeBaliviere place and works in the office of the License Collector. He is president of the board of Hamilton Community School. ●

## Bertram Minkin at Kiosk



Celebrated Story Teller Bertram Minkin weaves a tale for wee folks at St. Louis Public Library Kiosk.

# LORETTA LLOYD



(Continued from page 1.) community issues. They also have seen the neighborhood stabilize and grow.

She likes where she lives and has wanted to keep her daycare center

in the area, providing a much-needed service to mothers and children. Currently, Lloyd serves as a business representative on the Commercial Committee, working to revitalize Delmar. ●

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### PARKVIEW

**6237 McPHERSON** - Magnificent Tudor on .5+ acre of beautifully landscaped grounds w/ built-in pool, and fully functioning carriage house. The living room features mahogany paneling, woodburning fireplace, & recessed lighting. Master suite includes separate bath, adjoining library & walk-in closet. 8 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths. A jewel.  
**Karleen O. Hoerr, 862-5071**

**6214 PERSHING** - Charming Parkview home w/ much character. Living room w/ bay window & decorative fireplace. Fabulous 3rd floor, wonderful light, all new windows. Great for an artist studio. 4+ bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths.  
**Karleen O. Hoerr, 862-5071**

**6225 PERSHING** - Handsome home with 1st floor family room/study. Living room w/ woodburning fireplace and marble mantel. Wonderful master suite w/ separate bath, sunroom & wall of closets. 6 bedrooms, 4 baths. **Karleen O. Hoerr, 862-5071**

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# State Law Restricts Disposal of Solid Waste

Beginning January 1, 1992, yard waste is restricted from Missouri landfills. This is the second phase of a comprehensive state law intended to reduce the amount of solid waste going into landfills by 40% by 1998. The first phase, effective January 1, 1991 restricted batteries, oil, appliances, and tires (remember these items by the acronym B.O.A.T.) from

landfills. City residents should not place any of these items, now including yard waste, into dumpsters.

The SDCC recycling committee keeps in contact with the Refuse Division about the city's plans to comply with this state law. The latest information provided by the city follows.

## Yard Waste isn't trash anymore in the City of St. Louis!

### Yard Waste = Grass Clippings, Leaves, Tree Trimmings, Brush

The City of St. Louis is recycling yard waste to reduce garbage and save valuable landfill space in Missouri. As of January 1, 1992, yard waste may no longer be disposed of in a landfill. This is part of a comprehensive state law to reduce the amount of solid waste going to landfills in Missouri.

In Spring 1992 the City will begin a separate collection for yard waste. All yard waste collected will be recycled at a composting site in the City. The yard waste will be processed into compost, a soil-like material that is used to enrich gardens and lawns. This compost will be available to residents.

If you have unwanted yard waste before the separate collection program for yard waste starts in your area in Spring 1992, please include it with your monthly bulky item collection.

**If you are a City resident, here's how you can participate in the yard collection program starting Spring 1992:**

**Type of Trash Collection**

**Collection Changes**

**Alley Dumpster**

"Yard Waste Only" dumpsters will be identified in each alley. All yard waste and only yard waste goes here. All regular trash should be placed in the normal brown dumpsters.

Yard waste will be collected once a week and regular trash twice a week.

**Roll-out carts**

Yard waste and trash will be collected separately, with once a week collection for yard waste and once a week collection for regular trash. Residents may use the same cart for both yard waste and trash collections or may purchase an additional cart through the Refuse Division if they wish.

**Manual/Trash cans or bags**

Yard waste and regular trash will be collected separately with once a week collection for yard waste and once a week collection for regular trash.

If you have questions, please call the City of St. Louis Refuse Division at 353-8877. Thank you for your cooperation and participation in recycling St. Louis' yard waste!

Call the SDCC, 862-5122 for more information about the Recycling Committee and watch the *Times* for details about a composting seminar to be scheduled in March.

# In Your Ear

By Tom Hoerr

**Warning: This is a low-humor column, lower than usual, and could be dangerous to your peace of mind.** It's hard to sit here with 1992 coming out of the womb and not think about both what's happened and what's ahead. The pace of change continues to surprise me. The only thing constant is change. It's a bit like puberty.

I remember a couple of years ago, when the Berlin Wall fell, thinking that I'd never see anything like that again in my lifetime. And now in the past year we've seen the collapse of the Soviet Empire. What next? Will Ladue get subsidized housing?

Trying to make sense out of the present and trying to predict the future are both a bit like looking out a side window from the inside of a speeding train. You can get a feel for the scenery and terrain if you look a bit ahead and then behind, as much as your window will allow. If you look straight outside, and keep your line of vision perpendicular to the tracks, all you see is a blur. And if it were possible to climb far above the clouds, only then could you see where the train is heading and where it has been.

As luck would have it, however, I am able to climb far above the clouds and see the tracks. There are some journalistic trade secrets that I can't divulge, but the bottom-line is that I can predict the future. For what it's worth, this skill has something to do with cheap cigars and port, but that's another column.

As you might imagine, this talent for prognosticating isn't something that I like to advertise or want well-known. In fact, it's because this column is read by only a few trusted friends and a few semi-trusted relatives that I'm sharing my secret here. Nonetheless, it's true, I know what will happen in 1992. At least some things.

Unfortunately, I don't know, I can't foresee, the really big things, like stock prices, length of hemlines, or which movie will win the Academy Award for Best Picture. The small, minor events like presidential elections, Super Bowl Champions, and what will happen on "L.A. Law" are mine to see!

So here goes! Here are the TOP 10 PREDICTIONS FOR 1992! Paste this on your refrigerator door and remember, you read it here first. If any of these predictions do not come true, simply send this article to me, with the exact prediction circled and your name written on it, and I'll gladly refund the price of *The Times of Skinker-DeBaliviere*, no questions asked. Such a deal.

**1.** Governor Schoemehl! Yep, no explanation's needed for this one. The woods are full of people who've gone broke betting against Vince, and I'm no fool. It won't be easy, but he'll pull it off. And believe me, the City of Jefferson will never be the same. Just thing: a Missouri Governor who actually does something; we won't know what to expect!

**2.** An NFL Franchise is awarded to St. Louis. Hooray. Now we have another losing team to root for. Maybe this will take some of the heat off Cardinal GM Dal Maxville. While I'm certain that we will get a team, I'm having real trouble coming up with its nickname. The St. Louis "Pioneers," "Bombers," and "Pilots" keep coming to mind, but don't bet the house or first-born on any of them. And for sure, the team colors won't include RED.

**3.** The *Post* continues its front page City murder rally. Ah, here's monopolistic journalism at its best. In the fine tradition of identifying and magnifying problems rather than working for their solutions, our unopposed daily newspaper once again starts keeping a front-page scorecard on the tragic murder rate in our fair City. And by the way, how many of those editors actually live in the City?

**4.** Light rail is way over budget. What a surprise. No question this is pork-barrelling and boondoggling at its best, but, hey, at least it's OUR pork-barrel and boondoggle.

**5.** The Democratic presidential nominee is not Clinton or Kerey or Wilder. One of these three, however, is the Vice-presidential nominee. Honest!

**6.** Danny Quayle is again the Republican Vice-Presidential Nominee and President George Bush wins re-election in November. It's almost a squeaker, far closer than predicted, and the Democratic party gains seats in both houses, but we have George and Danny for four more years. During the campaign, the abortion question takes a distant second to concerns about the economy. By December 1992, Democratic candidates start lining up to run against Danny in 1996.

**7.** The baseball Cards lose more games than they win. And more than two million fans attend the home games. I don't quite understand this, but then look at all of the people who have nothing better to do than phone in on the KMOX call-in shows! Go figure!

**8.** The summer of '92 is the hottest ever, with almost a month and one-half of consecutive days in which temperatures reach into the 90's. And the scientists say that they're not sure about whether or not there's a Greenhouse Effect. Riiiiight.

**9.** The State takes over one local school district due to bankruptcy. There's a big hue and cry about how more money is needed and kids are being shortchanged, but nothing else happens. Oh sure, some money is made available so that the district is solvent, but it's not enough to make a difference for the kids. But these are poor kids, from families that aren't politically connected, so nothing really happens. So what's new?

**10.** Yeltsin and Castro and Mizzou's Bob Stull are out. Torre is still in along with Virvus and Mayor Villa. Freeman Bosley, Jr. is the new president of the Board of Alderman. Isn't '92 going to be fun? Remember, you read it here first! ●

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