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Rosedale Neighbors Association Selects New Officers

On April 7, residents of Rosedale gathered at Crossroads School for a pot-luck supper and general meeting. Neighbors first heard from David Heath, Captain of the Seventh District of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. Captain Heath came to the 7th District in September of 1992. He had served previously in Planning and Development and with Training at the Academy. Although he has been a captain for 8 years, this is the first district he has commanded.

Captain Heath mentioned that crime has been down significantly in Skinker DeBaliviere since the first of the year. There has been a 30% decrease in property crime and a 47% decrease in personal crime compared to the same period in 1992. However, he noted that there is generally less crime in the colder months. Heath also mentioned that they have been investigating the security at MetroLink stations in the 7th district in preparation for the beginning of regular service in July.

Following Heath's presentation, the gathering turned its attention to the election of officers for the Rosedale Neighbors Association. President B. Roy Roncal presided. The first to be elected were area representatives who would serve on the SDCC Board. For the southwest, Arline Webb was chosen to continue her membership on the Board. Tricia Roland was selected as representative for the northwest. Beth Bender then was elected representative of the northeast section.

Rosedale Neighbors also had to choose its own officers. Roncal stated that several of the incumbents would serve again but were perfectly happy to relinquish their responsibilities if others wished to be officers. He included him-



photos by King Schoenfeld

self in this group. After discussion, the following slate of officers was selected:

Joe Miller, President

Maverine Wilson, Vice President

Dexter Bordes, Secretary

Claire Kerz, Treasurer

With the exception of Claire Kerz, all are new to their positions. Joe Miller lives on 6000 McPherson. Miller has a Masters in Public Administration from St. Louis University. He worked at the St. Louis Development Corporation in commercial development for 6 months

New Rosedale Neighborhood Association officers are (from left) Joe Miller, President; Maverine Wilson, Vice-President; Dexter Bordes, Secretary.

in 1992 and then became a management assistant at Energy Management Corporation. He is a St. Louis native. He is quite new to the neighborhood but became very familiar with it while working with Nancy Farmer on the Delmar revitalization project during his stint at SLDC.

Maverine Wilson has lived in Skinker DeBaliviere for 25 years. She resides on 6000 Washington, first as a renter and then for most of her tenure here as a homeowner. Wilson operates a home day nursery and has for 20 years. She raised her youngest daughter in Skinker DeBaliviere. In her early

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Bi-State's Jack Leary Reflects on St. Louis MetroLink

Several years ago, Jack Leary moved to St. Louis with his wife when he became Executive Director of Bi-State Development Corporation. He was a native Bostonian and had spent his entire career with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. While he was in college, he was an operator on the Green Line light rail. He majored in business administration and minored in transportation. After graduation, he began moving up in the ranks at MBTA. He held a number of supervisory posts, including being in charge of construction operations. His last position in Boston was Deputy General Manager for Operations. In that job, he supervised light and heavy rail operations, communications and the Transportation Authority's police.

Though very fond of Boston, Leary said that he does not miss that City. He really likes St. Louis, especially the people. "People welcome you when you move here. In Boston, it would take 2 months for the next door neighbor to introduce himself." It certainly wasn't that way when he moved to Kingsbury Square in our neighborhood. He looked at many places before deciding on Kingsbury Square in county and city. He and his wife decided they were city



people and liked Kingsbury Square from the start. Nothing else seemed to compare to it. Leary finds the Skinker DeBaliviere neighborhood to be very convenient. "You have access to almost anywhere in a few minutes" including to St. Louis's many fine restaurants. Kingsbury Square is also an ideal home for Leary because it is so close to the Forest Park MetroLink station. He'll be able to ride MetroLink to work because there is a stop at Laclede's Landing, where Bi-State's corporate headquarters are located.

MetroLink begins service in July.



Trains already pass quickly through Skinker DeBaliviere during the trial period. Leary mentioned that the tracks will be ground down shortly to ensure quieter, better rides. Leary said that MetroLink will be the finest light rail transit system in the country. The time, care, and diligence taken in planning it for a number of years have really paid off. This is modern state-of-the-art technology. "We're way ahead of systems built in Washington, D.C. and Atlanta in the 1970s. He wants St. Louisans to give it a little time so they can get used to it and they will want to add the remaining links to the network."

Leary noted that when MetroLink goes into operation, a totally revamped bus system will also go into place. Bus routes will be shorter and busses will run at more frequent intervals. This should decrease travel time substantially. These changes will "broaden the customer base for transit." There will be a bus departing from the Forest Park MetroLink station that will stop at all of the park's institutions. In fact, this will be a bus—not a bus. It is smaller and will be painted red with black dots and will sprout antennae. Each train arriving at the Forest Park Station will be met by a bus going to Clayton and the Galleria. It will then be faster to go from downtown St. Louis by train and bus to Clayton than to drive. (Remember, you take up time retrieving your car downtown and then re-parking it at the other end.)

We noted together the ease with which Skinker DeBaliviere residents can take MetroLink to Union Station, City Hall, Busch Stadium, St. Louis Centre . . . Leary is very excited about this newest chapter in St. Louis transportation history and he can watch it unfold close to home in this neighborhood with its 2 stations on Delmar and on DeBaliviere.

Editor's Notebook

by Lana Stein

My scholarly endeavors have taught me many times over that cities are not regarded fondly in our country. Thomas Jefferson called them a "pestilence" and it seems that out-state legislators have agreed with him from that day to this. City folk always were underrepresented in state legislatures and congressional delegations. The Supreme Court's "one person, one vote" rulings in the 1960s came to late to advantage St. Louis and other central cities. Representation by population became the law after the gigantic migrations to the suburbs began. Now our legislative organs are filled with suburban, small town, and rural representatives who significantly outnumber city dwellers.

The practical effect is disdain, or perhaps neglect for central city problems. That was clearly evident recently in Washington where a stimulus package that would clearly help central cities was bottled up by filibuster. I must admit that even my cynical persona was deeply offended by certain senators who described a swimming pool to benefit poor inner city youngsters as pork barrel politics. I don't believe a swimming pool can hold a candle to the soybean or tobacco subsidies. But, nonetheless, there was no way that spending for that pool or other infrastructure or a summer jobs program could be made to seem a critical necessity to those who never spent a summer hanging out on the hot sidewalks with little to do. Of course, such senators pay no heed to the chronic unemployment in central cities with the resultant poverty, crime, and growing welfare rolls.

So many politicians rose in the well of the Capitol to decry attempts to close a military base or to denounce a tax raise that friends or supporters might just have to pay. Let's reduce the deficit—but not in my backyard.

The United States is undergoing a major economic structural transformation. That transformation exacerbates the effects of a preexisting spatial transformation in America's urban areas, a transformation that has aided economic and racial segregation. It seems that if you're not there to see it, it just doesn't exist or certainly is not an object of concern. It's too bad, you know. There are clear spillover effects to what goes on in our central cities. There is nowhere to run, nowhere to hide—certainly not in the long range scheme of things. Maybe someday people, especially those in our Jefferson City's and in Washington, D.C., will realize that. But, until that munificent day, private interest seems to clearly overcome public interest and community may be another word for nothing left to lose.



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NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

June 2 6000 Kingsbury Block Unit Meeting, 6010 Kingsbury, 7pm.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Now Registration for half and whole day camp and art classes at COCA. Call 725-6555 for information.

Now-Jan. '94 Selected Acquisitions, 1990-1993 at the St. Louis Art Museum.

May 7-9 Holy Roman Repertory Theatre presents "The Lone Eagle," at CASA. Call 361-7477 for reservations.

May 13 "Looking Backward: St. Louis in the Gilded Age" Missouri Historical Society's Kathy Corbett previews the upcoming History Museum exhibit dealing with St. Louis in the late 19th century. Free. At Library and Collections Ctr., 225 S. Skinker, 7 pm.

May 15 Junktique at Grace United Methodist Church, 9am-3pm.

May 16 St. Louis Walk of Fame Induction, 6500 Delmar at Westgate beginning at 1:30 pm. The Original St. Louis River Critters Jazz Band will play ragtime and Dixieland. Stan Musial will give the keynote speech. Those to be inducted are Harry Caray, Auguste Chouteau, Barry Commoner, Phyllis Diller, Bob Gibson, Al Hirschfeld, Albert King, Pierre Laclede, Henry Shaw and Mona Van Duyn. Free and open to the public.

May 16 "Researching African-American History in the Archives," with Priscilla Dowden of UMSL and Martha Clevenger, Historical Society archivist. At History Museum, 2 pm.

June 6 "Clear and Present (and Past) Dangers: Crime and Violence, Then and Now," a discussion of crime and violence in our cities and suburbs with Post-Dispatch columnist Bill McClellan, Scott Decker and Gerda Ray of UMSL, and chief of detectives Jim Hackett of the SLPD. History Museum, 2 pm. Free.

June 12 University of Missouri-St. Louis sponsors the Three Rivers Pow Wow on its south campus.

Adult Basic Education Asks Your Help in Fighting Illiteracy

Roughly 1 in 5 St. Louisans is unable to read and write. Those who are illiterate are at a disadvantage in the job market and even in the supermarket. Through the Adult Basic Education program (ABE), the St. Louis school system is fighting illiteracy. This program provides free personalized instruction in the basics to anyone over the age of 16 and not in school. Morning, afternoon, and evening classes are offered at over 40 locations throughout the city including libraries and community schools.

One-on-one tutoring is involved and ABE needs volunteers. If you wish to help, you begin by attending a 12 hour training program. Then, volunteers are asked to donate their services for a minimum of two, 2-hour sessions a week for at least 6 months. If you think you would like to volunteer, call 367-5000 to sign up.

You can also help by encouraging those unable to read to seek assistance. Tell them about these ABE classes.

Public Library Sponsors Summer Reading Club

Summer Reading Clubs members can participate in programs, watch movies, win prizes, play games, come to parties and read all the books they possibly can. This package is free to every child in St. Louis. There will also be prizes such as Cardinal baseball tickets. Beginning Saturday, May 29, children

can sign up at any St. Louis Public Library branch.

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Vicissitudes

by Marj Weir

Our most recent former editor, Sue Rothschild, will earn her Master's degree in Accounting from the University of Missouri-St. Louis on May 16th. The degree will be conferred with honors as only one B stood between her and a straight A record!

Earlier this year, Sue was selected for membership in Beta Gamma Sigma, the national honor society in business administration. Only 270 of the 1,200 business schools in the country are eligible and accredited to install people in Beta Gamma Sigma. At the same ceremony where Sue was inducted into the honor society, she was also awarded the Pacioli graduate accounting award. This goes to the student in graduate business who demonstrates the greatest proficiency and understanding of accounting practices. It is named for the 16th century Italian priest who developed the double entry system of bookkeeping.

Our congratulations to Sue and to all our May graduates.

Clare Kerz of the 6100 block of Washington has a new position in the Special School district. She is doing educational testing and reports that she really enjoys the change.

His friends and neighbors are mourning the death in April of Merlin S. Hines of the 5800 block of Water-

man. Mr. Hines was a teacher, editor and charter member of the American Negro Labor Council. After his retirement in 1985, he formed HINESIGHTS, which did demographic research. He also wrote a regular column for a St. Louis weekly newspaper and was a regular contributor to several other local newspapers. We extend our condolences to his family.

A last minute addition. We are glad to report that JoAnn Vatcha is doing well despite a vicious attack made on her by a thief on Tuesday, May 11. This occurred in full daylight during the hours which we all take for granted as completely safe. None of us is used to taking extreme precautions at these times and it would be hard to accept the idea that it was necessary to do so in our neighborhood. We can make sure that it won't be necessary if we imitate the model provided by Gwen Berry, JoAnn's neighbor, who came to her immediate aid and whose family all turned out to find the attacker. It is this spirit which has and will make our neighborhood great. JoAnn's many friends wish her a speedy recovery from her traumatic experience.

Please let us know your news! Call 863-7558 or write to Marj Weir, 6120 Westminster, 63112.



Beautification Saturday workers from left are Richard Lowenstein, Dexter Bordes, Mr. Borgman, Joe and Kim Koenig, Mark Jacobs, Chanaya Vatcha, Louie Brown, and Catherine Forslund.

Yahoo Exhibit Opens June 4

The YAHOOs, David Gioia, Sam DiLorenzo, Patricia Chavez, Mary Wiltenburg, Billy Chavez, Lucy Griesbach, Jeremy Schoenfeld, Briana Taylor, Carla Bayer, John McGuire, and Sharon Westbrook, are pleased to announce The first retrospective exhibit of the fruits of their labors. The exhibit is entitled "TV EATS - A Shocking, Raw Expose of the Underlying Cause of the Moral and Intellectual Bankruptcy of our American Youth."

This is part of a larger exhibit of VIDEO art at The Forum for Contemporary Art, featuring the work of Van

McElwee and "Video Time Shifts" from the Whitney Museum. The opening is scheduled for Friday, June 4, 6-8 p.m.

The Forum for Contemporary Art, located in Grand Center across from the Fox Theatre, is an outstanding exhibition center, showcasing national and international contemporary art. The YAHOOs are greatly honored to be included in their exhibition schedule.

We extend an invitation to everyone in the neighborhood to come and support YAHOO and see some very unusual, inspirational and entertaining work.

Green Blitz Hits Yard Waste Dumpsters

Yard Waste Only dumpsters have been turning green in the past month, thanks to the efforts of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Recycling Committee, Boy Scout troops 98 and 31, the Yahoo students, and other residents of the area. Prompted by Operation Brightside and its contest on cleanup day, the groups have painted the dumpsters dark green and decorated them to illustrate the advantages of recycling yard waste rather than adding to the land fills.

On Saturday, April 24, under the supervision of Scoutmaster Dennis Mattli, Recycling Committee Chair Andy Cross, and Roy Roncal, the scouts painted all of the yard waste dumpsters on the alley south of Pershing, facing on the Forest Park Expressway, between 6100 and 5700 blocks. They were organized by scout Bryan Gerard as an Eagle Scout project. The dark green paint was supplied by Operation Brightside. Andy Cross created several stencil designs and painted them in rare dry periods over the next two or three weeks.

Scouts participating in the project were Robert Weaver, Jon-Michael Vinson, Larry Murphy, Newt Newton, Suresh Rao, Carlos Rogers, John Frawley, and Bryan Gerard. (Apparently as a result of a final "good deed" for the day, Scoutmaster Mattli's Ford Escort is now dumpster green as well, and when last seen was sporting a "Yard Waste Only" bumper sticker.)



Working with artist Andy Cross (center) and Roy Roncal (partly hidden) were Scouts Larry Murphy, Carlos Rogers, and Robert Weaver.

The Yahoo art students, supervised by Bill Christman, worked in the week before Brightside day to paint the yard waste dumpsters on both sides of Kingsbury in the 6000 and 6100 blocks.



Jon-Michael Vinson and John Frawley work under the supervision of Bryan Gerard.

Derek Moore took on the whole 6100 Pershing/Waterman alley and Andy Cross has completed the dumpsters on his block, 6000 McPherson, as well as the Pershing/Waterman block at St. Roch's.

For others who may be interested in painting their yard waste dumpsters, paint is still available from Operation Brightside. Call Kim Koenig at the Skinker-DeBaliviere office (862-5122) for details. The "yard waste vigilantes" also plan to paint other dumpsters in the neighborhood throughout the summer, so keep an eye out for them.



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Times Trivia Contest Wins Major Support ---- Reveals Useless Information

On April 17 friends and staffers of the Times gathered to do trivial battle in the first Times Trivia Contest. It was a great and boisterous time which the pictures captured by King Schoenfeld show. In addition to those who came to play, we owe our thanks to those who organized and worked on this event to make it a success. The team without whom it wouldn't have happened were Dan McGuire, Lois Schoemehl, Kathleen Williams, Lana Stein, JoAnn Vatcha, King and Dee Schoenfeld, Katie Kurtz, Marcia Kerz, Rose Storey, Elenore McGuire, Maxine Emde, Nancy Farmer, and Marj and Brad Weir.

Our deep appreciation also goes to those who donated prizes for the contest: Lu Green, The New Theatre, The Fox Theatre, Joe Edwards of Blueberry Hill, John Sappington of West End Wines/The Caradonnas of Signature Beers. We were provided excellent facilities by New City School, a most desirable place to hold this event.

The top four tables carried home a real variety of prizes, not to mention the enmity of the other tables. No outright hostilities broke out, so we hope to be able to provide another opportunity for skill-testing (revenge) in the relatively near future.



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First Place Winning Team (from left) Tim Schoemehl, Lana Stein, Harvey Small, Ava Small, Dan McGuire (Quizmaster), Elizabeth Freeman, and Greg Freeman.

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Wildflour Pizza: Home of the Uncommon Pizza

After hearing a number of rave reviews about Wildflour Pizza, a friend and I decided to try it out ourselves. It was a beautiful day so, of course, all the outdoor tables were occupied. We opted to dine inside and found a contemporary art-deco style that features the works of many talented local artists.

The menu selection featured a numbers of gourmet pizzas, from \$6.65 to \$12.75, salads, and sandwiches, cold and hot. The restaurant also has a large selection of imported and micro-brew beers.

The restaurant is opened 7 days a week and does not require reservations.

We decided to get the "Texas BBQ Chicken Pizza," a "Chicken Sandwich," and a "Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad." The pizza arrived on whole wheat crust topped with homemade BBQ sauce, barbecued chicken, sliced red onions, natural white cheddar cheese, and cilantro. The pizza was delectable, with the crust melting in your mouth. The chicken sandwich was also good, served with lettuce, tomatoes and onions. The sandwich was one of six entrees that are marked "Heart Healthy" - low in sodium and cholesterol. We shared a grilled

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- broadcaster Bob Costas



Second place honors went to (from left) Art Santen, Marlene Mestres, Sue Rothschild, Kathleen Williams, Dan McGuire (Quizmaster), Arline Webb, Sandy Rothschild.



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Taking fourth place prizes from left are Lou and Tricia Hamilton, Bill Kuehling, Laura Costello, Susan and Pat McCarthy

photos by King Schoenfeld

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The Waterman Team came full of competitive spirit. Pictured from left are Allen Arpadi, Venita Lake, Janet Holler, Anna Arpadi, and Rich Lake.



Jeff and Will Freeman collecting answer sheets between rounds at the BrightSide table.



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Jeff and Jeremy Schoenfeld and Will Freeman handled scorekeeping and answer sheet under the supervision of King and Dee Schoenfeld.

Hamilton Community School News

by Mary H. Schmit

Skinker DeBaliviere community residents have been able to become more involved in their community school because of a new effort spearheaded by the St. Louis Board of Aldermen and the St. Louis Board of Education. On March 10, an election of officers took place at the Advisory Board meeting. (The board meets on the second Tuesday of the month.) The new officers are Rubina Patton, Chairman; Mary Schmit, Vice Chairman, Terry Garrett, Treasurer, and Maxine Harvey, Secretary.

On April 6, 35-40 community residents met at Hamilton School to participate in several focus groups. These groups were facilitated by professors and graduate assistants from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Participants were asked: What role do you want your community school to play? What courses should it offer? What activities should it undertake? On April 27, the Hamilton Community School Advisory Board and another group of community residents met and filled out a needs assessment survey. From May 3-7, the Advisory Board members completed another opinion survey on the directions the community school should take. Finally, a citywide Community Schools Banquet was held on May 7. In attendance were Governor Carnahan and Mayor Bosley along with 400 citizens involved with or interested in St. Louis's community schools.

A final report on the community schools will be delivered to the St. Louis Board of Education on June 1st. Expectations are high. Stay tuned for more news about the new directions for community schools in upcoming issues of the *Times*.

Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council

BOARD MEETING

APRIL 12, 1993

Attending the meeting were: Directors G. Hayes, C. Marinella, K. Keaveny, L. Stein, J. Miller, S. Johnson, A. Webb, and Executive Director K. Koenig.

Guests were: Alderman Dan McGuire, and Gloria Bockhaus of Adult Basic Education (A.B.E.).

Vice President G. Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. A quorum not being present, the meeting was adjourned. Those present discussed the following agenda items.

New Business

A presentation was made by Gloria Bockhaus of the Adult Basic Education (A.B.E.) program of St. Louis. She stressed the great need for volunteers for this program. One 12-hour training session is required for volunteers who are asked to make a minimum of a 6-month commitment. Information and site listings were distributed to all in attendance. L. Stein will see that information on this program goes into a future *Times* issue.

Committee/Association Reports

DeGiverville - No report.

Housing Corporation - K. Koenig reported that work is scheduled to begin on 6025 Westminster and 6036 Washington on or around April 15, 1993. She also stated that it will be financially infeasible to develop 519 DesPeres into two handicapped units as initially planned.

Kingsbury Square - C. Marinella reported that M. Jaffe has erected a sign to advertise his modular housing units on Laurel.

Nina Place - No report.

Parkview - S. Johnson reported that the "Neighborhood Watch" signs are up. A. Webb reported that there are billboard signs advertising Thurtene Carnival, which is scheduled for April 17-18, from 11 am - 8 pm. K. Koenig reported that she had spoken to two members of the Thurtene Planning Committee last week. In addition to providing campus security for the event, they have hired two St. Louis City police officers as well.

Rosedale - R. Roncal introduced J. Miller as the new President of Rosedale Neighborhood Association. The other officers and representatives are as follows:

Vice President - Maverine Wilson

Treasurer - Clare Kerz

Secretary - Dexter Bordes

Beth Bender

Arline Webb

Tricia Roland Hamilton

Social Service - K. Koenig reported that B. Bender has agreed to serve as Chair of this committee. The committee is seeking additional members, and are meeting at 6:30 p.m. on May 20th at SDCC office.

Commercial Planning - L. Stein reported that she, J. Vatcha, K. Koenig, and Aldermen D. McGuire and Irv Clay met to discuss the Redevelopment Plan. A public hearing will be scheduled for May. K. Koenig reported that landscaping markers have gone in at two sites on Delmar (at Church's Chicken and Dohh's Tires). Also, approximately 30 Bradford Select Pears trees have been planted along DesPeres from Delmar to Forest Park Parkway. This landscaping fully expends the S.W. Bell Neighborhood Growth Grant we were awarded last year. She also reported that we were awarded a \$4,000 SWB grant for this year.

West End Arts Council - K. Koenig reported that solicitation requests on behalf of YAHOO are being made to area businesses. YAHOO needs to match the grant they receive from Regional Arts Commission each year. K. Koenig also reported that the Kimbrough fund was given to Marilyn Kimbrough last week. Ms. Kimbrough expressed great appreciation for the check. She also stated that she will consider giving a portion of the \$2,100.00 to the YAHOO program.

Recycling - A. Cross reported that this committee has chosen to participate in Operation Brightside's "Deck the Dumpsters" contest. With the help of an Eagle Scout troop, 15-18 yard waste dumpsters in the alley along Forest Park Parkway and Pershing will be painted green then decorated with a stenciled design. A. Cross asked SDCC to cover the cost of paint to decorate the dumpsters, approximately \$50-\$60. He will get estimates to K. Koenig for Executive Committee approval.

Director's Report

Update on Walgreens - K. Koenig reported that Walgreens postponed their hearing scheduled for 3/24/93. At that time, she distributed our resolution to them for review. To date, we have not received an agreement from Walgreens, and expect them to postpone their hearing scheduled for 4/14/93.

"Where We Live" Advertising - K. Koenig reported that Skinker DeBaliviere will be featured as a city neighborhood in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch Magazine*, on June 6, 1993. However, in order to get narrative space, we have to fill advertising space. She will approach area businesses to take out advertising space for this article. J. Miller volunteered to assist her in these efforts.

Blitz Day Information - K. Koenig reported that Saturday, May 1st is our neighborhood Blitz Day. Block Captains have been obtained for every block with only three exceptions: 5800 and 6100 Washington, and 6100 Waterman. The Beautification Committee has entered Four Corners as a beautification project for our neighborhood.

CyberTel Cellular Tower - K. Koenig reported that an 80-ft. cellular tower will be constructed at 6100 Enright. CyberTel has agreed to put 6-ft. fencing with landscaping around the tower.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 10th, at 7:30 p.m.

Social Service Committee

The Social Service Committee Asks All Residents to Become Neighbors. Neighbors Make a Neighborhood by Beth Bender Skinker DeBaliviere is a special place; it is a neighborhood in the true sense of the word. How it became this way is simple: NEIGHBORS MAKE A NEIGHBORHOOD. They are its foundation and its future.

The history of this neighborhood tells of housewives acting as real estate agents, of the first neighborhood newspaper in this city, and of a Mother's Day Art Fair on 6100 Kingsbury that united all of Skinker DeBaliviere's people, churches, and organizations. All of this was to help promote the neighborhood and the neighbors did it all. They worked together against unwanted businesses and crime, and for youth activities and beautification.

Neighbors made Skinker DeBaliviere, but it is an on-going process. It is in this spirit that the renewed SDCC Social Service Committee is asking all residents to become neighbors.

We are beginning with opening further the lines of communication between each of our neighborhood churches in regard to the services they offer. It is our hope that each of the churches can continue to do its work in unison with the others, complementing services and reaching out together to our neighbors in need.

A new program that we are instituting is the Neighbor Assistance Volunteer Service. It is the belief of the committee that we have elderly and other neighbors who could use a helping hand when it comes to making large purchases or dealing with contractors. Too often, our neighbors are pressured into expensive warranties or high bids because they look like an easy mark. Could you spare a few hours to save a neighbor \$50, or what about \$3,000? Inclement weather also slows people down. Could you be on a list to pick up groceries for someone when weather is bad and they are stuck inside? (See volunteer form)

We also are compiling THE SKINKER DE BALIVIERE NEIGHBORS' DIRECTORY OF RECOMMENDED HOME CONTRACTORS. Too often we find out our new roof cost twice as much as our neighbor's, that our gutters should be made of gold for the price we paid, or that the plumber we've hired must have liked our silverware. So, we're putting together a directory listing all types of workers from handypersons to window replacers, from drywall workers to insulation installers and anybody else you've had a good experience with and care to recommend. The directory will be indexed by trades with the name, address, phone of the handyperson and the name and phone of the person making the recommendation. Contractors who are Skinker DeBaliviere residents will be specially marked to help keep money in our neighborhood. Once the directory is compiled, a copy will be available at the SDCC office, at the library, and at each of our local churches for neighbor reference. Please help neighbors get the most for their money and help support your best contractors and workers. (See referral form)

The SDCC Social Service Committee also is planning ahead for next winter by finding out about home weatherization programs that we might bring to our neighbors in need. We are also hoping to bring more programs to the young people of this neighborhood.

As time and interest grow we hope to renew the neighborly spirit that made Skinker DeBaliviere the best neighborhood in this city. This can only happen if residents become neighbors and everyone begins to give of him- or herself.

If you have any questions or suggestions for the Social Service Committee, please call Kim Koenig at the SDCC office, 862-5122, or Beth Bender at 863-3854. Our next meeting is Thursday, May 20, at 6:30pm in the SDCC office, 6010 Kingsbury. Committee members include Beth Bender, Wilma Cantwell, Georgi Fox, Kim Koenig, Shirley Polk, Faith Sandler, and Laura Wright from Breitmeyer Community Ministry.

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Reflections on the March 2 Primary Election

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St. Louisans made history on both March 2 and April 6 by selecting an African-American, Freeman Bosley Jr., as their mayor and also reelecting Virvus Jones, an African-American, as comptroller. Initial reactions to the election credited either white voters in the central corridor as key to Bosley's victory or saw it as the reaction to the highly negative campaign waged by the two white candidates, aldermanic president Thomas Villa and state representative Anthony Ribaudo.

It is often difficult to measure the turnout rate of either whites or blacks alone and to discern the degree to which members of each race voted for candidates of the other one. In St. Louis, a number of city neighborhoods are home to both black and white voters and members of each race live in all parts of the city. We were able to use computer geo-mapping for data aggregation and a statistical model developed by Goodman (1953) for prediction. Because of its accuracy, Goodman's model frequently has been used to develop evidence in voting rights litigation. We reorganized 1990 census population counts into the new wards and precincts and used these data with ward and precinct electoral results to predict the probability of whites voting for blacks and vice versa in the March 2nd primary.

Turnout was heavier in this primary election than in others from the 1980s. In particular, the traditionally African-American wards on the north and the traditionally white south side wards increased their turnout dramatically. The central corridor lagged behind them. Using the Goodman model, we find that, in the mayoral contest, on average 32.9 percent of whites 18 years of age and older voted; 30.0 percent of African-Americans in this age group voted as well. For comparative purposes, the model predicts that on average 22 percent of African-Americans voted in the comptroller's race in 1989 and 24 percent turned out to vote for a president of the Board of Aldermen in 1987.

We were able to compare our findings with those from other industrial cities with a similar percentage of African-Americans. Judging from the pertinent literature, several factors clearly are associated with a city's selection of its first African-American mayor. Increased turnout among African-Americans, for example, is a critical variable. A second criterion is strong united support for an African-American candidate. In St. Louis, although Freeman Bosley Jr. and Steven

Roberts both were contestants, it is clear that Bosley captured the lion's share of the black vote, giving him a formidable base. Two African-American candidates also contended in Atlanta in 1973, in similar fashion. Maynard Jackson was the clear favorite while Leroy Johnson garnered only 4 percent of the vote in that city's primary.

A third condition generally needed by African-American candidates to win is some share of the white vote. The range of white vote for African-American candidates in cities such as Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, New York, and New Orleans ranges from 8 to 22 percent. Scholars describing the elections in these cities have noted that whites supporting African-American candidates are generally liberal, educated and more well-off financially, and often Jewish (particularly in New York, Chicago, and Philadelphia).

We applied the Goodman model (1953) to the March 2nd primary results and found that in St. Louis the overall probability of white voters casting ballots for African-American candidates was 16.4 percent. This technique does not permit us to differentiate between votes for Bosley and Roberts but the totals from the corridor and south side indicate that Bosley was the favorite there as well. In order to understand the dynamics of this vote, we can compare it to other recent St. Louis elections. We also show that in the races for both mayor and comptroller, African-American voters cast almost no votes for the white candidates. (See inset)

These data show that white St. Louisans voted for African-American candidates in record numbers and in numbers in keeping with results from similar cities. These results also show that Virvus Jones maintained his share of the white vote although he no longer enjoyed the support of the Schoemehl organization.

Results from the central corridor are more striking. In wards 6, 7, 8, 17, and 28 which have a voting age population that is 35.4 percent African-American, Bosley was a clear winner. In these wards, the probability that white voters cast ballots for African-Americans is 43 percent. This is a record high. Incumbent Virvus Jones received 32 percent of the white vote in the central corridor, equaling his 1989 showing.

The 1990 census data show the south side wards having a voting age population that is 96 percent white. Our model predicts that on average 13.7 percent of white voters in these south side wards casting their ballots for an African-American for mayor and 9.6 per-

ST. ROCH GIRLS TAKE IT ALL



Front row: Melissa Farrell, Shannon Keaveny, Megan McGill, Maureen Bell; Second row: Katie Lewis, Taya Seline, Becky Lewis, Elizabeth Mahon, Christine Edwards. Coaches Mike Hart and Maggie Hart-Mahon

By Roy Bell

The sixth grade girls basketball team at St. Roch has a prayer they say before every game, one line of which is "the game is never over, no matter what the scoreboard reads, no matter what the clock says." That turned out to be a self-fulfilling prophecy in a thrilling victory over St. Blaise to win the championship game of the CYC Archdiocesan playoffs April 4.

Undefeated in league play for the last two seasons, the St. Roch girls have won most of their games by wide margins and the championship game promised more of the same. At the end of the first half St. Roch led 16-4 and maintained their 12 point lead through the third quarter. But in the fourth quarter St. Blaise used their height advantage and aggressive defense to outscore St. Roch 14-2 and send the game into overtime.

cent for an African-American for comptroller

These findings are generally comparable with other large cities. They are particularly significant when compared to results from Chicago. There virtually no votes for Harold Washington were cast in the city's white bastions on the northwest and southwest sides.

We conclude that Freeman Bosley Jr., St. Louis's first African-American mayor, won for a number of reasons. African-Americans voted in greater numbers than in previous municipal elections and concentrated their support on Bosley. The two white candidates divided votes and also campaigned negatively. The African-American candidates campaigned on the issues, mentioned inclusivity, and did not use negative commercials or rhetoric. And, there is clear evidence of biracial backing for the new mayor, particularly in the central corridor. In addition, and again unlike Chicago, neither the primary nor the general election campaigns employed racial invective nor pandered to racial fears (ex. Vote Epton before it's too late).

In a city whose voting population is only 43% African-American, African-Americans won citywide elections with solid black support and some white support. The latter increased greatly in the April general election and we will model that in the future.

St. Blaise scored two quick baskets early in overtime and, pardon the cliché, seemed to have all the momentum. Yet the St. Roch girls continued to play good defense and managed to pull within 2 points with one minute left. With 12 seconds left St. Roch got the break they needed. Shannon Keaveny was fouled and made the first free throw of a one and one to narrow the lead to 1. The second shot was missed and the ball went over to St. Blaise who would win the championship if they held on to the ball for 12 seconds. They almost did "but the game is never over, no matter what." With 6 seconds left Megan McGill stripped the ball from a St. Blaise player and then passed it to Shannon Keaveny who was streaking to the basket and layed it in with 1 second left to give St. Roch the lead and the championship.

I have witnessed a lot of sporting events and wouldn't pretend to impartiality here, but it was the most gut wrenching game I have watched and I think the hundreds of supporters who were there would agree. It was a fitting end to a tremendous season. Coached by long time residents Mike Hart and his daughter Maggie Hart-Mahon, the team won championships in the St. Roch tournament and Southwest District playoffs. They were consolation champions in the St. George 6th and St. Margaret 7th grade tournaments and finished second in the St. Raphael and Matthews-Dickey tournaments.

All of us in Skinker-DeBaliviere should be very proud of these girls and their coaches. They not only won a lot of games but also displayed the level of sportsmanship we want in our children.

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1989, Comptroller	11%	5%
1989, Mayor	7%	31%
1993, COMPTROLLER	11%	0%
1993, MAYOR	16%	0%

In Your Ear

by Tom Hawkeye Hoerr

Like any other red-blooded youth growing up in post-WWII, post-Korean War middle America, I collected tiny model airplanes and warships. These were plastic ones, probably four to fourteen inches long, that I assembled. A model kit would consist of 40 or 50 tiny gray plastic parts and a sheet with some military decals. The planes were never as easy to put together as the directions would indicate, and never as exciting looking as the drawings on the covers would promise. (As I've aged, the kinds of models have changed, but the lessons I learned about ease of assembly and excitement not being what was promised remain the same.)

I had a window in my bedroom that served as a kind of launching-pad for the more sturdy plastic planes. For a few brief seconds, they actually flew! The window-sill in my bedroom was actually rubbed raw, the paint had vanished, from so much wear.

But creating the miniature models was only part of the fun. I would periodically take the ships and planes to the back yard, carefully position them in some pretend military array, and set them afire, creating my own real live battle scene. A little lighter fluid, squirted strategically on the plastic, would do wonders for creating relatively giant-sized flames and bellows of gray, rancid smoke. And then the challenge began: my job was to move the air and seacraft in their deadly dance of war, with flames springing from the wings and decks, being sure never to singe my fingers of course, and make all of the sound effects for the battle. KA-POW! ZOOOOOOOOOOOM! RAT-A-TAT-TAT! KA-BOOM! DIT-DIT-DIT! And so on. I got really good at recreating the sound that a fighter plane would make after it was hit by gunfire, as it spiraled towards the ocean floor (also known as my back yard).

Once I tried taking photos of the battle scene, but it didn't turn out too well. The photos looked like a bunch of not-terribly-well-assembled plastic models of ships sitting in a back yard in South St. Louis.

Needless to say, creating the Battle of the Coral Sea in the backyard wasn't exactly sanctioned by the Supreme General of the Marine Avenue Allied Forces, also known as my mom. She objected to this practice on any number of grounds: safety, it smelled bad, safety, why burn these models that you worked so hard to build? safety, and what would the neighbors think? And, of course, being the dutiful son, after hearing this lecture, standing at attention if memory serves me, I agreed not to do it anymore. I promised to wage peace not war with my war models. And that's what I did. Until I was home alone.

Periodically I would accumulate enough new planes and ships so that a giant battle would take place once mom was gone. After all, if I didn't fight for

democracy in my back yard, who would? It never occurred to mom to ask why I kept buying and building more models, but somehow their number never expanded beyond the shelves in my bedroom. Fortunately, her schedule was pretty predictable, so I could have the destroyed planes and ships removed, and the whiffs of smoke gone, by the time she arrived home.

But alas, not unlike the real generals and admirals, I found out the hard way that plans are never perfect. I remember one particular time when mom came home early, stepped into the back yard and caught me. It was a scene to give any mother a headache!

She saw eight or ten plastic models with flames and smoke spewing everywhere, and me amidst them doing the complete audio for the battle. She did a double-take and in her best caustic tone asked, "What in the world do you think that you're doing?"

"Be with you in a minute," I responded, moving the P-38 over the carrier so that it could drop its bombs, "this is a turning point in the battle."

In all of my youthful foolishness, several decades really, that simple retort may have been the worst single instance of judgment on my part. (It at least rivals the stupidity I displayed in putting the lit firecrackers into the mailbox at Susie's house.) Mom never was much for grand naval or air strategy, her idea of war was going downtown for a sale, so she never understood my attitude about not wanting to explain what I was doing in the middle of the battle. As a result of her attitude about my attitude, I found that even Churchill-like generals and admirals aren't too old for a spanking. I learned my lesson and never did it again. Until the next time.

As I reflect on all of this, I am smart enough to know that there's a message or a moral here. I'm absolutely sure of it. Unfortunately, I'm not quite sure what it is. "Don't burn your models"? "Always listen to mother"?

Community Service Day at Crossroads School

by Emily Crowe and Teresa Mithen

On Thursday, April 22, students at Crossroads School participated in their second annual Community Service Day. This event was created, sponsored, and organized by Crossroads Students for Social Responsibility, a group of students dedicated to positive social action. Teresa Mithen, Cynthia Duffe, and Erin Killy, three juniors from Crossroads, co-ordinated the half-day event.

Students chose among the following community service projects:

- Working at the Forest Park Greenhouse
- Doing maintenance work at St. Louis County Animal Control
- Landscaping at Youth Emergency Services
- Working with animals at the Open Door Animal Sanctuary
- Helping out at Life Crisis Center
- Playing with and teaching children at various daycare and homeless shelters

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years here, she was quite active and served as recording secretary to the council. She also served on the board of People's Clinic for 2 years. She has been less active for awhile but now—instead of complaining—she wants to make a contribution, to roll up her sleeves and get back in.

Dexter Bordes has lived in the neighborhood for 5 years. He rehabbed

the apartment building on 6000 Westminister where he currently resides. He has tried to be as active as he can, working with other landlords on the block. He is a manager at McDonnell-Douglas and has been with them for 10 years. Bordes feels that neighbors can make a neighborhood work. He grew up on the north side on a very strong and organized block. He feels our neighborhood is on the upswing and is very positive about the neighborhood organizations and what they have accomplished.

**Since the election meeting, a replacement from Clare Kerz has volunteered to perform the duties of Treasurer for RNA. She is Betha Whitlow of the 6000 block of McPherson.*

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