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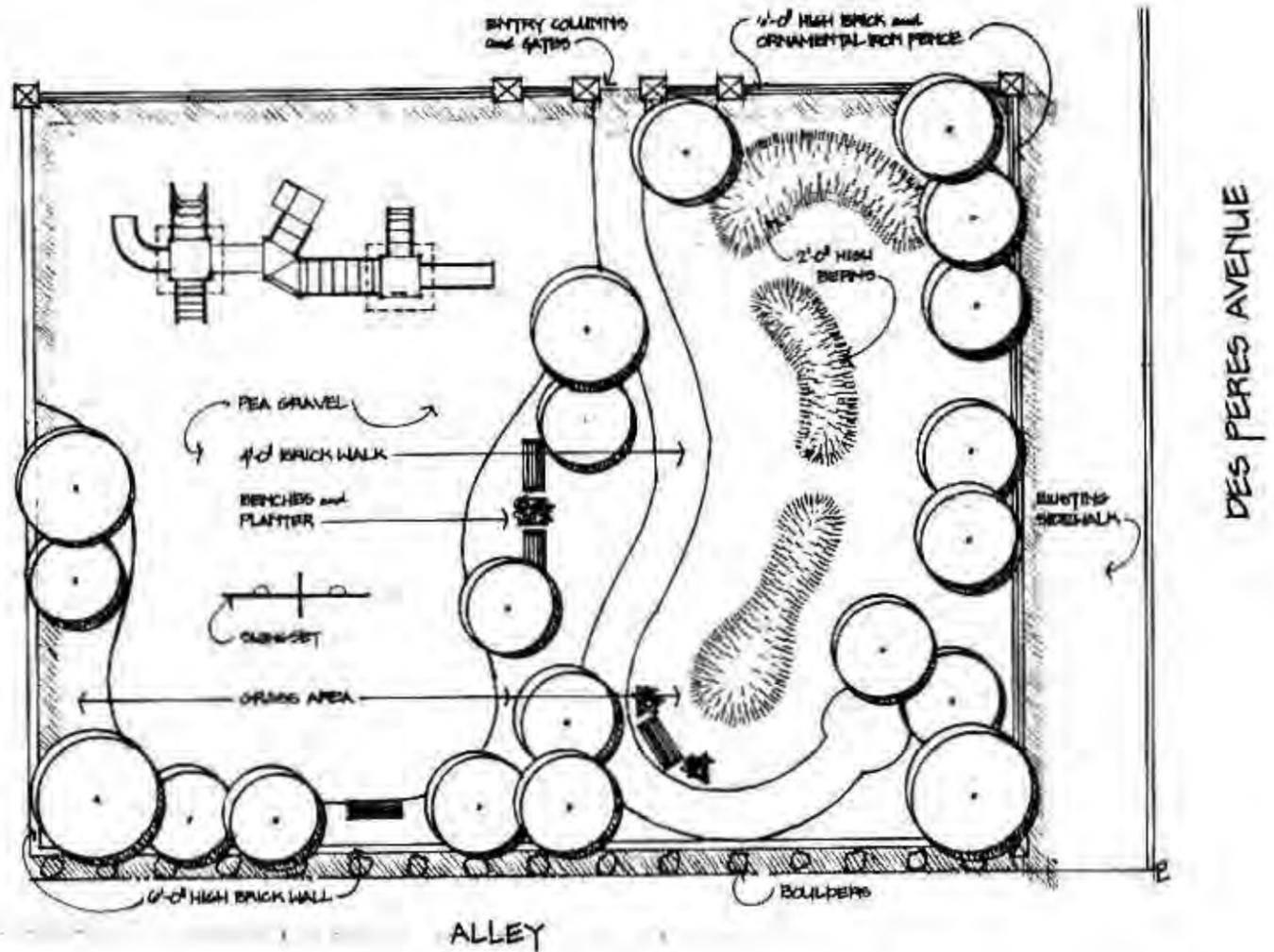
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## Plans for Young Children's Playground Move Forward

A third community meeting to discuss a proposed playground for children 6 and under was held on April 18 at Grace Methodist Church. Playground committee member Dawn Blobaum explained that the playground would be located on the site of the parking lot adjacent to the Skinker DeBaliviere office at Kingsbury and DesPeres. Several of those in attendance expressed concern about the loss of parking spaces. Alderman McGuire noted that parking is allowed on DesPeres although few currently utilize it. DesPeres has also received enhanced lighting, increasing the safety of parking there.

The Playground Committee will now prepare grant applications to be submitted to foundations in order to obtain funds for building the lot and equipping it. The land in question is owned by the city. Former SDCC director Kim Koenig, Alderman McGuire, and Neighborhood Stabilization Officer Jackie Wellington met recently with Anabeth Calkins of the Parks Department. She told the group that the city would assume responsibility if the Parks Department approved the site plan and if there were an endowment to cover maintenance and repairs. Funds for such an endowment will be included in the grant applications.



## A LOOK AT PARKVIEW PROPERTIES

by Lana Stein

Parkview Properties owns many of the multifamily buildings in the Skinker DeBaliviere area. The company is a partnership of two couples: Steve and Lecil Saller and Alan and Kathleen Hamilton. The Sallers began buying property in our neighborhood in 1971 and the Hamiltons in 1975. They formed their partnership in 1977. The foursome have known each other all their lives. They are Parkview residents. The Sallers moved in in 1966. Alan Hamilton's father and grandparents had lived in Skinker DeBaliviere and his mother grew up on Nina Pl. Their children all went to St. Roch's.

Steve Saller had been involved in West End Townhouses. Phil Lucier started this program in conjunction with Washington University, St. Roch, and the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council. Because of deteriorating conditions, this group wished to buy multifamily housing in the neighborhood. The Council focused more on single families while West End Townhouse concentrated on apartment buildings. Lucier died tragically in 1971 and West End Townhouse ran out of capital.

The Sallers and Hamiltons like to think of themselves as continuing the work of West End Townhouse. In 1977, the year they formed their partnership, they acquired the apartment building on Skinker at McPherson where their offices are now. They acquired property gradually and now own 31 buildings in the area.

Parkview Properties does not gut and rehab buildings. Rather, they fix them up to rent as pleasing apartments. They pride themselves on their maintenance. They have become a Washington University graduate school resource. This has not occurred in a formal way but they do principally rent to Washington University graduate students, upperclassmen, and faculty. They are the largest provider of off-campus housing to the Washington University community.

In the past year, Parkview Properties acquired the West Side properties in Skinker DeBaliviere. These consisted of nine buildings—originally developed by Mead McClellan. The Technical Assistance Corporation had acquired title to the properties and with help from SDCC, the Housing Corporation, and Alderman

McGuire, Parkview Properties in turn acquired it from them. They have spent a great deal of effort on the deferred maintenance at these buildings.

Lecil Saller emphasized that Parkview Properties really offers a broad range of housing—from efficiencies to units with 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. In addition to students, they rent to a lot of couples and small families.

Washington University students frequently tell them that they like living in the Skinker DeBaliviere neighborhood even if they don't participate in neighborhood activities. They appear pleased with the mixture of families and students.

Aside from properties in Skinker DeBaliviere, the partnership owns 3 buildings in Tower Grove East, 1 building in University City (Ames Place), and a building in DeMun.

In September 1993, Alan Hamilton spearheaded the formation of the Skinker DeBaliviere Apartment Owners Association. The original idea was to help landlords and share management secrets. This has worked fairly successfully. The Association is

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*Celebrating 25 Years of Service to Skinker DeBaliviere*

## Editor's Notebook

by Lana Stein

These are a few words meant for those readers who sometimes ask "What can I do to help?" Here are my recommendations. First, the neighborhood could be made a great deal more safe if there were increased light in the nighttime hours. For only a few cents a day, you can increase safety in our environs by turning your porchlight on throughout the evening and night. This step certainly won't eliminate all crime but it helps. So, please light up the night.

Second, not everyone has the time or inclination to volunteer hours for the neighborhood. That's understandable. However, you can also support your neighborhood institutions with a small contribution. The Times, Friends of Skinker DeBaliviere, or the West End Arts Council could always use a little extra to help them carry out their mission. Any donation, regardless of amount, is useful.

If you happen to have a little extra time, get involved. This paper can always use writers, people to sell ads, those who can help with layout. The Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council has committees dealing with beautification, recreation, and other areas. Extra hands are always appreciated.

There is method to these things I advocate. I sometimes walk in the evening with a canine friend and notice the lack of light on some of our blocks and in Parkview. Second, I know money and helping hands would be greatly appreciated by the paper and the council. But, even more importantly, I know that I have become friends with some very special people because of shared involvement in neighborhood activities. These were opportunities not available in previous places of residence. So . . . think about it. And give us a call.

## Friends Campaign Begins Again: June 16th KickOff Party Planned

Because of anticipated budgetary shortfalls, the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council established the Friends of Skinker DeBaliviere. It provided a vehicle for residents to contribute to support the Community Council and has been very successful. In order to kick off its second year, Friends of Skinker DeBaliviere will hold a gathering at the home of SDCC

President Beth Bender, 6037 Westminster Pl. This event will take place on June 16, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The rain date is the 17th. There will be food and drink and everyone is invited--Friends, soon-to-be Friends, all neighborhood residents. For more information, call Beth at 863-3854 or the SDCC at 862-5122.

## The TIMES of... SKINKER DEBALIVIERE

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# CALENDAR



## Neighborhood Meetings

### May

- 8 Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council, Board of Directors, SDCC, 6008 Kingsbury, 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Skinker DeBaliviere Community, Housing Corporation, SDCC, 6008 Kingsbury, 12 Noon
- 15 Apartment Owners Association, SDCC, 6008 Kingsbury, 7 p.m.
- 16 Delmar Business Association, SDCC, 6008 Kingsbury, 12 Noon
- 24 Skinker DeBaliviere Community, Housing Corporation, SDCC, 6008 Kingsbury, 12 Noon

## Other Events of Interest

### May

- 13 West End Wines presents Baroque Ensemble 415 in concert in "The Listening Room" at West End Wines. Chamber music on period instruments. Cover charge includes refreshments.
- 18 "Crime and the Urban Underworlds of 19th-Century America," Missouri Historical Society, 225 S. Skinker, 7pm.
- 20 West End Wines presents Lydia Ruffin, singer, with John Higgins, guitar, in concert in "The Listening Room."
- 21 St. Louis Walk of Fame Induction. At corner of Delmar and Westgate in the Loop. Original St. Louis River Critters Jazz Band. Keynote address: Chancellor Blanche Touhill of UMSL. Inductees: Henry Armstrong, Bob Costas, Dick Gregory, William Inge, Theodore Link, Peter Raven, Henry Townsend. Free. 1:30pm.

### June

- 5 through Aug. 28 Taproots School of the Arts Summer of Discovery 1995. Classes for children aged 5-14. Tuition. For information call 752-9752.

## Circus Flora Returns to Forest Park

Circus Flora, the St. Louis-based, European-style one ring circus is returning to Forest Park for a 10 day engagement. The Circus opens Friday night, May 23, with a new episode at a benefit performance for the Park. The event is sponsored by the St. Louis Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry and Forest Park Forever.

The benefit, planned especially for families, begins at 5:30 p.m. with elephant and pony

rides, face painting, hay rides, fire engine rides and a grand picnic supper by K.C. Masterpiece. The circus performance begins at 7:30pm. Tickets for the benefit, \$30 for adults and \$15 for children, include all food and beverages, free rides and the circus performance. If you are interested, call 367-7275 for information. Tickets for regular performances are available from the Circus Flora ticket office by calling 531-3700.

## Two Block Yard Sale

6100 Westminster and 6100 Washington

Saturday, June 3, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, June 4, noon - 5 p.m.

It would cost each family about \$10.00 to pay for the ads in the Post-Dispatch, West End, West County and South County Journals.

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# Crisis Response in Oklahoma City

by Ed Stout

*Ed, a resident of the 6100 block of McPherson, was in Oklahoma City within eight hours of the bombing of the Murrah Federal Building as a member of NOVA's volunteer Crisis Response Team. NOVA, the National Organization for Victim Assistance, is the professional membership organization for crime victim advocates and counselors, law enforcement, prosecutors, mental health providers, clergy, etc. -- working to improve services for crime victims and for the recognition of victim rights within the criminal justice system. In 1993, Ed organized the St. Louis Metro Crime Victims Crisis Response Team, involving 30 different agencies, serving St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and St. Charles County. His St. Louis agency, Aid for Victims of Crime, received NOVA's highest award for program distinction last year.*

**April 19, 1995, 9 a.m.** Evil crawled out of the nether world, walked into Oklahoma City, and with an agricultural bomb, blew a hole eight stories deep in the Heartland of America; the emotional craters, however, are too deep to measure. For six to eight blocks surrounding the Murrah Federal Building, I saw massive destruction of office building, restaurants, stores, apartment. This physical destruction stands as a symbolic reminder of the massive pain and suffering Evil had inflicted on thousands of people in Oklahoma, across the Midwest, throughout the Nation and the World.

NOVA teams came from all over the country -- from Washington state and DC, from Florida, Texas, Ohio, Arizona, and St. Louis. Our job, team leader Rev. Ruth Bursin, an Episcopal priest and psychologist from Virginia, reminded us, "...is not to take over the job of the local caregiving community; it is, in three days, to mobilize and train the local caregiving community to be prepared for the long haul." The search and rescue workers had the task of saving lives and finding the dead. The NOVA team had its unique role: 1) to bring together the mental health and victim service providers (remember, these are crime victims) for specialized training; and 2) together with local service providers, to

provide education and debriefing sessions for everyone affected by the tragedy. The debriefing process is designed to give participants and opportunity to discuss and describe their reactions to the tragedy and how they have been coping with those reactions.

**April 20, 1995.** Eighteen victim advocates from across the state arrived for the first training session. Jeanette Adkins from Ohio carefully walked them through "crisis reaction and crisis response techniques" and how to apply these techniques to help large numbers of people. During our break, the team met to get caught up on the activities of other team members and make plans for the rest of the day. Jeanette suddenly got reassigned. I took over the training. That afternoon, the numbers multiplied to 126 trainees--from all segments of the service community. Friday morning, the numbers grew to 196; Friday afternoon, to 250.

Evil, for all the pain he caused, got trampled on by Good, in large numbers. From everywhere, the good people of Oklahoma City came out. The police had to erect a fence around the bomb site, not to keep looters out, but to organize all the good people who came to help. Food was everywhere. Two little girls heard someone needed Pampers; they cut grass, raised a few bucks, and bought Pampers. One man donated a truckload of dog food

and treats for the search dogs -- his way of helping. The Waco, you heard right, Waco Construction Company of Oklahoma City donated hard hats. "Love thy neighbor" (Jesus' idea two thousand years ago) and "Love thy neighborhood" (my wife Mary Bea's idea for a community anti-crime project in 1976) became the glue that was rebinding a community together.

**April 22, 5:10 p.m.** My plane was lifting from the runway, headed back home, I felt good. The team had trained over 800 local caregivers, including police chaplains at the site of the bombing, 80 clergy, and 100 teachers. The team had provided debriefing services for people who were in the federal building and for surviving loved ones, along with construction workers, firefighters, search and rescue workers and police at the site of the bombing. We were also successful in creating an alliance with the Mental Health Department to set up a system of contacts and services in the community. And, at the request of the Justice Department, NOVA had another 40 CRT specialists in Oklahoma City to do follow-up training and debriefing with teachers and law enforcement on Sunday morning.

Evil may have crawled out of his nether world on April 19. And, it will take a long time -- weeks, months, even years -- to repair the physical damage and heal the emotional craters left in his path. But, I saw how the power of Good went to work, fast. As I stood in line for lunch that Saturday, I read the T-shirt on the man in front of me -- New York Fire Department. Good came from all over. It ten occurred to me that the success of the victims' movement ultimately will be judged, not by home often we put Evil in his place, but by the lengths we go to reach out to our victimized neighbors and say, "I'm sorry it happened. How are you doing?"

*More on crisis response next month*

# Vicissitudes

by Marj Weir

In recounting his experience in Oklahoma City (See page 3), Ed Stout modestly omitted the fact that he was recently awarded the Judith Compere Award for his commitment to the improvement of treatment of crime victims. We congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition.

Tim Schoemehl, Times correspondent and resident of 61XX Westminster, was one of only 30 high school seniors selected to receive an Archbishop John L. May Service Award in April. The award honors seniors "who have shown extraordinary volunteer achievement in their school, community and beyond." Great job, Tim!

It's a month full of awards to report. Mary Vincent Seager of 61XX Waterman, a professor in the Reading Department at Florissant Valley Community College, was presented the David L. Underwood Memorial Lecture Award. She is the 20th recipient of the Award.

Nancy Epp and Paul Hohman have moved to the 6100 block of Westminster. Welcome!

One of my favorite neighbors has been at the Barnes Extended Care facility on Brentwood in Clayton for several months. Betty Klinefelter, longtime resident of 61XX Kingsbury, has been residing there since she was injured in a fall last summer. I understand she may be moving to New Mexico permanently in the near future.

Marty Cross, son of John and Jane Cross, of 61XX Kingsbury, who now lives in a carriage house on Portland Place, is celebrating with other St. Roch's "Bird Dogs" and their coach, Tom McPherron. They just won a basketball championship in the Catholic Senior League. St. Roch's brings out the sport in us, I guess. Notice the stories on St. Roch's girls elsewhere in this issue.

Thanks to Frank and Flossie Driscoll whose donation of a waxer has greatly smoothed our layout efforts!

Next month: GRADUATES! Let me know your news!

## June 30 Deadline For Commercial Grants

The SDCC Neighborhood Commercial Committee has announced a June 30 application deadline for the program's matching grants. The grants can go as high as \$ 2,000 and must be matched at least 1 for 1. Businesses on Delmar or Skinker may apply for funds to upgrade the facades of their buildings. Awnings, sidewalks, windows, and other improvements can be financed through these matching grants.

Our Delmar businessmen have improved their buildings in many ways in the last three years. On Delmar and on Skinker, these improvements include new windows and new awnings on several buildings, fencing, a new roof, lighting and landscaping. Each business which has taken advantage of this grant opportunity has also made a minimum 100% matching investment in their building rehabilitation.

But this window of opportunity is about to close. If you own a business on Delmar or Skinker and would like to upgrade the facade, don't delay. For an application, call Laura at the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, 862-5122.



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# The Times Celebrates Itself

For many of those involved with the Times of Skinker DeBaliviere since its inception as The Paper in 1970, it seemed unbelievable that they had been writing stories, doing layout, selling ads, etc., for that long. But the calendar does not lie and the anniversary arrived this April.

On Sunday, April 23, friends of the Times gathered at the Central West End Bank to toast the newspaper's longevity and its success in helping to unite and strengthen the neighborhood. Everyone hoisted a glass of Kathleen Williams' especially prepared champagne punch (with a decided kick). Rick Lake and Brad Weir staffed the bar, also serving soda to attendees. Homemade specialties abounded. Desserts and hors d'oeuvres were furnished by Rose Storey, Catherine Forslund, Roy Roncal, Ann Smith Carr, Venita Lake, JoAnn Vatcha, Sue Rothschild, and Lana Stein.

No anniversary celebration could be complete without some remarks. Kathleen Hamilton, President of Central West End Bank, graciously served as master of ceremonies. She called on Cal Stuart, the longest serving director of the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council to offer a few words about the paper's beginnings. Stuart included the fact that he used to tremble before picking up each issue, wondering what it contained, and said that

no doubt every director has. (The Times is an independent non-profit corporation.) Alderman Dan McGuire presented the Times Board with resolutions commemorating its anniversary from the St. Louis Board of Aldermen (which he had co-sponsored with Alderman Clay) and from the Missouri House of Representatives (courtesy of Rep. Nancy Farmer). Current editor Lana Stein thanked the Board she works with who are indispensable in getting out each issue. She introduced Roy Roncal, co-chair of the West End Arts Council. The Council had made possible the production of a special Times anniversary poster. Designed by Andy Cross, the poster captures a number of neighborhood scenes. The poster is available for \$5 and its sale benefits the Times. JoAnn Vatcha then presented a framed copy of the poster to Marj Weir, the current board member who has worked on the Times the longest. She then surprised the current editor with a lovely tropical plant in thanks for keeping the paper going.

Sunday, the 23rd, was a gloomy day of continuous rainfall. However, the festivities marking the Times anniversary certainly cheered those assembled and especially those who have labored to bring out the Times for 25 years.

## St. Louis Board of Aldermen Resolution Number 13

WHEREAS, The Times of Skinker DeBaliviere is the oldest continuing neighborhood newspaper in St. Louis, being first published in April, 1970 as, The Paper; and

WHEREAS, this success was made possible because of hundreds of volunteers, sponsors and advertisers, including, but not limited to, editors:

Sharon Mier, Jody Creighton, Ed Schaeffer, Jean Eberle, Mary Parker, Marj Weir, Chris Lange, Karen Bynum, JoAnn Vatcha, Lois Schoemehl, Peggy Hermes, Pat McLafferty, King Schoenfeld, Venita Lake, Katie Kurtz, Sue Rothschild, and Lana Stein; and

WHEREAS, the friends and supporters of The Times will gather at a reception celebrating its 25th anniversary at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, April 23, 1995 at the Central West End Bank;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Honorable Board of Aldermen meeting in regular session and being apprised of the foregoing does hereby recognize the important contributions that The Times of Skinker DeBaliviere has made to the quality of life of the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood, and congratulates the volunteers, sponsors and advertisers of The Times for their dedicated service over the last quarter century; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we instruct the Clerk to spread a copy of this resolution over the permanent rolls of the Board that it might be bound in the archives of these proceedings.

Introduced this the 18th day of April, 1995 by:

The Honorable Daniel J. McGuire, Alderman 28th Ward  
The Honorable Irving C. Clay, Jr., Alderman 26th Ward

Adopted this the 18th day of April, 1995 as atted by:

Fred F. Steffen Clerk, Board of Aldermen  
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Kathleen Hamilton presents a plaque recognizing 25 years of Times editors to current editor Lana Stein. The plaque will be placed in the SDCC office.

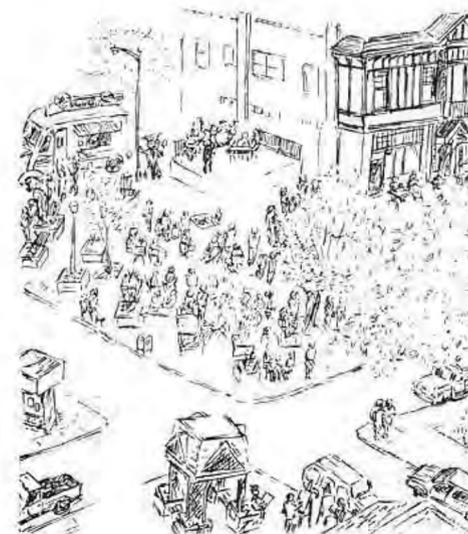


JoAnn Vatcha presents Marj Weir with a framed poster commemorating The Times' 25th Anniversary.

photos by King Schoenfeld



Rose Storey and Horace Busch purchase the Times poster from artist Andy Cross as Roy Roncal looks on.



Line Drawings on these pages are selections from the poster.



Alderman Dan McGuire reads the Aldermanic Resolution.

## Missouri House of Representatives Resolution

WHEREAS, it is with genuine pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize a publication which has played an important role in the life of its community for many years; and

WHEREAS, The Times of Skinker DeBaliviere newspaper is celebrating the very special event of its Twenty-fifth Anniversary, a milestone marking a quarter century of dedicated service as an entertainer, informer, companion, and conscience for the people of its area; and

WHEREAS, the Times of Skinker DeBaliviere which has the distinction of being the oldest neighborhood newspaper in St. Louis, was first published as The Paper in April 1970; and

WHEREAS, in the two and one-half decades which have followed since that time, this unique newspaper has contributed substantially to the identity of the neighborhood while celebrating its diversity and also providing a stabilizing and unifying influence; and

WHEREAS, The Times of Skinker DeBaliviere is published nine times per year through the efforts of loyal and hardworking volunteers, and is delivered free of charge by volunteers to doorsteps throughout the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, The Times of Skinker DeBaliviere has provided a venue for local talent in writing, editing, and designing has provided information about significant neighborhood activities, events, organizations, and institutions; and has promoted understanding by helping neighbors to learn more about one another; and

WHEREAS, The Times of Skinker DeBaliviere is truly a neighborhood-based publication in that it is supported entirely by donations from individuals and by advertising from local businesses:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Eighty-eighth General Assembly, hereby join unanimously in extending our warmest and most hearty congratulations to all the dedicated editors, writers, and other volunteers associated with The Times of Skinker DeBaliviere as they join in commemorating twenty-five years of an exceptionally proud tradition of service to their community, and further extend to them our very best wishes for continued success in this most worthwhile endeavor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for The Times of Skinker DeBaliviere.

Offered by Representative Nancy Farmer  
District No. 64

**Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council  
Board of Directors  
April 10, 1995 Minutes (Excerpted)**

Julie Schoemehl was introduced as the new director replacing the seat vacated by Catherine Forslund. It was also announced that Dexter Bordes is resigning from the Board, and someone will be sought to replace him.

**Selection Process to Hire New Executive Director**

There have been 35 resumes received so far. The eight members of the selection committee will meet on April 23 to select 4 to 6 candidates to interview by the end of April. Resumes will be received until April 21. The office assistant has been asked to work extra hours in the interim. The newspaper ad will be resubmitted this week with the addition of housing experience. Alderman McGuire will try to get Jackie Wellington to staff the office until the new Executive Director is found.

**Parkview Properties**  
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now focusing on problem buildings in the neighborhood in conjunction with the Housing Corporation. Hamilton, the president of the association, wants to keep pushing the ball ahead to solve some of the problems and they review properties every month. The Association is now lending support to efforts to improve the look and marketing of the neighborhood. He feels that ornamental entrance markers will give Skinker DeBaliviere more identity as well a unifying landscaping plan.

Lecil Saller and Alan Hamilton spoke of their commitment to the Skinker DeBaliviere neighborhood. Hamilton said that he "really thinks we're providing a tremendous help and value in the neighborhood" by providing a lot of stability in many different buildings. They are part of the neighborhood and are not outside absentee landlords. It often amazes me at conventions when Washington University graduates tell me of having lived in our neighborhood as students. These political scientists carry fond memories and no doubt lived at part of the Parkview Properties inventory.

**Committee/Association Reports**

**Commercial Planning** - L. Stein reported that Congressman Clay's original office is now a barber shop. Residents on Enright strongly oppose the proposed Hardee's Restaurant. Alderman Clay and K. Koenig contacted Hardee's to inform them of the opposition but have received no response.

**Nina Place** - Two contracts have been placed for condominiums at 5885 Nina Place.

**Parkview** - A. Carr reported that Parkview plans on paying their contribution to SDCC on a quarterly basis. The neighborhood has had no recent incidents of crime reported.

**Rosedale** - The Annual Potluck Dinner was held recently; most officers were re-elected with the exception of a new treasurer, Mary Ann Rudloff. Rags to Riches

will probably be held this fall; Julie Schoemehl will chair this event.

**DeGiverville** - S. Polk reported that the 5700 of DeGiverville was repaved.

**Housing Corporation** - K. Koenig reported that the rehab project of 6049-51 McPherson should be completed by the end of May.

**Recreation** - B. Bender reported that softball is set to begin soon.

**Social Services** - B. Bender reported that a successful food drive was held in March.

**By-Laws** - A draft of the by-laws was distributed to Board members and they were asked to read and respond with any comments or suggestions to A. Carr by the end of April. A second draft will be presented at the May Board meeting. A job description will be formulated for Board officers to be included in the by-laws.

**Playground** - Funds are needed for general up-keep and maintenance of the playground. It was suggested a one-time endowment could be used for this purpose.

**Community Fund** - It was suggested that block units and other neighborhood groups be made aware of funds available and a time limit should be set for applications.

**Director's Report**

The water damage sustained by the office was discussed, along with the possibility of relocating the Council office.

Alderman McGuire reported there was a mugging on the 6100 block of Waterman.

Concerns were voiced regarding the large number of kids congregating outside of Jasmine's; some individuals claimed reluctance to exit the MetroLink at that location for this reason.



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Lecil Saller



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CYC City-County Champions The St. Roch Eighth Grade Girls Basketball Team. Front row: Liz Hart-Mahon, Katie Lewis and Taya Seline Back Row: Sara Vanderbeek, Shannon Keaveny, Maureen Bell, Coach Maggie Hart-Mahon, Beckie Lewis, Coach Mike Hart. Photo courtesy of Jorie Lewis, official team photographer and statistician.

## So, Uh, Where is St. Roch's?

by Roy D. Bell,  
Sports Correspondent

One of the advantages of being a smoker and fan of St. Roch basketball is that you get to interact with the parents of the other team at half time. Once everyone has found their way to the designated smoking area and lighted up, the small talk begins. Invariably, someone asks where St. Roch parish is. We always tried to answer with landmarks—"it's near Wash U" or "north of Forest Park" or "it's in the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood." If those failed, we'd ask "do you know where Talayna's is?"

While the seventh grade girls and both the boys and girls teams from the sixth grade had excellent seasons, it was the eighth grade girls basketball team that generated the most curiosity. The title question was asked in the frozen north of Florissant when they defeated Sacred Heart, the reigning Archdiocesan champions, in the St. Angela Merici tournament. It was asked in the wild, woolly west of St. Charles county when they won the All Saints tournament against Assumption of O'Fallon, a team that had only lost four games since the fifth grade. And it was asked over and over again in deep south county by the fans of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque when the St. Roch girls braved the introductory spotlights and smoke machines to defeat them in the championships of the St. Simon, St. Michael, and Our Lady of Sorrows tournaments, but, most importantly, the Archdiocesan City-County playoffs. Throw in an undefeated league record and excellent performances in several other tournaments and you have a 45-5

won/lost record. Charlie Spoonhour should do so well.

Regular readers of this column will of course remember that the Archdiocesan championship game in 1993, won by this same team, was one of the most exciting sporting events of the late twentieth century. No such luck this year. The championship game, like so many of their games, had all the drama, suspense and point spread of Nebraska's annual shellacking of the University of Missouri in football. The championship was actually decided in the semi-final round when St. Roch met Sacred Heart of Florissant, last year's champion. St. Roch came from behind and held on for a two point victory, helped in no small part by a clock-killing dribbling exhibition by Beckie Lewis that would have made Meadowlark Lemon proud.

As our neighbor and former Mayor, Vince Schoemehl, is fond of saying, it is important in life to be a part of something bigger than yourself. These girls now know that. They set a goal for themselves and with good coaching, determination and teamwork they achieved it. The people of St. Roch have every reason to be proud of this team, but so does Skinker-DeBaliviere. Now a lot more people know that we are not only a community of great homes, good leaders and great neighbors but also excellent basketball.

### Blueberry Hill Sponsors 9th Annual St. Louis Music Contest

Entry forms for the St. Louis Music Contest are available at area record and music stores, recording studios, and Blueberry Hill. Songwriters/Musicians can win studio time and prizes worth \$10,000. Ten winners' songs are released on a compact disk. There is a CD Cover Art Category for artists. Winners will be showcased live at Cicero's in the Loop on October 4. The deadline for entry is June 1, 1995. For more information, call 727-0110.

# Volleyball Regional Champs



Front row: Kasey Crawford, Julianne Campbell, Elizabeth Drury. Standing: Chrissy Burke, Debbie Burke, Erin Simino, Sara Bosslet, Monica Stockmann, Jessica Esmundo, Bill Williams

Local residents Debbie Burke (6100 block of McPherson) and Kasey Crawford (5200 block of Westminster) were two enthusiastic volleyball players Sunday afternoon, April 23, as their twelve-year-old-and-under team won the Gateway Regional Tournament held at St. Charles High School. Their team, part of the Wil-Coo Volleyball Club (St. Louis Metro) defeated Team St. Louis in the semi-final match and Team St. Charles UBC in the finals. Other team members include Ellen

Baker, Sara Bosslet, Julianne Campbell, Elizabeth Drury, Jessica Esmundo, Erin Simino, and Monica Stockmann. The team is coached by Bill Williams and Chrissy Burke (6100 McPherson) is the Assistant Coach. Ellen Baker is not in the photo as she suffered a bad sprained ankle in the semifinal match. The Gateway Region extends west to Columbia, Missouri, east to Springfield, Illinois, north to Iowa and south to Arkansas.

### Rosedale Neighbors Hold Annual Meeting

On April 7, residents of Rosedale held their annual meeting and potluck supper at Crossroads School. Andy Cross presented his plans to beautify the barricades and George Johannes discussed designs for ornamental entrance markers to the neighborhood.

Joe Miller was re-elected president; Mary Ann Rudloff was selected as treasurer. Julie Schoemehl was selected to replace Catherine Forslund as at-large delegate to the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council. Beth Bender, Tricia Roland, and Arline Webb will continue as area representatives.

### Driffin Explorers: A New Camp Offering from New City School

Boys and girls going into 5th-7th grades will be enjoying an expanded summer camp program with the creation of the New City School Driffin Explorers Camp. These campers will take part in five different camp sessions: sports, exploring St. Louis, woodworking, survival skills for the 90s, the great outdoors. This camp is open to both New City students and students from other schools. For a brochure, call the New City School Family Support Office at 361-1754.

### In Your Ear

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My list of regular correspondents covers the world. I often zap with friends in Vermont, British Columbia, Ohio, Massachusetts, and Japan. Then there's a host of friends from 63130 on in. And these are just the people I knew before I started surfing. In addition to these old time friends, courtesy of the net, I now regularly zap with people in Arizona, California, Florida, Michigan, Guam, and Texas. My keywords get me into discussions with professional colleagues whom I've never met. And best, I don't even have to get out of my L. L. Bean nightshirt to chat.

I could go on and on. As you can see, I think this is all pretty groovy! But I want to stop so I can get on-line and see if there are any e-mail messages for me. If you're into and up to it, zap me at TRHoer@AOL.COM. I'm looking forward to surfing with you!



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## IN YOUR EAR

by Hawkeye S. Hoerr

I don't wear floral shorts and floppy sandals, you'll never see me with white sun-block on my nose, the doors are on my car aren't made of wood, and I don't know how to swim. But hey, man, I'M A SURFER.

Yep, the net has me. I surf daily. Heck, I surf several times each day. No, I don't get on a board and put my overly-buoyant body in the water. Instead, man, I surf the internet. More properly, I fire up my computer, light up a good cigar, and sign on to AOL -- that's America On-Line for you Luddites. Once there, my keyboard and I are on the fast track to Nirvana.

Even bearing in mind that I have a somewhat compulsive, addictive, Type A personality, I find the net remarkably alluring. You'd have to make me wear mittens, the equivalent of shackling me to the mast of my ship like Ulysses' sailors, to keep me from logging on three, four, five, or six times each day. Ironic, the one thing I didn't have enough of is time, and now I have another addictive avocation. (Knowing me as I did, this is why I never let myself get near Nintendo or other electronic games. It didn't dawn on me that this same thing would happen with the net until it was too late. I was mainlining before I knew I was hooked!)

The net has lots of attractive aspects. I can peruse many of the holdings of the Smithsonian Museums without ever leaving my chair. Sure, I don't get to enjoy the hassle of standing in line or the cost of flying to D.C., and I don't get to see all of the museum's offerings, but it beats anything else I can do from my easy chair. Hang your antenna, Channel Nine!

Practically any topic or issue that might grab me is there for the asking. All I need do is type in a KEYWORD and the screen offers a myriad of pathways related to the subject matter. There are more windows and files than I could ever hope to read. Here's just a flavor of the hundreds of AOL offerings: finances, auto racing, debate forum, sports, travel tips, chess, gardening, legal questions, movies, national public radio, politics, cooking, science fiction, books, art galleries, Atlantic magazine and New York Times features, trivia club, Ask The Doctor, and the Disney Channel. Each of these offerings has anywhere from one to twenty separate forums of information and dialogue. And every forum has as many as fifty folders of questions and topics, each with dozens of hundreds of individual responses and conversations! All of these offerings make the net like a supermarket of interests, every shelf offering an opportunity to browse or a chance to investigate. And there's no fine for overdue books.

(Oh yeah, you do have to pay while you're using the service. But hey, easy come, easy go!)

The best thing the net offers, the most primo of all, is E-MAIL! No, not Eureka-mail, but Electronic-mail. E-mail means that I can zap messages to anyone, anywhere who is also on the net. It doesn't matter whether they're on AOL, Prodigy, Compuserve, or some direct internet link (like at Washington University or Jenny Craig). I can boot-up, sign-on, send, and receive messages. It's cheaper than spending 32 cents for a stamp, plus an envelope, plus a piece of paper. It's much more reliable, which isn't saying much. (I'm forever getting surface-mail addressed to folks who live at my same number on Waterman, McPherson, Westminster, Washington, and Hiram Lane!) And when it comes to speed, e-mail is virtually instantaneous; whereas surface-mail, snail-mail give new meaning to the word patience.

And I'm into mail. You see, since I was a kid, opening the mail has always been one of my favorite things to do. Even today, on Saturdays I go to the front door six, eight, ten times a day to see if the mail is here. When it arrives, I eagerly carry in the pile; I can't wait! Most of it is junk mail, of course, but that's OK. I even enjoy the myriad of solicitations that I get because they're mail. And it's the same at work. However busy I am, I'm not too busy to stop what I'm doing and go through the mail. On those real crazy days at work (which happens more than I like to think about), I bring the mail home, unopened, so I can go through it while listening to the 10 p.m. news.

With this compulsion, you can see why I'm so into e-mail. Heck, I get to "check the mail" -- to sign on and see if there's a message beckoning me -- half a dozen times a day! I often do this in the morning while I'm having

my first cup of coffee before I leave for work, once I arrive in the office, several times during the day, at home after dinner, and then again before I go to bed. By now you may be asking a very logical question, "Hawkeye, who are all these people you're writing to?" That's a more polite way of saying what you're really thinking: "We know you quite well, Hawkeye, and have read your column for years. There's no way that you have this many friends!" Good points, dear reader, but that's another beauty of e-mail. You get to meet all kinds of people, people from around the world, who share your interests.

You post your message, whenever, in the other person's E-mail box, and they, whenever, read it. The best analogy is posting messages on a bulletin board (but e-mail messages can only be read by a designated recipient). After they've read the message, then they post a response on the board which I read whenever.

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