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2012 Skinker DeBaliviere BBQ Concert Series:

Final Concert featuring Farshid etNiko on September 15

The 2012 Skinker DeBaliviere BBQ Concert Series has been a huge success for the neighborhood again this year! On June 23rd Soulard Blues Band kicked off the concert series with the classic sounds of blues that made them St. Louis legends. At the National Night Out Concert on August 7th Funky Butt Brass Band brought the spirit of New Orleans



to St. Louis with their booming brass beats.

At both concerts hundreds of residents and visitors joined the fun to listen to the bands, dance, mingle with neighbors and friends, and enjoy great BBQ! Special thanks to the West End Arts Council and all the volunteers who have made these events a success. Don't miss out on the last BBQ Concert of the year on September 15th - Farshid etNiko is a dynamic ensemble led by Farshid Soltansh ahi that blends Latin, Blues & Jazz with Middle Eastern instruments & influences. See you there after the Balloon Race!

An Evening of Artistic License The Fourth Annual SDCC Homecoming

**4th Annual Skinker DeBaliviere Homecoming
An Evening of
"Artistic License"**



**Saturday, September 22ND 2012
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6128 Delmar Blvd., St. Louis @ 7 PM**

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Welcome New Neighbors – October 12

The New Neighbors Party, postponed due to the excessive heat of summer, 2012, has been rescheduled for Friday, October 12. The *TIMES* of SKINKER-DEBALIVIERE is joining forces with the SD Community Council in hosting the gathering at Joe's Cafe, 6012 Kingsbury, Bill Christman's unique sculpture garden and entertaining space. The party will start at 5:30 p.m., Friday, October 12, 2012. All new neighbors are invited to come free of charge. All other neighbors are invited to come with a minimum donation of \$ 5 per person. A cash bar will be accompanied by free appetizers, donated by the generous volunteers who work hard to make the *TIMES* not only the oldest, but the best neighborhood newspaper in St. Louis. Proceeds help keep the *TIMES* free to all homes. A special free-admission invitation is being extended to those block "deliverers" who make that possible.

We especially wish to reach out to new neighbors, so if you know of someone who fits that description, let us know, or just invite them to the party! Kids are welcome, too.

For more information, or to help with the party, call David or Jessica at SDCC, 862-5122, or Jo Ann Vatcha at 629-2505.

Get your party clothes ready! It's time for the 4th Annual SDCC Homecoming! The theme this year is "An Evening of Artistic License" and the festivities will take place on Saturday, September 22nd at the Regional Arts Commission. The party promises to be another entertaining night, and perhaps this year, the outfits will be the best entertainment of all. Fashion for the past three events has included prom style dresses, cruise wear, and of lots of roaring 20's attire. With the artsy theme this year at RAC, there is no doubt that the creative juices will be flowing for many of our artsy neighbors. Never fear though, if you are not one to dress up - come in whatever you feel comfortable wearing, because like our neighborhood, this party attracts all ages and styles, and lots of fun!

The evening would not be possible without the help of our sponsors. Thank you to the following; Quiet Village Landscaping, Front Door, St. Louis Restoration, Joan & Rick Bender, Charter Communications, Blueberry Hill, Karleen Hoerr/Feinberg Real Estate, Big Shark, National Sales, Pulaski Bank, Kingsbury Animal Hospital, Rachel Boxdorfer/Prudential Alliance Realtors, Katie Kurtz/Laura McCarthy Real Estate, Galati & Sons Tuckpointing, Beth Bender & Shauna Cunningham, Dean Porter/ReMax Results, The Times of Skinker DeBaliviere, Imo's Pizza, Star Image, Luvy Duvy's, and Jump Co! If you have been to the party before, we look forward to seeing you there again. If you have not, grab your friends and neighbors and join us! You will be glad you did!

So mark your calendars for September 22nd at RAC. Start planning your outfit if you like. Tickets are already available at the SDCC office and you can get more information by calling the office at 314-862-5122.

Editor's Notebook

by Lana Stein

Despite the unprecedented excessive heat this summer, candidates and their supporters canvassed in our neighborhood, seeking votes for the August primary. I give them all a great deal of credit. Those who voted on a hot August 7 are to be applauded as well. A number of polling places were not air-conditioned. In this primary, turnout was a big factor. Facing a challenge from another incumbent congressman, Lacy Clay got the troops out. Not only did he get 60% of the vote in the city but the turnout helped other candidates for state senator and state representative.

The August primary was proof that who votes matters and turnout can change electoral fortunes. We now approach a very critical election in November. The presidential contest features two candidates with vastly different views on the role of government, taxation, and services for the elderly, the poor, college students, etc. Pundits often say that Missouri is not really in play. The opposing parties are concentrating on the so-called swing states. It's a relief that they don't lump Missouri in this category: We see far fewer strident negative commercials. But, I would say that things can change. McCain carried Missouri by just 3,000 votes in 2008. A significant turnout from this city might make a difference. Don't forget to register and to vote. There is a great deal at stake and nothing ought to be taken for granted.



The 2012 SDCC Candidate Forum was a great demonstration of our neighborhood's activism. About 100 residents from Skinker DeBaliviere and neighboring communities attended the forum on July 19th at Grace United Methodist Church. Attendees learned more about the candidates seeking election and had the opportunity to ask the candidates questions. Candidates for the 26th Ward Democratic Committeewoman, City of St. Louis Treasurer, and 84th District State Representative participated in the forum. Fox 2 News Reporter Bonita Cornute moderated the session.

St. Roch Parish is proud to announce their first annual "Bowl-a-Thon", to be held on October 4, 2012 at the Moolah Bowling Alley at 3821 Lindell.

For more information, contact St. Roch at 721-2595.

The neighborhood's annual Halloween party will be held at St. Roch's gym starting at 5:30 p.m. until the start of "Trick or Treating" in the neighborhood. Entertainment and honoring of best costumes are always a treat. Art Santen and his organization have put on this party for many years.



Fire Department Workshop

The local St. Louis Firemen will be conducting a safety workshop on October 6 at Noon, on Des Peres between McPherson and Kingsbury. The event will include a demonstration "house" and other exhibits, including their fire truck for the children to see.

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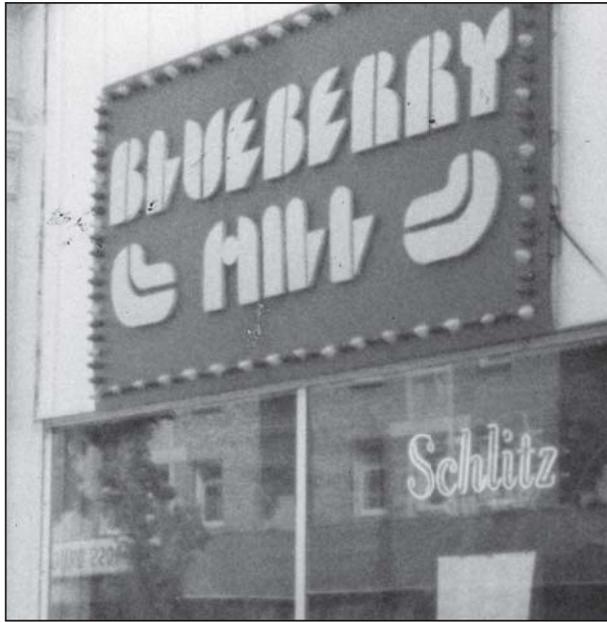
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The 6th Annual Child Safety Day is Saturday, October 13, 2013 on the parking lot of The Pageant from 10 am-2 pm. Bring the entire family for lots of fun and educational information. Everything is free. The event is sponsored by Page Law, Home State Health Plan, INOBTR and BMO Harris Bank. In addition to free flu shots from BJC and fitted bike helmets from Helmets' First, there will be Storytelling from Cuddlenocks and the Children's Dental Zone. Plus pick up a free first aid kit from St. Louis Children's Hospital and ride the Missouri Highway Patrol's Seat Belt Convincer. The St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department will be at Child Safety Day with its Canine Unite, Bomb & Arson Robot, RAPTOR & SWAT Bear. Also don't forget to register to win a child sized bike valued at \$300. For more information about Child Safety Day visit www.stlchildsafety.com

Celebrating Blueberry Hill



On September 8, 2012 Blueberry Hill turns 40! Grow up? Never! Joe Edwards and the Blueberry Hill family invite everyone to the 40th Anniversary Bash at 8 pm on September 8, 2012. It will be a rollicking fun party with contests, prizes and craziness galore! FREE!

Blueberry Hill opened in 1972 as a two room pub and gathering place with framed sheet music on the walls and a rotating 200 selection jukebox. Through the years it has expanded to 10 innovative rooms with pop culture memorabilia, games and live music, classic and authentic, a must-see for neighbors and out-of-town visitors. Over the years, Blueberry Hill has become

a destination for fans of many types, and Joe Edwards the leader of redevelopment activities for the entire Delmar Loop. The legendary Chuck Berry performs in the "Duck Room" once a month, and many other bands have built their reputations on having played this venue.

It's hard to say it better than actor and St. Louis native (and recipient of a star on the Walk of Fame), John Goodman, "I got my thrills at Blueberry Hill. I came for the music and stayed for the terrific atmosphere. It's the cornerstone of one of St. Louis' most vital neighborhoods. Congratulations and keep rocking'."

The great late actor William Holden was inducted into the St. Louis Walk of Fame on August 9, 2012. Joe Edwards presented and Brian Keller of the O'Fallon Historical Society accepted on the late William Holden's behalf.

Actor William Holden was born near St. Louis in O'Fallon, Illinois. He vaulted to stardom in 1939's Golden Boy, and the film's title stuck as Holden's nickname. He received the first of three Academy Award nominations for 1950's Sunset Boulevard, then won Best Actor for 1953's Stalag 17. A versatile leading man, Holden starred in classics such as Sabrina (1954), Picnic (1955), The Bridge on the River Kwai (1957) and The Wild Bunch (1969). He received his final Oscar nomination for Network (1976), and won an Emmy for the television film The Blue Knight (1973). One of the greatest movie stars of the 20th century, William Holden was named to the AFI's list of Hollywood's 50 greatest screen legends.



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News of Neighbors

By Rachel Boxdorfer

Hello September and hello neighbors! Where did the summer go? Is it just me, or was this the fastest summer of your life? It could simply be the result of everyone being so busy I guess, and judging by the amount of news we have on our neighbors, that just may be why summer passed by so quickly this year.

To get started, let's welcome some of our newest neighbors to Skinker DeBaliviere. We will start with an official welcome to Jacob Montgomery, Lisa Hoppenjans, and their son Issac who are new owners on the 6100 block of McPherson. They actually have been enjoying the neighborhood for the past year, so we are glad they have decided to make it a permanent home!

The 6100 block of McPherson is also the new home for Tim Moore and Mike Whisenhunt. Welcome to the neighborhood, we are sure you will love it! Moving toward the 6100 block of Westminster we give a big shout out and welcome to Melissa Waters and also to Gil and Cathy Sison, and their triplets John, Maggie, & Lizzie!

A warm welcome also goes out to James Dibble and Anna Beasley on the 6100 block of Washington. Moving east, we welcome Charlie Kurth and Pippin Schupach and also Jenny and Buzz Matthews, to the 5900 block of McPherson! Our own Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council has made such fans of Associate Director Jessica Eiland and former intern Mary Margaret Miller, that they have



both moved to the neighborhood! Jessica is a new resident on the 5700 block of Pershing and Mary Margaret now calls the 5900 block of Kingsbury home!

With all these new neighbors, it's a good thing that the "New Neighbor Party" was rescheduled due to heat. The New Neighbor Party will be on Friday, October 12th at 6:00 p.m. at Joe's Café! It should be a great way for all our new neighbors to meet some of the old ones and get to know everyone

at one of St. Louis' coolest venues!

Of course moving to the neighborhood is not the only way to become a part of our large extended family. Heather and David Hoganson, of the 6100 block of McPherson, welcomed their third child, beautiful Hannah Grace on February 25. She weighed in at 7lbs 9oz and has two very proud big brothers, Carter and Luke!

Former Parkview resident Molly (Fleener) Klucznik and her husband Brian added a third child to their Chicago crew. Catherine "Kate" Denise arrived April 26th weighing



in at 7lbs, 11oz. Big brother Henry and sister Mary are thrilled, as are their McGroarty cousins on the 6100 block of McPherson (cousin Gertie McGroarty can be seen joining the family snapshot!) Molly and her sister, Cristina McGroarty, grew up on the 6300 block of Waterman.

Vince & Lois Schoemehl of the 6100 block of Westminster are proud new grandparents of Evelyn



Anne, born June 2 to their son Tim and his wife Kelly. Congratulations to the entire Schoemehl clan!

Kudos for a job well done go out



to Abby Kenyon, of the 5900 block of DeGiverville, for her first place award (and \$200!) in the junior division of the Express the Music competition sponsored by the St. Louis Symphony for her piece entitled Marathon.

Our neighborhood certainly has it's share of hard working folks too! Longtime Nina Place resident and retired Washington University economist, Fred Raines, is now the 28th ward committeeman for the Green Party. The women in the Greek Community at Washington University recognized Kathy



Knipman, OTD, MPH, OTRL/L as an outstanding faculty member in April. Congratulations to Kathy who lives on the 6100 block of Westminster with her husband Tom Snider. And JoAnn Vatcha, one of our tireless and long reigning editors of *The Times of Skinker DeBaliviere* retired on July 12 from her position as Housing Analyst with Community Development Administration. JoAnn spent over twenty years there and played a significant role in redeveloping Souldard, Benton Park, and the Shaw neighborhoods. Thank you JoAnn for all you do!

Over at St. Roch, Boy Scout Troop 98 has been very busy. The troop has enjoyed a lot of growth in membership in the past few years and has kept many neighborhood young men very busy. The troop attended scout camp this summer at S-F Scout Ranch in July. Fourteen scouts attended camp this



year, completing 31 merit badges (with nine more partials). They also won the Water Carnival. Troop 98 also had scouts excelling in other areas; Eric Webster won the Silver Bullet Award, and LaVaughn Caradine won the Golden Arrow. Three more scouts were also elected to the Order of The Arrow this year. Congratulations to Eric Webster, Charles Barker, and Charlie McGroarty on this great honor. Three scouts, Evan Brendle, Christian Boxdorfer, and Eric Webster also completed National Youth Leadership Training at S-F Scout Ranch over the summer, in addition to their week at camp with the troop. Troop 98 meets on Wednesday evenings at the St. Roch School Gym from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. All boys, ages 11 to 18 are welcome to join the troop. Former Parkview resident and Troop 98 alumni, Paul Winter, is the current scoutmaster for the troop.

Dan Schesch has never been one to shy away from a challenge! Dan, who lives on the 6000 block of McPherson, accepted a challenge from a friend to ride the 2012 RAGBRAI ("Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa") with him in July. Dan completed about 440 of the 471 miles and said it was well worth the challenge as Iowans are so friendly



and hospitable. However, at this point in his life, he may choose to participate in shorter bike tours (25-30 miles a day) to allow for more time for touring! Great job Dan!

James and Janet Hatch of the 5700 block of DeGiverville, were in Chicago on June 26th to see their daughter, Courtney Sensenig, a nurse and US Navy wife, introduce



Michelle Obama. She was in Chicago to witness and celebrate the Governor's signing legislation easing the way for military spouses to transfer occupational licenses to Illinois. The Governor introduced



Courtney who spoke briefly and then introduced Mrs. Obama. Not surprising that Jim refers to it as one of those proud papa/mama moments!

Other travels over the summer included a large contingency of



moms and kids creating memories in Macatawa, Michigan. Cristina McGroarty, Pattie Voss, Lynn Tiede, and Rachel Boxdorfer (that's me!) along with all of their kids enjoyed a fabulous mini vacation together. The week was even

better when meeting up with more neighbors, Ann Stephens and Mary Broun for a little bit of relaxation and catching up with friends. And all of the kids had an amazing time together. I think it says a lot about a neighborhood when you vacation with your neighbors.

The 6000 and 6100 blocks of McPherson celebrated at their annual block party again this year



on Saturday, June 30th. Although the weather was extremely hot, neighbors enjoyed barbecue, pot luck, kids played in mini-pools, a fire truck visited, and there was even dancing in the street! Did anyone else have a block party over the summer? We would love to hear about it.

The 6000-6100 blocks of Westminster have planned their annual block party for October 6, from 3-7 p.m. For more information, check with the Westminster email czar, Dan

McGuire, or call SDCC at 862-5122.

Parkview's Rachel Ebeling continues to do an amazing job with the Angel Band Project. The efforts continue with a Power Angels Fitness Challenge on Saturday, September 15th at the Shrewsbury Recreation Center. Led by leading fitness and yoga instructors, participants will learn the physical power of self defense; the exhilaration of zumba; the mental power of mind, body and spirit through yoga and meditation. Proceeds will be used to support the Angel Band Project's work of promoting hope and healing through music for sexual violence. Rachel lives on the 6300 block of Waterman. Tickets can be purchased at www.angelbandproject.eventbrite.com. \$50 per person/\$30 for students with school ID.

June 19th for our Dining Out for SDCC event. Many restaurants in the area participated and neighbors were seen all over The Loop enjoying wonderful meals to help raise money for our favorite neighborhood! Special thanks to Karen Godar for chairing this event and to all of the businesses who participated!

To wrap things up, let me remind everyone about the upcoming Fourth Annual Skinker DeBaliviere Homecoming. The party this year will be on Saturday, September 22nd at the Regional Arts Commission and is being chaired by Mary Pat O'Gorman and Lynn Tiede. The theme this year is most appropriate for the party location; "An Evening of Artistic License". I have no doubt that will lead to some interesting dress for the affair. For more information on the party, to get involved, or to purchase your tickets, call the SDCC office at 314-862-5122.

My least favorite part of this column is of course, to report the loss of anyone. I regret to share the news that Mrs. Ronie Haliburton, a longtime SDCC board member and a very active Skinker DeBaliviere resident from the 5800 block of DeGiverville passed away in late June. She will be missed by her family, friends, and neighbors.

Do you have news to share? Please send your submissions via email with the subject line News of Neighbors to rachelb@sdtimes.org or drop off a note to the attention of Rachel Boxdorfer at the Skinker DeBaliviere office. Be sure to mark it "News of Neighbors"

The SDCC Fundraising Committee wants to thank everyone who went out to eat on Tuesday,



Senator Joe Keaveny says, "I'd like to thank all the volunteers who contributed to July's health and back-to-school fair. Thanks to your help, we had a productive day that helped many St. Louis citizens. I'd also like to express my gratitude toward the Betty Jean Kerr People's Health Centers, for their partnership and valuable assistance with organizing the fair. The fair was a great experience and I'm sure guests had a fun and educational day." To see the latest news from the state senate, go to the Keaveny Connection by emailing: Joe.Keaveny@senate.mo.gov.



Gertie and Peter McGroarty at the McPherson Block Party.

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Breakfast Garden Tour 2012

by Andy Cross

This year the tour visited Kingsbury Square. Many of us do not usually have a chance to visit Kingsbury Square, but it is very much a part of Skinker DeBaliviere. We usually limit BG Tour gardens to backyards because front yards in most parts of Skinker DeBaliviere are always available, but in Kingsbury Square many residents have no backyard, so they make the most of their front or side yard, which makes for a very colorful and beautiful neighborhood.

On our way to Kingsbury Square, we visited the Block Unit 1035 Community Garden, and two new art installation planters which will beautify two areas that are getting nicer every year. We also saw a gorgeous waterfall in a newer home and a brand new yard just created in an older home.

At the home of Janice Bierman on the 5900 block of Kingsbury, cascades with three pools holding beautiful goldfish are graced with cattails, water lilies, papyrus, and the rocks are adorned with wildflowers, ground-covers, and seasonal plantings like the pansies, which survived the mild winter.

Trudo created these two planters, painted by residents of the 5900 block of DeGiverville and neighbors from all around Skinker DeBaliviere. Dennis Evans and other neighbors donated the flowers as well as the plantings next to the planters, and worked to install the planters on Planting Day this past May 12th. They will be watered by neighbors Jamie and Theresa Kenyon. This colorful project will brighten Lucier Park for years to come.

Planters at Laurel and Kingsbury

These freshly-painted planters were given a classy new look with the help of the Saint Roch 4th grade Girl Scouts, in conjunction with the SD Beautification Committee, just in time



Lucier Park Planters

In an effort to keep Lucier Park attractive, block captain Eric



plants given to her by friends mingled with her theme of yellow and white flowers which reflect the colors of the house. Marlene has surprise lilies that have been handed down for three generations, and she will pass these on to her own grandchildren.

Karen Kelsey and Tom Urbom live on the 5700 block of Westminster Place. One of the few secluded gardens in Kingsbury Square, this garden would be unseen from the street, except that Karen and Tom opened the view by installing a wrought iron fence, in place of the old wooden wall, because folks in Kingsbury Square like to share their yards!

We look forward to next year's garden tour, the first Saturday in June. Until then, stop by and see what your community gardeners are raising in our two great community gardens.

for the tour. They are a nice accent to Kingsbury Square!

Much of Marlene Mestres' garden on the 5700 block of Kingsbury consists of



Grand Opening of St. Vincent Greenway Saturday, October 20, 2012

The Ribbon Cutting for Porter Park, St. Vincent Greenway and Ground Breaking for DeBaliviere Avenue, will take place at the Ruth Porter Mall Park at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 20, 2012.

This extension of the St. Vincent Greenway has changed the usage of public right-of-way along Etzel Avenue from Skinker Boulevard eastward to Porter Park, allowing a physical separation of the greenway route from vehicles. The existing sidewalk in Porter Park is being re-surfaced as a trail. Both segments will contain many

delightful upgrades and surprises.

Look for umbrellas, bright benches, banners, art, new street lighting, and a splash pad. The ribbon cutting will be Saturday, October 20, at 10 a.m. Watch for a trio of neighborhood events that other groups will produce in Porter Park that day - Jazz on the Greenway, a neighborhood yard sale, and a farmer's market.

When the Loop Trolley is constructed, the greenway will continue along the eastern side of DeBaliviere Avenue south to Forest Park. A 16' wide concrete

multi-use path will be built next to the private property along the east side of the street. The trolley will be west of the multi-use path, and a green zone of trees and landscaping will separate the trolley track from the three driving lanes that will remain.

Construction of the Porter Park and Etzel sections is well underway. Construction should be complete in all respects in October, 2012. Due to extreme heat, we have stopped the landscaping process. Continuation of the greenway along DeBaliviere Avenue to Forest

Park will be combined with bidding for the Loop Trolley, which will occur in late 2012.

In addition, a new West End Neighborhood Council has been incorporated and will hold a ball on the mall, "Treasure Trove" following the Grand Opening Jazz and BBQ will be featured at 11 A.M. following the official ribbon-cutting!

For more information, go to GRGSTL.org.

The Gotham Returns

A hot day in late July was made much more bearable by a groundbreaking event on Delmar, at the site of the old Courtesy Country Store, and prior to that, a Firestone location. Joining developers Jeff Mugg and David Mastin were Joe Edwards and many others, including State Rep. Karla May.

The renovation of a 1920s apartment hotel and construction of a mixed-use building promise to invigorate the eastern end of the Delmar Loop with apartments and retail. Site work is underway for the three-story building at Delmar Boulevard and Hamilton Avenue. The site is now a vacant lot. Adjoining the site to the north is the six-story red brick Gotham building, erected in 1925 as an apartment hotel at 5900 Enright Avenue.

The \$11.4 million project is the work of the St. Louis Design Alliance, an architecture and development firm whose office is on Delmar a block west of the project site. Jeff Mugg, Design Alliance's vice president, said Monday that in addition to site work for the new building, interior demolition of the 1920s building is underway.

"We think this project is a great fit for the expansion of the Loop as the Loop continues to expand east," said Mugg, adding, "The trolley is coming."

He was referring to the Loop Trolley, the streetcar line designed to provide a rail link between the Loop and Forest Park. Construction of the \$43 million project could begin late this year or early next year.

Mugg said he believes the Gotham project will benefit from the streetcar, which will pass by the new building, to be called the Gotham Annex. The building, of contemporary design, will have 18 apartments on the two upper floors. The ground floor will have 5,900 square feet of commercial space. Mugg said he hopes a restaurant will fill the space.

The Gotham is within the Hamilton Place national historic district and, therefore, qualifies for historic preservation tax credits. Financing of the Gotham renovation includes \$2.2 million in state and federal historic tax credits. Mugg said the credits -- \$1.25 in state credits and \$880,000 in federal credits -- are essential to the financing

mixture.

"This project could not have been done without the use of federal and state historic tax credits," he said.

Most of the project's money is in the form of an \$8.64 million HUD-backed loan from Love Funding, a Washington-based provider of FHA multifamily and healthcare financing. Robyn Cunningham, senior director of Love Funding's St. Louis office, said the Gotham loan closed June 20. She said the project should be completed by early next summer.

The historic Gotham building, which originally had 72 rooms, will be renovated as 54 market rate apartments, Mugg said. Love Funding said the Gotham buildings will have heat-reflective roofing, insulated glass, building wrap on exterior walls to reduce air infiltration and other energy-efficient characteristics.

Mugg and Design Alliance's president, Dave Mastin, have done several Hamilton Place apartment projects in recent years. The Gotham project could lead to even more development in the area, Mugg said.

"There's a real interest in seeing that whole neighborhood really coming alive again and being revitalized," he added.



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McLeod's Way to be dedicated Sept. 15 in memory of inspirational leader

The legacy of Jim McLeod, whose goal was for the university to know every student "by name and by story," will be honored by Washington University in St. Louis with the dedication of McLeod's Way Saturday, Sept. 15.

James E. "Jim" McLeod, vice chancellor for students and dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, died Sept. 6, 2011, after a two-year battle with cancer. He was 67. Jim and his family were long-time residents of Skinker DeBaliviere and Jim was an active participant in the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council.

McLeod's Way is a new landscaped gathering place that is located along the path from the newly rebuilt Forsyth Underpass to the Clock Tower on the University's South 40. "Dean McLeod, as he was affectionately known, was the chief architect for Washington University's undergraduate experience — arguably the best in the country today," says Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton. "He inspired countless students, so it is only fitting that we honor his memory with this special place where generations of future students will gather."

A dedication of McLeod's Way will begin at 11 a.m. Sept. 15 in Graham Chapel. Afterward, those attending will be invited to process to McLeod's Way, where refreshments will be served.

McLeod's Way will feature wooden circular benches shaded by Willow Oak and Crape Myrtle, creating an inviting gathering place for students. A plaque at the site will read: "Caring and sensitive, quiet and dedicated, trusted friend and advisor, Jim McLeod was a wise, creative, and visionary leader whose special way, McLeod's Way, continues to inspire all who join the Washington University community."

Granite and limestone walls sheltering the benches in McLeod's Way will feature many of McLeod's favorite sayings, including "Every student known by name and by story," "Learning is not a spectator sport" and "Words matter" — imparting to current and future students McLeod's vision for the university.



Artist William Yonker, 61XX Westminster, greeted visitors to a solo exhibit of his ceramics at the central west end's Atrium Gallery August 10. Yonker is on the faculty of Mary Institute Country Day School. He has shown his work here in dozens of exhibits since graduation in 1975 with an MFA from Washington University.

In past years Yonker participated in a seminar on fine arts in Oxford, England, and served as Artist in Residence in Cortona, Italy. His work is found in the collections of many schools and corporations here. The show continues at the Atrium through September 9. (Wednesdays-Saturdays, 10-6; Sundays, 12-4.)



Homecoming 2012

The evening events will again include; music, delicious food, drinks, a silent auction, and a costume contest. Last year, Mary Brown, in a gorgeous flapper style dress and wig, and Dan Hudspeth, as Charlie Chaplin, took top honors for their outfits. The competition seems to get more serious every year. And don't forget, a big part of the fundraising is for election of the SDCC Homecoming King and Queen! The reigning King and Queen are Mark Gorman and Cristina McGroarty. Previous winners included Andy Cross and Rachel Boxdorfer and Mark Banaszak and Katrina Stierholtz. Our King and Queen are elected through small donations, the winners being the ones who have raised the most money at the end of the night. Who will be crowned this year?



Fun from 2011

New Services for Dog Lovers

by Lana Stein

Mark Langevin and Chris Lee have opened a dog salon (grooming +) just across DeBaliviere at 5595 Pershing. Their building has had many iterations but it seems ideal for this salon. Interior windows allow the dog owner to observe grooming and large exterior windows provide a great deal of light. Their salon is roomy and green (plants abound), almost parklike.

A conversation with Mark Langevin explained their history and their services. His partner, Chris Lee, had been a groomer for 30 years. He first worked with show dogs and his specialty was standard poodles. Over 3 years ago, they began their business in their own basement. They live in Tower Grove South and soon found a location for their dog-centered business near their home. They created an open and parklike atmosphere there. Their philosophy is that it should be easy, fun and enjoyable—for dogs and their owners. This location is four blocks from Tower Grove Park. When they looked to expand, they sought a second location close to a park, again in a neighborhood where lots of dogs reside and not too far from their original site.

While Chris is the grooming expert, Mark is the business arm. He had worked in banking and retail. He joined Chris in his love

of dogs. In addition to grooming, they also provide doggy daycare and boarding. At their Tower Grove location, they brought dogs to board home. Here on Pershing they have space to board but will never leave a single dog over night alone.

They are enjoying the Pershing site and are thrilled with their landlord, Eastgate Investment



(longtime neighborhood businesspersons Paul and Suzanne Schoomer).

On August 31, at 5:30pm, they will be holding a major fete to which neighbors (and their pets) are invited. WGNU radio is across the street and they have been working with Cindy Wickers of the Loose the Leash program.

Paul Fultron who also has a talk show on WGNU will participate. He is also proprietor of Creature Comforts, a professional pet care service. Low cost vaccinations will be available as well as other pet care. Dr. Doug Pernikoff will do the vaccinating and will be at the salon to provide low cost vet care every other Sunday for 2 hours. Marion Brickner will be

University Invites Neighbors To Fall Festival

Saturday, Sept. 22, 11 a.m. - Danforth University Center

The Neighborhood Voice, in conjunction with Washington University Alumni & Development and WU Athletic Department, is sponsoring a Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The event includes a free BBQ lunch, entertainment and children's activities including face painting and a bounce house.

After lunch, neighbors are invited to cheer on the WU Bears Football team against Kenyon College of Gambier, Ohio.

The BBQ, activities and football game are free to Washington University Neighbors, however an RSVP is required. Please RSVP by September 20 to neighbors@wustl.edu.

Kemper Art Museum Host Community Day

October 20, 2012, 11 am-3pm, Kemper Art Museum

This special event to welcome the community and celebrate art features interactive art experiences for all ages. Activities will include button making, scavenger hunts, art projects, a gallery talk, entertainment, and more.

Admission to the Kemper Art Museum is always free. Free parking is available on the weekends.

Associate SDCC Director, Jessica Eiland

by Lana Stein

Jessica Eiland began working at the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council in May 2011 following her graduation from the MSW program at the Brown School of Social Work at Washington University. In January of this year, the Council named her Associate Director.



Jennifer hails from Southfield, Michigan, a Detroit suburb. She did her undergraduate work at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She does not miss the cold winters there and finds St. Louis's climate preferable.

In graduate school, Jessica focused on community development and had internships at two community development agencies. These agencies had a broad focus so she was happy to find at job at the SDCC where she could get to know the residents in one neighborhood and see how the neighborhood worked on a day-to-day basis. This position allows her to understand the various aspects of our community. She has been able to interact with businesspeople and government leaders.

Jessica said that one part of the neighborhood that she enjoys is that residents spend a lot of time outside hanging out and participating in council events. The park is also a special draw. She has found that neighbors are committed to the well-being of Skinker DeBaliviere and want it to thrive. The neighborhood is "close"-to MetroLink, Forest Park, the Loop. It's all walkable and very accessible. She also has been delighted to learn the various backgrounds and perspectives of the neighbors. In fact, she moved to 5700 Pershing this summer!

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6153 Pershing Receives Award from Landmarks

The newly built home at 6153 Pershing is not typical of the Landmarks' Association "Most Enhanced Awards," but, as they stated, "an important aspect of the mission statement of Landmarks Association is to not only preserve, enhance and promote historic architecture, but to advocate for good contemporary design. As St. Louis moves forward as a city and as we begin to reinvest in neighborhoods that have been ignored for decades, one of the most important design challenges we face is the question of how to create infill that respects and even enhances the existing built environment. Good infill will speak with its own voice, but cooperate with its neighbors."

As Anders and Christiana Carlson downsized, they didn't want to leave the neighborhood which is close to Washington University and Metrolink. They were also interested in living in a home with many green features, including a state of the art geothermal HVAC system, locally harvested white-oak floors, LED lighting, and a solar array that can provide more than 50% of the home's energy.

For nearly two decades, Landmarks Association has brought attention and recognition to quality rehabilitation projects in the St. Louis area through its annual Most Enhanced Awards.

The Landmarks Award noted that the new home "unobtrusively nestles among its much older neighbors...an excellent example of what we hope will be the future of many more vacant lots in coming years."

For more information on this historic district infill and the Carlssons, see our previous story in the TIMES by going to <http://www.sdtimes.org>



Summer in the City

by Tim Woodcock

What do you get when you combine mud in squirt bottles, excited neighborhood children, and a string of record-breaking hot days? Summer in the City! Several families in Skinker-DeBaliviere took the opportunity to meet each other and participate in arts activities as part of the newly-formed Summer in the City group this July. Over four successive Fridays, Summer in the City participants – both kids under eight and their parents – enjoyed the opportunity to socialize and play. Activities included decorating T shirts using mud; harvesting plants at McPherson Community Garden and making sun tea; playing at Shaw



Park playground in Clayton; and experimenting with paint and texture at Andy Cross's art studio.

The number of families at the events varied from three to up to a dozen, and there seemed to be consensus among parents to continue with such get-togethers, in some form, through the fall months. Families in Skinker-DeBaliviere and Parkview choose to send their kids to a wide variety of local schools, and there is no common neighborhood school that binds the neighborhood together. Activities such as these (and more impromptu meet-ups at the Four Corners playground) are one of the best opportunities for neighborhood children and their parents to get to know each other.

If you would like to be involved in upcoming events, please email Mary Pat O'Gorman at holtgreivemp@hotmail.com.



SuperTiger Launching in December from Antarctica

Two neighborhood residents, Richard Bose and Ryan Murphy, are part of an engineering team working on a balloon-based cosmic ray detector at Washington University called the "superTiger". They are planning to fly the balloon from Antarctica in December.

As Bose stated, "The hang test is when we put Super-TIGER on Tiny Tim, a balloon launch vehicle, take it outside, and verify that communication via satellite, commanding, data return, and power systems work." Friends and fans can follow their adventures on facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/thesupertiger> or twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/SuperTigerLDB>.

From left to right: Frank San Sebastian (GSFC), Thomas Hams (GSFC), Ryan Murphy (WUSTL), Bob Binns (WUSTL), Richard Bose (WUSTL), Sean Fitzsimmons (GSFC), Dana Braun (WUSTL), and John E. Ward (WUSTL). There are many other team members at WUSTL, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Caltech, and the University of Minnesota that contributed significantly.

Dog Walk & Fun Run

Kingsbury Animal is sponsoring a Dog Walk and Fun Run -5K- in Tower Grove Park on October 20 at 9:00am. All proceeds will benefit C.H.A.M.P. (Canine Helpers Allow More Possibilities), a service organization dedicated to partnering children and adults with disabilities-free of charge-with specially selected and trained service dogs. We encourage everyone to bring their whole family (2 and 4- legged) to the race- it was a lot of fun last year! For more information or to register call Kingsbury at 721-6251 or go to its web site, kah.com.



Liberty, owned by Mary Wright of Parkview, who was the Best In Show winner at Sarah Jane's dog show this year. Liberty took the coveted dog chew trophy with her winning trick, charming personality, and fancy attire.



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IN YOUR EAR

by Hawkeye Z. Hoerr, Commentary in the TIMES for more than 32 years.

You deserve it, and you know it. Don't deny or be coy, and don't look to the next person. It's you, to whom I am referring, not your neighbor.

Sure, it wasn't as striking as thunderbolts pirouetting from heaven or the Earth being torn asunder, but the summer's crazy heat accomplished the purpose just the same. Yep, it was part of our punishment for a society of sin, avarice, corruption, and not eating enough vegetables. Do you feel guilty yet?

Don't go left-wing on me and blame the screwy climate changes on our behaviors. This global warming stuff is just a ruse. Didn't the venerable President Reagan point out that cows contribute more methane gas to the atmosphere than automobiles? All those fancy scientists cringed when he said that because they knew he was on to something. The reality is that the Earth warms and cools; temperatures go up and down. That's why we have the word "average." The same people who deny the role of cows in heating the atmosphere are those who deny the effectiveness of the "trickle down" economic theory. Go figure!

Now I'll grant you, this summer was quite a doozie. We set a record for triple-degree temperature days. That's like setting a record for how many times you can drop the groceries from the car to the door. It's a record we can do without. (The fact that the Cardinals still filled the stadium on these horribly hot days speaks to the fact that alcohol numbs and that cold alcohol numbs better.)

So the increased heat is a reality. Global-warming, mobile farming, bubble-wrap; don't confuse a correlation with a causation. Sure there are more cars on the road in the past, hundreds of thousands when you consider what's happening in India and China, but that doesn't necessarily lead to increased temperatures. After all, most of them have the air-conditioning turned on in the summer, so they are actually generating more cool air.

Instead, and yes, this is the truth we all want to avoid, these high temps are the first step in the road to Rapture; that's Rapture with a capital R. Drum-roll and kaboom!

Rapture, you'll metaphorically recall, is when the clock of humanity strikes twelve. It's when the clouds open and that grand metaphysical

being, whomever or whatever you think she is, comes to take some of us with her to the great beyond. The Rapture will be so big that both CNN and FOX will cover it live. My hunch (and, contrary to what you might believe, I have no inside knowledge here) is that the musical backdrop will be The Stones singing You Can't Always Get What You Want.

Because this will be a novel experience, we'll need a master of ceremonies, someone who can give us the live feed. THE big guy wouldn't do that; it's far too commercial. Rumors suggest (and, again, please know that I do not have inside knowledge, despite the network of sources) that the M.C. will be Richard Dreyfus, Tom Cruise, or Oprah. Between us, my money is on the big O. (If it turns out that Tommy Cruise does the greetings, your Scientology book is going to be worth a lot more money!)

So that rapture thing is around the corner, and the summer temps - Can you believe that it was over 90 in Vermont? The bears were wearing tank-tops! - are the first of several punishments sent our way along the way. Shortly, I expect to see waves of locusts descending on us. They were big in the Bible, and their time is due again. An earthquake or three will follow, no doubt we'll soon refer to San Francisco Island, and there will be enough tornados to give Dorothy more frequent flier miles than Alec Baldwin.

But that's not all. Yes, you've been THAT bad. We all have!

Strap on your helmet, and hang on for a wild ride. But wild is changing. It's time to modernize the plagues and pestilence a bit. We'll still be tested, we'll still endure hell on Earth, but it will be more subtle than in the past. No one will be turned to a pillar of salt, and Sodom and Gomorrah won't be destroyed (mainly because they didn't get built due to the recession). So now what?

The Almighty has become much cleverer in his very old age. (That is, after all, why he's the Almighty.) For example, you know those robo-calls you get, the automated phone messages that interrupt your day to promote this or that candidate or to offer low mortgage rates or sell you insurance? Well, they're not going to stop! Worse, technology will allow them to leap-frog over your no-call list, and even change

the number on your screen. You'll think that it's Aunt Martha calling, and answer and chat, only to find that you've now committed to new gutters. And then the phone will ring again and again.

Similarly, why do you think there are such incredible automobile backups on Skinker Boulevard each day? Has it occurred to you that there's no more traffic and no fewer lanes? Yes, the old guy in the gray beard with the lightning bolt in his hand has struck again. Skinker is just the beginning. Soon, there will be traffic jams everywhere as people seek new routes to avoid the millions of locusts jamming the highways.

Perhaps most nefarious, what about television? Here, too, the old sage has meted his punishment, particularly to those of us living in the land of the free that we stole from Native Americans. We're being punished but we don't even know it. After all, get this, the average American leads the world by watching 28 hours of television per week. Gasp. What could be more mind-numbing than 28 hours of boob tube per week? And why would anyone want to watch a reality show about locusts???

So there you have it, fine reader. The summer temps are part of our punishment, a multi-year conflagration that will see us plagued by searing temperatures, locusts, tornados, earthquakes, robo-calls, and television. Actually, there's a lot more on the way but I'm not privileged to share it. The only hint that I can offer is that it has to do with sun-tan lotion and barbecue sauce.

Is there, par chance, a way to avoid this future Armageddon? Is there anything we can do to keep the locusts at bay and enable the Earth to hold together? Sure, that's easy: eat right, work out, call your mother, and vote Democratic.

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