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Pace Proposes Northgate at Delmar and Skinker

By Richard Bose

A drug store and new office space may come to The Delmar Loop soon. At a joint meeting of the Delmar Commercial Committee, the Historic Review Committee, and the Community Development Committee on the evening of January 3rd, representatives of Pace Properties presented their proposal to redevelop the northwest corner of Delmar and Skinker. The site extends from Delmar to Enright including the Shell gas station, a vacant one story building owned by Washington University and a parking lot.

Rob Sherwood and Steve Heitz of Pace shared details and renderings of the \$26M project. The building would be three stories with two retail bays on the ground and two floors of office space above. A one-story 4,000 square-foot section would meet the building to the west on Delmar. The rendering shows the possibility of rooftop dining above.

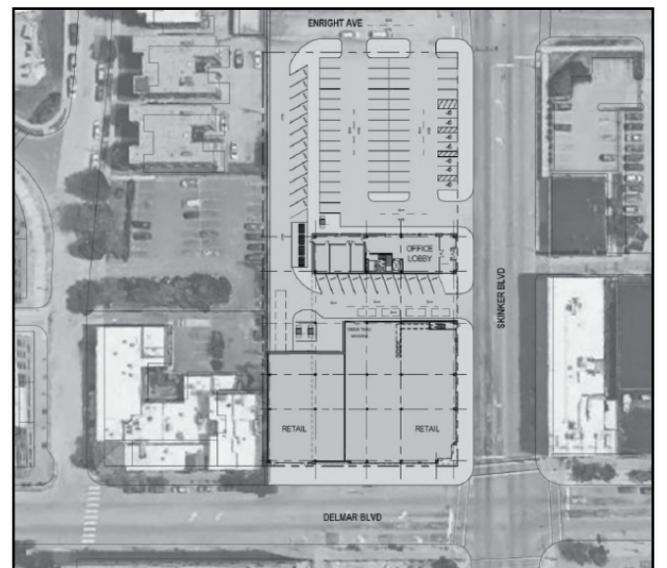
Pace is courting an unnamed national drugstore for the main 11,000 square foot retail space at the corner. The drug store tenant requires a drive-thru, which would be accessed from Skinker. Some

meeting attendees expressed concern over northbound drivers turning left into the drive-thru. Currently on Skinker the southbound left turn lane starts north of where the drive-thru entrance is planned, so a northbound driver may have to wait in the left lane for an opportunity to turn left. Consideration of how often that situation might occur and its impact, whether adjustments to the site plan or street could alleviate or mitigate it, and how the effect on traffic patterns of the proposal compares to the current gas station is ongoing.

Each floor of office space above would be 25,000 square feet. Surface parking occupies the rest of the site up to Enright. Pace is engaging New Cote Brillante Church about the possibility of using their parking lot across Enright as parking for employees. Pace estimates the building could support 280 jobs.

Pace is seeking \$4.4M in Tax Increment Financing (TIF). TIF bonds are issued to raise capital to help finance a project- in this case 16.8% of the total project cost. Some of the property, sales, earnings,

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SDCC Leaders

By Jo Ann Vatcha

There is a new display at the SDCC Office: portrait photographs of all the former Executive Directors and Presidents of the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council have been placed in the outer office for all to see (you can even glimpse them through the window!). As a part of the 50th anniversary of the council's founding, a committee was formed to brainstorm ways to mark the occasion. Mary Pat O'Gorman, Andy Cross, Lana Stein, Gwen Lazard, Charlene Caburnay, Jo Ann Vatcha, Marj Weir, and Rogerene Kinds helped Brandon Sterling and Karen Kelsey implement several of the ideas: growing golden flowers to celebrate 50 years; a slide show of neighborhood history which is available for future events as well; a party together with the housing corporation; and a display of photos of former council leaders. Charlene found 40 identical frames at IKEA for us to use; Andy did the yeoman ladder work to hang them properly, Jo Ann got them printed, Marj helped find missing leaders, Brandon and Karen surrendered their space and helped make it look official! Derek Knight took some great pictures at the unveiling. To see them all (with dates of service), stop by 6008 Kingsbury soon.



Attending the 50th Anniversary celebration: former Executive Directors and Presidents Nancy Farmer, Dan Schesch, Glori L'Ecuyer (wife of former Exec. Director Jim L'Ecuyer), Beth Bender, Cal Stuart, Alice Stanley, Mary Pat O'Gorman, Jim Holzer (current president), Karleen Hoerr, and at the rear, current Exec. Director Brandon Sterling and Katrina Stierholz.

Two leaders who served at the very beginning of the council attended the event, Bob Moore and Cal Stuart.

22nd POLICE/FIREFIGHTER'S APPRECIATION



Fri, February 10, 11am - 2pm
SDCC Office, 6008 Kingsbury



Join us in honoring the brave men and women who take care of our wonderful neighborhood. Stop by the SDCC office to just say thank you, or join the police and firefighters for lunch. This luncheon is made possible by donations of entrees, sides and desserts donated by neighbors. Drop your dish off between 9AM-11AM.

If you'd like to help decorate or serve dishes, or have additional questions contact: sdcc@skinker-debaliviere.com or (314) 862-5122.



Spring Gardening Prep Workshop March 18, 2017, 10am



SDCC's resident green thumb, Andy Cross, will show you how to prepare for a successful gardening season. Seniors are encouraged to join McPherson gardeners for this great session, the first Free Senior Workshop of 2017.



Meet at the McPherson Garden, 5941 McPherson Ave.



The Occasionals

THE ANGEL BAND PROJECT

Returns to Joe's Cafe
on February 25

by Rachel Boxdorfer

The Times has covered the work of our neighbor, friend and Parkview resident, Rachel Ebeling and The Angel Band Project in the

past, and we are happy to announce that the Angel Band Project will be bringing a fundraiser back to the neighborhood thanks to the generosity of Bill and Mary Christman. The mission of The Angel Band Project is to promote healing and cultivate empathy for survivors of sexual violence through the transformative power of music. The Angel Band Project is a national non-profit dedicated to providing healing for survivors of sexual assault through music.

Spend an evening with some of your closest friends and make some new ones at a benefit party to take place at Joe's Cafe on Saturday, February 25th! Limited to the first 100 people who purchase a ticket to attend, this will be a wonderful evening of fun, food and drinks with great music provided by The Occasionals. As neighbors know, Joe's Cafe is one of the most eclectic venues you will ever visit. Artist Bill Christman has adorned the cafe with oddities that must be seen to be appreciated.

You can purchase your tickets through angelband.gesture.com.

Editor's Notebook: Year End Donor Report

By Lana Stein

Thanks so much to all our great TIMES boosters for their year-end donations.

We have received more than \$2,200 in donations and now have \$10,243.19 in the bank. It now costs about \$925 to produce each issue and approximately \$ 1,200 per year in other expenses and some assistance to other neighborhood groups.

Our all-volunteer staff has increased over the past couple of years, with excellent reporting and photography. Special thanks to newer contributors Richard Bose, Derek Knight, and Michael Whisenhunt, and our truly reliable Tom Hoerr, Marjorie Weir, Susanne Knese, Rachel Boxdorfer, Andy Cross, Linda Cross, and the great King Schoenfeld. We hope that the next generation of editors comes forward soon!

— Lana Stein and Jo Ann Vatcha

Lucille Green...Barry and Caroline Leibman...Bob and Maggie Mahon...Katie Reynolds...Willie and Rogerine Kinds....Joe Edwards...Gary and Glenda Underwood...Peter Lukasiewicz and Shirley Bissen...Larry Barker and Teresa Jay...J. Davenport...Richard and Nancy Rice...Sally and Jim Boggeman...Dan and Monique Hudspeth...Gene and Dolores Hoefel...Lucille Foster...Tom Urbom...Hitch and Mary Powell...Marvin and Linda Nodiff...Fred and Judith Giraud...Vince and Lois Schoemehl...Andy and Linda Cross...John and Molly Mulcahy...Lana Stein...Lynn and Bob Huson...George Pepe and Kathleen Garcia ...Karen McClure...John and Mary Pat O’Gorman...Michele Thomas and Jay Brieler Thomas... Dan and Jill McGuire...Donald Posegate...Tom and Karleen Hoerr...Art and Carolyn Perry...King and Dee Schoenfeld...

Congratulations to the 2017 Martin Luther King Jack Wright Service Awardee Arline Webb



The annual celebration was cancelled due to the ice storm on the MLK weekend, but an award ceremony for Arline will be scheduled soon.

Arline Webb is a lifelong neighbor who has lived on the 6100 block of Pershing for more than 25 years, and who grew up on the 5900 block of Kingsbury, near Andy Cross' studio, across from what was a grocery store during her childhood. She attended St. Roch's School. Mother of two daughters, Erica and Alicia, Arline has regularly volunteered for many of the neighborhood's biggest activities, including Wintermarkt, the Police/Firefighter's Luncheon and the Annual Food Drive.

Arline wanted to share her honor with others, especially those who started the "People's Clinic". She said: "I will never be able to remember or name all the people who worked so hard to make the People's Clinic the success that it was and is. But a core group established and opened the Clinic in June, 1972. They included Peter Muckerman, the founder, Susan Sante, his sister, Sue Hudspeth, Jerry Kropp, Chris Wright, "barefoot" David, Christine Smith, Dr. Fred Bauchard, Art Perry and myself. For almost nine years the Clinic was housed in a storefront at 6010 Kingsbury until, due to the number and variety of health services we were able to offer our neighbors, the site became too small. Thus the building at 5700 Delmar was purchased and renovated and there the Clinic flourishes to this day. For a number of years the Clinic was a free clinic, staffed entirely by volunteers. These people, our friends and neighbors, did this because we believed our motto that "adequate health care for all is a human right." It is quite sad that after 40+ years we still have not achieved that right in our country as a whole. However, I would like to accept this award on behalf of all those who did believe and who did make that a reality here in our Skinker-DeBaliviere community."

SDCC Executive Director Brandon Sterling said, "Arline's selfless efforts have not only brought us closer as a neighborhood, but have contributed to the health and well-being of a diverse group of St. Louisians."

Corrections and Additions:

Gordon Carlson wrote to the TIMES that:

"In the November issue of the Times there is an article about Philip Lucier and West End Townhouses. In the article it states that some of the buildings were "donated to Grace and Peace Fellowship". That is not correct. One building was sold to Cornerstone, a ministry of Grace and Peace, but no buildings were donated to the church. Grace and Peace was a significant part of the stabilization of the neighborhood as we had about fifty people move into the neighborhood in the 1970s to be part of the church." The TIMES regrets the error.

Dan Schesch wrote concerning the 50th anniversary that:

"I was SDCC president in 2005 and 2006 (in addition to 2000-2002). Bob Mahon was Vice President in 2006 and succeeded me in 2007."

First Novel from Neighbor Derek Knight



Derek Knight, Kingsbury Square resident who also writes a blog and is a keen photographer, has been part of the TIMES volunteer staff for about a year. Now he's also a published novelist! His first book, Being Tony, A Novel, is now available in paperback on Amazon. Here's what the Amazon site had to say:

Say hello to Tony, always quick with a joke, or a story, and always happy to meet you for a drink. In his time he's worn many different hats. He's been a son, a brother, a partner and a lover. He's been a factory worker and a salesman, managed a pub and a bed shop. He's driven Jaguar cars, been married and divorced. He's had one night stands and long term relationships. But he only ever really wanted one woman and one town. This is Tony's story, a patchwork of places, jobs and people, of ups and downs, but through all of it, Tony is always optimistic, and he is the one that can cope, whatever happens. And when he can't, well, there is always his Jaguar and the open road, and sometimes there are friends around to help him remember who Tony is.

Derek said, "This was the first full length fiction I'd published, and I've been really pleased with the positive reactions I've had so far. One person wrote about the "sensory and geographic mindfulness" of the novel, and I take to mean they found it grounded in real life, which is exactly how I wanted it to be read."

Derek joins a great list of neighborhood authors, and we are pleased to have his contributions to the TIMES. His photos were a big part of the SDCC 50th Anniversary celebration as well.

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and payroll taxes collected at the site--above current levels--would go to pay back the bonds (plus interest). Pace estimates the TIF would be paid off by 2040.

The city's Tax Increment Financing Commission voted 5-1 to support the TIF application on January 4th. The project will

see further review by the Delmar Commercial Committee and the Historic Review Committee as well as by city officials. The TIF will require approval by the Board of Alderman.

Pace hopes to break ground in September and open in late 2018.

Guidelines for Submitting Copy

The Times welcomes unsolicited articles and letters. Because of the small size and volunteer nature of the writing staff, the quality and range of the Times has always depended in large part on submissions from non-staff area residents.

The writer is responsible for the accuracy of the data, including times, dates, location, and particularly the spelling of names. The editor retains the right to omit or alter any material. Opinions expressed in Commentaries are the opinion of the author.

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News of Neighbors

By Rachel Boxdorfer

Happy New Year everyone! I sincerely hope that you enjoyed your holidays and are off to a good start on this new year. And now, it is time to catch up with some of our neighbors.



It was a wonderful end to the year when on December 16th the winners of Mayor Francis Slay's annual Holiday Card Design Contest were honored today at a reception in City Hall in the Mayor's Office. Included in those honoree's was Isabella Knese, the daughter of Lenny and Susanne Knese of the 6100 block of Kingsbury. Isabella received an honorable mention in the contest this year. Congratulations Isabella, well done!



"Green Acres is the place for me....", the song must have been running in Kurt Hoefel's head for some time and now he and his wife have acted upon it! Kurt & Peggy Hoefel purchased a 1910



home in Washington, MO in August and have been trying to get started on a full scale renovation. Typical of such projects, there have been multiple delays in process but things are beginning to get under way. In the meantime Kurt and Peggy have

done little jobs like putting in a new fence, having the claw foot tub reglazed and waterproofing basement walls. They love staying out there on the weekends and returning to an "urban apartment" during the work week. Their "Green Acres" photo was inspired by Kurt wanting to move to the country and Peggy loving living in the city! He even gave Peggy a feather boa on their closing date. Kurt is the son of Gene and Delores Hoefel of the 6100 block of McPherson. You can follow their progress on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/HoefelHausWashMO/>. And hopefully in the near future, you will be able to book your visit at the Hoefel Haus!



Catching up with someone else who grew up on the 6100 block of McPherson, we were thrilled to learn that Page Hereford, son of Dick and Belynda Hereford, just graduated from the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Academy in January 2017 from class 2016-02 and is assigned to District 6. Page also served our country in the Marine Corps from October 2008-October 2012 and was in Afghanistan in 2010 with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit from November 2009 to June 2010. After all that Page graduated from Webster University in July 2015 with a Bachelor's of Arts in Political Science. Congratulations Page and thank you for your service!

Now if you are wondering what our very own In Your Ear columnist, Tom Hoerr has been up to in retirement, we have some scoop! Tom recently published, *The Formative Five: Fostering Grit, Empathy, and Other Success Skills Every Student Needs*, offering specific strategies that educators, parents, or anyone who interacts with young people can use to help them set goals to develop success skills and overcome obstacles. The idea of the book is to offer strategies on helping students succeed in school and life. Tom and his wife Karleen reside on the 6100 block of Kingsbury.

We are sad to report the loss of two neighbors and friends from the 5900 block of DeGiverville: Mary Brown and William Kinds.

Mary LaVerne Brown and her late husband Jesse had been involved in their block unit for many years, including president of the 5900 DeGiverville Block Unit, Chairperson of the Hamilton Community School, and the Block Unit 1035 Community Garden on the 5800 block of Westminster, across from Lucier Park. They also took part in numerous SDCC activities. Most recently Mary was active with the Human Services Committee and their Aging in Place activities. Her broad smile and good cheer will be missed. She was also a devoted pet owner. In October, the Brown family gathered with the Kinds and other neighbors to celebrate the planting of 50 trees in Lucier Park and commemorated their more than 50 years on the 5900 block of DeGiverville.



Then just after the first of the year, we also lost Mr. Kinds. Willie and his wife Rogerene have also been dedicated to neighborhood activities throughout their adult lives in Skinker DeBaliviere. They were recipients of the MLK Day Award in 2015.

Their service extended to St. Roch Church as well, and they served as leaders of the annual parish picnics. We will miss Mr. Kinds and Mrs. Brown and send our deepest sympathy to Rogerene Kinds and both the Brown and Kinds families, many of whom live in the neighborhood and continue their parents' lives of service to community.

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". We love to hear about neighbors' accomplishments, awards, travels, weddings, anniversaries, births, and more!

Want to learn more about our community's history? Check out our website at sdtimes.org

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Forest Park Parkway Closure Update

By Brandon Sterling, Executive Director, SDCC

Thanks to everyone who attended the SDCC public meeting with the Street Department and BJC last month. Following are Issues identified at the meeting, with notes on where changes were made.

1. Construction scheduled to be completed by July 2017, in preparation for Fair St. Louis.
2. Re-open Forest Park Parkway to DeBaliviere, going eastbound.(completed)
3. Reconfigure lanes on DeBaliviere and Lindell, going southbound, with left lane as turn only and right lane as through lane and right turn. (completed)
4. Re-time traffic signal at Lindell & Skinker, going southbound, to lessen bottle neck experienced on Skinker. (underway)
5. Add a portable speed limit display dolly along the 5800/5900 block of Waterman (will work with neighbor's input on two locations). (completed)
6. Request police enforce traffic laws along Skinker; DeGiverville and Waterman; and Waterman and DeBaliviere (speeding, use of center lane for driving, rolling stops, blocking intersections, reducing hazards to children, pedestrians and cyclists.) (happening)
7. Look into adding more signage, including areas used by Public School Buses and St. Roch's students.(completed)
8. Investigate installing stop signs with LED lights along Waterman & DeGiverville. (underway)

SDCC will stay in contact with the Street Department to track progress.

SDCC Reviews Special Business District February 13

By Brandon Sterling

In 2015, SDCC recruited residents to serve on an exploratory committee that would provide an unbiased review of the strengths and weaknesses of a Special Business District (SBDs). Starting in February 2016, the committee (1) studied SBDs for a year, (2) conducted one public forum and (3) administered one neighborhood survey.

It is now prepared to make a short presentation to the SDCC Board of Directors, as well as provide non-obligatory recommendations, based on the three aforementioned activities.

This presentation will take place at the next SDCC Board Meeting on Monday, February 13, 2017. Neighbors are welcome to attend. All presentation materials will be available online the following day, at www.tinyurl.com/sbdmeeting. An updated FAQ sheet addressing on-going questions is already posted at this web address.

Thank you to the neighbors who volunteered to examine this important issue: Committee facilitator, Lynn Teide and committee members: Elizabeth Bender, Justine Carter, Paris Clark, Valorie Helt, Paul Hohmann, Justin Fay, Vincent Flewellen, Jim Holzer, Katrina Stierholz.

Also, thank you to residents who only able to serve temporarily because of professional and/or personal obligations: Katie Kurtz and JoAnn Vatcha. While your time was short, your contributions were valuable.

In addition, the staff who participated served on the committee: Gary Boehnke (Skinker DeBaliviere Community Housing Corporation, Executive Director), and Brandon Sterling (Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council, Executive Director)

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KIDS CORNER

By Susanne Knese

Monday, February 20th is Presidents Day. Test your presidential knowledge below.

1. Was once a fashion model and was not elected by the voters as President or Vice President.
2. Was the first U.S. President to be born in a hospital.
3. Established the U.S. Navy and ordered the first warships to be built.
4. First President to go without wearing a wig in formal public appearances.
5. Owned a pet alligator that he kept in the White House.

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss, March 2nd

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the guy who'll decide where to go." – Oh, the Places You'll Go

Thursday Matinees at Lil's Treehouse

- @ 4:00 each 3rd Thursday of the month
- February 16 – The Jungle Book
- March 16 – Moana



Plenty to do at the U-City Library! www.ucitylibrary.org

- Storytime w/ Ms. W. Everything Grows March 6 - April 6
- Family Time (2 - 5 year olds) (Stories, songs, & activities: 40 minute program) Wednesdays 10:00, March 8 - April 5
- 2's (24 - 36 months) (Stories, songs, & activities: 40 minute program) Thursdays 9:30, March 9 - April 6
- 3 - 5 year olds (Stories, songs, & activities: 50 minute program) Thursdays 10:30, March 9 - April 6

Storytime is free to U. City residents and non-residents. Parent or caregiver should be a UCPL card holder. Library cards are free to most non-residents. Advance registration is required. Call 727-3150 Youth Services Department to reserve your child's spot.

Did you know dogs LOVE being read to?

CHAMP assistance dogs are great listeners. Bring a book to read to Rosie or one of her companions or choose one from our collection. 1st Thursdays of the month at 4:30pm.

Teens: DID YOU KNOW?

U-City Library has a Youth Leadership Program taught by Toastmasters International, a public speaking organization? Call Marilyn Phillips at 314-727-3150 for more information.

Question for April Kids Corner: Saturday, April 22nd is Earth Day. What do you do to help Mother Earth? Recycle? Reuse? Walk? Use public transportation? Pick up trash? Plant trees? Please submit drawings and answers to kidscorner@sdtimes.org or drop them at the SDCC office at Four Corners by March 10th! Kids share with us activities of your school, club, play, scouts and sports teams. This is YOUR corner, so make it what you want!

Answers to Presidential Quiz:
 1. Gerald Ford
 2. Jimmy Carter
 3. John Adams
 4. James Monroe
 5. John Quincy Adams

Landscape/Gardening Tips for February

By Dennis Evans, Quiet Village Landscaping

It's not unusual for St. Louis to see wild swings in weather during the month of February - like the strong snowstorm followed quickly by 60+ degree days that we saw in 2016!

These fluctuating temperatures can be confusing to home gardeners, wondering what they should do to maintain and care for their lawn.

So, our team of landscape experts has created this useful list of simple tasks that anyone can use, so that when you do make it outdoors, you can easily do the things that will have a big impact on your outdoor space for the upcoming year, all leading up to a successful spring season!

February Lawn and Garden Tips

As snowfall is melting, lawns can become overly wet. Avoid damage to your lawn by keeping your foot traffic across lawn-space to a minimum while grass is wet or frozen.

Consider providing an outdoor water source or bird house, to encourage native birds to nest in your yard. Also, planting a variety of shrubs, trees, and evergreens can



provide a natural wild food source and nesting habitat for our native bird populations.

Did you receive cut flowers for Valentine's Day or other special occasion?

Extend their life by performing the following steps:

1. Recut stems underwater. This ensures no air gets into the stem.
2. Remove any stem foliage that would be underwater.
3. Use a flower preservative. Most cut flower arrangements come with a commercial mix, but you can easily make your own! Mix 2 tablespoons of lemon juice, 1 tablespoon sugar, and 1/4 teaspoon of bleach in a quart of warm water, then simply pour into your vase.

If your houseplants are showing signs of new growth, be sure to fertilize them. However, don't fertilize plants that are still dormant just yet.

Have other questions about your lawn or garden? Email us at info@quietvillagelandscaping.com - we would be happy to help!



HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY 2016

By Susan Santen

Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council and Rosedale Neighborhood Association 48th Annual Halloween Costume Party at St. Roch School gym, 6040 Waterman Ave., St. Louis, MO, was held Mon. Oct. 31, 2016 from 6 to 7pm. Costume Contest started at 5:45pm. Hosted by Art Santen. Art Santen founded the Halloween Party in 1968 and has been hosting it annually for 48 years! Dan Hudspeth, President and Board Member, provided award prize money and candy. Andy Cross, local artist, created original hand drawn 1st Place Winners Awards.

Remember to arrive early next year to be included in the costume contest. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, the judges, and the entertainers as well as over 100 kids who showed up for the fun!

2016 Halloween Party Costume Contest Winners, Skinker-DeBaliviere

Adults in photo:

Dan Hudspeth (on far left) and Art Santen (on far right)

pictured from left to right:

- Lucy Schwartz (grade 6) - Identity Theft
- Zephyr Brown (grade 6) - Scary Scarecrow
- Will Kreuter (grade 4) - Stay Puft Marshmallow Man
- Jonathan Taylor (grade 1) - Garbage Truck
- Glenis Davidson (grade 7) - Cleopatra
- Michaela Johnson (grade 3) - Creeper (from Minecraft)
- Isaac Upchurch (grade 2) - Tin Man
- Sydney Underwood (grade 4) - Jelly Bellies
- Indigo Brown (grade 4) - Zombie
- Samira Beck (grade 4) - Zombie Bride

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Long Acres Farm Stays in the Loop

By Jim Boggeman

Long Acres Farm recently moved their outdoor vegetable stall from the space they had occupied in the Delmar Loop for the past 43 years to the parking lot of All Saints Catholic Church at 6409



Clemens in University City. They have erected a structure on the church site from which they are selling their fresh fruits and vegetables Thursday through Saturday from 8:30 until 5:00 all year long. The stall is owned by brother and sister team Jim and Debbie Schneider. The stall in the loop was started by their parents Clarence (Jim) and Loraine Schneider who brought produce from their farm in St Charles county which they originally acquired in 1969.

Although only a couple of blocks off the beaten path, the new facility has abundant free parking and customers are not confronted with the congestion that has plagued the Loop and parking lot behind 6600-6700 Delmar over the last few years. The move was prompted by issues surrounding rent at the Loop stall.

In the summer months the market features produce grown at the family farm including tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, peppers and pumpkins. They also market merchandise from other local growers as well as some that is purchased from wholesalers. In addition to the retail side, the Schneider's also supplies various restaurants in the Metro Area and they offer free delivery of food items purchased at their stall.

Visitors to the stall are greeted by a very friendly staff which includes but is not limited to Jim and Debbie, Jim's wife Mary and a frequently changing cast of friends and relatives including long-time regulars Tony and Dave. These workers are eager to cut a watermelon in half or carry bags of produce to the cars as needed. Jim Schneider stated repeatedly that they have been blessed with a group of extremely loyal customers. He said their facility will soon be sporting a sign designed and drawn by ubiquitous Skinker Debaliviere artist/activist Andy Cross, and Mr. Schneider invited all of the neighbors to come visit their relocated business venture which is offering "good, reasonably priced fruits and vegetables".

LET'S FIGHT ILLEGAL ROOMING HOUSES!

To the Skinker DeBaliviere community:

We, the undersigned, are longtime neighborhood residents and supporters with a strong interest in the preservation of our housing stock. We have joined together to examine how our institutions are addressing housing questions, fiduciary responsibility, and a serious problem which has barely touched the radar.

In many cities and towns, university and college undergraduate students tend to take over adjacent neighborhoods as de facto student housing. This process has been referred to as "studentification." It is difficult to reverse but can be attenuated by joint action of neighbors, property owners, the educational institution and local officials. Studentification is here in Skinker DeBaliviere. On a few blocks, over a quarter of the single family homes are owned by absentee landlords who rent to undergraduate students. These same absentee landlords also own property throughout Skinker DeBaliviere, from single family homes, two families and apartment buildings.

The presence of undergraduate students is a mixed blessing. They contribute considerable foot traffic which aids safety, for example, but exhibit a teenage lifestyle that is difficult to live with. Their landlords often try to ignore city conservation inspections, thereby evading city property maintenance standards and fire and safety inspections. Rather than renting to a family, couple, older adult or young professional, these owners market to undergraduates and often pack them in their houses and apartment units to maximize profits. The St. Louis zoning code prohibits more than three unrelated adults living together in a single family dwelling unit. This law is now frequently broken in our neighborhood!

Skinker DeBaliviere, with its sizeable grouping of multi-family housing, has had and will have student residents particularly under graduate students. That being said, occupancy restrictions, health and safety ordinances, etc. are more important than ever. Long term residents have supplied those who were active in the preservation of the neighborhood. These were the volunteers at events, those who joined the council and its committees. Without them, the neighborhood would not have achieved the stability with diversity it has. Students will always be among us; it would be foolish to think otherwise. However, we should work to see that our residential housing stock - both single and multiple family not turn any further into undergraduate student dormitories. This will take effort. If that effort is not made, studentification will become a reality and this beautiful historic area will be home to long term residents no longer. We are calling on the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Housing Corporation, Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council, Washington University, as well as City officials, our political representatives, and other property owners to respond to this outreach and work with us to come up with drastic and immediate solutions to address these important issues.

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January 3, 1904

An Old Chapter in DeBaliviere History

Editors Note:

Discovered by King Schoenfeld among the voluminous archives of the Post Dispatch now placed online, and digitally enhanced by Marj Weir, the following is a heretofore unknown part of neighborhood history. The TIMES will continue to endeavor to document and verify the details of our past, wherever they may lead! In this case, and in part due to space limitations, we have put the full text of this long article on our TIMES website, including the colorful, and indeed sometimes offensive, descriptions of World's Fair workers from Italy. The piece documents in part the prejudices and perceptions of the times, perhaps little different from our own times, with just a change of the ethnicity being described. Go to www.sdtimes.org to read the rest of this interesting tour of DeBaliviere Boulevard.

"Moving the Bolivar Town" was published on Sunday, January 3, 1904.

The hegira of Bolivar Town, the new and curious Little Italy of St. Louis, is now under way. It constitutes a World's Fair epic. Bolivar Town is the quaint little settlement of worn-out street cars, flapping tents and weatherbeaten frame shanties that stands at the corner of DeBaliviere and Delmar Boulevards, extending south, where the Lindell cars turn into Forest Park on their way to the pavilion near the Palace of Liberal Arts of the World's Fair. It owes its name to the fact that "Bolivar" was the nearest approach its speakers could make in the pronunciation of DeBaliviere.

The march of World's Fair progress has compelled the abandonment of the present site of Bolivar Town. But it is not the case of the wiping out of a community. It is, rather, a transference, the removal of the household goods of an entire village from one well-defined location to another—hegira, not extinction.

Where Bolivar Town now is, with its entire front facing westward, you will see before many weeks a wide and stately avenue lined with splendid structures. A mammoth



City of Tents Must Get Out of the Way of World's Fair Progress. But It Will Rise Again on Another Site and Though Removed From the Thoroughfare Which Gave It Name It Will Still Be Bolivar Town.



combination hotel and shopping arcade is to greet the eye in the place of the little laundry in a street car that now marks the northern beginning of Bolivar Town. The \$350,000 Criban Clubhouse will arise at the southern extremity at the Bolivar Town of today. The great Napoleon Bonaparte Hotel, costing \$300,000, is to be built just off the southeast edge of Bolivar Town.

It is because of these things that Bolivar Town must move. The inexorable law of the "survival of the fittest" creates the necessity. The inhabitants of Bolivar Town, who live after the manner of the patriarchs of old, in tents, are mainly Italian plaster workers employed on the World's Fair grounds. They will establish their new canvas town on vacant land about 300 feet east of where they are now.

It's lucky for them they live in temporary structures. All that is necessary for the removal of such a village is to "Strike Camp" and make a sprinting dash for the next point of settlement. Many of them have already done this.

Bolivar Town owes its original foundation to native local demand, but it soon became a foreign colony. The first "shacks" that went up in this curious settlement were for the

accommodation of employees of the St. Louis Transit Co., the motormen and conductors of the division whose offices and car sheds are located on the opposite corner. It is a busy junction and transfer point. In that corner and a little eating place in an abandoned street car was the first Bolivar Town structure. Trade was good and soon there was a tiny laundry, followed by a barber shop. Next and enterprising cobbler set up his bench in a corner of one of the ramshackle old cars that had been placed on the veteran retired list. All this began about three years ago....

And so it has come about that the site of Bolivar Town has been shifted bodily and that the pretty stretch along DeBaliviere avenue which knew the town once will know it no more forever. "Go west, young man," said Horace Greeley—but the folk of Bolivar Town went east, about 300 feet. And they're there now until further notice.

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IN YOUR EAR

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You'd be amazed at the many ways that Twinkies can be eaten. I sure was.

The restaurant is world-class, located in Clayton. You can tell it's world-class because everyone dresses up and the prices are high. Oh yeah, the food tastes good too. It's not the sort of place I normally eat, it's way above my pay-grade, but I was there to celebrate still another birthday, drinking champagne, trying to remember what I have forgotten, and listening to arteries harden.

After dinner, the waiter, a bit condescending (but that goes with the price), asked if we were interested in dessert. Foolish question! At my nod he said, "Let me tell you about our new dessert special Twinkies a la bacon." WHAT? Did I hear that correctly? Twinkies and bacon? Are you kidding me?

The waiter proceeded to tell us that this delicacy was new to the Midwest and that the countervailing tastes – moist yellow cake, white sugary stuffing, and salty bacon bits – were like a symphony on the tongue. I was immediately repulsed and said, "I'll take one!"

Well, the waiter was right. The oxymoronic synergy (love that phrase!) of tastes was so indescribable that I won't try to describe it. Think of the best chocolate sundae you've ever had, filled with pretzel chips, and eaten with a mustard spoon while sitting under a ceiling fan that is circulating shredded fireflies with Leonard Cohen singing in the background. You get the picture!

The dessert was so over-the-top that I asked to meet the chef, and was led to the kitchen where I chatted with Chef Marmolada, a clever culinary connoisseur from Canada. She explained that this recipe, "Twinkie Pigee," had been taken from a new cookbook that was dedicated to Twinkie recipes. Is that, like, unbelievable, or what? The world is spinning out of control: First, President Trump and now a Twinkie cookbook. What could be next? Maybe the Cubs will win the World Series!?!

Chef Marmolada was quite friendly, one could even say sweet, and I asked what other Twinkie recipes were in the book. She smiled and said that this was top secret information, and that much as she would like to tell me, she had been sworn to secrecy. As she talked, though, another waiter, also clearly condescending, called

her name and said that the health department inspector was here for a surprise visit, and she was needed immediately in the restaurant hot tub area. She apologized for needing to leave and asked me to wait a minute.

Of course, as soon as she left, in the interest of journalism, following in the footsteps of Woodward and Bernstein and Julian Assange, I photographed the first few pages of the cookbook and now share some of them with you. Please don't tell anyone where you learned this.

A photo of Twinkie Pigee was on the cover and the Twinkies had been molded in the shape of a smiling pig. I'll never figure out how they got the pig's tail to curl like that! The recipe noted that only fresh bacon bits should be used, and that if more panache was desired, key lime could be added.

The next recipe was Twinkie Baloney. (That may sound redundant.) Anyway, this suggests putting four Twinkies in a blender, add three slices of lean baloney (?), one slice of pickle loaf, and a handful of Hershey kisses. This produces a spread which is best served on rye crackers with 905 beer.

Kung Pao Twinkie was, as you might imagine, Kung Pao chicken or shrimp covered with crumbled Twinkies that had been mixed with shredded wheat. You know, people in China should be much more upset about this than whether or not Prez Trump talks to Taiwan.

I was most interested in Twinkie Mex because it offered three different recipes. In the first, a ground-up Twinkie was inserted in the taco shell along with the sauce and meat. The next variation had Twinkies mixed with garbanzo beans and serving as a dipping sauce. The last was enchilada-Twink, the enchilada being placed directly on top of Mr. Twink. Build that wall!

I was disappointed when Chef Marmolada returned because I had just seen the title of the next chapter, "Twinkies in the Workout Room," but had to stop reading. She told me that she gave the health inspectors a bottle of Urban Chestnut, so all was good, and she escorted me out of the kitchen.

My return home took longer than I expected because I stopped at nine 7-11 stores and wiped out their stocks of Twinkies. I now have enough Twinkies in my basement to last

until hell freezes over or we elect a Democratic congress, whichever comes first. (I'm betting on the freeze.) They are easy to store because given the ingredients of Twinkies, no refrigeration is necessary. Like dinosaur fossils, they'll be here and fresh in 65 million years.

So, the next time you are in a fancy restaurant, ask about their Twinkie offerings. And if they look at you like you're crazy and have no idea what you mean, leave immediately and find a place that is more committed to fine eating. After all, we are only here once.

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