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SDCC APPROVES PLAN

The Executive Board of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, Inc. gave its approval to the redevelopment plan worked out by its Housing Committee and Team Four, an urban planning firm. Approval was tentative until the plan could be examined and considered by neighborhood residents.

The total redevelopment plan involves the area from DeBaliviere to Laurel and from McPherson to Delmar. The plan approved is for Phase I, which would redevelop the properties lying between the McPherson Alley and the Bi-State property.

As outlined by Mr. Jerry Pratter of Team Four, some 20 buildings in the area are presently cleared or marked for demolition. Planners are recommending the demolition of another 33 buildings which have obvious major structural faults. Another group of buildings is considered of doubtful structural soundness and their use or demolition will be recommended after careful inspection when the project begins. The fourth group consists of sound buildings which will be rehabilitated.

The present urban grid pattern will be maintained in the area because the public utilities run under the streets and alleys and these cannot be built over. The approved plan calls for the construction of some 95 two or three story townhouses, with one off street parking space provided for each unit. Some 103 buildings would be rehabilitated by the owners or, if purchased, by the redevelopers.

The Phase I plan also calls for the eastward expansion of the Hamilton School property which is at present not adequate for school purposes. The Bi-State property, which is in use at present, should remain in use until all phases of development are completed, according to planners.

To give Board members a comparison Mr. Pratter suggested that LaCleda Town has a density of 23 dwelling units per acre. While the number of units per building is not final in the S-D redevelopment plans, the density per acre would be closer to 15. At present Cal Stuart and Team Four representatives are looking at architectural sketches for

proposed new construction. Architectural designs will have to blend in with present structures to preserve the appearance of the area. Open space for the redevelopment as estimated at one acre per 100 dwelling units.

The overall plan calls for a conventionally financed, professionally managed project. Mr. Roger Sachar, of Sachar Corporation, which has worked with the FHA in other redevelopments, remarked that Phase I which is purely residential, is relatively easy to finance, but of great importance because new construction encourages other new construction to mushroom in an area.

The redevelopment plan in its present form includes low income housing either under a rent subsidy or turnkey arrangement, but spokesman made it clear that federal guidelines for redeveloped areas have strict limits on the amount of subsidized housing.

As the situation presently stands, Team Four felt that the municipal Centralized Relocation Bureau should be notified that families will need housing as soon
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Census Shows Racial Balance

by Ted Gest

More black residents — both as owners and renters of housing units — constitute a major change in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area during the 1960s, census returns made public recently indicate.

The figures are census tract data supplied to the St. Louis City Plan Commission by the United States Census Bureau based on its decennial count of the population taken April 1, 1970.

Census tract areas in St. Louis's west end don't correspond precisely to boundaries of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council (see map).

But the areas for which figures are available are close enough to provide an insight into population trends in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area.

Total population in the two tracts that take in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area rose slightly between 1960 and 1970 — from 10,707 to 11,269.

But the big difference in the composition of our community is the number of blacks. Only 55 blacks lived in the two tracts in 1960, less than 1 per cent. By 1970 the number rose to 6208, or 55 per cent.

Leonard Hafertefe, a City Plan Commission staff member who aided The Paper in compiling the figures, noted that the black population in Skinker-DeBaliviere is actually higher than the 55 per cent figure because one of the census tracts extends to a primarily white area west of Skinker Boulevard.

In tract 1052, for example, which extends basically between Delmar, Clara, Lindell and Des Peres, total population rose from 6247 to 6731 between 1960 and 1970.

Racial composition in tract 1052 shifted radically in those ten years. Whites outnumbered blacks by 6167 to 33 in 1960 (47 residents were of other races). By 1970 5211 blacks lived in the tract as compared to 1478 whites and 42 others.

Tract 1051, which generally included the area from Des Peres and Hodiamont west to the city limits and extending south to Clayton Road, does not show a trend of such rapid change.

Total population rose from 4460 to 4538 during the 10-year period. The number of whites declined from 4421 to 3465 and blacks rose correspondingly from 22 to 997.

Housing statistics made available from the 1970 census report show that housing vacancies shot upwards during the 1960s in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area but the ratio of owners to renters remained about the same.

The total number of housing units in the two tracts went up slightly during the decade — from 4555 to 4660. But vacancies rose from a total of 274 in 1960 to 767 in 1970.

Figures in 1960 showed 3254 renter-occupied units and 1027 owner-occupied units in the two West End areas. By 1970 there were 2894 owner-occupied units — another slight decrease.

Blacks and persons of other races made gains in housing ownership in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area during the decade. Non-whites owned only 9 of the 1027 owned units in 1960 but owned 398 of 999 owned units in 1970.

Non-white renters rose from 26 of 3254 units in 1960 to 1234 of 2894 in 1970.

Women outnumber men in the two West End tract areas, primarily because of a major edge in the over 60 age range. There are 6068 women in the area

Delmar Church To Stay In Neighborhood

Delmar Baptist Church, long time supporter of community action and co-founder and member of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, has voted to remain at their present location. Part of the congregation wished to merge with the Oak Chapel Baptist Church at Clayton and Straub Rds. The vote to remain at Washington and Skinker was 152 to 118.

A spokesman for the church said that the vote to stay indicates a renewed interest on the part of the congregation to serve the community. There will be no curtailment of present activities, and more programs will be planned.

Delmar Baptist presently operates a pre-school for three and four year olds. A program involving parents of the children is being organized.

The Church also sponsors a boxing club and basketball league for area youth.

The classroom facilities at the Church are being considered for use by the over-crowded Hamilton Elementary School. At this time the superintendent of the Enright District says that the School Board would be unwilling to finance renovation and fireproofing of the building.

However, Delmar Baptist and the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council Education Committee are still interested in the project and are continuing to pursue other alternatives.

by Glori L'Ecuyer

Save Paper Cans, Glass

by Kenneth Cohen

BULLETIN: Start saving your newspapers, cans and glass bottles!

The Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council has initiated a recycling program which will help recycle newspapers, cans and bottles and provide some extra money for community projects.

The Council will collect cans, bottles and newspapers and sell them to manufacturers who will make new products from them. Collection points will be located throughout the Skinker-DeBaliviere area.

This is a great opportunity to raise money for many of the projects that the Council would like to support. It is also a way to help preserve our natural resources and reduce the amount of solid waste that must be collected by the city. It is hoped that all residents of the Skinker-DeBaliviere area will take a few minutes each day to make this program a huge success. Throwing cans, bottles and newspapers away is a habit — break the habit and recycle.

Environment

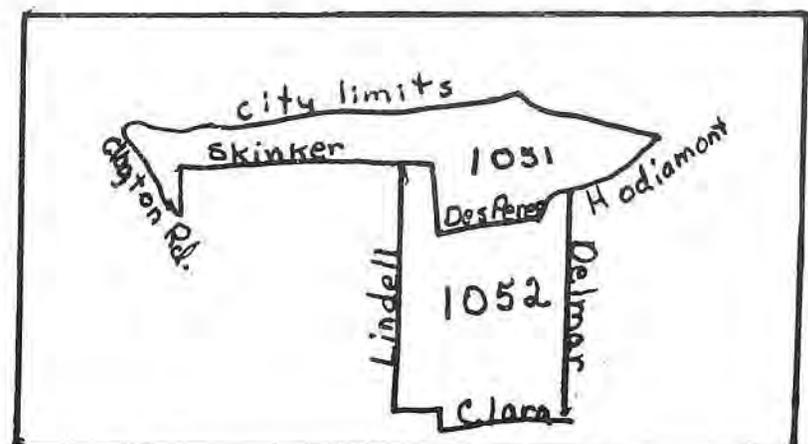
Courses at FPCC

Beginning this fall, the continuing education division of Forest Park Community College will offer, at no cost to the student, a one-year basic training program in Environmental Technology. With federal funding by the Manpower Development and Training Act, the college will train thirty technicians to assist in solving the environmental crisis through environmental control and resource management.

In order to qualify for the program, students must be at least 18 years of age, have had one year of high school mathematics and science, and be financially disadvantaged, unemployed, underemployed or a veteran.

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Map of Census Tracts

compared to 5202 men.

Age breakdowns in the 1970 figures show 1249 women over 60 years old and 628 men in the same age range. There are 1181 women and 966 men between 35 and 59; 1451 women and 1481 men between 20 and 34 and 504 women and 497 men between 15 and 19.

Children in the neighborhood number 582 girls and 579 boys in the 10-14 age range; 583 girls and 550 boys in the 5-9 range and 518 girls and 501 boys four years old or less — a total of 3,313 children.

No comparable age figures for 1960 were available.

A Good Neighbor

THE PAPER would like to thank the congregation of Delmar Baptist Church for voting to stay in the neighborhood.

For many years the church has gone beyond the call of duty in supporting neighborhood activities and opening its doors to the community. Among these activities are financial support of the community council, a successful pre-school program with free or low-cost tuition for neighborhood children, an extensive summer program and other special activities.

For these tangible things and just because we are delighted, regardless of demonation, to continue to have the church as a neighbor — thank you, Delmar Baptist.

'New Look' At Library

Beginning Saturday, Sept. 18, the Des Peres Branch Library has been getting a new face. Materials have been donated by the City Beautification Commission, and the work is being done by neighborhood young people under the direction of Dale Poertner, librarian working with young adults.

Bricks are being laid in the space northwest of the doorway and between the sidewalk and pavement along Des Peres and Kingsbury. The space northeast of the doorway is to be enclosed with railway ties and sodded. When the job is done the building (and the corner) will have a whole new look.

The Rosedale-Skinker Improvement Association has been helping to get the young workers. If the project isn't completed by the time this notice is out, here is a chance to have fun working with others and at the same time learn something about building a patio and sodding lawns. Not to mention helping to spruce up the neighborhood!

— Avis Carlson

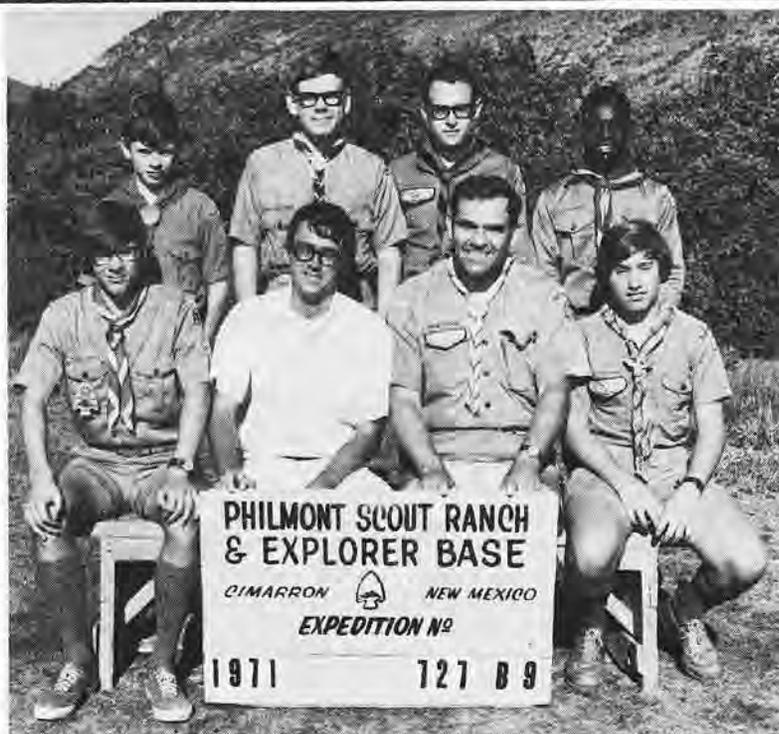
Maryland Plaza International Festival
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THE PAPER, a non-profit monthly newspaper published by residents living in the community bounded by Delmar to Lindell, DeBaliviere to the city limits. All articles are contributed by volunteers.

If you wish to have THE PAPER mailed to you, please send one dollar for a year's mailing costs to Mrs. Barbara Schmidt, 5819 Pershing.

Mail news and letters to the editor to The Paper, 6008 Kingsbury, 63112. Letters to the Editor must be signed.



Area scouts in New Mexico. Front row sitting, Ranger Eric Wunz, Father Palmer, Mr. Wilmering, Andy Bender. Standing are Joe Newsham, Tad Wilmering, Kevin Crudden and Charlie Hatch.

By Andy Bender

At 9 a.m., Monday, July 26, three busloads of Scouts left St. Louis for Philmont Scout Ranch, 215 sq. miles of wilderness in Northeastern New Mexico. St. Roch Troop 98 was represented by Scoutmaster Joseph Wilmering, Fr. Palmer, Scouts Andy Bender, Kevin Crudden, Charlie Hatch, Joe Newsham, and Tad Wilmering for the two-week trip.

Following a 22 hour bus ride to the ranch the group was assigned a Ranger who, after the final selection of the trails to be hiked, helped all repack to reduce the weight of their packs and reviewing camping skills during

the first two days on the trail. Then the group was on its own.

The hikers averaged 7 miles a day with full packs on trails which were mostly up and down mountains and canyons, with rain almost every afternoon. It hailed five times and one night the temperature fell to 25.

Scout Skil-Show

The St. Louis Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, is having a Scout-Skil-Show at three locations on October 30, 1971, 1 to 10 PM. The locations are: St. Louis Armory, 3676 Market St.; St. Louis Progress West, Highway 244 and Dorset Rd.; and, Festus Armory, 215 Mill St., Festus. 20,000 Scouts will demonstrate Scouting skills, achievements, and advancements required for every rank and merit badge in the Scout program. Tickets are one dollar, good for one adult or two children at any one location. Half the ticket price will go to a neighborhood Scout or Cub unit, the rest to the area scouting program. Please support the boys who will be selling tickets.

— Bert Bender

CHURCH NEWS

By Cherie McKee

DELMAR BAPTIST — Regular schedule: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., children's choir, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 11:00 a.m. (nursery available). On Wednesdays a family dinner is held at 6:30 p.m., \$1.25 and \$0.50, reservations needed. Choir practice is at 7:30 p.m. Pre-school is open. Forty children are enrolled. An October retreat is planned for young married couples.

GRACE METHODIST — The Grace pre-school is now in session. Openings are still available. The Methodist men's dinner will be held Oct. 6 at 6:30 p.m. For reservations call the church office.

ST. ROCH'S — Parish religious education classes are held for grades 1-7 Sundays.

Oct. events: Oct. 4, 8:00 p.m., women's gym reopens; Oct. 14, 8:00 p.m. bridge night, large assembly room; Oct. 26, 8:00 p.m. preparing for Christ, marriage series begins.

ADULT HALLOWEEN PARTY — A neighborhood Halloween Party will be held Oct. 30 at 9:00 p.m. at St. Roch's. Admission is \$2.50 each. Prizes will be given for the best costumes. Set ups and music for dancing. A midnight supper will be served. For reservations call Susie Roach, 862-5893.

St. Roch's Parish Assembly Sunday, Oct. 24. Large Assembly Room.

PTA News

Well, school days are upon us again and as has been done traditionally, the PTA is issuing a special invitation in the month of October to all parents with children attending Hamilton School to join. Yearly membership dues are \$1.00 per person, and any member who subscribes to the objectives and basic policies of this association may become a member of the association subject only to compliance with the by-laws of the organization.

It is the responsibility of parent and teacher alike to make the PTA a success. The PTA wants what you want... to assure quality living and learning for our children and all children. Next Month Membership proclamation.

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News Briefs

TRASH PICKUP OCT. 4

The City street department will conduct a trash pick-up in the Skinker - DeBaliviere area Monday, Oct. 4. They will collect debris not normally picked up. Trash should be bundled and weigh no more than 100 pounds. Put out* trash on Sunday.

BRIDGE GAME

Sixteen hands of party bridge are played the second Thursday of each month in St. Roch's Church basement, on Rosedale at Waterman. Bring a partner or call David Schmidt VO3-4512 to arrange for one. Cash prizes are awarded and the cost is only \$1. Refreshments are available.

WOMEN'S GYM CLASSES

Women's gym classes begin Monday, October 4 at 8 p.m. in St. Roch's Gym, 6030 Waterman, preceded by tennis lessons at 7:15. Volleyball or basketball may be played afterwards depending on the wishes of the group. The ten week series costs \$5 payable in advance or on the first night to Barbara Schmidt, 5819 Pershing. Transportation for those needing it can be arranged the first night.

On Nov. 5, 1971, at 6:30 PM, Mrs. Mary Kelly of Union Electric Company is sending a representative to demonstrate a cooking course for the cooking class at Hamilton School. Everyone is invited.

WHN NIGHT OUT

A Mom and Dad's Night Out fund raising event is being planned by Washington Heights Neighbors to be held October 16 at 7:30 in the large assembly room at St. Roch's Church.

Admission will be \$1.25 per person. There will be a cash bar and snacks.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Saturday Enrichment Club Program at Grace Methodist Church is being held on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.

This is a club program for neighborhood children in grades four through eight. It consists of field trips, sports activities, craft projects, etc. New members are welcome.

The Commission of Christian Social Concern of Union Memorial United Methodist in conjunction with the Womens Crusade Against Crime will sponsor a 'Coffee Against Crime Roundup'.

Various Law Enforcement officials will speak and answer pertinent questions on Crime.

Please come and bring your friends.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: 1141 Belt

Date: Thursday, Oct. 28, 1971

WHN BLOCK UNIT NEWS

The youth club of the 5900 block of DeGiverville sponsored and planned a trip to the Meramec Cave this summer. The group raised money to charter a bus for the trip by giving their own block parties. Each youth attending brought a box lunch and paid for his own ticket to tour the cave. The adult members of the block unit donated soda for the outing. About thirty youths from the block attended. They enjoyed the outing and hope to have another one as soon as possible.

The members of the 5700 block of DeGiverville sponsored a carnival and street dance on August 28 for children and teens of the block. There were many games and booths, including a fish pond, bowling table, bean bag toss, and a booth featuring craft items made by the children of the block during the summer. Each child on the block was treated to free soda and hot dogs, and everyone came home with plenty of balloons and prizes. A street dance was held for teens from late afternoon to early evening.

The Peoples' Community School would like donations for the Home Economic Class such as:

- ironing board
- iron
- any electrical appliances
- pots
- pans
- skillets.

NEW CO-CHAIRMAN

Mr. Bruce Smith of the 5800 block of Pershing has been elected co-chairman of the Police Community Relations Committee of the 7th District. Mr. Smith and his family have lived in the area for several years and have been active in Police Community Relations work for some time. Mrs. Smith was one of the first clerical worker volunteers from the Skinker DeBaliviere area to the 7th District.

Recycle

	NEWSPAPERS	CANS	BOTTLES
COLLECTION POINT	Truck in parking lot across from Garavelli's in the 5700 block of DeGiverville	Behind Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council office at 6008 Kingsbury	Behind Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council office, 6008 Kingsbury
WHEN	10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. Nov. 6. Other dates will be announced in The Paper	ANYTIME	ANYTIME
WHAT TO DO AT HOME	Tie in one foot high bundles	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. wash 2. remove paper labels 3. remove ends 4. flatten Note: only one end can be removed from most, so just flatten them as much as possible. 5. separate by steel and aluminum*	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. rinse 2. labels can stay on 3. remove metal caps and corks 4. separate by color - clear, brown, light green, dark green.
WHAT TO DO AT COLLECTION POINT	Volunteers will be available to help load up the bundles	Put steel cans into containers provided for steel. Put aluminum into containers for aluminum	Put colors into container provided for that color. If in doubt, about the green colors, put it in the dark green one

* Steel cans have a welded seam down the side. Aluminum cans do not. The bottoms of aluminum cans are not welded as they are on steel cans. Most cans in the St. Louis area are steel. Aluminum is used to make the trays that frozen dinners and desserts come in. Include these in your can containers.

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Beginning Oct. 4, students will attend classes eight hours a day, five days a week. Upon completion of the program in mid-May, students will have earned 32 hours of college credit

in science, communications and environmental technology. Those who successfully complete the program will be awarded certificates and will be placed in suitable employment in government or industry.

For more information on the new Environmental Technicians program, contact the Forest Park Community College continuing education division, 644-3300, extension 467, or the MDTA Office, Division of Employment Security, 231-7348.

DESK SALE

St. Roch's will have a desk sale on the top floor of the west school building Sunday, Oct. 10 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Desks are \$5.00 each, chairs \$2.00 each.

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Redevelopment Continued

as the plans are approved by the Board of Alderman. A spokesman for Skinker-DeBaliviere indicated that even if the Council could find housing it did not have funds for relocation. Some families in the area will be eligible for a federal fund set up to help relocate families.

Board members agreed that from a neighborhood standpoint, the great problem would be relocation of families in the redevelopment area. Spokesman for Team Four and the Housing Committee made it clear that there was no way for every family relocated out of the area to be re-housed in the neighborhood when the development is completed.

Spokesmen for all groups concerned with the redevelopment plan agreed that if redevelopment were dropped or delayed the same families would have to move within a year or so in any event as the buildings involved will collapse or become totally uninhabitable within that time.

After presentation and discussion at local meetings, the redevelopment plan will be submitted to the City Plan Commission by October 6th. The Plan Commission has ninety days in which to consider it. Meanwhile the S-D Housing Committee will work to raise seed money for acquiring land and options on land in the target area.

WANT ADS

Wanted: Names of new businesses opening in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area. Businessmen or customers can leave names and addresses at VO2-5122. We want to include a listing of new businesses in each addition.

High schooler wants part-time baby or house sitting. Call 721-6341 after 7:00 p.m.

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HELP WANTED: THE PAPER needs reporters, advertising help, and block news. No references, no salaries. Leave your name with Mrs. Busch: VO2-5122 or mail news items to The Paper, 6008 Kingsbury, 63112. Deadline, the 15th of the month. News received by Oct. 15 will appear in the November issue.

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