

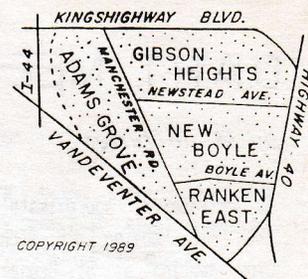
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"IN THE CENTER OF ST. LOUIS"

HABITAT, GOSHEN, DART, NEWS NOTES & LETTERS

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HABITAT MEETING

by K. Chauffe

On August 23, over 100 residents attended NEWS & VIEWS' neighborhood-wide informational meeting. Residents learned about Habitat for Humanity's plan to build 24 houses in Adams Grove for low-income families. Following a presentation by Skip Larson from Habitat, Maud Essen presented a slide show to familiarize the audience with the diverse architecture of Adams Grove and demonstrate that small buildings can be attractive and blend into our neighborhood. Kate Roth, executive director of FPSE Housing Corp., read the Housing Corp. position on Habitat (See HOUSING OFFICE NEWS).

Some residents of Adams Grove complained they were not kept informed when their block unit meets and that this was the first they had heard of Habitat's plans. Others expressed concerns regarding the possible impact on property values. No statistics are available regarding Habitat's impact on property values. Roth stated that she had contacted several developers and banks for their opinions regarding Habitat and property values. She reported that none had been negative. Essen said that she and Claudia Korndorfer, the meeting's moderator, had prepared a questionnaire that can be used to collect statistics.

Other concerns voiced included the greater need to rehab vacant houses in the neighborhood, than to build new ones, and the need for Habitat houses to architecturally compliment adjacent homes. Generally, throughout the audience there was recognition and concern for the problems of housing for low-income families and a willingness to accommodate a limited number in Adams Grove.

N&V would like to express its gratitude to Claudia Korndorfer for her excellent job moderating the meeting, as well as Skip Larson, Maud Essen and Kate Roth.

GOSHEN'S RESIDENCY IDEAS CONTEST QUESTIONED

by M. Jefferies

In a recent letter to President Jerry Scherer of FPSE Housing Corp., several FPSE residents have questioned the legitimacy of Thomas D. Goshen to serve on the Corporation's Board of Directors, as the New Boyle Neighborhood Improvement Association (NBUI) representative. The letter contends that although Goshen claims to live at 4302 Chouteau Ave., he has declared his primary and legal residence to be 17 So. Euclid. According to the records of the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of St. Louis, a Thomas D. Goshen has been registered at 17 So. Euclid for several years. No one is registered to vote from 4302 Chouteau. State law requires voters to register and vote from their primary and legal residence.

If 17 So. Euclid is confirmed to be Goshen's legal residence, he is ineligible to represent any block unit because that address is outside FPSE. Housing Corporation By-Laws require block unit representatives to reside in the area they represent. Several directors of the Corporation reportedly knew of the Euclid address, but initiated no action.

Last year, Goshen applied for the executive directorship of the Housing Corp., but withdrew his application, claiming the \$21,000 salary was too small. BU 7's By-Laws have been unavailable, despite requests, and it is unknown if Goshen would be eligible to remain secretary-treasurer of the block unit if he is not a resident.

REQUEST IGNORED

News & Views' June editorial asked Alderman Joe D. Roddy to inform FPSE what he plans to accomplish while in office, and to address important issues regarding our neighborhood's future. The editorial noted Roddy's failure to honour his 1988 campaign pledge to publish an aldermanic newsletter to keep us informed of his activities. We are sure Roddy has had some successes as alderman, and we would like to help him spread the news. Meanwhile, N&V continues to offer space for Roddy's reply to the important questions asked in June.

Remember, November 30 is the deadline for submitting ideas to IDEAS TO IMPROVE FPSE CONTEST. Ideas can be on marketing, crime prevention, beautification, traffic, etc. Any one can enter and prizes are stain glass windows. Send or deliver your entry to 4420 Arco Ave, St. Louis, Mo. 63110.

BLOCK UNIT NEWS

by K. Chauffe

Adams Grove, Gibson Heights Neighbors (BU5) and Gibson Heights Neighborhood (BU6) did not meet in August. BU7, New Boyle Neighborhood Improvement Association met, but the secretary-treasurer, Thomas Goshen, continues to prevent N&V coverage of public meetings held in his house.

RANKEN EAST NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER MEETING: Crime, Guest speaker

Captain Jack Titone, St Louis City Police Dept., said that over the last decade the police force was reduced by 732 officers and this resulted in a major reduction in services. "With only 1500 men, all we can do is answer the radio", Titone stated.

Three new computer systems have greatly increased Police efficiency. CAD, Computer Aided Dispatch, shortens response time by immediately notifying the patrol car nearest to a reported incident. PIRS, Police Information Report System, eliminates paper work by permitting the direct entry of information into the police computer system. Computer files are automatically checked whenever new information is added, helping to identify a criminal's MO (method of operation) and identifying ownership of stolen property. Automatic Finger Print Identification System computerizes finger print identification, thereby reducing a process that took weeks to seconds.

Titone praised the reorganization of the nine precincts into 3 super-stations. He stated, "...overhead will be reduced and fewer clerical officers will be needed. This means more officers will be available for the streets."

D.A.R.T. MEETING

by M. Jefferies

On September 7, approximately 95 people attended the FPSE Housing Corp.-sponsored neighborhood-wide meeting at St. Cronan's service center to discuss Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Treatment Center's (DART) plan to use two floors of the Chouteau Building, 1107 Hemp Ave., as an in-patient treatment center.

Chouteau Building owner Meade Summers said that few prospective tenants are interested in the building and all available funds for rehab are exhausted. Regarding the possible impact the DART program may have on tenants, Summers read a letter from the director of the St. Louis Science Center, which has temporary offices in the building, stating he has no objection to housing the DART program in the Chouteau Building.

Heidi Isreal, executive director of DART, assured residents that participants in the Program would not be allowed out of the building. She added that the DART program will be helping to renovate an important neighborhood landmark, and creating jobs either directly or through supporting local merchants.

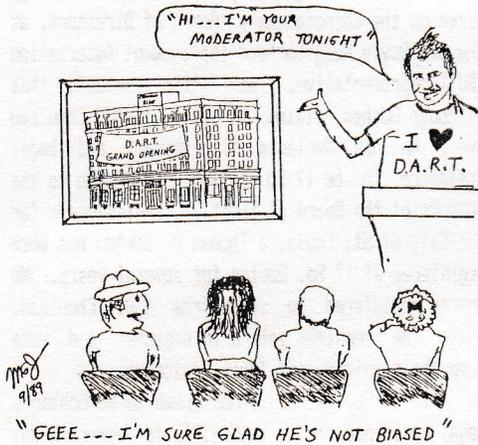
After summarizing Summers' and Isreal's statements, Joe D. Roddy, moderator of the meeting, stressed that this is a way to revitalize the eastern end of Manchester and to "do something about the drug problem".

In response to questions, residents were told that visitors to patients must participate in pre-visit counselling and may visit only on

Sundays, and that no program expansion is planned. Several residents spoke of the need for this program. Yvonne Jacobs (Adams Grove) noted, "We need more than just a center to treat people... You can't put them back on the street with no skills or jobs." Other residents favored allowing open clinics. In an informal vote, those at the meeting agreed not to oppose DART's application for a limited use permit.

Several people, reported to include some members of the Housing Corporation that sponsored the meeting, criticized what they saw as Roddy's pro-DART bias expressed during the meeting. "Throughout the meeting Roddy repeatedly switched from moderator to ardent DART supporter", stated one FPSE resident. "He (Roddy) might just as well had on a shirt saying, 'I love DART'", voiced another. Roddy reportedly requested to serve as moderator for the meeting.

MORTIMER



BUY A HOUSE TOUR POSTER, \$5.00

FPSE House Tour posters are available for sale at the Housing Office. They were designed and executed by Allen Levin of HANDPRINTS.

HABITAT WANTS YOU!

Habitat for Humanity is looking for volunteers to help with their program to build 24 low-income houses in Adams Grove. People are needed to help with planning, site selection, family selection and construction. If interested call 358-2117.

NEIGHBORHOOD GROCERY

is the name of the new foodshop at 4398 Gibson (formerly Newstead Foodshop). Opened under new management, hours are 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Meat, cheese, milk, soda and hair products are some of the items carried. **No loitering** around the store is allowed. Help support this needed neighborhood enterprise.

HERE WE GO AGAIN!!!

According to President Jane Sykes, **BLU6**, residents of Gibson Heights will again faced the question of street closings. This time the Housing Corp. may be more openly involved.

PARTY-FAIR SUCCESS

Staff

New Boyle Neighborhood Improvement Association's party-fair was a grand success thanks to the time and work of all involved. Festivities began with a prayer by President Ida Fields, asking God to bless the efforts of the residents to improve the neighborhood. Prizes were awarded for cleanest alley, most attractive yard and numerous other categories. Refreshments varied from ice cream and cake to watermelon, barbecue and hot dogs. Sixteen community groups were represented. Special thanks for donations to FPSE News & Views -stain glass window and suncatchers, Schnucks-video rentals, Acme Premium Supply - games, Clayton Meats, Pepsi and others.

CONSERV EXPANDING

Mayor Schoemehl recently stated that the Conserv District, which presently includes only 4400 and 4500 blocks north of Manchester, will be expanded to the east, and possibly to the south.

A MATTER OF DEFINITION

The last issue of N&V quoted Tim Meyer describing Moynihan & Associates' building at 4400 Chouteau as being "dilapidated". Not pleased with the description, M&A's lawyer reportedly called Meyer and requested a retraction. American Heritage Dictionary defines dilapidated as, "fallen into a state of disrepair; broken down". The Chouteau property has peeling and cracked paint, missing bricks, broken windows and rotted window sills. Several areas need tuck pointing.

OT HODGES

has obtained a temporary liquor license for wine and beer for a proposed chill parlor at 4060 Chouteau Ave., previously the Panda Bar.

WARNING

All city employees wear identification badges. Never allow strangers into your home simply because they claim to work for the city. If in doubt, ask for the person's name and department. Then, before you let them in, phone to check.

FREE CONSUMER HANDBOOK

Water division of Public Utilities has developed a Customer Handbook to explain basic facts about water service, billing and rate structure. Phone 771-4880.

BULK TRASH PICKUP

Third Monday of the month is our day. Place items near the dumpsters no earlier than the Saturday before and no later than 6:00 AM on that Monday. Help keep our alleys clean.

— QUOTE —

Education makes a people easy to govern, but impossible to enslave. Lord Brougham 1778-1868.

FPSE NEWS NOTES

SYMPATHY

We wish to offer our condolences to the family and friends of the late John J. Theby, and to Claudia Korndorfer, whose father recently died.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Jan Elder, past executive director of FPSE Housing Corp. She recently married Daryl Berry in Seattle, WA. Yes, she is now Jan Elder Berry.

NAME CHANGE

FPARSE NEWS & VIEWS, our only neighborhood-wide newspaper, has changed its name to FOREST PARK SOUTHEAST NEWS & VIEWS, FPSE NEWS & VIEWS for short.

ESSEN TAKES SABBATICAL

Maud Essen, former FPSE N&V letters and features editor, has taken a leave of absence effective August 19 from all neighborhood activities. She has recently accepted a demanding new position with a major regional telephone company.

FPSE HOUSING CORPORATION NEWS

CAR THEFT

by M. Jefferies (August)
K. Chauffe (September)

by K. Becherer

AUGUST 7 MEETING: Habitat for Humanity

Representatives from Habitat for Humanity presented a slide show explaining their program. They stated that several south-side churches invited them into FPSE, but claimed that no religious affiliation is required to qualify for housing. FPSE residents will not necessarily be given preference. Habitat's control over the properties they develop ends after the first year, when the lease/sale agreement expires and the low-income family assumes the mortgage.

Asked why they were presenting no housing designs to the Board, as developers are required to do before Board approval, Habitat stated that once the Board endorses the Habitat concept, they would begin designs. Audience members expressed concern over Habitat's impact on property values, but Habitat could provide no statistics. Housing Corp. Executive Director Kate Roth stated that the Habitat proposal would be an appropriate topic for a neighborhood-wide meeting.

Bernice Matlock (Adams Grove), a Habitat supporter, denounced an alternate board member for criticizing houses Habitat built in College Hill. Separately, Tom Goshen (BU7) accused Washington University Medical Center Redevelopment Corp. of having no interest in improving other parts of FPSE. He cited no facts to substantiate these allegations.

Following the meeting, Maud Essen presented a slide show to familiarize Habitat and the Board with the distinctive architectural diversity in Adams Grove. She noted major architectural elements that will be required, if Habitat houses are to blend into the Adams Grove neighborhood.

AUGUST 17 MEETING: Taylor Building, Dart, Habitat

The Board unanimously supported a plan to purchase and upgrade the rental property at 1042-92 So. Taylor, when ConServ funds are available. Projected cost of the project is \$227,000.

Kate Roth reminded the Board that Housing Corp. By-laws require all organizations on the Board to submit a letter of authorization for representative and alternates.

The Board postponed discussion on a proposal to allow DART, Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Treatment Center, to operate in the Chouteau Building, but favored a protest against the full-drink license applied for by OT Hodges for its proposed location at 4060 Chouteau (Panda Bar).

The Board voted to endorse Habitat for Humanity's plan to build low-income housing in Adams Grove, provided Habitat meets the following conditions:

1. Only 5-8 units may be built initially.
2. Houses must adhere to Sam McRee standards.
3. Housing Corporation must approve designs, materials and landscaping.
4. FPSE residents serve on Habitat committees
5. Deed restriction apply, if tax-abated.

SEPTEMBER MEETING: Dart, CDA Director (Prior to the meeting, Anthony Williams, new Community Development Agency director, and his assistant, Jim Wareck, met with Board members to discuss and tour FPSE.)

Tom Goshen (BU7) stated opposition to DART (Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Treatment Center) opening facilities in the Chouteau Building. He expressed fears of outpatients on the streets, an expanding DART program and opening of clinics.

Cate Dolan (BU6) stated concerns about the growing number of social programs in FPSE. She said, "We can't keep taking on the social programs that other neighborhoods don't want... The alderman will win favor with the mayor if he says, 'you can put DART here'... On the one hand, these social programs are needed and the christian thing to do is to take them in, but I worry about the concentration of these programs here...We are already saturated. It would seem we should be getting something in return." Board members expressed concern that someone might try to stack the DART meeting, if a vote is taken.

Anthony Williams stated that his approach at CDA will be to work with neighborhoods and to reorganize the agency from program-oriented to area-oriented. His intent is to redefine CDA's mission and make it more responsive. He stated three cardinal rules for neighborhood development as: Determine a neighborhood's economy- the balance between jobs, businesses and housing; Identify an area's strengths and weaknesses; and stabilize the weak areas as you concentrate efforts on the stronger parts. He stressed that it is important for the entire neighborhood to identify with revitalizing efforts.

For FPSE he cited Taylor and Manchester as two strengths. "Manchester", Williams continued, "would be ideal for a prototype of a commercial revitalization project". Williams stated that CDA may fund two projects in FPSE this year.

Most car thieves are youths looking for the easiest marks. They generally steal vehicles between dusk and dawn. Thieves can easily start Olds, Chevys, Pontiacs, Cadillacs and Buicks by breaking into the steering column with a screw driver. More than 90% of stolen cars are recovered, but the cost to replace the steering column is usually over \$400.00.

Don't let your car be an easy mark. Protect the steering column by having an aluminum collar installed on the column. The cost is about \$50.00 but this can save you the price of a new column and the irritation and inconvenience of having your car stolen.

Operation SafeStreet and the Auto Theft Unit of the Metropolitan Police Department are promoting these collars. The following businesses install aluminum collars, with epoxy, around the steering columns to prevent this type of car theft:

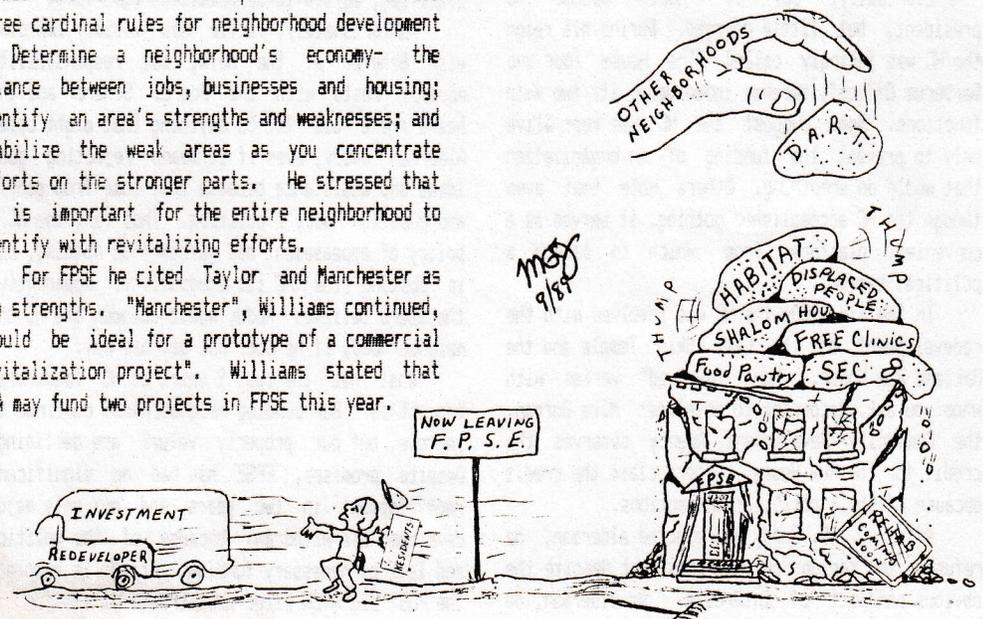
- Auto Accessories 353-5700
- Grand Auto Upholstery 352-7328
- Phillips 66 647-1810
- Vince Pontiac 832-7116

SafeStreet also encourages the installation of a basic car alarm for \$93.30. Alarms will be installed October 21 at the AAA on Lindell. Call Operation SafeStreet (622-3444) for more information.

Operation SafeStreet Executive Director Kathleen Becherer is actively working with FPSE residents to bring Neighborhood Watch to our area.

EDITORIAL CARTOON

The Editorial cartoon reflects discussions held during FPSE Housing Corp.'s September meeting.



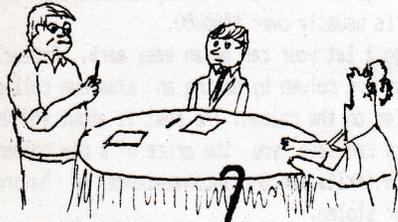
HOUSE TOUR

FPSE's second annual house tour is scheduled for October 8. Eight houses in the 4400 and 4500 blocks and four churches will open their doors to the public to show what can be done with older buildings. Tour tickets cost \$3.00.

Funnel cakes, hot dogs and other foods will be sold on the tour. Allen Levin of HANDPRINTS, 1159 Kingshighway, will be silkscreening the FPSE banner design on T-shirts and has designed a FPSE poster to commemorate the tour. NEWS & VIEWS plans to distribute its October issue and raffle a stain glass window to tour-ticket holders.

A mini-Brightside cleanup is planned for October 7. The city will be removing graffiti from FPSE buildings at no charge. To help make FPSE presentable, N&V encourages everyone to trim hedges, cut lawns and clean alleys. Volunteers are still needed for various projects. Phone Kate Roth at 533-6704 if you can help.

'89 F.P.S.E. HOUSE TOUR
PLANNING COMMITTEE



"...YES, BUT HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET THEM FROM ONE HOUSE TO ANOTHER WITHOUT LETTING THEM SEE WHAT'S IN BETWEEN?"



EDITORIAL: A HISTORY BEST NOT REPEATED

"Those who are ignorant of history are doomed to repeat it", is a saying I have often found to be true. It is important for us to know the Housing Corp's history, if we don't want it repeated.

The Housing Corp. (HC) was established to promote redevelopment. It originally functioned to market the neighborhood, assist developers and serve as an information clearing house. It was responsible for the development here in the 1970s.

In the early 1980s Joe P. Roddy took control of the HC and its focus changed. It became more concerned with free handouts of paint, grass seed and plastic for windows, than redevelopment. Whereas surrounding neighborhoods improved, our redevelopment stagnated, except for Section 8 Housing, which mushroomed.

Eventually, Joe D. Roddy became HC president, but little changed. During his reign the HC was jokingly called "The House Tour and Barbecue Office", because those were its two main functions. Some suggest the HC was kept alive only to prevent the funding of an organization that would do something. Others note that even though the HC accomplished nothing, it served as a convenient platform from which to launch a political career.

In the mid-1980s the HC was involved with the redevelopment of the Lamb Skin Temple and the Oakland Row House. How "involved" varies with whom you ask. According to developer Mike Curran, the Community Development Agency deserves the credit for the Row House. Others claim the credit because of their political connections.

After J. D. Roddy was elected alderman, he refused to resign as HC president despite the obvious conflict of interests. As alderman, he must impartially represent all areas in the ward,

but as HC president, he should hold our interests above all others. Roddy denied any conflict. Several months after the election, John Bryan, then BU 5's president, announced at a monthly meeting that Roddy was "stepping down" as their HC representative. Bryan's action effectively removed Roddy as HC president.

The HC's Board then elected Newton McCoy president. One month later he resigned after N&V published an article stating that McCoy planned to move and thus the FPSE HC president would not even live in FPSE. McCoy moved two weeks later. Vice-president Bernice Matlock briefly succeeded McCoy, but declined the presidential office. In fact, no one on the Board wanted the position. Finally, Jerry Scherer, the only Board member even remotely qualified, agreed to be president last fall.

Unfortunately, little has visibly improved with Scherer at the helm, but responsibility equally rests with the Board. Scherer and the Board are afraid to do anything that might upset Alderman Roddy, even if it means rejecting good ideas and assistance because they come from people who question Roddy's politics. Thus far, the HC's policy of appeasement has gained FPSE nothing, but is costing the HC its credibility. Apparently, the Board believes Roddy would abandon the HC and neighborhood, if he does not get his way.

What has the last 9 years of HC leadership brought us? Surrounding neighborhoods continue to improve, but our property values are declining. Despite promises, FPSE has had no significant redevelopment in two years and our only major developer has withdrawn because of the politics and lack of necessary funding. Crime is rampant; the POST-DISPATCH cited our streets as a major

drug center. Houses are being demolished because they were allowed to deteriorate beyond repair. More undesirable people move here, and good residents are scared, frustrated and leaving. FPSE sounds more like north-side St. Louis, than the near-southside neighborhood I moved into a decade ago.

What is the HC's response to these problems? They invite experts to speak at their meetings, but invariably ignore the advice. One expert encouraged designating FPSE as a city historic district, so as to stabilize and preserve the area. The HC shows no interest. The real estate expert stated, "home ownership is essential for stability", but the HC plans to use ConServ funds to upgrade rental property, not finance owner-occupied housing. Board members complain about too much work, but except for Brightside, the house tour, and barbecue they never request our participation. The HC publishes nothing to inform us and rarely asks our opinions before making major decisions.

What two lessons does this history teach us?
1. Keep politicians and their politics out of the HC. Their interest is keeping power, not always improving FPSE. Their record indicates either an inability or a desire not to promote development.
2. The HC should communicate with residents and be open to resident input. People distrust the unknown and presently the HC is largely unknown.

Karl W. Chauffe

Dr. Karl Chauffe is an associate professor of geology at St. Louis University and nine year resident of FPSE.

CUGAR/MARGE/YELLOW

by M. Essen

"The Naming of Cats is a difficult matter,
It isn't just one of your holiday
games;

At first you may think I'm as mad as a
hatter

When I tell you a cat must have THREE
DIFFERENT NAMES."

THE NAMING OF CATS, by T. S.
Eliot (1888-1965)

Once upon a time there was a tomcat that lived on the 4500 block of Gibson. He had more than one name. The children called him Cugar, with the first syllable sounding just like that of "cucumber". My friend and I called him Marge because the children had told us that name one day when they were feeling feisty. But Jane calls him Yellow, which is what color he is. And since she saved his life, she can call him whatever she likes.

Jane was already quite familiar with Yellow because he would torment her cat just as he would mine. He has gnarled, stubby ears from the fights and the mites, and is naturally built like a feline tank on account of excessive tabby testosterone. But when Jane saw Yellow a few months ago, he was thin and his eyes were swollen from the infected wound on his face. I'd seen it too, and guessed he'd been hit by a car. Jane told me it was an exploded abscess. All I can say is that one whole side of his face was raw.

Jane took Yellow into her basement, and confined him with bedsprings and assorted items in storage. She almost changed his name to Houdini because of his skill at daring escapes, but the name didn't stick. Through the magic of her ministrations, Yellow was healed, not only of the gaping abscess and the ear mites, but of the testosterone poisoning too. For Jane had transformed literally (and permanently) from a Cugar to a Marge.

Now Yellow is a new cat. He follows Jane like a dog block after block as she jogs far beyond his territory. He weaves around her ankles in figure eights of total adoration. He lets me pet him despite our previous history of mutual hatred, and has even made peace with both of my cats. I think there's a moral to this story. Either that, or it's a parable!

Maud Essen, former president and vice-president of BUS, is a marketing course developer for a major phone company.



TEACH YOUR CHILDREN

by J. Roache

Part of every child's education is his/her parents' example. What a child learns at home lasts longer than what is taught at school. Parents should begin early working with their children if they want them to succeed in school and in life.

One lesson every child should learn is how to turn off the television and radio. This simple lesson will provide abundant time for family activities. An excellent investment of this added time with your child is reading together. Children are more likely to grow up reading, if they see their parents read.

Young children are very inquisitive and your attitude to their questions is important. Take the time to explain things to them. Never say, "You'll learn that later", or "That can wait until you're older". Those answers will kill curiosity.

A parent's attitude to school teaches a child how important school is to the parent. Records demonstrate that children of parents who are involved in school activities, such as PTA, do better in school than children of parents who

don't. If parents ignore a child's school, it tells the child that school is unimportant.

Elementary school is where a child first experiences success or failure. If parents let the child know that success in school is important to them, the child is more likely to work to succeed. Success or failure though, parents should always praise the child's effort and emphasize the challenge, excitement and adventure

Parents who later ask, "What did I do wrong?", are probably the ones who years earlier said, "I'm too busy", when their child or the school asked for help.

Joyce Roache is a retired teacher and currently resides in St. Louis County.

FLOWER POWER

MISSOURI GROUND COVERS

by C. Korndorfer

Ground covers are low growing plants that spread quickly to form a dense cover. They add beauty and prevent erosion. Grass is the best known ground cover. It has the great advantage of being resilient if walked on, but is unsuited for some locations and is one of the most expensive ground covers to maintain.

Other forms of ground cover offer their own advantages. Many produce blooms for all or part of the growing season. Some thrive in shade. Most never need mowing and all nearly eliminate weeds.

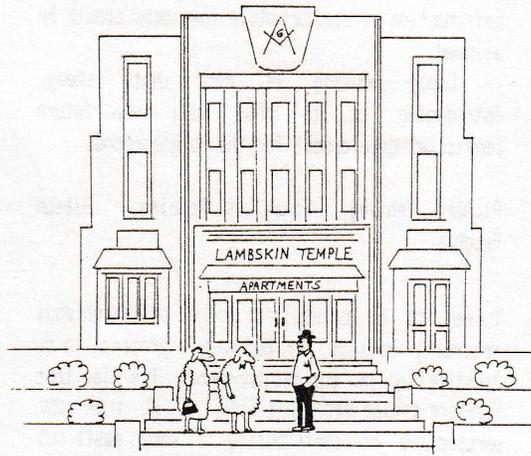
Selection of a suitable ground cover requires examining the environment of the area to be planted. You must determine exposure to the sun—full sun or deep shade, soil moisture, nutrient abundance, and slope of the land.

For Missouri, choose only winter-hardy ground covers. Some common ones include: full sun—Carpet Bugle, Creeping Juniper, Crownvetch, Japanese Spurge; shaded areas—Hosta, Periwinkle, Purpleleaf Wintercreeper, English Ivy, and Wild Violets.

Before planting, the soil should be worked 6-8 inches deep and organic materials such as peatmoss, leaf mold and compost added. Remove all grass and weeds that might compete with the newly planted cover. Add fertilizer if needed.

Planting is best done during spring and fall. Plants are usually placed about 1-2 feet apart, but spacing depends on the number of plants available, area to be covered and how rapidly the cover is needed. Water the plants regularly, during dry spells especially. An occasional soaking is better than light waterings. Annual spring application of fertilizer will assure vigorous growth.

Claudia Korndorfer, manager of Microbial Research at HemaGen Associates and vice-president of BUS, has resided in FPSE for six years.



"A STUDIO? SURE I COULDN'T INTEREST
YOU IN A NICE LOFT?"

FPSE RECIPE

STRAWBERRY CREAM CHEESE PIE

- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 2 tb. milk
- 9-inch baked pastry shell
- 2 pints whole strawberries
- 1/2 cup sugar 2 tb. cornstarch
- 1/3 cup water

Mix softened cream cheese, milk and sugar until blended well. Spread onto bottom of pastry shell and cover with 1 pint of strawberries. Combine 2 tb. sugar and cornstarch in saucepan. Gradually add water. Bring to boil, stirring constantly. Cook 1 minute or until mixture is clear and thickened. Halve remaining strawberries and add to cornstarch mixture. Pour into shell. Chill several hours or overnight.

HIDDEN FPSE STREET NAMES

Hidden in the block of letters are all of the street names below. They may be spelled

backwards, forwards, vertically, horizontally or diagonally. Record time is five minutes.

Hemp	St. Bernard
Kingshighway	Clayton
Newstead	Sarpy
Tower Grove	Gratiot
Boyle	Papin
Sarah	Chouteau
Kentucky	Donovan
Talmage	Manchester
Vandeventer	Gibson
Arco	Wichita
Oakland	Cadet
Swan	Norfolk
Vista	Hunt
Race Course	Taylor

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LETTERS TO FPSE

Name, address and phone number should accompany all letters. Some editing for length and clarity may be required. Send to: FPSE N&V Editor, 4420 Arco Ave, St. Louis, Mo. 63110.

NEWS & VIEWS

At a time when the resources available to deal with neighborhood problems are few, the emergence and growth of NEWS & VIEWS is a surprising and happy event.

The work of a few volunteers it is, to my mind, the only neighborhood-wide forum for the discussion of what is right and wrong with FPSE. Literate, irreverent, nosy, argumentative, cantankerous, cozy and concerned-I look forward to every issue. I urge all residents and businesses in the area to contribute to its columns. Make a noise! The paper will amplify your voice a hundred-fold. The resulting discussion may lead to action which will make FPSE more like the place we want to call home.

Stanley McKay Gibson Heights

HABITAT, HABITAT, HABITAT

The recent announcement to build "Habitat" houses in FPSE would only add insult to injury.

As an active realtor, I can assure you that a housing mix of pre-fab, box style houses would be an eye-sore. Witness the 1950's style houses scattered throughout the neighborhood.

For those of us who have invested and to those who are considering homes in the area, this pre-fab style is not a welcome addition. Who would invest \$100,000 in rehab property to sit next to a \$30,000 mobile home? All efforts to stabilize the deterioration of the area would be in vain.

Vacant lots should be left vacant so as to reduce the density of houses, or only new construction of similar style townhomes should be allowed.

Cheap housing is just that, cheap. Introducing it to FPSE will ruin future beneficial development for the neighborhood.

Richard Yehling, Einig & McGuire, Gibson Heights

I need to be careful not to get self-righteous regarding Habitat for Humanity's proposal to do construction in our neighborhood. I'm Glad that they are coming because I look at it from the perspective of contributing a very small but important effort towards combatting homelessness in our city and nation. But my choice is self-serving also. The problem of homeless people bring-up many "issues" with which I have to contend-- issues such as guilt, sorrow, weariness, anger and fear. I'm thankful that somebody is doing something because I don't have the time, desire, energy and courage.

But it's important for me to learn to listen to people who have concern about property rights and architectural integrity. I have absolutely no background, education or interest in architecture but at least I need to listen to those who do.

The hard part for me about neighborhood politics is that the focus on winning or losing often takes over other values that I have. Maybe if I put the emphasis more on relationships and less on winning or losing, maybe I could see neighborhood meetings as a way of building community -- something that we all want.

Bill Miller Gibson Heights

N & V CALENDAR

Information herein is prepared in advance. Dates and times should be verified. Send events you wish to have included on the N&V CALENDAR, to N&V at 4420 Arco Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 63110.

FOREST PARK SOUTHEAST

OCTOBER

- 2 7pm FPSE Housing Corp. Meeting (open to public) 1074 S. Taylor.
- 4 6:15pm Ranken East Neigh. Imprvt. Assoc. Meeting, Villa Lighting.
- 5 7pm Adams Grove Imprvt. Assoc. Meeting, Light House Free Methodist Church (basement).
- 7 Mini-Brightside cleanup
- 8 12pm FPSE House Tour; Tickets \$3.00.
- 9 Yom Kippur, Canada's Thanksgiving Day, Columbus Day (observed), Lief Erikson Day
- 10 Mayor's Town Hall meeting (time and location not available as of printing).
- 11 11am Senior Citizen Barbeque, 1324 Tower Grove
- 17 7pm BU6 Meeting, Gibson Heights Presbyterian Church (Fellowship Hall).
- 19 7pm BU5 Meeting, Church of the Living God.
- 21 Car alarm installation, phone 622-3444
- 23 6pm URAC, 1074 So. Taylor
- 28 1pm Senior Social, Gibson Hqts. Presbyterian.
- 30 7pm BU7 Meeting, probably 4302 Chouteau.
- 31 Halloween

NOVEMBER

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- 2 7pm Adams Grove Imprvt. Assoc. Meeting, Light House Free Methodist Church (basement).
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- 7 Election Day.
- 16 7pm BU5 Meeting, Church of the Living God.
- 21 7pm BU6 Meeting, Gibson Heights Presbyterian Church.
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ST. LOUIS SCIENCE CENTER 289-4444 or 289-4400
 Mon-Thur: 9:30-5; Fri/Sat: 9:30-9; Sun:11-5.

OCTOBER

- 5 7:30pm Third Annual Space Science Lecture.
- 7 10-4pm Fall Festival of Science.
- 8 10-4pm Fall Festival of Science.

Ongoing Exhibits (free)

through Dec 31: Electricity: Spark of Genius.
 through 1990: World of Hot and Cold.

MULLANPHY COMMUNITY SCHOOL 772-9550
 4221 Shaw (Phone before attending.)

October

- 16 6:30 Geneological Resources at St. Louis Public Library.
- 21 10am Architectural walk through Tower Grove Pk
- 31 5:30 Halloween Party for children.