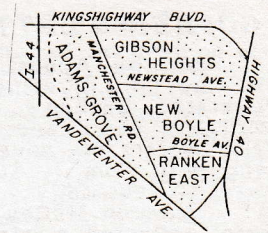


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INDIAN SUMMER AND HOUSE TOUR ISSUE

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INDIAN SUMMER FESTIVAL

by K. Chauffe

Saturday, October 13, will be the official *Indian Summer Celebration* in FPSE. Festivities begin at 1 PM with a house Tour and Urban Walk. Featured on the tour will be renovated houses and rehabbing opportunities. The tour is free.

The 100th anniversary of Gibson Heights Subdivision will be marked at 5:30 PM with the burial of the Centennial Time Capsule in the pedestrian island at the intersection of Chouteau and Taylor Avenues. The Capsule will be opened in 2090.

The real fun begins at 6 PM in the 4500 block of Chouteau with a free concert by the Ralph Butler Band.

From 7 to 9 PM there will be dancing, games, beer and entertainment. Neighborhood organizations and some local businesses will have booths selling food, refreshments and much more. Bring a T-shirt and have the FPSE design printed on it, or buy a shirt at the fair. Prizes to be raffled include a \$600 house alarm system, three \$100 certificates for lighting and an auto alarm. Money earned at the festival will finance neighborhood improvements.

GOSHEN'S LETTER

by K. Chauffe

In mid-July, the FPSE Housing Corp. received a letter signed by Block Unit Presidents Ida Fields (New Boyle), Dan Corbin (Ranken East) and Bernice Matlock (Adams Grove). It requested an itemized list of "all possible" costs, project completion date, 80% occupancy date, loan repayment schedule and considerable other information about the Taylor Ave. 12-family renovation project, and for the Corp.'s Treasurer's report, a list of "all expenses, itemized, not just lumped under generic headings", all salaries and a budget for the remainder of the year.

The return address was reportedly 4302 Chouteau Ave., the apartment of New Boyle Representative Tom Goshen. NEWS & VIEWS spoke with Pres. Corbin and Fields. Corbin said Goshen wrote the letter, but that he agreed with some questions. Fields did not say why she signed it, but expressed the desire that, "Tom should mind his own business."

Goshen's letter became the focal point of the August Housing Corp. meeting and the basis for an article in the *SOUTH CITY JOURNAL* (August 22, 1990). According to reporters Mike Murphy (SCJ) and Beth Lebens (RIVER FRONT TIMES) their papers were asked to send reporters to the meeting by Goshen. Lebens further stated that she was told there was racial strife in the neighborhood and the Housing Corp. was displacing poor blacks. The RFT did not run a story after interviewing Executive Director Kate Roth and Corp. Pres. Scherer.

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SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES

by Carolyn Dunlap

Midtown Senior Citizens Center and Ranken Neighborhood Health Committee will provide an *ERRAND SERVICE* and *PHONE P.A.L.S.* for people 60 and older. The *ERRAND SERVICE* will help with grocery shopping, banking, and other errands. Seniors requesting assistance should call the Center at 535-4820 between 8 AM and 1 PM Monday through Friday.

P.A.L.S. means People Are Listening. Older adults can register to receive a friendly telephone call once a week from a Phone Pal by calling the Senior Center at 535-4820.

Volunteers are needed to be *PHONE P.A.L.S.* Each volunteer will make one phone call each week to an older adult. Volunteers must attend a training session. For more information call the Senior Center.

Will We Have One ??? EARTHQUAKE PREDICTION

by K. Hutchenson, St. Louis University

Recent articles in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch discussed a prediction of a New Madrid, Missouri, earthquake on or about December 3, 1990. Some businesses and schools will close, and general concern has been expressed. St. Louis is about 130 miles from the predicted earthquake area.

Most Midwest earthquakes occur in the New Madrid Seismic Zone, an area about 50 miles wide that extends for 150 miles between Marked Tree, Arkansas, and Metropolis, Illinois. This zone is thought to be associated with a billion-year-old rift or break in the continent. This ancient rift is buried under sediments, but when stresses become too great, movement still occurs. The vibrations from this movement is what we call an earthquake.

Large earthquakes occurred in the New Madrid Seismic Zone during 1811-1812. The largest of these was felt over one million square miles. Since that time, only two major earthquakes (greater than magnitude 6.0) and eighteen moderate earthquakes have occurred. Saint Louis University has been monitoring the New Madrid Seismic Zone since 1974. An average of 200 earthquakes per year are registered. Of these, only 3 to 6 are felt by people, for example the recent earthquake on September 26.

The prediction of a "large" earthquake in the New Madrid area is attributed to Iben Browning, a New Mexico climatologist and businessman. According to his prediction, "tidal forces" will reach a maximum on December 3, 1990 and have a 50-50 chance of triggering a quake between December 1 through December 5.

Seismologists, scientists who study earthquakes, have a panel of experts who review earthquake predictions. This process is like an arson investigation, except the review process takes

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SPAGHETTI DINNER

by R. Sandall

On Saturday, October 20, Gibson Heights Presbyterian Church will sponsor an *ALL YOU CAN EAT* spaghetti dinner from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 10. A fifty cents off coupon is enclosed in this issue of NEWS & VIEWS. In addition to spaghetti, there will be salad, bread, refreshments and desert. The dinner will be served in the newly renovated Fellowship Hall. Use the Arco Street entrance.

RENARD EXPANSION

by K. Chauffe

Renard Paper now owns, or controls under various names, all of the north side of the 4400 block of Manchester Ave. and several properties on Oakland. In addition, Renard is reportedly attempting to acquire the large Section 8 Housing complex at 4343 53 Manchester.

Renard recently demolished the remaining turn-of-the-century storefronts on the 4400 block of Manchester in preparation for the construction of a 25,000 square foot warehouse adjacent to and east of their present location. The addition will be built of burgundy-coloured 8 by 16 inch concrete blocks. Vertical bands of gray blocks every 25 feet and a horizontal midline of gray are designed to divide the otherwise featureless facade that will front on Manchester.

Loading docks at the eastern end of the building will handle most of the large truck traffic. The Taylor Ave. docks will continue to be used for Renard's own trucks. Although David Renard claims this will relieve some of the congestion on Taylor Ave., Alderman Roddy (N&V, August, 1989) has speculated that it may increase truck traffic on Taylor and Oakland Aves.

In contrast to the plans presented at block unit meetings earlier this year, which showed the parking area extending only 10 feet beyond the eastern end of the alley between Oakland and Manchester, revised plans extend the parking area an additional 20 feet toward Newstead Ave. This reduces the green space between Newstead and the parking area to 50 feet along Manchester and increases its visibility along Oakland.

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DAFFODIL DAYS

Operation Brightside is selling bulbs. Daffodils are \$8.00 for 50 and mixed colour tulips are \$9.00. All orders must be prepaid by Oct. 15, and collected from the Forest Park Greenhouse at 5600 Clayton Road from Noon to 7:00 PM Wednesday, Oct. 17, through Friday, Oct. 19th. For more information call Joanne Steffen at 781-4556. Send checks to: Operation Brightside, 2375 Hampton Avenue, St. Louis, Mo. 63139

At the August Board meeting, Housing Corp. President Jerry Scherer reiterated Goshen's on-going dispute with the Board and the many "good faith efforts we have made to get along with Tom". Scherer called the letter an "absurdity".

Newton McCoy (SMRC) said the letter reflected a misunderstanding of the renovation process. He also noted that preparing the requested information would be "an inappropriate use of the Executive Director's time."

Goshen claimed a written report was needed because, "The original estimate for the project was \$227,000 but it's grown to over \$260,000." He projected a final cost over \$300,000.

At-Large Member Bryon Young responded that all expenditures were discussed at Board meetings with Goshen present and, "all the information you asked for in your letter is in the minutes". Young accused Goshen of inviting the press so as to "look like the good guy" and imply that the Board was doing something wrong.

Expanding on Young's initial theme, Roth stated that the Planning and Real Estate Subcommittee prepared monthly reports about the 12-family and presented them to the Board. "The entire board, including you (Goshen) made the decisions" noted Suzanne Goodman (WUMCRC).

Goshen responded saying, "I am asking these questions because I represent the people. That's P-E-O-P-L-E... I want something in writing. There is nothing wrong with a financial statement in writing." Scherer explained that the Treasurer's report was not available that night. Treasurer Cate Dolan (BU6) could not attend the meeting because of illness in her family.

Roth said the basic question raised by the letter was, "Should the Board respond to specific requests from the Block Units?". She also objected to her salary being publicized.

Requests from block units for information about the Housing Corp. should be directed to their representatives", stated McCoy. He asked Goshen if the affair (with press coverage) was retaliation for recent disciplinary actions taken by the Board against Goshen's questionable fundraising activities. Goshen denied this and stated, "I am a representative. Kate (Roth) should have called me when she got the letter." Roth said she contacted the three people who signed the letter, but "your name

wasn't on it, Tom."

The Board voted 5 to 1 to direct Roth not to respond to the letter. Prior to the vote, Goshen produced a letter from Dan Corbin, appointing Goshen his alternate to the Board. Pres. Scherer did not recognize the appointment because Goshen does not reside in the Ranken East area. By-Laws of the Corp. require representatives to live in the area they represent, but is unclear regarding alternates. The matter is under review by a Board Subcommittee. After the meeting Goshen also claimed that Helen Sheets had not voted against responding to the letter.

Since the August meeting, Goshen has been reportedly approaching other block unit presidents, providing them with information about the Housing Corp. and the Taylor Ave. 12-family. The material is said to include confidential minutes from an executive Corp. meeting and the salary of the Executive Director Roth.

In response to Young's claim that the answers to Goshen's questions were in the Board's minutes, N&V examined its notes from Board meetings. Of the 25 questions asked in the letter, 15 were easily answered. Of the other 10, 2 made no sense, 5 required predictions of the future and 3 necessitated access to confidential minutes, which are available to Goshen, but not N&V.

DART PLANNING TO EXPAND

BEFORE FIRST IN-PATIENT IS IN; ASKING FOR AN OUT-??

by K. Chauffe

Last September at a neighborhood-wide meeting a group of about 95 people agreed not to oppose the Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Treatment Center's (DART) application for a permit to use two floors of the Chouteau Building, as an in-patient treatment center. DART representatives assured FPSE residents that patients would not be allowed out of the building unless supervised, and that no out-patient clinic was planned.

As early as December, 1989, DART spokesperson, Larry Gale, stated that DART was considering a second location in FPSE from which

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY NETWORK

Success Leads To Difficulties

by K. Chauffe

According to Mark Weber, one of the leaders of NSN, the highly successful Neighborhood Safety Network Program is having financial difficulties because some members have stopped paying monthly fees. Since July, NSN has been running a monthly deficit of \$400. "This has essentially eliminated our cash reserves", stated Weber at BU5's September meeting.

NSN is a resident-financed security patrol that has been operating in parts of FPSE for about nine months. Patrols consist of two off-duty police officers in car or on foot in four-hour shifts, four nights a week. Since the program began, FPSE has seen a steady decline in the number of reported crimes. Additionally, The Third District Police now view the neighborhood as willing to work with them to fight crime.

According to Weber, these financial difficulties arose at an inopportune time because the Manchester Merchant's Association is considering joining with NSN to expand the program. He said, "We have the opportunity to double the time the patrols are in the neighborhood...but only if the residential areas continue to fund the program." NSN sponsored a crime meeting on September 24. See NSN Crime Meeting, p.5.

an out-patient clinic could be operated.

Because of delays in occupying the Chouteau Building, DART lost the contract that would have funded the program and has never moved into the Chouteau facility. The impact, if any, that the in-patient program will have on the neighborhood is still unknown.

Under a new contract signed earlier this year, DART will finally open the in-patient treatment center on October 22. This contract, however, requires that DART also open an out-patient clinic.

Dart representatives attended the continued p. 6

NO LOITERING

by K. Becherer. SafeStreet

How comfortable are you walking around FPSE at night?

Is it the gangs who are "hanging out" that cause you the most fear?

In addition to creating a perception of crime, real crimes often emanate from some gangs.

It is now illegal to loiter in FPSE. Shortly after Labor Day, "No Loitering, No Drinking" signs were posted on Taylor and Newstead Aves. between Manchester and Chouteau, on Manchester between Vandeventer and Kings-highway, and at the intersections on Boyle and Kentucky Aves. All of these locations are where gangs of youths and adults have loitered in the past and caused problems. Police and the NSN Security Patrols have begun dispersing groups loitering on street corners. Patrols are being routinely made several times a night and the problem is decreasing. You can report loitering by calling 911.

FPSE WINS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT CONTEST

by T. Sodipo. SafeStreet

"It's difficult to say which was more impressive - the period costumes or the delicious bratwurst" exclaimed SafeStreet Director Suzanne Hart about the National Night Out block party held on the 4400 block of Arco. The party celebrated the centennial of the Gibson Heights Subdivision in FPSE. "It was all so grand. They had everything from live entertainment to a Gibson Heights birthday cake large enough to feed 300", she continued.

Block Unit 6 and FPSE were chosen the Grand Prize winner of the National Night Out block party contest from a field of 173 parties. FPSE is the first South Side neighborhood to hold the title.

Pres. Jane Sykes (BU6) and ConServ Officer Carole Rulo co-chaired the party planning committee. "This was our first attempt in many years to produce an event on this large of a scale", stated Rulo. "I am

thoroughly convinced that our event was successful because FPSE is the come back neighborhood of the 90's and enthusiasm is high," she concluded. Jane Sykes added, "The members of the block unit were great in helping organize this event. I would be remiss if I didn't thank BU5, NSN and URAC."

Concerned Citizens of Forest Park Southeast, a non-profit, non-political group working to improve FPSE, publishes NEWS & VIEWS bimonthly. Founded in June, 1988, N&V is delivered at no cost to approximately 1700 homes in FPSE and to numerous city officials. N&V provides free distribution of fliers for non-profit organizations and campaign literature for candidates. This is not to be construed as an endorsement. Contributions by FPSE residents and others pay for printing. Direct inquiries to editors K. Chauffe, M. Jefferies and R. Sandall at FPSE NEWS & VIEWS, 4420 Arco Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 63110. Deadline for the next issue is November 28, 1990.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Where The Money Goes???

by M. Jefferies

At your door stands a stranger, or perhaps a neighbor, asking you to donate to a worthy cause or something as general as "for the good of the neighborhood". How can you be certain your money will not go into the pocket of the person collecting it?

According to Leslie Stein, Trade Practice Consultant for the Better Business Bureau, contributors should always ask questions about the charity. Determine what programs the group sponsors, what percentage of contributions is devoted to overhead. Ask for literature, especially if unfamiliar with the group. "NEVER GIVE CASH", she stressed, "even if you know the person. Make the check to the organizations, not an individual". "If in doubt, she counselled, "call the Better Business Bureau. We keep records on charitable groups".

In contrast, Charles White, spokes person for United Way, stated that even checks may not fully protect a contribution. He said, "Some people establish bank accounts in the name of a charitable organization, but they are the only one who control the money. Probably only 501-C3 (tax deductible) organizations are really safe because they are regulated by the government."

White also suggested asking for a receipt for any contribution. "In that way you can check with the organization to see if your donation was received"



OLD FRIEND GETS A FACE LIFT

by M. Jefferies

1990 will be remembered not only as the year that Iraq invaded Kuwait, the Soviet Union voted for capitalism, and FPSE won the National Night Out contest, but also as the year that NEWS & VIEWS obtained computer-publishing capability. Thanks to the generosity of a local business, the semi-legible, dot matrix printing has been replaced by clear, easy-to-read type. Additionally, the labourious cut-and-paste process, which often resulted in crooked columns and headlines, has been eliminated. Now, the master copy of N&V can be produced within the computer in one easy step.

To mark this improvement, the paper's heading has been streamlined. The new heading also includes the paper's motto, "To Inform And Challenge". Our goal is to inform readers and challenge them to think and act. As always, N&V encourages reader response to articles. Send letters to FPSE NEWS & VIEWS, 4420 Arco Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 63110

HOUSING CORP. NEWS

by K. Chauffe

August: Rund, 12-family, Streets, The Letter

Bill Rund interviewed for one of the three adjunct Board positions. Rund is currently a Vice President at Mercantile Bank with 20 years experience in financial services and 6 in marketing. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a licensed real estate agent. Rund resides in the West End.

Rund stated he was unaware of the extent of redevelopment in FPSE. He said, "The area is past the pioneer days, but still has a long way to go". He recommended that the Board look at the people who have moved here. "You need to see the type of people you have been successful in bringing in, and identify your target market, the type of people you want here". He suggested a demographic analysis of renters and home owners.

Long-term leaks in four bathrooms in the Taylor Ave. 12-family has caused extensive damage to the floor joists. Estimated additional cost will be \$200. Repair to the existing roof will cost \$1000, as opposed to \$7000 for a new roof.

The street-closing meeting is cancelled until October. Roth reported receiving a "petition" opposing street closings. She stated, "I received a sheet of paper with names on it, but it doesn't state what exactly they are opposed to." Roth will hold a meeting with the petitioners before the neighborhood-wide meeting.

The potential buyer for 4548 Wichita Ave. has probably abandoned the project because of a lack of cash flow. Suzanne Goodman (WUMCRC) stated that the building may be demolished.

The Board discussed a letter requesting information from the Corp. (see Goshen Asks).

Roth stated that the Corp. could apply for the Neighborhood Assistance Program. This program allows businesses to deduct 50% of contributions directly from their taxes.

City Living Fair at St. Louis Center will be on September 15 and 16. FPSE will have a booth and distribute its brochure. The POST-DISPATCH will publish a supplement on housing opportunities. The cost is \$390 for one-tenth of a page in the supplement. Information from the supplement will be distributed from the Mayor's Office.

September: Roof, Display House, Petition, Rund, Adams School, Treasurer's Report

Renard brothers requested a letter from the Board supporting their planned expansion along Manchester Ave. (See RENARD EXPANSION p. 1.)

Dan Corbin (Ranken East) stated that he felt the Board mishandled Goshen's letter. Goshen argued that the minutes incorrectly reported the vote as 5 to 1 against responding to the letter. He quoted the SOUTH CITY JOURNAL's report of 5 to 2. President Jerry Scherer explained why he did not recognize Corbin's proxy and appointed a subcommittee to resolve the issue.

Only one bid was returned for roof repairs on the 12-family. The Board voted to seek more bids.

Doug Woodruff of Boatman Bank's Community Development Corp. is studying the feasibility of a joint ven-

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The eastern end of the parking area will be surrounded by an iron fence, supported by brick columns. A chain link fence will extend along the alley.

The Renard brothers appeared at the August FPSE Housing Corp. meeting to request a letter of support for a conditional use permit. According to Corp. President Jerry Scherer, Alderman Roddy requested prompt action by the Board without consulting the block units, so that Renard would not be delayed.

"We would have said anything to have gotten that permit"

David Renard

Cate Dolan (BU6) inquired if Renard had agreed to landscape their property at 4438-44 Oakland as part of the agreement to allow their previous expansion. David Renard responded, "I don't know of anything in writing...because of (Alderman) Dee we had to spend an additional \$50,000 on the brick facade along Manchester. We would have said anything to have gotten that permit." Renard had reportedly proposed constructing a metal warehouse along Manchester, but was prevented by Alderman Dee.

Although initially resisting the request that landscaping along 4438-44 Oakland be included in their current plans and claiming the ground was "too hard for anything to grow", David Renard reluctantly agreed to "plant some trees and bushes within a year." Suzanne Goodman noted that Dolan's request could be made a condition for supporting Renard's request, but Dolan stated that she would take Renard at his word. The Board voted to send a letter supporting Renard's expansion.

No discussion was held regarding possible impact the expansion might have on redevelopment along Oakland nor the impact the loading area will have on residents along the southeast side of Oakland, which will be separated from the noise and fumes of the loading dock by only a chain-link fence and alley.

BLOCK UNIT NEWS

by K. Chauffe

Reports on Housing Corp., Light Up The Night, Indian Summer, National Night Out, Loitering, Daffodil Days and Neighborhood Safety Network are featured separately.

ADAMS GROVE, NEW BOYLE and RANKEN EAST

Adams Grove President Bernice Matlock will not allow N&V to report on her meetings. Sec. Tres. Tom Goshen bans certain residents, property owners and N&V from his apartment, where "block unit" meetings are held. Ranken East did not meet in August or September.

Gibson Heights Neighborhood (Block Unit 5)

President Sykes announced that BU6 would be recognized by the Mayor for holding the city's most successful National Night Out. BU6 earned \$112.00 from its booth.

October is the first joint meeting with BU5. Time and location to be announced. Karl Chauffe suggested inviting Dianne Johnson, Director of Metro Ministry to that meeting.

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place before the earthquake occurs. Mr. Browning has not submitted his data nor explained his method(s) of prediction. The validity of his prediction cannot be scientifically determined. Although Browning claims an accuracy greater than 90%, there is no way to evaluate his true success rate. Only his few correct predictions are published, the incorrect predictions are not. Most seismologists are skeptical. Currently, there is no scientific evidence to suggest that an earthquake is more likely to occur between December 1 - 5 than any other time.

Regardless of Browning's prediction, residents of St. Louis live in an earthquake risk zone, an area where damage by a large earthquake is probable. Seismologists have determined probabilities for large earthquakes in this area. A magnitude 6.0-6.5 earthquake (an earthquake that would damage buildings within 50 miles of the source) has a 50% chance of occurring by the year 2000, and a 90% chance by the year 2040. A larger earthquake, magnitude 7.6 (a major quake causing possibly \$30 million in damages in 20 states) has a 10% chance of occurring by the year 2000 and a 25% by the year 2040.

The best plan for any earthquake is to BE PREPARED. Keep a working flashlight, several days of food and bottled water, supplies of necessary medications, tools to turn off the water and gas mains and a first aid kit. Prepare a family plan and make sure each person knows what to do, including how to turn off the gas, water and electricity. Large bookshelves should be bolted to the walls. Hot water heaters and other free-standing appliances should be secured.

Numerous publications are available from the Federal Emergency Management and the American Red Cross. Saint Louis University, Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, will send anyone an Earthquake Fact Sheet on request.

LEGAL ADVISOR

Gaylard Williams, the legal advisor, is on vacation this month. His column will be continued in the December issue of N&V.

PET CORNER : DOG SENSE

by Sharon Bowie

Dogs, like people, have five senses - taste, touch, smell, sight and hearing. Some of these, however, are not identical to man's.

A dog is able to taste because it possesses specialized cells, called taste buds, on the top of its tongue and the roof of its mouth. Little is known about a dog's sense of taste except that it can distinguish sweet, sour, bitter and salty. Considering some things dogs will eat, one would think dogs have no sense of taste at all.

Nerve endings in the skin make a dog sensitive to pressure. This is what we call touch. In addition, other nerve endings respond to heat, cold and pain. Petting a dog stimulates both pressure and heat nerve endings, but it is unknown why this is enjoyed by dogs or people.

Dogs possess special olfactory cells in the upper nasal chamber of their nose that allows them to smell even the slightest odor. A dog's ability to smell is from 1000 to 10,000

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Pres. Sykes appointed Angie Renner, Owen Eaton and Stacy Fields to the nominating committee. Elections are in November.

The block unit will send a letter of concern to Capt. Perkins of the Third District Police because of increased drug trafficking in the 4300 blocks of Gibson Ave.

Alderman Roddy spoke in favor of the proposed half-cent sales tax increase, stating that part of the revenue could be used to improve the neighborhood. Roddy would not commit himself to spending the money in FPSE.

Gibson Heights Neighbors (Block Unit 5)

Alderman Roddy spoke in favor of the half-cent sales tax, stating he will use additional discretionary funds generated by the tax for improvements along Manchester Ave. Ray Loehr noted that although the city's population had declined from 800,000 to less than 400,000, operating costs are the same, but fewer people pay property taxes. Loehr favors a sales tax because everyone pays, not just property owners.

"The city could decrease its spending by reducing the number of aldermen"

Marge Berg

In contrast, Marge Berg objected to sales taxes because they apply to food, clothing and utility bills. "The city could decrease spending by reducing the number of aldermen", she stated. The city has 28 aldermen, the same number as when its population was 800,000.

Sue Lauritsen objected to tax abatements for businesses because they decreased the schools systems tax base. She also stated that public battles between the Mayor and Virvus Jones decreases confidence in city government.

Pastor Shannon announced that the Church of the Living God will hold a Samaritan Saturday on Oct.

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ture with the Housing Corp. and a developer to renovate a display/for sale townhouse. The Board tentatively chose 1091-93 So. Taylor because of its location and advantages over a single-family house. Completed, the townhouse should cost \$70,000. Funding for the project would be shared, but additional For Sale Incentive Program funding would be required. Roth stated, "This project could help encourage who live here and grow frustrated because so little is happening."

Only 4 of the 30 anti-street closing petitioners attended the meeting Roth held. "Their main concern is emergency service...They do not see this as a racial issue", Roth stated. Goshen responded that they were primarily opposed to closing Oakland. "That was their main concern," he declared. Roth pointed out that all of the people live on Gibson and emergency vehicles do not use Oakland to reach Gibson, but Goshen remained adamant, saying, "I personally object to Oakland being closed because it is a gate between the east and the west." He did not respond to inquir-

13. and distribute free winter clothes and information on rent and utility bill assistance. Each Wednesday at noon the church holds prayer sessions for soldiers in the Middle East.

Phil Heagney, Joe P. Roddy, Mark Weber and Barb Prosser volunteered to serve on the nominating committee. Elections are in November.

The block unit purchased 10 tickets to the Senior Citizen Barbecue.

FPSE NEWS NOTES

NEIGHBORHOOD DONATIONS

URAC (United Residents Against Crime) donated a gift certificate for two dinners to South Side Neighborhoods as an award for the police officer of the month.

Greg Thomas, Manchester AG, donated 300 hot dog buns for the Third District Police picnic.

NEWS & VIEWS donated a stained glass window to the FPSE Housing Corp. as a registration prize at the City Living Fair in St. Louis Center.

Allen Levin, Pres. of BU5, donated the "No Loitering" signs now posted in FPSE.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Plans are underway for all of FPSE, including the 4500 blocks, to be placed into a city Conservation District. Occupancy permits and inspections will be required for changes in occupancy.

MANCHESTER'S FIRST STEP

The first step to a new Manchester Ave. is the reopening of BLITZ'S BUFFET at 4301 Manchester. Hours will be 11 AM to 7 PM with secure parking to the west. Date for the opening has not been released.

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

The program now includes dust-to-dawn sensors on existing lights and the repair of broken lights. Call 533-6704.

ies of "East and west what?"

The Board voted to invite Bill Rund to serve as an adjunct member to the Board. They also voted to accept a stained glass window from FPSE NEWS & VIEWS to be raffled at St. Louis Center.

Roth reported that the Housing Corp. had again been approached by Janet Reynolds for a letter in support of keeping Adams School open. Helen Sheets (Adams Grove) stated, "I don't think all the letters will do any good...Everyone says the school is worse; it is falling down." Cate Dolan (BU6) again stressed that just keeping the school open is not enough. She stated, "The new principal is a great improvement, but much still needs to be done to improve the quality of education." The Board agreed to send a letter in support of maintaining the school.

Dolan provided a detailed treasurer's report for the Corp. and explained several of its more complex aspects. She proposed changing the by-laws so that the report coincides with the Corp.'s fiscal year.

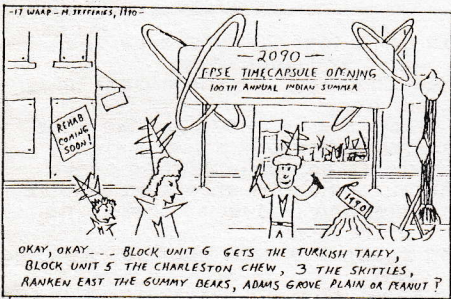
WILL YOU BE REMEMBERED IN 2090 ?

As part of INDIAN SUMMER IN FPSE, a time capsule will be buried in the pedestrian island at Chouteau and Taylor Avenues at 5:30 PM on October 13, 1990. The capsule marks the 100th anniversary of the Gibson Heights Subdivision in FPSE.

Letters, photographs and memorabilia to be placed in the capsule are being sought from FPSE residents. Letters can describe the neighborhood's past, present or predict its future, or be a simple note to the people of 2090. Photographs of neighborhood buildings and residents are especially requested.

Objects for the capsule should be clearly labeled with the owners name and address, and taken to 1074 So. Taylor Ave. before October 11. Materials that can not be included in the capsule will be returned to the owner.

The Time Capsule, a PVC container will be chemically sealed in a vacuum and encased in concrete. A marker, donated by Washington University Medical Center Redevelopment Corporation, will remind future residents of its presence. Landscaping materials were provided through the generosity of Charles Zurheide.



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times greater than man's. The smells that dogs find most interesting are urine, sweat, blood, decaying meat, and the sex and anal glands.

A dog's vision differs greatly from man's. Because of the placement of a dog's eyes, it does not possess stereoscopic vision (ability to see in three-dimensions) and has limited panoramic (side view) vision. Dogs are also colour blind. On the other hand, dogs possess a wide field of vision, are more sensitive to movement and can see well at a great distance and at night.

Dogs have excellent hearing. They can hear sounds from up to ten times the distance that a human could hear the same sound. Additionally, dogs hear a greater range (pitch) of sounds, many of which no human ear can detect. A dog locates the source of a sound by turning its head from side to side, but will have difficulty locating a sound that comes from below or above them. (From Animal Friend newsletter)

For Low Cost Neutering/Spaying call 481-1833.

MY FAVORITE PICTURE

by Marge Berg

Whenever I hear the song "Get Me To The Church On Time" from MY FAIR LADY, I am reminded of my own wedding day. It was June 19, 1937 and I did not get to the church on time.

My father had only a second-hand coal and ice truck for his business, so my Uncle Bill generously offered to drive the wedding party to the Saturday 9:00 AM mass at St. Bernard's Church about a mile away. Dad decided that my mother and two bridesmaids would make the first trip. Then my uncle would return for dad and me. The plan was a good one and would have worked, except that Uncle Bill got carried away. He decided to make a grand entry in front of the main door of the church. To do this he had to take a longer route and cross some railroad tracks behind the church.

Naturally, I was unaware of all of this until the car stalled on the tracks. I begged dad to let me walk to the church, several blocks away, but he would not hear of it. Meanwhile, at the church the organist played the wedding march over and over. One older parishioner asked my poor mother if there was going to be

a wedding. The groom thought I had jilted him at the altar.

My husband and I treasure a candid snapshot taken as we left the church. The picture catches us in a joyous mood, waving to the guests as we stand at the top of the church steps ready to descend. My father is standing in one corner near the large open church door. An aunt and my sister, a bridesmaid, are unposed at one side along with a schoolmate and other friends. I don't know who took the picture. Someone gave it to my mother several months later. I never could locate the negative. Nobody knew the anxiety we felt an hour before. The picture tells it all. The pressure was off!

Several years ago, our daughter had the picture enlarged and framed. She surrounded it with mementos of our dating days: a wristwatch, the first present my husband gave me and a small pearl pocket knife from where he worked. There are also some rose-pink rosary beads, mauve veiling and tiny mauve velvet bows. This picture now hangs in our living room.

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY NETWORK CRIME MEETING

by K. Chauffe

About 60 residents attended Neighborhood Safety Network's (NSN) first crime meeting. The group attempted to identify problems, exchange ideas and find solutions. Larry Ritter and Mark Weber chaired the meeting.

NSN began about a year ago as the Crime Committee of Block Unit 5, but expanded because of increasing crime. The group is resident-financed and hires two off-duty police officers to patrol the neighborhood four hours a day, ten days a month. Ritter stated, "We saw this as a way of doing something without putting people on the front line".

Weber displayed charts showing a distinct decrease in crime since NSN patrols began. "The program has given all of FPSE a higher profile with the Third District (Police)...NSN officers frequently go back and check on the trouble spots when they are on regular duty", said Weber.

Residents listed several trouble areas including, the pedestrian overpass above HWY 40, the alley north of Chouteau and several houses in the 4500 blocks, where prostitution and drug dealing are suspected.

Randy Beckendorf inquired what people can do about the erosion of safety and quality of life when actual crimes are not involved. He cited gangs of youths "hanging out" and loud music. According to Ritter those are a major concern and have caused several people to move from FPSE.

Ian Anderson stated that when his privacy is invaded by a neighbor's domestic violence or noise, he calls the police. "The police told me to call whenever there is a problem because eventually the neighbors will get tired of having us come to their door". "I may be getting a bad name with my neighbors, but I don't care", Anderson concluded.

Lt. Ken Gable, Third District Police, stated that elimination of crime is a slow process, but the importance of NSN can be seen in the marked decrease in crime from last August, usually a high-crime month. Responding to individual concerns of residents, Gable stated that it is im-

portant to phone the police if something looks suspicious and to report all crimes that occur.

Executive Director of FPSE Housing Corp. Kate Roth noted that in the city it is important to know the good guys from the bad, but that because of the social and economic mix we lack the level of sociability required. Answering questions about Conservation Districts and problem landlords, Roth said that occupancy permits, designed to control the quality of buildings and overcrowding, do not apply in the 4500 blocks because they are not in the Conservation District. Although there is a state law allowing for the condemnation of properties involved in drug dealing, Roth stated that the law may be unconstitutional and requires repeat offences at the same address. This is not common in FPSE.

J. Klein asked if there was any pattern to crimes. Gable stated that certain types of crimes typically occur at different times of day. Residential burglaries most commonly occur mid-day because few people are home; business burglaries happen at night. Assaults are more common late at night, as are car thefts, because few people are on the streets.

Ritter said that the NSN Program is experiencing financial problems. "NSN spends \$1650/month...When started we had pledges for \$1900 per month...Now we are dropping at the rate of 20% each month and will have to decrease the patrol's hours."

Weber and Ritter stated that for the program to survive more community involvement and pledges are needed. "We need people to serve as block captains who will request donations. We also need people who will work on fund raisers and planning", said Weber. Pledges can vary from as low as \$3.00 to \$5.00 per month to \$20.00.

According to Carole Rulo the Manchester Businessmen Association already have \$600 per month in pledges, but this money is for matching whatever is raised by NSN.

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EDITORIAL: QUESTIONS NEEDING ANSWERS

by K. Chauffe

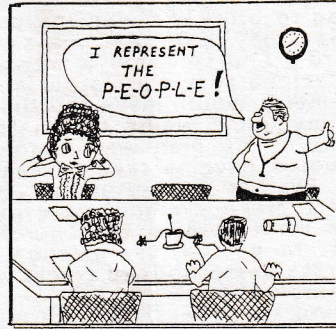
The right to question is essential for democracy to function. There is no question so odious that it should not be asked. Thus, NEWS & VIEWS supports the right of New Boyle's Representative Tom Goshen to question the Housing Corp. about the numerous aspects of the Corp. he appears not to understand. Ideally, however, Goshen should read the information provided to him by the Board and, if necessary, request information before he votes on a motion. He should only notify the press if his request is denied. His most recent behavior regarding the Taylor Avenue 12- family (see GOSHEN ASKS) indicates his *modus operandi* is the reverse.

As a property owner in New Boyle and resident of FPSE, I have a right to question officials who claim to represent me. Goshen routinely assumes this right. He uses New Boyle's and the Housing Corp.'s names to raise funds, gain access to city officials and obtain media coverage. Thus, his actions reflect upon New Boyle, FPSE and me.

Normally, I would ask my questions at a meeting or in private, but Goshen has banned me from his house, where New Boyle meetings are held, because I do ask questions. He also refuses to talk with me, insisting that I mail written questions to him. I have done this twice, but have never received a response. So, having exhausted all other avenues, I am forced to go public with my questions.

1. Does the New Boyle Neighborhood Improvement Association (BU7) have a constitution? If so, how does one obtain a copy?

2. Has New Boyle voted to oppose neighborhood redevelopment, or was Goshen speaking only for himself when he claimed that the Association wanted to keep builders and yuppies out of FPSE (POST DISPATCH, Nov. 21, 1989)?



(...THAT'S SPELLED M-Y-S-E-L-F)

How does Goshen's discrimination against yuppies (young urban professionals) differ from racism and sexism? Why does he oppose young doctors, dentists, lawyers, accountants, etc. moving into FPSE? Whom does he want to have live here?

3. Has New Boyle voted to give Goshen the power to decide who may attend their meetings? If not, why does the president allow him to do so?

4. How can New Boyle claim to represent all people within its area, if only those who agree with Goshen are allowed to attend meetings?

5. Since the New Boyle Association is discriminatory, why does the Housing Corp. recognize it as the valid representative of that area?

Would the Housing Corp. recognize a block unit that excluded blacks, women, Jews or Catholics?

6. When was New Boyle last audited? How does one obtain a copy of the audit?

7. How does New Boyle monitor cash (not check) contributions? Besides Treasurer Goshen, does anyone monitor cash contributions?

Because Goshen's credibility strongly reflects upon the credibility of New Boyle, the Housing Corp. and the neighborhood, two additional questions must be asked.

8. Goshen claims to be a psychologist. Why is he not registered with the State Committee of Psychologists as required by law?

9. Goshen claims to have a Ph.D. Why is he not included in published lists of Ph.D.s from North America or Europe? From what university did he obtain his degree?

At the August Housing Corp. meeting Goshen boasted, "I am asking questions because I represent the people. That's P-E-O-P-L-E". Well, I am one of those P-E-O-P-L-E Goshen claims to represent and I would like some answers from him.

N&V will provide space for Goshen's response.

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Housing Corp.'s October meeting and requested the Board's support for DART's plan to open an out-patient clinic in the Chouteau Building. DART will reportedly lose its contract, if it does not open an out-patient clinic in the city, but the clinic is not required to be at the same location as the in-patient treatment center.

Larry Gale said the clinic would only service about 20 out-patients a day. (Future increases in staff size, however, would increase the number of out-patients.) Gale also stated that a building in the West End was available for an out-patient clinic, but it was more economic for DART to house both facilities at the same location. The Board advised DART to hold a neighborhood-wide meeting to address the issue of an out-patient clinic.

ARTS IN TRANSIT

by R. Sandall

Art Marks is a part of the Arts in Transit program. Earlier this year residents were invited to submit proposals for signs to be placed at bus stops on routes leading to Metro Link stations. Three signs have been installed in FPSE. On Kingshighway at Arco a sign by Jon Ron Developers depicts and briefly describes the construction of the Lambskin Temple. A sign on Taylor at Chouteau shows children's art and provides a short history of the Institute for the Deaf. On Taylor at Arco the sign submitted by Mark Jefferies, FPSE NEWS & VIEWS, gives an outline history of the neighborhood.

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WAITING FOR THE PETITION

NEWS UPDATE: In June it was reported that Tom Goshen and Rev. Harry Smith had been circulating a petition demanding information about and changes in NEWS & VIEWS. Goshen also went to the SOUTH CITY JOURNAL with a story about the petition. Now, five months later, N&V is still waiting for the petition. Goshen has reportedly threatened to send a copy of the petition to St. Louis University, where editor K. Chauffe is a professor.

LETTERS TO FPSE

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You have named your paper News and Views.
The problem is you don't say whose. Politically motivated you say you are not.
But you continue to print one sided-rot.
We only read your point of view, But that doesn't make your statements true.
The hand-picked candidates you seem to endorse.
Are a fluke to steer the voters off course.
Your accounts are one-sided to say the least.
And you'll find your readers have vastly decreased.

You can't fool the voters by your lines and your prose.
Since the facts are there right under our nose.
It seems the best man always wins, Regardless of your poison pens.
We voters do not lack good sense, And our memories sure aren't dense.
This election is over so there's no more heat,
And again, the right man has won the seat.
We know what we want, which is the right man,
Who can do the best job, that's the reason he ran.
We've discovered this from experience past,
And we know the good work will continue to last.
When the next campaign starts, it will be the same thing,
And your paper again will make our ears ring.
The candidates you select, Are here one year and gone the next, don't wish to sound like I'm trying to crow,
But the facts are here, and this you know.
I'm a bad poet and I have no excuse,
But I still think this tops FOPARSE Mother Goose.

Virginia L. Wettring (Adams Grove)

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Don't be apologetic for the talents you possess, the woods would be a silent place, if no bird sang except those that sang best.