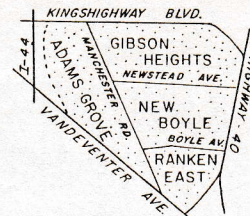


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STREET-CLOSING MEETING

FPSE Housing Corp. has rescheduled the neighborhood-wide meeting to discuss street closings. The new date is March 14, at 7:00 P.M. at the Church of the Living God on Kingshighway and Gibson avenues.

Proposed for closing are Oakland at Newstead, Arco at Manchester and Gibson just west of the Villa Lighting warehouse parking lot. Representatives from the Street, Police, Fire and other departments will attend the meeting and answer questions about what impact the closings may have on traffic and services.

Street closings must be proposed by an alderman and approved by the city. According to Executive Director Kate Roth, "(Alderman) Roddy is looking for a clear showing of support for the plan". When president of the FPSE Housing Corp., Roddy refused to discuss street closings, declaring that they were "too controversial".

Street closings would be temporary. After an evaluation of their impact on the neighborhood, they could be made permanent. Because the average cost of constructing a cul-de-sac is about \$75,000, no permanent changes are likely soon.

DISPLAY HOUSE

By Mark Jefferies

FPSE Housing Corp., together with an unnamed bank and an unchosen developer, will rehab 1091-93 S. Taylor Avenue as a display house. The redeveloped property will demonstrate for prospective buyers, what is possible with FPSE buildings. After about a year, the unit will be sold.

According to Executive Director Kate Roth, many prospective homebuyers cannot visualize the potential offered by unrenovated buildings. She stated, "Renovated houses here (in FPSE) sell quite easily. We have good buildings and an ideal location. One house on Arco sold within a few weeks after it was put on the market. But people who don't have experience with renovation can't see the potential. The display house will show them."

Plans to turn the brick four-family into two market-rate townhouses were approved by the Corp. in February. "We will do half of the building

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URAC TO HOST EVERETT PAGE

By Richard Sandall

On Wednesday, February 27, 1991, United Residents Against Crime (URAC) of Forest Park Southeast will host a neighborhood meeting at the Lighthouse Free Methodist Church 1218 Tower Grove Ave. at 7:30 P.M.

All FPSE residents are invited to attend and welcome Police Captain Evert Page, newly appointed captain to the 3rd District. Refreshments will be served.

OSCAR'S FPSE'S NEWEST AND MOST CONTROVERSIAL BAR & DELI

By Karl Chauffe

OSCAR'S Bar and Deli at 4146 Manchester Ave. opened in late December. Owner, Oscar Fred Donaldson, found himself the center of a neighborhood controversy even before he served his first customer. Breakdown of the FPSE Housing Corp's liquor licence reviewing process lead to rumors that special privileges and political pressure had circumvented the normal licensing procedures. Proposals to have the licence revoked have been withdrawn following a meeting with the Excise Commissioner.

Donaldson became interested in expanding his bar business to the Manchester location in August of 1990. Donaldson also owns the LOADING ZONE, a successful bar in the Central West End. The building at 4146 Manchester had been a carpentry shop and was recently purchased by neighborhood residents Terry and Jack Larrison.

Terry Larrison stated that they met with Donaldson in August to discuss the building. Donaldson said he also met Alderman Roddy at the building. "I told Roddy what I intended to open. He said that I would need to obtain signatures from residents of the surrounding area and meet the other legal requirements," Donaldson stated.

Donaldson hired Hurley and Hurley, a company that specializes in collecting signatures for licences. The company is paid up-front, regardless if the required number of signatures are obtained. The necessary signatures were collected in September and 21 days later the Excise Commission convened a public hearing. No one appeared to oppose the application for a full-drink licence and it was issued.

According to the Excise Commissioner's Office, both Alderman Roddy and Operation Conserv Officer Carole Rulo were notified of the application and hearing. In addition, Housing Corp. Executive Director Kate Roth has stated that she was informed.

At the time of the hearing, the Housing Corp. and neighborhood were preparing for the 1st annual Indian

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PAPER INTO TREES

By Richard Sandall

Under a new program sponsored by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, St. Louis residents can exchange a stack of newspapers for a tree. Called PAPER TO TREES, the program promotes energy conservation and reduction of pollution and erosion by planting trees.

Individuals and groups can exchange a 3-foot stack of newsprint for a coupon for a 4 to 6-foot hackberry, ash or thornless locust tree. Newsprint will be recycled into home insulation and new paper. Newspaper stacks should be delivered to Southside Recycling, 4076 Bayless Avenue between 8 A.M. and 5 P.M. weekdays and 8 A.M. and noon on Saturday.

HOUSING INITIATIVE '91

By Karl Chauffe

Responding to a need for greater organization and planning, Operation Conserv has established Housing Initiative '91. Conserv's Executive Director Peter Sartino explained the new program to the FPSE Housing Corporation's Board of Directors at their January Meeting.

Sartino stated, "Through this initiative we can plan where and when services will be needed. It will help eliminate some of the problems we currently experience in servicing neighborhoods." As part of Initiative '91, each Conserv neighborhood must prepare a 1-year plan. The plan will establish goals and determine the city services that will be required.

Sartino continued, "This can allow a greater concentration of available city services to designated problem areas, and encourage and enhance development. It will force neighborhoods to establish firm objectives each year and identify areas to receive increased services. It will allow us to establish a time-line for planning."

According to Sartino, the time-line will allow Conserv to plan far in advance so the services will be available to neighborhoods when needed. "Although some areas will receive increased services", Sartino stated, "other areas in the Conserv districts will not receive less service. By planning ahead we can make more efficient use of resources and provide the additional service."

The FPSE Housing Corp has not released its Housing Initiative '91 plan.

HOUSING CORP. OPPOSES HABITAT'S PLANS

By Karl Chauffe

The FPSE Housing Corporation is opposing Habitat for Humanity's request to construct additional, new housing in Adams Grove. Citing the many properties available for rehab, bland architecture of Habitat houses and the need to maintain open space, the Corp. is strongly suggesting that Habitat rehab existing structures.

Habitat for Humanity began operating in St. Louis in the mid-1980s. According to Habitat Public Relations Officer Cathy Wickerson, Habitat has rehabbed only two structures, but has built seven new houses and is currently constructing four additional buildings.

At the 1989 neighborhood-wide meeting Habitat was welcomed into FPSE. At that time many residents questioned Habitat's plans to build new houses while so many vacant buildings were available for rehab.

Despite assurances from Habitat that anyone could serve on its committees, Habitat has not sent meeting notices to area residents who endorse rehabbing. Habitat has shown no interest in rehabbing houses in FPSE and has rejected all properties suggested for rehab.

In FPSE, Habitat has completed

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Summer Festival and House Tour. Roth claims the notification of the hearing became lost in the confusion. "So much was going on that it slipped by without the usual neighborhood review. It unfortunately fell through the cracks," Roth stated.

The Housing Corp. first expressed concern about the licence in November. Several board members strongly objected that the application had not been reviewed by the Board. Suzanne Goodman (WUMCRC) stated, "I'm afraid this will establish a dangerous precedent for development on Manchester". Other members noted that it was unfair to existing businesses because they had presented their plans for review.

Rumors began to circulate about the bar and deli and how it obtained a licence. The main rumor accused the Larrisons of assisting Donaldson in circumventing the normal licensing procedure. Donaldson and Terry Larrison both deny this. Larrison stated, "We attempted to stay completely out of this. We told Fred (Donaldson) he had to meet all of the legal requirements. After that he was on his own. We could not afford to get involved with anything in the least bit shady because we plan to open Blits. We couldn't do anything that might risk getting our own licence. Besides, what influence do we have? Jack and I are just business people. We have no special influence downtown."

Donaldson claims that he received no help from the Larrisons in obtaining his licence. He stated, "When we met, we talked about the building, not the licence. I did not even hear from the Housing group or any of the neighborhood groups until after I already had the licence".

New Boyle Secretary-Treasurer Tom Goshen spread the rumor that the deli was going to be a "gay leather bar". Donaldson denies this. He stated that although some of the clientele may be gay, "This is not a leather or biker bar. Anyone is welcomed here, even Goshen."

At the December Housing Corp. meeting several board members proposed having the licence revoked because attempts to meet with representatives from OSCAR'S had failed. At-large member Bryon Young noted, "You can't get someone's licence revoked just because they did not return your phone call or come to a meeting."

Dan Corbin (Ranken East) accused Hurley and Hurley of misrepresenting the petition to residents. Corbin stated, "They (Hurley and Hurley) lied to the people who signed it. They told them it was a deli, but it was for a bar." Corbin also claims to have received no notification of the hearing and that no signs about the hearing were posted along Manchester. The law requires notices of a licence hearing be sent to all residents living within a radius of 350 feet of the planned location of a bar.

Corbin's complaints, the lack of response from OSCAR'S owner and changes made to the facade of the bar, prompted the Housing Corp. to contact the Excise Commission and requested a meeting to discuss the licence. In Mid-January, Excise Commissioner Bob Kraiburg, Jack and Terry Larrison, a representative from OSCAR'S and several Housing Corp. Board Members met.

The meeting reportedly resolved several issues. The licence was legally obtained with no evidence of procedural irregularities. It is the responsibility

of residents signing a petition to read what they are signing. Although those collecting signatures may have misled residents, the petition stated that it was for a liquor licence. Only the bar is presently open; the deli should be in operation soon. Exterior changes to 4146 Manchester are temporary; the facade will be upgraded.

Following the meeting, Housing Corp. board members stated that their questions had been answered. Roth said, "Most of the confusion resulted from lack of communication. We probably would not have opposed the application for the licence, but we had no idea what type of place it was going to be." She described the interior of the bar as "stylish with lots of neon lights".

About a week after the meeting, Corbin stated he still felt uneasy about the process. Corbin said, "My objection is not with OSCAR'S, but with the way the Housing Office handled the situation. I really believe that if the bar had tried to open on Taylor and Manchester, it would have been stopped. If it had been there, it would not have fallen through the cracks."

"Jack and I are just business people. We have no special influence downtown."
Terry Larrison

Regarding OSCAR'S, Corbin continued, "I am glad to have OSCAR'S on Manchester. The increased security and pedestrian traffic make the area safer."

Donaldson expressed no regrets on opening a business on Manchester and may consider moving to FPSE. Regarding the controversy, he said, "It is good to know that the neighborhood is interested in Manchester, but some people's attitudes will have to change, if they want to see Manchester revived." Donaldson stated that he has no intention of selling packaged liquor, "That is not the type of business I want to attract."

Terry Larrison said that she was happy the controversy was over, but disappointed about the neighborhood's response. She stated, "People have accused us of all sorts of things. We certainly would not want to harm Manchester or this neighborhood. We live here and will soon be operating a business on Manchester. This entire affair was a misunderstanding, and everyone got hurt."

BLOCK UNIT NEWS

ADAMS GROVE and NEW BOYLE
President Bernice Matlock (Adams Grove) and Secretary-Treasurer Tom Goshen (New Boyle) prevent coverage of those meetings.

GIBSON HEIGHTS NEIGHBORS (BU5) and **GIBSON HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (BU6)**
Inclement weather in January prevented either block unit from meeting.

RANKEN EAST NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
December: Officer Pullen & Party

The new 9TH District Public Relations Officer, Bill Pullen, was introduced and spoke briefly about his years on the Police Force. He stated that he looks forward to working with residents of the area.

Following the short meeting, the block unit held its annual Party.

HOUSING CORP. NEWS

By Karl Chauffe

(See also: Oscar's, Housing Initiative '91 and Habitat Plans)

December: By-Laws, 12-Family, Bell Grant & Deli

The By-Laws Subcommittee was unable to decide if alternate representatives must reside within the area they represent. The question arose in August when Tom Goshen attempted to serve as the Ranken East alternate. Goshen resides in New Boyle.

The Housing Corporation still lacks partners in a joint rehab of 1091-93 So. Taylor. Boatman's Bank currently has a moratorium on construction loans. Mercantile Bank is considering the project.

"The open house at 1084-92 So. Taylor was a great success," stated Housing Corp. Executive Director Kate Roth. Over 150 people visited the unit and about 20 applications were filed. Two units are rented.

Southwestern Bell has awarded a \$17,000 grant for renovation of commercial building facades on Manchester Ave. The proposal was submitted by Kate Roth and ConServ Officer Carole Rulo in the name of the David Ranken Businessmen's Association. Grants of up to \$1500 will be available for each facade. In addition, Commerce Bank has established a \$100,000 low-interest fund. The 4200 block of Manchester is targeted for facade restoration, if property owners participate.

The Board again expressed concern about the process by which a liquor licence was obtained for a proposed deli at 4146 Manchester. No one from the deli contacted any block unit or the Housing Corp. Bryon Young (at-large representative) agreed to contact Bob Burke, reported licence holder. According to Tom Goshen the Deli will be "a gay leather bar".

Helen Sheets reported that Adams Grove does not oppose Attitudes' (4100 Manchester Ave.) request for extended hours to 3 A.M. on Friday and Saturday.

The Board voted to accept the new contract with the Community Development Agency for funding the Housing Corporation, and to change the by-laws to require the Treasurer's report be given in September.

January: JonRon, Jacobs, 12-Family, Wichita Demolition

JonRon Developers asked for the Boards support in a request to CDA (Community Development Agency) for \$45,000 for the redevelopment of the 1060 S. Kingshighway. JonRon purchased the property in 1987 at the instance of the bank financing the Lambskin Temple. Development was not possible until a buyer was found. The Board agreed to support the project if it does not deplete CDA funds available for the display house planned for 1091-93 S. Taylor.

Peter Sortino, executive director

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FPSE CHILD MOLESTERS

By Dr. David Mead

Several unrelated incidents of child molestation have occurred in FPSE. Older men molested young children. Some incidents were reported; others were not. Embarrassment, lack of evidence and fear of reprisals cause some victims and their families to remain silent. When nothing is done, the molester is free to roam the neighborhood. Other young children may become victims.

According to psychologist Dr. Lee Wartman, there are two types of child molesters: fixated and regressive. Fixated molesters only receive sexual gratification by dominating another person. "They are insecure and feel inadequate and inferior. Dominating children provides them with a feeling of power, control and importance," Wartman stated. In contrast, regressive molesters only turn to children during times of stress. They regress to being a child and identify with them. At other times, they seek normal sexual outlets.

"Children, especially young children, frequently do not have the verbal skills to explain what has happened to

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one house, begun three additional houses and has permission to construct four more buildings. According to Helen Sheets, Habitat now wants permission to build an additional two houses.

At the January FPSE Housing Corp. meeting Sheets stated, "Well, there's enough room to build two more houses and they want permission to do it." Housing Corporation response was negative.

Suzanne Goodman (WUMCRC) stated, "I said Habitat would be back (for permission to build) when I saw they were buying 10 lots, but we were giving them permission to build only 8 houses." Regarding the buildings Habitat has built in FPSE Goodman said, "The architecture is not inspirational, it does nothing to improve the neighborhood".

Dan Corbin (Ranken East) objected to the request because it would add more families to the neighborhood and eliminate open play areas for children. Corbin said, "There are already too many kids down there. If you build on more of the vacant lots, it will just mean that the kids will have to play in the streets".

Housing Corp. Executive Director Roth suggested that the Board should encourage Habitat to rehab. "If we push, we might be able to get them to rehab." Roth noted, however, that Habitat has displayed little interest in rehabbing. "I have shown them several buildings, but they (Habitat) always came back claiming it was just too difficult".

Although the Corporation initially considered requesting Habitat to rehab, it stiffened its position after Corbin argued for a stronger statement. He noted, "If you allow them to build new houses first, they will just come back when they are finished and claim that no money is left to rehab".

The Board instructed Roth to notify Habitat of the Corp.'s objections to constructing additional houses in FPSE.

WHITE CASTLE : ONE CASTLE TO GO

By Mark Jefferies

Small size and lack of a drive-through window condemned the quaint White Castle outlet on the corner of Chouteau and Vandeventer. Late last year a newer and larger Castle was built behind the original. For a brief time FPSE was unique in having two Castles next to each other. When the new Castle was finished, an order came from corporate headquarters for "one castle to go".

After 41 years of service, the White Castle fast food outlet at Chouteau and Vandeventer finally fell victim to the automobile. The small ornate structure was demolished in late January to make way for the drive-way to the drive-through window on the new, larger and simpler Castle.

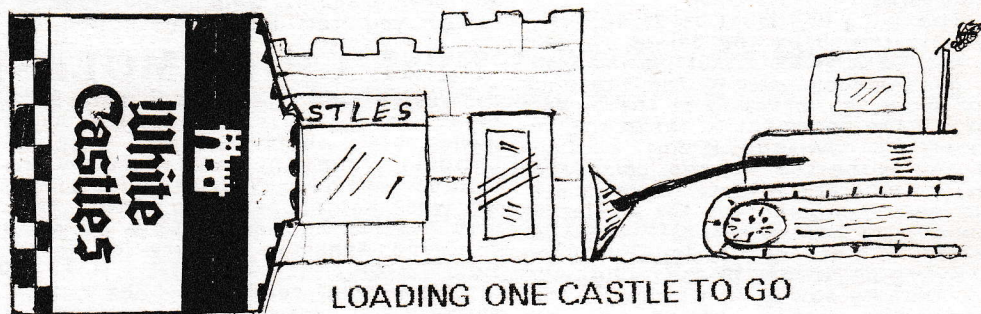
According to White Castle Area Manager Bob Murrell, the Chouteau White Castle was the last remaining "old style" outlet in the city. "It was built back in 1950, before the days of the drive through window. The building was small and had no seating. By adding seating and drive-through facil-

ities, revenues from that outlet should greatly increase", he stated.

Unlike newer White Castle buildings, the Chouteau outlet featured colored-glass panels above each window. "WHITE CASTLE" was spelled in white glass against an amber-orange checkered background Murrell stated that the panels were salvaged by one of the company's executive officers.

The Chouteau outlet currently has 64 employees and is expected to add personnel. Murrell stated, "With the drive through and the seating we expect business to really increase. We will need to hire more people. It is a good location."

Plans for a new Castle began in the mid-1980s. Originally White Castle favored abandoning the Chouteau location and leasing the western part of the Kingshighway-Cadet-Manchester wedge from Anheuser-Busch for the new outlet. They were denied a permit because of neighborhood opposition.



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of Operation Conserv. explained Housing Initiative '91. See HOUSING INITIATIVE '91.

Inclement weather prevented Westminster Management from holding weekly open house in 1084-92 S. Taylor Ave. According to Director Kate Roth, the project is on budget and at least two units are rented. Four more units will be finished early in February.

The Board voted to accept August's minutes and decided that alternate representatives to the Board must reside in the block unit they represent. Controversy erupted in August when Tom Goshen attempted to vote as the Ranken East alternate. Goshen lives in New Boyle.

Rick Jacobs (Adams Grove) may apply to the Rental Rehab Program for funds to rehab 1302 Boyle and 4209 Norfolk Ave. The Board has previously opposed applications to this program because funding requires rental to low-income families, usually Section 8. Roth stated that Jacobs usually rents to low-income families anyway and his participation in the program would not alter his type of tenants.

Suzanne Goodman announced that 4548 Wichita will be demolished. Roth requested a six month delay stating, "That is the single-family (building) which has generated the greatest interest with developers. Now that we are going to do a display unit, we can probably find a buyer". Goodman remained intransigent. She stated that other WUMCRC buildings will come down if buyers are not found. Goodman excluded donating the Wichita building to LRA stating, "They do not police their buildings well. We can not take the moral responsibility if the building

should fall on someone."

February: Earth Ways, Display, & Rent Increase

According to Alex Bornstein of Earth Ways, Earth Day '91 will be divided into two smaller events. On Sunday April 21, the main festivities will be in Tower Geove Park. Planned activities include the All Species Parade, Recycleable Trash Sculpture, street entertainment, booths and Environmental Rap Contest. Monday April 22 will be Environmental Action Day. Events will stress local issues. The Board discussed possible events to hold in FPSE and how the event could be used to market the neighborhood to medical facility employees.

Mercantile Bank will finance 1091-93 S. Taylor as a for-sale display house (see DISPLAY HOUSE).

The Board voted to approve \$45,000 in FSIP (For Sale Incentive Program) funds for the development of 1060 S. Kingshighway and \$80,000 in FSIP funds for the display house.

"1084-92 S. Taylor is nearly completed and is being called the 'Miracle On Taylor Ave.' at CDA", stated Kate Roth. The 12-family was recently renovated by the FPSE Housing Corp. and is the first projected financed with Conserv funds.

Pres. Scherer stressed the importance of having a neighborhood-wide Housing Conservation District. A proposed plan would place all of the FPSE into a Housing Conservation District.

The Board voted to oppose an office rent increase. Current rent is \$315/mo.; proposed increase is

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LEGAL ADVISOR: DURABLE POWERS OF ATTORNEY AND LIVING WILLS

By Gaylard Williams

What would happen if you were seriously ill, injured, disabled or incapacitated? If you were "brain dead" or in a persistent vegetative state with no hope of recovery, who would handle your personal and business affairs? Who would decide to continue or withdraw life-prolonging measures?

In Missouri a person has the right to be allowed to die, if in a persistent vegetative state. The only requirement is that the decision to withhold food, water, medication and/or treatment must be supported by "clear and convincing evidence" that this is the person's wish.

One way to be certain that your wishes are known is to make a living will and/or have durable power of attorney assigned by you. The "living will" allows any competent person 18 years or older to direct the withholding or withdrawal of treatment that might unduly prolong life. State law does not automatically allow withholding or withdrawal of medication, food or water. A person must specifically and expressly direct this.

The living will must be dated, written and signed by the person (known as the DECLARANT) making the will, or by someone else in the presence and under the direction of the declarant. If the document is not in the declarant's handwriting, it must be signed and witnessed by two competent persons who are at least 18 years old. The person signing for the declarant cannot also act as witness. The declarant is responsible for informing attending physicians of the living will.

Durable power of attorney grants to another person (known as your AGENT or "ATTORNEY IN FACT") the

power to act on your behalf or as your surrogate. This differs from "regular" power of attorney in that it is durable, effective and continues if you become disabled or incapacitated.

To be durable, Missouri Statutes require the document to include the following language, "This is a durable power of attorney and the authority of my attorney in fact shall not terminate if I become disabled or incapacitated." The document must be in writing, dated and notarized. The power granted to the agent can be general or specific, but certain powers must be specified to be included. These are the power to make medical decisions, execute, amend or revoke a trust, and make gifts of property or body parts.

It is unclear if durable power of attorney includes the power to make decisions regarding life support. To be certain, it is best to incorporate a living will into the durable power of attorney.

Durable power of attorney will not allow your "Attorney in Fact" to make or change your will or living will, take any action against your instructions or refrain you from taking any action, or

in any way interfere with you. Durable powers of attorney do not have to be recorded with the Recorder of Deeds unless the powers granted involve real estate transactions.

Revoking a living will or durable power of attorney requires only oral or written communication of your intent to do so, regardless of your mental or physical condition. If your durable power of attorney was recorded, you must also record your revocation. All powers of attorney terminate upon your death.

Regardless where you stand on the "right-to-die" issue, you should make preparation in case something happens to you. Put your intentions in writing so they will be "clear and convincing evidence" of your wishes. This way your family will not be burdened with making difficult, emotional and traumatic decisions.

For more information regarding living wills and/or durable powers of attorney consult an attorney, or contact me at (314) 533-4838 or 535-7780, or write to me at P.O. Box 4542, St. Louis, Mo. 63108.

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them after they have been molested," noted Psychologist Dr. Jeffery Rothweiler of Cardinal Glennon Hospital. Children are easily traumatized by the incident and have difficulty understanding what has happened to them. They may not tell anyone because they are confused, ashamed and lack the necessary words.

Rothweiler continued, "The molested child may respond to the incident by becoming sexually aggressive and abusive to other children. Without help, the sexually abused child may become an abusive adult. The child develops an identification with the person who abused them. By imitating the person who molested him, the child attempts to regain the power and control he feels he has lost."

Prosecutors hesitate to bring child molestation cases to court, if the child is the only witness. "Children make very poor witnesses. It is easy for the defense attorney to confuse a child and make it appear that the child is lying," stated a spokes-person for the prosecutor's office. For this reason, only where evidence is compelling are cases taken to court. "When there is strong, but inconclusive, evidence and no adult witnesses, we usually drop the charges at the arraignment. By then, the community knows why the person was arrested and that he can not be trusted around children. He knows he will be under surveillance. It isn't the best, but it's about the best we can do," he concluded.

Rothweiler explained there is a danger to the child in having the case go to court. He stated, "If the person is found guilty, it may benefit the child. It shows that people believed his story and what the person did was wrong and will be punished. The child regains the self respect that he may feel he lost. But if the person is found innocent, the child's trauma may be intensified. He may feel that no one believes him and the incident was his fault."

There is no characteristic behavior that identifies a child molester. Most of the time they act as anyone else. "They can be anyone from a family member, trusted neighbor to a community leader", Warman cautions. Parents should warn their children about the dangers that exist, but not alarm them.

Operation SafeStreet offers the

following rules for children:

1. Never allow anyone to touch you without your parent's permission, not even someone who claims to be a doctor.
2. Never allow anyone into your house without your parent's permission.
3. Never take shortcuts or play in lonely alleys or streets.
4. Never go into someone's house without your parent's permission.
5. Never get into someone's car without your parent's permission.
6. Never be ashamed to tell your parents, if something does happen to you.

To report child abuse call 911 or 1-800-342-3738.

GARLIC EACH DAY KEEPS THE DOCTOR AWAY

By A. Powellel

Throughout history garlic (*Allium sativum*) has had many uses including medical, culinary and religious. In ancient times it was used as a cure for worms, heart ailments, tumors, ear aches, and a host of other maladies. It was also supposed to help ward-off vampires and demons.

The active ingredient in garlic is allicin, the odor-carrying compound. It is also present in chives, onions and other related herbs, but at lower concentrations. Allicin possesses anti-bacterial properties similar to, but not as potent as, penicillin.

Garlic is also reported to help control hypertension (high blood pressure), slow arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries), and have a high vitamin C content. There is even some evidence that garlic is a significant immune-system enhancer.

Cooking and drying garlic will decrease garlics strong odor, but unfortunately also decreases the allicin content and its positive affects on the body. To obtain the most that garlic has to offer, eat it raw.

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DEATH OF THE PATRONAGE SYSTEM

By Gaylard Williams

"To the victor belongs the spoils" has been the motto of our political system for more than two hundred years. Last term, the Supreme Court hammered one of the last nails in the coffin of the patronage system.

In the case of *Rutan versus the Republican Party of Illinois*, the Court held that it is unconstitutional for government officials to base hiring, promotions, transfers, recalls after layoffs, or dismissal of employees on the political affiliation or support of that employee.

Patronage employees can no longer be forced to work polls, donate money or even sell raffle tickets.

In our political system there are two forms of governmental employment: Civil Service and patronage. In the Civil Service System, employment is based on merit (i.e. qualifications, skills and performance). In the patronage system, employment is influenced by and many times decided upon political affiliation or support for a candidate. Patronage jobs are typically determined by the political machine in power and the political boss.

St. Louis City operates using both systems. Most county offices within the City operate under patronage. These include Circuit Clerk, Sheriff, Recorder of Deeds, Licence Collector, Collector of Revenue and Treasurer's offices. These employees are called

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"job holders". When a position becomes available applicants are referred for employment by the Committee people of the City's 28 wards. In exchange for the patronage job, the employee is expected to work for the ward organization. In the past a patronage employee could be transferred, demoted, denied promotion or even fired at the discretion of the political boss or party.

Over the last ten years the Supreme Court has whittled away at the patronage system. First, they forbade a government official from discharging or threatening to discharge an employee solely for political reasons. Now, they have extended protection for a patronage employee in areas of promotion, transfer, recall and hiring.

Unless the Supreme Court reverses itself, patronage as we have known it, exists only in form and not substance. Employees can no longer be forced to work polls, donate a portion of their salary or even sell raffle tickets to get or keep their job. This is also the death of the old style political boss. Without the control of patronage jobs his free poll workers are gone.

I have worked under both systems and have debated over the need for maintaining the dual system. It has been my experience that in practice there is little difference between them. There are abuses, inefficiencies, wastes and corruption in both. It is not the type of organization as much as the people within the organization which determines the effectiveness of government. With the status of the law there is no longer a reason to have both governmental employment systems.

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as a display unit. The other half will be prepared for renovation, but not finished until a buyer is found. We plan to keep the display unit for about a year, unless someone insists upon buying it. If that happens, we can do the other half as the display," Roth continued.

Over the last year banks have refused loans to developers for speculative rehabs. Roth said, "The real estate market is soft. Banks want developers to have a buyer in hand. This has hindered development not just in FPSE, but the entire city. In the past we haven't had a product to sell. Now we will. The development of this property should increase interest in our neighborhood," Roth concluded.

Work on the property may begin this summer.

BUILDING BETTER BLOCKS

Residents of the 4500 blocks of Oakland and Wichita have the opportunity to participate in a new program to improve the appearance and marketability of their properties. Under the program the city will provide intensified services to that area, including trash pickup, abandoned car removal, and weed abatement. The FPSE Housing Corp will furnish residents with information and assistance on landscaping and basic property repair.

According to Housing Corporation Executive Director Kate Roth, the program is still in the planning stage, and its exact nature will not be determined until resident response is known. Meetings with residents are planned.

A CITY GARDEN

By Marge Berg

Many homes await the arrival of bills after Christmas, but in our home we look for the seed catalogues. Our hobby developed from necessity and became an obsession. One thing led to another until my husband and I found ourselves knee-deep in mud nearly ten years ago. We bought the empty lot next to our house and turned it into a garden.

The lot was overgrown with weeds and mulberry trees. Whenever it rained, a small creek formed that bred mosquitoes. The lot was also a handy place for people to dump trash, such as old tires, bed springs and derelict cars. One day while I was cleaning the lot and loudly protesting, someone asked me if I owned it. That is when the idea took hold.

My first job was to convince my husband that we should buy the land. His refrain was, "I will not pay taxes on property I will not use." After cajoling my husband for several months, we purchased the lot. We decided to have a fruit and vegetable garden. During that winter, we poured over seed catalogues. In the Spring our work began.

Our six married children agreed to help on the condition that we fence in the property. We paid for the lumber; they helped with the work. That we had no experience did not stop us. Our son Jim had the ideas and the tools. Mike got the lumber wholesale. We were on our way.

Very soon we discovered that the foundation of the house that had occupied the lot was never removed.

Best of all, we have beauty where there once was trash.

The house had been bulldozed down after the useable bricks were salvaged. The old mortar made the ground very porous. Each fence post hole had to be 30 inches deep so it would not heave during the winter freeze. We used two tons of top soil and what seemed like tons of cement and had to remove five trees.

We had a picnic every weekend and a muddy basement and kitchen every Monday. In between, it rained and rained. We dug and dug, sometimes in the mornings, other times in the evenings, but every day. The huge rocks of the foundation had to be dug with a crowbar and spade, a time-consuming job.

Half way through the project, I began to worry that we were all working too hard. "Will it be worthwhile?" Will

Dad and I live to enjoy it?," I asked. My son replied, "If you don't, you will never know the difference". In August, the wooden privacy fence was finally finished.

The garden now has many dwarf fruit trees, a large strawberry patch and grape vines on one fence. We grow tomatoes and freeze them for winter use. We also grow a variety of vegetables, herbs, annual and perennial flowers and bushes. There is a large compost bin and we are constantly improving the soil. The garden is gradually paying for itself. Best of all, we have beauty where there was once trash. We can now sit and enjoy our garden on a summer evening, free of mosquitoes.

ON OUR OWN

By Mark Jefferies

What's up "doc"? FPSE's own so called DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY has been under investigation by the State Committee of Psychologists (SCP) for "impersonating" a psychologist. Apparently he never obtained a license from the State, as is required by law. Now he is under investigation by the State's Attorney General's Office, according to a letter from SCP. He seems to be going from one legal problem to another. Makes one wonder about his claims to be a Ph.D. Sans credentials also?

Ashes to ashes. Perhaps the NEW BOYLE BLOCK UNIT regretted its decision to oppose the opening of a crematory at Gibson and Tower Grove. With January's short supply of salt and sand for icy sidewalks and steps, a ready source of ashes could have been a great asset.

Inquiring minds (like Roddy's) want to know. Following the publication of questions in the December issue of N&V about where Roddy used our tax dollars, even our own ALDERMAN RODDY wants to know where he spent the ward's \$375,000. According to Roger Chadwick of the Board of Public Service, Roddy requested a complete list of ward expenses that he (Roddy) had approved. Apparently, Roddy did not know how he had used most of the money. If you would like to know, phone the Board of Public Service (622-4576) and ask them to release the information.

You've got to live there. According to a recent ruling in our own FPSE HOUSING CORPORATION, alternate representatives to the Corp.'s Board of Directors must reside in the area they

represent. Controversy arose in August when Tom Goshen attempted to vote twice: as representative of the New Boyle area where he lives and as the alternate for Ranken East. Apparently the Housing Corp is willing to allow Goshen to dictate how things are done in the New Boyle Block Unit, but not to the Corp.'s Board of Directors. Sorry Tom.

Not enough smarts or just too smart. Over 40% of the Board of Directors of our own 17TH WARD FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT DEMOCRATIC CLUB do not live and can not vote in the 17th Ward. So, why do they hold offices in Roddy's 17th Ward Democratic machine? Two possibilities are: there are not enough smart people in the 17th Ward to fill the offices, or most of the people of the 17th Ward are too smart to get involved in the FDR Club.

9 in 90. Our own FPSE HOUSING CORPORATION's slogan for 1990 was 9 in 90. Their goal was to renovate 9 buildings in 1990. Unfortunately, only two buildings were done. On the brightside, that is 200% better than they did in 1989.

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

EDUCATION

"If you think education is expensive, consider the cost of ignorance."

K. C. Cole

COMMON SENSE

"Common sense is actually nothing more than a deposit of prejudices laid down in the mind prior to the age of eighteen."

Albert Einstein
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EDITORIAL: MOE TOADDY AND HIS MARVELOUS MACHINE

The term "political machine" has developed a negative meaning because of famous corrupt political bosses. For example, Boss Tweed and his Tammany Hall Machine looted millions of dollars from New York's treasury during the last century. A political machine, however, evolves during its existence.

After being elected, a new politician and his organization must prove they can provide services. During this initial period, he provides them for everyone. The politician earns respect by doing a good job and the area he represents improves. People come to expect good service and demand more.

At the next election, the politician may feel betrayed and threatened by the people who do not support him. He attempts to consolidate control and accumulate power. Jobs and services will still be provided, but now at a subtle price: loyalty to the political boss and the machine. Corruption may become part of the machine's daily workings and a major source of income. Increasingly, public interest becomes secondary to political survival.

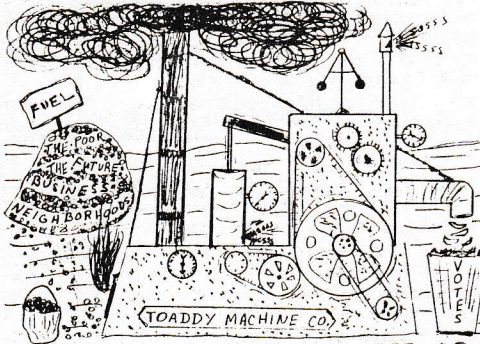
In the final stage, the machine ceases to serve the public. Its only goal is to retain power, regardless the price. Eventually, neglect of the public need becomes so apparent, that even supporters of the machine vote its politicians out of office.

Consider the hypothetical case of Moe Toaddy. Elected alderman in the 1950s, he spent his early years working for the people of the ward. He organized the Teddy Roosevelt Democratic Club. It provided important services and became a major social force in the community. The club held dances for youths and parties for senior citizens.

Power corrupts. Moe enjoyed the power and honors of his position. When he did favors for people, they became indebted to him. Other politicians sought his advice. He did not want to surrender his status.

Middle-income families comprised most of his ward. Although he could fix traffic tickets for them, there was little else he could do to buy their loyalty. They demanded expensive items: resurfaced roads, repaired alleys, better schools. They expected services from officials. If Moe blunder, one of them could unseat him. They were his equals.

Low-income families expected less. A little money at a time of need might buy their loyalty for life. They were



EVERYTHING COULD BE USED AS FUEL TO KEEP THE MACHINE GOING AND MOE IN POWER.

less educated. Moe figured he could use them. For a few dollars they would work for his cause or candidate. They would never oppose Moe in an election no matter what he did. Moe soon became involved in real estate and moving poor families into the ward.

Moe joined and used organizations. He was active in St. Connan the Barbarian's Church. As head of the St. Vincent is Bald Society, Moe distributed food and clothes to the poor. If the poor thought it came from Mr. Toaddy, it was not his fault. He was only doing his Christian duty.

Moe became a power broker. He increased his power by gerrymandering senior citizen homes into his ward. Machine candidates had access to the homes; other candidates did not.

Moe killed people's initiative by blocking projects that did not have his name on them. He fooled people into thinking they needed him to get anything done. He took credit for work other people did.

Neighborhoods changed; crime increased. Moe fixed building citations for his supporters. Buildings fell into disrepair. Property values declined. Middle-income families moved away as the area decayed. Absentee landlords bought property. Commercial districts failed. All this was good news to Moe Toaddy. It meant more dependent voters and fewer possible challengers.

The Teddy Roosevelt Club changed. Now, it only functioned to elect Moe's candidates. Voting in the club was abandoned. Moe made all the decisions. Members had no power. Young people stopped joining. Few people attended meetings unless Moe drove them. Only when there was free food and gifts, as at Christmas, did a crowd attend.

Although Moe spoke in favor of neighborhood redevelopment and even became the head of a neighborhood group, behind the scenes he worked to prevent improvements. He did not want young, middle-income families in his ward. He had nothing to offer them. They were a threat to his power.

Eventually Moe's support began to dwindle. In the decaying neighborhoods, buildings were razed and crime became rampant. Increasingly his support was restricted to senior citizens homes and a few large families, dependent on Moe's charity. It was only a matter of time before his power collapsed.

Although obituaries will state that Moe Toaddy was a power in city politics, he will be remembered more for having allowed neighborhoods to die. Of course Moe Toaddy is only hypothetical, but I think you get the picture.

Karl Chayle

LETTERS TO FPSE

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About the Time Capsule

It is hard for us to imagine that we are the heritage for the future residents of this area. It is just this continuity, however, that creates the rich history that we in American cities are beginning to appreciate.

As director of urban design for St. Louis City, I have a great appreciation for and a responsibility to preserve neighborhoods such as Forest Park Southeast. Here, houses are typical of an architecture that has a wonderful, human scale. Most buildings are solid masonry, a common building material and type of construction, when these buildings were built, about 100 years ago. Today, solid masonry is becoming prohibitively expensive. Neighborhoods such as this, will become more historically significant as they become increasingly rare.

If one looks closely at the buildings, one will see patterned brick and terra cotta. They represent the work of skilled craftsmen, each creating his own design and leaving a personal "stamp" on these buildings.

There were many shapes, patterns and sizes of brick from which to choose. The mason of the early 1900's developed a high level of artistic craftsmanship in plying his trade. These are the types of skills and kinds of building materials that create history in the built environment. The consistent placement of buildings on the street, consistent pattern of arched door openings and window tops, and the patterned parapets all create a friendly and memorable streetscape.

Heritage and Urban Design was created to help preserve valuable examples of St. Louis' buildings and neighborhoods. We take this responsibility seriously and are encouraged when we see examples of neighborhoods such as Forest Park Southeast.

Don Royce
Director of Urban Design
St. Louis Development Corporation

I have a hard time thinking about the year 2000, so 2090 is absolutely mind-blowing. What will the people be like who will open the time capsule and read our thoughts and ponder the pictures and objects? And what will FPSE be like? Will the same buildings be here? Will the Medical Center be here?

A recent experience reminds me that 100 years is not a long time. A few weeks ago on television, there was a marvelous 11-hour presentation a-

bout the Civil War. Memoirs, letters and still photographs were woven together to bring to life that period in our history. On television, 100-years-ago came to life. It was a story of people and leaders who felt that the cause of a unified nation was worth dying for.

Perhaps in a somewhat less dramatic fashion, our fight today is for the life of older American cities. Succession today is not from the Union, but to the monotonous, history-less suburbs.

The time capsule is a testimony to the value of a neighborhood with a history. It is a celebration of streets, churches, schools and hospitals that have provided a home and a haven to people for more than a century, of revitalizing the resources of our natural and man-made environment, rather than discarding them.

Neither you nor I know what will be here a 100 years from now. But I hope it is a neighborhood filled with people who value what we stand for today, and a Medical Center that serves the region. I hope that the people who open the time capsule in 2090 will perceive a neighborhood and institutions who were dedicated to the value of preserving American cities.

Gene Kilgen, Executive Director
Washington University Medical

On March 5th
There Will Be The Most Important Election
In This City In Recent Years —
THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

*Think the President of the Board of Aldermen
is just another elected official?? . . . Read On !*

- The city charter gives control of the city budget to three (3) elected officials who sit on the Board of Estimate and Apportionment (E and A).
- Those 3 officials are the Mayor, the Comptroller and the **President of the Board of Aldermen**.
- It takes 2 of the 3 votes to spend city money.
- In recent years the Mayor and the current President of the Board of Aldermen have voted to spend millions \$\$\$ on such projects as the Admiral, flowers and flower pots. Last year they spent \$800,000 on roses alone.

**I THINK THERE IS A MUCH BETTER WAY TO SPEND
OUR PRECIOUS TAX DOLLARS — ON OUR PRECIOUS CHILDREN!**

Our children and teens are in crisis:

- ✓ Children need safe places for recreation.
- ✓ Children need tutoring programs to help improve their reading and writing skills.
- ✓ Children need centers that provide summer and weekend activities.

*We should stop spending money on luxuries
and start spending on our future — OUR CHILDREN.*

**Therefore, in this most important election,
I ASK YOU TO VOTE FOR ME —**

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**AND I PLEDGE TO YOU THAT I WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE
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