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Bastille Days Festival

JULY 14 - 17



Once again it's time to rebel against the monarchy and chop the heads off of King Louis XVI and Queen Marie Antoinette.

On July 14, 1789, a mob stormed the Bastille, a Paris prison, in order to free the political prisoners being held there. History tells us that in fact there were no political prisoners there (it was being used as a prison for the criminally insane). Nevertheless, this event is generally regarded as the symbolic beginning of the French Revolution. The spirit of rebellion quickly spread from the storming of the Bastille leading to the overthrow of the throne and the aristocracy.

July 14, now called Bastille Day, is to

the French what July 4th is to Americans. It is the greatest patriotic holiday of the year. It is only appropriate that we celebrate it here in Soular, the oldest French neighborhood in what was originally a French city. Within this issue you can find a full schedule of events, including a barbecue cook-off and the annual Tour de Soular bicycle race. Of course, no Bastille Day celebration would be complete without the annual beheading of the king and queen at Soular Market Park.

Come on out and enjoy the festivities. *Laissez les bon temps rouler!*

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among many other things...

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A VOTE FOR SAFETY IN SOULAR

by Bob Kraiberg

On Tuesday, August second, Soular residents will have the chance to vote to help keep the neighborhood safe. The Soular/Kosciusko Special Business District proposal will provide improved security at a minimal price.

The Special Business District will provide continued funding for the off-duty police patrol. You have seen these police officers riding golf carts around the neighborhood for the last few summers. We have been hiring off-duty officers from the Third District to give us additional security. This proposal will allow us to expand coverage and keep them on the job all year round.

Since we began this program, in coordination with other programs such as the Neighborhood Watch Block

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Notes from the Brick House:

by Cindy Harrison

The Special Tax District to support additional crime patrol will be on the ballot on Tuesday, August 2. Mark your calendars and plan to vote. As the time draws near we are trying to make sure that as many residents as possible are informed about the district. A series of neighborhood block meetings are being scheduled now to provide that information and answer questions. If you would be willing to host a meeting for your block, contact Bob Kraiberg on 621-3811 for scheduling. But most importantly, vote, on August 2!

We are continuing our efforts to prevent the construction of billboards in our neighborhood. Thanks to all of you who attended the rally against billboards and for the letters and phone calls to the state legislators. Thanks also to our elected officials who attended the rally, Alderman Phyllis Young, Representative Dorothea Davis and Representative Nancy Farmer. The proposed state legislation (House Bill 1339) that would have secured the rights of the city to regulate the construction and placement of billboards did not pass the Missouri Senate. The bill passed the Missouri House by one vote. The bill is being redrafted by its originator Representative Farmer and she plans to reintroduce the bill when the state legislature reconvenes in January.

The city is still pursuing avenues of preventing construction of billboards in our neighborhoods. Alderman Young's bill extending the city's moratorium on building permits for billboards to 6 months was passed overwhelmingly by the Board of Aldermen. That bill, however, is currently being challenged in court by several billboard companies and may be overturned. The city is currently working on a bill with input from some of the billboard companies and neighborhoods that would provide regulation of billboard placement that is acceptable to both. The hearing on the draft is scheduled for June 29, at 10:00 am, at the Board of Aldermen.

The fourth of July and the VP Fair are drawing close. We still need volunteers to work our booth. It is a great way to meet some new neighbors and have a lot of fun at the same time. If you can spare some time during the weekend and want to join a lot of your friends and neighbors call Charles Ryburn at 771-7117 to sign up.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

by Steve McKenna

Well, summer is upon us, with the nastiest, and longest lasting, June heat wave I can remember. As I write this, we have been seeing the same weather for ten days: no wind, high humidity and daily highs in the nineties. The forecast says to expect more of the same for several more days. If we're lucky, maybe we'll get a bit of a break in July to make up for it.

That would be nice, since July has quite a lot in store for us. In addition to the annual VP Fair, St. Louis is simultaneously playing host to the United States Olympic Festival. If you have any friends or relatives coming in to visit, I hope you weren't planning to try to find a hotel room for them; if you didn't book one a year ago, forget it.

In addition to both of these events going on, the Cardinals are actually playing at Busch Stadium during Fourth of July weekend, for the first time in several years. In recent years they have gone on the road during the Fair in order to alleviate the crowding. It's going to be interesting to see the scene downtown as people are coming in for the fair and the ballgame. Luckily, the downtown components of the Olympic Festival are later in the week after the Cards leave town.

Soulard residents may find that walking from their homes to the stadium or the Arch may be closer than walking from wherever they find a place to park. Other St. Louis residents really might be well-advised to take Metrolink into downtown.

Just after the Olympic Festival ends, the Bastille Day festivities will be starting up here in Soulard. Prepare to join us for the cookoff at the market, the wine tasting, the bicycle race and, of course, the annual beheading of the king and queen of France.

If July sounds like a busy month, it is. But let's not forget some other things coming up that we all need to keep in mind. Most important is the upcoming vote on the new tax district to help provide additional security for Soulard. It has been endorsed by the neighborhood associations as well as numerous businesses and landlords. The only endorsement still needed is yours, at the ballot box on August 2. Come out and vote for a safe home for all of us.

Also, if you have not yet taken the time to write State Representative Dorothea Davis and State Senator J. B. Banks to encourage passage of a billboard regulation bill, please take time out to do so. Right now, any commercially zoned space within 660 feet of an interstate can have a billboard, with no regulation whatsoever. The more letters that are received, the more weight they carry.

You may notice a few things different about this issue. The look may be a little different. Please welcome MADCO Printing, now responsible for the layout and typesetting of the paper. They have been a fixture in the neighborhood for quite some time and we look forward to a long and successful association with them.

You may also notice a space on the front page for addressing. You may even be reading a copy which was delivered to your home by the U.S. Mail. We would like to thank John Small of Direct Mail Services and Rod Wright for arranging the bulk mailing for us. Since there is a delay in bulk mail delivery, you may see this issue in the local establishments a few days before you receive it at home. For future issues we will try to print a few days earlier so that the deliveries can be closer together. If you have not received your copy at home by the end of Fourth of July week, drop us a card at the address below. Maintaining an address list for a redeveloping neighborhood can be difficult, but we'll make sure you're on the list for the next issue.

Do you love living in Soulard? Would you like to meet more of your neighbors? Then membership in the
SOULARD RESTORATION GROUP
is for you!

The group consists of homeowners, renters and local businesses. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month in the school hall at Trinity Lutheran Church, 8th & Soulard, at 7:30 p.m.



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EIGHTH ANNUAL
Bastille Days Festival
JULY 14 - 17 ♦ SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, July 14 (Bastille Day) — Kings in the Courtyard jazz concert featuring "The John Wolf Quartet", to be held at the corner of Ninth and Geyer. Special guest appearances by King Louie and Queen Marie Antoinette will be made throughout the evening at participating establishments.

Friday, July 15 — The ceremonial beheading of King Louie and Queen Marie Antoinette will be held at Soulard Market Park at 6:30 p.m. A musical procession featuring "Joia" will lead them to the park. The procession will begin at Twelfth and Russell at 5:00 p.m. Immediately following is the Third Annual Missouri Wine Tasting featuring up to twelve Missouri wineries with live jazz featuring "Hot Club Canary". This event will run until 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 16 — The Soulard BBQ Cookoff will be held at Soulard Market Park. Professional chefs will be displaying their talents from noon to 5 p.m. Also, there will be a free concert featuring "Blues Handle" and "Erma Whiteside and the Blues Deluxe". The concert will

run from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Food and drink will be available. Taste tickets will be sold for the BBQ Cookoff. Participating establishments will feature live music and French cuisine.

Sunday, July 17 — The Eighth Annual "Tour de Soulard" Bicycle Race will be held through the streets of Soulard. This race is sanctioned by the United States Cycling Federation, and you will see some serious cyclists competing. The race will run from noon to 5 p.m. Volleyball and Horseshoe tournaments will be held at Soulard Market Park sponsored by participating establishments.

Throughout the three-day festival, participating establishments will feature food specials ranging from authentic French to Cajun/Creole, bar specials and a variety of live entertainment.

Proceeds from the 1994 Bastille Festival will help sponsor area youths in the Americal Youth Foundation's Leadership Program.

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT BENEFITS MARKET PARK

by Steve McKenna

The beautification of Soulard Market Park is the beneficiary of what was originally intended as a crime-prevention event. The National Night Out is an annual event intended to "take back our streets". Neighbors arrange to hold block parties and get to know their neighbors, and to send a message that the streets belong to those who live there. The more neighbors you know, the better that you are able to look out for them, and they for you.

Last year, Soulard took this idea and ran with it. To quote from Carlis Dawson's article in last fall's issue of this paper:

"The biggest block party in St. Louis was right here in Soulard on the National Night Out. There were activities and contests on twenty different blocks ... Fire trucks for the kids to investigate, fire fighters for others (ahem!) to check out, an antique paddy wagon, clowns, balloons, face paintings, skateboard contests, a live band with dancing in the streets ... Wow, what a party with a purpose.

"The purpose was to get people out of their houses (to fight crime) and get to know their neighbors ... and that they did. We exchanged phone numbers and addresses ... over 200 attended our little three-block section near 13th and Lami. We met our two newest neighbors, the youngest and the oldest, representing an age span of 76 years. What a fun time — with the long lasting benefit of knowing my neighbors care and want to be involved in tackling crime on the streets of Soulard."

As a result of the massive turnout for this event, well organized by the Block Captains, Soulard won the award for best neighborhood participation in the National Night Out, and thanks to a grant from Union Electric, received \$2,000 for trees and other plants which were planted at Soulard Market Park. A dedication was held on June 14th, recognizing the efforts of the neighborhood in achieving this honor.

It is appropriate that this year's National Night Out will be on August 2nd, election night, when we will be voting on the proposed tax district to support the Soulard Police Patrol. In one day we can take two steps to protect our neighborhood. Get out and vote, and then get out on the streets. Get out and get to know your neighbors. It helps make this a better neighborhood for everyone.



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3639 Colonia

This 2-bedroom, 2 bath condo in Whitehall features beautiful decor, newer carpet and garage. Price reduced to \$91,900. Call Bob Bauer for more information.

2040 Victor

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Operation Brightside: More Than Just a Cleanup

On Saturday, May 7th, dozens of volunteers participated in the annual Operation Brightside Cleanup event. It was more than just a cleanup, however. Literally thousands of flowers and bushes were planted in various locations around the neighborhood, most notably at Soulard Market Park and Aboussie Park. Under the direction of neighborhood Operation Brightside coordinator Miles Sommer, workers dug, weeded and planted to make our environment a little nicer. As you can see from the photos of the parks below, the effort was well worth it.



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The rally was to support efforts by State Representative Nancy Farmer to introduce legislation to make regulation of billboards possible. Demonstrators also wished to show their support for the moratorium on new billboard construction by the city, originally issued as an executive order by Mayor Freeman Bosley, Jr., and then passed by the Board of Alderman as a resolution introduced by our Alderman, Phyllis Young.

The message is clear — Just say no to billboards in our neighborhood!



A drawing of what it could look like after the construction of a 60-foot high billboard. (Drawing by Jeff Malone)



Demonstrators in front of the lot



(From left) State Representative Nancy Farmer and Alderman Phyllis Young at the rally

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Captains and the volunteer mobile patrols, crime has steadily dropped. From 1991 to 1993, the crime rate in Souard dropped 13%. For the first five months of 1994, the crime rate is down an additional 15% from the same period in 1993. The crime rate for March through May is the lowest in four years. Remember that this is during a period when crime has been steadily rising everywhere else, in the city and across the country. We know that the program works!

The problem until now has been paying for the off-duty patrol. Much effort over the last few years has gone into fund-raising activities, and new efforts are constantly necessary to keep the program funded. Now a permanent funding method is available.

A Special Business District is being proposed for the Seventh Ward section of the Souard and Kosciusko neighborhoods. (For those of you not familiar with the name, Kosciusko is the commercial district just East of us, between Seventh Street and the river.) A very minimal increase in property taxes will allow us to pay for the security patrols to continue all year round.

How minimal? The tax rate would be 30¢ per \$100 of assessed value. What does this mean in actual dollar terms? If your house is appraised at \$60,000, the tax would come to \$2.85 per month, less than the price of a Big Mac Extra Value Meal, surely a cheap price to pay to help protect your home and family.

How much can we raise? The tax will bring in approximately \$65,000 per year. This will be enough to keep the patrol running at full strength all year.

How much of the money would go to administrative overhead? Absolutely none. Every dollar brought in would be used to keep the officers on the

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street. Over 90% will go to pay the officers themselves, with the remainder used for equipment, vehicle maintenance and insurance.

Who will administer the program? Alderman Phyllis Young will appoint a group of seven people to represent a cross-section of the neighborhood interests. She plans to put together a team including home-owners, renters, property owners, and business people from both Souard and Kosciusko. All of the neighborhood associations would be represented, as well as people who are not active in any particular organization.

A major provision in the bill is the "sunset" clause, which states that in five years the tax assessment will automatically expire unless we vote it back in. If we feel that the program has been successful, we can vote to continue it. If we feel that we no longer need it, it will automatically end. By that time, experience should tell us how valuable it has been.

The Special Business District has been endorsed by the Souard Restoration Group, the Souard Neighborhood Improvement Association and the Souard Business Association, as well as many of the major landlords and business owners. This is a sound investment in the stability of your neighborhood.

Vote YES on August 2nd for the Souard Special Business District!

Souard Market Offers Delicious and Nutritious Choices

from the
Souard Market
Join Souard

Market, the Missouri extension services, the St. Louis Health Department, St. Louis Community College, and a variety of experts this summer to learn how to make "delicious and Nutritious" food choices. During most Saturdays throughout the summer, informational seminars will be held at the Market Pavilion, on the Lafayette side of the Market, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

With the variety of health concerns that seem to be developing daily, good nutrition has become a priority in many people's lives. Consuming raw and freshly prepared produce seems to be one way to eliminate excess amounts of fats and cholesterol while adding much needed vitamins and minerals.

Class topics will include:

The latest information on canning and dehydration techniques to ensure the quickest, easiest and safest way to preserve a bountiful harvest will be provided by the Missouri extension services. They will make it easy to savor fresh, ripe and flavorful foods year round

instead of resorting to commercially canned and prepared foods during the winter months.

The St. Louis Office of Health Promotion has some delicious and healthy alternatives to cooking with meat. Many can switch to meatless meals throughout the week

with these creative dining ideas. Health Promotion will also demystify those new mandatory food labels for those who want to compare percentages and actual grams of fats, proteins and carbohydrates.

Eating more fresh fruits and vegetables is becoming more of a health priority to many St. Louisans. No longer does one have to have a backyard garden to ensure quality and freshness because Souard Market has area farm-grown produce readily available. Purchasing fruits and produce during the summer also promises the best value for your dollar because everything is in abundance. With a small amount of time and supplies, healthier eating habits can be guaranteed year round.



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There is no question that the SOULARD POLICE PATROL is effective in reducing crime. Since beginning operation in 1992, overall crime in Soulard has decreased impressively with the patrol operating part time during summer months. This proposal would allow this very successful program to operate year round.

***Passing this proposal is a small price to pay
for a safe neighborhood.***

Please remember to vote YES on August 2.

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by Jenny
(Margarita Una) Osborne
Spanish II Student

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On Monday, May 23, our third hour Spanish class from Oakville Senior High in the Mehlville School District in South County went to Arcelia's Mexican Restaurant for dinner. Our teacher, Señora Jeanne Weber, lives in Souland and I'd been listening to her talk about Souland for two years and was excited about the chance to go there and see it for myself. I think many of the "estudiantes" in our class felt the same way.

There are 28 students in our class and 21 of us were able to change work schedules and put off that really important studying long enough to go out to eat. Any chance to put off studying was a good enough reason to go, but the fact that the restaurant was Mexican and in Souland made it especially exciting. Many of us think of "Taco Bell" whenever Mexican food is mentioned. Señora Weber would always cringe when we'd say, "Yeah, the best tacos I ever had were at the Taco Bell up on Telegraph Road". So, she offered us the chance to taste what she calls "real" Mexican food.

The first thing we noticed about Arcelia's were the waitresses. They actually spoke Spanish to us and Señora Weber actually expected us to understand them. After all, we are Spanish II students and two of us had travelled to Spain last summer with Señora Weber and the Souland Restoration Group president, Cindy Harrison. So, I guess we

were supposed to be prepared for this, but NO! Luckily, the menus were in English or I would have gone hungry.

Many of us ordered virgin margaritas and piña colodas since Señora Weber wouldn't let us try the real things. For dinner, most of us ordered the "Combinaciones" which came with tacos, enchiladas, empanadas or burritos and beans, rice and salad. Some people were brave enough to order things like chicken mole, with a sauce that was a little spicy, or nopales - cactus!

All the food was very good! (Even the strange stuff we'll never see on Taco Bell's menu) We got as

many chips as we wanted and ate a lot of them with the hot salsa. We also asked for "muchos" refills of "agua".

The service was kind of slow, but there were twenty-one of us and they kept the patio open just for us so we could sit outside. That's something else some of us

had never done.

The waitresses were very nice and patient, especially when they were trying to speak Spanish to us. (We found out later that Señora Weber had called ahead and asked them to speak Spanish to us. What was she thinking?) All in all, we were really happy to have the chance to eat in a "real" Mexican restaurant. We were especially happy to eat at a restaurant in Souland, since that's about all we ever hear about in class. Except, that most of the time when Señora Weber talks to us, it is in Spanish. But when we hear the word "Souland", we know it must be good news, even if we don't catch every single word.

Some of us left Arcelia's and headed for Ted Drewes as long as we were "in the city" anyway. We took extra Arcelia's menus with us to give to friends and our parents so we could tell them what a great time we had. I would tell anyone looking for a good Mexican restaurant to go to Arcelia's. We're already talking (in English) about going again!

The third hour Spanish II class from Oakville Senior High about to enjoy some "real" Mexican food.



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St. Louis' Oldest House Gets a New Life

by Jay Gibbs



Recently, the Board of Directors of the Souldard Restoration Group donated five hundred dollars toward the restoration of the "Trapper Cottage" at 811 Allen Avenue. Although not a great sum of money, it was a demonstration of support for the rehabilitation of this building, and helped gain city financing for the project by showing that the neighborhood was committed to preserving our heritage.

Nobody knows exactly when this house was built, although it was almost certainly sometime between 1810 and 1820. At the time it was built, the surrounding hillside area was still fields and orchards. It pre-dates the platting of Allen Avenue, the street itself, by over thirty years, and you may notice that because of that it does not line up with the street, or the adjacent houses.

The building shows a combination of French and German construction. The first story is solid masonry construction; the second story and attic are of oak posts with brick filling in the spaces between posts. This second type of construction is quite rare in St. Louis; many comparable examples exist in

the oldest parts of New Orleans.

As you can see from the accompanying picture, this structure has been heavily damaged by fire. In addition, there are various layers of generally poor quality siding which were applied over the years. The Souldard Community Housing Corporation has undertaken the restoration of this building to return it as closely as possible to its original appearance. John Durnell will act as general contractor for this effort. This will require stripping the siding and patching the exterior, as well as replacing the roof. Major structural work will also be needed to replace support beams and guarantee the long-term stability of the building.

The investment required to restore this building will be more than the market value of the finished structure, but everyone involved feels that it will be well worth the effort. One of the common slogans we hear often in Souldard is "Living with History". This is the oldest piece of history we have in our neighborhood. It is generally believed that it is the oldest standing structure in the city of St. Louis. That is a legacy that we cannot afford to lose.

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By Steve McKenna

Three years out of four, the years that the Summer Olympics are not held, the United States holds a national Olympic Festival, to showcase the best of our athletes who may well be appearing at the next world-wide Olympics. This year, St. Louis has been picked to host this very special event, and for ten days in July you will probably be hearing of little else.

Numerous sports will be featured, including the usual Olympic events and other exhibition competitions. In order to hold a festival of this magnitude, many sites will be used, over five counties in Missouri and Illinois.

Past Olympic Festivals have included numerous future superstars in the world of sports, Olympic and otherwise. Previous Festival competitors have included future Olympic stars such as: divers Greg Louganis and St. Louis' Wendy Lian Williams; figure skaters Brian Boitano, Kristi Yamaguchi and Scott Hamilton; gymnasts Shannon Miller and Mary Lou Retton; speed skaters Nikki Ziegelmeyer (from Imperial) and Bonnie Blair; and cyclist Greg LeMond. Future professional athletes from earlier Festivals include: hockey's Craig Janney; basketball's Shaquille O'Neal, Patrick Ewing and Charles Barkley; boxers Evander Holyfield and Riddick Bowe; and baseball's John Smoltz, Danny Tartabull and Will Clark.

Any list of previous contestants would have to be headed by East St. Louis' Jackie Joyner-Kersey, the only woman in history to win three heptathlon gold medals in the Olympics, and generally regarded as the greatest female athlete alive today. She set a world record at the 1986 Olympic Festival, and she will be returning to the St. Louis area for this festival to compete in the 110-meter hurdles, as well as performing on an exhibition basis in the high jump. A brand new track and field complex has been built at SIU-Edwardsville for the track and field competition this year.

Also appearing at this year's festival is recent St. Joseph's Academy graduate Kristin Folkl, a two-sport standout in basketball and volleyball who may have been the most heavily recruited female high-school graduate in the country this year. (She will go to Stanford in the fall.) She will be participating in the volleyball competition at the Festival, and I would expect to see her there in the finals at Washington University Field House.

Various events will be held all over the St. Louis area, from swimming and diving events at the St. Peters Rec-Plex to canoeing and rowing at Lake St. Louis to sailing at Carlyle Lake. Softball will be held at Fountain Lakes in North County, and numerous events will be held at UMSL, Washington University, Webster University and SIU-Edwardsville. Just about every available bed in the dormitories at Washington and St. Louis Universities will be used by the athletes coming to compete in the Festival. Just about every available bed in local hotels will be in use by the fans coming to watch.

Of interest to Soulard residents may be the events which will be taking place close to our area. The gymnastics competitions will be taking place at America's Center (the Cervantes Convention Center) July 4-10. The baseball competition will be held July 7-10 at Busch Stadium. If you've been less than thrilled with the Cardinals lately, or if a players' strike materializes by the time the Festival begins, you shouldn't miss this chance to watch a bunch of eager, talented young players. Plenty of tickets remain for those games.

Not quite so close, but still not too far, are figure skating, speed skating and hockey, as well as the basketball medal rounds, at the arena (preliminary rounds in basketball are at UMSL). Boxing will be at the Fox Theater, and tennis and archery will be held at Forest Park.

These games will bring thousands upon thousands of visitors into the St. Louis area, especially as they come at the same time as the VP Fair. It will present a great opportunity for us to show off our city, as well as to see some fantastic athletic competition.

Who knows, maybe a few of the athletes and other visitors will come down Broadway and pay a visit to our neck of the woods. It would certainly be a great way to round out a visit to St. Louis.



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A New Mayor... and Sheriff

by Carlis Dawson

The Souldard Beyond 2000 committee has teamed with the Souldard Business Association once again to present a Serious Political Spoof.

Years ago when I first started working in Souldard there was an old joke or custom of calling someone the Mayor of Souldard. It was sort of fun and it was an honor to be called the mayor.



Last year we felt this honor could be put to good use for the crime patrol, by electing an honorary Mayor of Souldard. Candidates included everything from a dead dog to a bear, but the honor was won by Ray ("Graft 'n' Corruption") Soaib. Cash is king, and that's all it takes to register, nominate a candidate or vote.

The whole purpose is to honor candidates, have fun and raise money for a worthy cause. This is a total spoof. The mayor has no official job, no duties, and will possibly ride in next year's Mardi Gras parade.

This year an additional office will be filled. Since the competition for the mayor's office seems to be mainly from the business establishments in the neighborhood, we are adding an election for sheriff, to be selected from among the neighborhood's residents.

Filing fee for either office is \$20.00. Filing deadline is July 18th. Vote at any restaurant or pub for \$1.00 or more per vote. Pay to the candidate, company manager or mail to the Souldard Business Association, P.O. Box 12239, St. Louis, MO 63157-0239. For more information call 664-9738 or the Souldard Hotline 781-7272.

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by Carla Gibbs

Best known for steaks and a relaxed atmosphere, Tucker's restaurant is a favorite choice for dinner and drinks among St. Louis residents. Its comfortable atmosphere mingles the formally attired and the blue jeans and beer set more naturally than most restaurants and bars. I wouldn't call it a "see and be seen" hang-out but on most of my visits to Tucker's, I've spotted at least one St. Louis celeb face or another.

It's this unpretentious comfort, along with consistently good food and service, that maintains Tucker's faithful clientele. Our recent review brought together a group of Tucker's regulars. The appetizer selection is not surprising: potato skins, fried mushrooms, jalapeño poppers, toasted ravioli and others that appear in restaurants all over town. Our samples of potato skins and jalapeño poppers were up to specs and satisfactory all around.

Dinner salads with iceberg lettuce were very fresh and garnished with standard dinner salad vegetables. The house dressing was a wonderful treat on this simple salad. Featuring a lemon base that shimmers on the taste buds, Tucker's house dressing has made enough of a name for itself that you'll soon find it on grocery store shelves.

Wonderfully light hot rolls were served with our dinners which came to the table in great time. Tucker's forte, the steaks, did not disappoint. Filet mignon and a 22-ounce porter-

"Its comfortable atmosphere mingles the formally attired and the blue jeans and beer set more naturally than most restaurants and bars."



house were perfect. Each cut was tender, flavorful and done perfectly to order. Baked Idaho potatoes with butter and sour cream made a classic accompaniment.

Orange roughly fillet was outstanding; a very thick fillet broiled to perfect tenderness. No sauces, oils or butter — just the delicious flavor coming through. The hot turkey sandwich was a bit salty but its mesquite flavor gave it a distinct and pleasant twist. It was served with french fries in a generous heap. The single serving (10") pizza with everything on it was lightly spiced and served St. Louis style (thin crust, cut in squares). It could easily be the specialty for the house and it's a perfect option for the Tucker's regular who wants to stray from the steak menu once in a while. For dessert, the cheesecake was light and delicious but a bit overpriced for a very small slice. Prices at Tucker's were moderate for the most part with steak cuts mostly in the \$8 - \$13 range for a full dinner.

Tucker's does not accept reservations so be prepared to wait for a table in the smoky bar area when you arrive. The steaks are a must-have if you've never dined at Tucker's. If you're a regular who's never ventured beyond the beef and potatoes portion of the menu, consider this your notice to try the seafood and pizza. With a reliably excellent menu and service, Tucker's is a terrific choice for dinner no matter how you're dressed or who you're trying to impress.

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The meeting was called to order by President Cindy Harrison as the bus pulled away from the meeting place, the community garden on South Ninth Street. Twenty-six people were present, including our very able bus driver. After he took the wrong turn, we took a tour of South Souland, past the brewery and over to the Benton Park neighborhood. Several guests were introduced and welcomed heartily during this time. Once we reached highway 44, several reports were made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Weather Committee Report — Chairman Lori Williams accepted credit for the absolutely beautiful day she had ordered (and received) from the U.S. Weather Service.

Donut Committee Report — The pastries, from the California Donut Shop, were declared quite tasty, especially the ones with chocolate frosting.

Beverage Committee Report — Milk, juices and sodas were found to be nicely chilled (as were Bloody Marys, Mimosas and the ever-favorite St. Louis breakfast drink, Bud Light).

Purchasing Committee Report — President Cindy Harrison announced her intention to purchase at least one case of Norton (to take home — sure!). Discussion followed on the virtues of the various wines available for purchase in Hermann. It was decided unanimously that no further wine purchasing would be made until after (free after the winery tours) samples of every single wine were tasted (by each person in the group).

Livestock Committee Report — A deer was seen near Washington. After that sighting, several herds of cattle were noted, much to the delight of the city-dwellers. Discussion followed on the methods of discerning a cow from a horse. A heated debate followed. No agreement was reached. The subject will be discussed further during the next trip to Hermann (date as yet undecided).

Stone Hill Winery Committee Report — Potato pancakes were quite tasty. Winery tour very interesting. After much tasting, wines were selected for picnics in the winery garden.

Craft, Antique and Doo-dad Committee Report — There were a lot of them.

Dance Committee Report — Skill at the duck dance reached new heights. Two members of the tour demonstrated some unusual variations of the polka.

Bratwurst Committee Report — Brats were tasty, but sauerkraut was from a can. Please, guys!

Crime Prevention Committee Report — No one (from the SRG group) was arrested for drinking on the streets of Hermann. The committee was undecided on whether to be smug or relieved.

Physical Fitness Committee Report — Richard Eaton was unanimously elected to represent the SRG in the Senior Citizen Olympics due to his great sprinting ability (proven by his catching the bus as it was leaving without him).

Return Trip Report — Certain members of the group were quite lively (and loud) during the trip back to Souland. Due to popular demand, their antics will remain unmentioned (unless a suitable bribe is offered to the Recording Secretary). The bus driver graciously stopped so that the bus could be restocked with (liquid) provisions.

Adjournment — At approximately 5:15 p.m. the bus returned to Souland. Before de-bussing, the group voted unanimously that a great time was had by all.

*Respectfully submitted,
Susan A. Varner, Secretary
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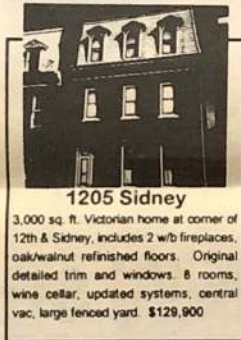
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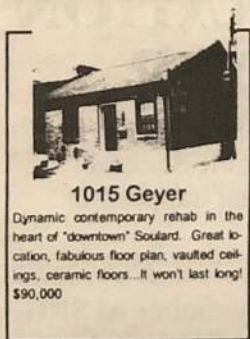
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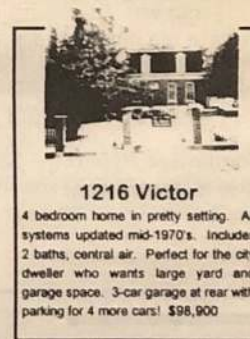
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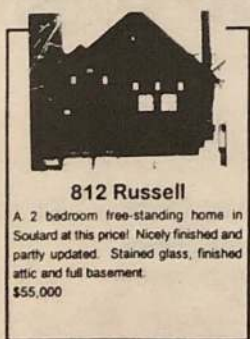
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