

**In Brief**

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**Ellisville Files Notice Of Annexation Election**

■ **ELLISVILLE:** The municipality of Ellisville has officially informed the St. Louis County Election Board and County Council of its intent to hold an election Nov. 4 to annex more than 5,000 acres in an unincorporated part of the county near Rockwoods Reservation.

The Ellisville Board of Aldermen adopted a resolution last week to put the issue on the ballot.

If approved by voters, the annexation would nearly triple the municipality's area, add nearly 5,000 residents and bring in about \$2.6 million a year in combined revenue from sales, utility and property taxes. Ellisville is a municipality of 2,880 acres with a population of 7,270.

The area proposed for annexation is bounded roughly by Clayton Road on the north, New Ballwin Road on the east and near Pond Road on the west. The southern boundary would extend roughly from Kiefer Creek northwest to the Rockwoods Reservation boundary.

William C. Duffe for about a month. Shaw said his local wanted a three-year agreement with successive pay increase of 5 percent, 3 percent and 5 percent. The city wants a two-year plan, with 2 percent raises each year and reductions in benefits.

The city also is negotiating with Local 410 of the union as well as with several construction trade unions.

**City Manager Ousted By Vote Of Council**

■ **ST. JOSEPH:** The St. Joseph city manager was ousted by a 5-3 vote of the City Council on Monday, and he agreed to leave office at the close of business Tuesday.

Mayor Blair J. Conley introduced a resolution at the close of a meeting Monday suggesting that Hal Kooistra, the city manager since September 1983, be asked to step down.

Kooistra was hired by St. Joseph after serving as an assistant manager in Springfield, Mo., where he had worked for six years.

The Associated Press

**County Finishes Work On Warning Sirens**

■ **ST. LOUIS COUNTY:** The county has completed a \$2.78 million bond issue project to upgrade the county's advance warning siren system, officials say. At least 95 percent of the county's residents are covered by the system, the officials say.

Since 1982, the county's Office of Civil Preparedness has installed or replaced 168 sirens and added a microwave communication system. County Police Superintendent G.H. Kleinknecht said in a letter to the County Council on Tuesday.

**GOP Seeks Volunteers For Mock Convention**

■ **ST. LOUIS:** City Republicans are looking for volunteers for a mock convention aimed at persuading the Republican National Committee to pick St. Louis as the site of the 1988 GOP presidential convention.

Plans call for staging the mock convention at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday at The Arena.

The demonstration is being arranged for the benefit of the site committee of the Republican National Convention, which will be inspecting The Arena as a potential convention site. Those who are interested should call 421-6460.

**Mercy Flight Group To Dedicate Quarters**

■ **CHESTERFIELD:** Wings of Hope, a humanitarian organization that flies medical and other mercy missions throughout the world, will dedicate its headquarters Thursday at a hangar at Spirit of St. Louis Airport in Chesterfield.

The dedication ceremony will be at 11 a.m. The ceremony will feature a display of special aircraft being prepared for service in the Bahamas, Belize, Honduras, Indonesia and Liberia. Pilot Edward Schertz will discuss his experience flying into remote areas.

The new hangar is part of a \$6.2 million expansion at the airport, which is owned by St. Louis County. Wings of Hope is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1962 by a group of businesses in St. Louis.

**City And Union Local Called Far From Pact**

■ **ST. LOUIS:** The head of Local 675 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees says his organization is not close to an agreement with city officials on a pay plan for city workers for the next two years.

Charles R. Shaw, president of the local, said Monday that he had not met with Personnel Director Wil-



William V. Bidwill

**Bidwill Buys Options On Tract Near Dome**

■ **ST. LOUIS:** Football Cardinals owner William V. Bidwill has moved a step closer to selecting a site in St. Louis County for a domed stadium. He has bought options for about 120 acres near the Riverport project in Maryland Heights, county officials say.

The option agreement was reached last week and appears to boost County Executive Gene McNary's efforts to build a stadium in the county.

Although the agreement does not necessarily mean that Bidwill will move the football team to the stadium, as McNary desires, county officials said Monday that it moved McNary's "Riverport Dome" project closer to reality.

Meanwhile, sources said that representatives for McNary had set up a meeting for this week with the owner of a National Basketball Association franchise that is up for sale.

**Ralston Purina Raised \$20,000 At Dog Show**

■ **ST. LOUIS:** More than \$20,000 was raised by the Ralston Purina Co. at the first Purina Invitational Dog Show. Proceeds from the show were presented to the Dog Museum of America.

The Dog Museum, which is moving from its home in New York City, has announced that its choices for a new site have been narrowed to St. Louis County and Los Angeles.

More than 450 dogs were entered in the show, which was held June 3 in Queeny Park.

**Zoning Rule Hinders Churches, Says Aldermen's Only Minister**

By Mark Schlankmann  
Regional Political Correspondent

A new zoning regulation requiring a public hearing and advance city approval for new churches has been targeted for repeal by the Rev. Jimmie Matthews, the St. Louis Board of Aldermen's resident clergyman.

Matthews, a Baptist minister who also is a Democratic alderman from the 27th Ward, contends that the city has no business ruling on where churches can be located.

"Churches have always had the opportunity of being established anywhere," said Matthews, who introduced his repeal bill Friday.

But aldermen who support the new regulation, which went into effect in April, say it gives residential neighborhoods a way to block or modify "storefront churches" that cause traffic and related problems.

"It is a matter of allowing the immediate neighborhood that is going to be impacted to have some say," said Alderman Geraldine Osborn, D-15th Ward. "I don't see that as being prohibitive or restrictive."

Another supporter, Jo Anne Wayne, D-1st Ward, said it was better to deal with the potential problem before it occurred than to wait until after a church was established.

The repeal measure will be discussed today by the aldermanic Housing, Urban Development and Zoning Committee.

The new church ordinance was one of a long list of changes in a zoning code overhaul passed March 18 by the Board of Aldermen.

Asked why he didn't seek to re-



The Rev. Jimmie Matthews Seeks repeal of regulation

move the church regulation when the code changes were debated, Matthews said he hadn't realized it had been added to the measure in committee. "I didn't notice it," he said.

Under the new code, a church that wants to locate or expand in most residential and commercial areas of the city must submit an application to City Hall.

Notice of the application is sent to the City Board of Public Service, the Community Development Commission and the alderman representing the ward in which the site is located.

The city zoning administrator then holds a public hearing, at which

neighborhood residents may inquire about the church's plans. A final decision on the permit is up to the Board of Public Service, which is made up of the heads of several city agencies.

In the past, churches could locate anywhere in the city without advance approval. But churches had to adhere to city building code and off-street parking requirements, officials said.

Matthews is pastor of Riverview Boulevard Baptist Church. He acknowledged that his church would be affected by the new code if it sought to expand in the future.

But he said he didn't anticipate that until the 1990s. He said he was seeking repeal on general principles, not for his own church.

"Freedom of assembly and worship has been a right," Matthews said. "I don't care if it's called a storefront church or a cathedral."

Osborn predicted that most prospective new churches and existing churches with expansion plans would have no difficulty winning neighborhood consent and city approval. The regulation gives neighbors of churches a way to find out what's going on and a way to modify or block church plans, she said.

"We had a church (in the 15th Ward) that wanted to buy a couple of houses for off-street parking," she said in citing an example of a situation anticipated by the regulation's drafters. "When you see houses being torn down, you ought to know what the heck they're doing."

Matthews said he was acting on his own and had not sought support for his measure from ministers' groups.

**Ex-Manager For Rolls Dealer Accused Of Theft**

The former finance manager for Charles Schmitt luxury cars at 3500 South Kingshighway was arrested Tuesday after being charged with stealing more than \$45,000 from Schmitt, police said.

Leo C. Klink, 59, who worked for Schmitt for 12 years before leaving the company in September, surrendered to police with his attorney. He declined to make a statement. He was booked and released on his own recognizance.

Klink, of the 12700 block of Ladue Road, Creve Coeur, was recently indicted by a St. Louis Circuit Court grand jury on two counts of felony theft. The charges followed an investigation by Detectives Gus Palazzolo and Cairl Vaughn of the St. Louis Police Department's check squad.

Schmitt, 50, went to the police in April after his bookkeeper found that the company's books did not balance. Although several discrepancies in the

books were found, authorities took what they felt were two of the strongest cases to the grand jury, Palazzolo said.

Schmitt said he could not begin to estimate how much money was missing. "We had a lot of cash transactions, and cash is awfully hard to track down," he said.

The theft charges against Klink stem from two checks he allegedly diverted into his own personal check-

ing account, authorities said. One check, for \$44,314, was written by a couple from Paducah, Ky., as part of the payment on a Rolls-Royce they bought from Schmitt in July. The other check, for \$1,600, was written by a man from St. Louis as a payment toward a 1981 Chrysler he bought in December 1984.

Schmitt said Klink had left the dealership on his own after Schmitt lost the franchise to sell Rolls-Royces.

**Charges Are Filed Against Ex-Major**

James Lloyd Smith, 60, of the 100 block of Diekamp Lane in St. Charles County was charged Tuesday with kidnapping, armed criminal action and unlawful use of a weapon.

Smith was arrested Monday after he held his estranged wife, Marilyn, at gunpoint for about five hours in his home, according to police. He later released her. The neighborhood was

evacuated when Smith, a retired Army major, falsely claimed that he had stockpiled nerve gas in the home.

He was being held Tuesday at the St. Charles County Jail in lieu of \$200,000 bond. He appeared before county Associate Circuit Judge Lucy Rauch, who refused a request by Smith's attorney to reduce the bond.

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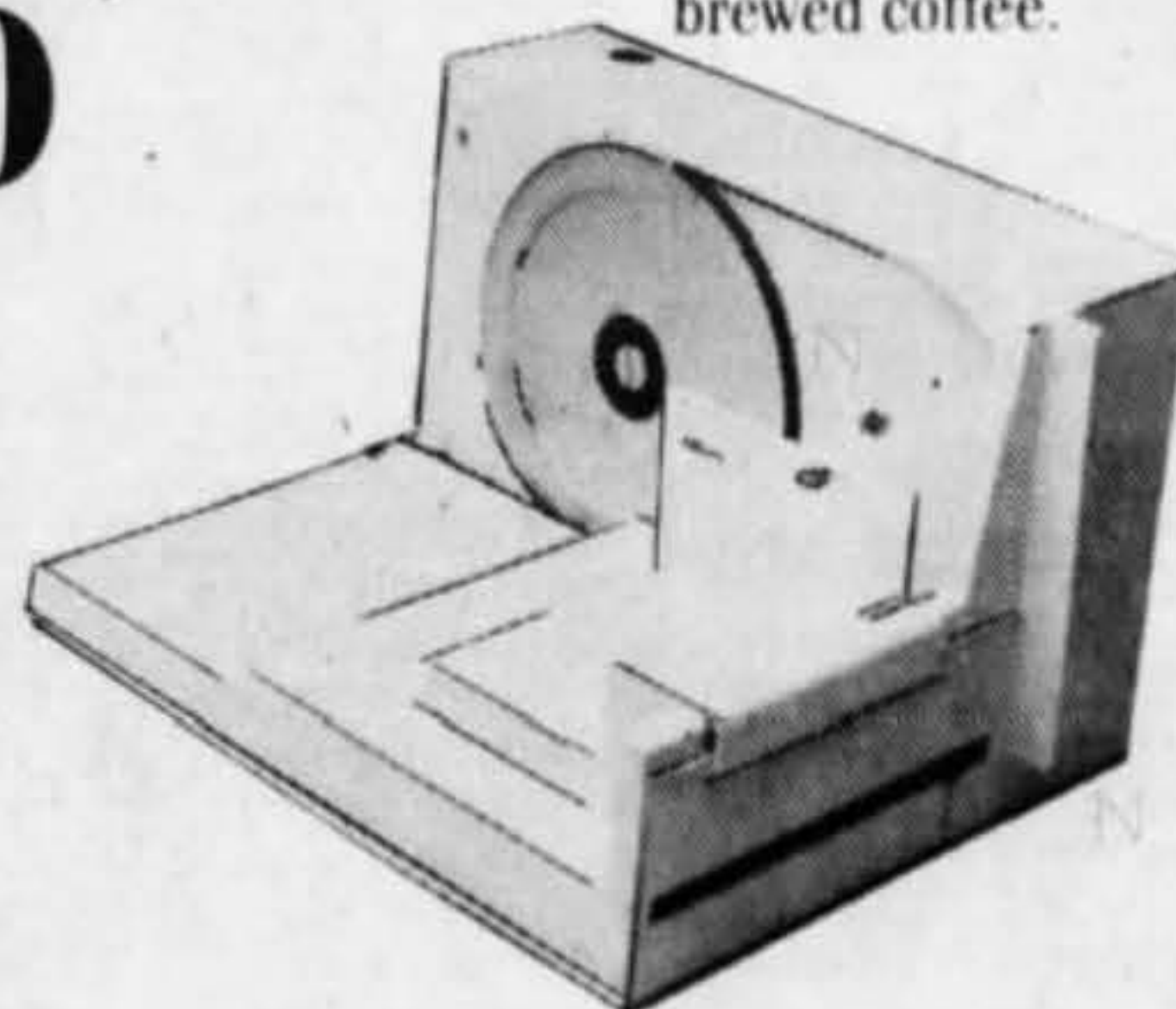
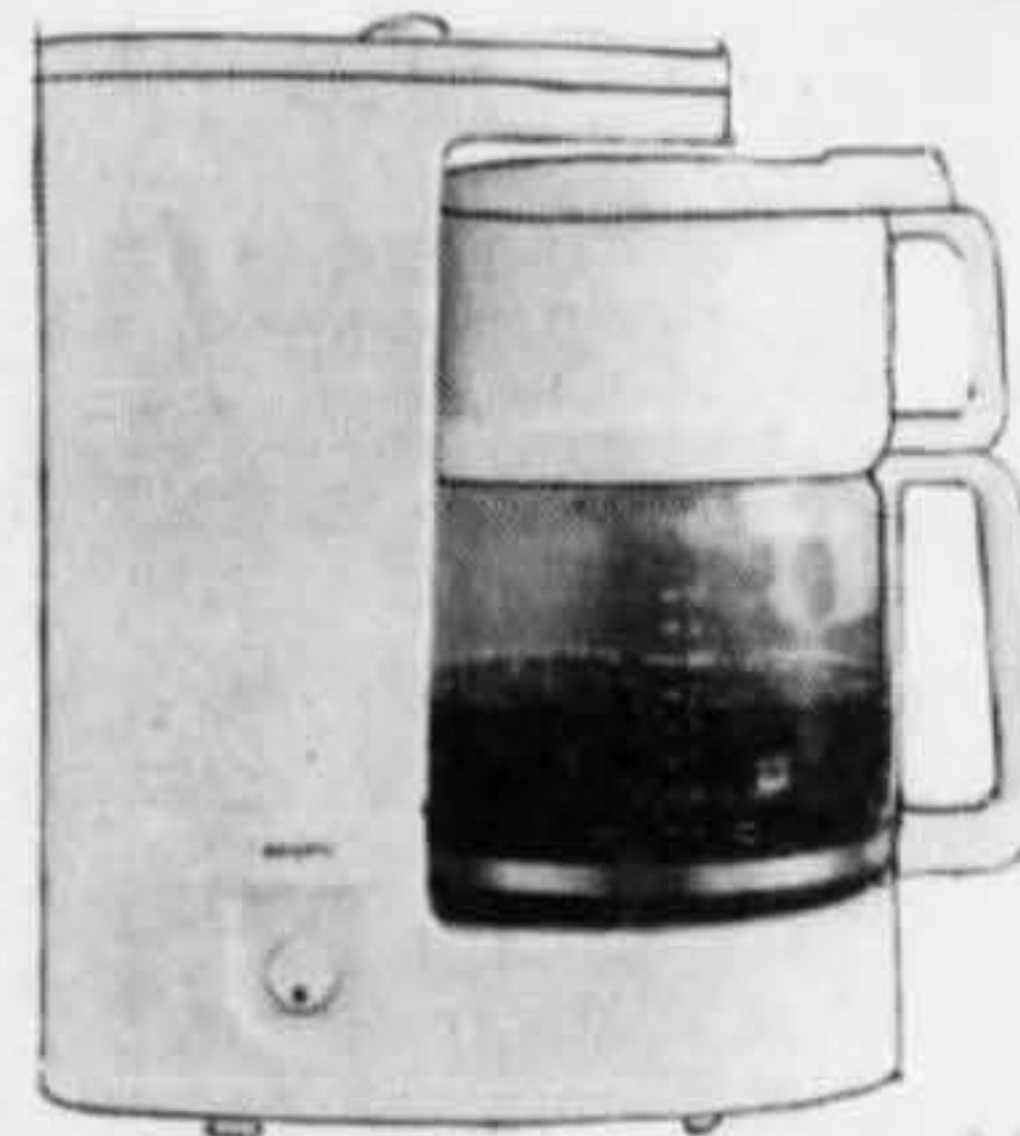
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