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For the past several months there has been a steady war of words and nerves going on at City Hall. On one side, various public employee groups (including, initially, groups from the Fire, Police and Sanitation Departments of the City of Lawrence) have been steadily pushing for recognition of their groups as bargaining agents. This recognition was denied them by a vote of the City Commission. Even after this failure to gain recognition, however, the groups have continued to push -- specifically, they asked the City Commission to investigate charges they made concerning what they felt were instances of mismanagement. As a result of this, the Commission formed an investigating committee. Two of the members of the committee were City Commissioners, Marnie Argersinger and Donald Binns, two of the members were employee group representatives, Dennis Smith (Sanitation) and Alvin Samuels (Fire) and two of the members were citizens, Homer "Butch" Henderson and Murial Paul. The investigation led to an extraordinary conclusion. Unable to agree about the type of report that should be written, Binns, Argersinger and Henderson submitted one report, while Smith, Samuels and Paul were working on another. Intense controversy has resulted from this split. Suspicion and mistrust by each side for the other has been the net effect. In this issue of Public Notice we interview two workers in the Sanitation Department, a truck driver and a loader, Dennis Smith and Phil Bohlander. They represent, of course, the employees' side of the struggle--Public Notice would be happy to interview, or receive written response from, anyone who would like to provide rebuttal to what is said here. For our talk with these two men, turn to page 2. And while you are reading--try a little tenderness. They're as human as us. Write Public Notice Box 114

The Good Life ... Or What's Left of It

Phil Bolander



EAST LAWRENCE is a good place to live. Homes can be bought or rented at reasonable prices. Neighbors are friendly -- they are black and white, old and young, poor and not so poor. Goods and services are within easy walking distance. Unfortunately, these qualities are not recognized by the rest of the community. East Lawrence will suffer for it. . . SEE PAGE 10.



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