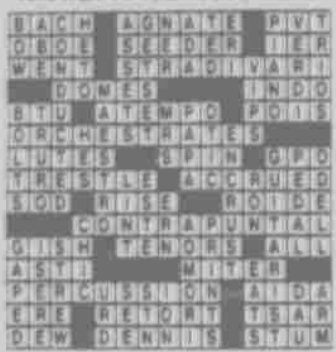


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Mayoral candidate Joe Hampton, left, Near South Neighborhood Organization member Sue Ellen Wall and mayoral candidate Roland Luedtke.

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Luedtke said block grant funds should go into improving target neighborhoods and to helping low and moderate income families.

He said the money should not go to new mall projects, for which other funding could be found.

Hampton said instead of restoring some old houses, it would be cheaper to tear them down and build new ones. This would save funds, he said.

The second debate of the evening featured City Councilman Mike Steinman and Dick Johnson, who is running against Steinman for the southwest district seat on the council.

Steinman said he was impressed with the way people in Lincoln get involved in city government when he came to Lincoln 13 years ago. He then became involved by serving on several boards and commissions before successfully running for City Council in 1979. He said he wants to continue his work with the council.

Johnson, who owns the Bethany IGA, is a newcomer to city politics. He said his primary goal is creating new jobs in Lincoln.

"The primary concern of my customers is job security," he said. "The city needs a strong leader who understands how critical the payroll is for the whole city."

Unless Lincoln's 7,000 unemployed can find work, the city will become stagnant, he said.

Steinman said a major concern is maintaining public services in Lincoln.

"Holding down the budget is one heck of a challenge," Steinman said. The budget has increased 6 percent less

than the cost of living index while he was on the Council, he said.

He said the city government can find more economical ways of doing things. He cited his suggestion that the city use compact cars, which was implemented.

Johnson said budget expenditures should not set the tax rate.

"You shouldn't go out and buy things, then figure out how to pay for them," he said.

Responding to a question about the widening of 17th street, Johnson said he wouldn't like to lose the trees and land in his front yard, but he wasn't prepared to answer the question.

Steinman said, "I was asked the same question four years ago and the answer is still the same - no."

He said there is no reason to widen 17th street. The K street and L street extension would abort the need to widen the street, he said.

Johnson said that if he would have been on the City Council when Eric Youngberg's resolution concerning the shipment of nuclear waste through Lincoln was voted on, he would have voted against it. He said he would trust the federal government to move the materials in the best possible way.

Steinman said he voted for the resolution because it would have required the Nebraska Public Power District to inform the city when the shipments would be going through. He said the last place to look for help on nuclear shipments is the federal government.

Steinman said being a professor at UNL doesn't conflict with his work on the council. He said his supervisors are more than satisfied with his work.

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