

Ethel Sylvester, president of the tenants association at Samuel Gompers Homes, is trying to improve conditions at the 45-year-old complex.



Nadaine Anthony combs the hair of Chiquita Wiley, 2, while baby-sitting.



After 14 years in East St. Louis public housing, Deidre and Harold Clark have grown accustomed not just to the graffiti but to the sound of gunfire.

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