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36th & State St. Building gets Restored

Anthony Overton Building Restoration Project

A new innovative community-based collaboration has been formed within the Community Workshop on Economic Development to incorporate historic preservation of the landmark Anthony Overton Building (3619 - 27 S. State Street) as a tool for economic empowerment benefiting public housing residents.

Led by the African-American Development Institute under the direction of Bill Norels, the redevelopment project proposes to revitalize the landmark building as an incubator for public housing residents' businesses. A letter of intent to purchase the historic structure has been mailed to the current owner who resides in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Participating in this project are Sheila Overton Levi, grand-daughter of Anthony Overton, the CWED Public Housing Self-Employment Project and its director Linda Wright, Linda Baldwin of Stateway Gardens public housing, Attorney Susan Somers-Neal of the Boot Strap Alliance, and Steven Redfield, Economic Development Chairperson

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Washington Park March on Edison

Protest to Stop Power Lines 54th to 61st Street



Ceila Butler and Arlene Arikpo of the Washington Park Community Coalition stand in the foreground of a power on 55th and Federal Commonwealth Edison is constructing.

Over 200 community residents marched from 54th and Federal to the Commonwealth Edison Burnham Sub Station on 61st and Lafayette in protest of the above ground transmission lines being constructed between 56th to 65th

along Lafayette.

Community Activist, Ceila Butler, of the Washington Park Community Coalition said, "This is a typical example of environmental racism without political representation or support. Not only are these towers

health hazards but they are effecting property values."

Bulter continued to say, "We invited Alderman Dorothy Tilman to a meeting on June 26, with Commissioner Henderson. We hand-delivered a letter inviting her to the meeting asking for support. She did not attend or send a representative."

The line is being constructed by Commonwealth Edison to increase the power between the Burnham Sub Station and the Loop. Earlier protests from Chicago Housing Authority residents and the Illinois Institute of Technology prevented the lines from being built in that community. The controversy stems around the debate of whether electromagnetic radiation will cause health problems to the community where the lines are located. Specifically, the concern is will the lines cause cancer by increasing the risk of childhood leukemia and brain cancer. In an article written by by Christine Gorman, *The Time*, October 26, 1992, it was reported:

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Housing Crisis Sparks Action

This area suffers the most

Grand Boulevard and Woodlawn communities are in the top twenty communities effected by rising rental costs, decreasing incomes and a disappearing housing stock according to a study by the Voorhees at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The study was released by the Chicago Rehab Network.

The report indicates a third of Chicagoans pay over 35% of their income for rent, and communities such as Oakland, Fuller Park, Grand

Boulevard, Washington Park, New City and Woodlawn. At least 40% of the renter households had excessive rent burdens in 1990 (more than 35% of the income).

The same areas lost 10% or more of their total housing units between 1980 and 1990. They also had more than 100 buildings in demolition court as of March 1993.

In August over 600 citizens from across the city held a demonstration in

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Members of the restoration of the Anthony Overton Building Committee are (Left to Right) Sheila Overton-Levi, Linda Wright, Linda Baldwin, Harold L. Lucas, Ogi Harvey, Christopher Williams, Steven Redfield, Att. Susan Somers-Neal, Taregtsa Harvey and Bill Norels.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

A Liquor Store Owner in the Oakland Community mentioned the possibility of leading a campaign to vote part of the area dry. Being a Muslim, his religion forbids drinking alcohol and he feels guilty selling it. However, alcohol is his profit margin and a demand from his customers..... Also in the Oakland community Inner City Studies is threatened with closing....A Former Woodlawn resident, Michael Neal is reinvesting back in the community rehabbing vacant properties. He is currently working at 57th & Michigan and looking for investors. You can call Mr. Neal (708) 891-8703.....Henry Tillis of the Third Ward Community Organization is gearing up to purchase and rehab two buildings in the neighborhood for affordable housing. They are targeting 4242 S. Vincennes and 4900 S. Michigan. Both buildings are vacant according to Tillis.....Rev. Hardy and the members of Metropolitan Community Church on 53rd and Wabash are in the planning stages to build a new church.....The 21st Police District will have a new Commander. She is expected to be in the office this week....

City Community Projects:
Chicago's Tire Bounty Program.
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Taylor Homes Boys & Girls Club An Example of Youth Communicating

Robert Taylor Boys and Girls Club has been in the community for approximately two years. It is a the first of its kind in the area.

The club services youth and adults through recreation and after school programs, job assistance and personal development.

Director, Arthur Harrison, lived in the Robert Taylor Homes on 45th Street,

and after serving in the Army and attending business college, returned to the area to do community service work. He says, "Our services are open to anyone who is a member of the club, although we assist older people in the community when deemed appropriate, our mission is the youth."

The club provides field trips, sleepovers, parties, picnics, arts and crafts, drug awareness and leadership skills to the youth of the community. The age of the participants range from 6 to 18 years, although the club is open to the entire community.

One of Harrison's pet projects is the Gang Intervention Program (GIP). The G.I.P. is available to ages 16 to 30 years old. "We reach out to gang members through intervention. Our staff of 10 workers and members

are ex-gang members, gang members, or neutral. They have an insight into the community that has proven to be beneficial." explained Harrison. "We all have something to offer the community. I recognize that without judging them on their presence in the community and where they're coming from."

Since the club's opening there has been a decrease in crime in the area through communication with the gangs. There has been less loitering, drinking on the streets, and drug activity since the communication opened up.

Furthermore, the drug problem is addressed through educating children and their parents. Harrison said, "You see, people keep talking role models. Those role models don't mean anything to these youth. Their role models are right here in the community and should be in their homes. There needs to be a reparenting campaign. That is where the role modeling should be. That is where it is."

The club received an award from the National Boys and Girls Club of America in 1992-93 for most significant outreach for membership. The club is located at 5120 S. Federal Street and the telephone number is 924-6160.

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On going....

September

Started the 25th of this month the Kemetic Institute of Chicago will be offering classes on History, culture and Literature of ancient Kemet (Egypt). Other classes includes Introduction to Medew Netcher, and World History. The fee is \$25 for the first course and \$15 for each additional course. For information contact the Kemetic Institute 700 East Oakwood Blvd.

October

Saturday 2

The African American Women for Change will be holding its second meeting addressing issue in the black community. The meeting will be held at Liberty Baptist Church, 4849 S. King Drive, at 1 pm. For information call 373-1900

Tuesday 5

Mid South Planning Commission: A coalition of community organizations addressing revitalization of the Grand community, meets every Tuesday.

Wednesday 6

Alderwoman Dorothy Tilman monthly meetings: First and third

Calendar of Events

Wednesday at 7:00 pm. 4647 S. King Dr.

Tuesday 5

Task Force for Black Political Empowerment: meets every Tuesday, 7 pm to 9:30 pm at the City for Inner

Wednesday 6

City Studies. 700 East Oakwood Blvd. Black Leadership Development institute will be meeting at CBUC

Thursday 7

office 330 East 37th Street. 7:00 pm. Lu Palmer and Conrad Worrill will be among the community leaders who will be awarded by the Chicago Conference of Black lawyers as they host a Community Rally to present the awards at Malcolm X College. 1900 Van Buren 7pm. Admission is free. For more information call 322-9911.

Saturday 23

The Kenwood Oakland Community Organization (KOCO) will hold their annual membership meeting from 10 am to 6pm at St. James church, 4611 S. Ellis.

Sunday 24

DuSabale Museum women's Board will present En Vogue with an Afrocentric Flair: Featuring African Fashions and Cuisine, Museum Tours, Boutique for purchases and local and International Designers. 3 pm to 7 pm at the Dusable Museum 56th Place and Cottage Grove.

Wednesday 27

South Street Journal Board of Advisors meeting. For information and location call 239-0540.

Saturday 30

Alderman Toni Preckwinkle Ward Precinct meeting. 4646 S. Drexel. for information call 536-8103. Washington Park Community Coalition will be meeting at the Washington Park Field House 55th and King Drive. 1:00 pm

Sunday 31

Calling all men at the New Revelation Lutheran Church, Men's Day. "Let Us Rise and Build" is the theme. 4:30 pm 536-8103. 1445 East 65th Street

South Street Photo VIEW

If 20,000 people was listening to you, what would you tell them?



"I would tell them they should stop selling all those drugs and killing each other. And they need to respect the elders, especially when they be walking down the street."
 Cindy Walker, 64nd King Dr.



"I don't live in this city, I'm just visiting. But I would tell them we just need to just get alone. And think about the good we all can offer."
 Cashmere Robinson, 53rd Michigan

No Long Term Funding Repeat School Problems

Political interest remains the key negotiating factor

The restraining order which keeps the schools open until September 23, is seen by Operation Push as a "period that will not guarantee a year of education and long term funding plan for education."

Mayor Daley proposed that the teacher's pension fund be used to borrow \$55 million for the next 10 years.

Many community groups and leaders, including Doug Gill, Chair of the local School Council at Reavis School on 50th and Drexel, wants end to the annual question of whether schools will be open. He stated that the 150 people that came to Reavis on the first day of school have a great deal of resentment for the system. "The only answer is long term funding, such as progressive income tax."

Gill pointed out that the Local School Councils are forgotten. "The school councils will be having their elections in October and no consideration is made to this." He continued to say that, "The political leaders have not had our interest in mind. They have demoralized parent participation. We (councils) to three year plans to improve the education of our students and no consideration is given to this."

PUSH referred to the Chicago students as hostages and demanded "the release of hostages" rather than "unreasonable teacher cuts". PUSH stated that the plans currently under consideration to resolve the Chicago public school crisis merely creates more debt but does not in any way address the funding issue.

PUSH outlined the role of the political leadership in the following manner:

MAYOR DALEY

- *Appointed an interim school board in 1989 that negotiated a contract that is at the heart of the budget crisis.
- *As the chief executive officer of the city, failed to assume the

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Phillips High School

Ready to Teach if the Board of Education is Not



Juanita Thompson Tucker, Principal Wendell Phillips High School Academy

There was no first day of school for the teachers at Wendell Phillips High School Academy since they work during the summer without pay.

The teachers spent eight weeks in training, preparing for the first day of school. Their goal is to bring up the reading scores.

Presently Phillips is one out of 15 schools in Chicago linked to a program at DuPaul University. "We are attempting to target deficiencies in our students. Many learning disorders graduate with the children from grade school," says Juanita Thompson Tucker, Principal of Phillips. "They miss important skills in learning."

Tucker's educational philosophy begins with the strong belief that "all children can excel, given the proper nurturing and environment."

As principal of Phillips Tucker has developed innovative educational programs with the assistance of the Local School Council, staff, local businesses and alumni.

Phillips is in good shape because of a committed staff who have a strong interest in the students. The turn

around time for teachers at Phillips is around 20 years. They view the school as a home away from home.

Students reaction to the school crises was anger, however they were eager to return to school. Some parents were not sure when school was going to start because of misinformation from the news media. Phillips sent out a letter informing them when school will start.

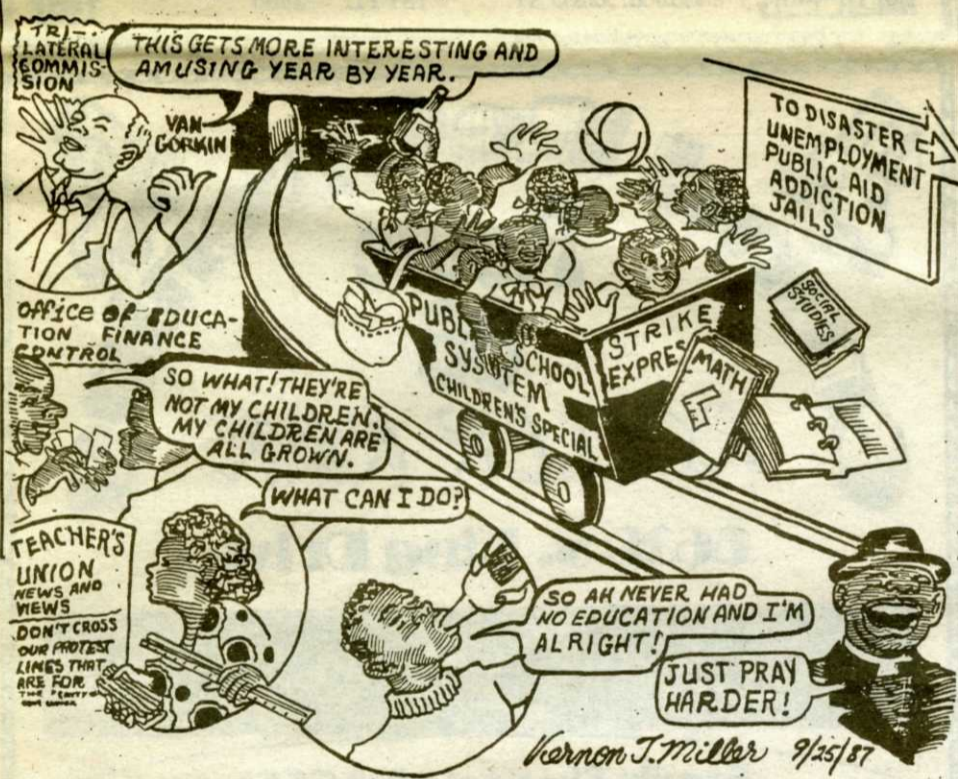
Tucker feels confident that the school will remain open after the 10 day (At South Street deadline the board and teachers did not reach an agreement) restraining order issued by U. S. District Court Judge Charles Kocoras has expired.

Phillips is known as a *WHO'S WHO* of Chicago with alumni such as Gus Savage, Nat King Cole, Wilson Frost, Rev. Lou Rawls, George and John Johnson, and Tucker is also a graduate of Phillips.

Tucker has spent most of her 40 year career at the school as teacher, counselor, director of guidance, assistant principal and principal.



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Freedom Now Center Opens in Woodlawn



Staff of Freedom Now Center (L-R) Dino McNeal, Dennis Worix, Gelenda Thiclin

In mid-summer, the doors of Freedom Now Center opened in the Woodlawn community.

The Center is a joint effort between Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois and New Revelation Lutheran Church. It is a long awaited idea from Rev. Anthony Williams, who is a board member of Lutheran Child and Family Services and pastor at the Church. Some of the services the Center provides is emergency housing, employment, and legal referral.

Being no stranger in the community, Dino McNeal, coordinator of the program was born and raised in the Woodlawn area. He has solid ties with organizations that stimulate housing, employment opportunities, and human services. McNeal says, "It is a system problem if resources are not available to the community, but it is another matter if the resources are there but no one knows about them or how to obtain those resources. This is where we come in. I intervene between those organizations and the people of the community who need a particular type of service."

For instance, in the area of emergency housing, this may not only include locating temporary housing, but could also mean providing the resources to retain housing or acting as intermediary in special circumstances to obtain housing.

"We work closely with realtors in the area and might have to explain that our clients may not fall under the normal guidelines or criteria qualifying them to rent in certain cases. These realtors have been very receptive to our program and providing the type of support that is needed for the good of the entire community," explained McNeal.

The center works closely with clients to obtain employment, although McNeal does not want to "mislead anyone that he can guarantee employment", he will assist them after receiving a resume in presenting a well packaged presentation. He says, "I will not leave them out there alone in search of a job, rambling and getting no where, but will actually get the applicant in the door."

Constant contact with job banks and actual employers allow McNeal to intercede on behalf of applicants and sharpen up interviewing techniques and other criteria necessary for a successful interview. "We do not want to promote pathological dependency. The hundreds of people who walk through these doors must be willing to help themselves with our assistance and the information and resources we provide."

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DuSable High Alumni Marvin Cheeks Scholarship Fund

Looking into the future the DuSable Alumnis of 1972 are helping prepare college bound students from DuSable through the Marvin Cheeks Scholarship Fund.

Marvin Cheeks was a resident of Robert Taylor Homes. He graduated from Dunbar Vocational High School in 1973 and received his Associates Degree from Malcom X College before becoming a fire fighter for the City of Chicago. He met violent death last year on the west side of Chicago. At the request of his brother Maurice Cheeks (Class of 1974), the Fund was named after the late Marvin Cheeks.

Although the First Annual DuSable Alumni Class of 1972 was successful, Mary Fleming, President, says, "We have three goals this year. They are to raise more money, to increase the number of scholarships, and the amount of scholarships."

Last year's scholarship fund provided five \$250 awards. The recipients were four DuSable students: Mr. Wong Jamison, Ms, Ketaschi Moore, Ms. Domni Moore, Mr. Keabonda Randall, and Mr. Jerome Bryant from Dunbar High School.

The students were selected based on academic achievement, school and community participation, and the ability to communicate ideas and goals effectively. **Jerome Bryant** ranked number two out of 420 in the Class of

1993. His grade point average is 3.89. He is majoring in Computer Science at Illinois Institute of Technology.

Wong Jamison ranked 33 in his class with a grade point average of 2.4. One of 14 children, Wong will be the first to attend college. He is majoring in Computer Graphics at Illinois State University.

Domini Moore was the valedictorian and had a grade point average of 3.9. She is majoring in psychology at Talledaga College in Alabama. She plans to become a child psychologist to help African American youth overcome obstacles that prevent them from being their best.

Ketachi Moore was selected as a recipient but has not matriculated into college.

Keabonda Randall graduated with a 3.67 grade point average. He plans to earn a Ph.D. in music at St. Xavier University in Chicago.

"We are in special need of volunteers to assist with fundraising and accounting," said Mattie Hunter, Treasurer of the Executive Committee for the Fund.

Three Month Job Training Classes

Targeted for Grand Boulevard Community

Residents of the Grand Boulevard community are targeted for Employment/Respite/Special skills program by Nia, Comprehensive Center for Development Disabilities, Inc..

The geographical area of Pershing Road (39th Street) on the north; 51st Street on the South; from Cottage Grove on the East to Wentworth Avenue of the West - know as the Grand Boulevard Community.

The program started in 1991 and target the community due to a low participation of residents in the area. Nia is being funded by the United Way to help meet the goal to reach the Grand Boulevard because of the high unemployment in the area.

The will program provide residents with job readiness, basic educational, and specific skills in their development to become work force ready.

Started in 1993, Thelma Havis of Nia stated that it is their intent to prepare these trainees to work with individuals with developmental disabilities and / or other special needs to enter the job market.

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No Long Term Funding for Schools

responsibility of aggressively negotiating in a timely manner on behalf of the parents and taxpayers to resolve the current school crisis.

- *Willing to hold the children as bargaining for a Casino gambling plan rather support unreasonable teacher cuts.
- *Campaigned to be the Education Mayor, but failed in the role.

GOVERNOR EDGAR:

- *Has the primary responsibility for educating all the children in Illinois using the voucher system and charter schools as ransom.
- *Responsible for putting more money in building prisons and not schools.
- *Required Chicago schools to be only district to have balanced budget
- *Allowed Illinois to rank 48 out of 50 states in education funding.
- *Taken racist position toward funding state resources for the permanent solutions to the Chicago Public School funding crisis.
- *Consistently reduced the state contribution to Chicago Public Schools to the point that it is now below 40%.
- *Fought the full funding amendment that helped defeat it.

PATE PHILLIPS AND MICHAEL MADIGAN:

- *Required Chicago to be the only school district requiring a balanced budget to open schools.
- *Required Chicago to be the only school district out of 95 in Illinois to have a Financial Oversight Committee.
- *Lead charge to take \$18 million of Chapter I funds that are aimed at helping poor children in Chicago schools.

MARTIN KOLDYKE AND THE SCHOOL FINANCE AUTHORITY:

- *Permitted the schools to shut down.
- *Required Chicago to balance a budget on the backs of teachers.

PUSH spokesperson stated that "We cannot continue to ignore the need for the state to assume its constitutional burden to fund public education. We cannot continue to use political patronage for special interest projects that fund questionable road work which fails to correct the infrastructure and neglects a growing illiterate prison population.

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Njeri Carries on the Struggle for Fred Hampton Jr.



By Janet R. Carter

Although for the past year Akua Njeri has waged a legal battle, she found the energy to open headquarters at 5409 South Halsted in the Englewood Community to spearhead the Free Fred Hampton Jr. Campaign along with Gaida Mutope Kambo, National Secretary for the African People's Socialist Party.

Huge black letters on the storefront read **NATIONAL PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC UHURU MOVEMENT**. Akua Njeri (pronounced phonetically as it is spelled) is the widow and mother of Fred Hampton Sr. and Jr.

Fred Hampton was the Black Panther leader who was shot in bed by the Chicago police while Akua lay next to him sleeping.

Free Fred Hampton Jr. fliers are plastered all over the glass of the store-front. Fred Jr. is serving 18 years in the Big Muddy River Correctional Facility near the Kentucky state line. He was convicted of fire-bombing a Korean store after the Rodney King verdict was announced.

Akua Njeri was dressed in lime green and navy African garments. Akua quickly introduced Gaida (guy-ee-da). Inside the center there were more fliers and posters everywhere and a collection of Black Power and Revolutionary books.

Akua advised that Gaida would explain. Gaida began by giving some of the history on Fred Sr. She explained that Hampton was actually a hero in the community who started breakfast programs, initiated testing

for sickle cell anemia, and actually went to the community to organize. She went on to describe the morning he was murdered by the FBI on December 4, 1969. She paused briefly to verify the date of death with Akua.

Akua continued describing the morning, "They shot him in our bed. I was laying right next to him -- 8 months pregnant with Fred Jr."

Akua was not shot. She commented, "Fred Jr. was born on December 28, 1969."

The pain could be seen in Akua's eyes as she described the horror of contending with the legal system during the trial. She supplied copies of the *Burning Spear* newspaper published by the African People's Socialist Party out of Oakland, California with full pledges of support from around the country. "Our main focus is to promote the Free Fred Hampton Jr. movement." Akua pointed out.

Describing the campaign in detail, Gaida declares, "We intend to take this campaign into the Englewood community and across the nation, door-to-door and on the street corners to alert the people of this injustice to Fred Jr. who they have been trying to kill since even before he was born. Right now it is important for people to show their support by writing to Fred Jr., Governor Jim Edgar, Judge Michael Toomin, or Attorney General Roland Burris."

Gaida contends, "This is a continuation of the movement of the '60's and '70's. Remember you can

kill a revolutionary, but not the revolution."

Akua insists that there was no fire-bombing and that the whole case was fabricated because of a State Prosecutor who unsuccessfully tried Fred Jr. "Fred Jr.'s fingerprints were not found on the bomb or anywhere in the store. The storeowner could not identify who did the bombing and the store was reopened within 10-15 minutes of the alleged act. No one was hurt and there was no damage to the property."

Akua excused herself and Gaida picked up the conversation. "So you tell us if it seems fabricated."

Gaida explained that *Uruhu* is a Swahili word meaning freedom. All the fieriness can be seen when she shares views on the oppressed African American community.

For instance when asked what she thought about a voucher system for the Chicago Board of Education Gaida said, "We are the only group of people anywhere on this earth who allow the *ENEMY* to teach our children. We need to control our own schools--the money, the curriculum, everything!"

Gaida's eyes bulged and the veins in her neck became pronounced as the topic of crack cocaine incited her to anger. There was no question why her full name, Gaida Mutope Kambo, means "guerilla fighter for the people" and had been given to her by the brothers of her party.

Effectively argued by Gaida is her contention that the government "strategically placed crack in the

Invasion of CHA

As the Chicago Housing Authority concentrates on guns, drugs, and unauthorized tenants, it is time for the community of CHA to ask, **WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?** By giving up a right today what effect will that loss have tomorrow?

The CHA sweeps started in 1988, engineered by Vince Lane, on the premise that this would get rid of, or at least slow the flow of guns and drugs, and rid the complexes of thousands of unauthorized tenants "invading" CHA. These sweeps were supposed to be a wake-up call to the residents and the city, but we must consider the important invasion of simple civil rights that all of us are entitled no matter where we fit in on the economic ladder or live.

The Search and Seizure statutes were put in place to protect each citizen's right to privacy. By being tolerant of this invasion, the residents are allowing a precedent that could be used in a Court of Law to deny other basic civil rights in the future. This tolerance is evident by the majority of residents who agree that the sweeps are in violation of their rights, but "understand the mission", as Lane is quick to point out. Resistance by the the minority is met with general harassment by CHA.

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African community to attack and continue the destruction of our people."

She continues with the question, "Have you ever known a drug before that had so many women addicted? Any warrior knows to wipe out an entire group of people, attack the women first. Our women are so messed up on this crack that we cannot raise our own children anymore! These are military tactics and our people must realize we are at war."

The solution to the education, drug, and explosive black prisoner problem is also strategic to Akua and Gaida. "Organize! Stop blaming each other. Stop blaming the victim because all of us are victims of this society. Take control of our own communities. Tell the government to get that crack out of here. They brought it is and they can get it out!"

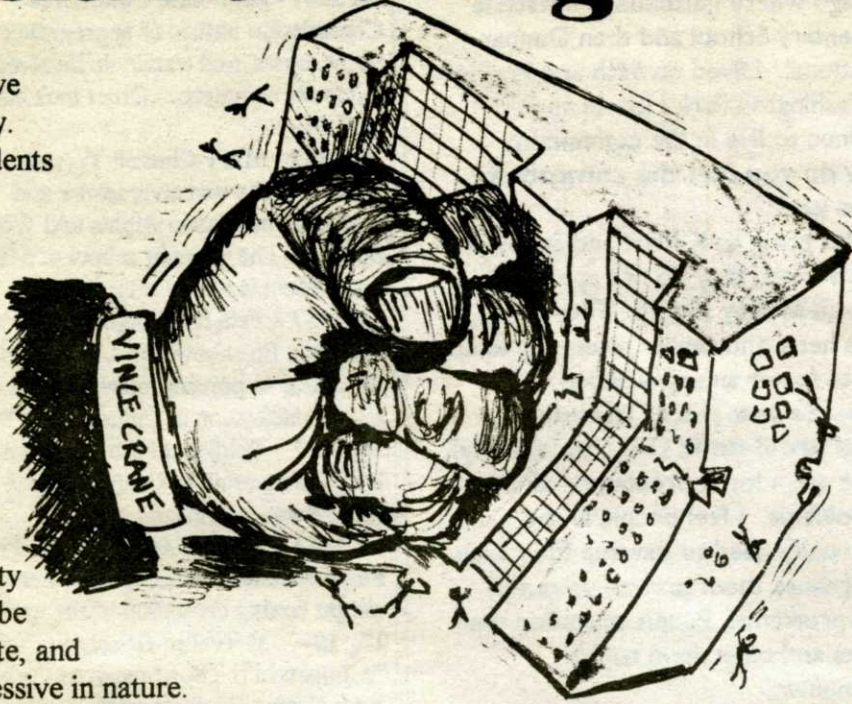
Editors note: After completion of this article, Gaida Mutope Kambo informed South Street Journal that Fred Jr. is now in lockdown at the Big Muddy River Correctional Facility for 30 days in addition to being lowered to C grade status (no privileges) and being transferred to a maximum security prison. According to Gaida, this was the result of Fred Jr. raising his fist and saying 'Uhuru' to inmates and visitors during Akua and Gaida's one hour visit on September 12, 1993.

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d disrespect for authorities, not only for the youth, but for the older youth who
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it is no secret that the development of the many high rises for low income
was meant to contain our community in designated areas, but must we allow the
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ue the process through planned poverty, let us keep our dignity and protest these
with the request of a search warrant for each home. As it is done for any other
the United States of America.

Ron Carter, Publisher

Letters

Dear Editor; Community Stores Must have an African American Partner

The Black Community has had some bitter experiences with merchants in the African American areas of our city, this Mid South community more so.
The merchants are mostly Asian, Korean, and Arabs. Some do not even hire one African American employee. The money that is spent in these stores leave the community never to return. This must stop!
An African American Partner: The Crusaders are pursuing efforts to organize the community behind an effort to persuade each merchant already engaged in business to select an African American partner into the ownership of those businesses.
Community Boycotts: Consumers shall be asked to discontinue to trade with non-Cooperating merchants. The Crusaders plan calls for community boycotts against these stores.

Rev. M. Earl Sardon
Crusaders of Justice

Dear Editor, If I Could,

If I could I would guide you to all your dreams. If I could I would work side by side as you as your second soul. If I could I would help you get over your sins and I would pray to your God for forgiveness and carry the joy of your good. If I could I would hold your hand taking you away from your bad habits and laugh with tears of victory as we meet your success.
If I could I would build homes and businesses for you and with you. If I could I would seal your family love more greater than my love for you. If I could I would stop drugs. If I could I would stop idle time on the corners and, if I could I would sing liberation songs like Luther and rap like Gil Scott. If I could I would pick up the paper on the streets. If I could I would stop gangs from killing. If I could, I would...

Lynn Edgeson
50th and Evans

We welcome Letters to the Editor from our readers. They must be submitted typed double-spaced and accompanied with a return address and a daytime phone number. Letters may be edited for space or clarity, and we assume no responsibility for the accuracy of facts stated in any letter. Names may be withheld upon request.

POSITION on the ISSUE

Remarks by James Compton
Chicago Urban League

African American Latino Proposed District Map for Cook County

This summer represents a historic period in the evolution of our local government as the Cook County Board draws the first single-member district map.

Until now, commissioners have been elected from city and suburban multi-member districts. While the creation of single-member districts represents an important step in the past, the process of accomplishing that change will not be without challenges.

We join with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund in the proposal for districts that will offer a better chance of seeing members of racial minorities represented on the Cook County Board. The proposed map, developed by staff at the Chicago Urban League and Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, is symbolic of the multi-racial unity and cooperation which can be accomplished in Chicago.

The map includes five districts with African-American super majorities and two districts with Latino super majorities. These districts propose fair and appropriate levels of representation because they reflect the overall racial composition of Cook County which is 25.5% African American and 13.6% Latino. In addition, they have been drawn in a geographically compact manner that represents the boundaries of other political districts and municipalities.

In light of the U.S. Supreme Court's June decision in *Shaw v. Reno*, which said under the Constitution's Equal Protection Clause, districting plans must show justification for drawing districts on the basis of race in order to be legal, it is important to reiterate why protection of minorities remains important today. Analysis of recent elections by the Chicago Urban League shows that racial block voting has persisted in most, if not all local elections in which minority and white candidates have been pitted against one another. This has been the case in the most recent county-wide elections,

including elections for the offices of Treasurer, State's Attorney, County Commissioner, and Cook County Board President.

In many cases the racial disparities are staggering. For instance, in the 1990 primary, Danny Davis won 87% of the vote on the African-American south and west sides, while Edward Rosewell won 85% of the vote in the white northwest and southwest sides. In the 1990 elections for Cook County Commissioner, 66% of white votes went to white candidates while 65% of black votes went to black candidates.

Although we may wish it were otherwise, these patterns show indisputably that whites and blacks in Chicago continue to differ in their preferences of who should represent them in government, and unfortunately strong resistance to voting for candidates of another racial group continues. Clearly the drawing of Cook County's first ever single-member districts must take into account the racial composition of those new districts in order that future County Boards reflect Chicago's minority groups.

The Supreme Court also stated that no equal protection violation could be claimed if district plans could be shown to have been drawn with considerations other than race. The maps proposed today clearly accomplish this in several ways because they follow municipal boundaries, particularly in the west and south suburbs, and generally respect boundaries of wards and other voting districts. Additionally, their compact shapes mean they generally address the need to keep major communities with similar interest within single districts.

We believe that the maps presented, if adopted by the Commissioners, would provide for an efficient administration of government and appropriate racial representation on the next Cook County Board. We will urge the County Board to adopt these map proposals and continue to work with all of those interested in fair and representative government.

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South Street People You Should Know

INTERVIEW



Gerald Sanders -

The South Side Community Art Center (SSCA) is a place to learn and to share art at its best. It has been in this community since 1938, opening its doors on 38th and Michigan in 1941. Many community activities, meetings and events were held and established at the center.

The Center offers a full program of art appreciation and instruction. Its director is Gerald Sanders, who is carrying on the institution's role, where Black artists can display their talents and train to introduce the Black community and youth to the world of art.

The center has a 50 year old history and tradition. Great artists and community leaders have been part of this tradition and history. People like Etta Moten Barnett, Gwendolyn Brooks, Margaret

Burroughs, Earl Dickerson, Richard Hunt, Archibald Motely, Etta Moten, Earl Neal, Gordan Parks and Charles White. The list goes on and on.

Sanders, a history maker in art himself gives *South Street Journal* a reason to be one of the "People You Should Know."

How did you get started?

I have been drawing since I was 5 years old. An uncle sold my work to people and paid me a commission. When I was 17 I drew pictures of the Kennedys. Edward Kennedy wrote me a personal letter on his portrait. During my time in the army I did art work. From there I continued with art never having any professional training. I started teaching on 41st and Prairie after I left the army.

What is your background?

I was raised in Arkansas. I moved to

Chicago where I attended Forestville Elementary School and then Dunbar Vocational. I lived on 54th and Prairie in Washington Park Homes and continue to live in the community.

How do you feel the community views art?

Besides going to K-Mart and Saxon to get Black art, they do not appreciate it as much as they should. They must come here, and similar places, or to art fairs to foster an appreciation.

What do you see as the main social problem in the community?

There are a lot of problems---all kinds of problems. I feel people in the community need to develop their skills. It will cause them to raise up out of their problems. People must find their talents and offer them to the community.

What do your friends say about you?

They ask if I feel threatened by showing and teaching my students all of my knowledge on art. I tell them no because that is my purpose. In addition, they say I am outspoken.

Do you have a family?

I have a son in Texas who recently won an art scholarship and a daughter who attends St. James in this community. I am presently separated from my wife.

What is your mission at the South Side Community Art Center?

I know that everyone can draw just as well as the best artists. My goal is to see that those who want to draw have an outlet to do so through the Center. Regardless of age or stage in art, with determination and guidance, I will get them there.

What are your goals in life?

My goal is to form an investment company to showcase the talents of my students and promote their work for financial benefit. I do not want my students to be poor artists as I once was.

History: This Day On: SEPTEMBER

22, 1961 - Interstate Commerce Commission outlawed segregation on all trains, buses, and terminals involved in interstate commerce. Order took effect 11/1/61.

23, 1863 - Mary Church Terrell birthday. She was civic leader and champion of Human Rights and Woman's Suffrage. The grammar school of 54th and State Street is named after her.

24, 1957 - Federal Troops ordered by President Eisenhower to Little Rock, Arkansas to prevent interference with school integration at Central High School.

25, 1957 - Soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division escorted to Central School in Little Rock, Arkansas.

26, 1962 - Sonny Liston knocked out Floyd Paterson to become the heavy-weight boxing champion of the world.

27, 19- - Lorraine Hansberry's play, "A Raisin in the Sun" received the New York Drama Critics Award.

28, 1963 - A. Leon Higginbotham was nominated as a Federal Judge for Eastern Pennsylvania.

29, 1954 - S. Richardson was named to the first Chairman of the Federal Parole Board.

30, 1962 - James Meredith was escorted to the University of Mississippi by Federal Marshals.

OCTOBER

1, 1927 - Original Harlem Globetrotters form for 1927-28 basketball season.

2, 1886 - Harry T. Burleigh birthday. Singer and composer.

3, 1935 - Ethiopia invaded by Italy, leading to World War II.

4, 1915 - Scott Joplin completed "Treemonisha", a ragtime opera which he composed.

5, 1979 - Nathaniel R. Jones was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to Federal Judge for the United States Court of Appeals.

6, 1925 - A. Philip Randolph - labor and civil rights leader. organized Brother of Sleeping Car Porters. He became Vice-Pres. of AFL-CIO in 1959.

7, 1898 - Elijah Muhammad, leader of the Nation of Islam - in the West, was born in Sandersville, Ga. - 1898.

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Enrollment in the program began in May 1993. Public Aid enrolls pregnant women, new medicaid applicants, and current clients when they come in for their annual redetermination interview.

Enrollment in the program is the responsibility of Client Education Representative who work in each Public Aid office. The representative informs the client of the program and the various health care providers and refers them to an HMO representative. After selecting a doctor or clinic, the client is expected to stay with that doctor for at least six months unless an emergency arises. When selecting a doctor, the client should make sure that he has admitting privileges at their preferred hospital.

Inquiries may be made through First Health Staff at 1-800-884-KIDS.



A youth appears cautious as he receives a vaccination, while his mother provides support. They both are part of the Healthy Mom/Healthy Kid program being offered through the Chicago Urban League and the Daniel Hales Williams Health Center in the Greater Grand Boulevard communities.

Police Confirms "Lights Out" a Hoax

A notice titled "BEWARE" or "LIGHTS OUTS" was circulated from Loop corporate businesses, such as First National Bank, LaSalle National Bank, Harold Washington Library and other offices by facsimile during September.

The letter was distributed to employees of these loop corporations and locations without verification of the source.

According to the Chicago 21st District Police, this notice is a rumor and hoax and there is no report of this type of activity in the Chicago area.

Other reports verified by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Chicago Gang Units found no real substance to the letter.

The security police at many of the loop establishments could not identify the source of the facsimile; however, allowed it to be circulated.

Many citizens were concerned and some were not surprised of such a gang initiation. Others felt that whoever started the notice had a specific motive in mind and wanted the public to react towards gangs.


South Street Journal obtained three of the notices. Each was printed and typed in different forms but kept the same wording and format as follow:

BEWARE! ! !

There is a new gang initiation!
This initiation of murder is brought about by gang members driving around with their car lights off. When you flash your car lights to advise another car their lights are out, gang members take the signal literally as "Lights Out!"


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in the community. Business can decide what money will come in the area, where and why. Government agencies decide what social programs are needed and what can wait.

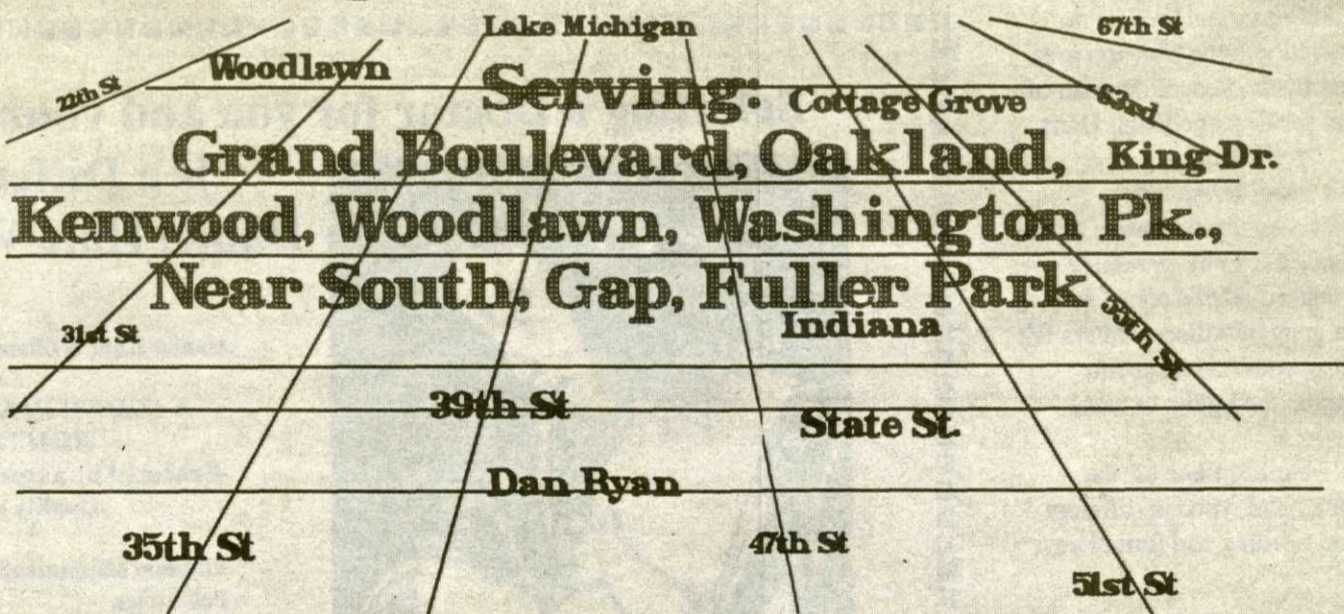
So take a look at the general information below and get ready for the next issue of South Street Journal for more Consumer Eye

Community Name	No.	Tracks	Housing units	Median Household income	Total income	A.Yr. College	Population
Near South	33	5	3,648	\$ 6,924	\$ 678m	7.3	6,288
Armour Sq.	34	3	3,648	21,157	106	7.3	6,828
Douglas	35	15	9,810	10,577	110	20.7	10,801
Oakland	36	5	1,423	5,500	115	1.0	8,197
Fuller Park	37	4	1,274	13,314	120	2.8	4,364
Grand Blvd.	38	20	9,443	7,671	500	30.4	35,897
Kenwood	39	7	8,655	31,954	242	2.06	36,600
Wash. Pk.	40	8	6,076	9,436	105	2.7	30,000
Woodlawn	42	12	1,083	17,714	264	15.0	8,178
			45,060		\$2,240		147,153

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Three Month Job Training

consist of employment outreach services to insure that all graduates are placed in respite/health care positions. The placement will be either at Nia or at other health care facilities. More than 90% of the program graduates have been placed in jobs, with nearly 60% being placed at Nia.

Program graduates are also qualified in the service areas of homemaker/domestic, maintenance, clerks, direct care, and nurse's assistant.

Rose Foote, a resident of Grand Boulevard, once chemically dependent and speech impaired, enrolled in the program in January, 1993. She earned a certificate as a respite care provider. Enthusiastic about the knowledge she gained in respite training, it allowed her to expand the capacity and quality of her outreach services as she strives to empower all special needs persons to take control of their lives just as she took control of her own.

Nia has been in existence for 16 years. According to Shirley Fox, president of Nia, "We have worked diligently to tear down barriers that preclude persons with developmental disabilities from being full participants in society."

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36th & State St. Building gets Restored

of the Mid-South Planning and Development Commission.

CWED Program manager for Community Organizing and Policy Advocacy, Harold Lucas said, "This project is a key element in the restoration of buildings associated with the Black Metropolis Historic District".

The Chicago Bee Building and the Anthony Overton Building are two anchor development projects in the redevelopment of the east side of State Street, adjacent to the public Housing developments along the State Street Corridor between 18th Street and 55th Street South.

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March on Edison

The reason for the hysteria: a growing number of scientific studies suggest that the risk of leukemia and other malignancies rises with exposure to electromagnetic fields, which are generated in varying degrees by all electrical devices from high-voltage power lines to hair dryers...The fog may finally start to clear because of two studies done in Sweden...Although the investigators could find no evidence of an increased cancer threat for adults, they did detect a higher risk of leukemia in children...

Butler said the march was successful due to the overwhelming support of community organizers Dr. Haraymeil Ben Shaleak and Minister Fontaine of United in Peace, Minister Mitchell of Inner City Youth Foundation, and Gator Bradley, community organizer.

Although Butler says she intends to appeal to the Illinois Commerce Commission to let them know the community is in total opposition to the lines being constructed. She is clear on what steps should be taken next.

Butler said, "We need to hold a public policy hearing to get Edison to conduct a survey to actually test the levels of electromagnetic radiation in the area presently."

Edison completely denies the health risk to the community. "The tower design is set up so it mitigates all EMG

dangers to anyone on the ground, even to people whose homes are relatively close to it," say Earl Moore, Commonwealth Edison Public Affairs Director. "We have done tests and found that for homes that are close to a transmission right-of-way, the EMF level was lower than what you will find in your house around your appliances."

Residents are not likely to accept this explanation readily. Sandra Johnson, treasurer of Neighborhoods Working Together does not buy it. She said, "Edison tells us that there is no proof of health problems, and of course, any such problems most likely will not be detected for years. We cannot wait."

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Housing Crisis

support of the Chicago Affordable Housing and Community Jobs Ordinance in front of Mayor Daley's office.

According to Mark Allen, Field Coordinator of the Chicago Affordable Housing and Community

Jobs Campaign, "This report is a call for the Daley administration to support our ordinance." He stated that the campaign will continue to lobby aldermen as they return from their summer vacations to support the ordinance.

Ordinance Sponsor and Vice Chair of the City's Housing Committee, Alderman Arenda Troutman (20th ward and of the Woodlawn area), said "This (demonstration) overwhelming show of support clearly shows that the issue of affordable housing affects people across lines of color and class. The time has come to pass this Ordinance."

Alderman Toni Preckwinkle (4th Ward) has showed support for the Ordinance at the rally.


During and following the demonstration, Allen stated that the organizers received word from mayoral and other city officials, that respective city agency representatives were ready to schedule meetings to discuss the future implementation of the Ordinance.

Some highlights of the Ordinance includes; Targeting low and moderate income communities for the production and preservation of 35,000 units of affordable housing over the next five years; The creation of over 10,000 jobs; training of residents in construction jobs; a call for the City of Chicago to produce a plan of action to address the housing crisis outlined in the study.

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