



Wm. Johnson, of Detroit, will hold the third meeting introducing his plans in acquiring Drexel and Independence Banks. Story pg. 8 Business in the Hood



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Inner City Youth Calls for Jobs at McCormick Pl. Expansion

Upon monitoring jobs at the McCormick Expansion Project for over two years, the Inner City Youth Foundation has witness only 17 unskilled labors hired out of over 4,000 projected for the project.

Chistine Perkins of Inner City youth said "I think we may have to close it down. All the money and we are not getting any of it."

The total cost for the project is estimated to be \$1.4 billion. The State of Illinois provides funding for McCormick Place operations through the cigarette tax and revenue from the Build Illinois Fund.

Inner City has submitted 433 application second to the Mexican Community Organization of South Chicago with 641.

A total of 3,136 applications were submitted to the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (Authority) for minorities to obtain at least 25% of the jobs as of September 1993.

Inner City is also trying to secure Black contractors to obtain some of the subcontract work. Targeting Schal Bovis and Association, a general contractor working on the project, who has a poor rating in hiring minority unskilled workers and Black sub-contractors according to Inner City.

An analysis of past employment practice indicates, the Authority has found it difficult to implement aggressively hiring strategies designed to increase employment of minority and women workers, as reported by the Chicago Urban League.

"For two years going to the meetings," Jerkins said "the employment practices of the Authority continue to come under close scrutiny as a result of many complaints from community organizations." The analysis of hiring at McCormick Place and Navy Pier conducted by the Chicago urban League found dramatic racial disparities in employment by opportunities.

A study found that African Americans are under-represented in high salary positions and over-represented in low positions whites hold more than 80 percent of all positions with annual salaries greater than \$50,000 or wages of more than \$20.00 an hour. Conversely, African American employees present nearly 80 percent of all full-time employees earning less than \$5.00 an hour. Furthermore,

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Mid-South Planning

Community Groups identified Six Initiatives for Neighborhood



Committed leaders of Mid-South Planning and Development Commission serving Greater Grand Boulevard are present at an awards dinner sponsored by the Chicago Council on Urban Affairs to honor the organization with an outstanding community service award. Although the honor was shared with the Southeast Chicago Development Commission, it placed the group in a more positive posture to solicit additional funding and resources in order to move to the next level to implementation

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21st Century V.O.T.E., A New Voting Block Redirecting Young People towards positive change



Present at the press conference for the Real Change Community Summit held at Englewood High School, Seated Left to Right: Dwayne Harris, Chairman, 21st Century VOTE; Jerry Washington, Political Consultant; Alderman Alan Streeter, 17th Ward; Thomas Harris, Political Consultant, 21st Century VOTE. Standing left to right: 21st Century VOTE staff members: Ted McNeal, Aesha Muhammad, Patricia Hogan, Charles Kellogg, Derrick McClain, and Charles Harris.

By Steve Rhoden

"We will control our political destiny in our neighborhoods even if it has to be at the expense of the democratic party, So be it," said Jerry Washington, political consultant for 21st Century V.O.T.E. (Voices Of Total Empowerment) Inc.

"The main objective of our organization" said Washington, "is to get out the vote,

and to make sure that black people in low income communities get enough food, clothing, and shelter.

Now that the heap of the Gang Summit is over 21st Century V.O.T.E. is moving towards more economically, politically and educational awareness of its members. What is actually going on in

their communities according to the leadership of the organization. Their direction is to stay in control of their own destiny and to empower the youth.

21st Century VOTE came into existence a year ago. Dwayne Harris (26), its chairman and a couple on

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Community Briefs

Bacchanal Compatriots of the Carribeans, Inc. had a party on November 13 to announce their August 1994 BACCHANAL Carnival and Contest for Carnival Queen in Washington Park. The purpose of Bacchanal is to unite people of African descent from the Americas, Caribbeans and continental Africa. If you're interested in participating as a vendor, performer or to become a queen contestant, call 312/693-4064, Melida Harris, founder.

Got Talent? Know someone who does? Sing? Dance? Write Poetry? Rap? Musical? Tell jokes or just like to talk? Register Your talent with BIP Studio 101. 6351 So. Cottage Grove. Mon. thur Fri. 3 pm to 7 p.m. All talents will be featured on Cable TV at a later date. A \$2 registration fee required. For more information call 667-6619. A Not-For-Profit Organization documenting Black History. **High School Re-Entry Center.** Preparation classes for students to return to regular high school is being offered by Chicago Public Schools, Division of Student Support. For information contact Dr. Debra Beach-Craig or Dr. Terry Iverson. 1819 W. Pershing Rd, 3rd Floor (312) 534-8359/8982. 8:00am - 5:00pm.

Free Legal Services in the community for low-income persons is provided at Centers for New Horizons. Every second and forth Saturday, 12pm to 2pm. 4150 S. King Drive. Advice and representation is offered by experienced lawyers in; Landlord-Tenant issues, unemployment compensation, consumer and family law. For more information call (312) 373-5700.

Are you tired of renting? Do you have a friend, neighbor, or relative looking for Homeownership opportunity? The Ahkination Community Development Corp. may be able to assist you. Call Delores Goodman at 373-7298.

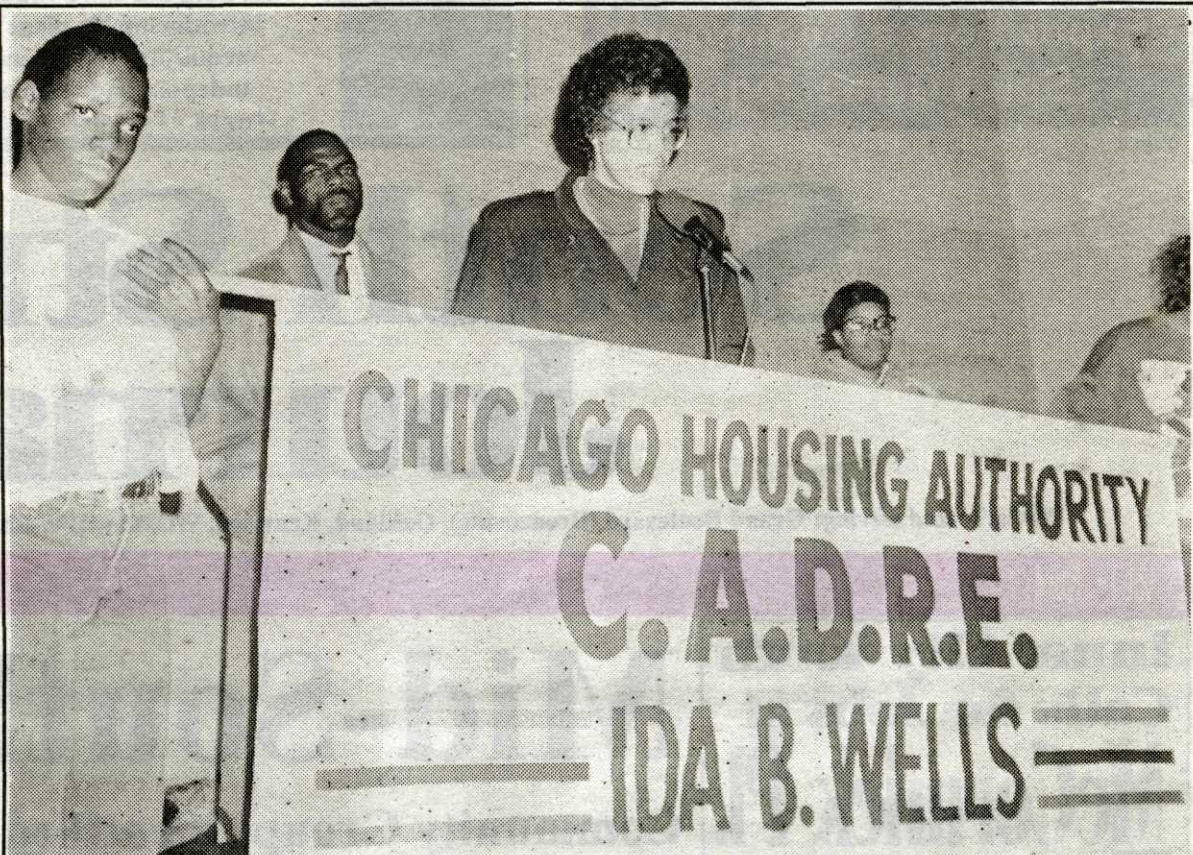


Photo Taken by Al Kindle

As part of the Red Ribbon Campaign against "Drugs". Twenty community groups, and service providers coordinated simultaneous Candlelight vigils and marches within the Ida B. Wells/Madden Park communities. The event culminated with a program in Madden Park Fieldhouse where 4th Ward Alderman Toni Preckwinkle addressed the crowd of 300. Some of the supporting groups are Abraham Lincoln Centers, Well/C.A.R.E., Wells Initiatives, Ounce of Prevention, Centers of New Horizons and C.O.P.S.

CTA to Close "L" by January. 9, 1994

By Steven Rhoden

Along with the closing of the "EL" construction is schedule for January 9th as well. The "EL" was expected to close before Christmas. However not only the community residents raised up in protest, but the businesses along the "EL" as well. The cost will be \$300 million. CTA is saying they will work with the community in the form of a task force to monitor the progress of the CTA work. However many groups fear the "EL" will never open again. For direct information on the CTA call Robert Tucks, General Manager, (708) 366-4743 or (312) 363-4743.

November



Calendar of Events

Wednesday 17

Alderman Dorothy Tilman monthly meeting: First and third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. 4647 S. King Drive.

Kwanza Bazaar and Reception to be held, (and Thursday 18) at Kennedy/King College, Swan Room, 1st Floor, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Questions call WSEP, 606-8255 ask for Full Circle Fund information. or call MSYO 493-4686

Thursday 18

Beatrice Caffrey Youth Service will be holding their "Network Panel" of State, agencies city and schools geared to nutrition of foster care program, community based. To be held at their location at Inner City Studies, 700 E. Oakwood

The Board of Directors of the Covenant Development Corp. will hold their Annual Meeting, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 6400 S. Kimbark Ave. For additional information call 752-8604.

Official DuSable Recognition Committee Meeting at the DuSable Museum, 740 E. 56th Place. 10:00 pm. Committee members includes Lerone Bennett and Ald. Toni Preckwinkle.

Friday 19

Hancey Head Start will be holding their parent Community meeting at 12:00 noon, located at 6245 S. Wabash. Call: 363-4733

Saturday 20

The Chicago Southside Branch of the NAACP, will hold its branch meeting at 3:30 PM, 7 East 63rd Street, Chicago

A Town Hall meeting will be held at Harris YWCA, 6200 S. Drexel. 10:00 p.m.

Sunday 21

and Monday 22nd State Rep. Lou Jones and friends will party for Thanksgiving Holiday at Jumer's Castle Lodge and Casino Rock Island at the Boat Works. Full weekend trip, for \$60 per person. Call Mary or Elga at 567-9400.

Wednesday 24

A Movie Marathon will be hosted by the Kupona network. Tickets are \$1.50. For information call Danny at 535-3000

Saturday 27

The Chicagoland Area Singles Fellowship will sponsor an **Income Tax/Financial Planning Workshop.**

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Langley Avenue Church of God, 6159 S. Langley. Admission \$3.

Saturday 29

Kupona Network, African American AIDS Memorial Service, Chicago State Uni. For information call Michael James. 536-3000

December

Thursday 2

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Monday 8

Green Line CTA hearing at King Center 5:30 - 8:00, 4314 S. Cottage Grove. Contact Al. Kindle

Friday 10

Centers for New Horizons, Inc. will present "Ebony Male Expressions II", at Annie Tiques, 8200 S. Cicero Ave. 7:00 pm to 12:00 am. Dinner will be served at 8:00 p.m.

South Street Journal will publish notices of community meeting, events and programs. Any organization or person in the South Street Journal circulation area (page 10) may submit material. We will publish city-wide organization information as it relates to the circulation area. Send it One week in advance to South Street Journal c/o FNC 6439 S. Cottage Grove, Chicago, Illinois 60637. Phone number 239-0540.

South Street Photo View

What do you remember about Harold Washington?



His smile and humor. Sometimes it's sad to think of him, because I realize what we don't have and the likelihood that nothing or no one will fill that special void in the community. I remember that "soul" he put in Chicago.

Albert 'Pinkie' Williams
53rd & Cottage



I remember the campaign He was in tune with everything and every body. And, the victory party at McCormick Inn. And then that speech he gave when he was sworn in for the first time. I felt that there was now turning back.

Dennis, 64th & Cottage

Woodlawn Housing Exposition,

A Spirit for Redevelopment & Home Purchasing

Over 500 hundred people attended the Woodlawn Housing Exposition, a housing fair held Nov. 13 at the Harris YWCA. The Exposition helped prospective buyers locate properties, get financing, find contractors and developers and gave them advice for improving, buying, selling, building or rehabbing a house in "one of the hottest communities in Chicago," according to Phillip Jackson of the Covenant Development Corporation.

The Woodlawn Housing Exposition featured banks, lawyers, realtors, contractors, architects, developers, accountants and other housing professionals who assisted attendees in buying existing homes or multi-family buildings, or transform one of Woodlawn's many vacant lots into

a new home or building. The Woodlawn Housing Exposition also included exhibits, seminars and workshops for prospective and current homeowners, multi-family building owners and tenants.

"Woodlawn is conveniently located between the mature community of Hyde Park and newly redeveloped community of South Shore and has many of the same amenities as these communities," said Jackson "We have excellent and improving schools, great parks and recreational facilities, an affordable housing stock and many from the ground-up building opportunities."

"What is most important was four community development corporations coming together to organized the Exposition." Stressed Jackson. The were the Woodlawn Community Development Corporation (TWO), Woodlawn East Community and Neighbors (WECAN), Woodlawn Preservation and Investment Corporation (WPIC) and Covenant Development Corporation (CDC).

Sponsors of the Exposition were FAN-NIE MAE, Bell Federal Savings Bank, First National Bank, Cole Taylor Bank,

Seaway National Bank, People's Gas Company, Drexel National Bank, Community Investment Corporation and Northern Trust Bank.

The joint effort by the community development corporations was to accelerate the process of rehabilitating older housing units and of creating new housing units in Woodlawn.

"The Woodlawn Housing Exposition was an excellent opportunity for people to invest in their futures and in the future of

this great community," said Phillip Jackson of Covenant Development Corporation. "You can see signs of redevelopment in all parts of Woodlawn."

The boundaries of Woodlawn are Stony Island on the east, King Drive on the west, 67th Street on the south and 60th Street on the north.

In 1893, the Columbian Exposition in Chicago stimulated the growth and development of many parts of the city including the historic Woodlawn community. "The Woodlawn Housing Exposition will continue the redeveloping of the historic community of Woodlawn" said Jackson.

For more information about Woodlawn Housing Exposition, contact Marion Coleman at 752-8604, or Phillip Jackson at 842-3527.



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"Mo' Money" Actor Starts Chicago Arts Ensemble



Photos by Robert Thornton

June Russell (lola, pictured left) and Pepper (Amanda) Rekindle their friendship and discover a physical and emotional tragedy. "Unamicable Revenge" written by Vaughn Wilson. This production by Thespians de Imani Ensemble will air on television (Channel 19) in December.

From Oakland Community to Producing Plays

By Henry L. Jones

Vaughn Wilson, a Chicago native and an actor in the movie *Mo' Money*, has founded Thespians de Imani Ensemble, a multicreative arts organization. This nonprofit group is seeking 1,000 magnificent members by February 1994, (already 300 have shown support). Wilson said, "We're looking for strong community and cultural support. Our calendar's full with new productions. We always need more writers, actors, and actresses who are serious minded and dedicated people." Northeastern Illinois University's Center for Inner City Studies serves as the ensemble's rehearsal base.

Wilson grew up in Chicago's Oaklawn community on the South Side. He is a graduate from Phillips High School and went to Northeastern Illinois University, where he received his bachelors degree in theatre. The production company developed from a series of short plays Wilson performed. These plays gave the public a taste of his creative energy as alln actor and a playwright. His supernumerary role in *Mo' Money* was a businessman negotiating a deal. Other productions by Wilson include "Love Sickness" and "One Nocturnal



Moment of Memories." "Unamicable Revenge", his new play, will tape in Chicago, on November 23, 1993, at 7:30 p.m.

Revenge portrays the traumatic effects of rape. Two friends discover they have more in common than they realize.

An African American male's perspective on rape is rarely seen. Revenge brings two worlds together to find sanity in madness. The cast of characters clash revealing how people hide their tormenting secrets. This teleplay is directed by Charlie Allen.

This performance is free, yet seating is limited. To attend "Unamicable Revenge" or become a member, call: (312)509-5173; or write to Vaughn Wilson, Founder/Producer, Thespians de Imani Ensemble, P.O. Box 64803, Chicago, IL 60664.

Five Liquor Licenses Revoked in Area by City

Under Mayor Richard M. Daley's crackdown on liquor license violations, five in the Mid-South area had their's revoked during September and October of 1993.

To date, 153 applications have been denied city-wide under the 1990 law created by Mayor Daley to give Chicago residents a greater voice in determining whether or not to grant new liquor licenses. Most of the violations were on the north and west side of Chicago.

The concern was addressed by residents at the 4th Ward town Hall meeting in October.

The City also has expanded its undercover police program - begun earlier this year - to stop sales of alcoholic beverages to minors. Known as STAMP (Stop Alcohol to Minors Program), it tested liquor-selling establishments by sending underage customers into bars, restaurants, grocery stores and other outlets to attempt the purchase of alcoholic beverages.

Minors were able to buy liquor at 153 establishments, the majority of which already have been fined, suspended or face revocation of their licenses.

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Harold Washington

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"Not only could he (Washington) speak the King's English, but he had a working knowledge of the 47th Street dialect. Oh, yes he could... He never left home."

Rev. B. Herbert Martin, Mayor Washington's pastor, Progressive Baptist Church, 48th and Wabash

One of his last appearances in the area was on September 22, 1987, for the Grand Boulevard Shopping Plaza at 55th and the Dan Ryan. On the day of his death (November 25, 1987) in the Oakwood community. Again it was for a ground breaking.

Literally, Washington did alot of groundbreaking in this community. He was born in Cook County Hospital on April 15, 1922, to Roy Lee and Bertha Washington. Roy was an attorney and minister in the area. He was also a leading precinct captain of the third ward.

Young Harold went to boarding school in Milwaukee after his parents were divorced. He returned to Chicago, and attended Felsental Forrestville Elementary schools while living at 47th and Michigan Ave. with his father.

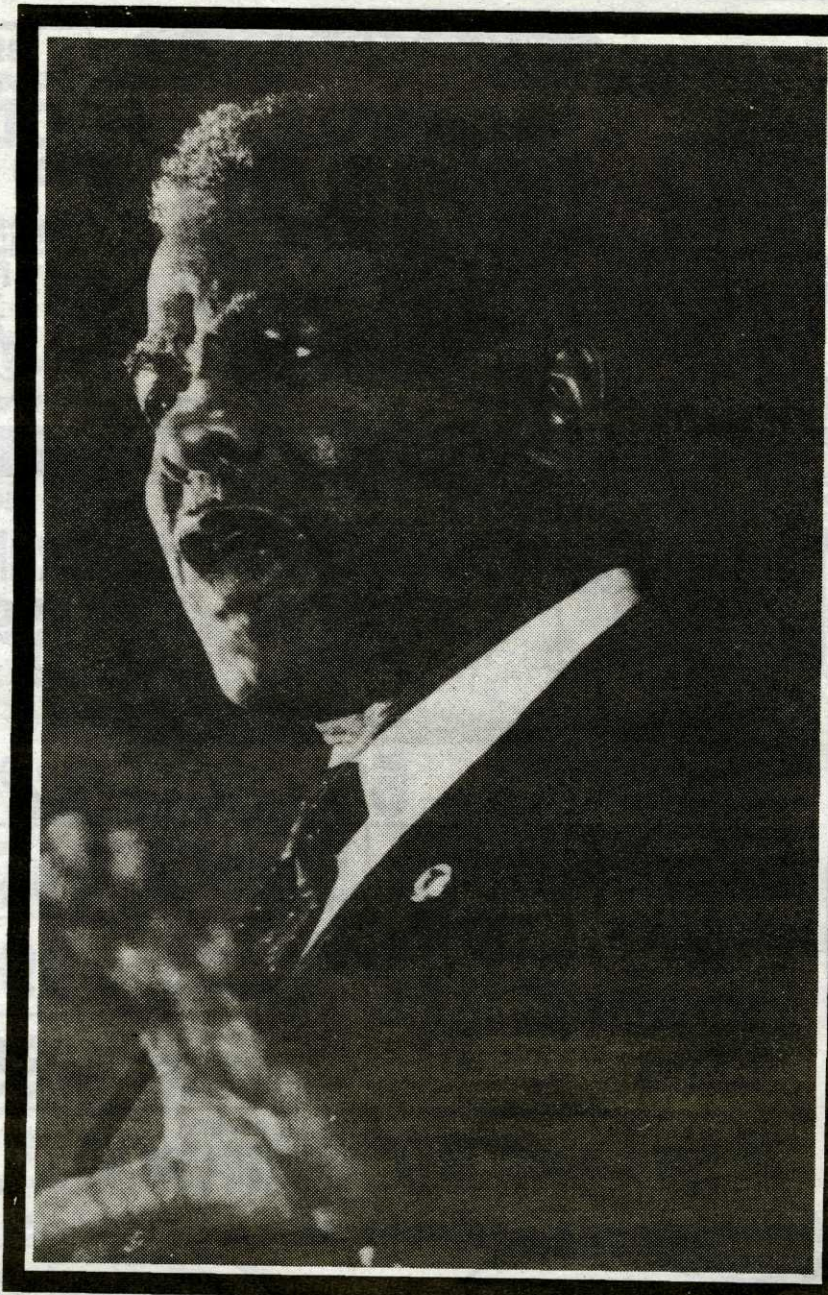
He attended DuSable High School, where he was on the school's track team, winning a city championship in the late 1930's.

Washington was known as a book-worm and a good student, studying at Cleveland Hall Branch Library at 48th and Michigan Avenue on many occasions.

Harold married Nancy Finch, his high school sweetheart in 1952. They never had children and divorced in 1961.

Like most youth he worked various odd jobs, becoming independeny early in life. As an adult, Washington was drafted in the U.S. Army and became first sergeant in an all black unit. After the service, he went to Roosevelt University, where he studied political science, and became president of the Student Council. He later attended Northwestern's law school in 1948.

After school he worked for his father's law office and became active in 3rd Ward Democratic organization. His father lost a race for alderman in 1947 and died in 1953.



Harold Washington inherited his position as precinct captain. He followed his father's path in politics and started his own, becoming asoldier of the Machine.

Washington worked closely with the late coggresman Ralph Metcalf (1st District now Congressman Bobby Rush). He began to win elections as his distinguished public career provided leadership. He served as State Representative (26th District) from 1964 to 1976, and as State Senator from 1976 to 1980. He then served as Congressman (1st District) from 1980 to 1983. All of his positions served the Greater Grand Boulevard community.

As Washington became a critic of the Democratic machine, he split from it. In 1977, he ran for mayor against Michael Bilandic and lost, but his campaign helped him gain momentum citywide.

The political power of Blacks surfaced more during the election of Jane Byrne in 1979. Many Black political leaders realized the potential power and began planning for a Black to win as mayor of Chicago.

When Byrne offended Blacks by replacing Blacks with whites of the Chicago School Board and Chicago Housing Authority Board, the people protested, "Enough is enough!" The leaders knew then it was time.

Washington was drafted to run as Mayor at Bethel A.M.E. church on 45th and Michigan. Led by Lu Palmer and the Chicago Black United Communities(CBUL), located on East 37th Street, as well as other organizations inthe area, such as the Chicago United Front, the movement for Chicago's first Black mayor was on full speed.

The Voters Registration campaign was headquartered on 47th and King Drive in the Fuller Building. The neighborhood political organization was based at the Charles Hayes Center on 48th and Wabash.

Washington lead an outstanding campaign, which attracted worldwide press attention. He defeated Byrne and then State's attorney Richard Daley, and finally Bernard Epton, to become the first Black Mayor of Chicago.

During his five years of office, he surpassed the title of Black mayor, and became the Mayor of Chicago.

In spite of repeated confrontations with the alderman who opposed Mayor Washington, he was able to make improvements in the city which could be seen and felt across racial and class lines.

In the Grand Boulevard community, ill-repaired streets and sidewalks were being constructed. Social services were delivered as a new direction of the city was unfolding. As a reformer, his political agenda pulled a city coalition together.

Mature campaign support from then Alderman Bobby Rush (2), Dorothy Tillman (3), and Timothy Evans (4), along with other supportive city alderman, helped keep Washington's agenda soaring forward.

Washington was praised and deeply respected in the city. He maintained his popularity as a people's mayor. ("He changed the course of Chicago and its politics, opening the door for whomever it was right and just".)

His death touched Chicago like the death of Martin Luther King Jr. He was a product of the Grand Boulevard Community, a symbol long overdue for Chicago, but came in just the right time, and ended untimely for Black Chicago.

Grand Boulevard has been known to be one of the most poorest and most neglected neighborhoods in Chicago, but Mayor Washington has shown that it produced the best Chicago ever had.



Hooke

Lottery: a distribution of , or scheme prizes to people, as determined by chance where such chances are allotted by sale merit, but by drawing lots): disposition of any

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to reach the America dream.

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I Hate

By Ken Newton

Thanksgiving - I hate it! Gobble-gobble.

The whole nightmare started with the arrival of those darn Pilgrims in 1622! From there turkey life was all downhill-to the chopping block.

My family of feathers had grown, and it looked like there would be no stopping us. But then, the Pilgrims decided they'd give thanks to their God of Mercy for making it through the first cold hell in a new land. This began the slow demise of my plucked family. My name by the way for those of you who don't know me, is Thomas Terrance Turkey. Gobble-gobble.

I have scratched into it. I know how this anti-turkey holiday came about. Thanksgiving is an extremely vicious push for mass turkey genocide. It makes my feathers ruffle.

Every year in November, your uncivilized nation sets aside one day for Thanksgiving.

At first, I thought my relatives were a little accident prone. Maybe they tripped and broke their necks? But one day I was flapping across the yard, and I saw my turkey-mother-in-law on the block. In a flash, an axe came down. Feathers flew, and the curtain closed on the last gobble of her life. They stripped her naked, stuffed her with dressing and, yes, ate her. Did you know the father of your country fought to extinguish the life of my kind?

Editorial

Ed on the Lottery,

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advertising message. Mass exposure daily the Lottery has. Second only to Christmas advertising and promotions. No it's more than that.

The same grocery store owner stated that if he wanted to support the boycott he would get static from the lottery officials. Stating that agents are required to sell every day or have their machines taken away.

Upon starting *South Street Journal*, with no money for the first issue, the only way was to win the lottery to get it published. For two weeks, hooked, hoping, and praying that one of those tickets will win and the money for publication will be there. Just many people play in hopes to escape poverty.

So, the State of Illinois is gambling that its citizens will always be hooked with the good will to support education by playing the Lottery. Surely that was somewhere in my mind when playing. Now here comes the river boat casinos.

In gambling nothing is guaranteed. Only profit for the one who owns the game. The lottery is a failure for it's original purpose, until a massive boycott is in place. The economic impact of playing the lottery in this community leaves us only with the burdens of dreaming and hoping that "This could be my lucky day". The state is profiting off of hooked gamblers, affecting the average low income family.

Let's turn it around. Before going to play the lottery, think how those dollars can support you and your family in other small ways, if nothing but opening up a child's college fund account. There you know its going for your child's education. Closely scrutinize each dollar. Let's not be too fast to embrace the American dream on the lottery. Unless we know that it will support the education of the children. If we must play, how about "policy". But that's against the law. If not that recreate an investment fund based on the lottery concept that will truly go to the people who play or take part of it. Because surely, the Boycott of October 6, did not stop no hooked people in the Mid South communities from becoming a millionaire.



AIDS in the HOOD

By Henry L. Jones



Are you HIV positive?" a health care worker asks when you visit a doctor. AIDS. Remember the headlines? There were promises of treatments and cures. Everyone had an opinion on AIDS. Some believed God's wrath, a green monkey or a mad scientist brought AIDS into the world. The epidemic was here. How far along are we regarding AIDS?

AIDS stands for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. You might here people talk about the virus or HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus). HIV is an organism, a "bug" which causes AIDS. This "bug" destroys your body's defense against diseases.

The flu might keep you in bed for a week or two. Afterwards you can return to work feeling great. Your body's immune system, an army which protects you, helped you to recover. For an HIV+ person who has a weak immune system, the flu is deadly.

You've probably heard of people who became "positive." How? Having sex with an infected person, sharing needles during drug use, delivering a child by an HIV+ mother, or receiving a transfusion with infected donated blood are ways to get the virus. These are the known ways. Some of us are still afraid to touch people, doorknobs or toilets seats. Fear and ignorance seem to spread faster than the virus or AIDS education programs.

Along with the other issues in the African American community, such as racism, poverty, unemployment, housing, infant mortality, etc., etc., etc...now you can add AIDS. African Americans outnumber European Americans in cases of AIDS. When you hear of the AIDS epidemic killing thousands of people, most of them are homosexuals and then Blacks. As of 1992, the Health Department's "AIDS Chicago" (third quarter, 1993) newsletter reported males are six times more likely to be infected than females in Chicago. For every ten men you meet it's possible six may be HIV+.

How does this relate to the African community? There is a large gap between the number of cases if AIDS between Black males and White males (60% to 10% for heterosexual males). For homosexual males they're closer: 60% (Black) and 86% (White). If you look at Black females compared to white females the percentages are near, with 30 to 23 respectively. No statistics were reported for homosexual females (the highest cases are still among White homosexual males).

Geographically, reported and diagnosed cases are highest in Grand Boulevard, Woodlawn, Douglas, and Washington Park for Chicago's South Side Black communities. The range was from 72 to 104 total known cases. In comparison, some North Side areas

Chicago's South Side Black communities. The range was from 72 to 104 total known cases. In comparison, some North Side areas reported as many as 1,059 cases in the Lake View community.

When you drive through the South Side of Chicago, you're overwhelmed with billboards for alcohol, cigarettes, hair care products and sneakers. Where are the AIDS awareness promotional ads?

Vance Steven, AIDS counselor and Case Manager of Daniel Hale Williams Health Center on 51st and State Street views AIDS awareness campaigns needs to be more in line with the community as well as an increase in it.

"Pamphlet which are culturally sensitive are needed," said Steven, "Also pamphlets which just say have safe sex are not effective. The type of effective presentation for HIV education is needed for STD (Sexual Transmitted Diseases) as well.

The Kupon Network on 46th and Ellis is the primary source for AIDS education and support services in the African American community. Kupon's financially struggling but thriving. Danny Green, a volunteer at the network, said: "It's difficult to get African Americans to come to Kupon to see (the support and services) available."

If you look in AIDS support directories, you'll find more facilities on the North Side than the South Side of Chicago. Is this surprising? The North Side is where you'll see many AIDS education, AIDS awareness, safe sex, safer sex, no sex, no needles, no drugs and other AIDS campaigns on billboards. This may explain the large number of "reported" cases of AIDS in the White communities. When, in fact, the Black communities are more effected by the impact of AIDS. Are we to believe that most Whites are homosexuals?

When you hear about this inequality, you might wonder: "Who controls the money in the Black community and decides how much money will be spent for promotion and education?" For the South Side, where are the city, state and federal campaigns?

These questions should be addressed and answered. Let's take a wild shot. If you increase ads about AIDS in the Black community, more African Americans will become informed. Sexual behavior will change. Survival rates will increase. People will obtain more support and resources. Do you think it'll work? More ads? Ask an advertisement firm or successful business person if it pays to advertise.

The next issue of *South Street Journal* will continue "AIDS in the Hood" covering resources available for Blacks.

Thanksgiving

Yes, George Washington issued a proclamation: a day of Thanksgiving in November, 1789.

Abraham Lincoln, another distinguished person in your violent history, declared in 1863, that Thursday of November, be set aside as the day of thanks. I have but one thing to say, "Abe, you may have freed the

heard her sweet gobble of my mother's cluck. Indeed, there is a conspiracy against us native Americans, and I don't like it. Gobble gobble.

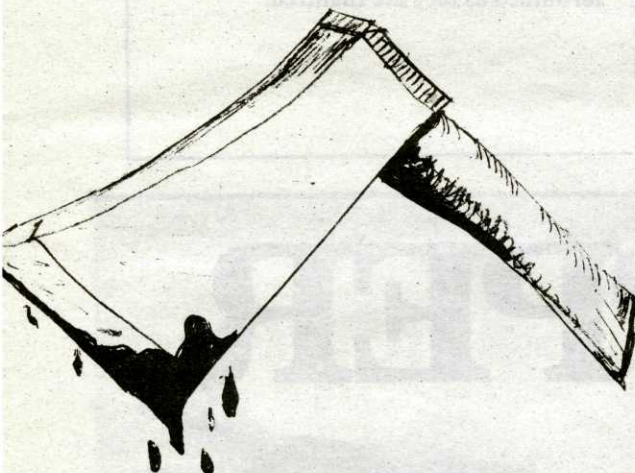
I've never done anything to you people that would make you promote such a bloody day. Mrs. Sarah Josepha Hale, the editor of Godey's Lady's Book, for example worked for 30 years to promote a national Thanksgiving Day. Such hatred!

Take a moment. Think about your greedy family sitting around the table and slicing turkey meat, eating celery, mashing potatoes, laughing and opening cans of whole cranberries. Yes, everyone is having a grand time, but I have one question: who's having fun? Certainly not me and my fellow turkeys.

Every year, families call on one another: "Happy Thanksgiving, Aunt Martha! Happy Thanksgiving, Uncle Ed."

But what about turkeys? We have families, too. Every year my relatives are invited to your Thanksgiving dinners, not as guests. How would you feel?

My name is Thomas Terrance Turkey, and I hate Thanksgiving. Gobble gobble Gobble Gob.



slaves, but you didn't do a darn thing to help us turkeys."

I further discovered that Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1939 proclaimed Thanksgiving Day be celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November to give businesses additional shopping time between Thanksgiving and Christmas. It was great for capitalism, but it was no "New Deal" for my family.

Three years ago, I hate to think about it - I lost my mother, Mable Turkey, around Thanksgiving time. Come to think of it, a week before Thanksgiving was the last time I

1992 Diagnosed, and total Living AIDS Cases in Mid-South Community Area Chicago, Data as of 9/30/93

Community	Total	1992	Alive
33 Near South Side	18	2	10
34 Armour Square	10	0	6
35 Douglas	82	23	33
36 Oakland	18	4	7
37 Fuller Park	12	2	2
38 Grand Blvd.	104	22	35
39 Kenwood	60	11	14
40 Washington Pk.	72	14	24
42 Woodlawn	92	21	21

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Revitalizing Chicago's South Side" theme of CRA initiatives for Omnibanc in Chicago

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Almar foods on 47th and Cottage Grove has new owner. The purchase of Almar was about two weeks ago. Information is that the past owners, Albert Barns and Bennett Marshall (ALMAR) sold the business because low sales over a long course of time. The sell out took other black grocery store owners by surprise, not giving them the opportunity to consider purchasing the store. Another problem Almar was having was stealing, based on they caught someone stealing every-day.....

Karen Boseman Gross: Director of Social Services and Adult Education for the Kenwood Oakland Community Organization (KOCO), said that KOCO wants to facilitate the development of projects that will help develop community projects on 47th Street and 63rd Street which is desperately in need of more neighborhood businesses.....

The Abraham Lincoln Center, on 39th and Cottage will be expanding its operations beyond youth services, to address Community Economic development projects....

Walgreens on 63rd and King Drive is working rapidly on its new location across the street. Opening date is expected around January 8, 1994.....

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Boseman-Gross

William T. Johnson, chairman of Detroit-based OmniBanc Corporation, a Michigan bank holding company, will meet again with community organizations to outline his preliminary community reinvestment strategies and to discuss specific community needs. The meeting for November 22nd at Kennedy King College will be hosted by Mark Allen of the Black Leadership Development Institute and State Treasurer Patrick Quinn.

Johnson last meet at Chicago Black United Communities (CBUC) office on 37th Street on November 2 and 13th.

This comes at a time when Johnson has a pending agreement to purchase Indecorp, Inc., the two bank holding company for Chicago's largest minority-owned financial institutions - Drexel National Bank (\$128 million in assets and Independence Bank of Chicago (138 million in assets). He is scheduled to file his formal application with the Federal Reserve Bank later this month.

According to Johnson, "A critical component of both the Federal application and OmniBanc's presence in Chicago is our involvement with and commitment to the communities served by Independence and Drexel". Johnson continue to say, "Therefore, I want to make certain that I have made myself available to all the appropriate voices, fully assessed community needs and have considered all avenues before formalizing any of my CRA programs. It is critical that the leaders of this community play an integral role in the formation of any initiatives that will serve to revitalize these neighborhoods as it will require all of us working together to make revitalization a reality. By discussing my CRA ideas now, prior to Fed approval, I am able to ensure that my strategies reflect the input of those who live and work in the areas affected."

The November 22nd public meeting is part of an ongoing assessment pro-



(Left to Right) William T. Johnson Chairman, OmniBanc Corporation and Black Leadership Development Institute, President Mark Allen and Eddie Reed of Chicago Black United Communities (CBUC), discuss community issues with local community leaders held Nov. 2. at CBUC office. Johnson, who has a pending agreement to purchase Indecorp, Inc., holding company for Independence Bank of Chicago and Drexel National Bank.

cess undertaken by Johnson since beginning the acquisition process in July. To help facilitate this community outreach initiative on October 25th signed a partnership with Allen to more effectively monitor community needs. Allen accepted the charge of facilitating dialogue and encouraging community discussion when Johnson is unavailable.

"Bill Johnson and I, since August, have been discussing the idea of my involvement in his community outreach activities. I wanted to wait to see the specifics of his plan before I made the decision to get involved," stated Allen. "Now, I have seen his initiatives and firmly believe that he is working in the best interest of the South Side community and I am thoroughly convinced that he will follow through on his intentions. It is my privilege to work closely with him, ensuring that he is able to hear from all the leaders of the community while formalizing this important revitalization program."

Patrick Quinn, State Treasurer, told *South Street Journal* that both banks are below the ration in loaning funds to the community where they are headquartered at. Quinn stated "Drexel and Independence is below 50 cents to the dollar and the norm is 74 cents to the dollar. They both need improvement and the OmniBanc Corporation is an opportunity for the two to define their lending status in the community. There are more currency exchanges in the area and there should be an alternative to them."

After Johnson discussed his preliminary community reinvestment initiatives with several area community groups and business leaders, Johnson will formalize his plan and field questions from those in attendance at the November 22 meeting. Specifics of this town meeting will be forwarded as they are finalized.

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Mid-South Planning Commission, Six Initiatives for Neighborhood

The Mid-South Planning and Development Commission composed of area residents, block clubs, community-based organizations institutions and businesses is a volunteer organization committed to improving, enhancing and maintaining the cultural heritage of the predominantly African-American population that lives and works in the Mid-South area.

The Mid-South area which includes Douglas Park, Grand Boulevard, Washington Park, and portions of the Oakland community, is a community of change. It is a community that is home to the luxurious mansions on King Drive, the new White Sox Park, Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), as well as the housing developments of Stateway Gardens, Robert Taylor and Ida B. Wells.

The area is traditional characterized by poverty, crime, ill-health, crowed and poor housing conditions, with an abundance of vacant housing. However, despite all odds, the Mid-South planning and Development Commission has initiated a planning process that would once again turn the area into the beacon of economic and cultural vitality.

Three years ago a comprehensive economic development initiative funded by the McCormick Tribune

Trust Foundation and involving partnerships with IIT and the Chicago Department of planning and Development was developed to enhance the area. It was then that the Mid-South Planning Group was formed, which later became the MSPDC, under the guidance and direction of the committee's leadership the community identified six initiatives that would strengthen the neighborhood.

1. Develop Mid-South residential component through new construction and rehabilitation;
2. Promote the generation and distribution of money circulation within the community through the creation of jobs, business investments and entrepreneurship programs;
3. Improve public transportation access for the community for jobs, education, training and recreation;
4. Enhance and improve usage of parks, recreation facilities and open spaces;
5. Maximize the opportunities for Mid-South residents to attain greater education and independence::
6. Ensure that all Mid-South residents have access to quality affordable and comprehensive health care.

The partnerships with Drexel national Bank, IIT, Southside Partnership and others have helped the area develop and

implement a strong economic revitalization plan. The most recent and significant accomplishment has been the completion of the "Black Metropolis" plan; a comprehensive study for the area bounded by 31st and 43rd Streets,m and the Dan Ryan Express to Cottage Grove. The Black Metropolis is a phrase used to describe the era of economic and cultural growth for African-Americans in Chicago during the 1930's This plan promotes income-generating opportunities, tourism and cultural identify.

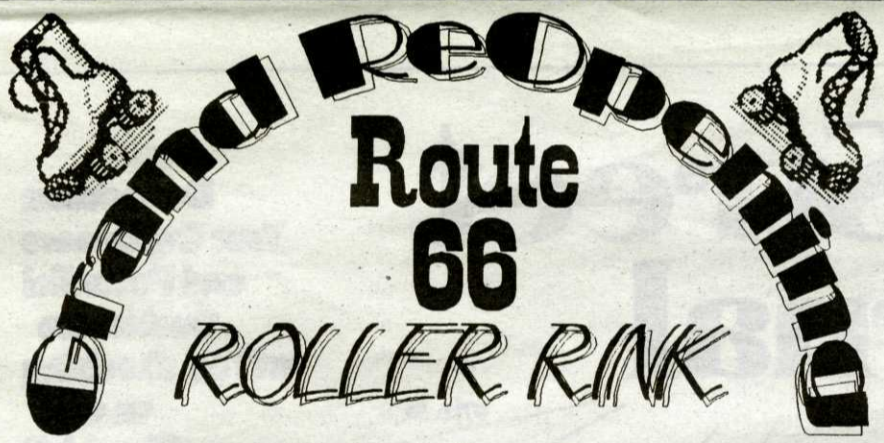
Mid-South has secured a \$125,000 appropriation from the State legislature to help fund the initial stages of the project. Several buildings in this plan will undergo \$2.5 million of renovation. The Bee Building, located at 3647 S. State will be used as a branch of the Chicago Public Library as well as a state-of -the art Adult literacy center and historical for the Black Metropolis" memorabilia.

The group is seeking more help in its development. It meet weekly on Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. at the King Center, 4314 S. Cottage Grove.

HISTORY, THIS DAY ON:

November

- 16, 1964- Dwight E. Gooden famous pitcher for the N.Y. Jets was born. In 1984 he became youngest pitcher to ever win Rookie-of-the-year honors. In 1985 became youngest pitcher ever to win the Cy Young Award.
- 18, 1958 - Robert N. C. Nix was elected Congressman from Pa.
- 19, 1863 - President Abraham Lincoln delivered his famous Gettysburg Address in Pennsylvania.
- 20, 1893 - Bishop Payne, founder of Wilerforce University, died.
- 21, 1966 - Bill Russell, basketball player, became first Black to coach a professional sports team on this day.
- 23, 1961 - Frank Robinson, voted "Most Valuable Player of the Year." (Baseball)
- 24, 1962 - President Kennedy issued Executive Order barring racial discrimination in all Federally assisted housing.
- 25, 1987 - Harold Washington was elected as Chicago's 1st. Black Mayor in April 1983; and was re-elected to a 2nd term in April, 1987. He died on this day.
- 26, 1883 - Sojourner Truth, great freedom fighter, died on this day.
- 27, 1982 - Simeon S. Booker, Washington bureau chief for the Johnson Pub. Co., was presented the National Press Club's 1982 Fourth Estate Award.
- 28, 1965 - Congressman Johnson Conyers, Jr. of Detroit was named 1st Black to serve on the House Judiciary Committee.
- 29, Richard Wright, famous writer and author of "Native Son" died in Paris, France 1960.
- 30, 1956 - Floyd Patterson won heavy weight title.



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INTERVIEW



Rev. Deborah Jones

Affectionately Known by some of her close friends and co-worker at the Mae West of 39th Street. Rev Deborah Jones, is a shining example of what grassroots leadership can accomplish when they have a sincere desire to serve as a positive role model for neighborhood youth.

Operating from St. Elizabeth's Church at 4100 S. Wabash, Rev. Jones, Andrea Henley and Tamsey Malone conduct youth development activities for approximately 125 disadvantage youth between

16 and 21 years of age. Serving the Robert Taylor Homes, State Way, Hartigan, Raymond and Crispus Attucks Elementary School and Phillips High School.

Still living in Grand Boulevard where she was raised, in a mansion at 3545 S Michigan Ave, Rev Jones is the youngest of seven children belonging to Harry (late) and Marella Jones.

She attended Raymond and Douglas Elementary schools, and Graduated from Phillips High School in 1979. She has

taken college courses in social work at the University of Kansas and graduated from Loyola and the Theological.

Beyond her physical beauty and spiritedly appearance, Rev Jones is identified by the next generation as a person who exhibits concern for youth and knows how hard it is everyday for young people to survive out on the streets of Chicago.

How did you get started?

It was Harold Washington that got me started with a contract to work with youth in 1984, Frederick Smith was the Executive Director. Being with St. Elizabeth I saw a need for kid to be involve in the church and work with neighborhood kids with high risk in 1985.

How do you view the community?

As this being a poor community where people are disenfranchise, unless the community come to together we will continue to be parted with problems of social ills.

What solutions do you see need to happen?

We need to target the problem during its early stages. Take the young men and provide them with jobs and educational training skills, Unless, we provide the resources and offer them alternatives to crime then it will not stop. We do not created the the drugs, this came out of the Al Copone days. Young people must realize how they are being used by the system to support their habit of making money off of them and not going to jail.

What do your friends say about you?

My friends say I am a hard working, I am a grassroot leader.

Do you have a Family?

I have a girl and boy, 53 God kids, that all love me., All of which was Baptized by my leadership.

What are your goals?

To take the people out of CHA, into better housing and live conditions with the subsiding of the government over seas surly that can come up with alternative housing here in the States.

Who did you get into the Ministry?

I felted that in order for me help, I must position my self in a way to avoid any wrong doing. Put myself with the people. I have been a minister for four years. I am a lay minister at St. Elizabeth.

What is your major Accomplishment?

My 4,000 youth that came through this program. Three thousand has graduate. I was there with them. I so hope and they were able to complete there goal..

Personal Heros?

I would say was Harold Washington because he brought on a change, he bought on a message for us.

Most humble experience?

I had two of my Kids, and involve and commented to the program. They was tried up in gangs and was gun down, If that was a moment in my life that really hurt, If they had male models it probably would not have happen.

What is one most important thing you have learned in life?

To love and have love for humanity and that it is a God.

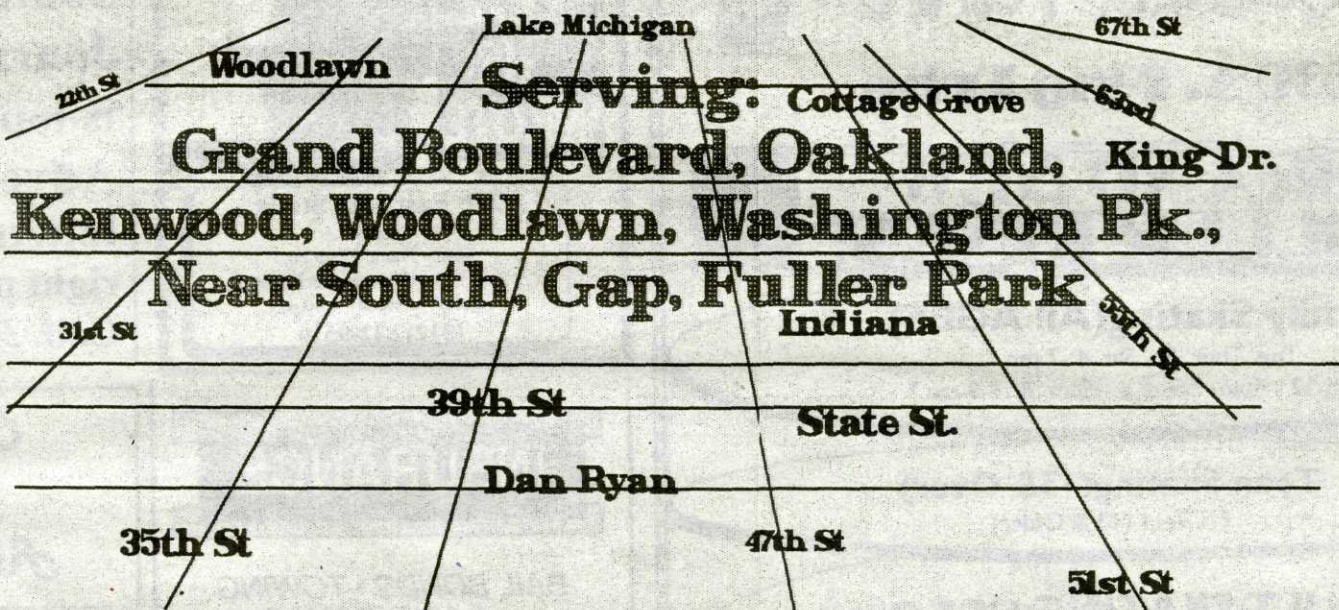
What is it you would like to add?

Due to the state about Cardinal Bernadine. Why is it that politics try to attack the Roman Catholic Church, It is political. I am sadden that the Cardinal is under such. That the church is very sadden by this as well.

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21st Century V.O.T.E., A New Voting Block

staff members got tired of seeing the youth being destroyed in the streets through the current "phony" political system, describe Harris.

"As a young person I began to take it personally " said Harris " We decided that 21st Century VOTE is the only way to bring about true change, especially for our black youth, through a political system where our voices can be heard."

Harris outlined the grassroots organization primary focus is to redirect young people towards positive change. The overall mission is to get the young people involved, and to clean up the community with programs, including food programs, voter education, voter participation, and voter registration.

Since its inception, well over 8,000 people have been organized with the active leadership of the organization, marching in the Chicago Loop on the education crisis.

They have been successful in electing their own and endorsed candidates to the Local School Councils.

Washington said "We anticipate on supporting and electing candidates in the March 1994 election for county and local representation for the Illinois General Assembly". He continued to they are also going to address the

county and state offices.

Other issues 21st Century VOTE anticipate on getting involved in economic parity. Which include the construction industry, governmental contracts, and small and corporate businesses.

"We intend to really move in this area." said Washington. "In addition, you have Koreans and Arabs in our community taking our money, but some of the money could return to African American communities which is not happening."

One of the organization's most recent accomplishments was preventing Mayor Daley from closing down health clinics in African American communities. One of which was at 35th and Michigan and 47th and State Street.

African American clinics are badly needed for health care in our community." Said Washington. "We got involved due to it was only the right thing to do."

Washington continued by saying that their organizations main focus is to take care of home (Chicago) first. He said this organization is getting overall community support simply because they are making moves toward what the community wants, by inclusion of the community.

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Strive employment service provides job training, placement and counseling services to people who have not succeeded in the work place. Their training program is three weeks, offering

courses to prepare people to get hired. Strive is located at 2641 S. Calumet and can be reached at 842-2800.

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Inner City Youth Calls for Jobs

there is little evidence to suggest that the hiring of minorities in occupational categories where they are under-represented has increased.

Inner City Youth have maintained a list of contractor not in compliance with hiring minority subcontractors and unskilled workers. They are; Shelco Stell products ;Pearce Structures MTH Industries;Spancrete;Schindler Elevators; Harmon Contract Glazing; Illni Hardware; Ken-Lee Hardware;Precision Metals, Inc.;Millgard Corp.; and Area Erector

The Authority says it is meeting its 25% minority set-a-side. However, Perkins says "What we see on the sites where the work is being done, we are lucky to see 5% minority workers."

Action by Inner City to close down the sites were not available at South Street Journal dead line. However the Inner City Youth, is requesting workers and contractors to contact their office and the list above for update information .

Inner City Youth is located at 4500 S. Michigan Ave. For information call Rev. Joe Bell:536-8146

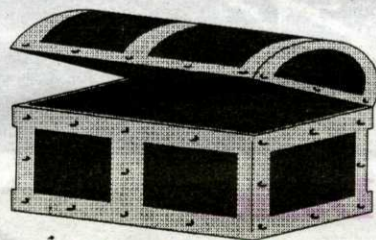
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