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Power to the People? Commonwealth Edison says Yes, Activists says No.

In August, over 200 residents of the Washington Park community and members of the United in Peace organization marched in protest to Commonwealth Edison's proposal to construct powerlines between 54th and Federal and 61st and Lafayette. During the protest march from (the location of an Edison substation) it drew over 200 additional participants. The rallying cry seemed to have fallen upon deaf ears at the offices of Commonwealth Edison.

"It seems that they can't seem to listen to our community" stated Cecilia Butler, President of Washington Park Community Coalition (WPCC).

For when one takes a look at the once empty power towers, the lines have been drawn. Powerlines can be seen draping the air, and while the members of the WPCC continue to create methods in alerting their community of reported dangers of the powerlines,

Commonwealth Edison has taken on the task of saving face in a major public relations blitz.

In a recent Chicago Sun-Times article,

staff writer John Ritter reported that "Citizen groups have forced Edison to cancel or postpone several new transmission lines, so the company has decided to change its tactics." Ritter went on to report that an Edison tradition was to select the route for the transmission lines first, and deal with the "locals" later. And according to John Costello, Edison public affairs manager, "From now on the company will ask the residents advice first." However, Butler believe that "It is too late for this community, and that this community never got a fair opportunity."

Commonwealth Edison's approach to dealing with the "locals" first may appear to have stemmed from residents' fears of electric and magnetic fields (EMF). These fears have not only been expressed by the WPCC, but Better Electric Safety Today--a network of eleven area EMF groups -- have consistently attacked Edison regarding reports that the degree of exposure of the EMF's could cause cancer and other illness.

One such study conducted at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden concluded that the threat of cancer was not as serious for adults who lived within 300m (328 yd) of a high-tension

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The drive to rename Lake Shore Drive, DuSable Drive is still alive. (From left to right) Alderman John Steele (6) Alderman Lorraine Dixon (8), Dr. Margaret Burroughs, Alderman Toni Preckwinkle (4), Alderman Allen Streeter and other officials held a press conference announcing a petition drive and campaign to honor Jean Point DuSable the City's first non-native settler by renaming Lake Shore Drive in his honor. The committee has started the city wide campaign reaching out to organizations, schools, churches and institutions in support of the renaming. The issue will be presented again to the city council next year. Persons wanting petitions to circulate, or want to get involved may call Greg Hall at the 2nd Ward 225-3444 or Al Kindle at the 4th Ward 536-8103. Speakers are also available for meetings.

Power to the 'El' to Stop, January 9, 1994

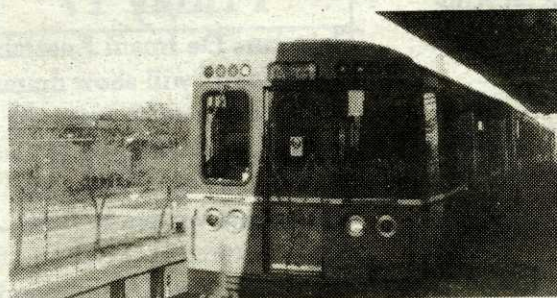
After pressure from local businesses along the Englewood/Jackson Park train lines the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) delayed its plans to close the 'El' before Christmas. Instead decided to make the close on January 9, 1994, regardless of residents and organizations demands not to close the stations.

However, at a public hearing last week on the 'El' closing only 20 to 30 people attended.

Community activists Dorothy Olivier states that she knows the line is in need of repair but the closing of them all together is going too far. She has been fighting to keep the stations open during repair.

CTA has reported that the cost is about \$300 million to repair the EL. CTA states that if it stayed open during repair, the cost could be as high as \$900 million and longer than two years oppose to closing it.

Reconstruction of the Green Line (Lake-Englewood-Jackson-Jackson Park rapid



ssj Photo: Robert Thorton

transit lines) will require a temporary service shutdown for up to two years citizens were told at the meeting. Bus service replacement of the Green line and improved access to other rapid transit lines are proposed strategies for maintaining service to the communities affected during the shutdown period.

Community hearings have been on going throughout the city, expressing concerns of the closing.

Arenda Troutman (20th Ward) said in a community meeting in November at King

Center on 43rd and Cottage Grove said, "We want to monitor the behavior of the CTA. The next thing is keeping this construction with the frame of a two year period." she stressed that, "We are defiantly concerned about our mode of transportation when this project goes underway."

Other concerns were raised on how many community and minority people will be hired to do the work.

Proposed Green Line replacement bus

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LIFE IN THE ZIFF ZONE

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WORD ON THE STREET...

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONALIST COMMUNITY WOULD LIKE TO SEE

ROBERT X AND WVON HOST DR. CONRAD WORRILL COOL DOWN A BIT ON THEIR HEATED DEBATE.

CHA CHAIRMAN VINCENT LANE, IF HE CONTINUES HIS CHA POLICY AND DISRESPECT TOWARD RESIDENTS, MIDDLE CLASS BLACKS COULD COME OUT IN BIG NUMBERS AGAINST THE MAYOR.

MEMBERS OF THE MID-SOUTH PLANNING COMMITTEE ARE DISPLEASE WITH CENTER FOR NEW HORIZONS ANGELO ROSE WANTING MID-SOUTH TO JOIN WITH BOB LUCUS' KENWOOD OAKLAND COMMITTEE (KOCO). EXPECT A FLOOR FIGHT WHEN VOTING FOR THE CHAIRMANSHIP, IN 1994.

LOOK FOR HARRIS BANK TO LOCATE ON 47TH ST. IN THE SPRING OF 1994

SUPERSTAR DIANA ROSS IS PLANNING A SPRING DATE FOR THE BIG CITY.

COMMUNITY ACTIVIST CECILIA BULTER OF THE FAMOUS 20TH WARD IS BEING PUSHED BY A BIG NAME RADIO TALK SHOW HOST TO RUN FOR 20TH WARD ALDERMAN. VERY DOUBTFUL, CECILIA'S VERY BUSY TRYING TO SAVE THE CTA GREEN LINE AND STOP THE PARK DISTRICT FROM FIRING WASHINGTON PARK WORKERS.

"GENTALMAN" AL HOFELD IS TOUCHING ALL BASES IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY AND WORD ON THE STREET IS HOFELD WILL DO WELL IN THE HOOD!

WHOSE WORKING FOR WHOM: AL KENDAL IS IN THE 4TH WARD ALDERMAN CAMP, MARK ALLEN IS WORKING FOR CHICAGO REHAB NETWORK, JOANN ROBINSON IS IN AL HOFELD CAMP

SEE YOU IN THE ZONE, LATER

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Power to 'El' to Stop

services were designed to replicate the existing rapid transit service. Also, bus routes that now serve Green Line stations were realigned to serve other rapid transit line stations where possible reported by CTA.

Comparison with existing rapid transit service, CTA reports that the proposed replacement bus route will add an additional 10 minutes to riding time.

Dear Community:

Though a long, uphill scuffle, South Street Journal is proud to present our readers of the Mid-South Community, the first issues of a bimonthly publications. Yet, we apologize in the delay of this issue to the advertisers and well as the readers. And, as we grow improvements will be made that will address your concerns with the mistakes.

We pledge to research and investigate topics of interest and report back to the community on pertinent facts. Our plan is to provide this service in a timely and sound manner.

If there is a concern regarding the paper or the community, this will be an open forum to the citizens, political leaders, community workers, businesses, and organizations to express yourself and opinions. It is our intention to provide articles that commend for a job well done, blow the whistle on corrupt practices, and incite our community into action to take control of our own lives. South Street Journal is to be an organizing tool for the community.

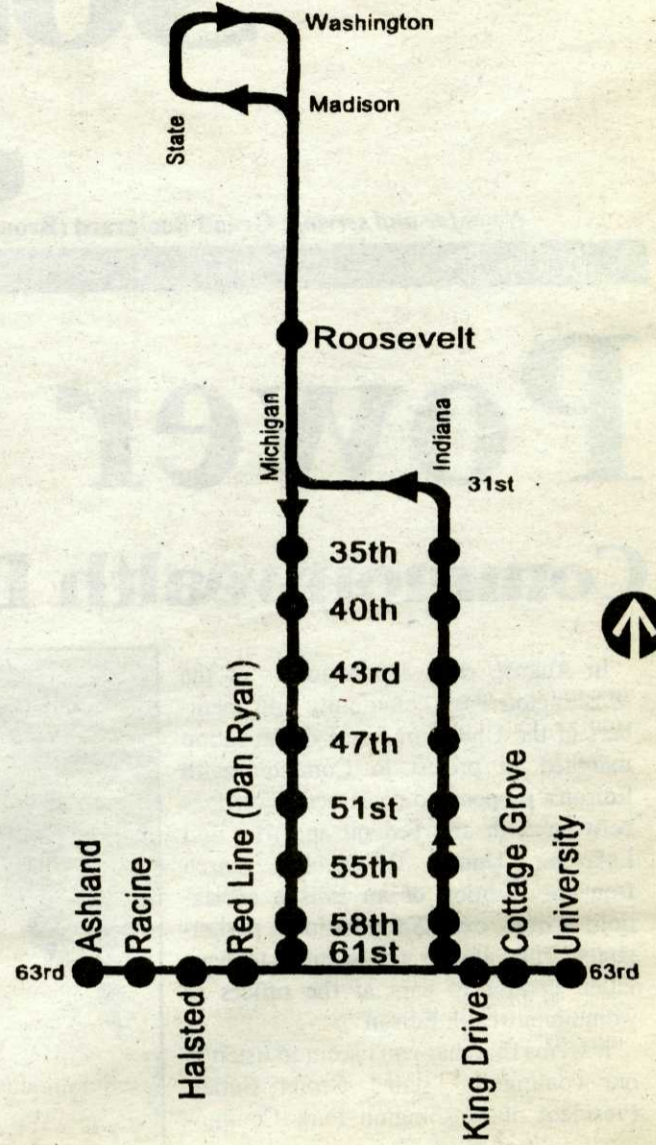
Even though our circulation area will target the areas on page ten (outside of Hyde Park), we welcome information pertaining to the African American community as a whole. It is our belief that only as a whole community with information and communication can we address our destiny while supporting each other in ventures designed to uplift all.

Yours sincerely,

Ronald L. Carter
Publisher

#38 Michigan Express

Express Stops (local stops in downtown)



South Street

Photo VIEW

How do you feel about the "Le" being closed down?

Photo: Robert Thornton



The CTA has no business closing the 'Le', due to the rate increases it just had. No consideration is given to the people on how this will effect them. No matter how much they say it's needed. My understanding they had the money since 1972 to fix the 'Le'.
Laureid Smith, former 49th & State



It is? When? Well that's just terrible. I use the 'Le' to go to the PUSH meeting on Saturday and to church on Sunday on 55th & Indiana. I don't know what I'm going to do. That's going to take me at least 45 minutes out my way.
Gail Hudson, North Side

December



Calendar of Events

Wednesday 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. Tickets \$25, Contact Cheryl Anderson.

Wednesday 15

CTA Green Line Task Force Meeting on what the community would like to see happen on the closing of the Le. Meeting will be held at Kennedy King College 69th

& Wentworth, 6:30 p.m.

Friday 17

Thespians De Imani Ensemble, "Video Feast" will show dramatic and documentary videos by established and emerging producers from Chicago. Also, a live performance written by Billy Lot will be featured at the Center for Inner City Studies (Auditorium) 8-10pm. Admission \$5.00 at the door.

Saturday 11

Open Meeting with Alderman and Committeeman Arenda Troutman Sherwood Park Field House, 5701 South Shields 11am

Saturday 18

Open meeting with Alderman and

Committeeman Arenda Troutman Antioch Baptist Church 415 W. Englewood (62nd and Steward) 10:00am

Thursday 30

Englewood High School Reunion, Class of '68. "25th Silver Anniversary Reunion Dinner". 6:30 - 11:30 p.m. At Christ Universal Temple Annex, 11909 S. Loomis. Contact Nadine Nolen 5335-3600, ext.169 or Sheila Hamilton, 842-7631.

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.

Why Wentworth Works

By Henry L. Jones

Do you enjoy watching TV? There's violence on the news, talk shows, soap operas, movies. Regardless what channel or time of day, you can tune in for some good old fashion violence. Wentworth Gardens, a Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) residence, is a place that is rarely mentioned in the media.

If you stand at the corner of 39th Street and Wentworth, you can see most of Wentworth's complexes and the management office. Wentworth is located between 37th - 39th and Princeton along the Dan Ryan. Things seem quiet.

East of Wentworth a series of blocks are lined with CHA high-rises on State Street. As low-rise complexes which can accommodate 422 families (roughly enough space for 1500 people). Wentworth was build in 1947. Recently, new termowidows were installed, and garden, a gift from the city, was added to beautify the area. Clean and manicured yards surround the complex. When you walk around the Gardens, you'll see smiling children playing. There's a park which was built for residents which is a small version of Grant Park. The grass is still green and thick even for this time of year.

Evelyn Ramsey, a resident of Wentworth for twenty years is one of the people who helps to deter violence and make a safe, clean environment. A woman of wisdom and courage.

Most of her time is spent working on



Evelyn Ramsey, of Wentworth Gardens

Photo by Robert Thornton

committees set up by the Local Advisory Council. The Exterminating Committee of the Council ensures buildings are exterminated every two months. Residents work with the management and the committee, providing 98% cooperation.

Ramsey said some people give excuses because of the smell and refuse to have their homes sprayed. Extermination prevents roaches from

spreading diseases. At one time the roaches were unmanageable recalled Ramsey. She explained how people such as Sally Amy fought to improve

Wentworth's conditions. "People are lining up to get into Wentworth. Wentworth used to be known as 'the forgotten development'.

Ramsey said "There's no magic at Wentworth. It is residents working together". She continued to say, "When

"There's no magic at Wentworth. It is residents working together.... They don't wait for the janitor..."

residents walk out into the yard, and there's a bag blowing across the yard, residents will pick it up. They do not wait for the janitor, and say: 'This is what the janitor is getting paid for.' Most of the janitors don't live in CHA, so they could probably care less. They're here for paycheck." She commented.

"If I stand here and see a resident send his child to the (dumster with a garbage bag, and that bag breaks losing garbage on the way, I'll tell the child either you pick it up, or go inside and tell your other to come clean it up. Or I'll report it to the management's office."

The residents are presently in the process of studying for residence management (as it is in Dearborn Homes on 26th and State Street), so the residents will take responsibility for their own development.

The Local Advisory Council, acts as a liaison between residents and management. Ramsey explained, "The residents work with management (to solve problems) through the council. I'm an administrative aide in the office."

Vincent Lane, the CHA Chairman, is the last person to hear complaints from CHA residents and officials. With the council most of Wentworth's problems are solved enabling residents to be more self-dependent.

Florence Roberts, Wentworth's residents assistant manager, would not provide

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South Street People You Should Know

INTERVIEW



Howard Kenner

In a second effort to be elected State Representative of the 24th Legislative district, Howard Kenner a young (35) and energized man of his own is moving full force to unseat the incumbent Jim Phelan. A post held by Paul Williams until the district decrease to 65% Black.

The son of former Alderman Tyrone Kenner (3rd ward), influenced into politics by his father, stands on his own. Living on 45th and Michigan, after attending Kenwood High School he went on to graduate from the University of Illinois at Campaign and eventually became an Certified Public Accountant now in private practice.

He ran as a Harold Washington Party candidate in 1992 winning 25% of the vote. Proud of the fact that he was the only candidate in years knocking door-to-door in every building in the district. A treasurer for the Mid-South Planning and Development Commission and on the Advisor committee for the Kelsner Care and Faithcorp.

Kenner says government can be instrumental in addressing the community

concerns and the gentleman that he is running against is not looking out for the best interest of the community.

Howard Kenner is someone you should since he is running for State Representative.

How did you get started?

My initial involvement came as a results just knowing the issues and being involved in community activities, Being part of the Young Democratic organization was a main part of getting started,

How do you view the community?

I view the community as an ocean of uptap potential. We must find a way to instill hope and a since of responsibility to our people.

What solutions do you see?

We must attack problems in our community on two major levels. One, education. We have to start reaching our kids at early stages in their development. Through intense, head start and other per-school education. To instill a scene of self worth and self respect. We also have to deal with the

problems associated with drug addiction and alcoholism. Those problem can be dealt with thought education and rehabilitation with job training.

What do friend say about you?

They say I am a very driven and intense, person and self driven.

Do you have a family?

I have four sisters, One brother, father Tyrone Kenner, I am single and have no children.

What are your goals?

To continually strive for self improvement and fairness and equality for my community. And to become an outstanding State Representative.

What is a major accomplishment in your life?

As a leader of the Young Democrats, I was able to involve young people in the Robert Taylor Homes in the political process which manifested itself in self achievement for those individuals, Many of whom are now holding down jobs and and raising families.

Who is your personal hero?

Adam Clayton Powell Jr., who is one of the most important, yet underrated figures in our political history. He served in congress over 25 years and rose to become Chairman of Education and Labor committee. Working hand-in-hand with President Johnson, he was responsible for most of war on proverty legislation which we benefit today from. Although he represented a small district in Harlem he was a national voice for our people. He never lost his since of connection to the common person.

What is your most humble experience?

People told me that they would support me upon quitting my job to become self employed with my accounting practice. They didn't but I made it anyway.

What is one most important thing you learned in life?

If you prepare yourself and work hard people will support you.

What would you like to add.

Our community must learn to recognize potential leaders. Support and nurture their development. Not rely on forces out side of the community with different agendas not in line with the community needs. I welcome their direction in becoming their State Representative.

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DuSable High "The Panther Press" Review

Chicago Public Superintendent Argie Johnson visited with teacher Dr. Emile Hamberlin and Principal Charles Mingo, both of whom received special honors for excellence in education during the month of October.

Newly inducted Local School Council members includes, Parents: Dottie Fair, Lisa Sanders, Clara Gibson, William smith, and Florence Hardin; Student: Anthony Lawson, Teachers: Phylis Davis and Doris Smith; Community Representatives: Rosie Walker and Smith Wiiams.

Dr. T.G. Benjamin spoke to the student body of DuSable on November 2nd, reviewing his new book "Boys to Men".

Journalism students of the Panther Press includes; Larone Harrison, Charmaine Sanders, Jacqueline Gilliam, Derrick Mays, Lashonda Howell, Ezra McCall, Bryant Thomas, Martez Nile, Donna Taylor, Derniece Goodwin, Topaz Linda Steele, Leslie Gray, Derniece Goodwin and Michael Hallman. The Panther Press won the International second place from the University. of Iowa Quill and Scroll International Honor Society for High School Journalists, for the second year in a row.

This material was compiled from the Panther Press November issue.

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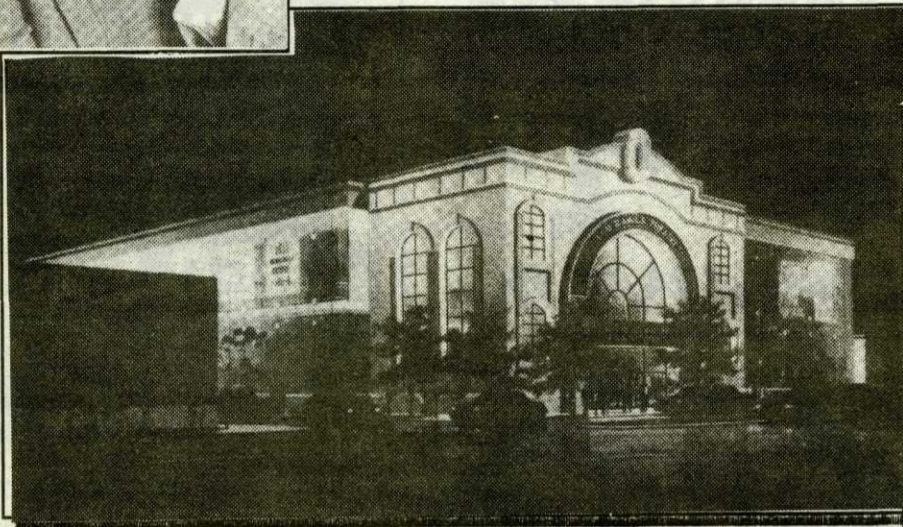
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"..We have only just begun to redevelop and revitalize our community."
Alderman Dorothy Tillman

"Rebuilding Tobacco Road"

By Steven Rhoden

A 7th Street corridor, once the heart of the black community. The Buckel of the Black Belt. The question always come up, "What incentive can be used to recapture it's past?"

"The New Lou Rawls Theatre and Culture Center will transform the vacant lot which once stood the Fuller Building and the original site of the Regal Theatre at 47th and King Drive, as part of a new Tobacco Road on the Southside of Chicago" said Robin Brown, Chief of Staff of 3rd Ward, Alderman Dorothy Tillman.

The project is a public and private partnership initiated by Lou Rawls and Alderman Dorothy Tillman. The \$9 million multi-purpose facility is an effort to rejuvenate 47th Street by attracting new business in hopes of making it the community mecca it once was. The area was a thriving district for entertainment, anchored by the Regal Theatre.

Great entertainers such as Moms Mably, Dinah Washington, Sammy Davis Jr., Dizzie Glisspie, Pearl Bailey, Arthur Prysock, Jerry Butler, - the Motown stars such as The Temptation, the Jackson Five, Smokey Robinson, and there was Nat King Cole, Duke Ellington, Cab Calloway. The list goes on and on. And of course Lou Rawls.

Marshall Thompson, leader of the Ch-Lites stated, "I can relate back to meeting my favorite entertainers at the

Walgreens Drug Store on 47th and King Drive which was a popular meeting place for entertainers who were performing at the Regal Theatre" With the ground breaking last July at the "Bring It On Home To Me" Roots Festival, Brown said,

"The Lou Rawls Theatre and Cultural Center launches new ear for the community around 47th and King Drive. Once a mecca for entertainment life anchored by the Regal Theatre, hundreds of performer got there start and direction by being exposed to the rich culture of this community."

The multi-purpose facility that will bear Lou Rawls name will help revitalize his old community, in terms of providing employment and business opportunities and will also be a teaching facility where the young and old can come together. They will learn and share respect and knowledge about each other and the rich music and culture of African American people.

Rawls said, "The Center is my way of showing the neighborhood there is a new hope and a future for the children and elders alike." He continued to say, "Some of our young people and adults could benefit from socializing and spending time together in an environment that encourages more communication and exchange of ideas. I know the young people can learn from the adults, and the adults just might learn something from the youth"

The Center will seat 1,500 in capacity, consisting of a theatre, a library, museum, roller rink, restaurant, two cinemas and more. In addition to being a facility for general entertainment, family entertainment will be stress for the cinemas. The vision is to create programs and activities that include participation by youth and adults.

Lou Rawls states that many great people were raised and nourished right here in this community. "I want the children to know that these people came from the same place they're they're in now. That's why we are proud to have library and museum as part of the center. People can study and learn about their heritage."

Alderman Tillman, who has been a major force behind the project, stressed

"The center is just the beginning for revitalizing the inner city community. "In Building this center we have only just begun to redevelop and revitalize our community. I think this center will show other communities in this city and across the nation what can be done if those who "made it" follow the example set by Lou Rawls and reach back to help someone else. No one will do it for us, but us." said Tillman. " We thank Lou for his insight and vision, his determination and hard work, his love for the children, as exemplified by his work with the United Negro College Find."

Jimmy Tillman, a musician and Alderman Tillman's husband noted, "This will not only be resurrection of the old Regal 'spirit' it will signify the rebirth of new generation. a renaissance in the Black community."

The project, which also has a residential component will eventually mean the rehabilitation of 550 to 60 apartment buildings in the area. Elzie Higgonbotton of Eastlake Management Corporation is the project developer. Commitments from people in the entertainment industry to donate their time and talent to fundraising is moving the project forward with deliberate speed. Construction will begin in early 1994.

In the words of Cook County Commission, Jerry "Iceman" Butler, "...Let's bring it on home to 47th and King Drive, a place where the ghost of greats still come to get down, and where unborn stars will be lifted up."

As stated by Lou Rawls, as the song goes, "I'm gonna get me some dynamite and a crane, blow it up, tear it down and start all over again. I'll build me a town that I'll be proud to show and keep the name, Tobacco Road."

This day in History

December...

- 8, 1925 - Sammy Davis, Jr., singer, actor, was born on this day.
- 9, 1965 - Robert O. Lowery named Fire Chief of NYC. 1st black to serve in this capacity in a major city in U.S.
- 10, 1960 - Albert Lutuli, South African diplomat received the Nobel Peace Prize.
- 11, 1917 - Five members of 24th U.S. Infantry executed for their part in August 23rd riot in Houston, Texas.
- 12, Henry Armstong, prize fighter, holder of 3 titles at one time, born in 1912.
- 13, 1964 - J. Raymond Jones elected leader of Tammany Hall (New York County Democratic Committee).
- 13, 1963 - Dinah Washington "Queen of the Blues" died in Detroit, Mich..
- 15, 1965 - Frank Williams appointed U.S. ambassador to Ghana.
- 16, 1961 - Albany Movement, coalition of CORE, SNCC, SCLC and NAACP, was organized in GA.
- 17, Macon B. Allen, first Black attorney in U.S. was admitted to practice law in Maine in 1843.
- 18, 1865- 13th Amendment, abolishing slavery in U.S. declared ratified.
- 19, 1784 - Phyllis Weatley, poetess, died.
- 20, - South Carolina seceded from the Union giving rise to the Civil War.
- 21, 1959 - Citizens of Deerfield, Ill. authorized plan which blocked the building of inter-racial housing development.
- 22, Henry Armstrong began his boxing career at age 17. He fought over 400 engagements.
- 23 - 1867 - Madam C.J. Walker, business woman, beauty culturist, born in Delta, La.
- 25 - Christmas Day
Cab Calloway, great musical entertainer, born 1907.
- 1835 - Bishop B.T. Tanner, A.M.E.,

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BUSINESS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Overview of Town Hall Meeting: Drexel/Indenpence Bank Future Owner

CRA statement by; Harold L. Lucas
OminiBanc/Indecorp Town Hall meeting
November 22, 1993 Kennedy/King

As a Community organizer and Policy Advocate for the Community Workshop on Economic Development (CWED), it is my direct responsibility to work on Local Development Issues thru our network of city-wide working groups. Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) Agreements effect local development issues. Working from the bottom-up, CWED provides capacity building skills and technical assistance to start-up Community Based Organizations (CBO)'s, block clubs, local development Corp., and public housing residents to enable those grassroot organizations to develop strategies around economic empowerment initiatives.

The potential sale of Indecorp and it's two Bank holdings, Drexel and Independence to Ominibanc in Detroit Michigan, is a major local development issue that will effect the future revitalization of the southside of Chicago. And, will also set the tone for how Banks operate and lend in revitalizing African American communities throughout the city.

I have personally sat in on several CRA meetings with William Johnson of Ominibanc and read his CRA principals. I find Mr. Johnson to be extremely effective as an administrator in his knowledge and understanding of the banking business. But, I'm even more impressed by his compassion for his native community in Chicago and by his outreach initiatives to gain informed input and ideas from the broader southside community in the formation of his great significance that we sign a CRA Agreement in 1993 with OminiBanc. So, in 1994, we can launch a strategic campaign to revitalize low and moderate income neighborhoods before further gentrification takes place.

It was a wise decision for Johnson to retain the services of Mar Allen and the Black Leadership Development Institute to enable OminiBanc to reach out beyond the dominant community bases

organizations to get strategic input from startup CBO's and smaller development groups. Mark has done his job effectively and has been attacked by certain leaders who perceive themselves to be authorities on the CRA issue.

We in the African American community need to be more inclusive and collaborative in organizing around community empowerment issues like CRA. Clearly, the Black community has become stratified along economic and class lines, resulting from political compromise an elitist classism.

In closing, let me say a few words about State Treasures Patrick Quinn. Treasurer Quinn's office has been under attack by certain leaders in the Black community for trying to facilitate this CRA Agreement. Frankly, In my opinion, had Treasurer Quinn not done effective outreach to increase grassroots participation in the CRA negotiations, the same dominant CBO's would have been at the table to cut an agreement that would only benefit that same few CBO's that have traditionally controlled the development process at the local level.

Treasurer Quin and his staffer, Eric Hidson has worked closely with the Community Workshop on Economic Development to insure that this CRA negotiation is open to all who chose to participate in the Agreement. The Monroe Foundation and it's Director Otis Monroe will provide technical assistance to any local group on the specific of CRA Agreements.

Further, Treasurer Quinn's Economic Targeted Investment Program, his Housing Linked Deposit Program and his Currency Exchange Reform policy initiative have empowered the African American community in Chicago.

Lastly, In my view, Pat Quinn has exhibited the kind of political leadership in the Treasurers office that is lacking among most established Black politicians. That leadership style I'm speaking of is that of inclusiveness, respect for the taxpayers and an innovative, fair and grassroots approach to investing your state dollars to enable the empowerment of the African American Community in Chicago and Illinois.



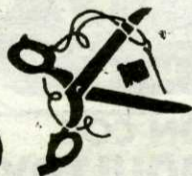
From Left, Harold L. Lucas, Program manager of the Community Workshop on Economic Development (CWED) facilitates questions and audience participation during a community reinvestment (CRA) Town Hall meeting at Kennedy-King College on October 23, 1993. While Otis C. Monroe III, President of the Monroe Foundation provided technical assistance on the specifics of the OminBanc CRA Agreement. This capacity building process enables more inclusive participation by smaller community-based organizations in the CRA agreement involving the sale of Drexel and Independence Bank to Ominibanc Corporation.

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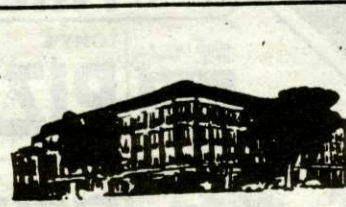
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Black Image focus Film from & on Woodlawn



Black Image Productions (BIP), a source to the documentation, preservation and promotion of minority contributions to civilization is now beginning to focus it's video lens to the documentation of the Woodlawn community.

It is the intention of John Allen, the organization's president to continue in the vein of educational, documentative filming that can be of tremendous benefit to the Woodlawn community and the city as a whole. The film documentation will be in quantitative research and of problem solving projects in the Woodlawn community for present and future generations to come.

BIP is a non-for-profit organization started by Allen. He started in 1979 with a super 8 camera going to lounges, filming parties and showing them on the wall with sheets.

Now, located on 63rd and Cottage Grove, under the old Grand Ballroom, and 200 members strong, BIP has produced a library of audio visual tapes on the Black experience and heritage.

"We preserve the tapes for what we are about today", said Allen. "Fifteen years from now they will be our history and documentation for our future generations to build on."

A few tapes in the library includes; *A Man Called Harold*; *Dedication of New Harold Washington Wing*, Speaker; *Save Our School Rally*, Bethel AME Church; *Black Respect Rally*, Speaker: Judge Eugene Pincham; and

Allen says the purpose of BIP is to set up a community production studio and to train community men and women in the basic skills of video production.

"We want to provide scholarship to future producers, directors, writers and commentators as well." said Allen, "To place participants in jobs, video production companies, film companies and television station throughout the United States."

Studio 101, a taping service of BIP also provide personal taping service for family reunions, drama and variety shows, religious functions, fashion productions, conventions, weddings and other special events.

The documentation on Woodlawn will be exclusively devoted to the community. In starting the production Allen is looking for writers and other talents to contribute their skills in producing the Woodlawn video.

"Although we have been in existence for some twelve years (since 1981) our board is a new group of people with new ideas." said Allen, "We work with several groups, and is reaching out to others and persons to help put this documentation together."

BIP intends to pursue new fields of creative art based upon life problems and solutions. The Woodlawn video will be a showcase that the community will be able to have a broader perspective of history and understanding through the use of audio visual technology.

Board Them, or fix them up, Before Somebody get Hurt!

Somebody is going to get hurt, or killed in one of those vacant properties alone 39th to 63rd Street. It always happen that way.

Some parts of 63rd Street look like a bombed-out ghost town. Abandoned buildings stand scarred and damaged by vandals, and arsonists. The corner of 63rd and King drive is just awful. Then on 47th and Champaign it's just like a hang out. On 49th and Prairie across from a School, the building is just waiting for a human body. Then there will be a big out cry when someone get hurt with media attention. Especially now that it is election time. The cry will be, "These properties needed to be boarded up," "Who's responsible", "This person is the blame, that person is the blame". There will be meetings and meetings. Elected officials and candidates will blame it on each other. People will blame the banks for redlining, the junkies, the gangs, lack of police foot patrol, and on and on. Someone will take on someone else responsibility getting the buildings boarded up. Or the city will find the money to tear them down, then find the owners and bill them for the cost. Or worst yet the person(s) responsible or in power will do what they should have done long ago.

Let's find the money now to board them. Find the owners now to turn them over to the community for needed store front businesses in the community. Forget about secret trust.

As everyone knows in the long run the decay of these buildings resulted in a loss of available business property, jobs and economic growth, Scaring other businesses away. While consumers leaving going to the suburbs malls. This happen when unkempt properties are demolished because it's cheaper to tear them down than fix them up.

What is the difference between 47th and the El and 63rd and the El? Is it that the Koreans or Michael Jordan have not looked at the money potential in Woodlawn?

Can you fight City Hall and win to get these vacant store fronts fix up or at least boarded for now? Of course you can.

The government has three economic functions; Stabilization; Income redistribution and Resource allocation. With this the tool is meet with monetary and fiscal policy as it was done between 12th to 16th Street. Where the mayor is reportedly to be moving to. Once vacant land, vacant buildings and an eye sore. Now, with the redistribution of some city funds, resource allocation of city and private money, and a policy from the city to support this part of the city (with a new CTA station) it was done. No one is about to get hurt in that part of the city due to vacant store fronts or buildings.

It will not only be a physical hurt to someone due to crime, but an economic hurt on the community, that will continue to last for generations if no one take at least the first step to board them up. Show the community that someone in power do care and is taking action.

This poem is dedicated to former Grand Boulevard Resident, Congressman, and First Black mayor Harold Washington

By: Steve Rhoden

What manner of man was this that even the winds and seas obeyed him?
This man was known as known as Jesus Christ.
What manner of man was this that even people from all ethnic groups
Listened to his words
And instantly obeyed them?
This was the first man to unlock the doors to Chicago's city hall
To a fair and open government.
He was the first black man to become mayor Of a racially segregated city
To the African American
he was a black Savior, and a firm politician with full of Pity.

He made things right right the city.
He brought machine creeps out into the light,
And portrayed to us full of wisdom and witty

He stood the storm against defeat
He fought white antagonists,
As well as some black ones,
But he never spoke of a Retreat.
He yet suppressed his bitterness and Strife.

An intelligent man was he
Full of logic and sight.
Day and night he was on the Flee
Fighting for the rights of peoples Plichts.

From a congressman to a Mayor,
He ran for this office his Will.
He was persuaded by the People As a favor.
Still
If alive, he would have been mayor
Poor health took our main Man.
He died of a heart attack so they say.
Contrary to check ups was not in his Plan.

Himself.
His spirit will live on, but his body will Lay.
We love you Harold.
For the short time that you Spent.
Though your works were not Shallow
Because you were God sent.
You left us with dignity and Courage
Something we will never Forget. We will continue to march on and Flourish,
and you Mr. Washington we will never Forget.

Letters

Dear Editor;
A Salute to Rev. Jones, her work with the youth.

I read you article on Rev. Deborah Jones. It was very nice. I was with Rev. Jones during her summer program. It is a good program for the teenagers to get them off the streets. Some them earned their GED.

We need more leaders in our community like her. May God Bless her always. It takes God to move these bad things out of our community.

I lived in Robert Taylor 28 years. It is not where you live it is how you live. You give your children something to do, take them places see who their friends are and where they are going. Some young folks you can help and some you can't. You have to work with Rev. Jones to see how she get results.

Keep up the good work Rev. Jones.
God Bless
Mrs. Roberts

World's AIDS Day Focusing on Resources in the Mid-South Community

By Henry L. Jones



December 1, 1993, marked the sixth annual observance of World AIDS Day. The day was

part of an international campaign to increase AIDS awareness. It was a day to concentrate efforts on educating the public about the severity of the AIDS epidemic and a day to bring compassion, hope and understanding about AIDS to people in every country of the world.

The cost of this epidemic is measured in individual human lives and that the only appropriate response to AIDS is one based on compassion for those whose lives have been affected most directly. That is the main focus of the special day.

A memorial Service was held at Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center, there the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt service was held. The project has grown from a neighborhood cause to an international symbol of love, loss and hope. The national event comprised of fabric panels, each measuring three feet by six feet, the Quilts memorializes the hundreds of thousands of people who have died of AIDS in the United States and across the globe. At Michael Reese two of those quilts were present.

In the Mid-South neighborhoods there have been reported at least over 500 person have died from AIDS.

AIDS is still with us, infecting an estimated 5,000 people per day. Rev. Deborah Jones of St. Elizabeth's Church on 41st and Wabash, has stated that in Robert Taylor Homes a neighborhood she services, persons with AIDS/HIV is much higher than we are able to report at this time.

The question is, are people getting tested for AIDS? The thought of waiting for the final results of a test may seem scary to many. What's even more frightening is not knowing a person infected and possibly are infecting someone they love or beginning to love.

Let's say you are "positive". Is it the end of the world? You could begin to read the many statistics about projected deaths in epidemic proportions. If your idea is to stay in your bedroom hiding from the world, there's support for you.

Grand Boulevard, Oakland, Kenwood, Woodlawn, Washington Park and the other areas in the MID-South area have

fewer facilities, but they provide an array of services. The key word is hope. If you're looking for a case manager, financial assistance, food, housing, or mental health support, there's help.

Knowledge is still the most powerful weapon. By empowering yourself with the knowledge of resources available, you'll begin to understand the virus, learn how to extend your life and become healthier.

Whether "positive" or not, if one give up and lock themselves away from the community, they'll probably begin to feed on depression and anger.

At Michael Reese memorial Service, in an invitation to share memories, a candle light vigil took place. (At the lighting of the first of seven candles) it read:

"We light this candle in living memory of those who have died of AIDS, who served God's people as teachers, instructors, librarians, writers, news reporters and others who served by communicating truth. May their light shine forever."

(At the lighting of the last candle):

"Let us each light our own inner candle, and let us dedicate ourselves once more to be lights to enlighten the world, beacons of hope for those who suffer, bright flames to burn away hatred, fear and alienation, and torches that proclaim God's final victory, not only over AIDS, but over all the darkness of this world."

Here are some resources to help begin oncs spiritual, mental, and physical healing. Contact these agencies for assistance in the Mid-South area.

Daniel Hale Williams Center
538-6700
5044 S. State Street

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536-3000
501 E. 43rd Street

Micheal Reese Hemophilia Treatment Ctr.
791-3123
Lake Shore Drive at 31st. St.

Micheal Reese Aids Clinic
791-2050
530 E. 31st St.

Wylar Children's Hospital
702-6176
5841 S. Maryland Ave.

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Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration 1993

Dr. Maulana Karenga will be the special speaker at the Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration for 1993. Noted to be the world's largest community sponsored pre-Kwanzaa event, Anthony 'Taifa' Daniels says, "This years Kwanzaa is to reach out to the community. Make your brother's problem your problem."

The kick-off is Friday, December 10, at South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 South Shore Drive. 8 pm to 2 am, with a celebration to benefit La Rabida Children's Hospital, New Concept Development Center and the Aloyo Children's Dance Theater.

There will be Caribbean, African and African-American food delights, comedians, singers, poets, Afrrican Grames, Contemporary R&B dance party and guest singer debut. The donation os \$10.

On Saturday, December 11, and Sunday, December 12, the admission is free. On Saturday only Dr. Karenga will speak, the founder of Kwanzz.

Dr. Kwnzaa Kunjufu, Bonita Bennett and Art Burton, as well as Washington D.C. based artist Michael Brown will be present.

There will be an African marketplace, where over 50 pre-screened Black vendors selling Kwnzaa kits, sculptures, jewelry, books, greeting cards, mudcloth wrapping paper, gift baskets, body oils, art, and much more.

Workshops will take place where the history of Kwnzaa will be highlighted and how to celebrate this African-American holiday.

Daniels said "It's not all about gifts when we celebrate Kwanzaa, it is about man made gifts, getting away from commercialism, giving from your heart."

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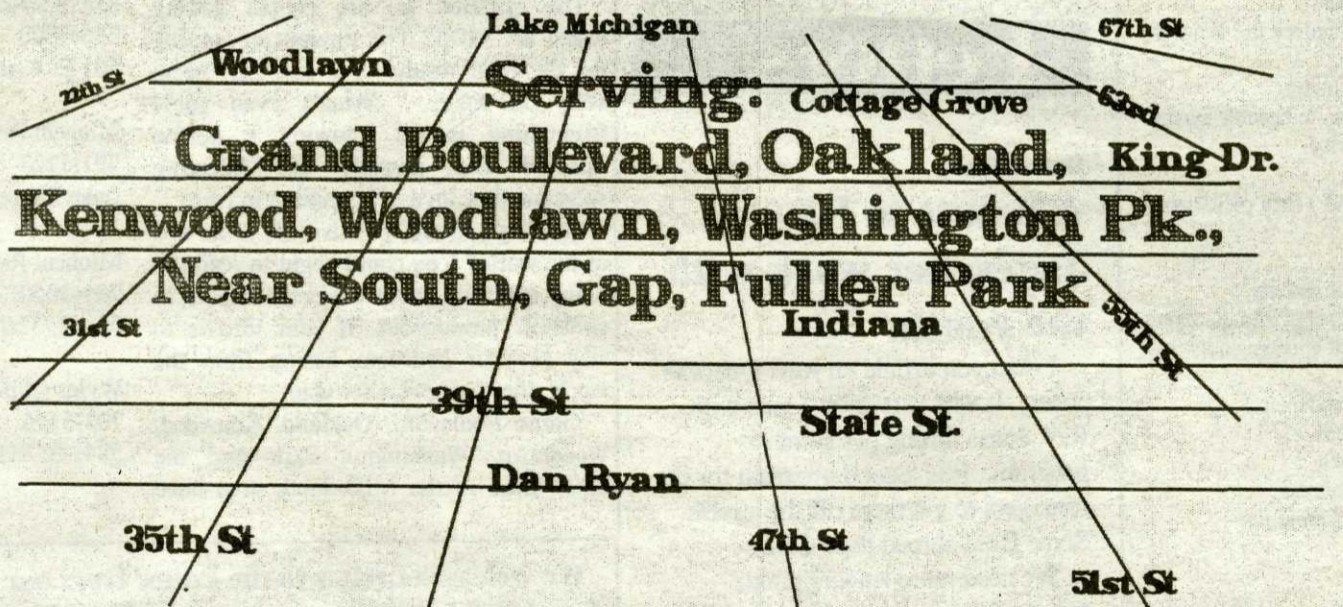
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Why Wentworth Works

comments concerning the management's effectiveness with working with the residents. However, one CHA worker said breathing room helps the residents. Ramsey agreed, pointing to the overcrowded complexes across the Dan Ryan. "If you compare Wentworth Gardens with the high-rises on State Street," Ramsey said, "Living in a low-rise

is not like you're on the 17th floor (of a high-rise complexes). You do have breathing Room."

The high-rises resemble prisons, Ramsey explained. "You might wonder what city planners and their architects had in mind when they built them." The complexes stand in rows like concrete toy soldiers. Have these soldiers been trained to kill each other? Is a question many ask.

To improve other CHA complexes, Ramsey suggested tearing down the high-rises. "The high-rises seem to breed crime and undesirables." She exemplified that State Street high-rise should be designed as single level dwellings similar to Wentworth Gardens. In order to manage each high-rise floor like Wentworth would need enormous people power.

Whether violence results from conditions in a community or from a person's personality, Wentworth works. Why does Wentworth work? People who are organized and concerned make it work as Ramsey points out.

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Power to the People?

line from 1960 to 1985. However, it was detected that there was a higher risk of leukemia in children. In addition, studies have found that children living near power lines have two to four times the normal risk if getting leukemia. Butler explained that west of the Washington Park area, the location of the power lines are one block from a day care center and two blocks from a grammar school.

While studies such as this have been downplayed by skeptics, activists and residents alike in the Washington Park community continue to play up what has been a serious health hazard in this community. The WPCC plan to meet further to bring attention and action in addressing the issue with Commonwealth Edison on this matter.

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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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place participants in jobs, video production companies, film companies and television station throughout the United States."

Studio 101, a taping service of BIP also provide personal taping service for family reunions, drama and variety shows, religious functions, fashion productions, conventions, weddings and other special events.

The documentation on Woodlawn will be exclusively devoted to the community. In starting the production Allen is looking for writers and other talents to contribute their skills in producing the Woodlawn video.

"Although we have been in existence for some twelve years (since 1981) our board is a new group of people with new ideas." said Allen, "We work with several groups, and is reaching out to others and persons to help put this documentation together."

BIP intends to pursue new fields of creative art based upon life problems and solutions. The Woodlawn video will be a showcase that the community will be able to have a broaden perspective of history and understanding through the use of audio visual technology.



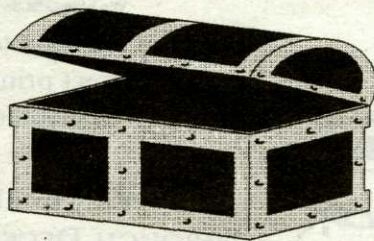
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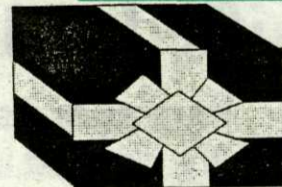
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