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St. Anselm School Seek Community Help to Avoid Closing



SSJ Photo: Robert L. Thornton III

St. Anselm Catholic School is threatened to close its doors in September if it cannot meet a \$200,000 shortfall in operational funds by February 1, when the school board will make the final decision. The school located at 60th and Michigan Ave. financial problems are a result of the Archdiocese's cut of \$12 million going to Catholic schools in the Chicagoland area and the low enrollment at St. Anselm. The school has been in existence since 1910 and has 175 students presently enrolled. The majority are non-Catholic and African American living in the Washington park and surrounding

communities. "We have done all we can, we have combined two grades to cut cost and other operations, but we can only cut so much and still meet the educational needs of the students and pay the teachers and staff," said Father Hegarty, pastor of the school church. "What we need now is a miracle." The school was counting on \$180,000 that was needed to stay open from the Archdiocese. Principal Rosa Bush stated she feels the Archdiocese has done all that it can. It is time for the community to stand up and stop these schools from

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TWO Implements King's Voting Rights

In keeping with the spirit of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., The Woodlawn Organization will host a special monthly meeting on its Delegates to honor Dr. King's birthday. "We join many Chicagoans," stated Anthony C. Gibbs, Jr. Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Woodlawn Organization, "in the celebration of Dr. King's birthday, however, we feel it is important to make King's legacy a living memorial. We will kick off our 1994 Voters Registration/Education Program as a part of this celebration of Dr. King's work during his Chicago campaign."

The Woodlawn Organization was recently certified as a bonafide state civic organization under the Illinois Election Code to participate in the Illinois Deputy Registrars Program, and will use this certification to identify Deputy Registrars who, in turn, will encourage the unregistered to sign up in order to vote in the March 15th Primary. *Continued on page 4*

Todd: Telling it like it Is, Stop Pimping the Dream

At a community awareness meeting the main speaker, Attorney Thomas N. Todd (T.N.T.) (right) delivers his usual powerful speech on the state of affairs, at the "Where do We Go in '94?" rally hosted by the Task Force for Black Political Empowerment, January 8, at the Inner City Studies, 700 East Oakwood. On the eve of Dr. King's Birthday, Attorney Todd addressed the audience on King's pimps, relating to candidates using the legacy of King to attract votes from the African American community. His direct assessments in presenting the issues and calling it like it is, has caused the general media to shy away from reporting his remarks at rallies such as this one.

The Task force also welcomed and introduced elected officials and candidates for the upcoming March 15th primary. The rally gave the audience a chance to meet candidates head on.

(Bottom photo) To the left is Judge Eugene Pincham (standing), Thomas, Todd, Lu Palmer, and Robert Starks, Chairman of the Task Force. To the right are judges running in the March 15th, primary election. See page 2 "Your Vote '94" on judges race.

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Gangsta Rap Summit to address its' Messages



Bill West, Chairman, Mid-West Hip Hop Movement

What started as a heated meeting at Operation PUSH between the Mid-West Hip Hop Movement (MHHM) and the Civil rights organization, ended in a tentative agreement to hold a Rap Summit on February 5th at the PUSH Headquarters. The summit will address their differences and come up with solutions to the messages of Gangsta Rap. Still PUSH will be holding a boycott of Gangsta Rap music and a 40 day fast.

As both organizations came to the meeting with separate agendas, the MHHM was to hold their press conference at the PUSH office, which PUSH did not acknowledge once the

rappers and representatives of the rap community.

Bill West, chairman of the MHHM said, "The main conflict here is that PUSH had a moral responsibility to inform us of any boycott before going to the media. We (MHHM) are card holding members of PUSH."

PUSH joined with the National Political Congress of Black Women in their efforts to speak out against Gangsta Rap and its messages towards the African American woman.

Attorney Jeannette Wilson, Executive Director of PUSH said, "It is absolutely not acceptable when it refers to women in a



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Jeannette Wilson, Executive Director, Operation PUSH

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LIFE IN THE ZIFF ZONE

ZIFF SISTRUNK

THE ODD COUPLE...3RD WARD CANDIDATE, WALLACE "THE GATOR" BRADLEY CHATTING WITH AURELIA PUCINSKI AT CITY HALL.

MICHAEL JORDAN OF THE CHICAGO WHITE SOX SHOULD HIRE FORMER SLUGGER RICHIE "DICK" ALLEN TO WORK WITH HIS HITTING.

LET'S VOTE FOR ROBERT "BOB" ANDERSON FOR JUDGE IN THE MARCH PRIMARY. WHAT A NICE FELLA!

MAYOR DALEY SHOULD CONSIDER APPOINTING ANGELO ROSE AS A COMMISSIONER, IF HE IS RE-ELECTED AS MAYOR.

PASTOR HENRY HARDING WAS SO SLEEPY AT GEORGE RIDDICK'S WEDDING, HE HAD TO STAND ALONG THE WALL TO STAY AWAKE.

POLITICAL CONSULTANT MORGAN CARTER HAS A NEWS SERVICE FOR CANDIDATES AND LOCAL BUSINESSES.

88.1 GOSPEL SHOW HOST, RON "CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD" SISTRUNK, TRAVELED TO WASHINGTON FOR NOTHING, "JESSE" TURNED OFF HIS MIKE WHEN HE TRIED TO SPEAK!

REV. JOSEPH McAfee's CONFERENCE ON VIOLENCE IS PICKING UP STEAM, MAYOR DALEY, ALDERMAN DEXTER WATSON (27) AND STATE REP. DANIEL J. BURKE (23) HAS SIGNED ON AS SUPPORTERS.

EDUCATOR, DON LINDER, IS A LEADING CANDIDATE FOR THE DIRECTOR JOB OF MID-SOUTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER.

JESSE THURMAN SMITH OF INITIATIVE LEAGUE INC. IS HEADING UP RICHARD DENT'S HOMELESS PROGRAM THAT WILL HELP HOMELESS MEN BECOME HOME OWNERS

TWO WHO WERE DUKED: LU PALMER AND BOB LUCUS OF K.O.C.O. SEE YOU IN THE ZONE LATER.

YOUR VOTE FOR



Ald. Troutman Endorsement of Hofeld/Oberman is a Catch 22,

In the last issue of South Street Journal it was reported that Alderman Arenda Troutman was one of the many elected officials of the Mid-South community to endorse Al Hofeld for the Attorney General office. Troutman stated that at the time Hofeld was the only candidate in the race.

"We later reviewed Marty Oberman who is charging the office in a more active role," said Troutman. "He (Oberman) is taking a more active role for the top Attorney position of the State, taking on real issue, Hofeld could have been more vocal."

Troutman stated that Oberman is taking on the Casino Gambling issue, addressing to concerns that the Casinos are making all the money, where the city and county are not getting what they could. She also said Oberman has taken an active role on education, where the Attorney General could have sued the State to live up to its responsibility to avoid the school crises. "I like those kind of issues" said Troutman. "He was also a leading Alderman supporting Harold Washington going against his majority white 42nd ward".

Troutman stated that both candidates has ask for her official endorsement. "I like Hofeld as well, there was just a misunderstanding and a catch 22 on who I will endorse." she said.

The Vote for more Black Judges

There are different level of judges to vote for on March 15, running at the appeal level. Two slots are vacant which covers the Fifth Subcircuit that includes the 2,3,4,5,6,11,15,16, and 20th Wards (that represents the Mid-South Area). The area was divided because Blacks under represented in the judicial system of the County. This resulted in the legislation to reach an agreement to have 15 slots Sub District. Running for the two seats in the Additional 'B', 5th Subcircuit are Eda Daniel, Rickey Jones, Judge, Willie B. Wright, William Darling, Judge Jacqueline P. Cox, and Robert Anderson



Atty. Robert Anderson, Candidate for Circuit

Community Briefs

35th and Calumet is in the planning stages of becoming a "Cul-de-sac". This is when the street is cut off to thru traffic. There will be only one entry and exit on Calumet. Gregory Hall of the 2nd Ward office stated that the action is a result of the block club of 34th and Calumet petitioning at least 56% its residents members voting in favor for a "Cul-de-sac". However, the Department of Transportation has not officially approved the request. Items to take into consideration is the Fire Station at 34th and Calumet and at which end of the block will the Cul-de-sac be placed are among some of the concerns.

A New Graphic Electronic Center at Kennedy King:

The new facility, the most modern in the city college system, will provide training for Chicago area residents to compete for high paying jobs in the new technological industries of printing and graphic communication in the future. The center was joining Dr. Harold Pates, president of Kennedy King College for the new facility was James A. Tyson, Vice-Chairman Board of Trustees City Colleges of Chicago, mayor Richard Daley, Dr. Richard Temple and Chancellor City Colleges of Chicago.



Dr. Harold Pates

One of the best secrets of the 3rd Ward community is the Homeless Shelter at 5700 South Lafayette. It has been there for Six years and is a project of the 3rd ward Seniors.

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Michael Resse Hospital and Medical Center has enlarged and remodeled the Telemetry/Intermediate care Unit on 3 Baum. The unit has been renovated and expanded.

Sixteen telemetry beds and 20 intermediate care beds are now available for patients who "stepdown" from the ICU or who are too ill for a regular medical floor.

South Street Photo VIEW

Do you believe that your alderman is doing adequate job in your ward?



"I just moved in the area. It looks like she's doing a good job, but she needs to address the problems of vacant buildings in the ward. It's not very safe for senior citizens."

Sophie Latham
47th King Dr. Luther Terrace
3rd Ward



"The alderman should have made the community aware of the changing bus schedule or at least had signs posted. Certain sidewalks are tended to while others are not."

Abdul Ali
3rd Ward

January

Calendar of Events



Wednesday 12

Zenos Coleman Elementary School will have their next Local School Council meeting. The location is 4655 S. Dearborn St.. All interested parties should be there. Call (312) 535-1450, and ask for the chairperson of the LSC.

Friday 14

TWO will present Dr. King Celebration and Voters Registration, 12 noon. See page 1.

Monday 17

Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observed.

TAIFA Black Awareness Group is providing classes in: Black History, Leadership Conflict Resolution and more, every Monday 6 - 7:30 p.m. Woodlake Community Rm. 4514 S. Lake Park. For info. call Brother Arron at 548-7500

Tuesday 18

Mid-South Planning and Development Commission will meet at 6:30 at King Community Center 43rd and Cottage

Grove.

Wednesday 19

Youth Consortium of Greater Grand Boulevard will hold it's meeting at the Center for New Horizons, 4150 S. King Dr. at 3 p.m.. For further information, call 538-7129.

Alderman Dorothy Tillman Community Meeting, 7 pm - 9 pm. is held every Wednesday at the 3rd Ward Office, 4645 S. King Drive. Residents meet to address issues that concern them.

Saturday 22

Kupna Network will be holding support group meetings. The men's group will be from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and the women's group will be from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at 4611 S. Ellis, 2nd. floor. For further information, call 536-3000.

Monday 24

Beatrice Caffrey Center will hold a special orientation for interested foster parents from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at 700 E. Oakwood. For further information, contact Cecelia Smith at 285-7300. In February, Beatrice Caffrey Center will have foster parent training for prospective

parents, February 7, 9, 11, 14, 16 and 18, 1994 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at 700 E. Oakwood. For further information, contact Cecelia Smith at 285-7000.

Monday 24

STRIVE 3 week job readiness workshop will start at 4910 S. King Drive. The workshop will help participants with their employment goals. Story on page 8.

Tuesday 25

Mid-South Planning and Development Commission meeting, 6:30 at King Community Center, 43rd and Cottage.

Wednesday 26

Alderman Dorothy Tillman Community Meeting, 7 pm - 9 pm. 4645 S. King Drive.

Thursday 27

Next Issue of SSJ

South Street Journal will publish notices of community meetings, events and programs. Send it one week in advance to South Street Journal c/o FNC 6439 S. Cottage Grove, Chicago, Illinois 60637. Phone number 239-0540.

Ida B. Wells Community Initiative ; Public Housing Partnerships Do Work!

The Wells Community Initiative (WCI) is founded on the belief that a partnership between residents and public and private agencies is the most effective way to achieve long term improvements for a community. A partnership has been developed between the Ida B. Wells Local Advisory Council and a number of agencies, including the Centers for New Horizons, the Chicago Housing Authority, the Metropolitan Planning Council and the Ounce of Prevention Fund. The City of Chicago and the State of Illinois are also involved.

Ida B. Wells is the second largest public housing next to the Robert Taylor Homes in Chicago. Developed in 1941, it has three extensions which includes Wells Extension at Browning and Rhodes, Darrow Homes at Pershing and Langley, and Washington Park Homes at 35th & 37th and Calumet. Together there are over 9,000 residents in the development.

The WCI was formed in 1989 and is governed by twenty-three board members,

which also includes community residents. Their mission is to: 1) assist with program development, 2) create a public/private partnership, and 3) execute a comprehensive plan for the Ida B. Wells Public Housing community.

One program of WCI, is the Family Development Center, located at 551 E. 36th Place. FDC provides, case management, short term counseling and referrals for drug treatment, intensive counseling, shelter, emergency food, social security and supplement security income.

According to Ms. Lynette Johnson, Prevention Specialist and resident of Ida B. Wells, families come to the Center for many reasons, "sometimes, it is just to receive information about the availability of programs, services and schedules of community meetings and seminars prevention workshops we have."

She goes on to say that, "We work as a team, supporting the common goal of improving the community's future through information and resource sharing, one example of this support is the Mothers' Support Group which meets on Tuesdays at



Lynette Johnson, WCI, Community Outreach Worker, Prevention Specialist



At a core group meeting of the Wells Community Initiative, residents focus on issues of the Ida B. Wells public housing development.

11:00 am. Mothers have an opportunity to talk to each other, attend informational workshops on family issues, learn about child development and participate in parenting classes, while their children are nearby."

Another program offered by WCI is the Wells Youth Leadership Council, which meets biweekly on Monday and Wednesday. It provides opportunities for youths between the ages of 13 to 18 to interact and experience the positive potential of group and individual influences.

The Safe Haven Program, yet another program of WCI, meets Monday through Friday at 3:30 pm at 3822 S. Langley. It is a pilot program designed to unite education, community services, law enforcement, health, recreation and other groups

to provide children in grades 3 - 6 with alternative and support activities for high-risk youth, their families and other residents of the community in a safe environment.

Although the public housing is developed, owned and operated by the Chicago Housing Authority, the programs and direction of the residents are for the most part provided by the residents themselves. Thus, the WCI has an objective to continue in providing these services. "Efficiency has resulted from our services", says Johnson. "There is an inefficiency in public housing. However, we provide resources that can build a base, then gradually expand the scope of our efforts, tackling several problems at once to benefit the residents".

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Beatrice Caffrey Center: "Uplifting Humanity"

By: Gaylon B. Roberson

Did you know that you no longer have to be a middle-class two parent family in order to become a foster parent? Beatrice Caffrey, a licensed child welfare agency, located near the Ida B. Wells housing projects, is making it known, while making a difference in the lives of children. "You can be a single parent receiving social security income and still become a foster parent", says Ms. Cecelia Smith, operational manager for the program. According to Mrs. Daniels-Lindsay, executive director, "we're uplifting humanity by working with children." Established in 1950's as a delinquency prevention program, it's motto is, "the community should solve their own problems." The need for more services expanded and Beatrice Caffrey gradually moved into the child welfare sector.

Now the agency provides community based services, foster care and foster parent training, and a host of pilot programs. Their main source of funding comes primarily for the Department of Children and Family Services, although they do receive grants from other organizations. Some of the services they provide consists of the following: agency boarding homes, sibling groups, and an African American boys group for the ages of 9-13 years. This project provides a home for 4 or more of these boys.

The Beatrice Caffrey Center also provides such services as counseling, therapy, leadership development and independent living skills for children. The children are referred through the Youth Division and DCFS. A new and innovative pilot program they have just



Mrs. Daniels-Lindsay, Executive Director
Cecelia Smith, Operational Manager

been funded for is a teen talk line that will air over the radio. This will give teens the chance to speak out on issues that concern and affect them. They will be able to offer solutions to problems that the teens face today.

When asked what made her go into this field, Mrs. Daniels-Lindsay stated, "I've always wanted to make a difference in the lives of children." Ms. Cecelia Smith, Operational Manager, adds the following, "It was a personal mission, I believe that every child deserves a good childhood. I've always wanted to help those who couldn't speak for themselves." Both Mrs. Daniels-Lindsay and Ms. Smith see themselves in the future years with Beatrice Caffrey in mind. Mrs. Daniels-Lindsay wants to see the center and programs they offer expand to outreach the community on a more broad range base. Hopefully they will be able to see an additional 200 foster homes, a rites of passage group for girls and more group homes in the community that will take on larger groups of children in 1995. For these programs to succeed the center is committed to making a difference. With the dedication of both, Mrs. Daniels-Lindsay and Ms. Smith, Beatrice Caffrey is well on it's way to achieving those goals.

Cuts For LIHEAP

Heating assistance for low-income families may be cut in 1995

By: Gaylon B. Roberson

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance program, better known as LIHEAP, will possibly be reduced by \$500 million if the president has his way. President Clinton is in the final stages of preparing his FY95 budget and one grave loss in the coming year would be \$29 million in LIHEAP money for Illinois. Although nothing is confirmed, highly reliable sources say that this will take place to finance the new "welfare reform" package. This is another prime example of pitting the poor against the poor.

With continuous job layoffs and an unemployment percentage that steadily rises in the African American community, energy costs places a severe burden on the family budget. Unfortunately many households go without the basic necessity of heat in order to pay more pressing bills or put food on the table. LIHEAP is designed to assist those eligible low-income households in paying for energy assistance during the winter months. With so many Illinois households receiving this benefit, it will be a tragic situation if the president's budget is approved.

To qualify for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program you must have a combined household income of or

below the following levels per month:

Household #	Gross income
1	\$ 726
2	\$ 982
3	\$1,238
4	\$1,494
5	\$1,750
6	\$2,006
7	\$2,262
8	\$2,518

The LIHEAP program will provide a one time benefit to eligible households to be used for energy bills. The amount of the payment is determined by income, household size, fuel type and geographic location. Contact the following locations to apply for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance program:

These locations are for the Mid-South communities only:

H.O.P.E. 1, 405 E. 31st St., 842-9890

H.O.P.E. 2, 4203 S. King Dr., 624-4752

Evening Star M.B. Church, 4235 S. Cottage Grove, 536-9527

The Woodlawn Organization
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TWO King's Voting

The Dr. King celebration and Voters Registration/Education kickoff will take place on Friday, January 14, 1994, 12 Noon, at the Smith, Blair, Smith Senior Building, 6250 S. Harper Avenue, and will feature spiritual music, the Dr. King "I Have A Dream" speech, and comments on citizen participation in the voting process. As The Woodlawn Organization, "noted Gibbs, "moves towards the REBIRTH OF WOODLAWN, we know that a voteless people is a hopeless people." For further information on this special program, call (312) 288-5840 ext. 245.

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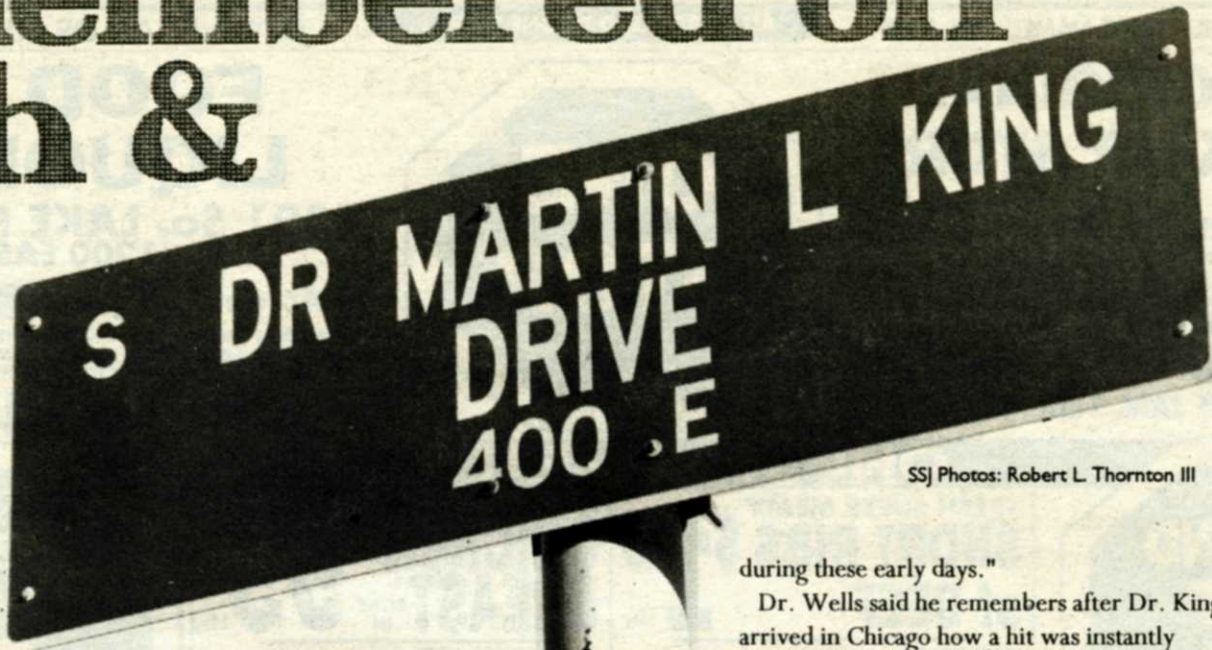
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By Steve A. Rhoden

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was to great of a man for us grown folks to let him die in the minds of our children, and church members who knew not of his legacy," said Dr. Joseph Wells, pastor of the Mount Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church located at 4622 South Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive.

Dr. King was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta Georgia, the middle child of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Sr. and Alberta King.

It was on April 4, 1968 where this great emancipator's life came to an end. Dr. King was assassinated as he stood talking with friends on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis Tennessee.

"Once upon a time I was the president of an organization called *The Christian Protective Association*, and it was during this time that we the members of this organization raised money to send some of our members to aid the boycott movement led by Dr. King in Alabama," said Dr. Wells.

"Later, I became the president of the Southern Christian leadership Conference (SCLC) Chapter of Chicago Illinois," he continued. "It was at this time that Dr. King was scheduled to make an appearance in Chicago. Brother Jesse Louis Jackson was also a part of this movement. After Dr. King arrived in Chicago, I invited him to speak at Mount Pisgah Church which was arranged through Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson."

When Dr. King came to Mt. Pisgah that Sunday morning, Wells said, he told him that he was doing a great work. King told Wells not to forget that they (our oppressor) can hang all of us from a tree, but they could not hang all of us if we stood up together.

Dr. Wells said he remembers how Dr. King eloquently elaborated on the ugly head of "prejudice" and "racism" everywhere, and how his congregation would break at certain intervals to sing his theme song "We shall Overcome".

"Dr. King preached his last sermon in the pulpit of Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church," said Dr.



Dr. Joseph Wells, Pastor of Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church

Wells. "The title of his sermon was *A knock At Midnight*, and I still have this sermon on record in which I was also a disc jockey from my office

during these early days."

Dr. Wells said he remembers after Dr. King arrived in Chicago how a hit was instantly placed on his life. Nearly every policeman in the city was present at Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church. They were lined up across the street, and the church balcony was full of police.

"Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was one man that could bring tears to anyones eyes," said Dr. Wells. "I remember after the Sunday morning service that Dr. King had entered my church office. I was sitting in my chair, but immediately rose to my feet in his honor motioning for him to sit in my chair. He told me to keep my chair as he walked to the middle of the floor and sat down. A few members in my office sat on the floor around him, and they all prayed."

Wells said he met Dr. King's family later on during his life, and the Reverend Ralph Abernathy who became president of the Southern Christian leadership Conference after Dr. King's death.

Dr. King had a lot of friends in Chicago besides Dr. Wells. Other friends include the Reverend John L. Thurston who marched with King in Gage Park during a rock throwing event. Rev. Thurston was the former pastor of the New Covenant Church. The late Edmund Blair, who was pastor of Omega Baptist Church, was a good friend of King's along with the late Rev. L. W. Lambert who was former pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church. Wells said it was Dr. Lambert who was responsible for bringing King to Chicago in the first place. The Reverend Clay Evans, pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church, remains a good friend of Dr. King.

"After Dr. King's death, I organized a club at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Center'

which sits next door to the church," said Dr. Wells.

"The address to service center and the church was 4622 South Parkway Drive during this time. Later on through the years, South Parkway Drive was transformed to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive.

The King Center also has the Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Club bringing together young people, and acquaint them with the life and principles of the late Dr. martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. Wells said "It was Dr. King who told us to develop a great sense of dignity and self respect which we should never forget."



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Coming face to face with five youth many options; 1. Prove who is tough with the principles of Kwanzaa; 3. S police and report the matter (I thought security guards were looking on, so the police was the last thing to come to an important matter of their future being add to the database of more troublemakers incarcerated. Was considering my more important than mine?

They debated whether to leave me. Then they angered each other by saying your %&(#)!((&* away, you ain't & and so on, until one of them looked a &*(%@ a-- out of our building, cause So much for power of the press! Most put on me, the thought of what the pe every day continues to trouble me.

My would be muggers are no different want the same materials things and easily acquired through the underground they work, go to school or lead a decent society will dish them a lemon anyway instead they control the housing projects they buy off the security guards at 36 I thought Vince Lane and Leroy Mar supposed to have the control!? I guess

While the middle-class work on the the good life, the poorest minorities in projects have the least opportunities in vision. In their minds there is no way endless cycle of despair in which the daily basis. Are we to blame?

We fail to see, or are unwilling to see activities of the corporations, political leaders contribute to crime we witness They simply do not address the prob

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Will there be urban democracy or will continue to dominate the Mid-South charge? Should it be politicians or the to public office?

For too long, black elected officials inherent right to control the community their ward, state legislative and congressional political quagmire within the black political personalities and patronage in wealthy elected officials and inner neighborhoods, eroded by a lack of empowerment initiatives.

Southside inner city neighborhoods dominated by poverty and welfare, job and fatherless babies, the gangs, hope and despair. No wonder academic scholars universities describe the black ghetto inhabited by "underclass" residing in public housing over 90% of the units by third generation females that survive off of welfare. If no meaningful intervention occurs by the 21st century, 80% of the become fourth generation welfare recipients of the boys will spend one to ten years 50% of the people in the inner cities alcohol or drug dependent.

Young people talk of their lack of sense of role models and jobs. Violence for a lack of something constructive offer the most support of a surrogate way of making a living.

Back in 1942, Richard Wright asked in his introduction to the landmark "Lies", "Will the negro find a meaning in his slums and his sweatshops, his men which will be born a new consciousness toward freedom? Or will he continue, job-like to the society that crushes him will I trust in it?"

50 years later, a network of concern Greater Grand Boulevard community

Editorial

The lack of presence is harmful than crime itself.

is half your age, can give you... 2. Try to win them over... Stay away; or 4. Call the... I was safe since CHA... the thought of calling the... mind). Then, there is the... g at risk, which would only... young black people... niggers welfare more



prisons will not solve such a complex issue. Instead, society sees crime as an isolated event unrelated to the structure of our society.

The America government is responsible. Society has created these environments that breed crime. Every politician and media is screaming out against crime, particularly black on black crime, which no different than any other people. While they speak of more police or more this and that, they know better than to go into certain areas after dark and really meet the problem head on.

Spend the night and a lot of time in public housing as did former Mayor of Chicago Jane Byrne. (Whatever her agenda was it worked.) Think of the impact that this would have on those young people that harassed me and others would say. "Jesse, Stroger, Steele, Rush, Daley, Austin, Hofied, they are with us." Those who claim to understand the nature of this battleground will have to step up and increase their presence. If we use the reality of human nature in organizing against crime, we could solve these problems. Whatever the true answer is.

Really show us that you care, lots of talk and no action and presence, gets us nowhere. South Street Journal is on a mission to save our youth, with a presence, first step in this process.



Ron Carter, Publisher

Prespective

Restoring Bronzeville Call for Action Now!

will plantation politics Community? Who's in the citizens who elect them... feel that they have an... development process in... professional districts. This... community, dominated by... has resulted city economic

revitalization strategy titled, "Restoring Bronzeville". Working under the collaborative banner of the Mid-South Planning & Development Commission (MSPDC), volunteer citizen action committees are exhibiting manifestations of independent political action and policy advocacy, as the most significant expression of economic empowerment in "Black Metropolis".

This manifestation of MSPDC strategies for community empowerment will work best if the elected officials are willing to legislate and facilitate a grassroots empowerment process that will motivate the community and create some real "brick and mortar" workable initiatives so eloquently described in the Mid-South Strategic Development Plan.

Now in the implementation phase of the strategic plan, MSPDC meets every Tuesday night at 6:00 p.m. at the King Center located at 43rd and Cottage Grove. The empowerment process begins with an information session of the elected officials to include alderwomen, state and congressional representatives. The agenda would cover; strengths and weaknesses of existing community initiatives; cause and effects of fragmentation in former empowerment efforts alternatives to present initiatives that would foster inclusive citizen participation. The result from this meeting would be that the Mid-South Community would create its own apparatus for community empowerment that has the capacity to implement the strategic plan.

In order for the MSPDC to implement the strategic plan the first priority in developing leadership is to concentrate on developing not one but many significant leaders involved in the commission. This is known as collective leadership. Collective leadership is the anchor organizing tool that will help the MSPDC function smoothly and achieve it's goals. When the MSPDC develops good collective leadership, it will grow stronger as a community empowering mechanism. As a result, the MSPDC will be able to present a unified, well-thought out position when it comes to negotiating on economic empowerment initiatives.



Harold L. Lucas

Harold L. Lucas, a community organizer and urban preservationist, is employed as program manager for policy advocacy and community

The McNeal Report

Provident Hospital in Perspective A Bird's Eye View



The founder of Provident Hospital was a visionary. "Provident", means providing for the future. Dr. Daniel Hale Williams a pioneer physician had a vision a result of racial intolerance. The City of Chicago, was racially divided, as it is presently. People of color were systematically denied access to adequate health care and the opportunity to be train in the medical health profession was limited.

Dr. Williams was not alone in his vision. Emma Reynolds was an aspiring nurse attempting to enroll in Cook County Nursing School in 1890. Ms. Reynolds was denied admittance on the basis that no African-Americans need apply. Reynolds went to her brother, an A.M.E. Minister at St. Steven's Church of Chicago, in a crestfallen state. As a result of this brazen discrimination, Rev. Reynolds took the initiative to introduce her to Dr. Williams. Williams called a meeting of community leaders after hearing of her plight. Together, they explored the possibilities of creating a health institution specifically to accommodate African-Americans. Provident Hospital came into being over 100 years ago, 1891.

The demise of the hospital occurred to a litany of reasons. Primarily, the delay in the State of Illinois reimbursement payments for welfare recipients was stagnant and deplorable. Secondly, the administration failed to network effectively with other health care providers which would have augmented the important task of learning new technology, and keeping abreast of the changing and automated billing methods. Thirdly, the community did not sufficiently support the hospital.

The struggle for African-American ownership and control of the hospital became an issue. It elevated by the efforts of such activists as Joe Collins. Collins spearheaded the initiative to maintain African-American ownership of this macro-level institution. As the Cook County government finally purchase Provident from the federal government, Mr. Collins remains steadfast that the ownership be returned to the black

On August 17, 1993, Provident Hospital reopened its doors to a community in dire need. Beyond structural rehabilitation, new program initiatives at Provident include state-of-the-art equipment with an emergency room capable of treating 95% of all trauma cases, six birthing suites which allow families to experience the birthing process from labor to delivery, and operating rooms second-to-none. Cook County Commissioner Jerry Bultler said,

"The County has succeeded in providing the taxpayer with a major community health care facility at less than the cost of a new facility."

Cook County Board president Richard Phelan reported at the December 21 Board Meeting that the renovation of Provident, was completed under budget. The final cost of the renovation equaled \$37,489,500, approximately \$100,000 under projected budget.

Phelan further noted that the project employed 45 percent minority and female participation in contracts, he claims it is one of the highest ever achieved in the State of Illinois. It employes seven hundred forty four individuals.

It has not yet begun operating at full capacity. To date it has served more than one thousand patients. Over sixteen thousand have been treated as outpatients in the emergency room and the clinic.

Provident was one of the County's most complicated capital projects consisting of the rehabilitation of several sections of the facility. The hospital also had to be upgraded to meet new stringent licensing requirements. In addition, a 750-car parking was added to the campus. The community as well as the patients of Provident have access to state of the art health care.

Provident Hospital will, in all likelihood, remain open under the auspices of the Cook County government. They will not be wrought with the duplicate economic woes, as the preceding African-American administrators faced. The reopening of the hospital will prove to be uplifting to the community.

Gayle Kates, M.D., Chairperson of Pediatrics at Provident Hospital states, "we are here to serve the undeserved."

Dino McNeal is the Director of the Freedom Now Center and Board Member of the Southside NAACP



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BUSINESS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Are you just getting started in business and need office space?

 The Ahkenator Community Development Corporation has started construction and lease on it's Business Center/Incubator Building.

The building on the corner of 43rd and King Drive was at one time a Medical Center. The ACDC seen a need to assist small businesses in need of office space, getting started by providing technical assistance, help in writing business plans, and providing fax and copier services. The Incubator has two floors. The 1st floor is a private market tenants and the 2nd floor is shared office space. Both floors has the option of a centralized receptionist service and more. For information regarding office space contact Randell Towse at (312) 924-3992.

Women's Self-Employment Project

 provides business loans and personal support to women entrepreneurs interested in starting their own business. Meeting are held every 1st and 3rd Thursday, 11 a.m., at Kennedy King College, Swan Room. 1st Floor. for more information call Myso at 493-4686.

NEW BUSINESS in the Neighborhood

 (From last issue of SSJ)

Henry Tellis a community activist and now businessman has open a discount clothing store at 807 E. 63rd Street. Fully stocked, he has been having problems with neighboring Korean businesses objecting competition based on his business is to close to theirs, taking the business from them. He said he will remain at this location and will move only if his business is not meeting the community demand for good service and products. He also said he will have no chose if the property owner do not up hold the lease agreement.s

Tellis plans are to continue his goal to set up other businesses, then turn them over to the community to finance other retail businesses in the area. "This is one example of how can people can put their money where their mouth is talking about economics and establishing black businesses in the community," says Tellis. See his ad on page 8.

Black Enterprise magazine's 5 easy-to-start Home Based Businesses

Reported in Black Enterprise the average at-home business owner will earn \$50,000 in 1994. Half of all businesses were launched from the entrepreneurs' home. The risk is low as well as the expenses, and the business can offer many services that a business with an office can.

The five are: Home-Sewing service, Computer service, Entrepreneur's Entrepreneur (Business consultant), Handyman or woman, and Catering.

First '94 STRIVE Job Workshop Set for January 24

Strive/Chicago Employment Service will begin its first job readiness workshop of 1994 on January 24. Strive, located at 4910 S. King Drive, has helped more than 350 people find jobs since opening in 1991.

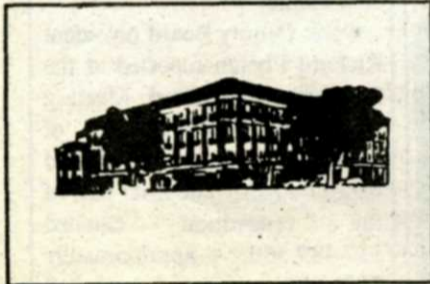
Strive services low-income adults with little or no work history. To inter the program participants should be at least 18 years old, be unemployed at least six months, and have no more than three years of prior work experience. Strive has a priority to serve public housing residents and public aid recipients. all current AFDC recipients are eligible.

During the 3-week workshop, STRIVE

helps participants define their employment goals; build workplace skills like following directions, listening and teamwork; and learn job seeking skills and how to prepare resumes. After the workshop, the organization provides placement assistance, follow-up and job counseling and makes a life-time commitment to assist its graduates. Seventyfive percent of STRIVE's graduates find employment. All of its services are free.

Anyone interested in learning more about STRIVE's services can call (312) 624-9700. Those interested in joining the January workshop must register in advance.

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Daniel Hale Williams, M.D.

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WILLIAMS, DANIEL HALE (1858-1931), American physician and pioneer in heart surgery, credited with having performed the first successful open-heart operation. He was born in Hollidaysburg, Pa., on Jan. 18, 1858, the son of a barber of racially mixed ancestry. He received his M.D. degree from Chicago Medical College in 1883, and thereafter served for a time as surgeon to the South Side Dispensary and the Protestant Orphan Asylum. In 1891, aware of the lack of opportunity for blacks in the medical professions, he founded Provident Hospital, the first fully racially integrated hospital in the United States. It was there, in 1893, that he detached the rib of a man who had a deep knife wound in his chest and repaired the punctured artery and pericardium, the sac surrounds the heart. This was the first recorded case of successful open-heart surgery, and he saw the patient through a complete recovery.

Williams moved to Washington, D.C., in the same year to become surgeon-in-chief at Freedmen's Hospital. He returned to Chicago in 1898 where he rejoined the staff of Provident Hospital and also worked for many years at Cook County Hospital and St. Luke's Hospital. He also served periodically as visiting professor of clinical surgery at Meharry Medical College, in Nashville, Tenn. He was co-founder of the National Medical Association in 1895, and in 1913 became the only black charter member of the American College of Surgeon. He died in Idlewild, Mich., on Aug. 4, 1931.

Kenneth R. Manning

Child Abuse Who Cares:

Child abuse and neglect is a complex and disturbing problem in our society that has only until recently received serious attention from the medical and legal community. It was not until 1962 when Dr. C. Henry Kempe identified the "battered child syndrome" that the notion of child abuse started to receive national attention.

By definition, abuse is any act of commission and comes in various forms, such as physical, sexual and psychological. Neglect is an act of omission such as, the failure to perform an obligation and to care for or protect a child. Neglect can also take on a variety of forms such as medical, educational and physical. There is also moral neglect, the failure to provide an atmosphere of moral standards so that a child can develop a conscience. There is emotional neglect, the failure to provide the emotional nutrients necessary so that a child can develop into a stable personality. All these forms of abuse and neglect have been defined by thousands of cases around the country.

Child abuse and neglect prevention strategies can be viewed at three different levels: 1) Primary - Aimed at the entire population and takes place before any abuse or neglect has occurred. Junior high and high school parenting classes, and prenatal and new parent classes promote bonding between parent and child. 2) Secondary - Aimed at parents who are thought to be "at risk" or likely to have difficulty parenting. Included in this group are parents who were abused children themselves, who due to poverty, unemployment, and/or substance abuse live in isolation with few effective social support systems; and 3) Tertiary - occurs once abuse or neglect has been identified. Treatment is directed at the parents as well as the child in an effort to break the generational cycle of abuse and neglect.



Recently, there has been a proliferation of misleading articles which belittle the extent of abuse, especially sexual abuse. This argument has been perpetuated by defense lawyers, the media and fathers rights organizations, and others. In spite of the laws on the books, which are supposed to protect children up to the age of 18, most of these laws apparently never leave the books. Otherwise, it would be difficult to explain how a 17 year old girl can have four babies and not be considered as having been sexually abused by someone.

There are numerous warning signs of families of high risk for abuse and neglect. These warning signs can be seen during the prenatal period, at delivery and during the post partum period. The major resources of the state are aimed at situations where abuse and neglect have already occurred. So where should the people of God be? While the State of Illinois positions its resources at the bottom of the hill in an attempt to catch those falling through the cracks of the system, the people of God should be advised to take a position at the top of the hill in order to prevent people from falling initially. We have reached a point where it is no longer our resources that limit our decisions; it is our decisions that limit our resources.

Contributed by: Dr. Howard Lee, Daniel Hales Williams Health Center

This day in History January

- 13, 1966 - Robert C. Weaver was named head of the newly formed Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- 14, 1940 Julian Bond, Senator for the state of Georgia, was born in 1940.
- 15, Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority was founded at Howard University in 1908. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was born.
- 16, 1967 - Lucius D. Amerson was sworn in as Sheriff in Tuskegee, Alabama.
- 17, Muhammad Ali, who become heavyweight champion of the world three times, was born in Louisville, Ky. - 1942.
- 18, - Dr. Daniel Hale Williams - born 1858, surgeon, performed the first successful heart operation in 1893.
- 19, John H. Johnson - businessman editor and publisher of Ebony and Jet magazines born in 1918.
- 20, 1984 - Benjamin Ward took office as New City's first Black Commissioner on

- 1/5/84.
- 21, Carl T. Rowan was appointed Deputy Asst. Sec'y of State for Public Affairs on 1/25/61. He was appointed Director of the U.S. Information agency on 1/21/64.
- 22, Dr. Ronald E. McNair, physicist extraordinaire and one of the first 3 Black astronauts to be chosen for the shuttle program, was killed in the space shuttle explosion on 1/28/86.
- 23, 1966 - Constance B. Motley became the 1st Black Woman to be named to a Federal Judgeship - New York City.
- 24, 1962 - Jackie Robinson became the 1st Black to be elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.
- 25, - Shirley Chisholm, first Black Congresswoman, announced her candidacy for President of the United States on Jan. 25, 1972.
- 26, a posthumous Congressional Gold medal was presented to Mrs. Aminda Wilkins, wife of Roy Wilkins, Exec. Dir. of the NAACP and civil rights activist for over 50 years 1/16/72.

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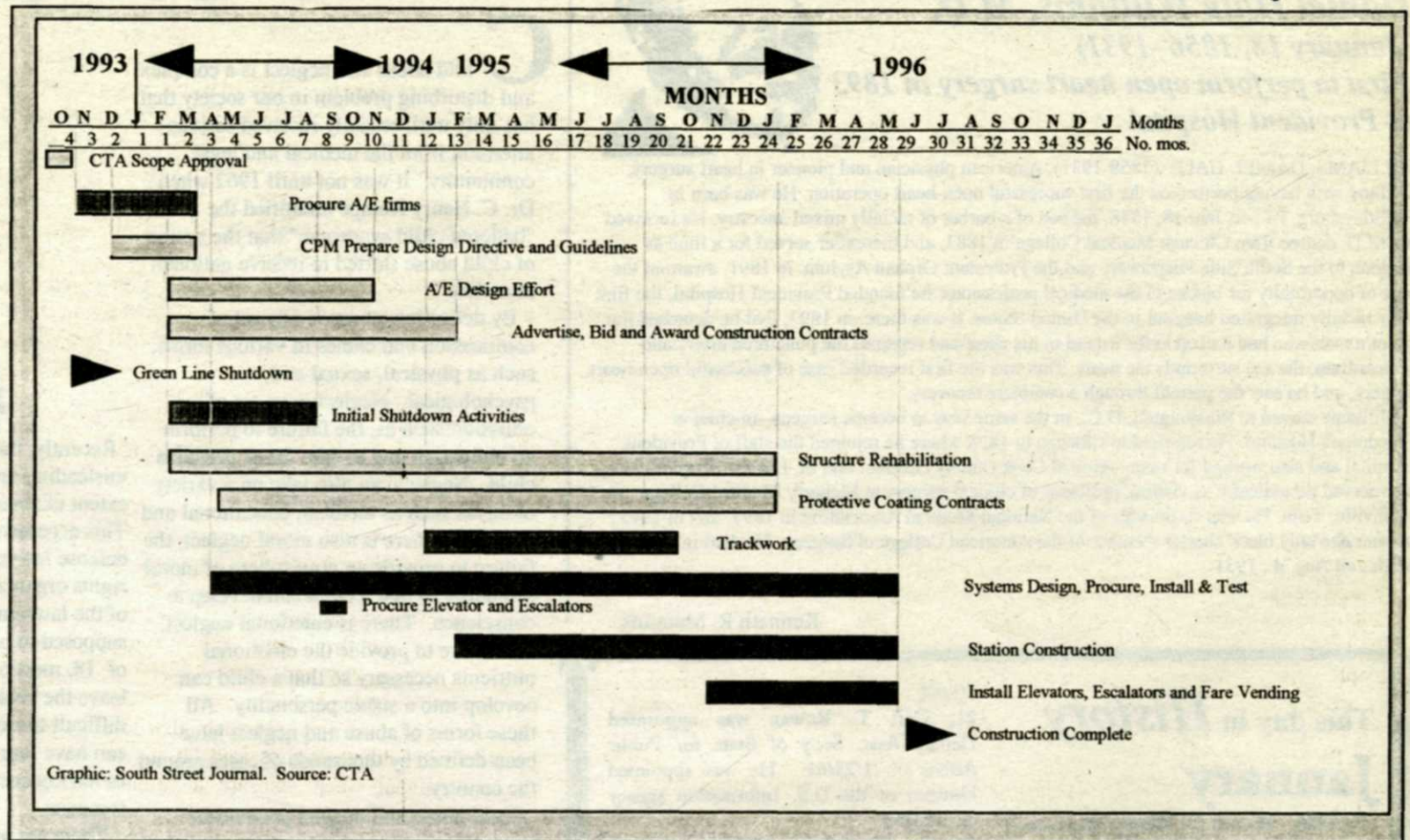
CTA Green Line Rehabilitation Summary

In a move to get community residents their fair share of jobs from the reconstruction of the Green Line, the Green Line Community Coalition presented the Chicago Transit Authority a list of demands to insure community residents receive 50% of the 7,000 jobs to be produced from the reconstruction of the EL.

Alderman Vigil Jones lead the coalition in a meeting with CTA President Robert Belcaster.

A call for community groups involvement, Eddie Reed of the Chicago Black United Communities will be coordinating a central data base to be produced by the community organizations in the adjacent area, where they will identify residents in their community to fill the jobs.

For every four apprenticeship positions filled, one must be a resident from the area. In addition Aldermen Madeline Halthcock, 2nd, Toni Preckwinkle, 4th, Shirley Coleman 16th and Dexter Watson, 27th drew up an ordinance directing the corporation counsel to draw up an agreement between the city, the CTA and other gov-



Graphic: South Street Journal. Source: CTA

ernmental bodies to coordinate the reconstruction of the Green Line and maximize the economic benefit to the areas affected by the construction.

Points to be included in the agreement are as follow; * a schedule for coordinating capital

projects, *a firm commitment to re-open the Green-Line in two years, * a mechanism to determine repairs to streets, sidewalks, alleys, etc. if damaged during the reconstruction.

* and an agreement to maximize job opportuneness for the com-

munities affected by the Green line.

To ensure that the construction managers on the Green Line project do not to shy away from such an agreement, they will be monitored by an independent affirmative action consultant to ensure

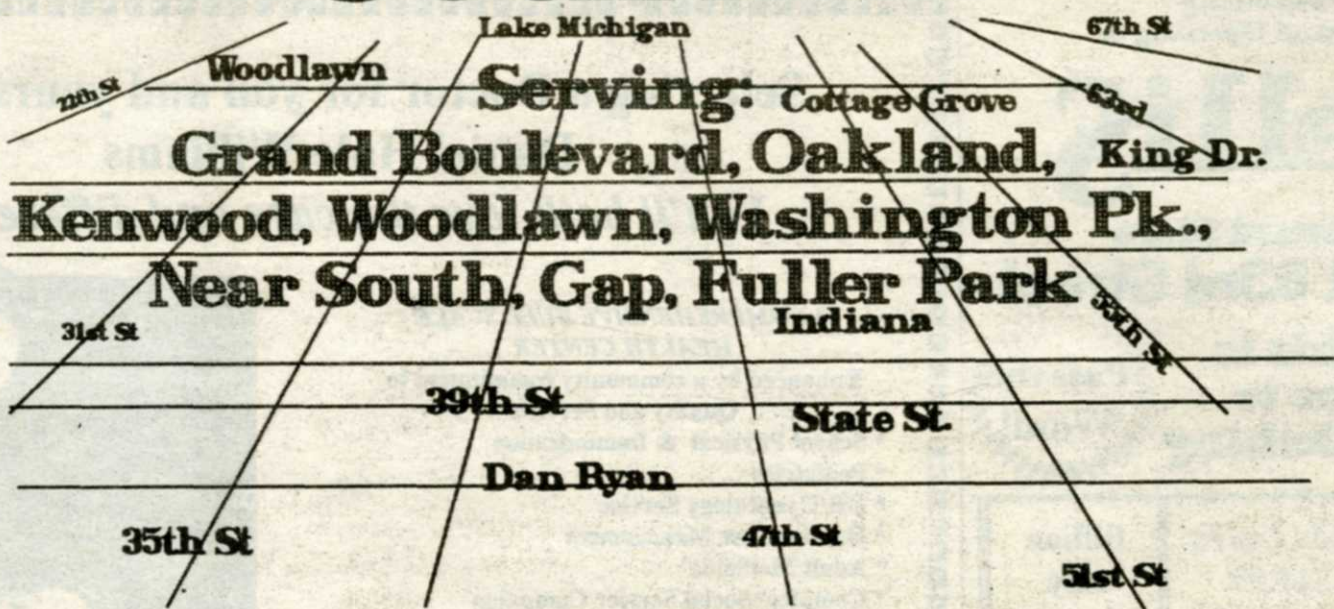
that the companies live up to the agreement.

The coalition also demanded as well \$150 millions be place in Black banks and that Walsh Construction company deposit \$37 million in Seaway Bank.

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Rappers

a derogatory way," said Wilson, "We will not continue to sit silent and support music which demeans and degrade African American women and men, and promote and glamorize violence and drug activity."

West stressed that Gangsta Rap is a reflection of the streets. "Do not attack us, attack the record companies. Our purpose (MHHM) is to establish educational opportunities for our youth and enhance their chances of a more productive life."

Thomas Harris not representing 21st Century VOTE informed the meeting participants that rap music is 25-30% of the record industry and most rappers are not getting royalties and only making a living.

"We must not continue to bow down to our oppressors and encourage our children to sink to this livelihood of self hatred for dollars," said Wilson, "We must challenge the language and visual portrayals of our people which depict us as less regal than we are."

West called for organizational change with PUSH to incorporate the youth. "The organization is tied to their membership and this is not the case calling a boycott.

PUSH should have talk to us first."

West explained "People should not judge all rap the same. Hip Hop Rap is an art form and a sub culture of various nations, and gangsta rap is a way of life."

Historically, rap has always been part of Black music since the 40's. It resurfaced in the 70's with Gil Scott-Heron using rap in his music to express the social climate. Now it has become a powerful medium for communicating messages for the youth.

"I have mixed emotions of the meeting we had with PUSH," said West, "I do believe we can work together. Once we understand their position we will take a poll of our organization's of businesses and community people to confirm our role at the Rap summit."

MHHM has been in existence since 1991 and is based in the Oakland community on 46th and Lake Park.

In addition to the MHHM, present at the meeting was Shirock Nation, Tenth Planet, United Nation of Hip Hop, ZuLu Nation, Flavor Unit, Young Black Programers, Kelvin "Rappin' Tate, allied Workers Union Workers Union and Artist International Managers. In addition, Mark Allen and radio stations WJPC and WHPK.

Editor's Note: In the December 23, 1993 edition of South Street Journal, the story on the Anthony Overton building incorrectly stated that a library would be a part of the building. The library will possibly be a part of the Bee building. We regret any inconvenience that this may have caused you.

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St. Anselm Closing

closing. The community can do something. It is not always money, they can join us in our efforts. They may know someone, or have some ideas, something to help. They can be a major force".

The school SOS (Save Our School) committee has tried to get the word out as much as possible by sending letters to organizations, elected officials, corporations, and alumnus, but no real support has come forward to meet their February deadline, when they must confirm to the Archdioceses their financial status.

Alma Phillips the school board chairman said, "Contacting corporations is difficult since most of them channel donations to the catholic schools through the Big Shoulder Operation (a Catholic school fundraising organization), which, St. Anselm is a member of. It makes it harder to get funds directly from the corporations, not knowing which ones are open to supporting us," she continued to say, "the funds we get from the Big shoulder Operations is far and beyond what is needed."

With the massive outreach that the school has done, Phillips said "It maybe very difficult when you are a catholic school to get the community support like it is with public schools", she added, "we

have put the word out as much as possible and no real community support has come about".

Both Phillips and Bush stressed the lack of support from the elected officials that have not offered any support. "This is not about religion, it's about the children", said Bush, "when our cry went to the alderman (Arenda Troutman, 20th) and Congressman (Bobby Rush) it must have reached them. They know our plight and must realize this school is a very important resource to the community."

"We will stay hopeful, but it does look glum and doom. But you never know what can happen, we still need the community support."

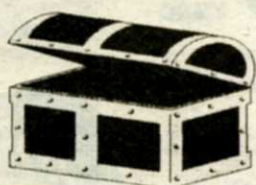
On Sunday, January 15, the St. Anselm church will have a candle light march through the church where the students will voice their concerns and support to keep the school open.

Father Hegarty said the school has no problem finishing this school term. In September the doors will close without the cash money in the bank.

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