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Remembering Malcolm X

Mid-South selected for Empowerment Zone!

The Mid-South communities of Douglas, Grand Boulevard, Washington Park, Woodlawn, North Kenwood and Oakland was chosen as one of three areas in Chicago to complete nationally for \$100 million in the federal government's Empowerment Zone program. The community now must compete against over 200 cities nationwide where President Bill Clinton's administration will make the decision lately this year.

The other Chicago communities picked by the council in Chicago are the Garfield Park, Austin and Lawndale and the other southside cluster is Pilsen and Little Village will be competing with other cities in need of development, such as Detroit, Miami and Los Angeles. Only six cities will be granted the funds nation-wide.

In a process that bought over 50 organizations and representatives of the Mid-south area together, they developed and submitted a plan to the

Mayor's Chicago Empowerment Zone Coordinating Council.

The next step is for the Mayor's to submit a formal application to the Clinton administration by June 30 where the final decision will be made.

Angelo Rose, Chairman of the Mid-South Planning and Development Commission said, "the selection only complements what the organizations are currently doing in the community."

"Some people never thought we would get this far," said Rose. "But the point here is that the Mid-South community never receive it's fair and adequate share of city services, street resurfacing and the like. We can see the Empowerment Zone project as a clear vision of supporting the things we are doing and clearing what we want our community to look like now."

Rose stressed that, "it is not over yet. We have to still work just as hard to get Washington D.C. to accept mid-south as one of the communities. So we must get the support of our elected officials local as well as national."

Mid-South as the south cluster, alone the other communities clusters areas Congressman Bobby Rush (2) office stated the congressman is still reviewing the Empowerment zone program and will not make any decision until the congressman returns from a trip to South Africa in about two weeks.

Gwendoly Taylor, Program Director for adult Education for the Firman Community Center said, "One of the most important parts of the Empowerment Zone is the Wage Tax credit, where companies hiring residents in the Empowerment Zone will get a tax credit." She added that, "the challenge is to economic development, where organizations that provide job training must perform, beginning the skilled levers and adult training to take part of the tax credit

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KOCO Demands Support for Moderate Income Housing for Kenwood-Oakland Charges Ald. Preckwinkle

The Kenwood-Oakland Community Organization (KOCO) is demanding that Alderman Toni Preckwinkle (4th) support moderate-income housing and the Chicago Affordable Housing and Jobs Ordinance in the Conservation area of the 4th Ward.

"The reason why we are making this demand on Alderman Preckwinkle is because the Conservation Plan that was passed by the city council in October 1992 states, 'To provide quality, affordable housing to all income groups.'" said Robert Lucas Executive Director of KOCO, "Another reason for our demand is that currently, the city's Department of Planning and Economic Development is having 60 homes built from the Parade of Homes Program for middle-and - upper-middle income people that will range in price from \$139,000 to \$230,000 in the conservation area."

KOCO said it is not opposed to the Parade Homes program, but the Conservation plan must support affordable and moderate-income housing in order to give the community balanced development.

KOCO further charges Alderman Preckwinkle with discriminating against people in North Kenwood-Oakland, that are in need of moderate-income and affordable housing. KOCO reported that on May 5th Alderman Preckwinkle met with staff members of the City's Department of Planning and the Department of Housing and the Shirley Newsome, Chairperson of the North Kenwood-Oakland Conservation Community Council (CCC) and stated to them that from this point on, developers that are interested in utilizing the new homes for Chicago program in North Kenwood-Oakland will have to engage in competitive bidding for the city-owned lots, which KOCO said they find rather bizarre because the new homes for Chicago program has been around for the last 4 or 5 years, and competitive bidding has not taken place anywhere else in the city, so why in Kenwood-Oakland.

Alderman Preckwinkle said that she was not aware of KOCO's program for new housing in the area and was not able to endorse it to the CCC. She said she was in the planning stages with the Parade of Homes which is her reason for endorsing it to the CCC.

Preckwinkle said her office do support low-and-moderate income housing stating that over 136 units of low and moderate income housing has been provided in the 4th ward since she been in office.

"We are going to testify at the CDC meeting. The reason for our testimony is because for the last three years the CDC

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Robert Lucas, Executive Director of KOCO

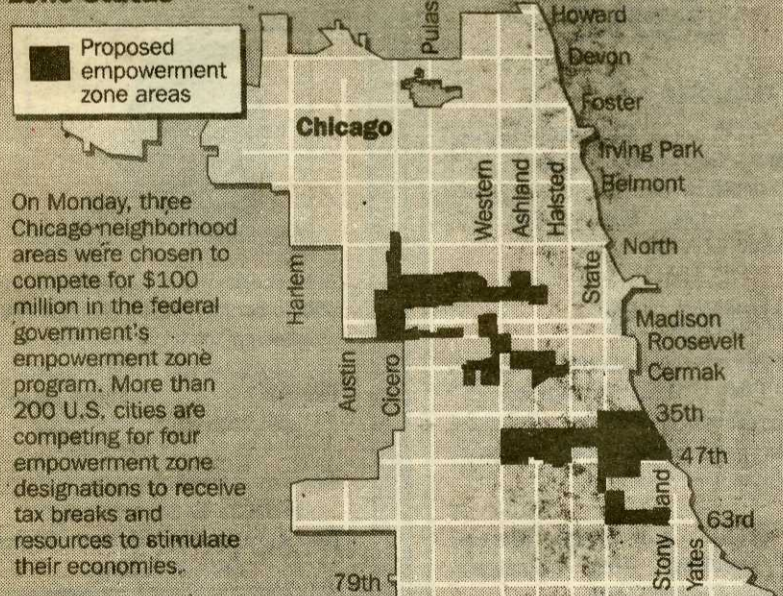
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Alderman Toni Preckwinkle 4th ward

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Chicago areas competing for empowerment zone status



"If We don't Work, Nobody Work" CBUC to CTA for Jobs

The Chicago Black United Communities (CBUC)/United Services of Chicago held a mass rally of 300 people at Bethel AME church on 44th and Michigan last week, charging that if the community resident do not get jobs from the CTA Greenline project that nobody will.

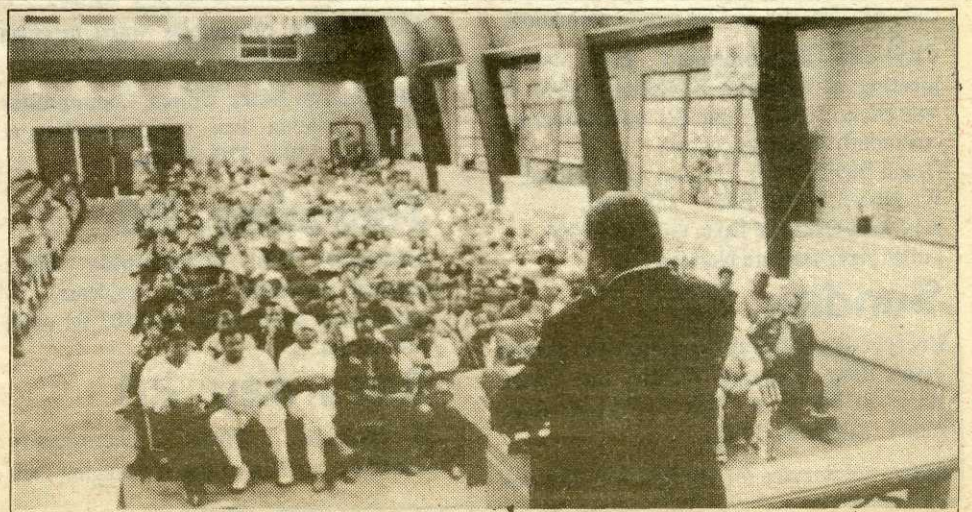
Eddie Read of CBUC charged Charles Bowen of the Mayor's office of making sure Untied Services is not the monitoring agency over the jobs for the south side.

Bowen told South Street Journal that "Groups have come to us and said it's not

going to work with (United Services) them. So we had to put out a Request For Proposal for the best qualified." He added that, "We have to reminded CHA. they don't set the policy for the mayor."

Alderman Virgil Jones (15), pitched addressing the rally, also charged that CTA is dragging, and that this process prolongs action to ensure residents jobs.

Bowen said that the city only granted the funds to CTA for monitoring affirmative action for the Greenline, but sees the city goal of 30% will be meet.



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The UnZipped

Does Barbara Norman, the former Harold Washington Party candidate, who put the Empowerment Zone package together for Fuller Park, live in Fuller Park?.....Report from the Fuller Park community is that E. Hickinbottom of East Lake Developers, a close associate of Alderman Dorothy Tillman, is gearing up to do some housing development in the Fuller Park community.

Word has it that Mattie Butler of WECAN, Jerry Butler's sister, is about to get the Single Room Occupancy (SRO) building on 62nd and Dorchester. With the help of people from The Woodlawn Organization.....and recently, Loren Allen, the former Executive Director of The Woodlawn Organization has told folks in a meeting that Housing is more important than jobs, after working on the St. Edmonds church (61st and Michigan) housing development project of 65 units on Evans street.

At the Spring Lecture of the International Christian Fellowship for Mission on 42nd and Cottage, Charles Bowen, assistant to Mayor Daley was seen giving money to Guv candidate Dawn Clark Netsch for the offering, saying that's all right you can keep it.

The Mid-South Planning and Development Commission is reportedly have hired an Executive Director from the Department of Planning (Pat Dowe reportedly gave the department a two week notice).Where's the grassroots community organizers position!?

At a townhall meeting of Robert Taylor Homes, President Ethel Washington could not get any answers for the tenants when 20 representatives of the CHA Taylor Development attended the meeting. They were unable to say when the damage done by the sweeps will be fixed for the tenants.

The Past 60 years of Washington Park is Sought

The Washington Park Advisory Council is seeking remembrance of Washington Park over the past 60 years to kick off the opening of the new Washington Park Reflector and Aquatic Center located at 55th and King Drive.

"We want to capture to memory of the past that people has had of the park," said Cecilia Butler, President of the Council, "We want to highlight the good times people have had in the park. The 60's, 70's and 80's, looking forward to the bright future when we have the opening of the new renovated Washington Park."

The council is requesting that people who can submit oral or printed material, items, pictures, etc., to for the grand opening should forward them to Ms. Cecilia Butler, c/o Washington Park advisory Council 5849 S. Indiana Ave. Chicago Illinois 60609 or bring them to the next Council meeting on May 18th at the Washington Park Field House, 55th and King Drive at 6:30 pm.

The opening is expected soon in the honor of former Mayor Harold Washington.



Hales Franciscan High School president Fr. Charles E. Payne (at left) presents a Hales Achievement Award to former Chicago Bulls star Norm Van Lier. Former Hales basketball star Al Lewis also received the award. Van Lier and Lewis were honored for their career accomplishments and community activities.

Community Briefs

Harold Washington College-Kenwood Family Learning Center at 4608 S. Greenwood is providing FREE,

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TAXI MEDALLION LOTTERY APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Beginning Monday, May 9, applications for Taxi Medallion Lottery will be available to licensed cab drivers. A total of 200 taxi medallions- 100 new medallions created by the City and 100 surrendered by Checker and Yellow Cab Companies will be distributed to qualified public chauffeurs. The current market value of a taxi medallion is approximately \$36,000. Lottery applications may be obtained from the Dept. Consumer Services, 510 N. Peshtigo Ct. For info call 744-6227.

MASK MAKING CLASS AT YOUR SCHOOL, CHURCH OR ORGANIZATION for youth and adults.

This is an on-going "Arts in Education-Education in the Arts" program. Peggy Cotton will conduct the classes. She has some of the creative masks at the Chicago public library, The Lorraine Hansberry Branch, 4314 S. Cottage Grove. The exhibit is on-going. For more information call 721-2648

Body Parts Health Fitness for Men and Women at the Sutherland Hotel for residents and neighbors. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 6 to 7 pm at the Ballroom 4657 S. Drexel Blvd. Monthly cost \$25 per person, \$15 for seniors.

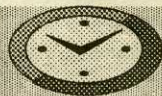
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6000 S. Lafayette Block Club Committee Annual Tea for Youth held on July 31. The attendance runs between 75 to 150 youths. They are seeking support of businesses, organizations, etc., for donations of funds and products. For info on assisting the block club, call Ms. Yolanda Keith, President, 6038 S. Lafayette #2, Chgo, Ill 60621.

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May Calendar of Events



Thursday, 19
Malcolm X Birthday

Coalition to Commemorate Malcolm X will sponsor the 7th Annual Birthday Celebration. Keynote speaker: Noted Psychologist Dr. Samella Abdullah. Topic: "The Role of the Family in the Black liberation Struggle", 7 - 10 pm, Center fir Inner City Studies, 700 E. Oakwood Blvd. Donation \$5, Cultural Entertainment, African Market. For information call 268-7500 Ext. 129

Saturday, 21

African Liberation Day. Theme "Building the African Centered Movement" will Assemble at Jackson and Austin 10 am and at 11:30 am Step-off Madison and Austin. Rally and cultural Festival 1 pm at Madison and Central Park. African Market Available call 268-7500, Ex 154 for more information.

City-wide Empowerment Zone weekly meeting at Malcolm X College, 1900 W. Van Buren 10am - 4 pm. For information and community meetings contact: Grand Boulevard & Douglas; Angelo Rose, Woodlawn: Mattie Butler: 288-3000, Kenwood-Oakland: Doug Gill: 548-7500, Fuller Park; Barbara Norman

Sunday, 22

Everybody's Church presents it's annual men's Day Program, "Christ the Corner stone" at 6:00 p.m. 5958 S. Wabash Ave.. Acie L. Singleton, Pastor.

Memorial Service for the late Sam Derrick

at DuSable Museum 740 E. 56th Place. for information call John 285-8820.

Monday, 23

1st Time Homebuyers seminar sponsored by Savings of America will be held at King Center 43rd and Cottage Grove at 6 pm for information call 696-2350

New Structure Organization's weekly Monday meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. at 5659 S. Indiana. Contact John Thomas at (312) 324-5256 for information.

Tuesday, 24

Mid-South Planning & Development Commission weekly meeting begins at 6:30 at King Center 43rd and Cottage Grove.

Task Force for Black political Empowerment meets weekly at the Center of Inner City Studies, 700 E. Oakwood. 6:30 pm. The meeting covers political activities.

Wednesday, 25

Ald. Tillman community ward meeting 4645 S. King Drive.

The Chicago Black United Communities will be holding their weekly meeting at 6:30 pm at 330 E. 37th Street.

Thursday, 26

Alderman Toni Preckwinkle holds personal meetings with residents, by appointment only. Call 536-8103 for more information.

Saturday, 28

Washington Park Community Coalition meeting at the Washington Park

Field House, 55th and King Drive begins promptly at 2 pm.

June

Thursday, 2

The North Kenwood-Oakland Conservation Community Council will hold their monthly meeting at Kennicott Park, 4434 S. Lake Park. For more information call 435-5800.

Thursday, 9

20th Ward Mayor's community meeting at Washington Park Gymnasium, starting at 7 pm with registration at 6:30 pm. For more information call the Mayor's office of Inquiry and Information at 744-5000.

Thursday, 16th 4th Ward Mayor's community meeting, King Community Center, 43rd and Cottage Grove.

Saturday, 11

4th Ward Aldermanic Ministerial Breakfast. 4th Ward Office, 4646 S. Drexel Blvd. from 8:30 to 10:30 am. The second Saturday of every month. Contact Aldophus Kindle at 536-8103.

Next issue: South Street Journal June 2. Deadline for material is May 26

South Street Journal will publish notices of community meetings, events and programs. Any organization or person in the South Street Journal circulation area may submit material. We will print others as it relate to the area. Send material one week in advance to South Street Journal c/o FNC 6439 S. Cottage Grove, Chicago, Illinois 60637. Phone number is (312) 239-0540. We reserve the right to refuse and edit material.

South Street Journal

Photo VIEW

How do you relate South Africa's election to your community?



"The Black people in this community should be interested in South Africa. We have a home land to relate to, as we are part of the world community. The election in south Africa enhances the stature of Black people everywhere. The stronger they become, it will elevate the positions of Blacks in this community." Rev. Earl Sardon, Holiness Church 56th & Indiana



"Well, it's like playing cards. One pulls a card, the other must pull the same suit. It's giving us the motivation for political power, sending a wave of motivation across the ocean. We are still in economic apartheid." Dennis Worriil 67and Evans

The Bid for Carnival on Bud Billiken Day Continues

Court Suit/Petition Drive enters the Bid

With many elected officials against a carnival permit for Let's Unite Our Community for Keeps (LUCK) on the Bud Billiken Day Parade, the organization has launched a petition drive in support of the carnival and is seeking the legal assistance of the American Civil Liberties Union charging Alderman Dorothy Tillman (3) of deformation of character.

The City Council's committee on Special Events denied a permit to LUCK in April at the request of Tillman and Alderman Arenda Troutman (20), whose wards encompass the parade route.

Other aldermen against the Carnival took the stand with Tillman and Troutman stating it can cause fiction and gang problems. They also insisted that it is a day for the traditional Bud Billiken parade and nothing else should interfere with that day. Steven Meredith, founder of LUCK, charged Tillman with deformation of character, the pending law suit is based on this. Meredith said, "She (Tillman) said we haven't done nothing for the community and charged LUCK as being gang members." He added that, "Our doors are open to the community and we have been here for over 11 years. we are not gang members."

Opposition to the carnival also came from the Chicago Defender which said that the Billiken Day parade should be the only event in Washington Park on the day (August 13). The council committee was willing to grant a permit on any other day. The proposed permit would extend the event and community exposure to a 3 day festival in conjunction with the annual Bud Billiken parade.

Upon South Street Journal contacting the Chicago Defender, their representative state that they were done with the matter and have no comment on the pending law suit nor LUCK reapplying for the permit."

"Troutman told our members that she went against it because she thought we were white and just wanted to profit off the parade." said Meredith. "After Troutman found out that we were not (white) she said she would meet with

us but never returned our telephone calls to her office for such a meeting."

"We would like to give our youth exposure in the park," said Meredith. "After the parade there is nothing for the youth to do."

LUCK carnival attractions would be provided by Vargas Circus a traveling circus that comes to Chicago each year explained LUCK members "Children in our community are not aware of this event. This will be an added attraction for them to review."

LUCK members stated that initially they had the support and/or working with the Chicago Police and Fire Departments, Mayor's Office of Special Events, Chicago Park District, Board of Health, Streets and Sanitation, Waste Management, and Illinois Bell. "We believe that this is a political move by Tillman instead of what she is telling the public," said Meredith. "We feel that an expanded version of the zoo will provide an opportunity for youth to be exposed to animals and nature."

LUCK said they would include, Ethnic food highlight ethnic creativity to create and enhance the awareness of African-American culture, rhythm and music ie, blues, jazz, gospel, soul and reggae and cuisine with the African-American experience. Booths will be available for vendors

The revenue generated from the carnival circus would establish scholarships for needy children, support community athletic teams and make a contribution to the Chicago Defender Charity Fund according to LUCK. "We are not outside carpetbaggers," said Meredith. "Proceeds will also be used to support LUCK programs, Back to School Picnic, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Toys-for-Tots.

A meeting was scheduled for the Fuller Park Advisory Council with Tillman on May 7th and was reschedule for May 21st at Tillman's request according to Meredith. He said that Tillman's purpose of the meeting was to get the dope dealing and gang members out of Fuller Park community, not necessary to address the carnival issue. However, the park council is made up of mainly LUCK members.

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Phelan challenge Kenner in a recount on the March 15th Election

State Representative James Phelan (24th District) has file for a recount of his March 15th primary reelection bid. His grounds were due to his defeat within 5 percent of the vote losing to Howard Kenner.

Phelan filed for the recount on April 6, when Circuit Court Judge Murphy ordered all precinct in the district to be recounted.

The recount took place on April 19th, lasting for two weeks. Phelan is hoping to present to Judge Murphy evidence that he won

the election over Howard Kenner, based on the canvass count.

Kenner who won the election by 89 votes over eight candidates including the incumbent said, "I feel Phelan is starting to posture himself as a sore loser." He added that, "There is no merit in his allegations. I am looking for the whole thing to be thrown out of court by the judge."

Kenner said his winning votes two days after the election, came from the Washington Park community. The votes had to be physically counted. The winning votes came from the Washington Park community, east of State Street, to King Drive, from 51st to 56th Street.

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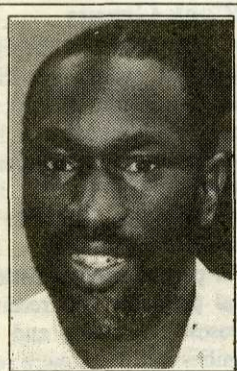
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Mid-South Organization Holds 1st Election

On Tuesday, April 26, coincident with the first time elections in South Africa, the Mid South Planning and Development Commission held it's first annual election for officers of the board.

Form a total of 22 eligible members voting elected were Chairman, Angelo Rose: (slated and incumbent) 21 votes, 1 abstention, Co-Chairmen: Jim Shirley (slated) 15 votes, and Sherman Harris 6 votes (nominated from the floor), Secretary: Sheila Altieri (slated) 22 votes, and Treasurer: Ephraim Walls (slated) 22 votes.



Angelo Rose, Re-elected Chairman of Mid-South Planning and Development Commission.

There were eight nominees overall who accepted nomination for office. The distribution was as follows:

Chairman (1), Co-Chairman (3), Secretary (2), and Treasurer (2). Of the those accepting nomination, the field included for Chairman: Angelo Rose, Co-Chairman: Sam Clark, Sherman Harris, and Jim Shirley, Secretary: Sheila Alteriri (incumbent) and Mary Stewart, Treasurer: Ephraim Walls (incumbent) and Mary Dawson.

The members of the election committee chaired by T.C., co-chairman of the Transportation committee put together the slate of candidates based on the number of nominations that each nominee received. "In addition," said T.C., "we called for and received

nominations from the floor, so that the body, if it so decided, could choose and vote for one of the other nominees or nominate and vote for an entirely different individual." T.C. said that that would effectively provide equality in representative opportunity.

T.C. said that the vote did not show a change in the direction of MSPDC, it gave clearance for the organization to continue it's direction in meeting the redevelopment needs of the community.

MSPDC was formed in 1990, composed of area residents, block clubs, and community organizations and businesses with the mission of empowering the residents with a comprehensive economic development initiative.

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"The Volunteer tutors will aid anyone who needs help in reading comprehension and math" said Lewis.

Although the main site is at 4525 S. King Drive in the D'Estee Building, additional sessions are held at south side area libraries, churches and in private homes.

Only adults 18 years and older are accepted for the free one and one-half hour sessions, which are held twice a week. Students may remain in the project until they reaches his/her goal.

The sorority is a public service organization dedicated to servicing the needs of its community and country.

For more information on the tutoring project, available times and locations, persons can call (312) 538-4037. Ask for Ms. Lewis.



Photo by Damien Lee

Attending the Chicago Chapter International Christian Fellowship for Mission are (l - R) Rev. O.C. White, Executive Secretary, Circuit Court Judge Raymond Funderburk, Pastor O.C. Morgan and Joyce Price, secretary to Rev. Morgan

Neighborhood Churches Sponsor Lecture Series

While other churches preach about the evils of teenagers hanging on the street corners while drinking the devil's brew, and cohabitation with the area's Jezebels several congregations are putting words into action.

The Chicago Chapter International Christian Fellowship For Mission [CCICFM] Fourth Annual Spring Vacation Lecture Series was sponsored by seven churches including Fidelity Church, Evening Star Church, New Jerusalem Spirit of Life, and Greater New Cloud. This year's lectures were held at Evening Star Baptist Church located at 4235 S. Cottage Grove and featured speakers Andrea Zopp, Assistant to the State's Attorney, Chicago Police Department Comm. Donald Hilbring, Alderman Toni Preckwinkle (4th Ward), Judge Raymond Funderburk, Charles Bowen, Assistant to Mayor Daley, and Democratic Candidate for Governor Dawn Clark-Nettsch.

According to Evening Star's pastor and President of the CCICFM Rev. O.C. Morgan the lectures are an opportunity for the churches in the area to motivate the youths. "It's no doubt

that today's youths are in trouble. Our lectures are a positive way for them to see other people who are doing something positive," said Rev. Morgan. "Also, these speakers can become possible role models."

The four-year-old event held during school spring break is to develop and encourage youth throughout the City of Chicago. Rev. Morgan stated that the CCICFM is to unify Gospel preachers, Christians workers and churches by their unwavering obedience to God, by uncompromising the word of truth and its stand for righteousness.

"This year has been a blessed and prosperous year," said Rev. Morgan. "The highlight of the year was the renaming of 41st thru 43rd and Cottage Grove to Rev. O.C. Morgan, Sr Drive. Special thanks to 4th Ward Alderwoman Toni Preckwinkle for her presenting the resolution to the City Council for their approval."

Rev. Morgan and his assistant Joyce Price is also spearheading the religion page for South Street Journal which is to appear in the June 2nd issue of the newspaper.

HUD and CHA Investigate CHA Tenant Elections

by John Otrompke
SSJ Staff Writer

A dispute over the validity of electoral by-laws for Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) Local Advisory Council and Central Advisory Council elections has prompted a task-force investigation by both the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and CHA agencies.

According to authorities officers from both tenant organizations are asking for a recount of the January election of Senior Housing president Marie Billingsley and CAC president and CHA vice-president Artensa Randolph.

Billingsley was elected not by vote of the presidents of all the CHA senior buildings, as stated by the by-laws, but by a vote of the residents according to James Francis residents of Cabrini senior housing. "She was never formally elected," said Francis.

Francis said, Rockwell, Madden Garden, and Dearborn were contesting the January election which elected Randolph.

"By the by-laws Artensa Randolph should have no job with CHA," said LAC President Cleveland Jones. "She's straddling the fence on this one."

Jeane Crowley from HUD said that CHA and HUD were jointly investigating the election and are preparing to release their findings in two or three weeks.

Rush Applauds Passage of Reauthorization

**Bill: Nets More Funding for
Illinois LIHEAP, Head Start, and
Community Services**

Block Grants

A Bill passed by the House of Representatives that reauthorizes Head Start, LIHEAP, and Community Services Block Grant programs could provide a boost to Community Development initiatives and programs for low-income families in Illinois, said U.S. Representative bobby L. Rush (D-IL), who supported the measure.

"If past allocations patterns hold true, these vital programs will receive much-needed increases in funding and as a result, needy families will have more resources available to them," rush explained.

The bill authorizes \$3.3 billion in FY 95 for Head Start, which provides preschool for 3-and 4- year olds. Projected funding for the program in Illinois for FY 95 is \$145.2 million.

\$525 million was authorized for the Community Services Block Grant program, which address problems of poverty and provide advocacy services for the poor. Projected funding in Illinois for FY 95 is \$20.5 million, more than \$2 million over FY 94 levels.

The House authorized \$2 billion in FY 95 for The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which helps low-income families meet their home heating and cooling costs. Projected LIHEAP funding in Illinois in FY 95 will rise to \$114 million, an increase of more than \$32 million from FY 94 levels.

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Remembering Malcolm X Malik Shabazz

By Marnie Robinson, SSJ Writer

"The brainwashed Black man can never learn to stand on his own two feet until he is on his own. We must learn to become our own producers, manufacturers and traders: We must have industry of our own, to employ our own," Malcolm X said in a May 1963 interview with Alex Haley of Playboy Magazine.

Malcolm, born May 19, 1925, in Omaha, Neb., was raised under the name of Malcolm Little, according to his autobiography "The Autobiography of Malcolm X," as told to Alex Haley, he cultivated the reputation of a crazy, trigger-happy punk who cared no more for his own life than he did for those he threatened to kill.

As a child, he aspired a successful career, but like most young blacks growing up in the 30's, his desire to become a lawyer was viewed as nothing more than unrealistic and was immediately shunned by his white teacher.

Throughout his young life, Malcolm X was placed in various foster homes, never establishing a permanent residence. In his teen years and early twenties, he worked intermittently on the railroad and later embarked on a career as a drug dealer and hustler.

In 1946, this appalling career guided him to a seven year prison sentence at Charleston Prison in Boston for burglary. During which time he was introduced to the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad by a fellow inmate and his brothers and sister.

Consequently, during his six and one-half years in prison, he became an insatiable reader. "Until I left that prison, every free moment I had, if I was not reading in the library, I was reading on my bunk," Malcolm X said. "You couldn't have gotten me out of books with a wedge." Among the many books, he read the Holy Koran, and eventually joined Elijah Muhammad's Nation of Islam.

Upon accepting the newly found faith, he changed his name from Malcolm Little to Malcolm X; the "X" to cross out the surname he considered a "slave" name and for the unknown.

After his parole in 1952, Malcolm X became a minister of the Nation of Islam and was one of its most effective prophets. His teachings ran the gamut from black pride, self-reliance and white racism. Undeniably, Malcolm X vented his rage at America. This rage grew out of a desire to help African-Americans learn the importance of seeing themselves as valuable human beings.

Serving as trusted advisor to the Honorable Elijah

Muhammad for 10 years -- the self-proclaimed Messenger of Allah-- Malcolm X was caught in the Muslims politics of retaliation, which proclaimed that the ultimate sin was not to attack African-Americans, but to attack Elijah Muhammad; and in Malcolm's case, it resulted in his death.

In a short time, Malcolm X was elevated through the ranks of the NOI and became the most dynamic and visible speaker both in the NOI and the national media, presumably making him an irradiating rival to Elijah Muhammad.

According to several biographies written about Malcolm X, the NOI had a driving desire for killing the Black nationalist. He represented the greatest threat to the group because of the close relationship he maintained with Muhammad, in which he was privy to inside and possibly embarrassing information about the NOI and Elijah Muhammad extramarital affairs and other children. The group was also concerned about Malcolm's potential to galvanize other Black Muslims to join his organization.

Although Malcolm X possessed all the characteristics of a militant black leader, he remained allegiant to his methodology of achieving justice for African-Americans; however, he was never able to convince the NOI to fight for black nationalism.

After his journey to Africa and the Middle East, Malcolm was converted to the orthodox teachings of Islam. His absence from the NOI came at a critical time: the organization was deficient of members and his staff were lacking morale. However, the trip revealed the variance between he and The Honorable Elijah Muhammad and would prompt him to disclose knowledge of his protegee's infidelity, a speech he would never deliver.

He once said to his organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU), an organization he initiated in June 1964, "I've reached the end of my rope." Later, he wrote in his autobiography, "Deep down, I actually believed that after living as fully as humanly possible, one should then die violently."

Malcolm X was assassinated on February 21, 1965 at the Audubon Ballroom in Harlem, the day he had planned to confess to his fellow Black Muslims about the hypocritical lifestyle of The honorable Elijah Muhammad and the Charter of the OAAU. he was thirty-nine years old.

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Mid-South Speaks on Malcolm X

By Elaine Hegwood-Bowen, SSJ Writer

In his early speeches, Malcolm X impressed the need to separate as Black nationalists and not assimilate into the white mainstream.

However, this philosophy of nationalism as described by Malcolm X meant "that the black man should control the economy and the politics of his own community."

During a trip to Mecca, Malcolm's attitudes toward white softened. In 1964, he broke with the Nation of Islam and later formed the Organization of Afro-American Unity. This was a movement that sought to weave a common thread through people of color the world over.

Malcolm X was assassinated on February 21, 1965, at the Audubon Ballroom in Harlem, New York. As we commemorate what would have been his 69th birthday, South Street Journal offers reflections about him from community organizers and scholars within the area:

"I know that somewhere along the line, he has said something that has strengthened me to create an institution to remind African-Americans of and impress the need to learn about their heritage," Dr. Margaret T. Burroughs, founder and director emeritus of the DuSable Museum of African-American History, said.

Burroughs says that she concurs with Malcolm's philosophies and that she has great admiration for him.

"I feel that he was before his time," Burroughs said. She offers further that the O.A.U. was broad

enough to encompass all people. "I think that when Malcolm spoke of the O.A.U., that was, as he described it, something that I might like to support but was not able to because of his death," she said.

"I feel this was one of the reasons he was killed," Burroughs said. "Because he wanted to unite all people for a common purpose."

Burroughs has written an anthology of people which includes a salute to Malcolm X.

The following poem by Burroughs:

*They try to look like him
They try to talk like him
They try to walk like him
They speak of him as if he
and they were the best of friends*

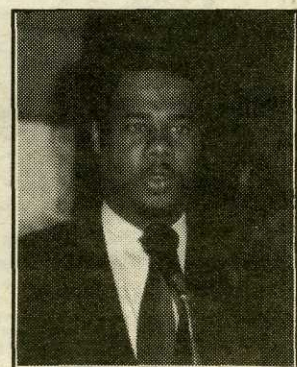
*As if he had left a legacy alone to them
To gain approval they invoke his memory, exhort
his nave to draw a crowd
They parrot the things he said and plagiarize his speeches*

*They wear garments similar to his and assume his posture
They think they do but they do not*



Dr. Margaret T. Burroughs O.A.U.... "I feel this was one of the reasons he was killed,"

*Fool those aware of the ways of the hustle
We see through their masquerade
They cannot touch his finger
And are not of the stuff of which he is made
They are not him and cannot be!
They cannot hold a candle to him
They are usurpers!
They are imposters!
They are phoneys!
They are opportunists!
They are pimps and prostitutes!
If he were alive today
Yes, if he were alive
He would expose them for what they are
As base betrayers of the black people.*
Dr. Margaret T. Burroughs



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Malcolm's philosophy of self-reliance is emulated in the work of the Freedom Now Center.

Dino McNeal, founder and director of Freedom Now, is also a board member of the South Side branch of the NAACP.

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Editorial

The Naming of Malcolm X, for Organizing Purposes

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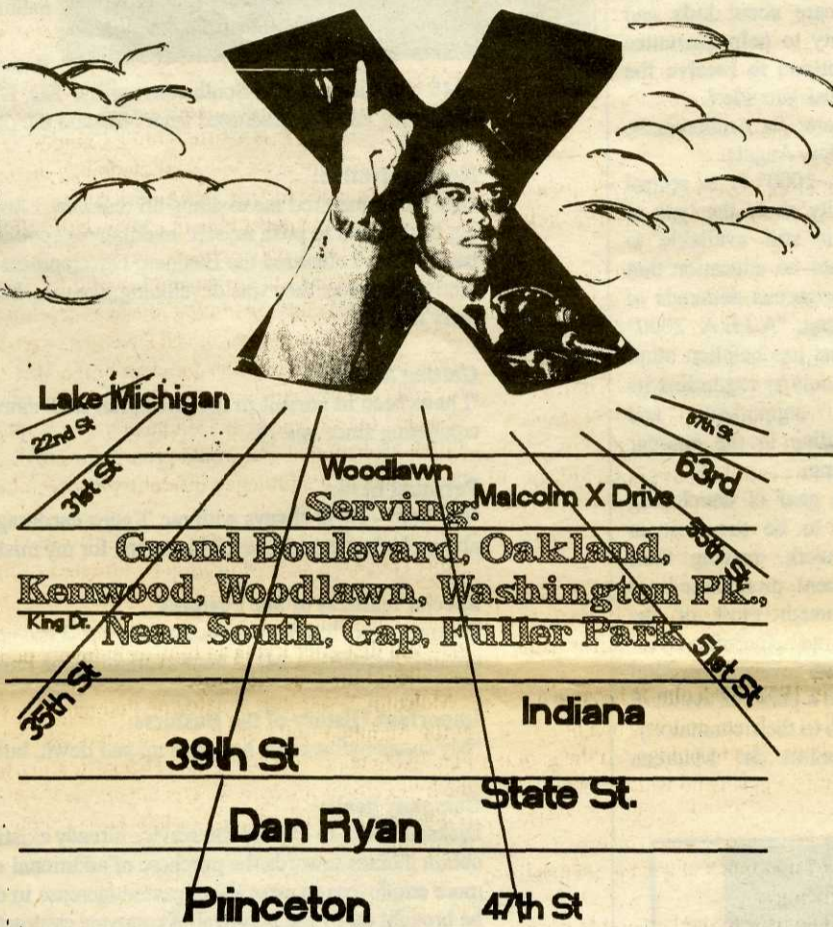
This institution or street would be an empirical description of the legacy of Malcolm X. So the the memory of Malcolm X lives through new things in which his spirit is reborn. It would be documentation of Malcolm's historical legacy demonstrate that he is second to none as a major Black leader for community empowerment, our Shining Black Prince. A reminder to always investigate the political ideology and organizational line of our actions.

The OAAU is a model for community recognition and organization of the birthday of Malcolm X which states no more than what organizations are saying today.

A street or institution in Malcolm's name is to stimulate and institutionalize this Mid-South community to involve everyone. From the gang member and drug dealer that he once was to the Negroes. For Mid-South to celebrate his greatness with the reminder of action for self-empowerment. This street or institution should be a reminder of organization more than conversation.

If such an institution do not exist then, it should be build. Cottage Grove can be that street,

One point Malcolm always pointed out was for his people to join something, any organization that address the problems of the community and the uplifting of the community, be apart of an organization.



OAAU

The Past with a vision for Now

More than the teachings of Malcolm X, the organization of Malcolm X could have been the main reason for his assassination. The OAAU was making every effort to form coalition with Dr. King, Roy Wilkins, James Farmer, and other civil rights groups. Dr. Kings allies assisted Malcolm in writing the constitution and bylaws of the OAAU. The OAAU had chapters in London and Paris. Being international it center to organize the Black community block by block with the agenda of OAAU.

Parts of the OAAU charter is as follow:

"Pledging unity..Promoting justice..Transcending compromise....

We, Afro-Americans, people who originated in Africa offer to down trodden Afro-American people courses of action that will conquer oppression, relive suffering and convert meaningless struggle into meaningful action.

Confident that our purpose will be achieved, we Afro Americans from all walks of life make the following known:

Establishment

Having stated our determination, confidence and resolve, the OAAU is hereby established on the 15th day of February, 1965, (Malcolm's death February 21, 1965) in the City of New York.

- 1. The Organization of Afro-American Unity welcomes all persons of African origin to come together and dedicate their ideas, skills and lives to free our people from oppression.
2. Branches...established by people of African descent whatever their ideology - as long as they be descendants of African and dedicated to our one goal: Freedom from oppression.
3. The basic program.. will be modified by the membership..
4. Encourages active participation ..each and every Afro-American has something to contribute to our freedom. ... participate in the committee of his or her choice.
5. Understanding the differences created amongst us... OAAU focusing our activities and our loyalties upon our one goal: Freedom from oppression.

Basic Aims and objectives

SELF-DETERMINATION. The right to direct and control our lives, our history and our future rather than to have our destinies determined by American racists..

National Unity

....We, pledge to join hands and hearts with all people of African origins in a grand alliance by forgetting all the differences that the power structure has created to keep us divided and enslaved...

The Basic Unity program

Five strategic points. Through our committees we shall proceed:

- I. Restoration
...it is absolutely necessary for the Afro-American to restore communication with Africa. The OAAU will accomplish this goal by means of publishing ventures, personal contacts and other available communications media.
...We must learn all about ourselves. Correct in our minds the distorted image that our enslaver has portrayed to us of Africa.
II. Reorientation
...The OAAU will encourage the Afro-American to travel to Africa, and to other places where our culture has not been completely crushed by brutality and ruthlessness.
III. Education
...devise original educational methods and procedures which will liberate the minds of our children from the vicious lies and distortions. Establish institutes and educational workshops, liberation schools and child-care centers in the communities.
Influence the choice of textbooks and equipment used by our children in the public schools, write and publish the textbooks needed to liberate our minds. Completely control our own educational institution, we must supplement the formal training of our children by educating them at home.
IV. Economic Security
After the Emancipation Proclamation, when the system of slavery changed form chattel slavery to wage slavery,this government developed techniques that would keep the Afro-American people economically dependent upon the slavemasters - economically slaves - twentieth century slaves.
OAAU will take measures to free our people from economic slavery. One way of accomplishing this will be to maintain a Technician Pool: a Bank of Technicians. We must do this so that the newly independent nations of Africa can turn to us who are their Afro-American brothers for the technicians they will need now and in the future. Developing an open market for the many skills we posses and supply Africa with the skills she can best use. This project will therefore be one of mutual cooperation and mutual benefit.
V. Self-Defense
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Committees of the OAAU

Table with 4 columns: Cultural, Economic, Education, Youth; Political, Publications, Social, Self-Defense

Staff Committees

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The above content is taken from The Last Year of Malcolm X.

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people agree that Malcolm X set positive examples for all of us to follow. Dr. Sokini Karanja, president, executive director and founder of the Centers for New Horizons, says, "When I think about Malcolm, I think of his capacity to continue to grow in all situations that he experienced," Karanja said.

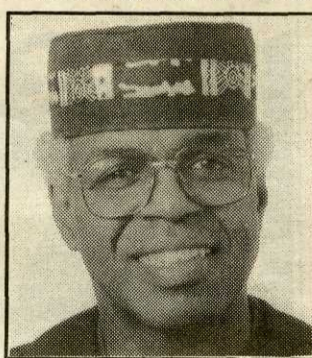
Karanja says that Malcolm X had a penchant for excellence and depth in his approach to things. "I have a picture of Malcolm on my desk, and I feel obligated daily," Karanja said. He says that he constantly wonders whether he lives up to the model presented by Malcolm X. Karanja says that society forces us to be aware of our actions. "When you interact with white

else but themselves; or about anything else except money, fancy cars and fancy clothes; when we see them using violence to settle conflicts, we have to ask what kind of examples are we setting for them?" Lucas said.

"I'd like to think that if Malcolm were alive today, that is the question he would also be asking," Lucas said.

Many

people, you always have to examine yourself," he said. Moreover, Karanja says that we are living in a society where blacks weren't valued as human beings and were taught both consciously and subconsciously to view themselves as inferior. Karanja reflects on hearing Malcolm X speak in Atlanta around 1964. "I was in awe. He talked about white folks as I had never heard, but he also talked about us in critical but constructive ways."



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and we must create positive things for ourselves." However, Karanja concludes, "That's not what we believe. We believe it's going to be invented by some ominous, white tower."

A.J.E.A. 2000 Launches Campaign to Save Inner City Youths

A Joint Educational Appeal "A.J.E.A." Committee has successfully launched its unique fundraising campaign to attract 2,000 sponsors to help 2,000 deserving young people continue their education at four outstanding Catholic schools in Chicago's inner city. On Friday, July 15 the "A.J.E.A. 2000" hopes to attract thousands of enthusiastic sponsors and guests to a fundraising dinner dance at the Hyatt Regency Hotel City Center. The committee decided to take a proactive approach to providing for the continued education of these deserving elementary school children.

"Our 2,000 students represent the best and the brightest Chicago has to offer and we want to make sure that they have a chance to develop their potential!" said Joan Neal, chairperson of the event. "The campaign we have launched is aimed at attracting those supporters who believe that with a little bit of help, these young people can develop into all that they can be. We are looking for people who care about kids and about the future of our city to help guarantee that our students will continue to receive the best education our schools can provide."

The participating schools are: St. Ambrose, St. Elizabeth, St. James, and Holy Angels.

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View of the community:

I have always been on the south Side and therefore I'm comfortable here... I am new in my neighborhood and don't know my neighbors yet. Just a few long time friends who have been in this neighborhood all the time.

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The emerging of the Black publishers, Attending a press reception at the Chicago Urban League [Left to right] are Sam Henderson, publisher of the African American Reader and publishers Willie Wright of the African American Chronicle and Ron Carter of South Street Journal. Wright and Carter both former employees of the Chicago Defender. Wright published the Chronicle after leaving the Defender in 1992 and Carter republished South Street News as South Street Journal in September 1993 three years after leaving the Defender. South Street Journal is exclusively serving the Mid-South area of Chicago. Carter is a former resident of Robert Taylor Homes and attended DuSable high School, class of 1972.

Letters

Thanks South Street, A Coalition for Prevention

Dear Editor:

Enjoy your publication! Thanks for the article on St. Anselm's.

Our group, AJEA 2000, is an attempt to make sure that St. Ambrose, St. James, St. Elizabeth, and Holy Angels do advance planning and community outreach to prevent the same (thing from happening to them.)

Thank you,
Virginia S. People
Associate Director of Development
St. Elizabeth School
(Also a resident of Grand Blvd.)

Editor's Note: St. Anselm's, 61st and Indiana, is closing.

On the behalf of Hales Franciscan

Dear Editor:

On behalf of Hales Franciscan's students and staff, I want to thank you for your assistance in publicizing the Hales Alumni Association - WGCI All Stars Basketball Classic last month.

The game generated several hundred dollars for the Hales Alumni Memorial Scholarship Fund, attracted 300 alumni and other supporters to the school, and generated positive public relations for Hales. Once again, thank you for your help.



Sincerely,
Michael Marsh
Alumni/Public Relations

Now I Know South Street Journal!

Dear Editor,

Thanks to Harold Lucas, Mid-South Planning coordinator, I was given my first issue of the South Street Journal when the Mid-South Planning Group was pictured on the front page and an article about their award received. Since then, I have been reading the publication regularly. I am now able to keep up with news, events and other important information about community organizations news, as well as religious civic and youth and adult programs going on in the Mid-South area.

Sincerely,
Peggy L. Cotton, Member,
ICADP Death Row Visiting Team
Sect' people's Court of Final Appeal Int.
Member, Mid-South Planning Council

Summary of Workshop 'Everybody's Church'

Dear Editor:

Everybody's Church would like to personal thank everyone for playing such a great part in the success of the workshop. This was our first workshop under the direction of Mr. Willie Jones. The objection was to be one of a learning experience in a spiritual nature musically. This objection was a total success. It could not have been done were it not for those who participated through the glory of the Lord. No part was greater than the other. As was the theme of the program - "Let's make One Sound" So was the outcome of the workshop. You had to be there to conceive such a great work and to all those who so gracefully gave their musical gifts and to the congregation and our guest you are greatly appreciated. But in closing our summary of course we must give all the

glory to God, for without him our gifts are not possible.

God Bless All
Let's continue to make 'One Sound'
Everybody's Church
59th & Wabash

Peace March Going! Gone! Go!

Dear Editor,

Today, public officials, individuals, families and church and host of others march toward a real solution that is at the door(s) of us all for youth to stop (Genocide) killing.

Truth: We fear wrath of man. More than wrath of God. Youth and adults see no reason accounting, thus, for human life, it has small value. A pair of gym - shoes or designer clothes or fancy car seems to have more value.

Believe or not, a sure thing is this: When a woman is pregnant with child, her due date for delivery goes at/near nine months (a baby is born).

When we sin against ourselves and God we can look for sure for our (wages), they are due us. Didn't we work for them?

Ernest Mays
Chicago



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Checkerboard "Burn the Mortgage" and 7 Day Blues Line-up

The Checkerboard Lounge, one of Chicago's most historic blues clubs still in existence on 43rd Street off King Drive, is planning a star studded week long concert to assist the club in raising funds to "Burn the Mortgage" and to do some needed structural repairs.

The Checker board, long known as the Home of the Blues, where legends have played along with their fans (such as Muddy Waters and the Rolling Stones), and it continues to be a Blues Mecca for visitors from all over the world.

This year the Checkerboard lounge will announce Blues Bus Service for the 1994 Chicago bluesfest in conjunction with the Seven Days Seven nights Benefit. Blues Fans will leave the driving to the Checkerboard as it provides to and from the fest and major blues clubs located throughout the city.

Coming May 30th, Memorial Opening Day, will honor Blues men who also served their community. Magic Slim and the The Teardrops. Tuesday, May 31st on stage will be Joan Baby with the Kee-Mo Sabee, the Black Lone Ranger, plus Special guest.

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For the full schedule of the Checkerboard line up call L.C. Thurman, at 871-8642

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NAACP challenged for new Direction by Members

On April 23, the Concerned Members of the national Association for the Advancement of Color People (NAACP) hosted the first of a series monthly membership drive and rally entitled, "Let Us rise Up and build" at Bethel AME located at 4440 S. Michigan Ave., where Dr. Rev. Cornelius Hayes is pastor.

Each month, throughout 1994, membership drives and rallies will be hosted by various churches throughout the south side of Chicago, Dr. Hayes and Rev. Anthony Williams were the co-conveners of this rally.

Rev. Williams, pastor of New Revelations Lutheran Church (1447 E. 65th Street) declared his candidacy for President of the Southside NAACP. Rev. Williams states that, "many issues that should have been addressed by the present administration of Southside NAACP but instead they have been systematically ignored. There was a time when issues could surface that could possibly have adversely affect the African-American community would be impetus enough to

prompt the Southside NAACP to assemble its team of attorneys to investigate, analyze and if necessary file a civil lawsuit in behalf of our."

of the NAACP use the example of the Chicago Housing Authority, where Taylor Homes president Ethel Washington first went to the NAACP to file suit on CHA Sweeps, but the NAACP did not act on it. which lead Ms. Washington to the America Civil Liberty Union for assistance. They then won the suit. The source said, "This is just one example who the NAACP needs to be more accountable to the community. The source also questioned NAACP moving from its owned building on 63rd and State to lease a office at 13th and Michigan paying three times to note of their property.

Dino McNeal the executive director, Freedom Now Center, challenged the membership for the NAACP to redirect its action to more community focus.

Dr. Hayes said the mission of the drive

and rally is to breathe new life into the Alpha branch of the NAACP. "We are avoiding the same way of reaching out, this rally and drive will reach out to new people, gain new leadership, new membership put one on a new ground

The monthly meeting are in tune with the national convention to be held in Chicago in the month of August. Dr. Hayes said it will attract thousands of people.

Guests included Nola Bright, executive director of the West side Branch of NAACP; Rev. Kevin Dean, pastor of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church; Rev. Julius Smith, pastor of St. Mark's Baptist Church in Markham; and Cook County Commissioner, Danny K. Davis. Also present, were several prominent business leaders such as the publisher of South Street Journal, Ron Carter who spoke at the rally; radio personality and noted journalist, Morgan Carter, and Mr. Dino McNeal, executive director of the Freedom Now Center who also gave a fiery presentation on the accountability of the NAACP to the community. Both Visions; a choral ministry ensemble and Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church Choir rendered musical selections.

DuSable Museum 16th Annual Walk-A- Thon and Mini Health Fair

The 5 and 10 mile "Walk of Elegance," co-sponsored by WMAQ-TV/Channel 5, WGCI Radio, Jewel-Osco, Provident Hospital of Cook County, CocaCola, Taylor Electric Company, and Polygram Records will step off at 8:30 am Saturday, June 4, 1994, rain or shine, with the course running along scenic Lake Shore Drive. The Walk begins and ends at the DuSable Museum of African-American history, 740 E. 56th place in Washington

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"It is always better to form the habit of learning how to see things for yourself; then you are in a better position to judge for yourself."

"A tree cannot grow without its roots"

"I couldn't have asked Allah to bless my efforts any more than he had. Islam in New York City (Malcolm's jurisdiction) was growing faster than anywhere in America. From the one tiny mosque to which Mr. Muhammad had originally sent me, I had now built three of the nation's most powerful and aggressive mosques....I had either directly established, or I had helped to establish, most of the one hundred or more mosques in the fifty states. I was crisscrossing North America sometimes as often as four times a week. Often, what sleep I got was caught in the jet planes."

"Unless we call one white man, by name, a 'devil,' we are not speaking of any individual white man. We are speaking of the collective white man's historical record. We are speaking of the collective white man's cruelties, and evils, and greeds, that have seen him act like a devil toward the non-white man....and his subsequent devilish actions, are directly responsible for not only the presence of this black man in America, but also for the condition in which we find this black man here..."

"Our Nation of Islam could be an even greater force in the American black man's overall struggle - if we engaged in more action. By that I mean I thought privately that we should have amended or relaxed our general non-engagement policy. I felt that, wherever black people committed themselves, in the Little Rocks and Birmingham...militantly disciplined Muslims should also be there - for all the world to see, and respect, and discuss."

"I believe that there will ultimately be a clash between the oppressed and those that do the oppressing. I believe that there will be a clash

MALCOLM X IN HIS OWN WORDS

between those who want freedom, justice, and equality for everyone and those who want to continue the systems of exploitation. I believe that there will be that kind of clash, but I don't think that it will be based upon the color of the skin, ..."

"The greatest tool of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed."

"The United States condemned the colonial powers of European countries, but as the leader of the Free World, it is holding back 22 million people who have to beg an crawl to be recognized as human beings....We want to put this country on the world stage...Our goal now is the complete recognition and acceptance of the Negro as a human being by any means necessary."

"I am surprised that the trouble has been contained to the degree it has..Until two years ago New York City used wiser methods than any other city to deal with racial problems. now it's a case of outright scare tactics. This won't work, because the Negro is not afraid. If the tactics are not changed, this could escalate into something very, very serious."

Comments of the New York City rioting of July 1964

"We are are in the same bag, in the same boat. We suffer political oppression, economic exploitation, social degradation...The government has failed you. You can't deny it. Any time you live in the 20th



Century singing "We shall overcome" the government has failed you."

"Real men don't put their children on the firing line...The lesson of Birmingham, is that the Negroes have lost their fear of the white man's reprisals and will react today with violence of provoked."

"The political philosophy of Black Nationalism only means the Black man should control the economy and the politics of his own community."

"We need a self help program, A do it yourself philosophy. A do it right now philosophy, it's already too late philosophy."

"If you're black you should be thinking Black and if not thinking black at this late date, I'm sorry for you"

"...By same token that that white man can send a token negro in our community to lead us stray, those days are long go too."

"We must know what politics play in our own community."

"When you spent your dollar outside of your community, your community becomes poorer and poorer, and the community which you spent your money becomes richer and richer... then you wonder why the community is ran down. You run it down by spending out side of your community."

"You and I are in a double trap, because when you

try to spent your dollar in your own community you are spending your money with a man who doesn't look like you...because we haven't had since enough to set up businesses..."

"You put them first and they put you last, Because you are a chump, a political chump."

"Kennedy did not urge that Negroes be treated right because it is the right thing to do. Instead, he said that if the Negroes aren't well treated, the Muslims would become a threat. Instead of attacking the Ku Klux Klan and the White Citizens Committees"

"After 90 days of complete silence, I would like to make my position crystal clear...I am and always will be a Muslim.... Internal differences within the Nation of Islam forced me out if it. I did not leave of my own free will. But now that it has happen, I intend to make the most of it."

"Education is a passport to freedom; tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."

"Brothers and sisters and friends and I see some enemies...In fact I think we will be fooling ourselves if we had an audience this large and we didn't have no enemies among us."

"As Salaam Alaikum,"

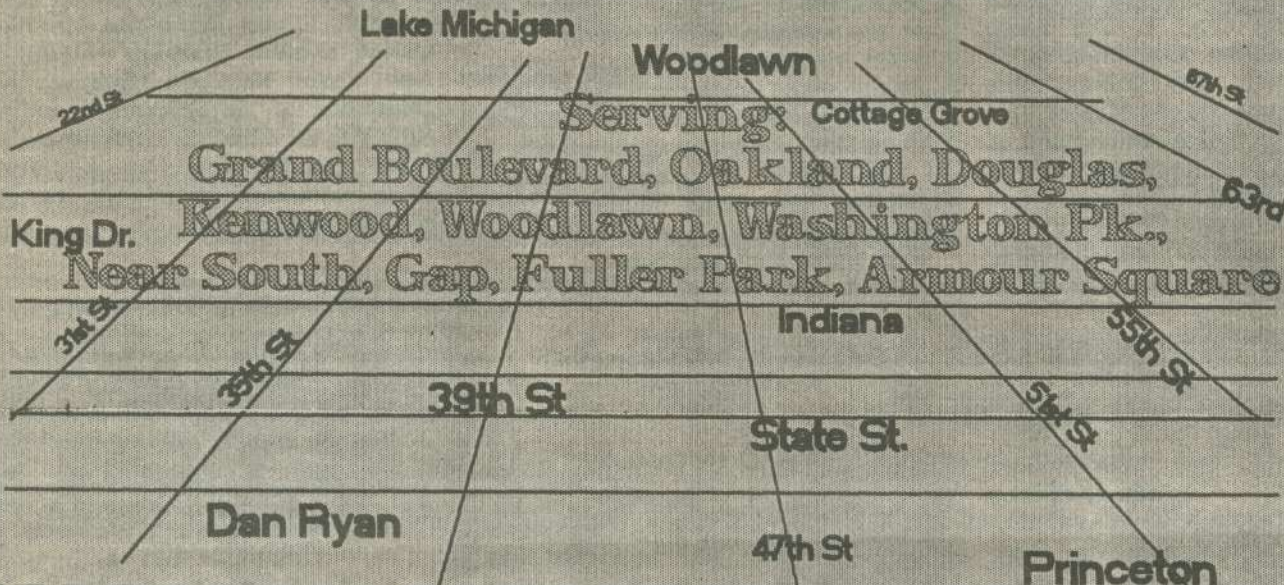
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KOCO Demands

has been appointing people to the Conservation Community council and is not encouraging the city staff to train the CCC members in order that they understand their duties and responsibilities.

"The CCC members are all good citizens with high morals. but because they are not trained they are easily manipulated by the Alderman and the City staff to cast votes that are detrimental to their community and to themselves."

Ms. Newsome said, no CCC in the entire city has had formal training. "We are doing our best and if Lucas wants low-income he should go address that to his alderman in the Beverly community, where I am sure they can use some low-income."

Newsome said that the CCC of Kenwood-Oakland has not approved any of the six plans for the Chicago Housing plan. "We are going to put out a Request for Proposals (RFP) to approve the best proposal submitted to us, KOCO

is welcome to submit a RFP as well." CCC has approved developers for non-city own projects.

CCC in Kenwood-Oakland, is a real estate regulation body whose members are approved by the Office of the Mayor, has submitted a very specific plan detailing the individual buildings it wants to acquire and clear.

CCC's role is to preserve neighborhood integrity while improving its assets and improving the life of its residents. The organization watches out for land-bankers and land-grabbers, and hearing the requests of three or four real estate developers every month who are interested in acquiring vacant land. Some city owned land CCC is considering is at:

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Empowerment

inceptive.

For the Empowerment Zone, the MSPDC has presented a plans detailing the redevelopment of more than 10 quadrants of the Mid-South area, which would see development, constituting an overall major neighborhood superstructure improvement.

The Mid-South plan includes a new hotel, a State Street Park-like system, a historic district, school campuses, rebuilt theatres, public housing rehab, a Blues district, landscaping, warehousing, commercial development, moderate income housing, landscaping, and a greater role for Illinois Institute of Technology in the community.

"We can put forth the ideas that go beyond the \$100 million," said Rose, "For an example the Bud Billikin parade on King drive produces millions of dollars that leave the community each year, we can produce businesses that can kept those dollars in the community, this pulls the people from 22nd Street to those good folks in Woodlawn together for a bottom up process for true empowerment of the community."

Although finalizing the submitted plans are still pending Cecilia Butler of the Washington Park Community Coalition, who has been in meetings for the Washington Park/Woodlawn cluster, said "there is still a lot of work to be done. It is very important that the community be involved with this process and come to these meetings. Everyone can benefit directly from this area becoming an Empowerment Zone."

The documents for the Empowerment Zone can be found on the fifth floor of the Harold Washington library.

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Carnival/Parade

"One of our goals is to make all public parks a Safe Zone, it mean if you commit a crime within 50 feet of the park there is a double penalty," said Meredith, "We actively care about people's concerns for safety in the parks.

We have had festivals in Fuller Park that attracted over 3,500. The scope of purpose is to emphasize community pride and ethnic awareness. Provide the community with an atmosphere with fun, excitement, education and interest in collaboration with the parade."

LUCK is still seeing what the ACLU is going to do. Which they will be getting a reply this week on the ACLU position and reapply for the permit though the courts if needed.

Fuller Park is bound from 39th Street to 55th Street Dan Ryan to Shell with a population of about 5,000 people located in the 3rd ward

Tillman and Troutman office was not able to be reach for comments for this story at press deadline.

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DuSable

Park. Registration is \$12 for adults and \$8 for youth. Special group rates are available for groups of 10 or more. To participate, or for further information, contact the Museum's Special Events department at 924-9466 or 947-0600.

Also features a Mini Health Fair, live entertainment, on-site fitness consultants, and pony cart rides with Black cowboys from Pioneers Associated for Cowboy and Children's Events (PACE).

Free Mini Health Fair

Provident Hospital of Cook County, in cooperation with other health organizations, will have health professionals available to conduct blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes and vision screenings, and mammograms.

Participants will receive a healthy box lunch, a "Walk of Elegance" T-Shirt, walking cassettes, a Goodie Bag, Free June 4 museum admission, and a Certificate of Completion. All participants are encouraged to wear sturdy walking shoes and thick socks, and to bring rain gear (just in case), extra socks, and Walkman cassette players with headphones.

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