

# South Street Journal

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## Public Transportation

### Washington Pk Residents Petition for alternative to Indiana 38 Bus Line

A petition is presently being circulated in the Washington Park community by the Concerned Citizens of 57th & Indiana in protest of the Chicago Transit Authority No. 38 bus on Indiana Ave. "The bus shakes buildings, loosens plaster from walls and ceilings and over the long haul will damage our homes," said Donna Hampton-Smith, president of the organization. "We have made our complaints to the Alderman, and to CTA and as of today no one has address our concerns."

Trouble started when the CTA close the Greenline

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SSJ Photo by Damien Lee  
Donna Smith and Doug Kelly stand in Kelly's bedroom where plaster falls due to the heavy buses.

### Community Hearing Favors Demolishing Part of 63rd Street L

Alderman Arenda Troutman (20) favors demolishing 63rd Street L while shares concern for Indiana property owners. But says nothing can be done on the buses causing damage to homes.

Described as an eye sore, a haven for drug dealers and prostitution, a community whose front room is in bad condition, residents of Woodlawn and Washington Park voice their concerns on the demolition of the east end of 63rd Street L tracks, at a hearing called by Alderman Arenda Troutman in June.

About 60 people viewed a presentation by Bishop Arthur Brazier of Apostolic Church, representing Woodlawn Preservation Investment Corporation (WPIC). "This is my program and it is good for the community", said Brazier. WPIC plans calls for the demolition of the tracks while developing the 63rd Street with commercial and housing units.

Most Residents were against the vision of WPIC and after the presentation agreement with the concept. However, a Rodger Park community resident stressed that the L belongs to the city and not the Woodlawn community, that people use the L from other parts of the city as well. "It would be inconvenient for many people if the L came down. People would have to get extra transfers." Stressing that city-wide hearings needed to be held. His concerns were voiced by others at the hearing questioning Bishop Brazier.

David Dunlap, of West Woodlawn Concerned Block Clubs stated, "We need the plan, don't think about the man behind it. I disagreed at

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## CBUC Continues Protest for Jobs



Eddie Read, president of CBUC (center in glasses) with supporters at 69th and Paxton, protest Rossi Construction Company for it' lack of hiring Black workers on city contract job.

Chicago Black United Communities (CBUC) upheld its call of "If We Don't Work, Nobody Work" recently when Rossi Construction Company did not show for work on 69th and Paxton, a day that CBUC picketed the construction site.

CBUC held a S.O.S. mass meeting on Saturday, July 16 at Bethel AME Church, 44th and Michigan, where more than 200 supporters angrily protested the lack of Black hired at city contracted construction

sites.

The rally addressed protest treats made by the Chicago Police Department toward CBUC President Eddie Read, and the need to continue the picketing at the construction site where CBUC says Rossi Construction is not meeting affirmative action requirements in hiring Black workers. Read said that the company informed him that if he has problems with who they hire, then

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## Awardees Address Issues at Inner City Youth Foundation

### 20th Anniversary Awards

Receiving awards were Cook County Commissioner Bobby Steele, Larry Huggins of Huggins Construction, State Rep. Lou Jones, Marion Stamps, and Dr. Margaret Burroughs as a host of community representatives present took part at the event held at the Sutherland Hotel Grand Ballroom, on 47th and Drexel.

As the awardees received their awards they praised the work of Inner City Youth Foundation and its present Maurice Perkins work in addressing vital issues in the community.

Bobby Seale said as she received her award "I try to serve the community. It means nothing to me if I can't provide for the community." She praise ICYF by adding, "Phelan was slow about putting Blacks on the Provident Hospital construction job to work. Inner City Youth start picketing Provident and it resulted in 60% of the contract work going to Black workers"

"I want to see our community get strong, build our own shopping centers" She also addressed the GED program is going to be taking over by the State of Illinois from Cook County. "March on Pete Philip to stop this from happening." She stressed.

Another award went to pastor Earline White given her support as well as the support of her congregation behind inner City Youth. "Maurice is the type of people that give of themselves". said Pastor White.



Present at the Inner City youth foundation awards (Lto R) Maurice Perkins, State Rep. Lou Jones and Thomas harris of 21st Century VOTE

Marion Stamps call the attention to salute Inner City Youth Foundation for opening people eyes to the truth. Her words were echoed by Larry Huggins, a construction worker saying Inner City Youth open his eyes to be even more focus than just employing Black workers but workers from the community that he do construction work in.

ICYF mission is to implement a Holistic approach to the problems that currently confront residents of the Inner City. Based on 44th and Michigan, the organization addresses city wide issues.

A major activity of ICYF is prison outreach says, Christine Perkins, a board member of wife of Maurice Perkins, "We cannot forget our men and women in prison, we have a responsibility to insure that their incarceration provides an opportunity for rehabilitation and successful re-integration into mainstream society.

"We also believe that once their debt to society is paid that they have a responsibility to avoid activities that will lead them back "Behind the wall". said Perkins.

## What has CDBG Done for Mid-South Organizations;

### In 1994, Roughly 2 Percent

John Otrompke, SSJ Staff Writer

While Chicago's federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding is roughly equivalent in dollars to the potential \$100 million in Empowerment Zone (EZ) funding, Mid-South organizations receive about 2 percent of the city-wide allocation. Many residents have seen little change in the crises of poverty and the dilemma of development they contend with in their communities. Chicago's Department of Planning and members of the Mid-South communities note that the extensive funding the city's neighborhoods receive has not proven to be the solution to every one of the problems Chicago faces.

Some members of the community are concerned that city departments are not concentrating on the real problems of the poor and that all of the new work and funding may not do much good.

"All of these people are getting money and its getting worse and scarier," said Ethel Washington, resident's president of the beleaguer and nationally known CHA Robert Taylor Homes. "Why if they're getting so much money are there so many homeless and sick? They can't even house the homeless? Baby, that's a sick joke." She added "money is supposed to stop crime but I don't see no changes." Comparing CDBG with the Empowerment Zone (EZ) funds Washington said "this is real scary. If the EZ money don't go bottom-up it won't do no good."

Yet the city's neighborhoods are growing in population and are healthy, according to a recent Woodstock Institute study. But Chicago

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### WHO GETS WHAT IN MID SOUTH COMMUNITIES

(See area on page 10)

Organization	Wanted(1,000s)	Received	Agency
1st Pres. Neigh. Chur	\$ 36	\$ 0	DPD
Akhenaton	300	24	var.
Boys & Girls Clubs	100	27	DHS
Center New Horizons	250	82	var.
Covenant Dev Corp	125	100	DOH
Harris Center YWCA	44	23	DHS
Henry Booth House	226	50	HLTH
Kenwood-Oakland Dev. Corp.	66	0	DOH
KOCO	880	130	var.
Mid South Chamber/Commerce	75	0	DPD
Net Youth Serv.	250	50	DHS
Parkway Comm. House	100	33	DHS
Partners Comm. Dev.	56	0	DOH
S. Central Comm. Ser	100	57	DHS
TWO	110	0	var.
Tabernacle Fnd.	90	0	DOH
Tolton DeLaSalle	20	0	DHS
Urban League	82	125	DHS
Urban League Dev. Corp.	159	152	DOH
Ward 20 Sports Prog	5	0	DHS
Washington Park YMCA	20	20	DHS
Woodlawn Comm. Dev Corp.	3,600	0	DOH
Woodlawn . ast Comm. Neighbors	350	0	var.
Woodlawn Org.	200	40	var.
Youth Net & Dev Org	45	25	DHS
<b>Totals for Mid-South</b>	<b>\$6,939</b>	<b>\$888</b>	<b>CDBG</b>

DOP= Chicago Dept. Of Planning  
DHS = Chicago Dept of Human Services  
DOH = Chicago Dept Of Housing  
DHTH = Chicago Dept of Health  
var = Various Departments

# The UnZipped

**N**orman Records on 35th and Calumet maybe forced to move, like Bacon Clothing, Eloise Bouquet, and other Black businesses were on 47th Street. Does continually raising rents each year and short-term leases stifle hints. A Korean merchant owns the block of store fronts from Giles to Prairie on 35th Street just as they own most stores west of 47th street where Black businesses use to operate. Is there a pattern here or what?

Joe Tillman is back from out of town, looking almost like a Muslim.

Remember the cartoon character Little Richie Rich, Hollywood was shooting parts of the movie on location at 52nd and Cottage Grove on the little rich kid. It's the second movie shot on location in the Mid-South community this year. The other movie is "Looking for Alfozo" starring Hallie Barrie, which was shot at 59th and Indiana and 47th and Michigan on the second floor over the medical clinic.

Second time around for Aldermanic (2nd) race for 1995. First it was Rev. Herbert Martin of Community Progressive Church on 48th and Wabash. Now a second minister from 36th Street is about to enter the race in attempt to unseat Alderman Marline Haithcock.

Just can't hold this Zip. The Rose says he will not be blooming in the 3rd Ward Aldermanic race. But, a Ms. Green is growing interest in the race. At last count about 13 people want Ald. Tillman's seat. It may be a lucky number for Tillman.

The Freedom Now Center, 64th and Cottage, must have gold in the office. It has been burglarized three times in two months. The office is also where South Street Journal operates. Could it be the FBI, considering what they did to the New Crusader newspaper office on 64th and King Drive. So why has SSJ moved to 43rd & King Drive? Why not????

Congratulations to Alderman Arenda Troutman on her pregnancy.

Word is out that a Robert Taylor and LAC President Ethel Washington may be running against CAC President Artesian Randolph for the same post. Ms. Washington is also reportedly to be starting a Food Co-op at the old Khistal Klear Food Store on 55th and Wentworth. Is it true that the Park District will not give the community access to the Washington Park Refectory after they worked to get it rehabbed.

# Community Briefs

## Community Resident Wins First Place in Poetry

Grand Boulevard resident Beverly Reed won first place in the Accra Poetry competition held at Carter Woodson Branch Library. The competition is sponsored by the Department of Culture of Affairs, Chicago Sister City International Program. Reed has proceeded to the semi-finals to be held in August at the Neutral Turf Chicago Poetry Festival Operation at Navy Pier. First prize winner will win a trip to Accra, Ghana, in Africa.



SSJ Photo by Damien Lee  
Beverly Reed, Mid-South resident is first place winner of the Accra Poetry Competition and a semi finalist.

Reed has been writing since her recovery from substance abuse. She is also a contributing writer to the South Street Journal. Reed is employed as a substance abuse counselor for Gateway Foundation at Cook County Jail.

"I firmly believe that people need to strengthen their roles in society by strengthening themselves from the inside out. This contributes to my writing desire and ability," said Reed.

## Rosemarie Gully Pass

Sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Rosemarie Gully, 51, director of media relations and the voice of Chicago Transit Authority answering machine. Ms. Gully passed on June 23. She was one of the first African-American female t.v. reporters in Chicago.

## Rev. George "Ed" Riddick goes Home to Glory

Sadness darkens the homes and lives of African Americans around the nation in the passing on July 12 of one of Operation PUSH's founding board member and Senior Vice President Rev. George "Ed" Riddick. For 21 years, Rev. Ed, as he like to be called, was the voice of PUSH's Saturday Morning Forum. Rev. Ed, 61, was the pastor of Blackwell Memorial AME Zion Church, 39th & Langley. He is survived by his wife, Beatrice Williams.

**6000 S. Lafayette Block Club Committee Annual Tea** for youth held on July 31. They are seeking support of businesses, organizations, etc. for donations of funds and products. For information on assisting the block club contact Ms. Yolanda Keith, president, 6038 S. Lafayette, #2, Chicago, Ill. 60621.

## \$28.8 million Plan for Taylor and Stateway Safety

HUD and Attorney General Reno recommended an anticrime plan to President Clinton for Robert Taylor Homes and Stateway Garden. HUD officials stated the strategy elements of the plan resulted from meetings with residents, mayor Daley, Housing authority Chairman Vincent Lane and others. General security issues, illegal gun trafficking, and preventive programs are the focus of the \$28.8 million plan.

The enforcement includes CHA-Chicago police Building Interdiction Team Effort (BITE) will secure buildings and patrol and search the buildings with an additional \$15 million. An additional \$500,000 will come from the Justice Department.

## \$20,000 for New Stateway Gardens Library

Mayor Richard Daley has announced that over \$20,000 has been appropriated through the municipal percent-for-art ordinance to purchase artwork for installation in the Stateway Gardens Branch library at its new home in the historic Chicago Bee Building, 3647-55 S. State St., which is undergoing renovation. A project of the Mid-South Planning and Development Commission.

A 1.33 percent of the construction budget will be used for artwork. Artist applications are being accepted for consideration through September 15, 1994 for this project. Artists interested in being considered should request a slide registry application from the Dept. of Cultural Affairs public Art program, 78 e. Washington St. 4th fl. or call 744-7487.

## Smith Legislation to Help Older Women

The Illinois Senate passed legislation designed to protect older women from a bone disease known as Osteoporosis. State Senator Margaret Smith was the original sponsor of the legislation, which now goes to the Governor for his signature.

"Osteoporosis is a bone disease that strikes post-menopausal women," Smith said. "my legislation requires the Department of Public Health to develop a prevention and education program about the disease."

Smith said the program will promote public awareness on the cause and cure of the disease, especially among high risk groups. The education part of the program will focus on ways to prevent the disease through nutrition, diet and exercise and the availability of treatment services.

"For years, women's health issues, especially older women's health issues, were virtually ignored by the medical community and by public policy makers," Smith said. Smith said the legislation would not cost the state additional money, as its provisions will be implemented by the Department's existing staff.

## Looking for Work, STRIVE Chicago Employment Service, Inc. located at 4910 S. King Drive, offers 3 week workshop for developing excellent job seeking skills. With more than 390 people placed, STRIVE commitment to everyone enrolling in the workshop a lifetime employment need. To be eligible you must be 18 years old, have never worked before, or have been unemployed more than 6 months, and have only a short work history. All services are free. Workshop starts July 11. Call 624-9700 9am to noon.

# July Calendar of Events



## Wednesday, 20

Youth Consortium monthly meeting of organizations addresses youth issues and concerns beginning at 3 p.m. at Metropolitan Community Church, 4100 S. King Drive. For information contact Gwendolyn Rice at 538-7116.

## Thursday, 21

4th Ward Seniors Service Planning Commission 9 a.m. meeting at the 4th Ward office, 46th and Drexel.

## Saturday, 23

Washington Park Community Coalition meeting at the Washington Park Field House, 55th and King Drive begins promptly at 2 p.m.

Congressman Bobby Rush Free Family Fest at Washington Park from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Special awards will be given for the largest family; the oldest grandparents with grandchildren; and the largest church family present. Performance by the Jesse White Tumblers and special events for the children.

## Sunday, 24

Brothers for the Brothers Fundraiser De LaSalle Institute African American alumni will host a reception for the school's alternative community outreach program, the Tolton Adult Education Center, at the Chicago Chop House, 60 W. Ontario, from 3 to 6 p.m. There will be door prizes. A limited number of tickets will be sold for the grand prize of use of a skybox for one Bulls game at the new United Center next season. The Tolton Center opened in 1991 provides free adult literacy and GED

preparation classes to adults living in the Grand Boulevard and Douglas communities near the Robert Taylor Homes. For information call 842-8350.

## Monday, 26

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

Progressive Community Church 48th and Wabash holds weekly Bible study in the Fellowship Hall.

## Tuesday, 26

Chicago 2nd Police District, CAPS program meets at 7 p.m. at 7040 S. Cottage. Meeting are held every second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

The Chicago Black United Communities hold their weekly meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. at 330 E. 37th Street.

Mid-South Planning & Development Commission monthly committee meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. 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. The 6:30 p.m. meeting covers political activities.

## Thursday, 28

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

information and appointment.

## Saturday, 30

Freedom Now Center, sponsors Housing Seminar at Harris YWCA, 62th and Drexel. 1 to 3 pm. Topic: \$48 million the city returned to the federal government for lack of use and other housing matters.

## August Wednesday, 3

Ald. Tillman bi-weekly community ward meeting, 4645 S. King Drive. Call the Ward office for the time.

## Saturday 13-14

Bud Bilikin Day Parade Day

African-American Family Gathering Jackson Park/Wooded Island, Saturday 13-14 63rd and Columbus at picnic area 14 across the bridge 10 am to dusk. For more information call 288-5840  
August 28, jazz in the alley. Dunbar Park, 2900 S. Indiana  
Noon to 10 pm for more information call 624-4620

Next issue: South Street Journal Aug. 4. Deadline for material is July 28

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 4305 S. King Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60653. Phone number is (312) 239-0540. We reserve the right to refuse and edit material.

## South Street Journal

# Photo VIEW

There's a city ordinance to come in effective to hold parents responsible by a fine for their children under age outside after confer. How do you feel about it?



"That's a pretty tough one. It is a lot of trouble out in the streets. And it can be a lot of conversation about it. But, I still don't agree with it."  
Ruth Cummings  
69th and East End



"Nah. I don't agree with that. Some parents are not home, working at night and there can be many reasons why the children are out. The law should be making sure they in school during the day where it counts. I don't agree."  
Toshiya Dixon  
35th and Cottage Grove

# Clinton in Taylor 'History Without Substance'

John Otrompke, SSJ Staff Writer

"They put flowers down when the President came," said South Sider and Boys Club volunteer Paris Thomas, "but they haven't cleaned the place up since he left."

As president Bill Clinton spoke for the first time in the history of the Robert Taylor Homes Friday June 17. Residents showed concerned that it was a show off without substance.

Taylor LAC President Ethel Washington and Benny Johnson of the Inner City Youth Foundation were upset when denied access to the President's speech.

Clinton spoke before an audience composed mostly of excited school-children, praising Beethoven Elementary student Tiffany Hudson, who has exceeded beyond expectation as a student. Public officials Congressman Bobby Rush, State Senator, CHA chairman Vincent Lane and aldermen Dorothy Tillman were present as the president highlighting his theme that the children are the future.

As federal housing official Henry Cisneros and Mayor Richard Daley devise a strategy for constitutionally permissible sweeps, Friday marked the first time Clinton or any other American president appeared to demonstrate concern for the South Side with his presence. Clinton also stressed that the warrantless sweeps of CHA buildings are necessary to protect children like the late Dantrell Davis from gang violence.

"The most important freedom we have in this country is the freedom from fear," Clinton said.

Nevertheless, it was "history without sub-



SSJ Photo by Damien Lee

stance," said Pastor B. Herbert Martin, Sr., of the Progressive Community Church in the neighborhood.

"President Clinton was very concerned about these issues as was Cisneros," said Martin, "but we're left with the mere rhetoric of the description of the problem."

"It has not improved. We still have gang violence, abuse of drugs, and families living in abject poverty. Nothing has changed except that frustration has made it worse. That's what happens when you raise expectations."

Martin's own expectations were raised and dropped when the President made plans to attend an 8 AM service at the church and had to cancel.

"The way money is spent in this society raises the issue of values," said Martin. "That's why they're inviting religious leaders to come to the table, but HUD's regulations are prohibitive to dealing with religious institutions."

They used to have house inspections to make sure your power was on, but I'm against them going through your drawers. I'm against the sweeps, and I'm for them. More violence happens outside the buildings than in them. I am a taxpayer, but Chairman Lane is a developer. He's into privatization. explained Martin.

"Well, this city is going privatize-crazy," said Thomas.

# Scandals at CHA

## Tillman seeks Lane's Resignation

John Otrompke, SSJ Staff Writer

A lawyer and money manager employed by the CHA since 1991 who cost the agency's employees undisclosed millions through the improper investment of their pension funds may have come to his position through an alleged favor network, sources say.

John Lauer, son of Chief Executive Officer Robert Lauer, who heads Chicago's Sarah Lee Foundation, a snack food firm, has been suspended without pay pending termination, according to CHA spokesperson Katey Kelly.

"The Securities and Exchange Commission put down a temporary restraining order on Lauer's use of the fund, and now they're working with the U.S. District Attorney on an indictment," said Kelly.

The accounting firm of Ernest and Young has been retained by the agency to investigate the matter and determine exactly what did happen to the money.

"We may also file a civil suit against Lauer seeking repayment of an missing funds," said Kelly.

Nonetheless, there is no imminent danger and community residents and CHA employees should not panic, Kelly stressed. "Right now nobody is affected. We're still able to keep our obligations and pay people their pensions. But we need to see whether the pensions need to be funded in some other way," she said.

John Lauer was hired as a money manager in 1991 and was transferred to the legal department in 1992, with the approval of the CHA's general legal counsel.

In 1993 Richard Surkamer retired as the CHA's top money manager for the insurance and pension funds and Lauer was promoted to that position.

Lauer's promotion to the position that was

allegedly cost the CHA millions and risk the livelihoods of its employees was recommended by Bill Caruso, who was CHA's General Counsel at that time. Caruso is a fair housing lawyer who was nationally known in his private practice.

The CHA has seen 4 separate scandals this month which may have cost the agency as much as \$29 million, leading Alderman Dorothy Tillman to call for the resignation of CHA Chairman Vincent Lane. Lane is an owner of a private real estate corporation, American Community Housing Associates Inc. which recently announced plans to acquire \$500 million worth of government-subsidized housing in California, as negotiated with HUD, as the Chicago Tribune reported. Lane's firm will also receive \$40 million in tax credits to finance New Jersey developments.

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## Mayor Signs Off on Empowerment Zone Funds; Task Force Prepares for 100 Days Outreach

As community organizations watched Mayor Richard M. Daley and Illinois Governor Jim Edgar sign the city's application for the Empowerment Zone (EZ) to receive \$100 million in federal funds for three Chicago communities including Mid-South, Deborah Chales of the Woodlawn community questioned the organizations signing the application calling it a "Dog and Pony Show." "Those organizations signed the agreement without reading the final document." She added, "It was just finalized days before the mayor sign it. I am not going to sign something I haven't read."

Daley thanked all of the members of the Coordinating Council and praised them for cooperating on the application. He pointed out that the applications were unanimously approved by the City council, adding, "Everyone recognizes that what is good for one community is good for us all."

Chales, a member of the South Side Cluster EZ Governance Committee Task Force is however moving forward with representatives from Mid-South to organize 14 meetings over the next 100 days to inform the community of the programs that will benefit from the EZ.

poverty in the areas.

The Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community programs are part of the experimental "Reinventing Government" theme developed by the national Democratic administration to replace the Urban Development Action Grant program, another community development tool which was dismantled by the previous Republican administrations.

"The Empowerment Zone will affect mostly Woodlawn and Washington Park," said Alderman Troutman, "but some of Englewood may be affected by the Enterprise Community. The Enterprise Community program will bring only about \$3 million in grants, but it will involve a lot more in tax breaks and employment credits for the businesses in that area, which is the new quality of the program."

The Mid-South, Pilsen, and West Side clusters will compete in Washington with proposals from LA, Detroit, New York, and other cities across the nation.

Congressman Bobby Rush said he feels certain that Chicago will be awarded the funds.

## MID-SOUTH COMMUNITIES Empowerment Zone Next 100 Days Meetings

July 13	Bessie Coleman library	63rd & Evans
20	Washington Pk FDHS	5532 S. King
27	Hall Library	48th Michigan
August 3	Robt Taylor FDHS	41 W. 47th St.
10	Fuller Pk FDS	331 W. 47th St.
17	Kennicott FDHS	4434 S. Lake Pk
24	Center Inner City	700 E. Oakwood
31	Madden park FDHS	3800 S. Rhodes
Sept. 7	Stateway Pk FDHS	3658 s. State
*15	King Library	3436 S. King dr.
21	Jackson Pk FDHS	64th Stoney
28	Bessie Coleman Library	63rd & Evans
October 5	Washington Pk FDHS	5532 S. King
12	Hall Library	48th Michigan

Meetings are held on Wednesdays  
\*expect 9/15/94 held on Thursday

In line with the community Mayor Daley has also launched a 100-day campaign to secure private sector commitments to invest, expand or locate in the EZ area.

Cecilia Butler a member of the Task Force said, "These meeting are necessary in the planning process that has been taking place since February." Other community representatives on the committee are Derrick McNeal, Christine Perkins and Ethel Washington.

It is in conjunction with only four cities across the U.S. will ultimately receive the current Empowerment Zone grants and there's more than a hint of competition beneath the surface.

Robert Lucas, executive director of Kenwood Oakland Community Organization, said, "if the Chicago proposal prevails in Washington, it will go a long way toward alleviating

## Congressman Bobby Rush Meets the Black Press; Contemplates Mayoral Race



In a meeting with members of the Black Press Congressman Bobby Rush stressed the importance of Mayor Richard Daley must be challenge and did not make comments endorsing Commission Joseph Gardner for mayor.

Nate Clay, of the Metro News lead the discussion saying "what the mayoral race needs is a voice from the 60s, a charged that will reach the youth as it was done with the interest of leaders as Malcolm X. Indicating that Congressman Rush can be that charge. Being modest on the comments Rush stated he has not ruled out the possibility of running for mayor.

Rush also said President Clinton's welfare reform plan rated as "fails miserably" because it failed to address jobs and job creation, a critical component of any reform plan. Rush said that among its shortcomings, the president's plan fails to create jobs for the five million unemployed on Aid to Dependent Families and Children (ADFC); to provide a safety net for children whose parents lose their benefits; and fails to raise the minimum wage salary of public sector jobs available to welfare recipients.

Rush touched on Public Housing with disappointment to the ruling by a U.S. Judge calling

for warrants to be issued prior to gun sweeps within the developments.

Rush, who attended the public housing safety hearing in April, said "it is unfortunate that Judge Andersen did not offer even a sliver of opportunity for sweeps to be conducted. I fully understand the implications of the constitutional issues, but I also firmly believe that the safety of the residents is as sacred and as worthwhile as the other issues deliberated at this hearing."

Rush said that in addressing welfare reform, lawmakers must realize the inextricable link to poverty and societal problems such as drug abuse and faulty public education programs.

The congressman summaries his accomplishments and activities as being a progressive congressman. Cosponsoring over 150 legislative issues since becoming a congressman on November 3, 1992. He serves on the Banking, Finance and Urban affairs government Operations committee.

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# The Madison State of Politics



By Chandra Hooks, SSJ Staff Writer, Photos by Damien Lee

**J**esse D. Madison, President and Chief Executive Officer of Abraham Lincoln Centre, 3858 S. Cottage Grove, is one of few African-American men in this country who commands a seat of authority over a community based organization with a 90% African-American staff. Jesse Madison, a close ally and key player during the Harold Washington regime, administers a \$5.5 million budget, is over 16 locations, and employs 150 people. The service area extends south to the city limits, north to the Stevenson Expressway, Damen on the west and east to the lake. The Centre's target areas are Kenwood, Oakland, Douglas, Washington Park, Grand Boulevard and the northern end of Hyde Park. And, the services offered are designed and tailored to meet the unique requirements of the service population.

Abraham Lincoln Centre has been a pre-eminent provider of social services to residents of the near south side since 1905 and offers multi-faceted programs with various components. Program services include special education and mental health components that provide children's education, adult training, home bound programs, residential programs and programs for the mentally ill. The Early Childhood Developmental component includes after school care, 2 head start programs, and 2 child development day cares. Social services include school counseling, senior citizens program, family intervention, arts and crafts, game room and dance. The International Exchange Program offers the unique opportunity for children at the day care level to interact with other children from Asian, Hispanic and Slavic cultures.

Mr. Madison is especially fond of the Respite Care component of the Homebound Program. "Respite Care does just what its name implies, Madison shares. "It allows the caregiver(s) of the severely or profoundly retarded to get some rest." He is also fond of Foster Care Program for the developmentally disabled. Through a special program instituted by the Centre, persons that would normally become wards of the state via DCFS (Dept. of Children and Family Services) are assigned to DMH (Dept. of Mental Health) and all attempts are made to place them in a loving and caring home versus a lifetime of institutional confinement. All services are free to qualified individuals and are made available through federal funding, the United Way and private donors.

Madison himself a man with strong Christian beliefs was born in Memphis, Tennessee on New Year's Day, 1939. After graduating high school he relocated to Chicago's west side where he resided with his aunt in order to attend college. Initially he attended Wilson Jr. College full-time and worked part-time. In 1959 he met his wife of 35 years in December, worked full-time and attended school part-time. After 10 years of night school, Madison graduated from Roosevelt University with a B.S. of Accounting. Madison is a CPA by profession.

**Hooks: When do you get involved in politics?**  
Madison: "I became involved in politics during the Carter Jones aldermanic campaign of 1959 in the 27th

Ward.

**Hooks: What do you recall about that time?**  
Madison: Jones, an African-American candidate, ran against then incumbent Harry Sain, a white candidate in a 90% black ward. "Sain beat Jones 9-1 and didn't even live in the ward," Madison reflects. "It was then I saw the power of the Daley machine and the nature of plantation politics. I was very angry and forged ahead to become intensely involved as a community activist on the west side in various elections. In 1964, Brenetta Howard ran for congress in the old 6th Congressional District against an incumbent

Congressman who was white with a 60% African-American constituency. Three days prior to the primary election the Congressman dies. Howell changes her whole strategy and on election day a dead white man trounced all over this Black woman."

**Hooks: "Why?"**  
Madison: "Apath. Political ignorance. The people felt their vote didn't really count, nothing was going to change and they cast their vote for the highest bidder."

**Hooks: An extension of slavery?**  
Madison: "Yes, they passed out trinkets. Another example of plantation politics. The white massah was dominant over the sharecroppers."

**Hooks: How did you come about running for office?**  
Madison: "I made my entry into politics as a candidate in 1972 when the Daley organization decided not to re-slate Otis Collins as State Representative.

During that time I was Deputy Director of Finance and Administrative CEDCO (Chicago Economic Development Corporation). I and other political activists tried to get Otis to run independently. Otis declined. I decided to run and lost. The day after the election I began preparing for 2 years later. Richard Barnett and I kept one of the campaign offices open and began teaching political education to the community. We came to realize that many people did not know what a State Representative does. We educated the community about politics in-general; from Precinct Captain to Mayor. During this time Harold was one of our guest lectures. Harold and I became friends in 1974.

**Hooks: How did you and Harold become friends?**

Madison: When I became a State Representative, winning by 162 votes. Vernon Jarrett called it 'historic'. Harold was my seat mate for 3 years and was considered a maverick. He refused to be a good nigger who knew his place. I remained in legislation for 4 years and Harold moved on to become a State Senator."

In 1981 Madison became Vice President in charge of finance for the Chicago Urban League. In 1983 he became actively involved in Harold's campaign with

responsibility for 5 wards on the west side. After Harold's election Madison was asked to join his cabinet. "I was appointed Commissioner of Consumer Services for the city; Jane Byrne's old job.

In 1986, then Mayor Harold Washington offers Madison the controversial position of Park District Commissioner and gives Madison 10 minutes to respond.

**Madison:** "At first I thought he was offering me a Board position which is a non-paid position. I didn't think he had the vote to get the appointment through. I tried to reach my wife and no one could find her. I felt this was a decision that would affect her life as well, not realizing at the time just how much it would. My life was threatened, they threatened to burn my house, I received telephone threats. I had never been through that type of hell.

**Hooks: What was taking over the Park district like?**

**Madison:** The park district was a political cesspool. Ed Kelly had been with the park district for 22 years and it was his [stiefdom]. After the appointment was made, we were in court for over a month. Kelly fought the appointment in court charging that Harold's appointment (of me) was unconstitutional.

**Hooks: Were you afraid?**

**Madison:** "I was more angry than afraid. I kept asking myself, Why are they threatening to kill me? I've never seen such racism. Hennessey, the general attorney for the Park District at the time, led the charge against me. He orchestrated the lock-up (of Madison's office) and instructed all departments heads not to report to me. Hennessey was so bold and blatant, he had the nerve to issue his instructions via written memo.

**Hooks: How did Kelly react?**

**Madison:** "Kelly's term was not up. Consequently, Harold changed the code for my appointment to Executive Vice President and C.E.O. which meant Kelly had to report to me. Rather than me report to him. Kelly resigned.

**Hooks: You were seen on T.V. very emotional when Harold past.**

**Madison:** "Harold and I became very close friends. I was one of his key players. In fact, when Harold passed I became truly distraught. You think you cried,

Madison saddens, "I was in the room with Harold when he was pronounced dead. I just stood there and held his hand for a while."

**Hooks: Why didn't you stay with the park district?** Madison: I stayed with the Park District until April of 1990 after announcing I would not renew my contact based on my lack of relationship with Daley. Daley and I were not getting along and he was trying to get me to do some things I just would not do.

I decided to go on hiatus for the summer. I really didn't feel like doing much of anything other than some recreational activities and oversee my carpet business.

**Hooks: How did you come to the Abraham Lincoln Centre?**

**Madison:** The position at Abraham Lincoln Centre sought me. The previous president was scheduled to retire and John Peck, then Chairman of the Boards asked me to consider. Unfortunately the previous president died before retiring and I was approached again. The Centre's Board was interested in my business and finance background. I finally agreed and was appointed President and C.E.O. in 1990.

**Hooks: Did you have a main mission?**

**Madison:** My initial focus was to straighten out the business side of Abraham Lincoln Centre and institute some basic rudimentary management practices. Revenues have increased and we are scheduled to receive a major gift in 1994 which will take us over the \$6 million mark."

**Hooks: Do you plan to re-enter the political arena?**

**Madison:** "I have no plans at this time. Right now it feels great to be back in the hood."



"I was more angry than afraid. I kept asking myself, Why are they threatening to kill me? I've never seen such racism..."



"You think you cried, I was in the room with Harold when he was pronounced dead. I just stood there and held his hand for a while."

Editorial

Yes, You Should Get Paid For Police Misconduct

This publisher was arrested and detained by the 2nd district police station, charged with disobeying an officer due to a traffic violation (no proof of insurance) on Wednesday June 29, at midnight. The incident occurred on 47th and King Drive in front of Alderman's Dorothy Tillman's office. No less than 15 police cars came on the scene in seconds to assist one police officer. While I was handcuffed, one officer grabbed me from behind, hit me three times in the back of my head, as about 20 or more police watched. As he hit me he stated "I'm tried of you all sh--," and threw me against the wall.

As the police officers struggled me to the ground, I felt it was me against them and all I could think of was, How am I going to protect myself? I actually understood why Rodney King would not stay still on the ground and wanted to get up. I also realized how much strength one can muster against the odds, in order to handle more than one offender.

At the 2nd district police station (51st and Wentworth), sitting in the Patty Wagon the arresting policewoman, Ms. Muhammad gave her version of the incident to her fellow officers. Different from mine, of course. While detained I exchanged words with Officer Muhammad, attempting to obtain some sort of understanding and informing her of my involvement in the community. I asked her if she is Muslim. She replies "Yes, and you are too." I told her that she should then understand why I questioned her harassment. In her few words she added, "I'll do what I did to any color, black, brown, white, blue or whatever. I don't get paid enough to put up with this stuff."

After approximately 45 minutes, she or someone decided to release me. (Maybe after realizing I am the publisher of the community newspaper in the area she serves).

Before leaving the station, I talked to the Night Sergeant, explained my version of what happened and my position in the community. He took both sides and encouraged me to talk to neighborhood relations and was polite enough to assist me with transportation back to my car. While in the station I overheard another officer state, "I don't get paid enough to put up with this."

Upon returning to the 2nd district that morning to meet with neighborhood relations officers for close to an hour, the determination was, "it was a judgement call." Had I obeyed the officer and not attempted to speak up on my own behalf, in other words, just go along with Officer Muhammad's harassment, the whole incident could have been avoided.

However, we all agreed that there was no need for the physical abuse

and questioned was the arrest necessary if no charges were made, no citation was given and I was not placed in jail. It is an example of being arrested and detained based on an invalid arrest.

My question is, how am I or anyone else compensated for the time, aggravation and abuse? What responsibility does the Chicago Police Department have to tax payers when a citizen has been arrested or detained based on an invalid arrest. Just as if O.J. Simpson is proven innocent, then he should be paid by the L.A. police for the financial and emotional hardship he is being subjected to, just as Rodney King was paid. In fact, I thought one is innocent until proven guilty. The way the current judicial system works, you have to spend tremendous effort to prove innocence over guilt.

Unless the community is convinced that the police are truly receptive to complaints, it will not participate in the system, as participation is so needed in the Mid-South community. If the police are not receptive, then offering financial compensation must be part of the process.

My concern regarding Officer Muhammad was the time spent in court for something that would most likely be dropped by the judge upon showing proof of insurance. A simply traffic violation resulted in time, money, mental, physical and emotional stress due am to an officer's judgment call. Is that worth tax payers time and money?

The truth is of paramount importance in internal investigation of police officers where judges will often side with the police based on the misconception that a police officer would not lie. In making my complaint it could be at least 20 police officers word against mine.

And, if the officer that hit me from behind confesses, what discipline will come of it? Or if the judge or the Office of Professional Standards decide the police was justified in his actions, then what?

Perhaps no other professional group is subjected to as much physical and mental stress as police officers. In a community such as Mid-South where crime is high, there are probably greater incidences of police error in judgment or action. Public scrutiny of their conduct is less, as it would be more, in a community with less crime where a statement like "Tired of you all" would not occur. I view the officer that hit me as being under stress in a high crime area and he could not tell if I was a drive-by-shooter or a publisher of a newspaper. He just felt that I was a "you all." However, his inability to react appropriately could

have been more fatal to himself and to me. Just as in the Rodney King case.

Police harassment and brutality exists, just as police corruption, in



various degrees. The conditions that support and suppress police action of this kind hinges on public respect and cooperation. If the Mayor's Community Area Police Strategy (CAPS) program is serious about community policing and participation, then they should be serious in the complaint process of police misconduct as well.

During my meeting with the Neighborhood Relations Officers I was asked to become a member of the CAPS program. Of their six committees, the Community/Police Relations Committee would be the committee of my interest. However, in order to maintain my objectivity and remain unbiased, it is best decline the suggestion.

However, police complaints should be instituted as a task of the Community/Police Relations Committee, in addition to the distribution of information describing the action taken on cases to CAPS members and the community. Public participation is essential if a responsible, effective internal discipline system is to be maintained as proposed for years by Citizen Alert, an organization that addresses police misconduct.

Police support will be strengthened by protecting the public from police misconduct by the correction or removal of incompetent officers. Community participation is essential and hinges on responsible effective internal discipline. Chicago police officers are paid to serve and protect citizens, not waste taxpayers money, your money on defending officers who are not capable of functioning in the full capacity they were hired for.

If not, pay the citizen for the injustices he has experienced, just like Rodney King was paid as a result of the L.A. police department's lack of effective community/police relations.



Ron Carter, Publisher

Letters

Clarification on BCU

Dear Mr. Taylor, This letter is in reference to the June 16-29, 1994 issue of the South Street Journal newspaper. Reference is made to an interview with me on page 6. I am known for speaking out and speaking the truth. Not my version of the truth. But rather truth that can be documented by objective and factual date.

Please note an inaccurate statement printed in the aforementioned interview. The misprint is as follows: "Black Contractors United are front companies for white folks". That statement is not true. I am certain that it was printed in error.

There are some BCU members that have companies that are fronting for white folks. To say that BCU as a whole is a front for white folks is a lie.

I am well aware of the deep rich history of Taylor Electric. You and others in BCU are not front companies.

I extend a humble apology for the misprint. I have asked the South Street Journal to take the necessary steps to print a correction in the paper.

"A luta continua" Eddie S. Read President, Chicago Black United Communities

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor are welcome and encouraged. Mail them to SSJ 4305 S. M.L. King Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60653. Chicago, Illinois 60637. They also can be telephoned by calling (312) 239-0540. They should be typed or print written, accompanied with a return address and a day time phone number. Letters may be edited for space or clarity, and we assume no responsibility for the accuracy of facts stated in any letter. Names may be withheld. We also seek suggestion for improvement and stories you feel South Street Journal should address.

Perspectives

CASINO GAMBLING

The Community/Minority Turn with the Dice



Harold L. Lucas

The Mid-South Planning and Development Commission (MSPDC) has not taken a position on this critical issue. I choose to present a citywide perspective, in which Chicago residents need to take a pro-active approach to Casino Gambling in Chicago.

Gentrification is taking place by over development in the super loop. The United Stadium and the 911 Center are dominating developments on the westside. Low-income people in public housing are being systematically being pushed out. Dearborn Park I and II, Central Station and other upscale housing developments are rebuilding the south lakefront communities, expanding southward from the loop. While, neighborhood empowerment initiatives are getting little support from downtown bureaucrats and elected officials.

We won't even address recent issues of corruption or lack of adequate tenant representation of the Chicago Housing Authority board, public housing privatization and the push by major downtown developer to get control of prime land that public housing developments currently occupies, clearly reveals a covert conspiracy to displace and disenfranchise low-income people in Chicago.

I support the struggle of the Maxwell Street Coalition to retain the historic Maxwell Street Market on it's existing site. Community leaders should advocate for creative linkages in the State legislation to support neighborhood development initiative that empower low-income people.

Two current pieces of legislation exist in Springfield, SB1613 and HB 4151 that if passed would promote significant economic development enterprises for the south and west that would ignite neighborhood revitalization and job creation.

The Black Caucus should push legislation to revitalize the "Black Metropolis Historic District" and strategies for the westside as National Historic Tourism Destinations.

Be clear, we don't need casino gambling in the

neighborhoods. But if State Legislators want to pass Casino Gambling, we will however consider separating the gambling from the Entertainment and Theme park. Remember, Mickey Mouse does not want to be associated with gambling enterprises!

We propose that the Mega Entertainment Center be located at 39th south on the lake front. This lakefront property affords the state and Chicago an opportunity to help develop revenue generating projects in a low-income neighborhood. Already plans are on the drawing board for a International Hotel. We are also working with the Inner City Youth Foundation to bring a 12 to 14 screen Cineplex in association with Magic Johnson and Sony Corporation. The Metropolitan Entertainment District located at 39th and the south lakefront creates a great opportunity to bring major development, new jobs and entrepreneurial enterprises to south lake front neighborhoods that can be supported in the Chicago Federal Empowerment Zone Application.

Harold L. Lucas is a member of the Community Workshop on Economic Development's Local Development Issues Working Group



Joseph E. Gardner



Minorities do not fully participate in the gaming industry in

Illinois. Minorities only have 20% share in one riverboat out of ten. In addition, the Illinois Gaming Board and the Illinois Racing Board have no minority membership.

Contrary to recent statements, it is legally feasible to guarantee minority ownership and still be consistent with the U.S. Supreme Court. If the Illinois General Assembly permits the licensing of riverboats in Chicago, minority ownership must be guaranteed. As elected leaders, we all share responsibility to insure that every constituent group is represented.

Gambling is unlike any industry in the United States. It is tightly licensed and controlled by state and local governments which share substantially in this income. Growth in this industry has surpassed all projections. Such government oversight in this growth industry must insure equitable opportunities for all. A plan proposed involves raising \$500 million from casino investors for an entertainment complex. Chicago has no shortage of entertainment. Chicago does have a crying need for investment in schools, parks and neighborhoods. Additionally, neighborhood development is central to a strong Chicago. The first priority must be promoting local neighborhood economies.

First, abandon the entertainment complex. Not only will this complex compete with existing recreational activities, neighborhoods need immediate attention. Second, use the \$500 million investment to leverage additional investments to improve our neighborhoods through creation of a Community Redevelopment Trust Fund. If the city is to have casinos, they must fit into an overall vision to improve Chicago neighborhoods.

Joseph E. Gardner, Commissioner, Metropolitan Water district of Greater Chicago

# YOUTH PAGE

## KIDS HAVE EYES TÔÔ!

Throughout the many different things that happen in the world today. Kids hear and see more things than many adults may see.

In our first segment of kids have eyes too, we will sum up what kids think happened in the O.J. Simpson trials. Most people believe that he didn't, while others think he did. So, I am using the freedom of the press to get the children's opinions. This is what some kids think.



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To give your opinion, send your letter to Tajuana Herrell, Youth Editor 213 E. 50th Street Chicago, IL 60615

### O.J. like Rodney King

Dear Editor,

The O.J. Simpson case is causing a lot of attention. Personally, I don't think he did it, I think he was framed. I saw the trials on Channel 7 where they had a neighbor on the witness stand. They asked where O.J. was and where he parked his car everyday. The answers did not make sense. I really think the case may go on like the Rodney King trials.

LaTasha M. Herrell Age: 11  
John Hope Academy

### The O. Juice Spilled ON PURPOSE

Dear Editor,

Expressing my views on the O. J. Simpson case would be hard to do without looking over the facts and opinions shown. If you'd heard the 911 tapes and listened to the pain and anger in Nicole's voice, you'd prosecute him. Looking over the evidence, you'd prosecute him. Think, how did O.J. do it and he was in Chicago. Now the question lies, did he do it or was he framed?

Shanise Douglas Age: 13  
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### Kid's Day Committee First Annual Kid's Day



Kids gather for one of the six workshops for Kid's Day Committee First Annual Kid's Day. Above is the Culture Awareness Workshop at Madden Park Field House.

A group of youth organizations sponsored their first Annual Kid's Day Celebration on July 2, at the Madden Park Fieldhouse, 38th and Rhodes. "The purpose of Kid's Day was to celebrate the importance of youth in the community," said Ursula Elbert, an organizer of Kid's Day, "The focal point of the day was to encourage healthy youth alternatives through various workshops."

The workshops were; D.A.R.E., Good Touch Bad Touch, Fire Safety, Healthy Teeth and Body, Cultural Awareness, Nutrition Education and AIDS Awareness. The children received incentives for participating in the workshops. The incentives consisted of face painting, clowns, pony rides, jumping jack, entertainment and food.

Agencies involved were Self Awareness Workshop, Safe Haven, Abraham Lincoln Centre, Cardre Wells 'Just Say No', Center for New Horizons and Madden Park Youth Group. For information on the Kids Day Committee call 624-1440.

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# CDBG

has a history of struggling through its turmoils and some who are active in Chicago organizations are hard at work on the city's problems disagree.

CDBG money distributed in Chicago this year totals \$118 million, according to city planning officials.

"Over half of it goes for housing projects in poor neighborhoods," explains Richard Wilson, director of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Planning. Chicago is also using a new three-year-old program called H.O.M.E. a program designed specifically for housing development projects. "We permit them to do twice as many projects with the two programs," Wilson said, "but HUD doesn't tell them how much to spend on what; choices are made in community meetings throughout the city."

CDBG money is distributed by various departments of the city government "in a pretty even-handed manner throughout the city," said Jim Barnes, another HUD community development director. "Chicago provides more money for community organizations than any other city in the country. But the city has broad discretion as to how to use the federal grants, and community organizations are just one way to do it. It's hard to compare one grant program with another," said Barnes. "CDBGs are an on-going, year-in, year-out program that covers a large area of the city."

Records from the Department of Planning indicate that South Side community organizations saw only a little more than \$2 million of last year's \$118 million in CDBGs. The grant money is used city-wide for infrastructure improvements like streets, sewers and parks and distributed by city departments to fund services such as health, housing and administrative planning. Neighborhood organizations typically share the 17 percent of the money allocated for economic development with local chambers of commerce, or the 31 percent of the funds allocated for public services, said Don Davis of the city's budget office. His office monitors CDBG funds. Ten percent of the funds went for administration and planning last year, Davis said.

Documents from the department of planning show that city has received over 150 CDBG applications this year, requests totaling \$13 million. The city approved over 50 of the requests, funding over \$2 million, just under 15%

of what organizations asked for.

The 2% of the money organizations received was allocated in chunks averaging \$20,000 to \$50,000. Requests averaged less than \$100,000. The largest amount requested was \$3.5 million by the Woodlawn Community Development Corporation, which was rejected. The largest award, and the only community in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, was for the Neighborhood Institute, of South Shore which received \$175,000. The Center for New Horizons, and the Kenwood-Oakland Community Organization, two mid-South Side organizations received various grants totaling about \$130,000 each. The Chicago Urban League a city-wide organization based on 45th and Michigan was awarded \$277,000.

Robert Lucas, executive director of KOCO, believes that the money is being spent effectively. He acknowledged however, that the proper use of the funding had been established only through a community struggle going back through several successions of mayoral administrations in Chicago.

"I've never heard of a rivalry existing between our community organizations," said a spokesman for Alderman Toni Preckwinkle (4). "the money is allocated on the basis of merit through a number of the city's departments. We may review the applications, but overall the alderman plays no more of a role in funding than does the Kenwood-Oakland Community Organization itself."

Nevertheless, Ms. Tate said the Henry Booth House president maintains a relationship with Madeline Haithcock, their second ward alderman.

Alderman Arenda Troutman (20th) said "I'm happy with the CDBG funding for last year. Most of the community organizations that came to me for help in their applications did all right. These small organizations perform very good functions and need and depend on the grants to survive."

"The programs are recommended to the city council from the various departments and generally, the alderman goes along with that," said Lucas. "Under Byrne and Washington we made suggestions as to how these funds can be used to help the neighborhoods. And today under Daley the money is still being used as intended."

However, Alderman Haithcock feels that, "There seems to be a somewhat disjointed, "piece-meal" approach to funding, which tends to produce an under-utilization of funding resources in some instances, and a resulting lack of adequate services for the community as a whole.

Haithcock full remarks will appear in the August 4 issue of *South Street Journal*.

## Live Theatre in the Hood "PILL HILL"

Chandra Hooks, SSJ Staff Writer

The Chicago Theatre Company has brought an outstanding, live production to Chicago's southside. *Pill Hill*, an award winning play by Samuel L. Kelley premiered in Woodlawn at the Chicago Theatre Company (formerly the Parkway Playhouse) at 500 E. 67th Street.

Directed by Douglas Alan-Mann, *Pill Hill* is a heart touching rendition of the lives of six Black steel mill workers in Chicago as they seek to move from the blue collar to the white collar profession. The play addresses the painful conflicts with which they must deal in leaving the comfortable and "secure" life of the mill while facing the uncertainty of the jungle as they attempt to assimilate into professions their parents only dream about.

David Barr, who portrays the character Joe, star-studded performance touches every level of human emotion. He is humorous at one point and brings tears to your eyes at another.

*Pill Hill* gives an excellent portrayal of the pain, the hope, the love, the ambition and the despair of Black American men in general. The camaraderie, commitment to family, racism, rejection and dejection are excellently projected throughout the various performances.

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## Alderman. Haithcock/Community Oppose Fast Food Chain on 35th St

Alderman madeline Haithcock is calling for a public hearing meeting, on Tuesday August 2, 2 pm at Indiana Pentecostal Church, 3500 s. Indiana to address growing community opposition to a proposal for another fast food "drive thru" franchise being located on the 35th Street Business strip at King Drive.

Since closing of Alco Drug Store in January of 1994, local business entrepreneurs and community leaders have been doing market research, developing a business plan and raising capital necessary to turn the former Alco building into a family restaurant, copy center and general merchandise store.

Simultaneously, rumors had been circulation that the owners of Alco were in negotiations to sell the key site to the International Double Drive - Thru/Franchise corporation.

As of July 15th, rumors became fact when alderman Haithcock was informed that the Alco site was sold to the fast food franchise operators.

"The community I was elected to represent is in total opposition to anymore fast food franchises being located on the 35th street business district" declared Alderman Haithcock.

Further the alderman stated that in conversations with Ben D. Oluwole of the Checkers fast food franchise, she informed him that, "I have talked with the 35th Street Merchant's Association, the GAP Organization, 35th and 36th King Dr. Block Club and the Mid South Planning and Development Commission.

"I stand by my constituency and the organizations that them. I have received letters and phone calls from them, and support their consensus decision that there will be no more fast food franchise on the 35th Street, between State Street and King Drive" said Haithcock.

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# In Other Communities of Chicago

## Amoco Award \$200,000 to Neighborhood Issues

Youth Services Project, Inc., has an innovative plan to reduce youth violence in Chicago's Humboldt Park neighborhood. LeClaire Courts Resident Management Corporation wants to make their Reverse Commute Program, which shuttles Chicago Housing Authority Residents to and from jobs in the suburbs, financially self-supporting.

The Pilsen Resurrection Development Corporation hopes to establish a first-ever community-based construction cooperative for minority contractors. Voice of the People wants to develop at least 60 cooperatively owned apartments for low-income families in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood.

These organizations, and several other Chicago community groups and public schools, took a giant step closer to realizing their goals, when the Amoco Foundation presented the first-ever Amoco Leader Awards to Chicago organizations that are seeking new or innovative ways to address critical housing, economic, youth and educational issues. H. Laurance Fuller, chairman and CEO of Amoco Corporation presented the 1994 awards.

"The Amoco Leader Awards highlight organizations with innovative ideas or practices in the hope of bringing recognition and credibility to their efforts," said Patricia D. Wright, executive director of the Amoco foundation. "these one-year awards will launch new endeavors of help established programs long term support."

At the reception, Amoco Leader Awards were given in five categories. In **Affordable Housing**, award \$50,000 to Voice of the people to

develop up to 60 cooperatively owned apartments in the area.

In **Jobs/Economic Development**, \$50,000 was provided seed money to the Pilsen Resurrection Development Corporation for a construction cooperative for minority contractors.

In the **Public Housing/Resident Management** category, \$25,000 to the LeClaire Courts Resident Management Corporation fund a marketing plan to make their Reverse Commute program self-supporting over the next three years. They transport an average of 125 workers from CHA communities to and from job sites in the suburbs each day.

In the **Youth** category, \$25,000 to Youth Service Project, Inc. (YSP) for Violence Intervention for Neighborhood Enhancement (VINE) program. It address youth violence in Humboldt Park neighborhood to predominately Latino and African-American youth.

In **Pre-college education**, \$10,000 each was given to five elementary and secondary schools to support programs designed to improve student learning and achievement in math and/or science. Winners were Robert Healy Elementary School, Rufus M. Hitch, Scott Joplin, Robert H. Lawrence and Carl Schurz high School.

Amoco Foundation solicited requests-for-proposals for the Amoco leader Awards in March 1994. About 140 organizations returned applications by the April 18 deadline. Award winners were notified in early June.

Amoco Foundation, funded by Amoco Corporation and its operating companies, is the largest corporate foundation contributor in Chicago. In 1994 the Foundation will donate approximately \$5.5 million to Chicago-area educational institutions, and about \$20 million to organizations and school partners worldwide. For information call 565-3900.

## Bring It On Home To Me Roots Festival



Photo by Ron Heard

More than 2,000 people enjoyed an assortment of music ranging from jazz, gospel, and R&B from dawn to dusk during the 4th Annual Bring It On Home To Me Roots Festival held on the future site of the Lou Rawls Theatre and Cultural Center, 47th & King Drive. Performers included former and present (3rd Ward) residents Gene Chandler (left), Melvina Allen, the Chi-Lites, Roy Hightower, Mavis Staples, Albertina Walker, Inez Andrews, Barbara Acklin, and Lou Rawls.

## Legislative Logjam Hammers Hopes to strengthen Chicago School Reform

### State lawmakers Fail to Pass Bill despite 165-1 Vote In Favor of Coalition's Proposals

Mid-South organizations, The Woodlawn Organization, Chicago Urban League, and Kenwood Oakland Community Organization have joined a coalition of 23 other organizations addressing Chicago school reform may not get a bill of critically needed reform proposals on Governor Edgar's desk during this legislative session, despite near unanimous support for the proposals from both parties in both houses of the Illinois General Assembly.

The proposals, backed by both the State and Chicago Boards of Education, in addition to Coalition participants, contain measures to:

- Shift LSC election day to Spring Report Card Pick-up Day, while beefing up the training opportunities for LSC members.
- Clarify the curriculum powers of LSCs.
- Reconcile the 1988 Chicago School Reform Act with the State Accountability Act so that schools don't have to write two separate school improvement plans.
- Restore four-year contracts for principals.

"These proposals to increase local school autonomy and authority will improve the performance of Local School Councils and ultimately of Chicago public school students," said

Migda Rivera, Executive Director of Latino Institute, and a participant in the Coalition, "From our point of view, the Coalition did everything that it should take to ensure passage of legislation. But the experience of this Ad Hoc Coalition for Chicago School Reform is an unfortunate example of how politics often prevents good ideas from becoming law."

On May 20, House Bill 2107 passed the Senate on a vote of 57 yes, 0 no, and 1 present. And on June 9, Senate Bill 1595 passed the House on a vote of 108 yes to 1 no. Thus by an overwhelming total margin of 165 to 1, both the Senate and the House, Democrats and Republicans, have almost unanimously backed the Coalition's proposals.

According to Doug Gill of KOCO, "Because neither party seems willing to concur with amendments that the other tacked on to these bills, the Coalition's proposals may fall victim to what veteran Springfield observers are saying is an unprecedented level of partisan wrangling among state politicians."

"We know that state legislators have demonstrated great support for Chicago school reform in the past, especially on revenue neutral items such as these," said Eric Outten, Co-Chair of Schools First, and LSC Chair of Hirsch High School. "But we are concerned that this year, lawmakers' support for our needs may be overwhelmed by their need to one-up each other. It will be tragically disheartening if, by session's end our children's schools suffer because our elected officials failed to find a way to pacify their own egos."

The Coalition's best chance of passing the reform proposals at this point appears to be in a conference committee.

## Youth Consortium Update and Meeting

The Youth Consortium of Greater Grand Boulevard will hold their next meeting Wednesday, July 20, 3 pm at the Metropolitan Community Church, 4100 S. King Dr.

In addition to reports from committees, they will discuss the Chicago Park District, with input from representatives of the community to facilitate dialogue between park management and the Children Youth and Families Initiative.

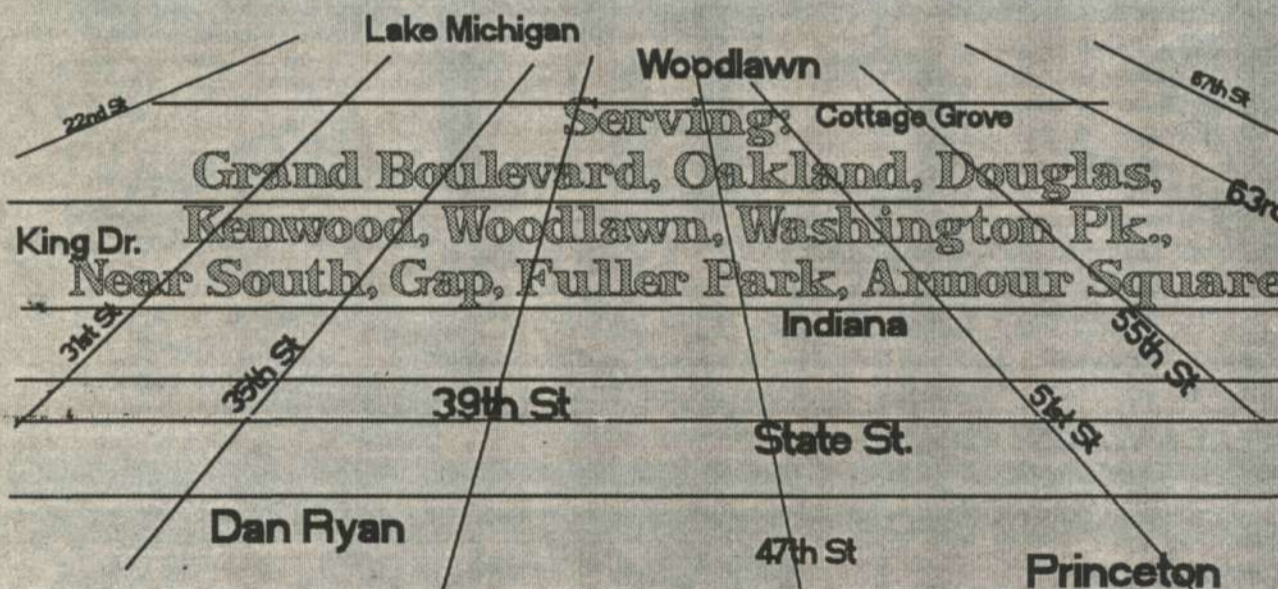
In addition they will discuss progress with the Chicago Community Trust proposal content and the review process.

Another item on the agenda, the Consortium sports program was funded in the amount of \$277,000. Washington Park YMCA is serving as the lead agency for the project.

The Consortium consist of over 70 organizations in Greater Grand Boulevard.

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## Subscription drive headed by New Structure

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The subscription drive is also a fund raiser for NSO as well, hoping to raise over \$15,000 for their programs. Some of the members taking part in the drive are John, Genola, Alberta, Michele and Freddie.

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# 63rd Street L

first, but after seeing the presentation I agree with it."

Some residents stress the need for commercial development on the 63rd Strip. But saying if the L is stopping growth it should come down."

Alderman Troutman stated that, "People do not shop like they use to. Malls are where people shop." She said, I was against the plan at first. But seeing the plan, I was impressed so I wanted bring it to the community.

As some residents questioned plans that has never come to past. Margaret James of 63rd and Maryland ask, "If it come down, how long is the plan development process?"

Brazer answered saying, "It's an ideal, Instead of being a haven for drug dealers and prostitution. This gives us a base to work from. We have ask CTA to look into our concerns and is working on the plan nothing is in stone at this



SSJ Photo By Damien Lee

Bishop Arthur Brazier, Pastor of Apostolic Church of God and Chairman of Woodlawn Preservation and Investment Corporation (WPIC) address questions on his organizations presentation for the demolition of parts of the 63rd Street L. Alderman Arenda Troutman looks on as she chairs the community hearing.

time."

Albert Rood of 64th and Kenwood, said, "the L did not bring the community down. It has a vision it good, but it was not always a slum street, the L is not the main problem for 63rd street in the condition that it is in."

Lonny Adams "20th Ward Reg organization said Rev. Brazer and Troutman has a beautiful vision.

Sandra Dorsey, of a East Woodlawn organization, who was against the plan and a resident for over 40 years in Woodlawn said, "After reflecting over the plan, I think it is wonderful, I am willing to compromise"

Jeff Stin, representing Chicago Transit Authority said, "It is ironic, that most of the complaints was about closing it. Now they want it to be demolished. A lot has to be consider in doing this. How would the trains be turned around at Dorchester? What about the bus line that feeds into the stops?" ask Stin to *South Street Journal*.

"We take our direction from the Green Line Task Force. We will check with Dr. Leon Finney as Chairman of the Green Line Task Force". However,

present at the hearing was Dr. Finney who voice concerns in favor of demolishing the part of the L. Which has been the position of The Woodlawn organization for over 20 years.

Stin said that the CTA has an agreement with the federal government to repair the L and if the CTA do not they would have to pay the money back to the federal government.

Alderman Troutman responding to the plans presently to rehab the Greenline, "Chicago has a good relationship with the Clinton administration, There are ways to meet the community request without the CTA paying back the money. We can get it waived if its bought to them correctly. I can see it as a plus." said Troutman, "We may need other meetings in the ward. This was just the first one."

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# CBUC

he should take it up with Mayor Daley. "I work for the Mayor," Reed said a company official who refused to identify himself told him. Read.

In addition to being arrested the week of June 27 and again July 14 for disorderly conduct, Reed said while demonstrating at 69th and Paxton in order to get Black workers hired by the company he was threaten by the Chicago Police Department. He said the police told him not come to 67th and Paxton. Read added that the treats came from Mayor Richard Daley.

"I received a call from a public official telling me that the Mayor has order the Chicago Police Department to keep me off the streets while the World Cup is in Chicago." Read would not disclose the name of the official. He added, "the person is well respected in the Black community."

CBUC is also calling a S.O.S. for financial support. Lu Palmer, chairman and founder of CBUC has said that the organization has always been in financial strains, however since Read was arrested additional funds are needed.

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# Scandals at CHA

Alderman Dorothy Tillman addressing the scandals called for Lane's resignation. "He is responsible for the mess because it happen in his tenure." She added, "there is no check in balance based on Lane being chairman and executive director...the same person who hires the director is the same person who hires himself."

Lane said Alderman Tillman is calling for his resignation to preserve her voting block of public housing developments in her ward, which Lane wants to tear down and disperse to scattered-site units. The chairman also stated that he will not resign until that project is complete.

Decrying Lane's administration as the worst in CHA history, and calling him a "lone ranger without any accountability, riding on the backs of the poor," Tillman also called for the enforcement of an Illinois statute that already gives the city council jurisdiction over the CHA's annual budget. "This city is rapidly sliding down a path that will end in the destruction of public housing in Chicago," said Tillman.

Maurice Perkins of Inner City Youth Foundation said, "it is premature to ask for Mr. Lane's resignation. Tillman's actions are against Black men," Perkins stated, "her agenda on Black men is no different than what it was of (Former Mayor Eugene) Sawyer and (Commissioner John) Stroger. Tillman should address the 29, which are still in force oppressing our people."

He continued, "Mr. Lane has successfully guided his proposals thought the Senate Banking Finance Committee, one of the most ultra body conservatives bodies in the U.S." Calling Lane a champion of the people, Perkins added, "but on the other hand he is a developer, we must keep the interest of the people first."

Addressing Lane's accomplishments, Tillman stated, "He did a great public relations job. That is the most Lane has done for public housing. He is a great guy, but that's the most he has done for CHA."

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# CTA Petition

which increase the buses and their weight alone the street.

Jeff Stien, of CTA said, "we share the groups concern and is looking into what we can do and presently the only that can be done is slow the buses down upon approaching that put of Indiana."

Smith said that her organization is requesting that the bus be cancelled or that a lighter model bus be used. "Something can be done," she pointed out that she spoke to CTA, president Robert Belcaster "He insure me that he would address the issue or WVON radio talk show and

to this date we have had no solutions. We have wrote the alderman and have gotten no response."

While Alderman Arenda Troutman (20), did not address why she has not responded to the group, she said, "I share their concerns. I live on King Drive and there are some things that just can not be helped."

The Concerned Citizens are proposing to Alderman Troutman and CTA if not canceling the bus, re-routed it to State Street, until such time as Indiana be repaved and the vibrations no longer occur in the homes.

Doug Kelly, vice president of the organization said, "My home is suffering from small damage now, that do cost time and money,"

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