TWO Conference Addresses Urban Issues

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Washington Park Reflector

Washington Park is the fourth largest park in Chicago. When African-Americans moved into the Mid-South area during the 1930s it became the major recreational center of the community. In the past the park had horseback riding, bowling, carriage, and families sleeping overnight.

Today, residents can thank the hard work of the Washington Park Advisory Council (WPAC) for some of these activities are back, plus an added feature, the Washington Park Reflector and Aquatic Center at 55th and King Drive, with only the water slide in Chicago.

The park also hosted the first renovated structure for public use in the Mid-South area, the Refectory. The Refectory is under construction being completed since 1989 to make the dream come true.

"It took 2 1/2 years and $3.8 million for the renovation to be completed," said Butler. "The WPAC spearheaded the renovation because when the Park District had it they were shaming landlords. The Refectory had not been touched since W.P.A.C in the 1930s."

With the help of former State Rep. Paul Williams and Build Illinois Funds the dream became a reality. "Today, the same people who worked hard to have the facility renovated are having problems getting office space for extended community use. The complex was paid for with public funds, which means the taxpayers' emphasis Butler."

"The sad thing about the facility is that the children are not taking advantage of the water slide like they should," said Butler.

Gerald Ross, a member of the Council stated, "it's been a long time coming and I think the community will be proud of the work that has been done by the community to make this happen."

The council is now hoping more residents take advantage of the facility before it closes for the summer.

For information on WPAC call 667-4160.
NO CRIME DAY HELD IN WASHINGTON PARK

Black on Black Love, an agency devoted to breaking the cycle of crime in the Black community, held its 6th annual "No Crime Day," on Saturday, August 6. The event, held in Washington Park, featured a bevy of entertainers, political leaders and others from the community who will "eradicate the crowd—through music and inspirational addresses—and the scourge of crime," said Alderman Dorothy Tillman. The event began at noon and culminated at 7 p.m. In the past, thousands of people have converged upon Washington Park to drive home the message of "No Crime" with the hope of raising an anti-crime consciousness that can continue indefinitely.

In making the announcement, Frances Williams-Dieter, executive director of Black on Black Love, stated that the Rev. Harold Dele Bailey of Providence Church "recognized the responsibility of being chair of this year's event, that WICO-FM and AM had come on board as official radio sponsor and that Jerry Remick, owner of the Chicago White Sox and the Chicago Bulls, had pledged his all-out support. "We at Black on Black Love are excited about this year's event and as we counted down the days to No Crime Day, we provided much specifics about entertainers, speakers and organizations that have partnered with us to make this year's No Crime Day, the best ever."

Black on Black Love was founded in 1983 by Edward G. Gardner, chairman of the board of Black on Black Love, with a female employee who was shot and wounded. It is an umbrella agency that provides services positive alternatives to potential perpetators of crime.

Calendar of Events

Cottage Grove

Wednesday, 17
Alderman Tillman blu-ray community ward meeting, 6455 S. King Drive. Call the Ward office for the time.

The Youth Consortium of Greater Grand Blvd. meets at 7 p.m. at 4657 S. King Drive. Call the Ward office for the time.

Thursday, 20
DuSable Museum "Harbanebe Soiree" summer fundraiser, a cultural passion representing the French-speaking counties of Africa, from 6 to 11 p.m. on the grounds of the museum. For ticket information call 947-5806.

Kenwood Oakland Community Organization (KOCO) Annual Summer Festival from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Drexel Blvd. between 47th & 49th St.

DuSable District Boy Scouts of America honors Dr. Sokani Kariuki, president and founder of Center for New Horizons, "Man of the Year," beginning at 8 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 151 E. Jackson Drive. Robin Robinson, anchor of Fox 32 News, will host the benefit. Tickets are $41. Call 559-0990 for info.

Freedom New Center celebrates its first anniversary at its office, 6349 S. Cottage Grove. Call the Center for information.

On Saturday, August 13, the gang invasion prevention program meets at 7 p.m. at 7040 S. Cottage Grove.

Monday, 22
U.N.A holds its 41st annual convention at Northwestern University at the Center for Inner City Studies. Delegates from the U.S., Canada, Caribbean, and the
dispora will attend. Call 312-352-2503.

Tuesday, 23
Chicago 2nd Police District, CAPS program meets at 7 p.m. at 7040 S. Cottage. Meeting is held every second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

Thursday, 25
UNIA holds a mass meeting on Cultural Expressions from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Center For Inner City Studies, 7000 S. Oakwood Blvd.

Tuesday, 24
Jazz In The Alley, Dunbar Park, 2900 S. Rhodes Blvd. From noon to 10 p.m. For more information call 312-638-6020.

On Monday, August 22, Alderman Julian Price will hold personal meetings with residents, by app't. Call 556-4910 for more information and appointment.

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South Street Journal will publish notices of community meetings and events, by organization or persons in the South Street Journal circulation area may submit material. We will print others as it relates to the area. Total material one week in advance to South Street Journal 4385 S. King Drive. Chicago, Illinois 60653.

"Certainly not! We should invest in properties that are here. They can be good-standing properties if C.I.L.A stops wasting the money."

LaRhonda Burton
33rd & State St.
Celebrating Bud Billiken Day

Who is Bud Billiken is a question asked every year around this time as that great day of fun and frolicking for hundreds of thousands of Chicagoland residents draws to King Drive. Bud Billiken inspires young and old alike each year the second Saturday in August.

For the past 65 years, the Bud Billiken Parade has diverted the children of Chicago from the burdens of poverty to become leading American citizens. For wherever the legend of "Billiken" lives in the hearts of children there are inspiration and hope for all who dream of being free, equal, and aim at greater heights of fame, recognition, and achievement.

Why Bud Billiken is. One thing for certain he lives in the dictionary. The Second International Webster Unabridged Dictionary defines Billiken as "a squat, smiling comic figure used as a mascot." He is everything a youngster ever wanted.

"Bud" first attained public recognition in 1923, when Robert S. Abbott, late founder of the Chicago Defender, delegated to the late Lucious C. Harper, then editor-in-chief of the Defender, the task of organizing and finding a suitable name for his "brain-child" a youth organization.

Harper drew the name of the club from the Chinese legend of the Billiken; guardian angel and patron saint of children all over the world. Since that eventful day in 1923, child of many races and creeds have flocked behind the banner of Bud Billiken.

And why do they keep in step with Bud? Bud is fun. Because Bud is for them. And because Bud has the special magic something that makes everything somehow come out right.

Each year a King and Queen is chosen to head the annual parade. They are selected from the youth of the communities by popular vote.

This year's Bud Billiken Parade and Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 12, from 35th & King Dr. to 51st St. at Washington Park. Intended as a day of fun and taking it easy, on serious side some groups raised the economic side of Bud Billiken Day Parade. Groups have protest the beer floats, to Homosexuals. While Angelo Rose, Chairman of the Mid-South Planning and Development Commissioners address the millions of dollars that leave the community each year from the parade. Saying "the money spent on that day in the Grand boulevard community if organized it could produce a resource to help stabilize the community."

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Urban League Receives Contract for Monitoring CTA Jobs

Mayor frowns on 21st Century V.O.T.E., Voted-out as Sub-contractor

The City of Chicago has reached an agreement with the Chicago Urban League and five other community organizations: the Inner City Youth Foundation and the Central Advisory Council of the Chicago Housing Authority, (both located in the Mid-South community; other organizations are the Midwest Community Council; the Coalition for United Community Action, and 21st Century V.O.T.E, who was voted-out by the City council lead by Alderman Larry Bloom because of the organization's association with street gangs. The coalition will seek a minority hiring level of 40 percent, and a women level of 10 percent.

21st Century V.O.T.E. has been frequently criticized by the Daley Administration and has been accused of being a front for the Gangster Disciples street gang. Further, the Daley Continues on page 11
Senator Smith Secures $700,000 for Creation of Black Metropolis
Targeting 35th and State Streets

State Senator Margaret Smith (D-Chicago) said she is proud of the efforts taken by Senate Democrats and Senate Minority Leader Emil Jones Jr. in improving this year’s state budget. She also noted that her efforts helped secure $700,000 to establish an African-American historic district in the Mid-South, Grand Boulevard community.

“The new state budget, which was approved July 12, contains $30 million more for education than the Governor requested and also pays the bills,” Smith said. “Senate Democrats, led by Senator Jones, fought for both these improvements to the Governor’s proposed budget and we won.”

In addition, she was able to secure $600,000 to help with the purchase and restoration of five historic buildings in the Bronzeville area in her district. The money is needed to begin the creation of the Black Metropolis, a historic tourism district and economic development zone around 35th and State Streets.”

Smith said the rest of the spring legislative session, which ended July 12, was not successful.

“This is an election year and a lot of good legislation was defeated or never voted upon in the General Assembly because lawmakers were nervous about any form of controversy,” Smith said. “As much as we did not get strong gun control and weapons ban, Chicago schools were again ignored, and some very good social and human service legislation failed.”

However, she was pleased that the legislature met both times to require the Department of Public Health to begin a prevention and education program on a bone disease known as osteoporosis, which affects older women.

Smith said the legislature will go back into session next November, for what is known as the fall veto session.

Community Shelter Opens for Homeless Youth

by Elaine Bowon, SSJ Staff Writer

The lights shine brightly at Belfort House, a transitional shelter for homeless youth, which opened in May of this year. The eight flat program is beautifully decorated and kept spotless by the residents.

A full south side shelter located at 3739 S. Indiana, male and female residents can stay for up to 120 days. After this time, if they are not placed in Teen Living Programs (TLP) Project Opportunity, a North Side agency that manages the programs offered by Belfort House. The agency is dedicated to helping at-risk youth on the streets through its outreach program, and also in community settings through its transitional living programs such as Belfort House.

Belfort House is not just a homeless shelter. Youth are expected to complete pre-employment training and seek employment. And those in school are encouraged to obtain a GED.

The program offers substance abuse counseling utilizing small support groups and peer preparation. Obtaining employment is also emphasized at the program.

Overt, said that residents are expected to be 100 percent of their salaries for use when they leave. “One important aspect of the outreach program is that we were for the first time not abandoned but were at risk,” Overt said. He added that at-risk youth have been waiting for a place such as Belfort House and that no one is turned away.

Overt said that they get the kids early before they burn all their bridges, they have more options,” Overt said.

Overt said that he’s seeing children as young as age 8 and that this means that parents may not be taking care of them.

Children are offered a shower, clothing, food and that ever-important hug. They are also encouraged to attend school and truancy problems may be discussed.

“Education is very important to the success of our kids,” Overt said. Moreover, independence is important to overall success,” he said.

Project Rush, a philanthropic group, bought the abandoned building, which occupies Belfort House, from the city for one dollar and after paying more than $300,000 for renovations, donated it to TLP.

Committed to alleviating the homelessness problem in Chicago, the group estimates the home­less problem for youths between the ages of 14 -20 to be at 50,000. “For whatever reasons, new things about homeless people touches me,” Fred J. O’Donnell, founder of Project Rush, said. He stressed that his organization wanted to contribute to the community so they pooled their resources.

“About 60 percent of the youth we serve at the TLP are African-American and from the south and west sides of the city,” said Debbie Hilde, executive director of TLP.

Although the shelter has received donated items from other organizations and foundations to raise the funds for Belfort House, it also said that funds for Belfort House are a necessity.

“Belfort House is the only shelter in Chicago which is dedicated to helping at-risk youth in the fall veto session.”

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The Woodlawn Organization (T.W.O.) is one of the most influential and controversial organizations in Chicago. Over its 36-year life span, T.W.O. has invested, or caused to be invested, over $113 million in the Woodlawn area. Under the leadership of its Executive Director, Leon Finney, Jr., T.W.O. has had a profound effect on the revitalization of the Woodlawn Community and what it is today.

Woodlawn was victimized by the infamous “Blackstone Rangers” in the late sixties and early seventies. This notorious inner-city gang left a community rife of its dignity and economic strength as the South Shore community is beginning to witness. A community that thrived on the 63rd Street business strip which supplied jobs that pumped monies back into the community. Through gross vandalism, terrorism, and killing, a once prestigious moderate-class community was left thoroughly devastated and still limps from the gross vandalism, terrorism, and killing, a once prestigious moderate-class community was left thoroughly devastated and still limps from the deterioration of their communities.

Hooks: How was T.W.O. organized?

Finney: By going door-to-door talking with community residents. We met in their homes and discussed the various issues that were confronting the area; primarily housing issues that affected the African-American population.

Hooks: Is the focus still the same?

Finney: T.W.O. is recognized for its initiatives and successes in the areas of advocacy, community development and human services. We (T.W.O.) are a self-financed grassroots, community based federation of civic and neighborhood associations that include churches, block clubs, business associations, tenant councils, social welfare unions, senior citizens’ groups, schools and community agencies. T.W.O.’s mission is to improve the quality of life for Woodlawn residents and people of the southside of Chicago in general.

Hooks: How many employees does T.W.O. have?

Finney: We have a staff of nearly 200 assigned to the various T.W.O. components. For example, T.W.O. provides housing for Woodlawn’s special needs residents. Smith-Blair House is a self-financed, accessible living environment that promotes independent living for senior citizens. Entry House and The Woodlawn Residential Treatment Program are drug and alcohol rehabilitation residences. Both provide detoxification services and up to a 4-month extended residential stay.

Hooks: How did you become involved in the ministry?

Finney: “I went through mid-life crisis at the age of 50 and realized I had to get right with God.”

Hooks: Are you Pastor of a church in Woodlawn?

Finney: “Yes. I am Pastor of Christ Apostolic Church located at 56th and Cottage Grove.”

C.H.: How are you affiliated with Mr. Cormick Theological Seminary?

Finney: The African-American Leadership Partnership (A.A.L.P.) of which I am director, is a graduate level program developed by McCormick Theological Seminary. A.A.L.P. affords Black Clergy, from traditional African-American churches, who have answered their calling and demonstrated leadership abilities to participate in the program. "Effective leadership must be provided with the tools necessary to circumvent the deterioration of their communities.”

Hooks: How do you do all of this and continue to officiate over your restaurants?

Finney: “There are (3) Leon Finneys. Leon Finney, Sr., (my father), Leon Finney, Jr., (me) and Leon Finney III (my son). My father, Leon Finney, Sr., is the entrepreneur, owns Leon’s Bar-B-Cue and is socially active. My son, Leon Finney III, is a student at Krocots Brown College. Occasionally people confuse the activities of one with that of the other. My father was actively involved with T.W.O. until 1965 after which time he applied his energies in the restaurant business. He now has 3 locations. He’s the millionaire; not me.”

Hooks: There has been much controversy regarding your involvement in Green Line and the additional delineation of Jackson Park L Structure?

Finney: At first there was much community distaste for the L. A major artery for 63rd Street. However, the proposed plan is for the L to stop at Cottage Grove instead of Dorchester. Cottage Grove is a bus line, i.e. a transfer point. And quietly it makes sense for riders so make their transportation connection. Most importantly, residents support was gained once it was understood that additional housing could be constructed in the area affected by the L demolition. It is a city ordinance that residential construction can exist 50 feet from the L-structure. By removing the portion of the L in question, we can provide new housing structures and create our own little town.

Hooks: Does your relationship with Mayor Daley impact your relationship with Woodlawn residents negatively?

Finney: “I get along with whomever necessary in order to get the job done. T.W.O. is known for being a model of what can be done by a local organization when a real partnership is developed with government. T.W.O. was founded on the basis of self-determination. We contribute our success to our "cooperative spirit to establish new bonds for prosperity.”

Hooks: Commissioner Joseph Gardner has announced his interest running for mayor. Will you support his candidacy?

Finney: “T.W.O. is a community organization and as head of T.W.O. I cannot take a political position, although we do take a hard look at each candidate individually. Joe (Commissioner Gardner), Vince (Lane Chairman and CEO) of C.H.A. and I worked together for 7 years. I respect him for making a difference in the health and well being of Chicago.”

Hooks: Woodlawn seems to have the "Midas Touch" and seems to be flourishing under the leadership of Rev. Brazier and yourself. Why do the two of you receive so much criticism and backlash from other community leaders?

Dr. Finney looks with a sharp straight eye to eye contact.

Finney: “When I was coming up Sister like you with so-called [good hair] and feminine features were discriminated against by sister with so-call [kinky hair] and broader features. And sister that looked like you separated themselves and looked down on the sisters with the kinky hair and broad features.”

"It all relate to The Willie Lynch Speech of 1712' used in a sermon by Dr. Hycel B. Taylor, Senior Pastor of Second Baptist Church, Evanston, Illinois. " as he hands me a copy of the authentic speech. Dr. Hycel Taylor refers to the King James version of the Bible "whose version they church" and compares the brutal force of the Romans to control their slave population.

Dr. Taylor offers a methodology for controlling the slave population is the U.S. According to Dr. Taylor, "my method is simple, any member of your family or any overseer can use it. I have outlined a number of differences among the slaves and I take these differences and make them bigger. I see four districts, and even for control purposes." Dr. Taylor state, "they must love respect, and trust only us.”

After outlining his strategy, Dr. Taylor in his speech comments, "The Black slave after receiving this indoctrination shall carry on and will become self reflecting and self-generating for hundreds of years, maybe thousands.”

Hooks: And that is the reason?

Finney: “Saulady, very, agnostic that is the reason.”

For Reprints of The Willie Lynch Speech of 1712, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with $2 to South Street Journal, 4805 S. King Dr. Chicago, IL 60653. Please allow 2-4 weeks for delivery.
Police Misconduct Exposed

No Surprise to 2nd Dist. Fellow Cops

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to apologize for the way you were struck by one of my fellow officers. Hopefully, you won't see this reflect on the 2nd Dist. Unfortunately, I've not able to disclose my identity due to the possibility of retaliation from my peers.

I read your article in the South Street Journal [July 21-Aug 3, 1994]. The article states that Ofc. Williams, had a history of hitting the citizen of the 2nd Dist. You're not the first person to be struck by the officer, and unfortunately, this was not the last.

Officer Williams has been transferred to Unit #715 that handles Chicago Housing Authority complaints, this has nothing to do with your case, but was an incident of some size.

I'm afraid that the residents will be subjective to being struck, cursed, mentally and physically abused by the officer. Ofc. Williams has a dislike...which is expected to generate $100 million in federal funds for proposed development activities. I would also point out that...in regard to the assessment of community needs in determining funding priorities for community development programs...the overall effects of funded programs...enhance the community around their neighborhood and for the nation. But unfortunately, it is also a time of enormous peril. The balanced redevelopment has been described as still very fragile, and each wrong move could...thereby improving the quality of life and advancement opportunities for residents...

Sincerely,

Concerned West Garfield Officer

Publisher's response:

Thank you for your letter. I am surprised that you broke the code of silence of your fellow officers, which protect the settlement of the matter.

The incident does not reflect my judgment toward members of the police department, who are dedicated to serving all community.

Although I am personally upset about the incident, Ron Carter is more concerned about how many citizens see...Publisher/Editor

Perspective

"No More Fast-Food Restaurants In The Mid-South area"

by Stef Redfield

For the record, I am the director of STRIVE, a non-profit employment service located in Grand Boulevard, that has assisted more than 450 low income, minority, or elderly residents...

Community Development Block Grant & Other Funding for Economic & Community Development

by REVAN G. HOLLAND

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a vital source of funding for many organizations, which provide a wide range of community services that are essential to our community. However, there definitely is room for improvement in the CDBG program, especially in regard to the assessment of community needs in determining funding priorities and allocating CDBG resources.

I feel that there is a need for improved coordination in the funding process. The CDBG program is not a one-size-fits-all approach to economic development or social services, and as well as overall community impacts, it is also essential to be effective in order to be effective in revising diversified community areas, which are not just...to provide a comprehensive approach to community development programs that are directly linked to projects focusing on business and community development in the community.

I further anticipate that the need for coordinated funding will become even more important with the opening of Empowerment Zones for Chicago, which will allocate additional millions in federal funds for proposed community-based development activities. The City of Chicago has allocated an additional $100 million in federal funds for proposed community-based development activities in the 22nd Street to 51st Street area. The City of Chicago has allocated an additional $100 million in federal funds for proposed community-based development activities in the 22nd Street to 51st Street area. The City of Chicago has allocated an additional $100 million in federal funds for proposed community-based development activities in the 22nd Street to 51st Street area. The City of Chicago has allocated an additional $100 million in federal funds for proposed community-based development activities in the 22nd Street to 51st Street area.

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As a result of these endless volunteer efforts, we need community-generated enterprises, which provide high quality goods and services, and we need development that matches the goals for reaching and indeed surpassing the vibrant energy of this community and build an African-American beacon for Chicago and for the nation.

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In Memory of "Rev. Ed"

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Rev. Riddick went on to graduate from the University of Denver. His hard work from high school and college earned him the university's oratorical award among many other honors.

Rev. Riddick then attended the University of Wisconsin, where he received the Wisconsin Scholars Award along with the Baptist Center's Belle Kinney Wright Award. Thereby maintaining his standards in academics as well as humanitarian efforts. After serving in the military (U.S. Quarter Master Corps), Rev. Ed held a brief internship at the Denver Christian Center. He was then ministered at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, where he also pursued graduate studies for the ministry.

Rev. Riddick has said, "I decided long ago, I'm going to live my life fighting for the rights of all humankind." In line with this mission Rev. Riddick started his mission working with the Cook County Dept. of Public Aid followed by an appointment with the Church Federation of Greater Chicago as associate director of the Dept. of Christian Citizenship and later with the Dept. of Welfare. While serving in the position Rev. Ed became a liaison with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and worked with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., on his Chicago campaigns.

Rev. Riddick was appointed to the staff of Operation Breadbasket as director of research, a position he also assumed upon the advent of Operation Push. With the quote of "If the elevator to success is broken, then take the stairs", Rev. Ed's educational, experience and standard of excellence led to many economic agreements made between the Fortune 500 companies and the organization.

He continued to strive for and give voice to the poor, by working to increase access to educational, labor and human relation factors at the spokesperson for Operation Push and as a concerned human being. Rev. Riddick's philosophy embodied the true meaning of the quote-"you come into this world naked and you go out naked"- "he was the soul - the voice of this world as well as a concerned human being.

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Rev. Riddick then attended the University of Wisconsin, where he received the Wisconsin Scholars Award along with the Baptist Center's Belle Kinney Wright Award. Thereby maintaining his standards in academics as well as humanitarian efforts. After serving in the military (U.S. Quarter Master Corps), Rev. Ed held a brief internship at the Denver Christian Center. He was then ministered at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, where he also pursued graduate studies for the ministry.

Rev. Riddick has said, "I decided long ago, I'm going to live my life fighting for the rights of all humankind." In line with this mission Rev. Riddick started his mission working with the Cook County Dept. of Public Aid followed by an appointment with the Church Federation of Greater Chicago as associate director of the Dept. of Christian Citizenship and later with the Dept. of Welfare. While serving in the position Rev. Ed became a liaison with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and worked with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., on his Chicago campaigns.

Rev. Riddick was appointed to the staff of Operation Breadbasket as director of research, a position he also assumed upon the advent of Operation Push. With the quote of "If the elevator to success is broken, then take the stairs", Rev. Ed's educational, experience and standard of excellence led to many economic agreements made between the Fortune 500 companies and the organization.

He continued to strive for and give voice to the poor, by working to increase access to educational, labor and human relation factors at the spokesperson for Operation Push and as a concerned human being. Rev. Riddick's philosophy embodied the true meaning of the quote-"you come into this world naked and you go out naked"- "he was the soul - the voice of this world as well as a concerned human being.

"Rev. Ed" at memorial services held at Operation PUSH for his relentless pursuit of excellence.

Rev. George Edgar Riddick
(Rev. Ed*)
March 24, 1933 - July 12, 1994
New Horizons
Founder Named
"Man of the Year"
Dr. Sokoni Karanja, founder and president of the DuSable District, has served thousands of families in the Greater Grand Boulevard neighborhood. Battling urban poverty is the mission for New Horizons, which provides education services and promotes economic development.

A附9f studying African methods of childhood education and self-reliance in Tanzania, Dr. Karanja returned to the U.S. in 1971 to start his own social service agency based on that model. His efforts in the community were nationally recognized last year when he received one of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's genius awards—a unrestricted grant worth several hundred-thousand dollars.

Robin Robinson of Fox 32 will present Dr. Karanja with the DuSable District's "Man of the Year" Award at an Afrocentric Benefit Dance to be held at the Holiday Regency Hotel on Saturday, August 20 at 8 p.m.

Three local artist group will provide entertainment for the celebration. Accomplished musician, Kevin Morrisette, and his band, will kickoff the event with live jazz entertainment. A special poetry reading by Kuntu Drama Inc., a network of 70 Boy Scout Troops and Cub Scout Packs, including many in public housing developments. The District's Scout members are predominantly African American boys between the ages of six and 18. For ticket information, call Keith Wallon at 559-0900 ext. 275.

Congressman Rush Expresses Outrage
at Minority Police Promotions

Congressman Bobby Rush (2) expressed outrage during a recent press conference regarding the city's and Mayor Richard Daley's lack of minority police promotions and "color neutral box" as simply business as usual in the City of Chicago.

"Richard Daley may not feel a moral or ethical responsibility to create a diverse police department, but the fact is, he has a legal obligation to do so. Under an injunction filed in 1980, the U.S. Dept. of Justice issued a clear mandate to the City. The City was to notify the Justice Department before administering market promotions exam and was to submit that exam to the Justice Dept. for review prior to administering another exam.

"The City and Mayor Daley have flagrantly and shamelessly violated this directive from the African-American Patrolmen's League." Rush said he has written to U.S. Atty. General Janet Reno advising her of the situation and asked her to investigate for possible civil rights violation relating to testing and promotion procedures within the Chicago Police Dept.

Rush said in three years' time only 40 out of 400 minorities will pass the sergeants exam.

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The MINCS (Mixed Income New Communities Strategy) of CHA in Oakland/Kenwood Community

A summary submitted to the community by CHA on Aug 4.

"CHA is proposing to return public housing to its original purpose with transitional housing to create 20,000 to 40,000 jobs, has passed the Senate and is waiting for the House of Representatives to pass the bill. If this happens, Lane said Chicago will receive $750 million by 1995."

"Every problem presents an opportunity," said Lane. "At CHA, we will leverage the resources that exist to solve the housing problem."

"Every year CHA has $350 - 400 million a year coming through its portals. We keep backing up. Now is the time to stop dead poverty and give the people in public housing a chance that they don't have."

"It's necessary to give people choices because if they are living where they want to be they will take care of it."

"Public housing is no place to move a child. "We must start a legacy of leaving things better for future generation," said Lane.

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Ald. Haithcock Opposes Checkers on 35th Street

A growing controversy in the Douglas/Nearest South community regarding proposed plans by Checkers Restaurant to open a franchise on 35th Street has prompted Ald. Madeline Haithcock (2) to call for a public meeting last Tuesday. Numerous residents and community leaders attended the meeting. Checkers reportedly plans to open a franchise on 35th and King Dr., at the site formerly occupied by ALCO Drugs, which closed earlier this year. With no less than nine existing drive-ins restaurants along the 35th Street strip, the area is frequently referred to as "Fast Food Row.""Ald. Haithcock, who indicated that her office has received numerous telephone calls and letters regarding the proposal opening by Checkers stated, "the residents of this community have a strong interest in this proposal development, and I intend to ensure that their views are fully heard and respected. Many people are very concerned about the addition of yet another fast food franchise in this area, which is already over-automated with establishments of that nature.")

Ald. Haithcock added that while representatives of Checkers Restaurants have been invited to attend the community meeting, "I firmly stand with the community on this issue, and I am fully prepared to take whatever appropriate action may be necessary..."

This day in HISTORY

August

11, 1962—Police closed the Municipal parks and library in Albany, Ga. after integrated groups tried to use the facilities.

12, 1922—Home of Frederick Douglass dedicated as a Race Shrine.

13, James B. Parsons, Federal Judge, born 1911.

14, Ernest K. Just, biologist and first winner of the Spingam Medal, was born in 1883.

15, 1964—Black students registered at previously all-white elementary schools in Bloxio, Miss.

16, 1977—Betty Jackson King, composer, educator, pianist and choral conductor, became president of the National Assn. of Negro Musicians, Inc.

17, 1938—Henry Armstrong was world lightweight title from Lou Ambers.

18, 1963—James Meredith become the 1st Black to receive a degree from the University of Mississippi.

19, 1964—Dr. Frank M. Snowden was appointed Cultural Attache in Embassy in Rome.

20, 1965—Aug. 11-21 riots in Watts section of Los Angeles, Dich toll-35.

21, 1997—Bayard Rustin, internationally known civil rights activist, laborer and advocate of non-violence, died in New York City, Aug. 24th.

22, 1950—Edith Sampson named 1st Black alternate delegate to United Nations by President Truman.

New Structure Organization kick-off

South Street Journal Subcription Drive

(Left to right) Alberta Moore and Jenella James are members of New Structure Organization's South Street Journal subscription drive, who will hand out the subscription drive in the Washington Park community, targeting 31st to 43rd streets and the Dan Ryan to King Drive. NSO will target 2,000 residents in the area during the subscription drive. The organization has been circulating the South Street Journal since its inception in September, 1993. The subscription drive is also a fundraiser for NSO, which hopes to raise more than $15,000 for their programs.

If your organization, block club, or church would like to raise funds promoting the South Street Journal, stop by the office at 4305 S. King Drive for more information.
Urban League/CTA
Administration questioned whether the organization was legally eligible to receive federal monies and participate in the monitoring project because the organization has organized itself as a political organization, and political organizations are not eligible according to the statute.

We're not running anybody for office, we're not a political group," said Tom Harris. "We're just a Political Action Committee and we're not dope dealers or killers."

What the Daley Administration has frequently referred to as "gang ties" involving the organization are really the projects of the organization attempting to reform the youth of the African-American community stress Harris.

"I don't think our problem is the Mayor," said Harris. "We're still the subcontractor. The C.T.A. has opened the door for us to move in. They're letting us follow their certified payroll, and it's up to us to go out there with the monitoring teams and do the head counts. We should have a report out real soon.

"I think our biggest task is to make sure they get young African-American people on the job," said Harris.

In light that the Chicago Black United Communities/United Services of Chicago was voted to serve on the board of directors, and community organizations early this year to monitor the CTA Greenline hiring of minority jobs, the Urban League has come under criticism by community groups accusing them of blocking CEUC from getting the contract.

Oscar Peterson gives outstanding performance at Ravinia
Oscar Peterson's August 7 performance, and his only U.S. appearance—at Ravinia in Highland Park, was as memorable as one's first love, exciting, throbbing, and warming for more. In a dazzling display, the 66-year-old Peterson perfectly executed his craft as a skilled surgeon performing a delicate surgery. Peterson has recorded with numerous musicians including Count Basie, Ella, Dizzy, and Duke Ellington. His "Hymn to Freedom" became one of the crusade hymns during the Civil Rights Movement. Throughout the night rumors floated around that this was Peterson's farewell performance. Let's hope that these are just rumors.

"Weekend In L.A," and "In Flight", are two hip replacements performed magnificently for more than 2-hours to a sold-out crowd. Peterson perfectly executed his craft as a skilled surgeon performing a delicate surgery.

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