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SSJ Photo by Damien Lee

Heavily damaged by fire the building on the corner of 43rd and King Drive had the potential to be a great asset to the community may be demolished.

43rd Street Hotel Fire Creates Set-Back

By John Otrompke
SSJ Writer

As the building on the northeast corner of 43rd and King Drive stands abandoned from decades of neglect, a strife over its development is halted due to what fire officials describe as suspicious.

Alderman Dorothy Tillman (3), the Bluestown Hotel Group spearheaded by Joan "Baby" Kessel, and a Vietnam Veterans organization, went to court on July 21 to determine its status. The next court date is August 25.

Kessel, who wants to turn the building into a Blues Hotel, said at the court hearing the judge was open to her suggestion of turning the building into a blues hotel, but because of the lack of support from Alderman Tillman other arrangements had to be made.

Kessel said she has been trying to obtain support of Ald. Tillman, but hasn't received any cooperation. Adding that the alderman want the building for a Single Room Occupancy (SRO) housing development. Sources indicate she may want it for a senior citizens home.

According to Kessel the building has been delinquent since 1970. "No taxes have been paid since 1971. There's a \$30,000 water lien on it," she said. "The city sat on this building for a whole year. No repairs and no board-up for a whole year." Presently the building has not been boarded since the fire August, 10th.

"Now the Democratic Convention is coming and there will be more people here than there are hotel rooms, and we still can't go forward. We still feel like we have an interest in the building, but are we sick of the whole thing? Yeah!," said Kessel.

Kessel said that the Chicago abandoned properties program accepted the Bluestown Hotel proposal in 1993, but due to internal politicking and Ald Tillman's intervention, she has been stymied in her efforts.

But a number of community-based developers have been vying for the property.

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Cry of the Children

3rd Violent Death for Church this Year in Mid-South area

By John Otrompke
SSJ writer

Evening Star Methodist Baptist Church ran with the emotional blood, sweat, and tears of children and adults as 45th and Clamplain block youth and gang violence pain continues in the community unabated.

Two hundred people, half of them children, mourned and placed red roses in the coffin of Joe Louis Orr, a 9-year-old boy was eulogized by Reverend O.C. Morgan and others at Evening Star Methodist Baptist Church.

Five people have been charged with Orr's murder.

According to the funeral director Linda Moore-Porter, Arnold A. Woods Memorial, it was the church's third funeral for a youth slain in violence within the past two months.

"These folks are going crazy out here," said Moore-Porter. "A few months ago I buried a deacon who was shot as he entered church."

As pictures of political candidates adorn the church's wall, the young, the old, and the innocent, silently and unseeingly mourned Orr who was dressed in a blue suit and a white teddy bear cradled his lifeless body in the baby-blue with brass handle casket.

"You may be quiet. But even if you are quiet, don't forget to pray for this family," said Reverend Morgan. "I have never seen a mother bear so much pain as I've seen this mother bear."

Al Hofeld, candidate for Attorney General, present at the



Photo by Eugene Kimmons

(top) The young mourners view 9 year old Joe Louis Orr's body.

(middle) Joe's mother, Gertrude Holly, weeps after her son's funeral.



Photos by Ron Heard

(bottom) Friends and family members carry Orr's body as it leaves Evening Star Methodist Baptist Church.



services said, "The children here today are too young to look into the face of death," Hofeld said. "This obviously sweet, beautiful boy is too young. In one way or another, we've all failed. I'm sorry, Joe."

Alderman Toni Preckwinkle (4), whose ward covers the area also was present at the services and eulogized Orr, appealed to the male mourners to end the shooting and tearing a-part" so many families by their violence.

Orr's mo-urners, ex-pressed confusion and a sense of being torn.

Danny Ross, a resident of the 4100 block of Prairie, said major changes have taken place since he was a youth.

"When I was 16 years old and drinking wine on the corner we use to have respect

for people, especially if a senior (citizen) walked by. Now, these folks don't have respect for anyone. This is a lost generation," said Ross, as he wiped a tear from his eye.

Another resident, Gilbert Davis expressed fear and anger toward those who continue their crime sprees.

"I raised half of these kids and I am scared of them. These (gangbangers) are getting younger and younger because the older ones know that these younger ones don't care about living," said the 25-year resident who taught at the Donnelly Youth Center.

Violence has plagued this Mid-South neighborhood and its residents for years.

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"45th & Champlain is nothing but another Vietnam.."
Leona Goodall

Mid-South Kicks Off Search for a Black Mayor, Again

It happen at Bethel AMC Church on 44th and Michigan in 1982 for Harold Washington, in 1987 for Tim Evans at Quinn Chapel Church on 24th and Wabash. Mid South again kick off the focus base for electing a Black mayor of Chicago as a search rally was held at Operation PUSH on 50th and Drexel, the location that three test the water for support to be "nominated" by the African American community to become mayor of Chicago for the February 28, 1995 election (The assassination of date of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.)

The meeting was called by Mark Allen of

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the Black Leadership Development Institute, and Hosted by Morgan Carter. As over 300 people attended the rally. The only officially announced candidate was Sheia Jones, a candidate who has ran for mayor a least three times.

Water Reclamation District Commissioner, Joseph Gardner has developed an exploratory campaign and Congressman Bobby Rush has hinted to his interest to run, saying, "I am a candidate for reelection to go back to Congress." Attacking Daley, Rush said "You turned your back on the African American



SSJ Photo by Eugene Kimmons

Congressman Bobby Rush and Water Reclamation Commissioner, Joseph Gardner joined together making a commitment that they will be together on the race for Mayor in February 1995.

community, saying that Black police officers did not study hard enough for the sergeant exams. That's institutional racism." Rush continued to say, "Daley is responsible for many health centers closing down while health problems rise in the city." Rush said

it is time for a change in the city.

With concern that more than one African American will run for mayor, Gardner addressed the rally saying, "Bobby and I are together. We have known each other for years

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UnZipped

By Ziff Sistrunk

One more for the roll...place **Alfreda Moore** of 44th & Prairie name on the ballot as another candidate for the 3rd ward aldermanic seat.

Westside Illinois Senator Rickey Hendon protest of 1,500 at the new 46,000 seat United Center on Madison Ave. for Black contracts and jobs at the Democratic National Convention had some representation from Mid-South, present was **Eddie Read** of CBUC and **Inner City Youth Foundation Chairman Maurice Perkins** and **Mitch Johnson**. ...The Chicago Urban League was represented **James Compton**, who brought along his son, as they had dinner inside.....
The Task Force was represented by activist **Jim Fields**...**Connie Howard** also a member of **Robert Starks** group decided to take a pass on this one...Howard is an elected official of the Illinois Democratic Party....

95 is expected to be a "BIG" year for some people. Word is that **Inner City Youth Foundation Chairman Maurice Perkins** may soon resign and seek public office.

Abraham Lincoln Center, on 39th and Cottage, **Activities Director Larry Spratt** calls it quits after 5 years to join the Chicago Police.

Fuller Park boxing promoter "Big" Ernie Terrell is talking with the gambling commission hoping to have boxing on the river boats as an entertainment feature....Go Ernie Go!

Golden apple for the block at **48th and Forrestville**. it looks great.

Spencer Leak of **Liberty Baptist Church**, 48th & King Dr., has taken a larger role at the historic church since Rev. Jackson passed. Leak has been attending community meetings concerning the mayoral race.

KOCO's recent Fest had expected **Mayor Daley** and **Brenda Edgar**, wife of the governor, both decided to pass. **KOCO** also did not receive any favors from the Mayor's Office of Special Events...no tents...no stages...no expensive sound system ...sorry Bobby!

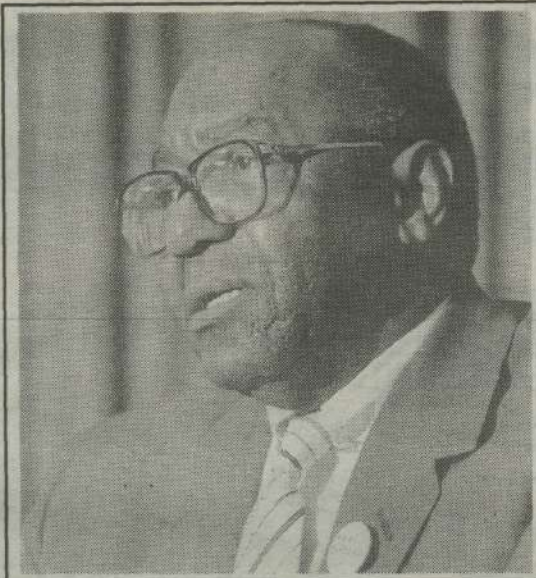
What's going on at **Kennedy-King College**? During a recent budget meeting new **president Wayne Watson**, whose salary is \$100,000 per year, said the funding was cut by \$4 million. Is there a possibility that if enrollment doesn't increase the school may close its doors.

Word is **WYON** may be sold. Wonder if **Pervis** is repeating what **Joan Johnson** did...sold-out to a non-minority company.

Pat Hill, **African-American Patrolman's League**, stated at a recent Task Force meeting, "anyone who endorses the idea that a woman should be the Black mayoral candidate is part of the gay and lesbian movement. Bad move Pat.

Do you have something or someone who need to be UnZipped. Send your information to the South Street Journal c/o Ziff Sistrunk.

In Memory of Cecil Partee



Community Services

G.E.D., college, and job training programs. If you are between the ages 16 to 30 and are currently receiving AFDC you qualify to participate in the Kenwood-Oakland Community Organization's free G.E.D., college enrollment, of employment training program. Call recruiter Paul Cleveland at 548-7500.

Free shots for all ages. Watch for the Chicago CareVan on the second Thursday of each month at Washington Park Homes, 4120 S. Prairie, Apt. #103, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Chicago CareVan is sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois and the Chicago Department of Health. Remember to bring your child's immunization record.

Trade Union Apprenticeship Program Booklet available with information and listings in the Greater Chicagoland area. The free booklet can be picked up at any of the weekly Sunday meetings of Community of Islam. Call Minister Jamal M. Shabazz at 779-4569.

Exercise at the Sutherland Hotel Ballroom, 4657 S. Drexel Blvd. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6 to 7 p.m. Monthly fee is \$25.00 per person. Seniors pay \$15.00.

Send your info to: **Community Services, c/o South Street Journal, 4305 S. King Drive, Chicago, IL 60653.**

Community Briefs

Congratulations

Arenda Troutman (20) on the birth of her first child, **Charles Jacob Harris**, who weighs 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and measures 22 inches long.



Black August Commemoration and banquet will salute the families of the fallen heroes of the African Liberation Movement and African political prisoners imprisoned during and since the 1960s. Fred Hampton Uhuru House, 5409 S. Halsted from 3 to 9 p.m. Call 924-7072 for information.

Black August Demonstration protesting Clinton's Crime Bill and demanding the freedom of Fred Hampton Jr. at the Illinois State Capital, 2nd and State St., Springfield, IL. Call 924-7072.

A Rededication and Ceremonial Pouring of Libations to Washington Park and its community holds 'A Diamond In The Rough Gala'

on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Washington Park Refectory, 5530 Russell Drive, in the newly renovated Washington Park Refectory. Donation \$20. The event is sponsored by the Washington Park advisory Council, The Washington Park Community Coalition and the Greater Washington Park Development Corporation. Call 667-4160 for information.

Justice Dept. begins investigation of police sergeants exam. The Justice Dept. informed U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush (D-IL) that an investigation had been launched to determine if a police sergeants exam recently administered by the Chicago Police Dept. was discriminatory.

Inner City Youth Foundation and 21st Century VOTE took part in Death penalty opponents protest outside Stateville Prison in Joliet on Aug. 20, as part of an international day of protest against the death penalty. The Unity Day against the Death Penalty protest reached across all continents to protest the retention of capital punishment in 105 countries, including the U.S. Protests were held in many countries, and in each of the 50 states. Mid-South organization the protest.

Black Awareness Essay Contest to promote dialogue, solutions and brotherhood in the Black community. No fee. Theme: "What Do You Think Is the Single Major Problem Facing The Black Community In Chicago." Cash prizes. Deadline Oct. 15. Contact Min. Jamal M. Shabazz at 779-4569.

"Funky Friday" is coming to the **Ritz Lounge** addressing community issues in a funky way with community activist. Every Friday starting September 9, 6 - 9 pm. For information call "Trixie" Hamb at 536-7952.

August Calendar of Events



Thursday, 25

UNIA holds a mass meeting on Cultural Expressions from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Center For Inner City Studies.

Friday, 26

U.N.I.A. holds its 41st annual convention at Northeastern Illinois University at the Center For Inner City Studies. Delegates from the U.S., Canada, Caribbean, and the diaspora will attend. Call Bro. Hannibal Afrik at 568-1243.

Saturday, 27

West Hyde Park Residents Association neighborhood clean up and beautification event. 10 am until 5:00 pm to be held on Drexel boulevard, between 47th and 49th Streets. For information call Frank f. Wilson at 924-2405.

ALUMNI ALERT!!! Inner City Alumni Network Reunion at Wendell Phillips Academy, 244 E. Pershing. Doors open at 11 a.m. Show begins at 1 p.m. Free and open to the public. Reservations required. Call 373-5221.

Beatrice Caffrey Youth Service, Inc. Annual Homecoming Salad Spread "Eat, Meet, & Greet and See the new Beatrice Caffrey Youth Service", an outdoor fund raising event of food and fun at 213 East 50th Street, 12 noon-5 pm."

Community Wellness: "It Takes A Whole Village..." A Free Health Fair...and more from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center's Besinger Park, 26th & Ellis Ave. Call Mirlene Cadichon at 424-1330 for information.

Sunday, 28

Jazz In The Alley, Dunbar Park, 2900 S. Indiana, from noon to 10 p.m. For more information call 624-4620.

Monday, 29

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.

The Concerned Members of the NAACP present "Let Us Rise Up & Build!" Membership Drive. T.J. Restaurant. T.J.'s Restaurant, 5500 South Lake Shore Drive. For information call 841-1114

Tuesday, 30

Task Force for Black Political Empowerment weekly Tuesday meeting at the Center of Inner City Studies, 700 E. Oakwood. The 6 p.m. meeting covers political activities.

Wednesday, 31

Empowerment Zone meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at Madden Park Fieldhouse, 3800 S. Rhodes. Community residents voicing concerns on how a portion of \$100 million will be spent in the Mid-South area.

Sept.

Saturday, 3

The Chicago Police C.A.P.S. Program Pastoral committee meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. at the 2nd Dist. Auditorium, 5101 S. Wentworth. Call Sgt. Powell, Neighborhood Relations at 747-5109.

Monday 5

Labor Day

Tuesday, 6

Mid-South Planning & Development Commission monthly committee meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at King Center, 43rd & Cottage Grove.

Wednesday, 7

Empowerment

Zone meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at Stateway Park Fieldhouse, 3658 S. State. Voice your opinion on how a portion of \$100 million will be spent in the Mid-South area.

Friday, 9

PUSH Excel Annual Basketball Classic, Chicago Stadium, 7:30 pm. For information call 373-3366

Saturday, 10-11

African/Caribbean International Festival of Life, Hawthorne Park Race Course, 3500 S. Cicero. Live entertainment. Advance tickets are \$5 per day. Call 427-0266

Tuesday, 13

Mid-South Community Voter Registration Drive Partners, Mass Meeting at the Sutherland Ballroom 47th and Drexel blvd. 6:30 pm. Sponsored by South Street Journal. For information call 924-0461.

The Chicago Police C.A.P.S. Program youth and family meeting begins at 6 p.m. at the 2nd Dist. Auditorium, 5101 S. Wentworth. Call Sgt. Powell, Neighborhood Relations at 747-5109.

Wednesday, 14

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Deadline for material is Sept. 1
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) 924-0461 or 924-4311. We reserve the right to refuse and edit material.

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Photo VIEW

Do you think the new system of community policing will decrease crime in the area?



"I really don't know that much on the subject. But, if people would get off their ass and get off public aid that would solve half the problem."

Patrolman Ortiz
21st Dist., 29th & Prairie



"It would help if it was foot patrolled. More foot patrols would be affective than cruisers."

Robert Sales
47th & Drexel

SSJ Photo by Eugene Kimmons

"No More Fast Food Restaurants on 35th St."

By Rosalind Blackburn
SSJ Writer

A recent open community meeting at the Indiana Pentecostal Church, 3520 S. Indiana, discussed proposed plans of Checkers Restaurant to pen a fast food facility at the former site of Alco Drugs, 35th & King Dr.

Currently, there are 15 fast food restaurants between State Street and Cottage Grove.

About 125 residents, business owners, and neighborhood developers who attended the meeting are against opening another fast food drive-thru establishment. When asked for a show of hand for those in favor of building a Checkers, not one hand went up.

Steven Redfield, head of the Mid-South Planning and Development Comm., said "we don't need another junk food pit stop here."

According to Ben Ollewallle, representative for Checkers, the new restaurant "will have 24-hour security, an outside clean-up every 15 minutes, and will provide 100 new jobs."

"A person with a high school diploma will be able to earn \$30,000 to \$35,000 per year in five years as a manager," said Ollewallle.

The community did not care. Residents suggested constructing a job training center, a dress shop, a drug store that doesn't sell liquor,

and a Radio Shack.

Chicago Black United Communities, Chairman, Lu Palmer said, "we don't want you and we are prepared to do everything necessary to see that you fail."

When Ollewallle said all documents and contracts to secure the location had been signed with a 30 to 45 day period for Checkers to back out of the agreement, someone in the audience offered to purchase the property from the Checkers franchise.

Ollewallle declined the offer.

The meeting was sponsored by the Douglas Development Corp., the 35th St. Merchants Association, the Mid-South Planning and Development Commission and Ald. (2) Madeline Haithcock.

During a follow-up meeting on August 17 at the Hartzell United Church, it was revealed that Checkers had solicited three other locations at 95th & Stony, 87th & King Dr., and a westside area prior to selecting the 35th & King Dr. spot. After strong opposition from the communities Checkers were forced to back down and selected their present location.

Ald. Haithcock (2) is holding a Zoning Hearing on the proposed site at 10 a.m. today (Aug. 25) at City Hall, Room 201A.

21st Century will Monitor CTA Jobs Without City Contract

A spokesman 21st Century VOTE says that contract or no contract, the group will continue to monitor hiring on the CTA Green Line construction project, even if it means working gratis.

In a reversal of a policy some commentators called a gambit to pacify Chicago's street gangs for the upcoming 1996 National Democratic

Convention in the city, Mayor Daley and City Council figures managed to remove 21st Century VOTE from a controversial contract providing \$500,000 city funds to



Thomas Harris

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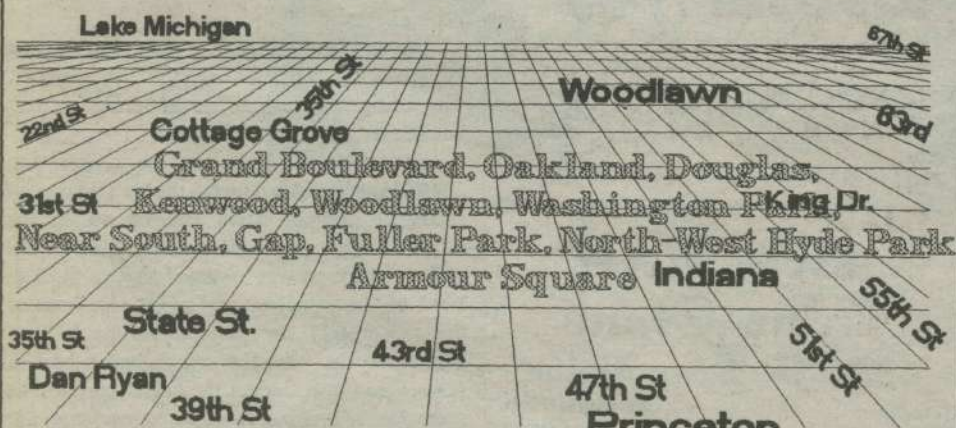
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Incinerators at Lake Meadows

by Rosalind Blackburn, SSJ Writer

Lake Meadows apartment complex is the subject of controversy because of their continued practice of burning garbage. The complex, located between 31st and 35th Streets and King Drive, is managed by Draper and Kramer and Associates.

Six of the 10 buildings are equipped with trash compactors, and the remaining four have large furnaces or incinerators located in the basement. The remaining four buildings, where the incinerators are used, are located at 500 E. 33rd St., 400 E. 33rd St., 501 E. 32nd St., and 401 E. 32nd St.

Residents in the buildings have complained about the fumes. "Sometimes the fumes are so strong that I have to open all my windows. I hate when that stuff catches fire," said a tenant living near the incinerator who wished to remain anonymous.

Another resident said "it doesn't stink or anything. It's not foul...it's just strong like paper is on fire."

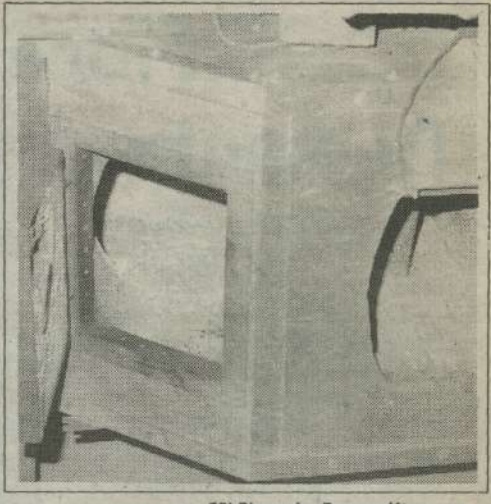
Other residents complained of opening their doors and seeing a thin cloud of smoke in the hallway.

Ken Davis, public information officer, Department of Environment, said "burning garbage in the City of Chicago is illegal unless the building owner or manager has a permit and the furnace is specifically designed and installed properly for the purpose of burning garbage."

Davis said Draper & Kramer does have current operating licenses and permits for the buildings, which are inspected annually. Their last inspection was in September 1993.

He added "burning garbage in the City of Chicago is in the City of Chicago is illegal unless the building owner or manager has a permit, and the furnace is specifically designed and installed properly for the purpose of burning garbage. The smoke must be clear. Black smoke is a city violation."

A janitor who wished to remain anonymous, said when trash is dropped down the chute it drops onto the floor of the garbage room. The



SSJ Photo by Eugene Kimmons
Lake Meadows incinerators in four of the ten buildings

janitor on duty is responsible for picking up the trash, loading it into the furnace, keeping the fire burning, sweeping and wetting down the floor and making sure that the room and area are clean for the next man on duty.

A "garbage pull" during a normal 8-hour shift is usually done four or five times on the day shift and three to four times on the evening shift. Janitors are required to wear protective masks with a plastic shield, aprons, and gloves while pulling garbage. They also have waist belts, which reduce the risk of back injuries.

He added that the Chicago Fire Department has made numerous visits to extinguish fires in the incinerator room.

According to a spokesperson from the Dept. of Streets and Sanitation, the burning of garbage within the City of Chicago is illegal. Private home and building owners have their garbage picked up by the city's own disposal service. Business owners must hire a private disposal company at a monthly fee. Most high-rise buildings are equipped with trash compactors located in the basement area. Once the trash is compacted, it's hauled away by a disposal company, an environmentally safe process.

A former janitor said although residents can deposit trash, refuse, food waste, and other types of materials into the chutes, he has seen bullets explode in the incinerator.

"Somebody put some bullets in the garbage once...it was like a machine gun going off, only worse," said the former employee. Several calls to obtain comment from Lake Meadows management were unsuccessful.

"It was like a machine gun going off"
former janitor

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"Carl Jackson, Turn Yourself In"
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Stateway Gardens residents are pleading for Carl Jackson to turn himself in after he assaulted a Chicago Police officer at the Stateway Gardens Police Unit at 3737-39 S. Federal.

The incident occurred on Saturday, August 20, when Jackson, an allegedly gang member, was being questioned by the police officer whose name is being withheld.

According to witnesses, the officer was questioning Jackson. During the questioning an argument ensued when Jackson struck the officer. A fight began, then officer's gun "went off" and Jackson was assumed shot in the leg. None of the witnesses said whether Jackson or the officer took the gun out of his holster. Witnesses also said the officer had a broken nose. Upon him fleeing the scene no one has seen Jackson since then, and residents are pleading that he turn himself in "for his own safety."

Residents said "Police are after him" and has put out an all point bulletin for his arrest.

Sgt. Calvin Giles, who heads the unit confirmed the incident happen but did not want to comment on the matter, preferring the officer involve make the comments. The officer who name is being withheld at the request of Giles, stated he is fine and was off duty unable to comment to South Street Journal.

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Woodlawn's Grassroot Organizer

Joe Gardner

Nourishing the Grassroot to the fifth Floor



Chandra Hooks, SSJ Staff Writer

In the midst of Chicago's Gold Coast area you will find the offices of one of Chicago's most dignified elected officials, Commissioner Joseph Gardner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. His office has numerous plaques and certificates that line two walls. Most are for exemplary service and outstanding achievement. Although he emits an aura of self-confidence, his demeanor is low-key and unobtrusive. Having declared himself a possible candidate for the upcoming mayoral election, *South Street Journal* requested an interview prior to an official announcement so the Mid-South area where Gardner has roots in the Woodlawn community can get a first-hand look.

Commissioner Gardner moved to Chicago's Woodlawn community at the age of 8 years with his mother, relocating from Detroit, Michigan where he was born. His mother, he reflects, a single parent, instilled the proper morals and values that he carries with him today. She was a disciplinarian, however, all was done with a spirit of love. She (his mother) and his grandmother were the caretakers, they invested in his education and overall growth and development. Consequently, he attended St. Cyril's Elementary School and Mt. Carmel High School. His teenage years were spent in Chicago Housing Authority, ABLA Homes on 13th and Throop. In 1964, he moved back to the south side during which time he resided on 71st and Eberhart in Park Manor. The Commissioner received a B.A. in Sociology from Loyola University; at age 23 he graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago with a M.S.W.; his area of concentration, Community Development. He was elected Commissioner in 1988 which holds a 6-year term; won the primary in March and is up for re-election in March of this year.

Hooks: What does Commissioner of the Water Reclamation District mean and how can the average person relate to it?

Gardner: The Water Reclamation District is a sewerage treatment agency for 5.5 million people; every home and business in Cook County. A primary responsibility is to remove impurities from sewerage and dispose of residential sludge. Of utmost importance is to provide safe and clean water, and to protect Lake Michigan which is our water source. It is a 7-day week, 24 hour operation. Our (Cook County) water is recycled and if not properly treated, diseases such as dysentery and cholera will manifest. Much the same as is occurring in Rwanda, Central Africa.

A commissioner is responsible for legislature for the District; passing ordinances; approving budgets; hiring and firing of senior staff. There are 9 commissioners and we are sort of watch dogs for the agency.

Hooks: Is it true that you have a health problem?

Gardner: I did have a health problem. I had gall bladder surgery in May of this year. I have made a 100% recovery, am at the peak of health according to my doctor, and 20 lbs. slimmer.

Hooks: What is your relationship with T.W.O.?

Gardner: Most recently I was manager of the T.W.O. Annual Conference. My relationship with T.W.O. goes back to 1970. As a T.W.O. Community Organizer, I spent 10 years of blood, sweat and tears working in Woodlawn. During that time I worked with tenant unions and block clubs to address the deplorable conditions. Many of the apartment buildings were in bad shape. Absentee landlords were milking the buildings for profit... making no repairs. The population was 90% African-American; lower income working class Blacks. There were 60,000 residents, most of them 2 parent families.

Hooks: What sort of actions did you take?

Gardner: In 1971 I helped organize a demonstration at City Hall. Richard [J.] Daley was in office then. We took live and dead rats to City Hall with many other types of vermin. The following day scads of inspectors appeared and violations were issued like never seen before.

Hooks: Is it true you plan to run for Mayor?

Gardner: I'm seriously considering it.

Hooks: Were you, Eugene Sawyer and Jesse Jackson collaborating in Atlanta regarding you entering the mayoral race?

Gardner: Yes. We met in Atlanta, on neutral territory, to discuss the feasibility of a mayoral campaign on my part. In fact, we have put together an Exploratory Committee comprised of: Tommy Brewer, Howard Brookins,

Eriberto Campos, Gloria Chevere, Danny Davis, Edward Guidry, Charles Hayes, Louvanna Jones, Jean Lewis, Marc Loveless, Gabriel Ogenyi, Peter Palivos, Artens Randolph, Eugene Sawyer, James Thomas, Michael Jones, Michael Ware, Michael Grenard and Francine Washington. I intend to make my announcement by fall of this year based on the determination of this committee.

Hooks: Alderman Steele, and about three of groups are putting together a process to determine the best candidate against Daley to prevent a split vote, i.e., one Black candidate. Would you support that process?

Gardner: Yes. Absolutely! I will support any plebiscite mayoral form or any other type of meeting to identify and bring our (the community's) commitment around a consensus candidate.

Hooks: The rumor in the community is you and Bobby Rush are fronts for Daley. Is that true?

With raised eyebrows and a look of indignation.

Gardner: If I'm a front, I have a strange way of showing it. I have [never] supported Daley in any election he's been in. In 1989 I supported Eugene Sawyer in the primary, Timothy Evans in the general election. I [publicly] supported them both. In 1991 I openly supported Danny Davis when he ran against Daley for mayor. For those who say I'm a front, I challenge them to come up with some evidence. Put up or shut up. As far as I'm concerned its idle gossip for people who have no shred of evidence to back up their claim.

Hooks: What will it take for you to officially decide to run for mayor?

Gardner: I will participate in the complete process to determine if there is grassroots support based on the results of the Exploratory Committee. Its the people in the neighborhood I'm concerned about. It's also necessary to bring together a broad base coalition of community activists, business people and civic leaders. An appeal must be made to the south side, west side and the north side. That is the challenge. I think I'm prepared to answer that challenge.

Hooks: What would be your appeal?

Gardner: Issues people are concerned about. A vision; a plan to resolve the problems confronting the average, everyday citizen. Not symbols; substance. How to deal with problems of the city. There are many things the mayor can do to facilitate the growth of citizens. In fact, it should be a primary focus of the mayor to institute ways and means for each citizen to reach his or her fullest potential. Not some; all. The mayor should be able to identify with his constituency psychologically and morally. I think the city needs a strong African-American male; a positive role model. A person who can identify with the struggles of everyday survival and provide ways to deal with them (the struggles) effectively.

I don't think Daley can do that. I don't think he can get the support of inner-city parents and teenagers. Black

The Community Organizer



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The Statesman



parents and Black teenagers are looking for concrete methods to induce a better quality of life. Mothers are looking for ways to save their children, not have them locked up.

Daley has no real roots in the city. I want people to say, "I knew Joe [Gardner] when he lived in C.H.A., or Woodlawn, or Lawndale, or Park Manor. The people need to know that I've been there and still am in many ways.

Hooks: What do you mean you still are in many ways?

Gardner: I go through some of the same things brothers in the hood experience. When I take off my suit, put on my shorts or jeans, t-shirt and tennis shoes, I get the same reactions; the same slights they do. My white colleagues can go into a corporate setting and still be greeted with a "yes sir" or "no sir," whether in suit and tie, or tennis shorts or jogging pants. Its the same on north Michigan Avenue as it is in any other part of the city.

Hooks: Commissioner Gardner, if elected mayor what is your position on youth, jobs, gangs and economic development?

Gardner: By supporting and encouraging economic development we in turn create jobs. Government must take responsibility for enacting policies that will provide incentives for businesses to come and remain in the city. Legislation that impacts jobs must be enforced and opportunities for start-up businesses, business development and expansion are of major concern in the creation of jobs.

Youth and gangs. We must take responsibility for our own. Yes, we must improve our educational system, however, we must preach a message of hope. There are young people out there that feel no one cares about them. We must re-institute a strong set of values. We need to develop a "Community Code of Conduct" that is recited each day, just like the pledge of allegiance. We have experienced a decay in the moral fiber of our communities. Parents, community leaders, political leaders, teachers, radio personalities; anyone and everyone that has an impact on our youth must share in the responsibility. What's the old African proverb... 'It takes a whole village to raise a child.'

We also need more mentoring programs like Project Peace which is a joint effort by Phillips High School and C.H.A.'s Ida B. Wells Housing Development. The focus is African-American males. The ideology is to reach back and help someone.

Hooks: What alternatives would you offer?

Gardner: These kids need some place to go and something positive to do. A good example is midnight basketball provided by C.H.A. I can remember taking woodshop at Jackson Park Fieldhouse. I grew up without a father and my mother made sure I was involved in a supervised activity until she got home from work. And, I had better be where I was supposed to be.

Today, I propose to keep the schools open to provide after school programs. Not just educational programs; our youth need recreational programs as well. They need a safe place where they can dance, or roller skate, paint, or just fly a kite. The unions can make some concessions if need be.

The Board of Education and the Park District can partnership to implement this type of program. Schools are more neutral territories vs. parks, and offer a more structured environment. The mayor can do this. The mayor can make this happen.

Hooks: If there a message to convey to the community, what would it be?

Gardner: Even in times of darkness, we must have hope. We must persevere.

Hooks: And to African-American men?

Gardner: You must have a plan. A dream with no plan is futile. You must have a strategy. For example, if you want to open a business. Do you have a business plan? A market feasibility study? I realize that loans, i.e., money is a key factor here as well and, government must do its part. I also realize the banks will say we are not credit worthy. A loan guarantee program must be instituted by government to address this particular issue. However, the bottom line is... continue to dream, but you must have a plan of action to achieve your dream.

Editorial

10:30, under 16, Get in the House

By the Authority of Whomever have the Authority

In one minute a youth shoots the five-year-old daughter of someone living on 42th & Calumet, a few days later another child is shoot. The bullet was meant for another youth. It may happen at any time of the day at any minute, but not after 10:30 pm if we all enforce the curfew. This includes the neighbor, the guy on the corner, the police and gang bangers and the drug dealers.

The Crime Bill, poses many threats to due process, privacy, and a bad image for our youth. \$33 Billion spend on crime and less concern on education. So, we're in a dilemma. Children can continually wonder if they will make it to adulthood or is jail the future in stead of education. The only time education hit the head lines when there's bad news. Crime and jail is the future based on the media. Any minute someone child could be the victim or may be saved by the content of the crime bill. But, we should not have to turn to the crime bill or the law to get the child in line. Youth may know more than any one that if any one thinks the crime bill will solve anything should be out after 11:30 pm to see the light of the night.

The number of children brought to the attention juvenile officers increases each year. Offenses range from larceny to burglary to gangs to drugs.

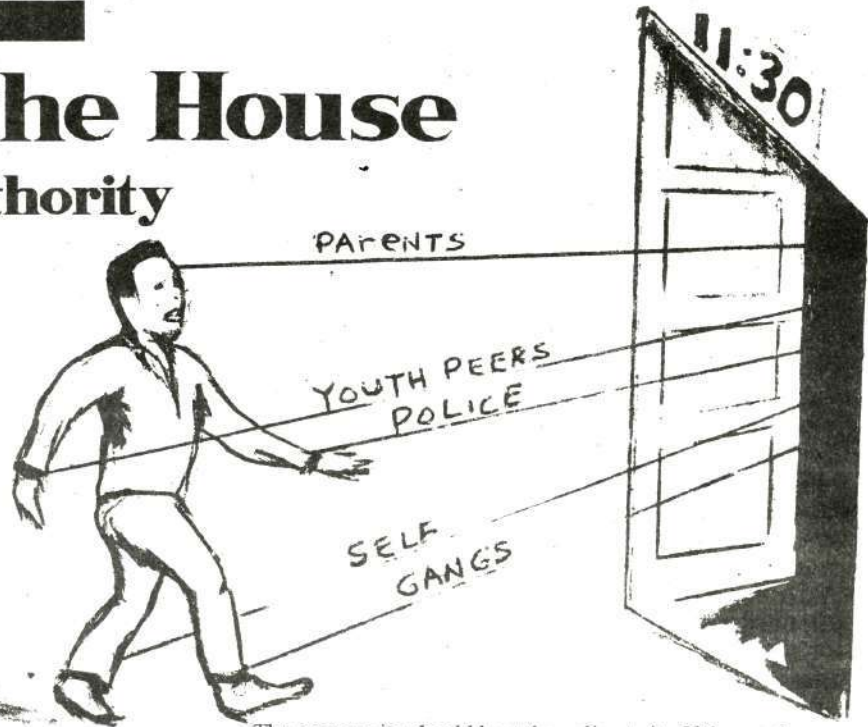
Many people favor "getting tough with young criminals." Tough to the point where the death penalty is endorsed by U.S. Senator Carol Mosley Braun. And Jimmy "JJ" Walker of the Good Times TV show, recently a Radio Talk Host on WLS radio, promoting the same message (making an ass out of himself again). He is promoting the image that Black youth have problems. Pushing the fact that stricter punishment appears to be sound child-care practices in the community that should be institutionalize by law enforcement.

The Chicago police has recently put into place a pilot program aimed at cracking down on curfew violators. It

targets youth under 17 years of age. Unless properly supervised or in a work setting, the child should not be outdoors or in a public setting between 11:30 and 6:00 am Friday and Saturday. It should be 10:30 and 16 year and under.

This is a good enforcement. However, its sad it takes the police to do it. The alternative is prevention and rehabilitation in the neighborhood where the child lives by the people in the community. And gangs must be part of the process. United N Peace, Century 21 VOTE, G.D.'s, V.D.'s or whatever. They must enforce the curfew as well. Since a lot of them are under 16 years of age, then this would make parents job a lot easier and avoid the youth looking at the police for right and wrong.

In the good old days, when I lived in Robert Taylor Homes, when the gallery lights came on every youth, 16 years and under, rush to their floor before they heard their name echoed off by their mother. If we pretended not to hear mama call, some adult, or older youth like Mickey C., Smokey, Big Harv, or Shakey would tell you that your mama is calling you and 'Get your a-- up stairs before I kick it. Did we respond? You bet we did because we respected authority the same way kids can respect authority today. Rather it was Mama or Daddy, the big brother, police or the gang leader. The authority of youth must enforce the curfew.



The community should beat the police to it. If the youth peers or gangs have more authority over the youth then it is their responsibility to make sure children under 16 are in the house. Let them know they can not sell those drugs after 11:30. The curfew program that the police is doing should be embarrassing to the parents and the community. Just as it is embarrassing that Jimmy 'J.J.' Walker and Carol promoting to charge a youth with a crime like an adult.

It only takes a minute to think and ask a child do their parents know they are out side. It only takes a minute to stress the point for the child to get in the house.

The curfew program is not be the responsibility of the police. It is the responsibility of the community to watch out for every child. That includes the gang banger. Gangs of today is neither curse nor blessing; they are a fact of the community. If they do not take that responsibility then the authority they have over the youth should be taken away. Youth should look at Larry Hoover, the authority he has to do good for the community is to late. Let's save a child from killing a child. Make use of the authority over the child.



Ron Carter
Publisher/Editor

Letters

Mayor Responds on CHA Tenant Representation

(Letter to the Mayor published in South Street Journal July 21st issue by John DeVaugh, Co-Chair Coalition Statewide Housing Action Coalition)

Dear Mr. DeVaugh:

Thank you for writing and expressing your concerns regarding resident representation on the CHA Board of Directors.

I urge you to continue your discussions with the CHA and others to expand opportunities for CHA residents to participate meaningfully in CHA policy-setting. I know these discussions are ongoing. At the same time, I believe we all appreciate that the CHA Board has been hampered for some time in its ability to undertake its important work because of continuing vacancies on the Board which make assembling a quorum extremely difficult.

Looking forward, I remain hopeful that a way will be found to improve further the mechanisms designed to foster true resident participation in CHA matters.

Good luck in your ongoing work.

Sincerely,
Richard M. Daley
Mayor

Mr. DeVaugh Goes to Washington

Dear Editor

I had the opportunity to go to Washington D.C. as a member of ACORN. There were three bus loads of acorn members from Chicago making the trip. I felt that we needed an organization that would work



with the residents from the bottom up, to assist us to empower ourselves. And too break the cycle of dependency. The winds of changes upon us, and the doors of opportunity opens now.

ACORN and SHAC are two organizations that fits that bill. The theme of acorns convention this year was "Taking it to the top". And we took it to the top. and we met with the President and other elected officials. We discuss the plight of residents in public housing.

The president and the Housing commission (Mr. Clinton and Mr. Cernores) were very concerned and agreed to meet with a committee of Acorn and work with us on this issue on a day to day basic.

We must be able to have a say so in the discussion that are being made. "For others have been" and the beginning for us". We must become knowledgeable and responsibility - For our thoughts, self sufficiency, initiatives, our welfare, our attitude and adjustment. "People United can never be defeated. We're meeting with our chairman Mr. Vince lane tomorrow to report all about the trip and discuss the management of our building.

Our organization goals are too better and prepare public housing across the country. Together we are fighting for tenants rights and winning. Also acorns leadership training is very important to us. ACORN members want to taught

John DeVaughn
32nd Wentworth
Armour Square

The City Paying the Wrong Cops

Dear Editor:

In November of 1962 I became a Chicago police officer, where I served march 1980. during my career, i experienced the KKK Recruiting Chicago Police Officers in the Fillmore District. I saw police beat Black

people unnecessary, handcuff them so tight in the lockup that their wrists and arms would swell. It was this overt racism that caused the African American community to view the police as an occupying force and gave impetus to the creation of the African American Patrolmen League.

as a native born Chicago i am insenced at the City of Chicago Corporation Counsel's position of on March of 1994 on John Burge, John Ycuaitis and Patric O'Hara, which repudiates the City of Chicago's Legal obligation to pay any settlement of judgment against Burge, Ycuaitis and O'Hara. This position seriously repudiates that Police Board's decision to fire Mr. Burge Feb. 11, 1993.

It sets a dangerous precedent which could affect victims of police violence,e particular those who receive serious injury or are unjustifiably killed at the hands of Chicago police Officers.

While the City refuses to pay a settlement in this case they are paying untold hundreds of thousands of dollars Burge, Ycuaitis and O'Hara's lawyers.

The mayor and the City Council should order the Corporate Council office to settle this suit immediately. This would result in compensating lawyers who uncovered the victim's of torture, and first prosecuted Burge food it, as well as see victims in the Wilson's case, this is only justice.

William A. Brown
Candidate for Cook County Sheriff

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Perspective

Labor Day: What Are We Really Celebrating?

By Chandra Hooks

Labor Day is coming and folks are making all sorts of plans. Bar-b-cues, picnics, vacations, out-of-town visits to family and friends. All this hoopla surrounding a day that represents this country's working people. What about the unemployed? Why do we celebrate holidays that have absolutely no significance to us as a people?

June 19th was June Tenth Day for the Black community and how many of us recognized or celebrated a day that represents independence to labor for money? It was June 19, 1865, two years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation that freed our people from the bondage of slavery, two years before the news reached the state of Texas. Two whole years before many of our people realized they were no longer slaves, free to work for money instead of pork.

June Tenth Day is true cause for celebration. June Tenth definitely symbolizes a declaration of independence for Africans in America. Operation PUSH celebrated June Tenth Day on Saturday, June 25th at PUSH headquarters. How many of us were aware? How many of us attended?



How many times do we have to go through this identification, or should I say, re-identification process of what holidays really mean? As black youth see others having businesses in our community and others working for construction and utility companies as we live in one of the richest and most prosperous cities on the globe. We should be celebrating Labor Day. But, history run through our blood veins as free laborers from slavery and lack of work in our community.

The point is this country was built by the blood, sweat and tears of Black people who were brought here against their will, as free laborers.

Why isn't the Emancipation Proclamation celebrated? The event of school desegregation? Or, better yet, Sojourner Truth or Harriet Tubman Day? Or do we need permission to realize and celebrate the laborers of this land?

It took the best of us spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically to survive the dehumanizing experience of the slave trade (Free labor). And, it has taken the best in all of us to survive to the extent we have with high unemployment for our youth. We need to free ourselves; free our minds and free our spirits to the point that we realize celebrating Labor day is saying we celebrate unemployment for many of us and employment for others.

Let us choose to celebrate our own labor, our own accomplishments.

Freedom Now Center Celebrates 1st. Anniversary

In August 1993, the Freedom Now Center (FNC) opened its doors as a community-based service agency. Centrally located at 64th and Cottage Grove, the FNC is in a good location to offer assistance to Woodlawn residents. Operating on a shoestring budget, the Center is partially funded by the Lutheran Child and Family Services.

FNC founder and executive Director Dino McNeal, grew up in Woodlawn and watched the neighborhood deteriorate through the years.

No matter how successful McNeal has become, he always kept in mind that no matter how successful he became, he'd never turn his back on the community. By starting up the Freedom Now Center, McNeal has plans for making it an information clearinghouse that people can go to deal with various problems.

FNC concentrates on three areas:

***Legal** - The FNC staff can help people with legal matters that can often be handled without a lawyer-like five-day notices for non-payment of rent, traffic violations, and employment-related problems.

***Housing** - The FNC staff tries to put potential tenants and available housing together. The FNC staff also helps renters apply for the Renters' Assistance Program, which is a federal program for people who are about to be evicted or who have been threatened with having their utilities (gas and light) shut off. You can also apply for the Weatherization Program—low-and moderate-income people (both renters and owners) can have their homes made energy efficient for free by the Illinois Dept. of Housing.

***Employment** - The FNC staff can help people who are out of work find part-time, full-time or temporary jobs. They also refer clients to various job-training programs. You can also work on your resume too. The FNC staff can set up interviews and give the job-hunter tips on how to present yourself, what to wear, how to answer tough questions, and how to handle problems on the job once you get it. In some cases, the Center can provide dress clothes and bus tokens for interviews that they set up

Located at 6439 S. Cottage Grove, (FNC is expected to move on the 63rd and Cottage Grove next month) it is open Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. McNeal says that the Center had a very rough start—they've been broken into a couple of times already—but he and the staff are committed to hanging in there and staying in business. There's a lot of work to be done in



Staff members of Freedom Now Center includes (L-R) Dino McNeal, Dennis Worix and Gelenda Thiclin

Woodlawn, and the FNC wants to play a part in helping community residents, who, until millions of investment dollars came into the neighborhood were pretty much ignored.

McNeal says his plans for 1995 include to have the Center operate full time—five days a week, with a full-time, paid staff.

In its first year, the FNC staff has seen more than 1,000 people and has been able to help many of them with referrals, advice, information, and active, hands-on support.

The Center advertises its activities and services with flyers that are distributed by volunteers throughout the neighborhood. McNeal also writes columns in the *Woodlawn Scoop* and the *South Street Journal*.

"I think that it's important that people know their rights", said McNeal. "Many of us get taken advantage of simply because we don't know the score—or even how to play the game."

"The FNC staff wants to be able to help people understand how to solve employment, housing, and legal problems by learning how the system works, and by dealing with it—with the Center's help or on their own." McNeal points out, "what our people need is assistance—not dependence."

FNC holds its one year anniversary on Sunday, August 28 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Center, 6439 S. Cottage Grove, 955-3033.

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\$20,000 For Artwork To Be Installed In New Stateway Gardens Branch Library

Mayor Daley announce that more than \$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.

The percent-for-art ordinance stipulates that 1.33 percent of the construction budget for new or renovated public buildings be used for artwork and that at least half of the commissions be awarded to Chicago artists. Since its inception in 1978, the city has acquired nearly 150 works of art for permanent public display in libraries, fire and police stations, transit stations, and health care centers located throughout the city.

Artists applications are being accepted for consideration through September 15 for this project. Artists interested should request a slide registry application from the Dept. of Cultural Affairs Public Art Program, 78 E. Washington, 4th Fl., Chicago, 60602 or call 312-744-7487.

A Project Advisory Panel has been established and artists will be selected through a panel review process. The panel consists of community representatives, the architect of the facility, two art reps, a rep of the facility, and a rep of the Public Art Program.

The advisory panel for the Chicago Bee Building/Stateway Gardens Project consisted of the following individuals:

Gunny Harboe, Architect, McClier Corp.; Dr. Margaret Burroughs and Gerald Sanders, both Artist & Community Representatives; Leanna Newson, Head Librarian and Alicia Mazur, Dept. of Planning and Development both Facility Representatives; the Community Representatives consist of Don Linder, Delano O'Banion; Steve Wilson; Beverly Bishop; Rochelle McGhee; Charles Reynolds, Stateway Gardens, LAC; and Public Art Program, Hamza Walker, Dept. of Cultural Affairs.

The Public Art Program also accepts proposals for donations of artwork to the city and provides technical assistance for arts organizations in other cities and countries.



The Historic Chicago Bee Building, 36th and State Street, is shown here in an artist's render. Proposed as a \$2.8 million project, Cosmo Reynolds said, "The aim is to provide a public housing resident initiative that links our children to their cultural history and provides positive visions for their educational training and gainful employment."

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43rd Street Fire

According to sources at the Department of Housing, permission to develop the property was last awarded to the Chicago Vietnam Veterans.

They received permission from the Chicago Abandoned Properties Blue Ribbon Committee in June, which has since been disbanded.

The committee was replaced recently by Real Estate Services Advisory Committee, which oversees CAPPs and some other delinquency programs, and the decision of the Blue Ribbon Committee will not hold.

"We will submit a full proposal to the Veteran's Administration, and there's a high probability that we'll be funded," said JoAnn Williams of Chicago Vietnam Veterans, a four-year-old organization for homeless veterans that has rehabbed 57 apartments for the homeless.

"We're awaiting the findings of the city regarding the cause of the fire and from the building inspectors," she said.

Williams added: "We're interested in the building to provide a car continuum program for homeless veterans."

"We've been trying to work with Alderman Tillman on the project, but she has never responded," said Williams.

"This whole thing is being bossed," said Kessel, who also has not received any help from Ald. Tillman. "The needs of the people are not being met. I feel most sorry for the people of the second and third ward; their own politicians can't tell them the truth."

"Tillman wants to turn it into an SRO for seniors. The last thing our neighborhood needs is more government subsidies. There are already five seniors developments in our neighborhood; the Lou Rawls family even has one, on Indiana Boulevard," said Kessel.

Kessel said Tillman wanted to tear the building down three months ago, under the Fast Track program, which would allow the city to tear the building down without going through the court process.

"She's just tearing down buildings; that's her whole plan."

"This is a race issue. We'll sue the alderwoman for discrimination," Kessel added.

Community residents have said before that they suspect Tillman of opposing the development because it would compete with her Lou Rawls blues development at 47th and King Drive. The Rawls family has operated a senior development in the neighborhood, in conjunction with the elder Rawls' congregation, for years.

"Alderman Tillman has known Lou Rawls personally for years," said Tillman's spokesman.

Robin Brown. "They've been friends for some time."

Cheryl Hislop of the Department of Buildings said it's common for the city to seek the support of the local alderman in the development of delinquent property. "We've been working with her (Ald. Tillman) to find a viable prospective developer; we always look for community support for a project, and we use the alderman to gauge that support," said Hislop.

Tillman had rescheduled an Aug. 18 meeting with the Department of Housing for August 18, so that the results were not known as the *South Street Journal* went to press.

"No real decision has been made as to who, and if, the property will be developed," said Hislop. "It will not be transferred without City Council approval."

According to Kessel the building at 400 E. 43rd Street was owned by Carl Fox until his death in 1958. It was owned by a trust until that trust went bankrupt in the 1970s, and the property has been delinquent since that time.

Suspicious Fire

"That building's been on fire a number of times," said a neighborhood resident.

Another resident joked, "that building is owned by the Capone family."

"It's a beautiful structure, and, like all buildings of historic structure, its development is very important to the community," said Pat Dowell-Cerasoli, Executive Director of the Mid-South Planning and Development Commission, a neighborhood organization that has been working with Kessel.

"The fact that it's arson is troubling. The question is whether the building can be salvaged and restored," said Dowell-Cerasoli. "We're not in favor of demolition, but we are looking into a community board-up ceremony if it's necessary."

The building has not been boarded up since the fire.

A spokesperson from the Chicago Fire Department said the August 10 fire destroyed a great portion of the building and they are waiting to determine its safety to the public.

According to a spokesperson from the fire department, the fire, which was started on the first, third, and top floors, quickly became a three-alarm blaze, and drew 30 fire vehicles and over 100 firefighters to the scene.

An investigation into the fire revealed



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Joan "Baby" Kessel, a blues singer who performs at the Checkerboard Club, stands in front of the damage building on 43rd St. she hoped to convert into a Blues Hotel.

that the roof was heavily damaged by smoke and water, and the condition of the structure is still unknown. A fire damage report will not be ready until later this week.

"The ceiling and three or four floors caved

in, but the interior is not much worse than before the fire," said Commissioner John Kallianis, Department of Buildings.

Theresa Pillow contributed to this story:

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MSPDC Offers Community Greening Program to Area Residents

Mid-South Planning and Development Commission (MSPDC) working with the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service and the Chicago Department of Environment offers a community gardening program called "Green Corps." This program helps community groups, churches, schools, and residents in the Mid-South community improve the area around their buildings or nearby adjacent lots and turn them into community gardens. The Green Corps will provide equipment, labor and plants to help people in the community achieve their projects.

MSPDC hired six community residents (1 crew leader and 5 crew members) to provide the extra help for a period of 14 weeks that began August 15th. Besides the tasks they perform, the Green Corps will also participate in training and educational seminars presented by local experts in the fields of horticulture and arboriculture.

Interim MSPDC Open Space Chairman, Ephraim Walls stated "This community beautification program will help people start new gardens and spruce up old ones. The Green Corps program also provides an opportunity for employment and training in an occupation that's ripe for new entrepreneurs."

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Cry of the Children

block of Champlain, where Orr was killed, said her son, Lorenzo Allen, was shot in the neck last year, at almost the same location.

"I can't take (the killings) no more. Oh, this hurts so much. If I could stop the killings I would...they have no business killing these babies. They have a lot of life to live."

Goodall said she had to "hit the ground" because someone shot at her a day prior to Orr's funeral.

"It's bad around here and it's getting worse. 45th & Champlain is nothing but another Vietnam," she said.
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This day in HISTORY August

25, 1964--Clifford Alexander, Jr. was appointed Chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

26, General Daniel "Chappie" James, Jr. promoted to a four-star general on Aug. 29, 1975, the first Black to get such promotion in nation's history. Died Feb 25, 1978.

27, W. E. B. DuBois, Noted historian, died in 1963.

28, 1963--Largest single demonstration in the history of the nation "March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom."

29, 1957--The 1st Civil Rights Act Since 1875 passed by Congress. Constitutionality of this act was affirmed by Supreme Court-1960.

30, 1856--Wilberforce University was opened by M. E. Church.

31, Berkely Burrell, president of the National Business League, died Aug. 30, 1979.

SEPTEMBER

1, 1822--Hiram, R. Revels, 1st Black U.S. Senator, born free in Fayetteville, N. C. elected from Miss.

2, 1960--Wilma Randolph was named United States Female Athlete of the Year.

3, Donald F. McHenry became U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Sept 3, 1979, following the resignation of Andrew Young.

4, Richard Wright, author, born in 1908.

5, 1915--Association for Study of Negro Life and History organized by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, Washington, D.C.

6, 1963--In Birmingham, Alabama, a bomb exploded in a Baptist Church, killing 4 little Black girls.

Church Events:

On-going: Fellowship M.B. Church Educational Center continues its Community Academy Summer Program for children and youth until August 26,

45th & Princeton. Call the church for more information, 924-3232.

Progressive Community Church, 48th and Wabash, holds its weekly Bible study in their Fellowship Hall. Progressive will also be holding a mass Voter Registration rally on September 17th.

4th Ward Aldermanic Ministerial Meetings at 4646 S. Drexel, begins at 9 a.m. Call Aldophus Kindle at 536-8103 for information.

September 3; Young Minister Coalition, an organization based from the Mid-South community will hold a Back to School RALLY. Free immunizations, dental screenings, vision test, and school supplies at Messiah Temple, 10400 S. Halsted.

Appealing in the next *Spiritual Food* issue of South Street Journal:

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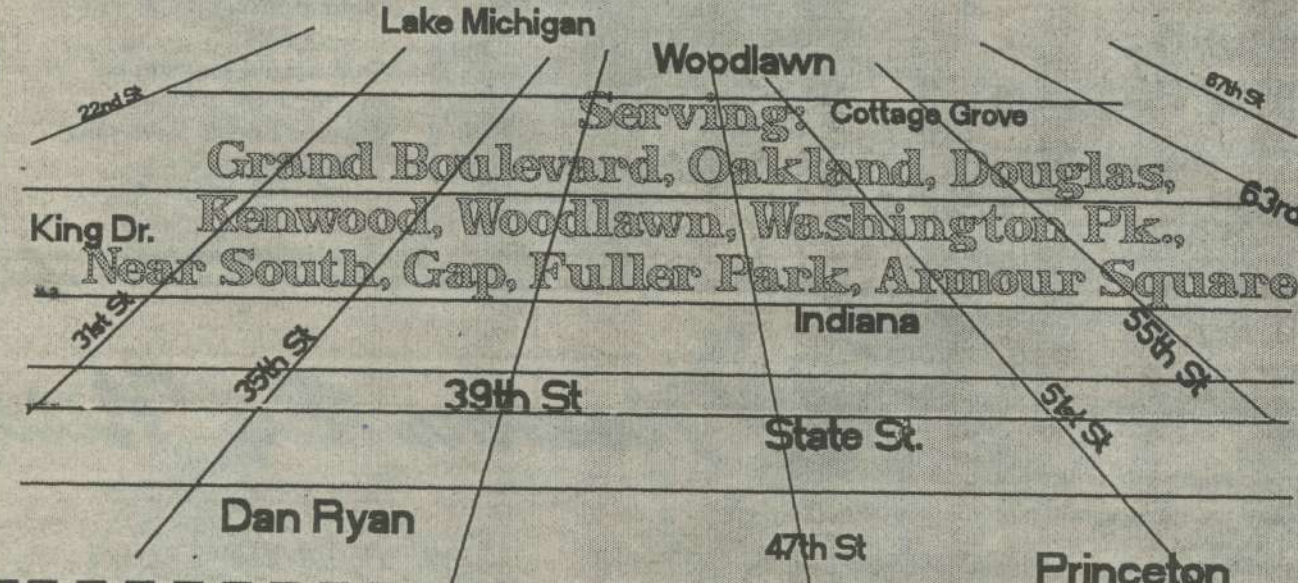
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Search for Mayor

and we will be together on this one." Gardner said major projects Mayor Daley started but was not able to complete. "Casino Gambling dead on arrival, the third airport, dead on arrival," said Gardner.

During questions and Comments from the floor, Bob Lucas of the Kenwood Oakland Community Organization, stress the need for Voter Registration as the first priority. "We are selling wolf tickets. The voter Registration and education is the first key to any election," said Lucas. Gardner called for 5,000 deputy registrars throughout the city.

As the unity process develop meetings are

being held at the Liberty Baptist Church on 48th and King Drive. Presently there are about four groups developing the process. They include, Organization to Elect a Black Mayor, Committee to Elect a Mayor, the Task for Black Political Empowerment and an group of elected officials headed with Alderman John Steele who has been mentioned as a candidate.

State Representative Rickey Hendon stated, the groups involved in developing the process will all come together to chose one candidate to represented the interest of the Black community. Brain Marshaw of the Kenwood community stated, "No candidate come before the process. In 1995 we are the leadership and the candidate is the follower.

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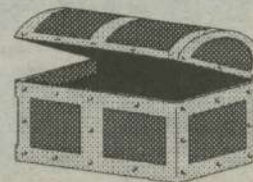
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21st Century/ CTA Jobs

the Chicago Urban League to monitor affirmative action minority hiring practices. Alderman Larry Bloom reportedly introduced the ordinance in City Council prohibiting politically-affiliated groups from receiving city contracts.

"Twenty-First Century VOTE is registered as a political committee, and, by the ordinance, they are prohibited from receiving city contracts," said Mayoral spokeswoman Noelle Gaffney.

"Our contract is with the Urban League, not 21st Century VOTE. They are not on the contract," she said.

"There's no relationship between this contract and the '96 convention," she said of those who suspect the mayor of pacification. "Except that the convention contract guarantees a 20% minority, 5% women hiring rate, which is consistent with the city's affirmative action component."

Peg Wander, spokeswoman for the Urban League, said, "We anticipate to acquire 2,700 jobs for the black community through this affirmative action employment contract, but its hard to reach an exact number because projects change in the construction industry."

She did say, however, "Construction agencies rarely hire people permanently, white, black, or green. The construction industry is very piecemeal."

Wander said that the Urban League would begin the process by finding workers to fill the positions by placing newspaper ads, making phone calls and recruiting people for an on-going data base. "We have an on-going employment office," she said. "People come through here looking for work every day."

"21st Century VOTE will continue to be involved in the process irregardless", said spokesman Tom Harris. "We will be there regardless of whether we get the city's funding or not. We will make sure that the community will get those jobs.

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