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TWO/PUSH March Against Violence

TWO Sets \$5,000 Bounty Fund for Community Safety

The Woodlawn Organization (TWO) has joined Operation PUSH, for the civil rights organization's "Operation Man The Streets" program and neighborhood marches.

Thousands of Chicagoans have joined the efforts to reclaim the streets and rid their communities of gang violence and drug dealers.

"Operation Man the Streets" held its first community organization outreach march in the Woodlawn community. More than 70 concerned residents assembled in a vacant lot on 61st and Cottage Grove.

According to PUSH National Executive Director Attorney Janette C. Wilson "We are marching in each of these communities urging residents to move man their blocks. Our goal is to get 100 people manning their blocks as a part of our program."

She added that PUSH and TWO are working together in recruiting other organizations to join them in reclaiming their streets and their youth.

To further put a dent in crime TWO has set aside a "Bounty Fund For Community Safety."

It is in support and concern for the greater Woodlawn area. The fund has been started at \$5000. The purpose of the fund is to encour-

age information leading to the apprehension and conviction of individuals involved in any criminal activities, involving assault with deadly weapon against individual citizens, as

well as any law reinforcement officers within the 3rd district.

During the march, along 63rd St., gang members along the route were arguing among

each other, while some community residents were doubtful if the marching would do any good.

Dr. Leon Finney, chairperson, TWO, said, "This (the march and the bounty) are not the solution, (they are) part of the solution."

He added that TWO has job and skill programs to teach anyone interested in enriching their lives through honorable means.

"Enough (killing our people and community) is enough," he stressed.

"Operation Man The Street" is a four stage process that includes; marching, mentoring, manning the block, and meeting with neighbors. Manning the block process includes completing a questionnaire and meeting with the members of the "village" (pastors, park district representatives, businesses, block club presidents, and political leaders).

Responding to the West African saying "It takes an entire village to raise a child," Wilson said that PUSH's mentor training programs helps in the process to preparing the urban "village" to effectively raise our young people.

"Operation Man The Streets" movement which was initiated on April 4 by PUSH's Minister's Division, has gained momentum in communities throughout the Chicago area, and the United States. The program is credited for marches held in Detroit and Atlanta.

Wilson also stated that the marches have
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SSJ Photo by Eugene Kimmons

The Woodlawn Organization and Operation PUSH join forces in a march against violence in the Woodlawn community along 63rd and Cottage .

Rush's Mayoral Exploratory Committee Launched

Gardner confirms there will be no split



SSJ Photo by Eugene Kimmons

Congressman Bobby Rush (D-IL) is welcomed by supporters in his exploratory "bid" for the mayoral race at a meeting held at PUSH headquarters in August.

Mid-South U.S. Representative Bobby L. Rush announced the formation of a city-wide Citizens Committee to explore the potential for his successful bid for Mayor in the 1995 city elections.

If Rush decides to run, he joins Commissioner Joseph Gardner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and LaRouche candidate Sheila Jones, who are African-American, in their bid for mayor of Chicago.

The formation of Rush's exploratory committee comes after polling data revealed that Rush has the strength to mount a formidable challenge against Richard M. Daley.

The poll, conducted recently by Lester and Associates, shows that Rush commands an 85 percent city-wide name recognition - 94 percent among the city's Black voter's. Fifty-two percent of all likely voters said that they had a favorable view of Rush, a rating that jumps to 75 percent among Black voters.

"All my life I have worked for the best interests of the citizens of Chicago and I'm encouraged that this data shows that many Chicagoans believe I can serve them well as their Mayor," said Rush.

Gardner who has officially announced his candidacy for mayor said, "Bobby Rush and I are in constant communication s. We will be together on this one." Gardner said the press will not have them fighting with each other.



Commissioner Joseph Gardner

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Voter Registration Drive Continues in Mid-South Area

Mass Meeting Set at Liberty Baptist Church

By Marnie Robinson
SSJ Staff Writer

Members of several neighborhood organizations have begun a series of voter education and registration events as an on-going attempt to increase voter registration and participation in the Mid-South community.

The events are a collaborative effort by the *South Street Journal* and People's Movement for Voter Registration and Education (PMVRE) to iron out the lack of voter participation on the Mid-South area.

A Voter Registration/Education Rally is scheduled for Saturday, October 1, at Liberty Baptist Church, 4849 S. King Dr. from 8 a.m. to noon. Celebrity voter registrars from radio and television stations will register voters.

Celebrities include: Bill Campbell (WLS-TV), Cliff Kelley (WVON), John Davis and Monroe Anderson (WBBM-TV), and W.L. Lilliard (Channel 25).

"(The) *South Street Journal* role is basically to try to address and inform the community of the low number of registered voters in the Mid-South area," said Ron Carter, publisher, of the bi-weekly newspaper. "It should be an all-out effort by the community to try to turn that around."

During a recent meeting both groups addressed issues pertaining to problems Black organizations--attempting to increase voter registration--are up against: Insufficient financial support, voters discouraged by public broken promises from politicians, and naivete about the importance of voting.

"If politicians think that the public is not interested, they will make whatever decisions they want," said Jonathan Williams, city and county government specialist at the Chicago

Urban League.

According to the Board of Elections, currently 119,797 people in the Mid-South area--2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 20th Wards--are registered to vote. The data reflects the March 1994 primary.

Participants of the Mid-South Voter Registration for Vote drive are: Freedom Now Center, Holiness Temple Church, Inner City Youth Foundation, Indiana Terrace Organization, Kenwood Oakland Community Organization (KOCO), Let's Unite the Community for Keeps (LUCK), Mid-South Planning & Development Commission, New Structure Organization, Progressive Community Church, Robert Taylor Homes - "A" LAC, - Stateway Gardens LAC, The Woodlawn Organization, Washington Park Community Coalition, Washington Park Advisory Council, and Washington Park Development Corp.

"It is the committeemen hope to have everyone 18 and over in the 20th Ward registered to vote by the deadline," said Crystal Davis, a representative of the 20th Ward.

Although voter registration has increased since the 1990 elections, low financial support and a discouraged community are among reasons why minority voters are slothful to sign-up and vote.

This year, the Democratic Coordinate State Committee apportioned approximately \$750,000 to Project Vote for voter registration state-wide. Of this amount, only 35 percent of the funds were divided between the south and west sides of Chicago, which would leave about \$400 per ward and community-based organizations that applied to receive the money. The grants would be used for mailing correspondence, deputy registrar car fare, phone

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The UnZipped

Some nerve, Atlanta Foods on 39th and King Drive have a sign over the counter saying "Drinking and Smoking is bad for your health." But, customers aren't paying attention to it. If they did, this guy would be out of business.

Plans are being discussed on building a shopping center on the corners of 39th & Wentworth. Word is that a university sent out a survey as far as Wabash Ave. asking residents for their opinion.....Other plans are scheduled for the Supreme Life building on 35th and King Drive...it has been purchased.

A case of "do-as-I-say-and-not-as-I-do." Black state-wide elected officials are holding a meeting this weekend to address the issue of economic, political, and educational problems facing the Black community. Seems like the first issue they should address is why they having this meeting at the Bismarck Hotel, in downtown Chicago, instead of in the Black community, which can be economically, politically, and educationally beneficial.

Is Maurice Perkins of Inner City Youth Foundation running for 4th ward alderman against Toni Preckwinkle and company?

And, word on the street is that Dino McNeal is about to run for 20th Ward alderman. Is this why Alderman Preckwinkle (4th) was seen going towards Alderman Troutman(20th) home a couple of weeks ago? Maybe McNeal and Perkins need to do a little house visiting.

Beatrice Caffery Youth Services is growing, getting ready to move in the shopping center on 55th and the Dan Ryan...Regrets go out to the lost of their staff member.

Rev. Joe "the Man from Hell" Bell had his turn at the pulpit two Sundays ago at Holiness Baptist Church.

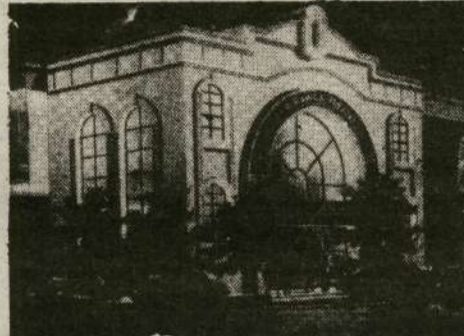
Katherine Wallace, former president of Taylor Residents United Towards Harmony was present with R. Carter of SSJ and Cecilia Butler of Washington Park.

Congratulations, Rev. Joe on the birth of his newborn son.



Community Briefs

Aldermen Ordered to Pay. Ald. Dorothy Tillman (3rd), Allan Streeter (17th), and Congressman Bobby Rush, who was alderman of the 2nd Ward at the time, have been ordered to pay the \$95,000 legal expenses of a former Art Institute of Chicago student. According to the Chicago Tribune, a Chicago judge ruled that Ald. Tillman and others violated the civil rights of David Nelson when they stormed into the school and removed an offensive picture (right) of former Mayor Harold Washington who was wearing women undergarments. Although Tillman called the decision a victory, she said she planned to have the city government and taxpayers pay her share of the judgment because she had acted in an official capacity. Mayor Daley has repeatedly refused to allow the city to pay.



Lou Rawls Cultural Center Receives

\$250,000 Grant. With the assistance of State Rep. Louvana Jones (D-5) the Lou Rawls Cultural Center has received a \$250,000 grant from the State of Illinois. The funds will be appropriated to the Dept of Commerce and Community

Affairs for a grant to the city of Chicago for all costs associated with the planning, development and construction of the Center. Additional funds will also be provided by the City of Chicago. The ground-breaking reportedly is to take place in February 1995.

Grants available for CHA Residents. Chicago Housing Authority Commissioners approve an additional \$30,000 to support the CHA Small Grants Fund for another year. Grants between \$250 and \$1,000 support a diverse range of projects that reflect community needs. CHA residents and resident-run groups can apply. Applications for the quarter must be received by November 15 and no later than 4:30 p.m.. No extensions. Once funded, groups cannot apply for six months. For an application contact Theresa Lipa, CHA Office of External Affairs, 22 W. Madison, 4th Fl., Chicago, IL. 60602, or call her at 791-8513.

DuSable H.S. Ponders Purchasing CHA Building. The CHA has received a proposal from DuSable H.S. in conjunction with the Chicago Cluster Initiative to purchase a building in the Roberts Taylor Homes to be used as a dormitory for students. According to Steve Canty, CHA spokesperson, the plan is to create an environment dedicated to the education of students." There are also plans to erect a learning center in the vacant field between Farring Elementary School, 55th and State St. and DuSable High School, 4836 S. Wabash. Canty said these

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Photo VIEW

What is your opinion of South Street Journal?



"It has come a long way, and it's been a long time coming and many of us are taking average of it. TGF SSJ." Cecilia Butler Washington Park

I think the paper is a good one, that has provide a lot of news for the community"



Anglea Green Beatrice Caffery Youth Services



"Great publication. It's vital to the community's perspective of redevelopment of the Black Metropolis area."

Harold L. Lucas Black Metropolis Coordinator

"I must say South Street Journal has not taken the popular positions on issue...that's rare. The format and look are good. The paper takes an active role in support to the community. That position is not the public norm."

Phillip Jackson Woodlawn



South Street Journal has provided a much need resource in the community to keep the people informed. Steve Redfield, STRIVE



"It is a grand new paper, has a great purpose of community needs. It does need people to support it to become a greater paper. It is a great man behind it and as so the paper will become a bigger paper. May God bless South Street Journal and Mr. Carter and his associates."

Rev. Earl Sardon Holiness Temple Church

Oct. Calendar of Events



Saturday, 1

Stop the blight of abandoned buildings in your neighborhood! Chicago's new Dept. of Buildings Commissioner Cheryl Thomas and new Deputy Housing Commissioner David Doig will be present. Bring addresses of the worst buildings in your neighborhood to the meeting from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Catholic Charities, 721 N. LaSalle. Call 243-3035.

Sunday, 2

Jazz greets Malachi Thompson & Africa Brass featuring guest Lester Bowie reunite beginning at 4 p.m. at the Hot House, 1565 N. Milwaukee. Bowie considered to be one of the most popular trumpet players and band leaders in the world is making a rare Chicago appearance with long time musical associate Malachi Thompson. This event marks the first time Thompson (4th Ward resident) and Bowie have played together in eight years. Call 235-2334 for more information.

Monday, 3

New Structure Organization weekly meeting begins at 6:30 pm at 5659 S. Indiana Ave. Call J. Thomas at 324-5256.

Tuesday, 4

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

Mid-South Planning and Development Commission General Meeting at the King Center begins at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 5

Empowerment Zone meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at Washington Park Fieldhouse, 5532 S. King Drive. Voice your opinion on how a portion of \$100 million allocated for the Mid-South area will be spent.

The rewards and benefits of being a Foster Parent can last a life time. Attend the free foster parent orientation meeting at 7 p.m. at

10 W. 35th St., 6th fl. Call 554-4589, a 24-hour hotline.

35th Street-Gateway Citizens Committee weekly community meetings begin at 6:30 pm at the Hartzell Memorial United Methodist Church, 3330 S. King Dr. They are open to all residents in the Near South and Grand Boulevard areas. For info. call 548-2000 or 924-0014.

Thursday, 6

Positive Action In Our Community meeting to discuss a proposed youth managed family entertainment complex and Class Action law suit against gun manufacturers for the death and injury of our children. Begins at 5:30 p.m. at the King Center, 4314 S. Cottage. Refreshments served. For information call Christine Dawson-Perkins, Inner City Youth Foundation at 536-8146.

Friday, 7

Jimmy Ellis at the First Annual Senior's Autumn Ball from noon to 4 p.m. at the Sutherland Ballroom, 4659 S. Drexel Blvd. Sponsored by Ald. Toni Preckwinkle.

Wednesday, 12

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Friday, 14

Dedication of Bill Berry (former present of Urban League) Park begins at 10 a.m. at 31st & the Lakefront. Park was a former

president of the Urban League. Friends of the Park, Urban League, Ald. Madeline Haidcock (4th), Mid-South Planning and Development Commission, and Chicago Park District.

Tuesday, 18

The Youth Consortium of Greater Grand Blvd. meets at 3 p.m. at Metropolitan Community Church, 4100 S. King Dr.

Wednesday, 19

Chicago 3rd Police District CAPS Action Plan meeting for businessmen, clergy, academic administrators, and recreational facility directors begins at 7:30 a.m. at South Side YMCA, 63rd & Stony Island. Call neighborhood relations at 747-7004.

Saturday, 22

KOCO 22nd Annual Convention (29th Anniversary) at the M.L. King High School 44th and Drexel, from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Keynote speakers: Con. Bobby Rush and Comm. Joseph Gardner. Workshops, free dinner, and entertainment. For information call 548-7500.

Sunday, 30

The New Peoples Movement Community Support Coalition Dump Daley, Vince Lane, Jim Edgar, & Richard Phelan Community Protest Rally themed "Let's Do It Again: Keep Your Eyes On The Prize" begins at 4 p.m. at 500 E. 51st St. Call Robert Floyd Plump at 820-5695 or 922-5387 for information.

Next issue: South Street Journal October 13. Deadline for material is October 6th. SJ will publish notices of community meetings, events and programs. Any organization or person in the SSJ circulation area may submit material. We will print others as it relate to the area. Send material one week in advance to South St. Journal 4305 S. King Dr., Chicago, Ill. 60653. We reserve the right to refuse and edit material.

KOCO Program Fights for Survival

By Kimberly Arson
SSJ Writer

The Kenwood Oakland Community Organization (KOCO) Educational Talent Search Program faces a possible shutdown on September 30.

KOCO received notification from the Department of Education that the 3-year-old program will not be refunded for the 94-95 year due to a low funding rating.

This program is the largest program in the Kenwood-Oakland and Grand Boulevard area serving youth and young adults ages 12-27.

Some of the services the program offers to students at various schools (Reavis, St. Ambrose, Einstein, Fuller, Wadsworth, Dunbar, Phillips Kenwood and Dawson Technical Institute) include tutoring, career counseling, financial aid, scholarship assistance, sports programs and cultural activities.

Instead of passively accepting the inevitable and looking for employment elsewhere Dale Childs, program director, has decided not to go down without a fight. She has mobilized her staff and begun a petition signing and letter writing campaign from residents of the Kenwood Oakland community to Congressman Bobby Rush pleading for his help to keep the program alive.

According to Childs, the quickest way to get refunding is through your congressman.

"Our program is literally saving lives,"

Childs said. "It's a fact that this community has one of the largest dropout rates and incidents of gang violence in the city. Without our tutoring, counseling services, sports program and cultural activities, a lot of young people will continue to fall behind in school and will have no outlet to the street life that permeates throughout this community."

Talent Search counselors Noelle Samuels and Euris Johnson are equally as angry about the possible closing of the program. Both are previous volunteers for KOCO and recent graduates of the University of Illinois. They become counselors last April. They both feel a special kinship toward the youth in the community and are acting more in the sense of a caring older brother and sister rather than a counselor. They had hopes of bringing out the potential of youth in the community.

For Noelle Samuels, who spoke with pain in her face, being a counselor for the program is clearly more than a job to her.

"What hurts the most is that I was just beginning to make progress with a lot of the youth I work with. We set up University clubs in the schools and talked about the importance of going to college," she said.

Samuels added that there are so many youths in this community who think the only way to success is through being an athlete or a rapper.

"But I was able to show them other routes by telling them about the careers they could obtain if they go to college. The satisfaction for me came while watching teens fill out applications for college who may have otherwise been filling out an application for McDonalds or Burger King," said Samuels.

Euris Johnson echoed the same sentiments.

"The saddest part is what's going to happen to the kids," she asked.

Johnson continued: "This community already has a scarcity of resources, so after we're gone, who's going to assist the GED candidate with finding out the best vocational school to attend? Who's going to tutor the eight grader doing poorly in math? Who's going to help the high school seniors find out about scholarships?"

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Council Approves Expansion of Police Vertical Patrols



Mayor Richard M. Daley has increased the number of vertical patrols in Chicago Housing Authority and surrounding area with \$500,000 in new federal funds recently awarded to the city. Youth have been the prime focus in many cases of stop and searching.

The vertical patrols began in April in the wake of an outburst of gang violence in the Robert Taylor Homes. Under the program known as Building Interdiction Team Effort (BITE), 18-officer teams from the Chicago Police Department and CHA police occupy individual high-rises for a full shift, patrolling the common areas of the building from top to bottom. BITE teams have made 823 arrests and confiscated 260 guns.

The federal grant, which requires a local match of \$247,777, has been funding five new BITE teams for the period July 21 to October 21.

Stroger Receives IVI-IPO Endorsement

John Stroger, Democratic candidate for President of Cook County Board has received the overwhelming endorsement of the Independent Voters of Illinois-Independent Precinct Organization (IVI-IPO). The announcement came during a press conference held recently by the organization.

Stroger, who was honored to receive the organization endorsement, stressed his commitment to streamlining and reforming government. He pointed to his victory in the battle for district representation before the County Board, which means that this November, voters from a single district will elect their commissioners, as opposed to the at large voting populous. "I fought for that reform so that commissioners could be held more accountable to their constituents, and so that all areas of Cook County would be represented equally before the Board", said Stroger.

Stroger, currently Chair of the Finance Committee, also stressed his financial expertise to run a responsible County government—as demonstrated by the nearly \$94 million in reductions Stroger fought for in 1993 Cook County property taxes. Stroger has committed to reducing government cost even further by instituting his economic plan, which includes eliminating duplicate County jobs and requiring joint inter-governmental purchases by the County and suburban municipalities. Also, his plans for a smaller, downsized Cook County Hospital will save taxpayers over 40 million in annual operating costs.

Stroger reiterated components of his comprehensive crime-fighting package, which focuses on fighting gang crime and the rising violent juvenile crime. It includes plans to add more gangs crimes specialists to the Sheriff's Gangs Crimes Unit, expand the Sheriff's computerized gang information system to include all of Cook County, and extend Boot Camp sentencing to juvenile offenders.



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Carbon Monoxide Detectors becomes Law in Chicago, Oct. 1, 1994

The new carbon monoxide detector ordinance (Municipal Code of Chicago, Section 13-64-190 was approved March 23, 1994. The law requires that every home have a Carbon Monoxide (CO) detector in the sleeping area.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that poisons thousands of people each year. It can come from a clogged chimney, a faulty furnace, or a gas space heater. It varies in sign of being present in the home. However, it effects older and younger people more, causing dizziness and trines becoming fatal.

The law applies to class A-1 Buildings **Single family residence.** The ordinance mandates at least one detector per household, installed within 40 feet of all rooms used for sleeping.

Class A-2 Building. Apartment building, boarding house, dormitory/fraternity, group home, hotel or motel, tourist house, home for the elderly

The ordinance mandates at least one detector per every 10,000 square feet of floor area on every floor on which a fossil fuel burning boiler or furnace is located, and on every floor with sleeping areas heated by a fossil fuel burning boiler or furnace. Each separate living unit (like an apartment) must have at least one detector of its own.

Class C Building. Amphitheater or auditorium, assembly or lecture hall, banquet or

dance hall, restaurant, night club, tavern, movie theater, school or library, indoor stadium or indoor pool.

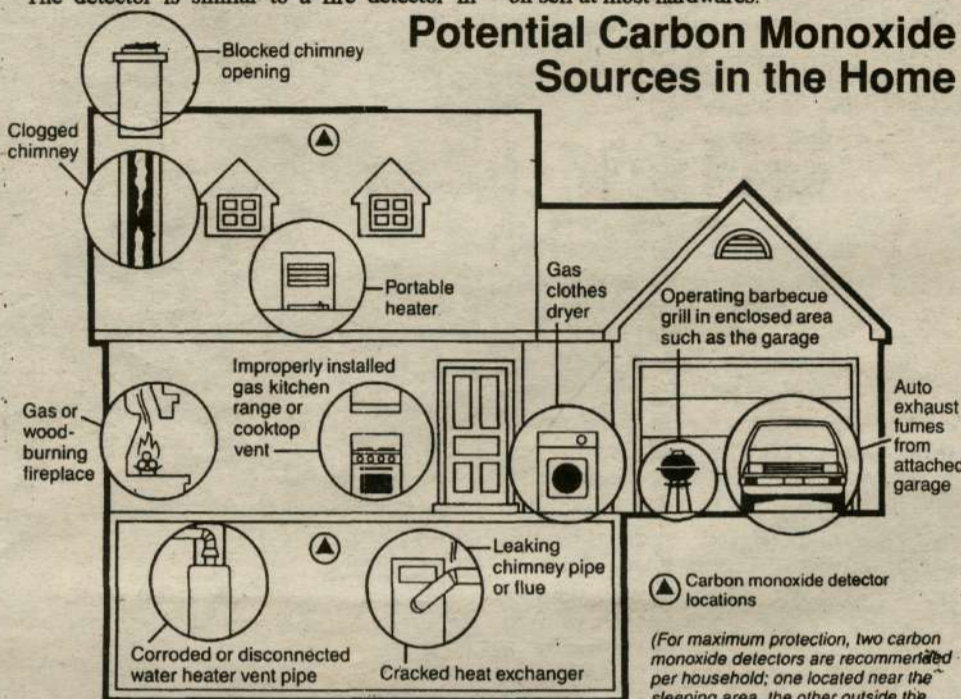
The CO detectors constantly monitor the air for carbon monoxide. It emit a loud, piercing alarm to alert the house hold of danger.

The detector is similar to a fire detector in

size and operation. The detector goes off immediately when there is a large amount of carbon monoxide. When there is a small amount it can build up to two weeks to two months.

The OD detector retails for about \$60 and is on sell at most hardwares.

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City Approves Expansion of New Homes

The City Council approved swift passage of an ordinance providing deeper per-home subsidies to developers participating in the City's New Homes for Chicago program, resulting in even lower priced homes throughout Chicago according to the mayors press office, which Mayor Richard Daley backed.

Through the nearly four-year-old New Homes for Chicago program, the Department of Housing provides qualified developers with City-owned vacant lots at substantially reduced prices; reductions and waivers of various City fees; and direct construction subsidies up to \$20,000 for single-family homes, and no more than \$32,000 for two-flat dwellings. In turn, developers agree to price the homes affordable for qualified households earning no more than 120 percent of the Chicago-area median income level (\$61,555 for a family of four).

The home purchase price and household income limits for the New Homes Deep Subsidy Program, are as follows:

Household limit income	Per-Home Subsidy	Purchase Price Limit
\$39,900	\$25,000	\$90,000
\$35,910	\$30,000	\$85,000
\$30,800	\$35,000	\$80,000
\$25,650	\$40,000	\$75,000

Homeowners purchasing single-family homes with subsidies of \$25,000 or more are required to repay a portion of the subsidy at the time of the home sale. To date, the city Council has approved financing for 326 homes, with 212 either completed or under construction.

Fire Authorities Now Agree:

Fire on 43rd St. was Arson

by John Otrompke
SSJ Writer

Fire authorities now agree that a fire in an abandoned and delinquent building at 43rd & King Drive was manmade and quite possibly the work of an arsonist.

"The fire did appear to be (the work of) an arson," said 5th District Fire Chief Flahive. "Because it did start in several separate locations."

He added, the arsonists may never be caught.

At the scene of the fire, officers determined that the four-alarm blaze was due to arson. But they denied that there was anything suspicious about the fire, eventhough it started on the first, third, and tenth floors of the building.

The arsonists may never be caught.
5th District Fire Chief Flahive

"They did write it up as incendiary, which means that it was manmade," said fire spokesman Mike Cosgrove. "But I doubt if it'll go anywhere. That'll be the end of it."

During several interviews Cosgrove has continually said the cause of the blaze was not due to arson, "it was probably caused by winos or street people. The cause was possibly smoking materials (cigarettes or the like) or maybe somebody had a fire going for heating or cooking in there."

He added: "There's been a number of fires in that building, and it was not boarded up; access was unrestricted."

Status of Building Still Undetermined

The fire occurred on August 10 after Alderman Dorothy Tillman (3rd), the Bluestown Hotel Group, spearheaded by Joan "Baby" Kessel, and a Chicago Vietnam Veteran's organization went to court over the status of the building.

Ald. Tillman wants to turn the building into a Single Room Occupancy (SRO), Kessel, a white blues singer, sees the building a Blues Hotel, and the Vietnam Veteran's organization wants to redevelop the property for the homeless.

In June the veteran's organization received permission from the Chicago Abandoned

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**Community
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Washington, D.C.—Landmark community banking legislation developed by the Administration in close cooperation with U.S. Representative Bobby Rush (D-IL) was signed into law two weeks ago by President Clinton at a White House ceremony. The Community Development and Regulatory Act will provide financial assistance to redevelop and revitalize economically distressed neighborhoods in Chicago and across the nation.

"It has long been one of my priorities to address our crumbling neighborhoods," said Rush, who attended the White House bill signing. "The CDFI bill is an important step toward reversing the disturbing trend of decay and providing financial relief to communities in need."

The legislation provides financial and technical assistance to community development institutions and organizations. It authorizes almost \$400 million over four years for the establishment of The Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Fund. The fund will competitively finance programs to meet the economic and financial needs of low-income communities underserved by traditional banks.

**Congressman Rush
Rush on
U.S./Haiti Accord**

Washington, D.C.—President Clinton's actions to remove Haiti's military junta represents a clear victory for the American people, for Haitian civilians, and for democracy throughout the world according to Congressman Rush.

"President Clinton and the U.S. negotiating team, in particular former President Jimmy Carter, are to be commended for their strong resolve in staring down the outlaw bandits in Haiti," said Rush, "Faced with the threat of defeat, these gangsters turned their tails and fled."

Rush pointed out that by securing this agreement, President Clinton is sending a strong message that the American people will uphold the commitments we make abroad and will expect no less in return. And we will take to task all those who renege on these commitments.

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Police Target Violators of Prostitution Laws



Prostitution in the Mid-South area is heavy between 43rd to 51st & Calumet and Prairie, and 56th to 60th & King Drive.

Early this year, the Vice Control Section of the Organized Crime Division beefed up efforts to curtail the demand side of prostitution by utilizing several enforcement tactics.

To deter persons from patronizing prostitutes, the Vice Unit set out to arrest and charge not only the prostitutes but the patrons of prostitutes as well. In addition to being arrested, many of the patron's vehicles were seized under Section 8-8-060 (d) of the vehicles to patronize prostitutes.

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Lesia, a prostitute on 43rd & Ellis, said she isn't concerned about beefed up security or the "tricks" that she infects with AIDS. Sexually abused as a child and a crack-addict who exchanges sex for money or drugs, Lesia said

she personally takes everything a man says to her, and she believes that all men are the same. The only thing she cares about is "just trying to make it."

Another prostitute, (Jay) Rembert, expressed the same sentiments as Lesia, regarding curtailing prostitution in the area. The mother of two, said her primary concern is "to hustle up some money and get high. Or find someone to joyride with through the night."

Asked about her kids and the possibility of (her) being arrested, Rembert said: "they alright."

However, the one strategy that may prove to be most effective as a deterrent is to make public the names of persons convicted of patronizing prostitutes. Since January 1994, 23 patrons of prostitution have been convicted.

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THE HONORABLE ELIJAH MUHAMMAD In Honor Of His Birth To The Common Man

We must acknowledge immense debt to the birth of Elijah Muhammad, he symbolize how all common men are capable of being disciple to serve their community well. The black leadership indeed extends wider than Malcolm X, Dr. King, and others. The purpose here is to just give a common look of an honorable man who offered so much.

Elijah Muhammad born on, October 7, 1897, a child of Willie and Marie Poole who had fourteen children.

In the beginning it wasn't an uncommon sight, in some black churches for a worshipper to fall to the floor and tremble as though suffering an epileptic seizure.

The poor African-Americans had one other option in the area of Christianity if they wanted to expose their children to quiet orderly religious service: the Catholic Church. However, the last thing a poor black woman or man wanted to do, after toiling five or six days a week for white man called "Boss" was to go to church on the day of rest and call a white man "Father."

Elijah Muhammad offered the philosophy of Master Fard, the founder of the Nation of Islam who has taught Muhammad for three years. Although Muhammad's formal education had ended in the fourth grade, Fard gave him a list of 106 books, which provided him with knowledge of things that even the graduates of Ivy League schools knew little about.

From its modest beginnings in the mid-thirties, the Black Muslims had grown under the leadership of Elijah Muhammad into a vocal and vigorous religious movement by 1960.

In welcoming all Blacks, including social outcasts and ex-convicts, the common man, Elijah Muhammad emphasized the common bond that all blacks shared against what he called "the White devil" and the hopelessness of any effort at racial integration. Members of the

Black Muslims paid strict attention to dress and dietary laws and pressed their case by standing on street corners in most Northern cities and selling such publications as *Muhammad Speaks*. They entered the field of business and maintained restaurants, supermarkets, bakeries, and dairy farms. They changed their names, which indicated their relationship to the white man, to such designations as Brother Leonard IX, Muhammad Ali, Louis Farrakhan and Minister Malcolm X.



By the early seventies conservative estimates indicated that the Black Muslims numbered nearly 100,000, with a much larger number of sympathizers.

The Holy Temple of Islam was the only place in America where the common black man woman entered feeling anger and pity for black people, and excited two hours later feeling anger and pity for "racially inferior" whites.

This world view was the key to the skyrocketing growth of the Black Muslims, and was also one of the key reasons why it was feared. For the first time since the rise of Marcus Garvey, there was a black man (Malcolm X* under the direction of Elijah Muhammad) capable of uniting large numbers of African Americans who rejected everything America represented.

-Elijah Muhammad died on Savior's Day, February 26, 1975, after a long and painful bout with respiratory disease.

-For Elijah Muhammad, we do know that without him they probably would not have been a Malcolm X or Louis X Farrakhan, once common men.

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Community Workshop on Youth Leadership and Reclamation

The School Tech Services consultancy group will sponsor a Community Workshop on Youth Leadership and Reclamation, Saturday, October 15, at Parkway Community House, 500 E. 67th Street from 9am to 2:30 pm.

As special guest, Brother Hamzar Bomani and members of the Community Empowerment



inc., Cleveland, Ohio will help achieve the Workshop goal of "Peace In the Streets: Unity In the Community".

Topic to be discussed include: Conflict Mediation and Resolution; Positive Male/Female Relationships and Transformation: From Banging to Community Empowerment. In the afternoon, a Plenary Session will allow participants to concertize strategies for future meetings.

This is a family affair and parents, educators, youth leaders, community leaders, clergy and agency representatives are all welcomed to attend. A donation of \$2.00 for youth and \$4.00 for adults will help defray expenses and there will be an optional buffet lunch provided.

School Tech Services has worked with parents, teachers and youth for several years in a variety of capacities. They currently conduct Rites of Passage training programs for elementary boys and girls, sponsor a Youth Leadership Council and the Each One, Reach One Mentorship Program and offer training workshops for parents and educators in home/school improvements methodologies.

This day in HISTORY September

29, 1954 - S. - Richardson was named Chairman of the Federal Parole board. 1st Black to serve on this board - 1954
30, 1962 - James Meredith was escorted to the campus of the University of Mississippi by Federal Marshals.

October

- 1, 1927 - Original Harlem Globetrotters, form for 1927-28 basketball season.
- 2, Harry T. Burleigh, singer and composer, born in 1886.
- 3, 1935 - Ethiopia invaded by Italy, leading to World War II.
- 4, Scott Joplin completed "Treemonisha" a ragtime opera which he composed-1915
- 5, Nathaniel R. James became a Federal Judge for the United States Court Appels, appointed by President Jimmie Carter-1979
- 6, A Phillip Randolph-labor and civil rights leader. Organized Bro. of Sleeping Car Porters in 1925; became Vice-Pres. Of AFL-CIO in 1959.
- 7, Elijah Muhammad, leader of the Nation of Islam-in the West, was born in Sandersville, GA.-1898
- 8, Blacks who served in the Revolutionary War were freed by the State of VA., at its expense.
- 9, COLUMBUS DAY
Very Rt. Rev. Harold R. Perry appointed first Black Bishop in U.S. in 20th Century by Pope Paul on Oct. 2, 1965
- 10, 1961 - Otis Marion Smith became an Associate Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court.
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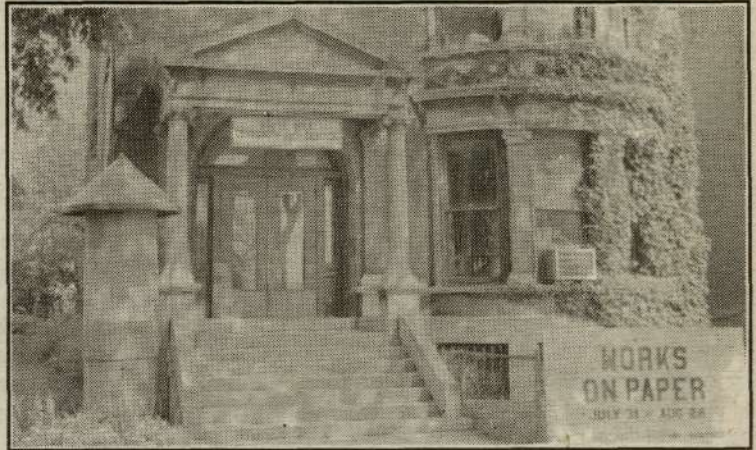
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Historical Landmarks in the Community



Margaret Burroughs Home 3806 S. Michigan Avenue

In 1961 Dr. Margaret Burroughs founded the DuSable Museum, originally called the Ebony Museum of Negro History, in three small rooms of this South Side home (Below). Built in 1903 by contractor John Griffith, this mansion was converted in the late 1930s to the Quincy Club, a private club operated by the Joint Council of Dining Car Waiters. Across the street from the South Side Community Arts Center, the Quincy Club served as a social center, providing accommodations for African American railroad workers who were excluded from most Chicago hotels. Writer, artist, educator, museologist, organizer and social activist, Margaret Taylor Burroughs is one of the city's most formidable cultural leaders to emerge in the post-World War II era. For several decades Burroughs taught art in elementary, secondary and college levels. Her most important tenure was at DuSable High School. Dr. Burroughs was also among the founders of the South Side Community Arts Center, the Lake Meadows Art Fair, the Chatham Art Fair, and the National Conference of Artists. A distinguished artist in her own right, also, she is the author of several books and winner of many citations for her poetry. Dr. Burroughs is perhaps best known for her poem "What Shall I Tell My Children Who Are Black?"



Southside Community Arts Center 3831 S. Michigan Avenue

The Southside Community Arts Center (Above) was formally dedicated by Eleanor Roosevelt in May, 1941. Its origins, however, began with W.P.A. Federal Arts project. Housed in the old Comiskey mansion, the building was purchased as a public facility by a committee of civic-minded South Siders headed by an African-American businessman, Golden B. Darby. The Center remains a "citadel of culture" for African American artists, residents and visitors to Chicago.

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Exploratory Committee

"The City of Chicago is in dire need of visionary mayoral leadership," said committee member Grayson Mitchell. "And Bobby Rush has this caliber of leadership."

Both Rush and Gardner have a base in the Mid-South area. Rush is the present committeeman and former alderman (2nd) and Gardner who started his organizing in the Woodlawn community.

The mission of Rush's multi-racial committee is to formally assess voter support for a Rush candidacy, assess potential financial backing necessary to sustain a successful bid, and lay the foundation for a strong, broad-based challenge.

The committee, still in formation, is drawn from a broad coalition of civic, business, and religious leaders. Current members include:

Former Harold Washington Administration Officials Grayson Mitchell, Bernetta Howell Barrett, Ed Bell, David Cantor, Milan Fitts and Anthony Gibbs Jr.; Cook County Board Commissioners Jerry Butler and Maria Pappas; 16th Ward Alderman Shirley Coleman; 46th Ward Alderman Helen Schiller; Business leaders Ronald Gatton, Thomas McCleary, Dorothy River, Sam Toia, and Tom Tunney; Civic Activist Slim Coleman; African-American's League President Patricia Hill; P.A.C.T. President Howard Saffold; and Chicago Public Schools Nominating Committee Chairman Lafayette Ford.

Other committee members include: Nathaniel Clay, Thomas Gray, Dr. Herbert Odom, Rev. Leslie Sanders, Diane Shelley Esq., Diane Tucker, and Joseph Young.

South Street Journal will host a series of "Meet the Candidates" forum starting with Comm. Gardner beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 3 at the Sutherland Ballroom, 4656 S. Drexel Blvd.

In Other Communities of Chicago

Westside Health Partnership Offers Strategies to Address Violence

A host of proven, and effective strategies aimed at addressing the problem of violence recently evolved out of a Summit Conference on Violence that was sponsored by the Westside Health Partnership. The Partnership, which is a consortium of hospitals that include Mount Sinai Medical Center, Saint Anthony Hospital, Bethany Hospital and Schwab Rehabilitation Center, hosted the event as a way of acknowledging violence as a medical issue. The conference was titled: "No Rhyme, No Reason: Healing Ourselves: Strategies to Break the Cycle of Violence Destroying Our Communities."

In addition to the Violence workshop, it was determined that low self-esteem in males, the stress of being single parents, and the lack of social skills were problems that needed to be addressed. Strategies embraced included targeting males, teaching social skills, job skills, parental skills, and decision-making skills and encouraging schools and substance abuse programs to work together.

In the seminar titled "Media in the Prevention of Violence," Jon Daye, executive producer, Channel 25 and David E. Neeley, Assistant Dean of Students Affairs, John Marshall Law School pointed to excessive violence on television and unfair and demoralizing portrayal of Black males as problems that merit attention. To offset negative media images, strategies suggested included monitoring children's television viewing patterns, complaining about biased coverage, and boycotting products of those companies that advertise on violence-driven shows.

Participants were also urged to effect change by forging alliances with other community residents.

Community Violence Prevention Strategies and Community Gangs was the topic of a workshop conducted by the Illinois Council Against Hand Guns and Chicago Commons Association. The breakdown of the family and lack of community involvement by families was the conclusion reached for the rise of drugs, domestic violence, gangs and teen pregnancy. An unresponsive school system was also cited for the rise in crime. Strategies to impact these problems include job programs, boot camps as opposed to jails, additional after-school programs at community centers, park districts and schools and a model to advocate for hand gun control.

In the workshop entitled, "The Role of Religious Institutions on Community Crime Control," the Reverend James L. Bevel stressed behavior modification. Specifically, he suggested more listening and less talking in order to understand the overall problems plaguing the community.

The Family Violence Intervention Strategies workshop, representatives from Family Rescue and Westside Health Partnership acknowledged the severity and rise of domestic violence were cited as problems that needed to be addressed. The problems, they said, could be combated by training residents and doctors working emergency rooms, training representatives of the law- i.e., police, sheriffs, attorneys, judges and etc. and by developing early intervention programs to be taught at school that would cover critical areas like responding to anger, frustration and domination.

The workshops participants concluded that as the United States moves toward managed care, it is essential that provider organizations link with preventive efforts for violence and substance abuse.

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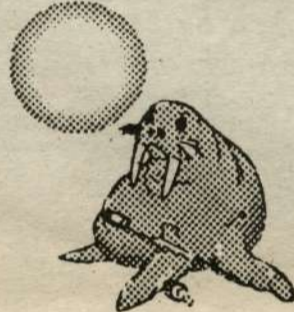
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Properties Program Blue Ribbon Commission to redevelop the property. The group still does not possess the building, and the commission has since been disbanded.

The committee was recently replaced by Real Estate Services Advisory Committee, which oversees CAPPS and other delinquency programs, and the decision of the Blue Ribbon Committee is void.

Kessel said Chicago's 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.

She adds that the building has been delinquent in paying taxes since 1971.

"There's a \$30,000 water lien on it," Kessel said. "The city sat on this building for a whole year. No repairs and no board-up for a year."

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

Kessel said she is talking to her lawyer about filing a lawsuit against Tillman.

Ald. Tillman did not return several calls to her office.

But Kessel, who isn't receiving enough help from local community organization, said she isn't sure a discrimination suit "follows our goals" and is considering another property for the project on Michigan Avenue.

No plans have been reported what actually will happen to the building on 43rd and King Drive.

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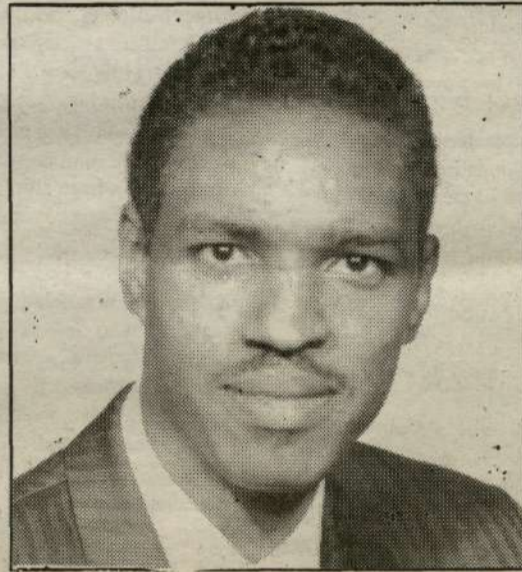
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The Newspaper Man with a Paper Boy Agenda

An Interview with the publisher of South Street Journal

By Chandra Hooks, Photos by Eugene Kimmons

As South Street Journal (SSJ) celebrates its first anniversary, we felt the community should become acquainted with the publisher.

SSJ was founded by Ronald Carter, 41, one year ago this issue. Mr. Carter, better known as Ron, was born at Michael Reese hospital. Both of his parents grew up around 37th and Indiana. His uncle Laroy Carter was involved in the architecture of Lake Meadows shopping center. The oldest of three brothers and a sister, he is married with two children.

Carter reflects on his upbringing as a resident of Robert Taylor Housing Development, where he lived from the ages of 10 to 17 years at 5322 S. State St., Apt. 503. According to Carter, "it has changed dramatically," referring to the high crime and general appearance. "Housing sweeps were conducted during that time for the purpose of maintenance inspections versus weaponry inspections," he added.

According to Carter, the outside of the buildings were covered in their entirety when people began to throw refrigerators, furniture and other large appliances over the sides of the buildings.

Although he was primarily raised by his mother, Carter said his father "was an inspiration who inspired me to make something of my life."

Hooks: Did you attend school in the Mid-South area?

Carter: I attended Terrell Elementary on 54th & State; John Farren, 51st & State; DuSable Upper Grade Center, and DuSable High School, 49th & Wabash.

Hooks: Did you graduate from DuSable?

Carter: No. I left DuSable in my junior year at which time I joined the U.S. Navy where I received my GED.

Hooks: How long were you in the Navy?

Carter: Two years and 10 months. They kicked me out two months prior to my scheduled time of release. I received a general discharge under honorable conditions. It was rough for me, but I would go through it all over again.

Hooks: How was it rough?

Carter: This was my first encounter with so many white folks at one time. The Navy was my introduction to overt racism. Everything was white and white-oriented. From the task that Blacks were given to treatment for fairness.

Hooks: What did you do after being discharged?

Carter: I stayed in California where I attended L.A. City College and UCLA majoring in public relations. I lived in Los Angeles from 1974 to 1978 and became active in various social causes. It was during this time that I worked on Tom Hayden's campaign for the U.S. Senate. Hayden was one of the Chicago 8 and was married to (actress) Jane Fonda. It was through working with the two of them that I obtained the base for grassroots community organizing.

Hooks: Did you find the racism in L.A. different from that in Chicago?

Carter: Yes. But as the saying goes some of my best friends are 'White'. Prior to entering the service I had become active in the

movement of the 60's and a member of the Black Student Union at DuSable that helped me in understanding who I am. My association with the Black Panther Party, civil rights demonstrations, and various protests made me very conscious of the injustices. However, it was much more prevalent in Chicago than in Los Angeles. L.A. was more integrated during the 70's. People were accepted more for who they were than the complexion of their skin. It was there, but it was more of who you were than your nationality.

Hooks: Why did you leave L.A.?

Carter: Actually I came back to Chicago on vacation and decided not to go back. Chicago is my home. It became apparent that this was where I wanted to make my living, have my family, and raise my children.

Hooks: What did you do after returning to Chicago?

Carter: I got involved in community organizing in the Roseland Community for the Greater Roseland Organization. My interests



during the 60's were rekindled. It was then I became determined to make some sort of impact on the future of our people. My focus was to empower the community and build leadership. I realized the importance of controlling ones own destiny and community. The Greater Roseland Organization provided the vehicle for me to work toward making those happen.

Hooks: How long were you with that organization?

Carter: From 1978 to 1982, working my way up to becoming executive director. I took a break from administration for a while and worked as a community organizer for Chicago Area Project. Chicago Area Project afforded me the opportunity to work with community organizations city-wide (and in Robert Taylor homes, where the idea for a community newspaper was first introduced to me.) I returned to Roseland with a lot more knowledge, insight, and hands-on experience. I stayed on as executive director for another two years before becoming a newspaper man.

Hooks: A newspaper man?

Carter: I had been a paperboy in my youth. Now, I am working for a newspaper as a man. I was with the (Chicago) Defender for five years. In between those five years I took a year off and started Truth News, which also served the mid-south area. Truth News lasted about seven or eight months. Like most entrepreneurs I did not have the financial resources required to sustain myself. Due to financial pressures, I returned to the Defender.

Hooks: Is that where you learned the intricacies of newspaper operations?

Carter: No. I learned the total make-up of a newspaper and its inner mechanisms from publishing South Street Journal.

Hooks: What prompted you to publish South Street Journal?

Carter: My interest in South Street Journal was not based on my desire to be a publisher. My utmost desire is to utilize SSJ to be a tool for the community, to be able to communicate, to be informed and made aware of what is actually happening in their communities. People cannot address issues if they are not informed about them. My personal desire is to get back into community organizing and to have a tool to organize with. SSJ sort of fell in my lap and I followed up on it. I think getting the newspaper going was the best thing I could have done to facilitate all of the above.

Hooks: Do you have a support system now?

Carter: Cusbond James, then a Beat rep coordinator for the City and Harold Lucas of Mid-South Planning were very influential in the decision to publish South Street Journal.

Hooks: How did you determine the boundaries for SSJ?

Carter: Each community represented in SSJ boundaries are similar regarding issues and problems they are confronted with. Also, the entire mid-south area has all sorts of historical value to Chicago's African-American population. Anyone Black, over 35 years of age, and raised on the southside, has roots in these communities and these communities have contributed to their lives. The mid-south area is the Black Metropolis of Chicago. Once you pass 69th St. there is a different type of history. After Woodlawn there is a new chapter of history about Black life in Chicago, a new frontier. The boundaries of SSJ represent the old frontier.

Hooks: How is this so?

Carter: There is no Douglas without Woodlawn; no Kenwood without Grand Boulevard. The issues are the same. Today we see a wagon train of public housing centered within these communities which spans from 22nd St. to 63rd St. and State St. to the lake. We are expanding into Hyde Park to meet the demand that has been expressed there.

Hooks: Have you received community support for SSJ?

Carter: Not as much as there should be. Partially because it is a new business and people are reluctant to put their support behind a new business. Some parts of the community are threatened by the fact that community residents now have a vehicle to voice those concerns that impact their lives and the lives of their children. Others are threatened just by the fact that this media exists. However, the people themselves have wholeheartedly embraced the paper and see it as a true representation.

Hooks: Have you received support from the community organizations and businesses that thrive on the Mid-South area?

Carter: There are still many organizations that are not aware that the paper exists. Those organizations that are aware have embraced it.

Hooks: What about the politicians that represent the Mid-South area?

Carter: Some have and some have not

supported SSJ. In the beginning SSJ was not taken seriously by the elected officials of the Mid-South area. We did a cartoon showing SSJ being rapped up with a stick of dynamite inside and being thrown at the aldermen of the Mid-South area. I don't know whether it did any good or not, however, we continue to have problems communicating with Ald. Dorothy Tillman (3rd).

Hooks: What kinds of problems?

Carter: Ald. Tillman claims the paper is not objective. However, if any elected official does not respond to our queries, we have no alternative other than not to print their story. She has begun publication of her own newspaper. And that's just it. It's her newspaper and not a representation of the community.

Hooks: Wasn't the area where SSJ is housed once a powerful Black business district?

Carter: Yes. At one time Black owned businesses lined 43rd St. from Cottage Grove to King Drive, which was then called South Park. The same was true of 35th, 39th, 47th, 51st, 55th, 58th and 63rd streets, between State St. and King Dr. When I was growing up, 50 percent or more of businesses located within these areas were Black-owned. Currently, there are enough vacant stores and vacant land available in these areas for them to be Black-owned again.

Hooks: What is the mission of South Street Journal?

Carter: It is the mission of SSJ to contribute to making this (Black economic development) happen again. I know what I am about to say will be very controversial, however, I feel compelled to say it. Personally, I would like to see these drug dealers [hurry up] and invest their drug money in some economic vehicle before they end up dead or in jail. I don't think they truly understand all the ramifications of this new crime bill. Since they are part of the problem they must be part of the solution. The distribution of drugs is a business; an illegal business. Take that same energy and turn it into something positive. They can do it. I want to see them live and let live. Stop letting people like Ollie North run for political office while they run from the police.

Hooks: Your personal goal?

Carter: To gain enough community support to make a major impact on the residents of the Mid-South area. I would like to see the residents of these communities actively involved in the decision-making process. I also want to make SSJ a model for involving the community in the process. Every news media has an agenda coming from the publisher. The Defender, Times, Trib, WVON, (and) WLS have a message they want to convey. I want to utilize SSJ as an example of how we can communicate to put the power in the hands of the community.

Hooks: What is your motivation for doing this?

Carter: There were times in my life when I felt less important. I did not see any hope for the future being raised in Robert Taylor. But somewhere inside of me I knew I had a purpose, and that my purpose was to serve.

Hooks: What have been your greatest accomplishments thus far?

Carter: Organizing residents around issues in Robert Taylor Homes, and starting South Street Journal. To be able to come back to my roots and contribute my self-worth, just as anyone else in the community is capable of doing.

Hooks: Do you see yourself as a role model?

Carter: No. I want to set an example by showing that one's actions set the stage for getting things done (as) opposed to setting the stage for a particular role. I want to be one of those people whose actions contribute to one's role in life. My father and Malcolm X influenced what my role must be, however, I have my own role in life; not copy someone else's role. Their examples allowed me to take what I needed and build on that.

Hooks: And your message?

Carter: To quote the motto of Jean Baptiste DuSable High School, "Peace if possible, but justice at any rate."



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Editorial

A Newspaper for the Hood

South Street Journal has completed its first year of serving the Mid-South Community! It has not been easy, but it has been joyful. Meeting and working with the many people that make up the Mid-South communities. It seems we have known each other for years. We hope it will continue to bring the community vital information that will provoke thoughtful consideration of the issues as well as, offer viable options to consider as part of the decision-making process.

Our goal has been not to present information in the standard format but rather as Bob Lucas states "an active newspaper that serves as a catalyst for sound community involvement." Our hardest thing about reporting and exposing the truth is (obtaining) the truth. So, the basic thing to do is "tell it as it has been given" and research the information. First of all, the way we search for news is based on how it will benefit the well-being of the community.

When people (sources) call and give us information, sometimes we happen to be in the neighborhood at the right time. Second, we create the information (story idea) given to us. Third, a reporter and photographer are assigned to the story, but in this, the managing editor and photographer discuss possible angles and how it relates to the Mid-South area. We strive to present the community's perspective on each story.



Ron Carter
Publisher/Editor

We are selfish with SSJ. As the map indicates on page 23, those are our boundaries. News outside of it will be published based on its relationship to the community, ie, a resident's involvement; the effect it has on the African American community; or an advertiser.

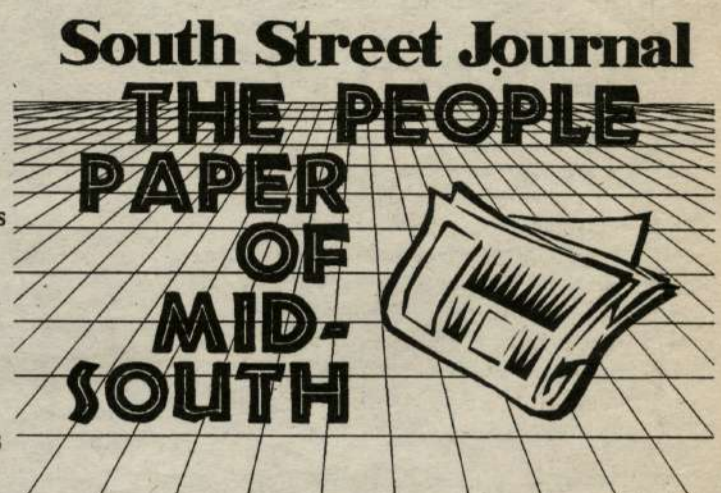
SSJ has undergone revisions to adequately reflect changing business conditions. Such as opening up an office, three months ago, on 43rd & King Drive three months ago.

Our goal is to ensure that our forthcoming issues will contribute to, as well as, report/support the imminent success of the Mid-South community. To help do this we will seek the active role of an advisory board to help direct the editorial direction and business operations.

We acknowledge the community businesses and organizations that have supported this issue and our overall endeavor. Needless to say, your advertising commitments and words of encouragement are greatly appreciated!

I take this opportunity to thank the office staff of the South Street Journal: Deborah D. Russell (my wonderful managing editor), Christine Jordan, Ron Holmes, Theresa Pillow, Beverly Reed, Anthony Tillman, Larry Butler, the writers, photographers, and circulation folks. Without your dedication, enthusiasm, and professionalism SSJ would be just another newspaper among many. You are appreciated more than you know.

On a more personal note, I must acknowledge with gratitude my wife, Rosie, who must bear the loneliness and pain alone, while the community waits impatiently for the next issue. We only hope that we are doing it right.



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Sincerely,
Ron Carter
Publisher/Editor

Letters

Support the Community

On behalf of the Board of Directors and members of the Mid-South Planning and Development Commission, I must correct a comment in your September 15th-28th editorial House vs Your House.

The Commission has never sponsored or held an event at a downtown hotel or other central business district. In fact, our most recent fundraiser was at the DuSable Museum and our summer festival was also held in the community at Cottage Grove.

The organization spearheading "Restoring Grand Boulevard" we seek to recreate the self-sufficient Grand Boulevard of the past which provided entertainment, housing, culture and social services to the community. As a matter of policy and practice, we value our dollars first and foremost within the Mid-South community and with African-American residents. Sometimes, community-based organizations and individuals need to host events in downtown facilities to gain broader citywide attention and also to provide an opportunity for residents to enjoy the accommodations and services of a first-class downtown hotel. The challenge for our community is to build a hotel and hospitality facility that can compete with the downtown hotels and host major events.

Sincerely,
Pat Dowell-Cerasoli
Executive Director

Upcoming Annual African Holocaust Conference

Brothers and Sisters:
The upcoming Annual Conference on the African Holocaust will be held October 6-9 at the Center for Inner City Studies, 700 E. Oakwood. This year we will have an "international flavor" to our conference by inviting nationals from the continent to speak on issues that affect both them and us. This year will include not only college students as usual, but also high school students from Vocational, King, DuSable, and other schools as well. With this new thrust toward education we intend to educate our young people on the "hands on" processes for effecting social change.

If you have read about our conference, please call me at 312-373-3500 or fax 312-373-4718 or send me a message. I'm sure that you will have

questions that will need to be answered. Let me extend a hearty thank you in advance.

Yours in the next generation
Jerry Muhammad

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The African Holocaust Research Society is a consortium of people of African descent who have dedicated themselves to the accurate collection, monitoring, and dissemination of all information pertinent to the destruction of African people, planned or otherwise, for the purpose of education, litigation, reparations, repatriations, retribution, and redemption.

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Dear Community Residents:
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The newly constructed complex shall include: movie theaters, a bowling alley, Educational-Skill-oriented arcade games, amusement rides, Self-recording studios, youth managed food carts, concession stands, and a day care center.

We are presently recruiting community residents to sit on the Advisory Board of the Family Entertainment Complex. If you are interested, please contact Christine Dawson-Perkins, 4500 South Michigan, Chicago, IL, 60653 or call (312) 536-8146.

Christine Perkins
Inner City Youth Foundation

UAPA's National Buy Black Campaign

Dear Editor:
The United American Progress Association set September 26 as the launching date of our "National Buy Black Campaign." Webb Evans, (President) of UAPA speaking at a meeting told why there is a need for a "Buy Black Campaign." Most of the people living in the so-called Black community are African-Americans, but most of the businesses are owned by others. Our dollars when spent do nothing or very little to improve conditions in the Black community. Other ethnic groups own all of the businesses where they live and most of the businesses where African-Americans live. This condition plays a major role in creating the poverty conditions of African-Americans.

Due to the poverty conditions of the Black community the crime rate is higher and killing is higher, there is more sickness in the community and Blacks are dying faster than other ethnic groups. Most Blacks shop with business people who operate in the community, but live outside of it or else they will go outside of the community to do their shopping.

In both cases it is destroying the Black community. In addition to the "Buy Black Campaign" all African-Americans of voting age are asked to vote. The proper use of the dollar and votes can do much to improve our condition.

The UAPA is asking every business person to

give the best in goods and services. African-American religious leaders can play an important part in bringing about this change. Blacks cannot keep waiting for things to change; Blacks must make their change.

Webb Evans
President, UAPA,
Fuller Park resident

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Perspective

Second City Blues... What Happened to Chicago Jazz

by Malachi Thompson

There was a time in Chicago on the south side, when you could hear Count Basie at the Regal theater, Ahmad Jamal at the pershing Hotel and Nancy Wilson at the Sutherland Lounge, all in one night. Each venue was only a few minutes away by car. Man,...those were the days. There was Jazz all over Chicago and I had witnessed it with my own eyes and ears. Later, I discovered that the Chicago Jazz scene had always been alive, vital and economically important. Back in the 1920's when the New Orleans musicians began to migrate to points north, west and east, Chicago was one of the places musicians settled. The New Orleans cats brought their style of music with them and there was an exchange of interaction of musical styles with the native Chicago musicians. The energy and vitality that existed on the streets of Chicago and Chicago welcomed that musical energy.

Chicago was always a city where musician could come and "get their thing together." In the late fifties George Coleman, Booker Little, Harold Mabern and Frank Strozier left

Memphis to live and work on the South Side until gigs and recordings took them to New York.

Miles liked Chicago and would often spend his Christmas

holiday living at the Sutherland Hotel (47th Drexel) and playing with his band downstairs in the lounge. Miles' family and friends would come up from his hometown in Alton, Illinois, to visit and listen to the band.

Chicago Jazz musicians and fans know their Jazz history. Ask any musician who was on the scene and they can tell you in intimate details about the night Sonny Stitt and Gene Ammons "battled" (trading four bar phrases) chorus after chorus after on "Cherokee" at Robert's Show Lounge (located on 66th & King Drive). Trading musical stories and ideas was part of the Chicago south side tradition and still is. This exchange of ideas, experimentation and creativity is at the core of

the "Chicago sound." Without a doubt, historically speaking, the South Side is Chicago Jazz.

For example, when John Coltrane left the Miles Davis group to put his own band together, he'd often perform in Chicago at

McKie's Lounge on 63rd and Cottage Grove for extended engagements. Drummer Drahseer Khalid shared this story with me. "I had just come out of the service and I got the house band gig at McKie's. Back in those days the scene was on the South Side...Chicago was a Jazz Town. Now they're trying to make like it's a Blues town. But I remember Trane coming to town playing at McKies with McCoy, Elvin and Jimmy. Six nights a week, three sets a night for two weeks. People were lined up to get in. Man,... I heard Coltrane develop his concept!"

In the late 60's I shared a coach house with composer Troy Robinson and bassist Milton Suggs. From Robinson I learned of the Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians (AACM) and the experimental music they were doing in the direction of Coltrane, Eric Dolphy and Ornette

Coleman. The AACM's policy of musical integrity and creativity captured my imagination and I quickly joined and started playing with the big band and various small ensembles.

The recording scene was happening also and Chicago artists at times, dominated both the R&B and Jazz charts. Record companies Capital, Chess, Cadet, Delmark and Vee-Jay were located in Chicago. Wayne Shorter, Freddie Hubbard, Lee Morgan, Cannonball Adderly, Ahmad Jamal, Gene Ammons, Johnnie Griffin, Eddie Harris, Clifford Jordan, John Coltrane, Roscoe Mitchell, Muhal Richard Abrams, Joseph Jarman, the Art Ensemble of Chicago and Anthony Braxton made their early recordings in Chicago.

Something happened in the early 70's and the bottom fell out of the music business in Chicago. The work dried up and I left for New York in the summer of '74. A lot of the musicians on the Chicago scene left town around the same time. Some cats went out to

the West Coast, while a lot of the cats associated with the AACM went to New York.

Milton Suggs and Drummer Jerry Griffin were the first cats in my musical circle to leave. Milton got the gig with Art Blakey and Jerry got the gig with Rahsaan Roland Kirk. This was a good sign and it encouraged other cats had been

only thinking about it, to make that move. Muhal Richard Abrams, Kalaparusha, Lester Bowie, Steve McCall, Fred Hopkins, Henry Threadgill, Steve Coleman, and John Stubblefield left around the same time for New York and new horizons. These same

musicians became important contributors to the "Loft Jazz" scene in New York during the 70's.

I never fully understood what happened. Some say it was Disco and Go-Go girls. Other claimed it was integration. When the Black Musicians

Union Local #208 merged with the White Local #10 that was the beginning of the end. When Blacks could integrate and live and shop downtown or anywhere else, they abandoned their own communities economically. Add a lack of investment and a cutback of city services to the formula and you have a devastated Black community.

That was then. Nowadays, Chicago Jazz is struggling to make a comeback on the South Side after the cultural and economic devastation of the mid 70's and 80's. Alexander's Steakhouse, the Apartment lounge, the DuSable Museum and a few other clubs present Jazz on the South Side on a regular basis. Jazz Unites and the Sutherland Community Arts Initiative present major Jazz

festivals and concerts yearly. These moderate gains have been made without any on-going support from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), a government agency that was set up to bring high quality art to various communities nationwide. In this present funding cycle not one Chicago Jazz artist or organization received any funding from NEA. What little monies that are available for the arts, via NEA regranting programs don't help the south siders who live in the wrong zip code and ain't eligible. This amounts to nothing more than a cultural embargo against Chicago Jazz.

Despite a lack of support and a shortage of venues here in Chicago, Chicago-based ensembles are still having an impact on the national and international Jazz scene. Groups like the 8 Bold Souls, the late Hal Russell and his NRG Ensemble, the Ethnic Heritage Ensemble, Von Freeman, Earnest Dawkins and New Horizons, the Art Ensemble of Chicago (their office and two members are still located in Chicago) and my own Freebop Band are spreading the sounds of Chicago far and wide via touring, CD distribution and CD airplay. Even my new 11-piece Africa Brass has been invited to play major Jazz festivals in Texas and Ohio behind the success of it's first release 'Lift Every Voice', which made it to the Top Ten of the Jazz airplay charts.

I talked to some of the leaders, decision-makers, and contributors to the Chicago Jazz scene to get a honest assessment of what's happening and what can be done to make things better. M'wata Bolden, a recent Jazz master award recipient and chairman of the AACM, said, "In the 70's, urban renewal allowed for the deterioration of certain communities between 47th and 63rd streets (the core of the Jazz scene), and then it began to spread over the entire south side. The

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M'wata Bolden, chairman of the AACM

public schools started dropping music programs and a whole generation was lost." Regarding possible solutions he

added, "Musicians have to search out new venues, do self promotion and form collectives. A partnership with the AACM and the Jazz Institute would be a good idea. The City of Chicago could do more to support and recognize it's creative and cultural communities."

Julie Smith former executive director of the Jazz Institute of Chicago interjected, "the Chicago Jazz scene is fragmented stylistically and racially. Chicago is left out funding wise and image wise, the City of Chicago could do more."

Malachi Thompson, a resident of the Kenwood Community, is a board member of the Restoration of the Sutherland Hotel.



Malachi Thompson

The Checkerboard Lounge Continues 25 Years of Down Home Blues

by Kelley D. Pinkins
Special to the SSJ

The Checkerboard Lounge on Chicago's southside is still going strong after 25 years of blues and mo' blues. Favorites like Junior Wells, Muddy Water, Little Milton, James Cotton, Tyrone Davis, Bobby Blue Bland, and even the Rolling Stones have all played there.

Entering the small, yet interesting lounge reminds you of a place in the heart of the south. Pictures of great blues singers and bands plaster the walls. It's a dark place with a bright spirit. Some of the regulars sit at the bar on what looks like maybe their favorite barstools.

Diane Williams, has been the day manager of the Checkerboard for six years. She along with the night manager, L.C. Therman, keeps all of the operations going daily. Co-owner, blues legend Buddy Guy, got his inspiration to create the Checkerboard from a woman named Theresa Needham, who created one of the first blues clubs in Chicago.

Formerly located on the 4800 block of Indiana, Theresa's was where most blues artists got started. Everyone who played at the Checkerboard started at Needham's club first.

Williams says Needham recently died but her presence is still felt. Her pictures still grace the wall. Where? On the stage where all the bands play. A reminder of where the blues first got its start.

Today, Buddy Guy keeps the blues going. First, at the Checkerboard Lounge and at his club "Legends" located fur-

ther north. Williams says both clubs have been successful and Guy still operates and visits on a regular basis. A shuttle bus is even provided for the foreign visitors who want to visit both clubs the same night.

Business for the Checkerboard has not been anything unusual. Williams says "we suffer during the (Chicago) Blues Fest at Grant Park, but when it's all over we're fine." Rumors have been buzzing around the neighborhood of the possibilities of the Checkerboard closing but Williams says it had been thought about, but not actually confirmed. "Whenever we experience financial problems, people like (blues singer) Little Milton come and play for free. He's always good about that," says

Williams.

Unfortunately, when most blues artists get a taste of the other blues clubs on the northside, some won't come back to the Checkerboard, says Williams. He believes part of the reason is the financial stability the northside clubs have to offer.

So why has "Southern Blues" moved north? Because African-Americans aren't the only ones feeling the blues. White and other nationalities are also feeling it. "People from all over come to the Checkerboard," says Williams. "I've seen them all, they love the blues."

Blues is no longer for people of color but anyone can relate to the feel of the music. Artists like Magic Slim and the Tear Drops, who have played at the Checkerboard, have won Grammys in Australia.

Phyllis Pitts, a former barmaid, says she couldn't help but



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Magic Slim and the Tear Drops performing at the Checkerboard Lounge on 43rd Street (Muddy Water Drive).

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The Fight Against the Powerlines is not Over

As the front page headline on the *South Street Journal* one year ago address the Commonwealth Edison power towers; on the newspaper anniversary it is time to update the community on the Commonwealth Edison power towers. The powerlines are being hooked-up closer to their downtown destination each and everyday.

"The recipients of these monsters don't have to have them in their backyards or their community," said Cecilia Butler, president, Washington Park Community Coalition.

She continued: "They don't have to be concerned about childhood leukemia or any other deadly disease. Experts are continuing debates regarding the effects of the electromagnetic fields (EMFs). We don't want our people dying, and in 20 years, the diagnoses will be from EMFs."

The Coalition has not given up the fight. They are working with the National EMF Alliance, and are spearheading a campaign with petitions for "EMF Hazard-Free School Zones." The Coalition will be contacting all the area schools to garner support against those deadly towers. Right now, within 300 feet of those towers is Terrell Elementary School and Garfield Headstart, both have been involved addressing their concerns on the power lines.

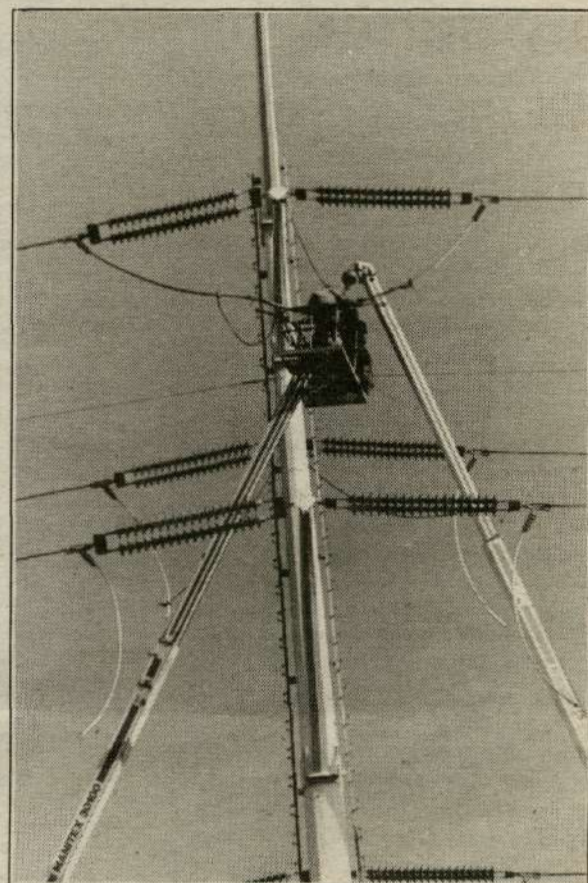
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Washington Park March on Edison

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(Above) One year ago the first edition of *South Street Journal* the front page headline and photo was of Cecilia Butler and Arlene Arikpo of the Washington Park Community Coalition standing in the foreground of a power tower on 55th and Federal where Commonwealth Edison is constructing power lines. (Right) Today, a worker continue on the tower along 51st and Federal Street.



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Tenants to Manage Dearborn Homes Take-over expected this October

By Marnie A. Robinson
SSJ Writer

Residents of several south side Chicago Housing Authority developments are in the process of taking over management and other jobs currently held by CHA employees in the community.

In a dual management contract with CHA, the Dearborn Homes Residents Management Corporation of Dearborn Homes (DHRMC), tenants are training for about six months with current employes of CHA at the development in property management, leasing and maintenance supervising. Residents are expected to take charge this month.

"So far the training has been extensive, but I have grown a lot," said Gail Singleton, an on-sight manager in training.

In 1985, a group of Dearborn residents gathered and expressed their interest in tenant management. Today, tenants of seven other public housing developments in Chicago are involved in the program.

Currently six residents are being trained for positions as property managers, assistant property managers, leasing clerks and

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Sandra Falls, a Resident Advisory Council member

maintenance supervisors.

"Our goal is to demonstrate to CHA that tenants are able to assume responsibility and carry out services in the community," said Sharnita Donald, executive director of the Resident Management Corporation (RMC).

Dearborn Homes, located at 27th & State St., is a community consisting of sixteen buildings with a total of 800 units.

According to the Chicago Housing Authority, in 1993, approximately 136 incidences occurred in the community.

"My office sits right here where they shoot, but I'm not afraid. I know these young people," said Sandra Falls, a Resident Advisory Council member.

Falls, a long-time resident, admits that the tenants are capable of running a safer community.

"I think we can do a better job than the CHA. This is the only way we can succeed in public housing if we run it ourselves," she said.

DHRMC has established other programs such as a monthly newspaper, a job bank with the qualifications and job history of each resident; tutoring and employment programs for youths and adults; programs that allow

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mothers to bring their children with them to school; as well as an adult literacy program.

The Resident Management Corporation is a program designed for public housing residents to give a sense of control and ultimate responsibility for their particular development. This program allows residents the opportunity to change the conditions of the development to one that they could be proud of. Through residents management the residents are allowed to implement and monitor most activities.

Membership in RMC is open to all residents involved in the program. All members are encouraged to attend Resident Management Training Seminars sponsored by the Board and staff members. Training sessions are six weeks long and are held three times a year.

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Board Approves \$6.1 Million for Attendance Improvement : "Include the Truant Officers "

The Chicago Board of Education laid-off all of their truant officers on October 8, 1992 to \$4.0 million. Last week the Board approved \$6.1 million for an attendance improvement program for the current school year. No details of the program have been released. However, the expectation is that the Board has responded to public outcries to reinstate the truant officer program as formerly designed. Parents, principals, local school councils and the general public have all urged the Board: to rehire all laid-off truant officers; to fully fund the truancy program with central office money and to immediately fill all 153 truant officer positions. They have repeatedly pointed out reasons that the Board has the obligation to again establish, fund and maintain a viable truant officer program.

The most frequently mentioned reason was the necessity to regain the school and home contact that was generated through the hundreds of home visits that were made daily by truant officers. A few schools have been able to hire personnel under other job titles to make critical home visits. However, a major concern of those principals and their local school councils is that those positions lack the insurance coverage that truant officers have when performing their home visiting duty. Another vitally important reason that was emphasized was that truant officers are the only personnel legally charged, under the Illinois Compulsory School Attendance Code, with the authority and responsibility for investigating and filing truancy cases for court actions.

It is the desire of the public that the Board will not only fund and fill the former 153 truant officers positions, but that it also will add 27 truant officers to be used exclusively in the high school district. These additional truant officers will use computer and telephone technology in conjunction with home visits in an effort to improve the attendance and to reduce the drop-out rate of students age 16 and older.


The full implementation of the above described truant officer program could be the most cost effective manner: to enforce the compulsory school attendance laws; to increase the attendance rate; to produce more state funding; to decrease the number of chronic truants; to reduce the drop-out rate and to enhance the life chances of at-risk students.

The truant officers filed 385 court cases before 1992 lay-off, made referrals to D.C.F.S. and other agencies, of child abuse, neglect, poverty, domestic problems, etc., followed up on truant stops by police investigated reports, found homeless children, follow-up on students; assisted in counselors, social workers, etc. in obtaining parental cooperation to deliver needed services to families and thereby provide the safety net to catch and save the students who fall through the cracks in the school. Include the truant officers in the 1994-95 attendance improvement plan.

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By Beauty Turner

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The Vigil Against Violence is a group of concerned citizens that are against the drugs, gangs, and overall crime that are claiming people lives in record numbers.

The group go every Saturday in the Grand Boulevard area planting gardens and playgrounds, to create life instead of taking it away. They also have vigils where they have candle lights and recognizes the people that have lost their lives due to crimes.

As they read off the names of the deceased in memory of them. The beautiful garden is busting over with life, its bearing lovely vegetables, where there once was barren land.



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Residents of the area continue they task of beauting a vacant lot on 48th and Wabash, converting it into flower and vetetables gardens.

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Harris Bank Plans Branch on 47th and Drexel

by John Otrompke
SSJ Writer

Chicago-based Harris Bank announced plans to open a branch at 47th & Drexel as part of their overall growth project. The bank plans to open 25 new branches throughout Chicagoland. Harris joins Cole Taylor, 1st. Chicago, and Household Bank in opening branches in the Mid-South communities in the past two years.

Before they do so, however, they must apply to the Federal Reserve for permission.

The Federal Reserve monitors growth in the economy and institutes policies to guard against inflation and depressionary market crashes. With the passage of the Community Reinvestment Act, the Federal Reserve also guards minority neighborhoods and discrimination by banks and to other lenders. The legislation prohibited banks from opening new branch if the Federal Reserve determined that they were discriminating.

A spokesperson for Harris Bank said that their CRA rating were "satisfactory" for the past 2 years. Harris Bank regularly work with a southside community groups such as Kenwood Oakland Community Organization, ACORN, the Chicago Rehab Network, CWED, the Urban League, Illinois Neighborhood Institute, and many others, she said.

The spokesperson also said Harris is active on the Empowerment Zone council.

Cooperation from banks is especially important for community organizations because such groups frequently receive very little assistance from the government's Community Development Block Grant program, *South Street Journal* research has shown.

The announcement to open the branch at 47th & Drexel coincides with passage of the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Act recently signed by President Clinton. The Act will make things easier for community bank which lend moneys for development in some disinvested neighborhoods where other institutions are unable to loan money. CDFT's loans more money in such areas and yet have very low default rates, with more than 98% of their loans being paid back, according to a recent study by Chicago's Woodstock Institute.

Harris Bank's spokesperson said they invested with Chicago's First Community Development Financial Institution and South Shore Bank, two years ago.

Harris Bank already has \$427 million in outstanding loans in the communities where they hope to branch, and they have been involved in the construction or renovation of 500 housing units there.

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Social Security Administration SSI Outreach Grant



The Chicago Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) has received a \$110,000 grant from the Social Security Administration (SSA) to help identify individuals with disabilities who are income-eligible and are equipped with the appropriate information and documentation necessary to successfully apply for SSI benefits.

For more information regarding programs for persons with disabilities, contact MOPD at 312-746-4SSI or 312-746-5715 (TTY/TT).

Community City Services Fairs Scheduled

Information on the hundreds of city programs and services available to increase public safety and for other community improvements will be offered to the public at special resource fairs sponsored by the mayor this fall in each Chicago police dist. Service fairs for residents in the Mid-South area are from 7 to 9 p.m. are:

Oct. 13 - Grant Memorial Church, 4025 S. Drexel.

Oct. 18 - King Center, 4314 S. Cottage.

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Free classes begin every eight weeks at the King Center, 4314 S. Cottage Grove. Enroll in GED, English as a Second Language, adult basic education, reading, writing, and math. Classes are held every Monday and Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m., and Tuesday and Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. Contact Ms. Adams at 747-2300 evening or Ms. Johnson at 747-2279 days.

Applications for free job training and job placement with GED preparation are still available thru May 31, 1995. Call Chicago's Department of Health at 747-3540 for an appointment and information.

1995 Black Music Festival Showcase - Label Auditions.

Audition tapes are now being accepted for the upcoming showcase held February 18-19, 1995 in Chicago. The showcase highlights the country's best blues, jazz, gospel, rhythm, and blues, reggae, and rap musical acts. Contact Spectrum Communications at 268-8286 for information.

African-American Historical Tour of Chicago. Take a field trip with the Field Museum and discover Chicago's African-American heritage. DuSable's settlement site, the Underground Railroad Network in downtown Chicago, the birthplace of gospel music, Bronzeville, and other interesting places. Also, stop by Gladys' Luncheonette restaurant. Call 922-9410 for information.

57 Chicagoans Honored In Chicago Portraits Exhibition

Fifty-seven Chicagoans from five diverse communities are being saluted by the City of Chicago Dept. of Cultural Affairs in Chicago Portraits, a traveling exhibition that will be on display in 5 community cultural centers and the downtown Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington. The exhibition will be on display throughout the year, beginning Sept. 30 through Oct. 29 at the DuSable Museum of African American History, 740 E. 56th St. Admission to the exhibition is free.

A project of the department's Chicago Coalition of Community Cultural Centers, Chicago Portraits is a collaboration aimed at providing citywide recognition of individuals within these diverse communities. Each of the 5 participating community cultural centers selected 10 individuals or families who have made significant but under-recognized contributions to their communities.

Participants selected for the DuSable exhibit are: Phil Cochran, musician/community involvement; Margaret Nicole Davis, leader on women's issues and services; William A. Davis; Arthel F. Davy, blind newspaper operator and president of the Children's Life Enrichment Fund; Luster Jackson; Rev. Wilfred Reid, former pastor, St. Stephens A.M.E. Church, former president Operation PUSH, former trustee, DuSable Museum, and founder of St. Stephens Terrace Co.; Thelma K. Wheaton; Nathaniel Willis, Ph.D., founder of Council of Biomedical Careers; Muriel Braxton Wilson, co-founder

AAGHSC; and Consuela York, minister to Cook County prisoners.

Center for Black Music Research Receives \$247,000 Grant from Rockefeller Foundation

The Center for Black Music Research of Columbia College has received a \$247,000 grant from the Rockefeller Foundation.

The grant will enable the CBMR to award six fellowships to allow scholars to focus on the common threads that bind African-American, Latin American, European, and European-derived intellectual, cultural, and artistic knowledge and activity.

Two fellowships will be awarded each academic year during 1995-96, 1996-97, and 1997-98, one for ten months and one for 6 months. Fellows will be required to be in full-time residence at Columbia College during the period of the appointment.

Fellows in residence for 10 months will receive a \$35,000 stipend and those for six months will receive \$15,000; all will receive an allowance for moving, travel, and housing.

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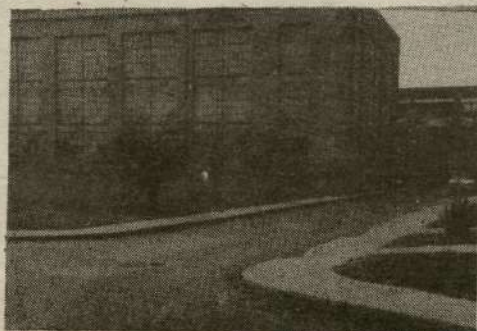
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1976, he went on to graduate from the University of Houston. Like most young men growing in Chicago, Chappell had to do a lot of fighting to protect five young brothers, and he hustled on the streets to make a few dollars to help support his family.

Over the past three years he has worked to organize a base of political and economic support that would empower low-income families not only in the Fuller Park but all over the 3rd ward, where he is focusing on becoming a

candidate for alderman. This is among the reasons why he is "Someone You Should Know."

How did you get started?

My initial involvement came as a result just knowing the issues and being involved in community activities. Starting in 1989 with a small organization called the SEBIS Group (South East Bridgeport Inner action Society) this group was dissolved after we were

remapped into the 3rd Ward from the 11th Ward. After 1991, he was a member of the Neighbors of Fuller Park, which led me to the Let's Unite our Community for Keeps (LUCK) Community Organization. Presently, I am president and new chairman of the Fuller Park Advisory Council, Inc.

In June, 1994 he was also named to the board of the New Englewood-Village Collaboration in the Empowerment Zone and Enterprising Community Process. That will bring millions of dollars in federal grant money, which will empower the low-income community in our area. Involvement is a trait that comes second nature to me.

How do you view the community?

I have a strong view of my community throughout...I will fight for each and every person in my community. I see the gentrification of the community, high income moving the low income out instead of working with the community.

What is the solution to the problem of the area?

Grassroot leadership must come together in collaborative coalition. Organize around public policy initiatives that will lead to a community development process that holds

black politician accountable to a development agenda that will create new-institution of economic empowerment, these will provide employment. Our elected officials must realize that being elected does not make them kings of their own kingdom, we will continue to be under funded and neglected and remain stagnant with little hope of building our community.

What do your friend say about you?

It all depends on who you talk to. Long-time friends say that I possess a youthful enthusiasm and a sincere desire to succeed. Some describe me as a bright, aggressive, eager, take charge individual with excellent ability to interact with people of different backgrounds.

Do have you a family?

I am a divorcee. I have a 7-year-old son named Brandon David Chappell. Alone with my mother, who is recovering from a stroke, my grandparents passed away in the 80s, my family has four generations in Fuller Park that go back to 1939.

What are your goals?

To continually strive for self-improvement and fairness and equality for my community. To become an outstanding grassroot community leader. To empower not only in my home base of Fuller Park, but to empower all of the low-income community.

Antonio Chappell

A product of Princeton Ave. in Fuller Park. Antonio Chappell lived in and out the of the Fuller Park community for the past 29 years. (A community located between 39th and 55th Street, Dan Ryan to Steward.) Chappell was born on May 8, 1960 in Augsburg, Germany, to A.M. and Evia Chappell. He attended Hendricks and St. Cecilia Elementary schools. Chappell also attendant Mt. Carmel, Simeon, and Tilden Tech High Schools where he graduated in

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also been effective in generating awareness and unity, and is one of four components in PUSH's strategic plan to "reclaim our children and our community."

For more information about PUSH's Reclaim Our Youth mentor training program call (312) 373-3366.

Interested persons or organization seeking to contribute to the "Bounty Fund For Community Safety" can send their check or money order to: Illinois Service Federal Bank 4619 S. King Drive. Chicago, Illinois

PHI Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. Upsilon Sigma Chapter

On Saturday, October 22nd the men of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Upsilon Chapter cordially invites the community to their Annual Scholarship Affair, Meeting The Challenge".

The event will take place at Hermann Hall -- Illinois Institute of Technology, 3241 South Ferial Street, from 6:30 pm - 12:00 am

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Washington Park's Drama Dept. Set For New Season

The Washington Park Drama Department, under the direction of Van Jackson, invites children and teens to audition and participate in their youth theater. The first play will be "The Brave Little Tailor" set for later this

month.

The youth will also participate in a speech tournament in November and celebrate Kwanzaa in December. Come on in. Get signed up and get involved.

For information call the Washington Park Fieldhouse, 5531 S. King Dr. at 684-6530.



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Voter Registration in Public Schools

During this election year, one race to the finish line will take place long before voters go to the polls on November 8th.

That's because schools will square-off in Chicago's first ever "Register to Vote" contest to determine which school can register the highest number of new voters per student. Sponsored by the City-Wide Coalition for School Reform, a school reform advocacy group, the contest began September 26, and will run to October 7.

WGCI-FM will recognize the winning school with a student assembly hosted by some of its popular radio personalities and a surprise celebrity guest. Promotional gifts will be distributed to each individual student.

The Chicago Board of Education declared September 26, 1994 as "Register the Vote Day" in the Chicago Public Schools kicked-off the competition by tuning in to WTTW/Channel 11's broadcast of "Eyes On The Prize - Bridge To Freedom 1965." The episode of the award-winning documentary explored the efforts by civil rights activists in Selma, Alabama, to secure voting rights for African-Americans.

"By educating students on the importance of the importance of the right to vote, and the extraordinary price that people have paid to secure it, we hope to inspire them to be the driving force in getting parents and other members of their communities to come into the school and register to vote," said Ken McNeil, executive director of City-Wide Coalition.

With more than 400,000 children enrolled in public schools, this effort can make a significant difference in the outcome of the November elections," he added.

"We're extremely pleased that numerous organizations have recognized the overall impact this campaign can have in changing elected officials' attitudes toward helping our schools," McNeil continued.

Participating organizations in the campaign include: The Chicago Principals Association, Chicago Teachers Union, WTTW/Channel 11, WGCI-AM and FM, Chicago Urban League, Latino Institute, Centers for New Horizons (of Mid South area), Parents United for Responsible Education, and the Cook County Clerk's office.

"With the financial and other difficulties facing public education in the City of Chicago, we must make sure that people with an interest in the success of our public schools make their voices heard by registering and voting," said McNeil. "This is the first step Chicagoans can take toward resolving these problems."

Persons interested in finding out if their school is participating in the "Register to Vote" contest, or would like to volunteer to become a deputy registrar, should call the City-Wide Coalition at 322-4884.

Participating Schools in the Mid-South area:
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 Contact: Mr. Elder
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 Contact: Mr. Humphries
 535-1675

Farren
 5055 S. State St.
 Contact: Hattie Watt
 535-1440

Fuller
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 Principal: Judith Riggins
 535-1687

Graham Training Center
 2347 S. Wabash
 Principal: Moses Ross
 535-9257

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 535-1180

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 535-1790

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 535-1804

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What the youth say about Haiti

Tanso (L) and Ryno.

Ryno "I think we should have an obligation to take care of those people. We spent money on other parts of the world. Why not?"

"First Choice" Activities for Youth 7-17 years

Open ceremonies were held September 28, for the "First Choice" Program, which is designed to provide positive alternatives to gangs for up to 450 young people from low-income areas of Chicago.

The program, operated by the Illinois National Guard and funded through the City of Chicago's Community Development Block Grant program, kick off at the Jones Army, 5200 S. Cottage Grove Ave.

Young people, ages seven to 17 are eligible for enrollment in the program, which is designed to provide a long-term positive impact on the health and life skills development of the participants.

Those enrolled in the program will participate in activities from 3:30 pm to 7 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during each week through June of 1995. The activities will include tutoring and physical training programs, which are also designed to provide mentoring opportunities with positive role models.

The program will also be provided at 1910 South Calumet Ave. on the Near South Side.

For further information contact John Holden at 744-2604.

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Voter Registration

calls, printing costs, and meetings.

"We don't know who got the funds. People are receiving money or are being reimbursed (for expenses) after voter registration is completed," said James Hill, vice chairman of PMVRE.

"The point is that the amount of money is insufficient to amount to any real appreciable voter registration campaign. What's more



SSJ Photo by Eugene Kimmons

Attending a planning meeting for increasing registered voters in the Mid-South area are (L-R), James Hill, People's Movement for Voter Registration, Marnie Robertson, SSJ; Dino McNeal, Freedom Now Center; Ron Carter, SSJ; and Chris Moore, SSJ and the Chicago Urban League.

detrimental is that the little money that is available, they (the Democratic Party) are waiting until the last minute to hand it out," said Hill.

Despite money problems, group leaders scheduled a calendar of events, which would consist of voter registration and educational rallies to increase voter potential prior to the

October 11 cut-off.

City and county residents can register at any public library, ward office or City Hall for city residents. In addition, voter registration sites are throughout the city.

For more voter registration information, contact the county, your ward office, or the City of Chicago.

Voter Education and Registration Events:

Sept 26 to October 7 - Chicago Public School sponsor "Register to Vote" contest

Sept. 29 - Register at any college or university, countywide.

Oct. 8 - Grocery Day. Register to vote at any Jewel, Dominick's, or Omni food store.

Oct. 11 - "Active Vote" sponsored by Cook County Board of Election to involve registered voters in the election.

Registration deadline is **October 11.**

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The Checkerboard Lounge

get converted. When Pitts started working for the Checkerboard she didn't like blues, but the response from so many other races influenced her. German, Australians, and even Chinese travelled afar to get a taste of the Checkerboard first-hand.

Pitts, admits to how family oriented everyone at the Checkerboard is. "No one gets discriminated against, it's like a family," she says.

Laura Odom, a supporter and wife of the late blues singer B.B. Odom, says her husband

played with some of the greats at the Checkerboard. His songs can even be heard on the jukebox regularly at the lounge.

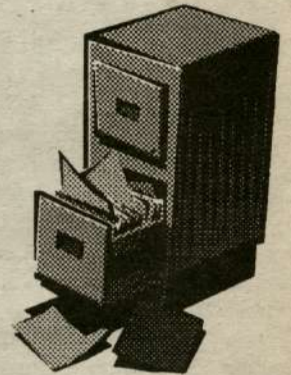
The Checkerboard also offers a variety of entertainment including "The Black Lone Ranger" who adorns a black mask hiding his face. When asked about the "Ranger's" identity, Williams laughs and replies "everyone knows who he is, but you will never see him without his mask, even when he's outside." He adds that the audience love

when the "Ranger" sings and does his act with his guns.

There are a lot of stories to be heard and even more to be told about the Checkerboard Lounge. Its history is amazing and very impressive. They dare anyone to visit for one night and not get hooked. No matter what color or age you are (although they firmly abide by the 21 and older rule) you'll have a good down home time. And, if you like some home eating, the Checkerboard is planning their "Soul Food Jam" on October 2. Food, fun, and music are on the menu.

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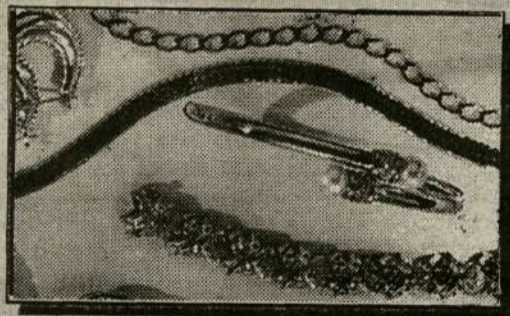
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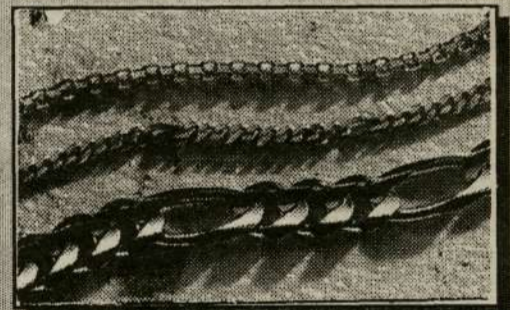
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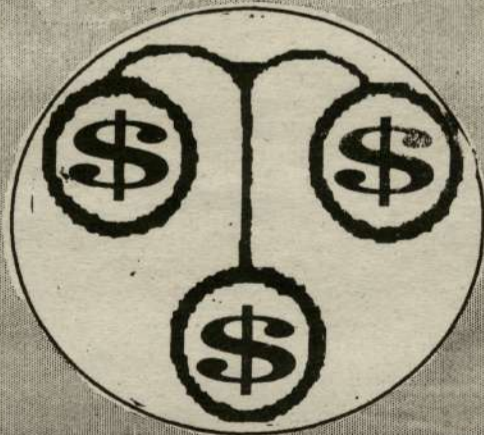


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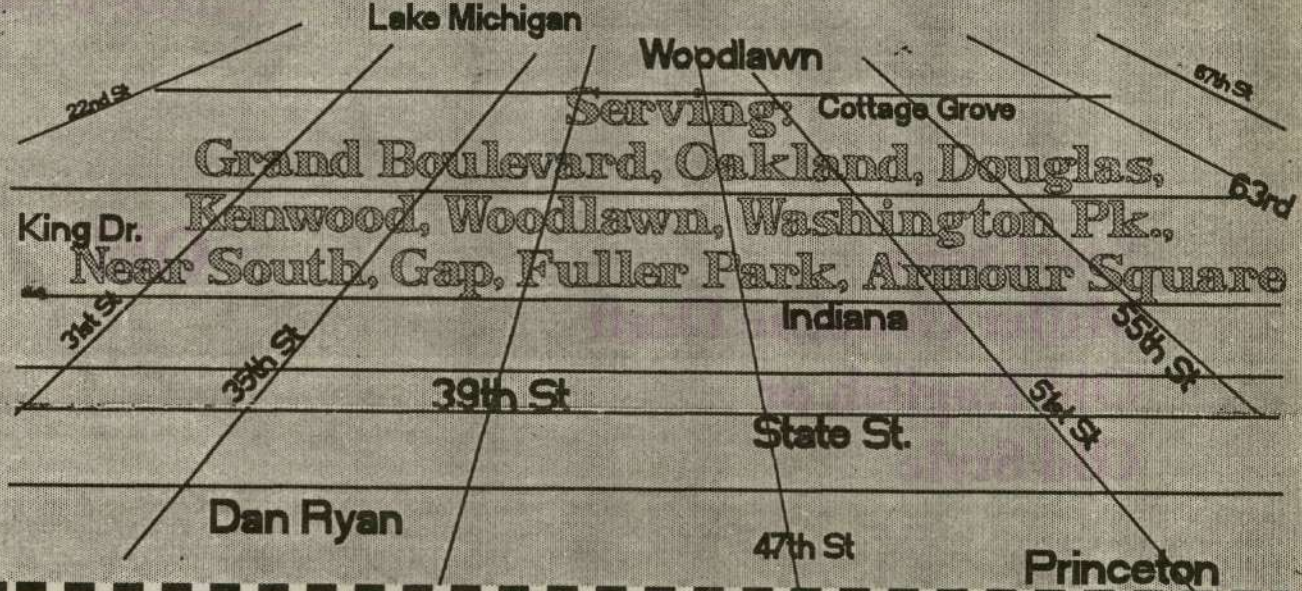
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