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Proposed Family Entertainment Complex, 39th Cottage meets opposition

With an estimated expenditure potential at over \$40 million, the vision of Inner City Youth Foundation (ICYF) to create jobs and benefits in the form of a entertainment complex, has run into a wall of opposition.

The proposed complex on 39th and Cottage includes a 12-14 Screen Movie Theater, Indoor Go-Cart Land, Bowling Alley, Children Amusement Rides, Arcade and Music Studio, A Food Court (consisting of food carts and youth managed concession stands) and a Day Care Center and would be constructed on the land at Oakwood/Drexel/Cottage Grove (3900 South and 700 East to 1000 East).

In opposition to the Entertainment Complex the utilization of this land has not gone unnoticed by the city. Maintaining that it is on Park District property, plans are in effect to reconfigure Pershing Road and Oakwood Boulevard between Cottage Grove and Lake Park Ave. (designated site for Complex) to create smoother access to the Outer Drive.

The project is sponsored by the Chicago Park District and the Illinois Dept. of Transportation and has the sanction of the North Kenwood/Oakland Conservation Community Council (CCC).

Shirley Newsome, Director, CCC says "This land is Park District Property and the road is the driving force behind any construction that would take place on it." "The plans for the park have been approved and construction is scheduled for the summer of 1995. As far as a family entertainment complex is concerned, that proposal was brought up at a meet-



Ald. Preckwinkle



Christine Perkins



Shirley Newsome

ing, but the idea was not picked up."

Christine Perkins, Director, ICYF still organizing for the complex says it could attract major economic impact to the Mid South.

"Because of the number of families in Douglas community, there is a desperate need for entertainment that can address all age groups. We feel that a large public project such as a family entertainment complex would not only provide jobs, but also reduce crime by providing a constructive family-based activity."

In the Douglas, Grand Boulevard and Kenwood-Oakland communities, there is an estimated retail expenditure potential of approximately \$157 million. The estimate is based on typical spending patterns of households throughout the Midwest and has been adjusted for income levels. This site lies within the Kenwood-Oakland and Grand Boulevard community area, along Chicago's Lakefront. This area originally housed the first Walgreens Drug Store and Warehouse, as well as, banks, theaters, and hotels.

"For over twenty years this land has been open and vacant," Perkins stated, "This area has been deprived of small business shops, shopping malls, and children's entertainment for too long, even though a population of 65,550 sits adjacent to the land, with an expenditure potential of \$157,392,900 why not make it convenient for the community to shop and play in their own neighborhood."

Alderman Preckwinkle pronounced the "connector project" which would be part of the park is a

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CHA Residents March, Joins in Empowerment Zone meeting



SSJ Photos by Hilbert C. Sandifer

(Above) Residents of Robert Taylor Homes marches out from 52nd and State as (r) a marching supporter looks on to Taylor "B" president, Ethel Washington address people on the purpose of the march.

As many elected officials and candidates attended a candidates forum at Operation PUSH addressing a small crowd, over 400 residents and youth took part in a protest on Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) on Saturday, November 5, lead by CHA Taylor "B" Local Advisory Council president Ethel Washington.

As the rain came down marchers started from 53rd and State Street going north to Stateway Gardens, 35th and State Street; turning back south on Federal Street, ending at 51st and Federal to meet on the Empowerment Zone program. A federal project that would have a potential \$33 million impact on the Mid-South Communities.

"Why didn't some of the politicians come out," ask Ethel Washington. "It would have made a difference in the community, it would have encourage the people to come out to vote."

Election day showed that Ms. Washington was right. Robert Taylor Homes had a very low voter turn-out. Washington said there were no campaigning on election day, no fliers, no precinct captains, no encourage at all to vote from no candidate or elected official.

With the majority of the youth members of Century 21 VOTE, Washington denounce any ideal that the march was made up of gang members.

"Give the youth a some credit. Based on the constant pressure of living here. They do care what's happening in the community," said Washington. "I looked at the faces of the youth out here and it is a look of caring. I have the same pain for them as if they are my own. If you can't get the leaders in this community to come out, I will work with anyone to bring justice to this community, I will be a gang member if that's the case."

As people joined in the march, CHA officials and Alderman Dorothy Tillman (3) stood on the side and watched. Two candidates for 3rd ward alderman took part in the march, Wallace "Gator" Bradley and Anotno Chapple.

"We (21st Century VOTE) are here in support of

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Renaissance Apartments/Plaisance Place Grand Opening Mayor Daley Leads Tour

By Beverly A. Reed

On November 9, a dedication was held to herald the progress of Renaissance Apartments a six building, 117 unit affordable rental rehab in the Central Woodlawn Community. Despite the steady downpour of rain, the Renaissance Apt. leasing office was nearly filled to capacity, as Woodlawn housing activists, area residents, housing developers, and politicians came together to support this newest addition to the ongoing commitment to rebuild the Woodlawn Community.

The project was developed through a partnership between the Woodlawn Preservation and Investment Corporation (WPIC) and

Neighborhood Reinvestment Resources Corp. Bishop Arthur M. Brazier, Chairman of the Board (WPIC) acted as master of ceremonies introducing, Saul H Klibanow, Pres. & CEO of NRR, 20th Ward Alderwoman Arenda Troutman, Commissioner, Dept. of Housing, Marina Carrott, Commissioner, Dept. of Planning and Development, Valerie Jarrett and the Mayor of Chicago, Richard M. Daley.

The atmosphere was charged with excitement as Alderwoman Troutman described Renaissance Apts. as a "chapter in the book," relating that "this chapter is done, but the book is far from over" in the Woodlawn Community. The Alderwoman also praised



Left to right: Monica and Myra Dixon, new residents of Renaissance Apts. are presented with the keys by Saul H. Klibanow, President & CEO, NRR, A RESCORP Company, and The Honorable Richard M. Daley.

Mayor Daley for his commitment to this project. Commissioner Marina Carrott and Commissioner Valerie Jarrett agreed on the necessity for economically integrated properties and stressed the importance of community involvement at all levels. Commissioner went on to say "we are celebrating the new by making good use of the old."

Mayor Daley spoke about the necessity of the city working with community organizations, such as WPIC and KOCO to rebuild and build anew. He also warned developers about the detriments of not providing parking for multi-unit buildings, citing the fact that many city dwellers often base their decision to move into a neighborhood whether there is adequate

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The UnZipped

WO, CHA Tenant Chairperson Artensa Randolph and some 2,000 Chicagoans were in Springfield by Mayor Daley to support his Safe Neighborhoods Crime bill which includes keeping jails filled up for the suburban people and tapping telephones of people suspected of gang activities. Sound like Bobby Rush days during the Black Panther's raids.

Looks like the City of Chicago's Planning Commission is all set to designate Grand Boulevard community the Black Metropolis Historic District as a Chicago Landmark paving the way for a National Historic Tourism Destination. African-American Tourism is a \$6.4 Billion Industry.....Informed sources says Alderman Dorothy Tillman is working behind the scene to block the historical designation. Says it may threaten the Lou Rawls project on 47th & King. However, Tillman and company will receive about \$250,000 for the project. Thanks to State Rep. Lou Jones.

On the rest of the Black Alderman in Mid-South - Troutman, Preckwinkle, Haithcock along with Tillman are part of the Black Caucus that's forming in City Hall.

An active Woodlawn election judge said Dino McNeal had more election judges on election day in the 20th Ward than anyone.....And word is that former alderman Cliff Kelly may be the chose for mayor for the Harold Washington Party in case Rush, Gardner, or even Roland Burris do not get the democratic nomination..... and on Burriss, Mid-South is doing it again. Liberty Baptist Church on 48th and King drive is the location this Saturday at 2 pm for a mass meeting to draft him to run for Mayor.

The many hats of Angelo Rose, not only is he head of AHkenaton Development Corp. and Mid-South Planning and Development Commission he is also a professor at Spertus College in the Loop.



Community Briefs

Victory Sculpture A Veterans Everyday salute on 35th Street & King Drive

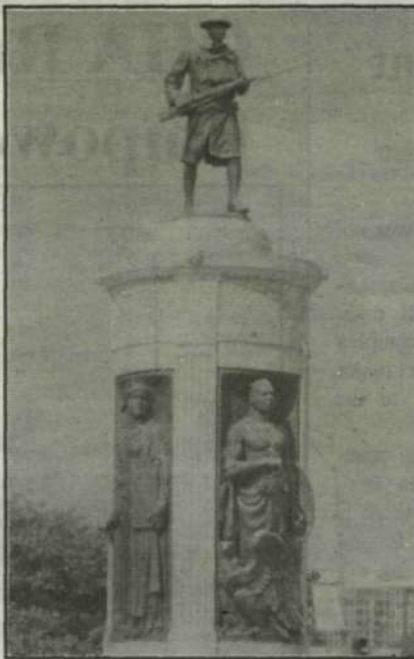
When World War I ended, the Black community rallied to honor the Eighth Regiment of the Illinois National Guard, which served in France under the 370th U.S. Infantry.

A memorial tablet was placed on the Eighth Regiment Armory (35th & Giles, named for Lt. George L. Giles, highest ranking officer killed in action) honoring members who died in service. The community petitioned for the erection of a monument befitting the valor of the "Fighting Eighth."

Proposals for a permanent monument on Grand Boulevard in the vicinity of 35th Street were met with opposition by the South Park Commission, who controlled the Boulevard system. The Commission maintained, there was no space for the monument, but changed their position after the *Chicago Defender* began a successful "Vote No" campaign against the commission board. Funded jointly by the South Park Commission and the State of Illinois, the sculpture was designed and executed by French-born sculptor Leonard Crunelle (1872-1944).

The monument was dedicated on Armistice Day, November 11, 1928. In 1936, the figure of a uniformed World War I Black doughboy was added.

The sculpture is one of the most famous landmarks of Chicago's Black community, and is the site of an annual Memorial Day ceremony when the surviving members of the "Fighting Eighth" gather to honor the memory of their fallen comrades.



Woodlawn Maternal Child Care Center receives donation from Masons

The members of Western Consistory #28 (42nd Cottage Grove, Prince Hall Affiliation, in their continuing commitment to the Mid South Community's disadvantaged residents, donated a "substantial" amount of milk and pampers to the Woodlawn Maternal Child Care Center (WMCHC).

As a result of this donation, emergency assistance will be provided to the many unmarried, underprivileged teenage Black girls with small children who come to the center for help. Helen Kinney, Social Service Director for WMCHC stated "the donation was timely and the efforts of the organization is very much appreciated."

James Collier and Ernest Johnson, who chair the Consistory's charity project, voiced their commitment and dedication by pledging to their maintain ongoing support of WMCHC.



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Former Bronzeville (Grand Boulevard) resident Gwendolyn Brooks, Poet Laureate of Illinois, shares a moment with Woodlawn resident, Beverly Reed, Associate Editor, South Street Journal at the Harold Washington Library's dedication of their "Poets Room". Ms. Reed has just released her latest book of poetry "Welcome to BevWorld".

"Views of the Blues" exhibit at the Harold Washington Library, 400 S. State, showcases Junior Wells, Checkerboard Lounge, and other neighborhood Blues performers until the end of January. Photos by former Mid-South resident Ronald Heard.

Nov. Calendar of Events



Thursday, 17

North Kenwood Community Conservation Council (CCC) will meet to hear seven builders who will make presentations on development projects in the community. Residents, will have an opportunity to ask questions to the builders. The meeting will be held at Kennicott Park, 45th and Lake Park, at 6:30.

Black Women's Caucus presents their 4th Annual Black Maleness Speakers and Awards Program entitled "Elevating African American Standards In Our Communities in 1994" at Harold Washington Library, 30 E. Lake St., Room 104, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. Call Prof. Sandra Jefferson at 553-6025.

Youth Committee of Darrow Homes Talent Throw at Lincoln Centre, 3858 S. Cottage. Open to all interested persons.

Monday, 21

TAIFA Black Awareness Group holds classes in Black history, leadership, conflict resolution and more from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Woodlake Community Room, 4514 S. Lake Park. Call Brother Aaron at 548-7500.

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

Tuesday, 22

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

Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago 4th annual community Thanksgiving dinner. Last year they feed over 300 people and the goal this year is projected between 400 to 500 people due to the success of last years dinner. The event will be from 3:00 p.m. until. You can make your contributions no later than Friday, November 18, 1994.

Donations can be brought over to the Club 5120 S. Federal or they will make arrangements to have them picked up.

Wednesday, 23

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.

CAPS Beat 314 meeting, Stony Island YMCA, 63rd and Stony Island, 7:00 pm for further information contact: Third District neighborhood Relations office - 747-7004.

Thursday, 24 Thanksgiving Day

Prince Hall Masons of the State of Illinois sponsors their annual Thanksgiving Dinner beginning at 10 a.m. at Prince Hall Masonic Temple, 809 E. 42nd Pl. Event benefits the less fortunate. Everyone invited. For information call 373-2729.

Friday, 25

"This One for Harold Washington" A Memorial in honor of former Mayor Harold Washington sponsored by Freedom Now Center with special guest Commissioner Joe Gardner. To be held at the FNC office 6351 S. Cottage, 6 pm. For information call will hold

Wednesday, 30

Wells School Raffle, Extended Wells Preparatory School has extended the sale of raffle tickets until Nov. 30. The drawing will be Dec. 2. Their goal of \$2,500 has not been reached. Call the school at 534-7010 to purchase your ticket.

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Tuesday, 6

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

Thursday, 8

The African World Research Institute presents "Kwanzaa: Moving From Celebration to Practice" from 7 to 9 p.m. at Kennedy-King College, 6800 S. Wentworth. Free and open to the public. For information call (708) 331-3436.

Fri./Sun. 9-11

DuSable African Indoor Market bazaar offers holiday shopping with local artists and vendors from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Call 947-0600 ext. 245 for information.

Saturday 10

Come Christmas & Kwanzaa Shopping The Harris YWCA (6200 S. Drexel) is offering a shopping trip to Gurnee Mills buses leave at 8:30am and return at 6:00p.m. cost \$15 register in person or by mail Deadline is December 2

Next issue: SSJ, Dec. 1
Deadline is November 24.

SSJ 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.

South Street Journal Photo View

There are two plans to develop the corner of 39th and Cottage; one is for a park area and the other is for a family entertainment center, which one would you prefer?



"The latter. We have parks and the kids would be just hanging out. The center would be more beneficial to everyone in the community. And businesses would be a great benefit for needed jobs"

Linda Lewis
35th and Cottage



"What about both? The area use to be a park area with the fountain in the middle. It falls in line with Daniel Burnham plans for open space. A small version of an entertainment center would enhance the community. The area has been over looked for business growth for a long time. this would help."

Angela Sneed, Probation Officer in the area & Former resident

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The Renaissance Apartments in Woodlawn

When Woodlawn Preservation and Investment Corporation (WPIC) and Neighborhood Reinvestment Resources Corp. (a RESCORP Co.) came together to create a plan to reduce the number of abandoned buildings in the Woodlawn Community, no one expected the results that are Renaissance Apartments. 117 units with 1-4 bedrooms in six buildings located between Ellis and Kenwood from 61st to 62nd Street. The apartments feature euro-style cabinets, brand new appliances, wall to wall carpeting and on-site laundry facilities.

Marguerite Malloy, Vice-President, Neighborhood Reinvestment Resources (NRR) provide insight on the organization and implementation of this project. Malloy told *South Street Journal* she joined the project after the initial plans had been laid out, but was eager to incorporate her ideas and energy to it.

The financing for pre-construction was provided by Cole Taylor, Harris Trust, Hyde Park, Northern Trust and Savings of America. Lenders included Savings of America (1st Mortgage), Chicago Department of Housing (2nd Mortgage), Chicago Low Income Housing Trust Fund (3rd Mortgage), and the Equity was provided by

Chicago Equity Fund. The general contractor (chosen by negotiated bid) for the project is Linn-Mathes, Inc.

When asked about the percentage of minorities involved in the actual construction, Malloy expressed her approval of the accessibility given to minority subcontractors

as well as the high visibility of minority worker on the site, which she credits with the low amount of vandalism to the property.

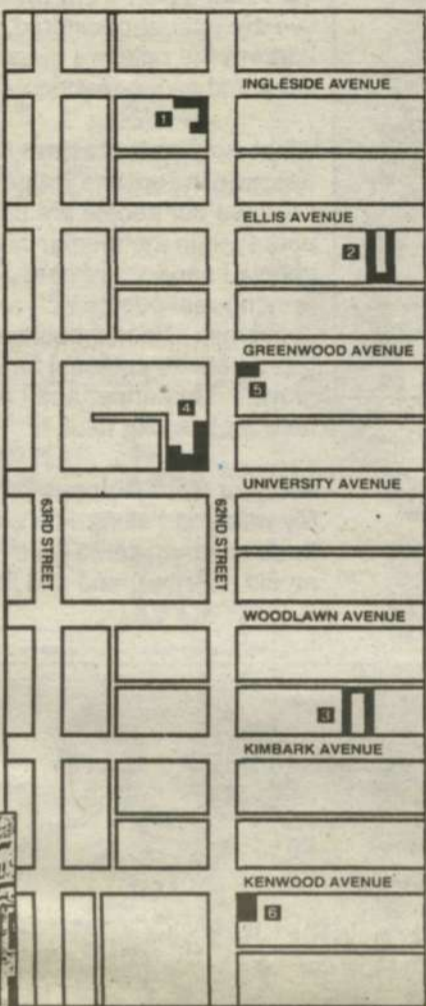
Malloy also noted the solicitation of Operation PUSH to announce the availability of jobs in their weekly meetings by, Linn-Mathes.

Malloy fielded questions concerning rental requirements to June Webb, Manager, Renaissance Leasing Office and Yvonne Newberry, Leasing Agent.

The leasing office is located at 6107 So. Ellis and handles the rental arrangements for all of the available units. The units are 23% leased with three-fourths of those being leased by current Woodlawn residents. Potential renters are asked a series of qualifying

questions, (income, family size, etc.) which determines their classification. Qualified applicants fill out a pre-application form and are placed on a waiting list. Applicants selected are given an appointment to fill out a formal application and bring required documentation. Those selected receive a home visit and orientation. This is done to ensure that the prospective tenant is fully aware of the rules and regulations of the complex and agrees to remain in compliance with them.

Plans have been announced to begin Phase II of the Renaissance Project which will consist of 80 additional units, scheduled for completion in 1996.



(Right) Locations of the Renaissance apartments in the woodlawn community Below is 6107 S. Ellis which had it's open house (Story page 1)



- 6201-07 South Ingleside
- 6107-15 South Ellis
- 6114-24 South Kimbark
- 6200-08 South University
- 6153-59 South Greenwood
- 6153-59 South Kenwood

Residents Meet on Empowerment Zone

Residents from Oakland, Robert Taylor Homes, Woodlawn, and Fuller Park met recently to get a better understanding and take part in the Empowerment Zone process targeted for the Mid-South area.

Approximately 200 people attended four meetings held at Kennicott Fieldhouse, Robert Taylor Girls and Boys Club, Bessie Coleman Library, and Fuller Fieldhouse.

Empowerment Zone South Cluster members Angelo Rose, Doug Gill, Pierre Clark, and Cecilia Butler answered residents' questions ranging from "How will it be governed" to "How can the community be insured that they will be in control." City officials did not attend the open meeting.

Eventhough the concerns expressed were logical, the major issue was the City's as "the middle man" with \$33 million is targeted for the Mid-South communities through the Empowerment Zone initiative. The money will provide economic development and community revitalization through creating jobs and social services.

"We want to be our own physical agent," said Rose. "We don't need the city eating up 10% of the funding for administrative cost."

Butler said the South Side Cluster will continue with their outreach programs, which gives residents significant input about the Empowerment Zone.

"When the announcement is made about
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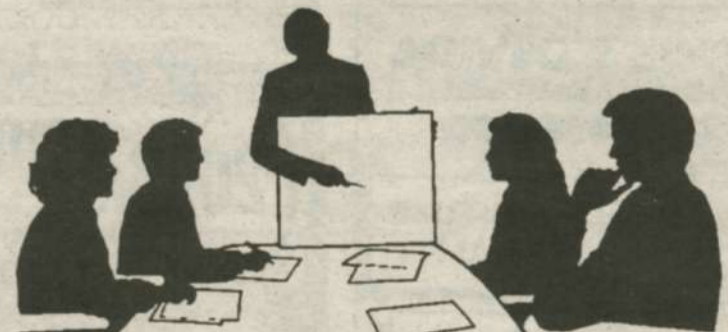
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Operation PUSH Hold Installation Service For New President

The regular Saturday Morning Community Forum will include the installation service for the newly elected president of Operation PUSH, the Reverend Jimmy Daniels. The Community Forum will begin at 10 A.M. at the National Headquarters, 930 E. 50th Street. PUSH Leadership will discuss the new initiatives for the organization as it enters into its 24th year.

According to Rev. Jimmy Daniels, "Operation Push will focus on spiritual regeneration, economic development/consumer power and educational empowerment. Pumping life back into the Commercial Division is another goal because there is an absence of jobs there is more crime. Connecting African American and other minority businesses with corporate America will benefit the community.

Operation PUSH has been without a president since Rev. Henry Williamson left that position. Rev. Daniels will operate as the Chief Executive Officer and official spokesperson. Operation PUSH is expected to grow and improve with this addition to the leadership.

ADD ONE/PUSH PRESIDENT

Rev. Daniels has served on the Board of Directors of Operation PUSH for the past seven years. He is also the pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Summit, Illinois, where he has led the congregation for the past 14 years. He is also the president and CEO of Total Facilities Maintenance Company in Wood Dale, Illinois. He was formerly the president of the MERC (Minority Resource Corporation) which was instrumental in initiating and maintaining a relationship between minority businesses and major corporations.

The Community Forum which is open to the community also airs on WGCI-AM and WJPC-AM. For more information call Operation PUSH, 312-373-3366.

Our Local Business Person



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Partners, Cynthia Wilkerson, D.D.S and William J Williams D.D.S. (pictured) have been practicing dentistry in

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What do you feel about the neighborhood and its people? I believe our people are unjustly portrayed in the media, the people I service are hard-working-real people with real concerns. The neighborhood has a definite potential for growth. My partner and I are here for the long haul.

Are you from Chicago? No, My wife and I along with our three children, came here to visit an old college friend and liked it

so much we decided to move here.

Where did you go to school? I attended Cornell University and the Meharry School of Dentistry.

What advice do you have for students studying dentistry? Learn your trade as much as possible in all aspects, orthodontics, periodicities and endodontics. Also be sure to get training in business management.

If not for dentistry, what career would you have chosen? Professional Golfer, no seriously. I believe I am doing what I was meant to do.

Dynamic Dental Service is located at 55th and the Dan Ryan. They are open Mon. thru Fri. 9:30a.m. - 6:00p.m. Sat. 8:00a.m. - 2:00p.m. call for appointment (312) 538-6191.

Adopt-A-Street

The 39th, 40th, & 41st South King Drive Block Club has joined The City's "Adopt-A-Street" program, pledging to keep its area free of litter, graffiti and other eyesores. The "Adopt-A-Street" program is a public-private partnership dedicated to neighborhood improvement. Pictured from left are: city aide Florence Goodwin, Virtral V. Burnett, Arizona Blalock, Director, Mayor's Office of Inquiry and Information Genevieve Brown, Streets & Sanitation Division Superintendent, Millicent Scott, Block Club President Melvin Warfield, Marguerite Tate and Bernice Eichelberger.



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Community Care Center located at 4314 S. Wabash has won a reputation as one of Chicago's premiere urban-based nursing homes. A staple in the community for over 20 years, the center was recently acquired by a new team of visionaries who are committed to its continued improvement. Management will showcase the new facility during an open house, Tuesday, November 29 from 5 PM to 7 PM. The public is invited to attend and refreshments will be served.

Community Care Center combines medical care with a caring and stable staff. The 204-bed facility offers many services that ease concerns of relatives. The center has earned high praise from doctors, residents and their relatives based on the high standard of medical care. Community Care Center, is a medic-aid-approved facility, provides skilled professional nursing services for short-term rehabilitative and long-term convalescent care. The staff works closely with the patient's physician in prescribing treatment and services. Specialized services include: 24-hour nursing care, Comprehensive rehabilitation program that includes physical, occupational and speech therapy, Respiratory Therapy, IV Therapy, Skin and Wound Care, as well as Hospice Care. Individual and Group Therapy is also available.

Dr. Alphonso Nobleza, is a specialist in Internal Medicine and Geriatrics who provides services for the residents at the facility. He said "I'm very impressed with Community Care Center. The staff is very professional

and very accommodating. The service they deliver to the residents is first class!" Dr. Nobleza continued to say, "The doctors who service residents have special training in chronic care and geriatrics so the medical services are top-notch."

Seniors enjoy a wide array of activities including aerobics classes, entertainment, field trips and health awareness seminars and screenings. Community Care Center also has volunteers who visit and provide companionship for the seniors.

The Center's "Adopt a Grandparent" program is particularly popular with the residents. Young people from area schools and agencies participate in this initiative. This cross-generational program encourages bonding between residents and young people. Community Care Center houses a non-denominational chapel, a barber shop and a gift shop. Geneva Minefee, a long-time resident of Community Care Center, raves about the facility. "I like it here because it is a place for us to call home." Mrs. DaVita Johnson who recently selected the center for her mother's care after an exhaustive search said. "When I was looking around for a place for my mother, I chose Community Care Center.

I wanted a place where staff was caring, knowledgeable and friendly. My mother loves it here because of the friendships she's made and the overall sense of fulfillment she feels here."

For more information, call 312/538/8300.



Residents of the 21st police district in the Oakland community had an opportunity to speak directly with top city officials and get details on municipal programs at the recent Mayor's City Services Fair at Grant Memorial Church, 4025 S. Drexel.

IIT Honors Representatives, community to U.S. Senators

Illinois Institute of Technology honored U.S. Senator Carol Mosley-Braun and Paul Simon and U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush at its third annual Community Recognition Awards dinner Nov. 10th.

IIT recognized the three legislators for their contributions to higher education and, in particular, for helping the university to win designation as a Research Hub for Advanced Battery and Fuel Cell Technology, a \$6 Million U.S. Army Research Office Program.

IIT also honored Community Recognition Award recipients: Patricia Dowell-Cerasoli executive director, and Angelo Rose, Chairman of the Board of the Mid-South Planning

Development Commission for Community Redevelopment; Tom Gray, President of Greater Chicago Neighborhoods for Continuing services to the community; Beverly Blackwood, Douglas Community Academy, for Education; Dr. Kenneth Schug, IIT chemistry professor, for Faculty Commitment to Community Enrichment; Jeanne Clark, Chicago police 21st district commander, for Public Service; Rosa Soto, IIT architecture student, for Student Community Service, and Leonard McGee, president of the Gap Community Organization, for Sustained Leadership to the community.

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Elected - Official Position

Congressman Bobby Rush

Marketed Jobs Receive Tax Credit

by U.S. Rep. Bobby L. Rush (D-IL)

When voters in the 1st district sent me to Washington almost two years ago, they sent with me a clear directive: find ways to keep our communities and neighborhoods safe and find jobs for our friends and family members who need work.

Last month, I had the great pleasure of joining President Clinton at the White House as he signed into law the \$30.2 billion crime bill, which gives our communities more police protection, takes guns out of the hands of juveniles, and earmarks thousands of dollars for vitally needed crime prevention programs. This legislation was an earnest first step by many of us on Congress to make Main Street safe again.

Just as the crime bill is a good first step toward dealing with the growing epidemic of crime and violence, I believe strongly that the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit (TJTC) can be a good starting point for generating full employment for all Americans. In fact, I view the TJTC as one of only a handful of federal programs designed to accomplish this difficult task. And it does so at a remarkably low cost: the average cost per job placement is about \$2,000—significantly less than other job programs.

The TJTC was created more than a decade ago to encourage private sector employment of disadvantaged individuals. It provides a tax credit to employers who hire—on short terms basis—veterans, young people, ex-offenders, AFDC recipients and others who face enormous economic obstacles.

But since its inception, the program has been unfortunately and unfairly plagued by lapses in funding and has not reached its full potential. Funding shortages have also contributed to inconsistencies within this program. Now, cost-conscious Administration officials are pointing their finger at the program. The TJTC is set to expire at the end

of this calendar year and some officials are saying that it is time for this program to go. I am deeply disappointed that these critics fail to see the enormous potential the TJTC has to assist our structurally unemployed citizens. Certainly, the program is not without its flaws. TJTC jobs are almost always low-wage and low-skill. And critics say that participation in these programs does not guarantee a livable wage or certain career advancement.

Furthermore, some say that the tax credits are windfalls to employers who would have hired the targeted disadvantaged workers anyway. But these problems point simply to a need to reform the program—not disband it altogether. The purpose of the TJTC is to provide opportunity where there is none. Instead of giving up on the very worthwhile goal intended by the TJTC, I have been working hard in Congress to instead encourage a permanent extension of the program while simultaneously undertaking the kind of reform needed to make the TJTC a more focused part of the solution to our country's job crisis.

Recently, I offered testimony before the Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures outlining some of my recommendations for reforming the TJTC. Perhaps the best way to turn around this program is to change the formula through which it applied.

Under current law, the TJTC allows employers to claim 40% of the first \$6,000 earned by an employee. The employee must be retained for least 90 days or 120 hours of work. Many say that administered this way, the tax credit encourages high employee turnover, which results in employers collecting multiple, windfall tax credits. By changing the credit percentage and employee wage base from which the tax credit is earned, we can eliminate potential abuse of the credit by employers and also discourage inadequate short-term employment rates.

These and other recommendations are by no means exhaustive. But they are an important starting point. So many of our country's social ills—drug use and drug trade, crime, climbing poverty rates—can be linked directly to the lack of employment opportunities for able-bodied men and women. This country sorely needs to generate jobs for these individuals.

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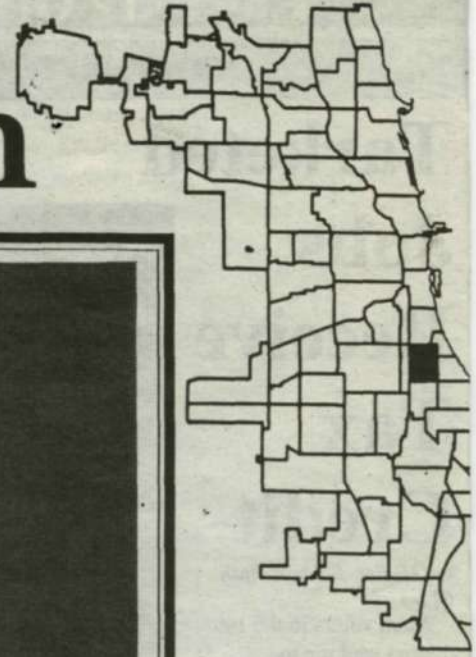
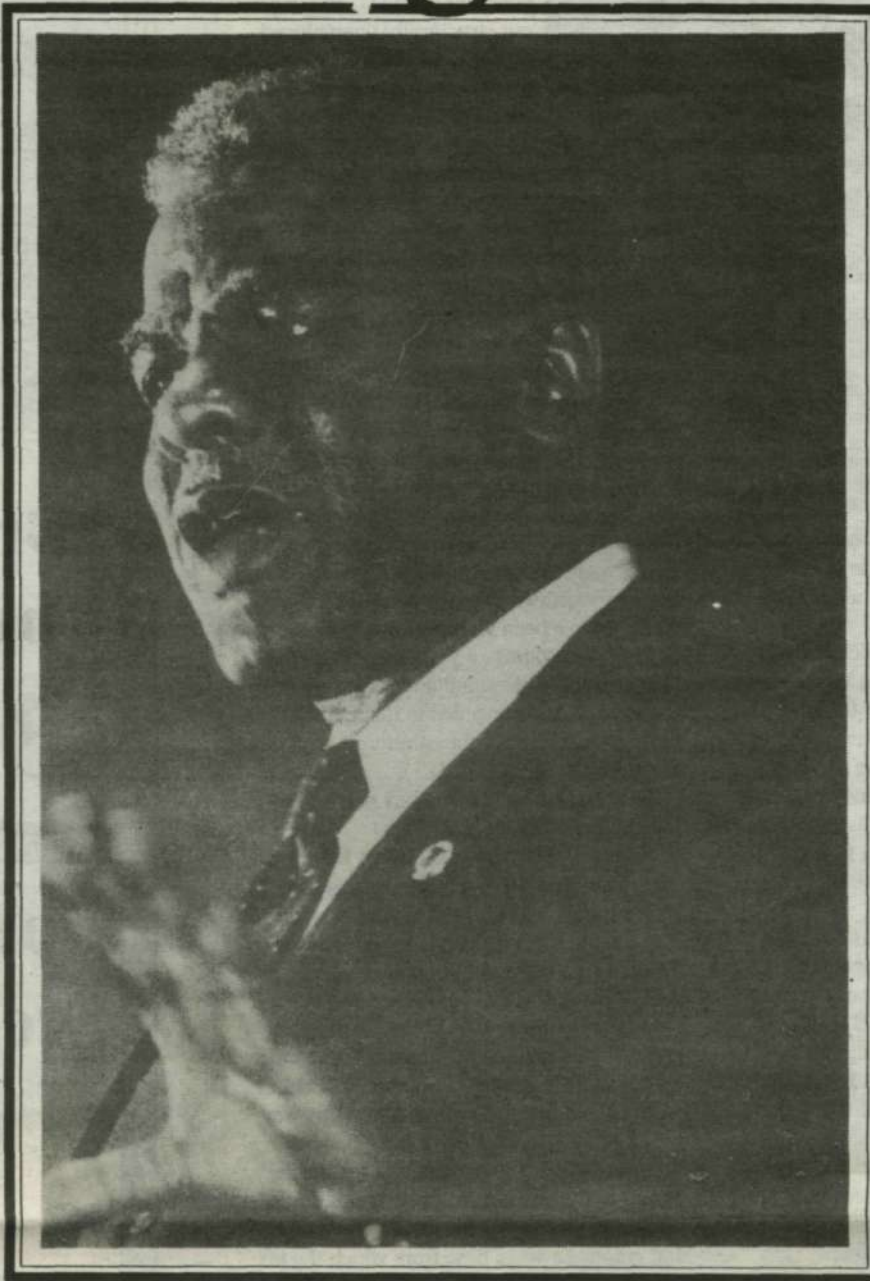



Harold Washington

a Product of this Community, Grand Boulevard

"Not only could he (Washington) speak the King's English, but he had a working knowledge of the 47th Street dialect.

*Oh, yes he could...He never left home."
Rev. B. Herbert Martin, Mayor Washington's pastor, Progressive Baptist Church, 48th Wabash*



Led by Lu Palmer and the Chicago Black United Communities (CBUC), located on East 37th Street, as well as other organizations in the area, such as the Chicago United Front, the movement for Chicago's first Black Mayor was on full speed.

The Voters Registration campaign was headquartered on 47th and King Drive in the Fuller Building. The neighborhood political organization was based at the Charles Hayes Center on 48th and

His last public appearances was in the Oakland/Kenwood community at a groundbreaking for a housing development the day of his death (November 25, 1987). He came to another ground breaking on September 22, 1987, to assist in the ceremony for the Grand Boulevard Shopping Plaza at 55th and the Dan Ryan. You might say Washington was known for breaking ground, literally.

Born April 15, 1922 at Cook County Hospital to Roy Lee and Bertha Washington. His dad was an attorney, minister, and a leading precinct captain of the Third Ward.

As a young man, Harold attended boarding school in Milwaukee after his parents were divorced. Upon returning to Chicago, he attended Forrestville Elementary and DuSable High School, while living with his father at 47th and Michigan. While at DuSable, he assisted the school's track team in winning a city championship in the late 1930's.

Washington was known as a bookworm and a good student, he spent many hours studying at Cleveland Hall Branch Library at 48th and Michigan Avenue.

As an adult, Washington was drafted in the U.S. Army and became first sergeant in an all black unit. After the service, he went to Roosevelt University, where he studied political science, and became president of the Student Council. He attended Northwestern law school in 1948.

After school he worked for his father's law office and became active in the 3rd Ward Democratic Organization. His father lost a race for alderman in 1947. Upon the death of his father in 1953, Harold inherited his position as Precinct Captain, becoming

a soldier of the Machine.

Washington worked closely with the late Congressman Ralph Metcalf (1st District now held by Bobby Rush). His excellent leadership ability enabled him to establish a distinguished public career. He served as State Representative (26th District) from 1964 to 1976, and as State Senator from 1976 to 1980. He then served as Congressman (1st District) from 1980 to 1983. In all of his positions he served the Greater Grand Boulevard Community.

Becoming a critic of the Democratic Machine, he left the party. In 1977, he ran for mayor against Michael Bilandic and lost, but his campaign helped him gain momentum citywide.

The political power of Blacks surfaced more during the election of Jane Byrne in 1979. Many Black political leaders realized the potential for power and began plans to place a Black man in the position of Mayor of the City of Chicago. When Byrne offended the Black community by replacing them with Whites on the Chicago School Board and Chicago Housing Authority Board, the people protested, "...enough is enough!" The leaders knew then it was time.

Washington was drafted to run as Mayor at Bethel A.M.E. church on 45th and Michigan.

Wabash.

Washington directed his outstanding campaign right in line with the community. His organization captured worldwide press attention. Defeating Jane Byrne, States Attorney Richard Daley (who has since become Mayor), and finally Bernard Epton, to become the first Black Mayor of Chicago.

During his five years of office, Mayor Harold Washington surpassed the label of Black Mayor, to become recognized throughout the city as simply Mayor. In spite of repeated confrontations with the alderman who opposed Mayor Washington, he was able to make improvements in the city which could be seen and felt across racial and class lines.

In the Grand Boulevard Community, streets and sidewalks were suddenly found worthy of repair. Social services were delivered to the community as the new direction of the city was unfolded. Known as a reformer, his political agenda pulled a city coalition together.

Mature campaign support from then Alderman Bobby Rush (2), Dorothy Tillman (3), and Timothy Evans (4), along with other supportive city alderman, helped keep Washington's agenda soaring forward.

Washington was praised and deeply respected in the city. He maintained his popularity as a "people's mayor". ("He changed the course of Chicago and its politics, opening the door for whomever it was right and just".)

His death sent a wave of grief over the entire city that had not been felt since the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Grand Boulevard once known as one of the poorest and most neglected of neighborhoods, has the honor of calling itself home to one of the richest and most eloquent politician Chicago has ever known. We miss you, Harold.



What Are your fondest memories of Late Mayor Harold Washington?



"His articulation, his intelligence, his way with the people"

Harold Azzam Rajee
45th Wabash



"His attitude towards black people, he was there for you" "he will never be forgotten"

Sophie Latham
"48th King Dr."



"We (Leon's Bar-b-que) were at the taste one year, when the Mayor came with his entourage making a grand tour- everybody wanted to impress him- then the Mayor says "Hey Leon give me some bar-b-que" In my haste to be impressive, I tripped and fell and he caught me and one bone.

I would have to say his tremendous sense of humor."

Dr. Leon Finney
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"He was always a people person. I knew him when we both were precinct captains, he was in the third ward and I was there training for the sixth ward. He was a fun-loving person, He made time to be funny, serious and always with the people."

Ruth Cummings
Woodlawn Community



"When he greeted me with a kiss at the meeting site for the Bud Billiken Parade and once again at a campaign for John Troger. I remember his voice being strong yet soothing from that point on, I thought of him as a role model instead of just Mayor."

Betty Bowling
22nd & Michigan

Editorial

When should a Media Bite the hand that Feeds it?

When a community supported by a media vehicle asks for even more support, this time against an advertiser that supports that media vehicle, what is a publisher to do.

South Street Journal is totally dedicated to serving the Mid-south communities any every positive way possible. However, it saddens us when this small starving newspaper is challenged to bite the hand that feeds it. Therefore, is it fair for the views of one organization regarding a community matter (although somewhat valid) to cause friction or possibly sever the relationship between the newspaper and one of its major advertisers.

It is a known fact that a business cannot continue to run without financial support. Advertising is vitally important to keeping this newspaper circulating.

The advertiser in question is One Stop Food and Liquors who has been one of the first long time major supporters of the newspaper. Without their ads and others like them South Street Journal cannot continue to circulate, far from improving to support

the agenda not to speak for the community, but on behalf of the community.

However, the Crusaders of Justice, Rev. Earl Sardon of Holiness Temple Church, the first church and organization that open its doors and provided total support for South Street Journal is the community source that is in confrontation with One Stop. Rev. Sardon is also a member of the newspaper Advisor Board. One supporter of South Street ask the question, 'How bad are you now?' knowing the cost at hand.

The Issue is One Stop architectural barriers that surround the entrance to their store. Which the Barrier Busters, Inc. is about to launch a demonstration on One Stop to make the entrance more convenient for wheel chair customer. The president of Barrier Busters, Rev. Thorton is physical disable to a wheel chair.

Rev. Thorton contends that One Stop has violated the civil rights of which wheelchair-bound citizens in the community. He has already demonstrated on Dominicks on 71st and Jeffrey.

This is the third time we were tested to bite the hand that feeds us. Each time when challenge the advertiser to meet the community

needs. And in essence may have handicapped the production of South Street Journal.

In our purpose to report the news objectively regardless of special interest, it is the wish of the South Street Journal that the organizations lodging complaints against our advertiser exercise all possible communication, or make sure that the advertising dollars coming from that advertiser is replaced before asking South Street Journal or any other media vehicles to report any negative views, such as closing a business down.

However, the meeting of the minds between One Stop and the Barrier busters are in place to accommodate wheel chair customers.

The squeaky wheel always gets the grease. This time the wheel is in the power of the so-called handicap.

We are in no way trying to shun our newsworthy duty, but merely to aim for more financial community support. We like to think that we are a positive and charitable link to all concerned. South Street Journal strives hard to be morally ethically and politically correct.



Ron Carter
Publisher/Editor

Perspective

I Hate Thanksgiving

By Ken Newton

Thanksgiving - I hate it! Gobble-gobble.

The whole nightmare started with the arrival of those darn Pilgrims in 1622. From there turkey life was all downhill...to the chopping block.

My family of feathers had grown, and it looked like there would be no stopping us. But then, the Pilgrims decided they would give thanks to their God of Mercy for making it through their first cold hell in a new land. This began the slow demise of my plucked family. My name, by the way for those of you who don't know me, is Thomas Terrance Turkey. Gobble-gobble.

I have scratched into it. I know how this anti-turkey holiday came about. Thanksgiving is an extremely vicious push for mass turkey genocide. It makes my feathers ruffle.

Every November your uncivilized nation sets aside one day for Thanksgiving.

At first, I thought my relatives were a little accident prone. Maybe they tripped and broke their



necks? But one day I was flapping across the yard, and I saw my turkey-mother-in-law on the block. In a flash, an axe came down. Feathers flew, and the curtain closed on the last gobble of her life. They stripped her naked, stuffed her with dressing, and, yes, ate her.

Did you know the father of your country fought to extinguish the life of my kind? Yes, George Washington issued a proclamation: a day of

Thanksgiving in November, 1789.

Abraham Lincoln, another distinguished person in your violent history, declared in 1863, that November be set aside as the day of thanks.

I have one thing to say, "Abe, you may have freed the slaves, but you didn't do a darn thing to help us turkeys."

I further discovered that Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1939 proclaimed Thanksgiving Day be celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November to give businesses additional shopping time between Thanksgiving and Christmas. It was great for capitalism, but it was no "New Deal" for my family.

Letters

Will Another one Bite the dust of Death - In the name of the Law

Dear Editor:

Hi, my name is Marilyn Mulero, I'm Hispanic, 24 years old, and have two children. I'm desperately seeking your help. I employ you, as humbly as I possibly can, I need someone to listen to me. I'm incarcerated and have been sentenced to the Death Penalty. I plead guilty to double homicide, but there were mitigating circumstances that I will explain. I was 21 years old and afraid when I was told by my attorney, If I did not plead guilty, I would automatically be sentenced to death. I was coerced by my attorney, Jeremiah Lynch, having tried no Capitol cases in the past, that this would be my best defense. I had no knowledge of the law, and since I wasn't guilty, I thought this was a form of strategy and the state would find out I wasn't guilty. I was admonished as to the rights I surrendered in pleading guilty. I did not knowingly, willingly, or intentionally wave my rights to a trial by jury. Now I know, I had inadequate representation by my counsel at the

time my guilty plea was entered. I was advised by counsel that during my sentence hearing, I would have to take the stand and admit to at least one of the murders, so that I would not be held responsible for both of them. There was no factual basis to support my plea of guilty. There were no witnesses to the offense, no weapons, none ever recovered or any fingerprints of mine anywhere ever found. My mental competence was never questioned throughout the whole ordeal, let alone at sentencing. There was never a fitness trial to determine if I could handle any of this, I was simply lead blindly through the motions, by my attorney. Initially, I was not allowed to consult with an attorney when I was taken into custody, until I signed a written statement for the police. I was also told by the police that if I did not plead guilty or say I committed the murders that my co-defendant would turn states evidence and testify against me. They said it would make my "not guilty" plea invalid due to coercion. These were major obvious reasons. The underlying reasons were due to gang affiliations. For 2 years (so I thought), I gave up all gang activities.

My life was beginning to take a different avenue. All the rules and regulations that govern gang life had completely eluded my thoughts until the realization of the situation set in. Gang life dictates that I cannot turn states evidence against another gang member, bear witness or testify against another gang member in the organization. A red light turned on and I knew I would surely die, in jail or on the gang laws. I decided to take my chances with the system. That didn't work because society hates gangs. I was in a catch 22. I understand I have no one to blame but myself. I had children and a family, I was playing Russian Roulette with. I am back at Cook County Jail now, trying to withdraw my guilty plea. Why is it when someone calls out for help in a situation such as mine, it lands on deaf ears? I had decided to change my life, and now out of desperation and trying to do the right thing, my life is being condemned. Please help me.

Marilyn Mulero
Cook County Jail

Editor's Note: Anyone have leads or resources to assist Ms. Mulero please contact South Street Journal.

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McCormick Place Expansion Affirmative Action Results

Since the conception of the McCormick Place Expansion project, Reports from the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (MPEA) said it has been strongly committed to an aggressive affirmative action program for the McCormick Place construction, which will be completed in early 1997.

MPEA work closely with the design/build team, Mc3D, Inc., to meet or exceed the minority/women employment goals and has been successful in the awarding of contracts which include solid commitments for MBE/WBE participation.

The report most recent figures (as of 7/31/94) indicate that, of the \$398,415,943 already awarded or committed by Mc3D, the amount to MBE/WBEs was 34.5 percent and 8.2 percent, respectively.

The totals for the hiring of skilled and unskilled laborers is equally impressive. Work hours for minority male participation is currently 40 percent of total, and female participation is 6.5 percent of total.

In addition, 69.6 percent of the total work hours have been performed by residents of the Chicago metropolitan area.

MPEA remains committed to continuing this aggressive affirmative action plan in conformance with the legislation which authorized the project.

However, Chicago Black United Communities (CBUC) President Eddie Reed questions the developers, especially Mc3D's affirmative action plan. "Mc3D has one of the smoothest shell (con) games than anyone in the construction business," he said. "Much of it is orchestrated by developer Joe Williams and Richie Stein of Stein Development is the guru of the affirmative action shell game."

Tim Desmond, director, Mc3D, Alderman Madeline Haithcock (2) and Toni Preckwinkle (4), State Representative Lavanna Jones (5), and Congressman Bobby Rush has been reportedly involved in oversight procedure, monitoring hiring, and attended meetings on minority hiring.

Someone You Should Know



John DeVaughn

John DeVaughn came to Chicago in 1949 to learn the dry cleaning and shoe repair business. His intention was to go back home with his skill and start his own business. Living at 517 E. Oakwood, he soon fell in with a fast crowd and began to watch his dreams die as he pursued a life filled with fast times and alcoholism. While taking a friend to a program for

alcoholism, he saw an ad for a counselor and applied for the position. It was then the suggestion was made that he first become a client. He did. Smitten by the concept of helping other people John soon began his lifelong passion of activism. Starting as a volunteer with Alberta McCain at Dearborn Homes Resident Management office he has not looked back.

How do you view the community? Alive, with possibilities, potential and talent. I must also say that

although much is being done in an attempt to save the children, I feel we must also save the parents, they to have a story.

What solutions do you see? It is an inside out job. Changes must come from within, a pretty building will not help without a major attitude adjustment.

What do you think your friends say about you? They would say they love me even if

they do not always like me.

Tell a little about your family. I have five children and, I recently became a great grandfather. My father 87, lives in Cincinnati. My father and grandfather were in the ministry. William DeVaughn (Be Thankful For What You've Got) is a cousin of mine. I am divorced, but my wife and I are friends.

What are your goals? To keep working for the community in whatever way the Lord sees fit.

Personal Hero? A guy named Booe, he's a Hebrew Israelite who works for free, his only mission is to get the word out. A real man. Most humbling experience? Having my mother pass; without seeing the changes I have made in my life.

Major Accomplishment? Being the representative for Progressive Community Church with the Mid-South Planning Commission and being involved with the Statewide Housing Committee.

If you know someone who should be featured in South Street People, drop us a line. We're interested in hearing about people from the community.

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Value to WBE Firms (8.04% v. 5.0% goal)	\$ 32,392,119

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Total Female Skilled Hours	20,989.4 or 6.0%	----
Cumulative Laborer Hours *	114,068.9	
Total Minority Laborer Hours	72,208.1 or 63.3%	40%
Total Female Laborer Hours	8,492.5 or 7.4%	10%
Cumulative CMSA Hours *	320,125.4 or 68.8%	50%

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Daley Launches Statewide Campaign for Tougher Crime Penalties

Mayor Richard M. Daley launched a statewide campaign to pass crime legislation in which 2,000 persons and organizations from around the state will take part. From the Mid-South community groups took part was the Chicago Housing Authority Central Advisory Council and The Woodlawn Organization. Reports to South Street Journal that transportation expenses were paid for by Daley.

Daley vowed to build a statewide coalition of elected officials and concerned citizens to lobby the legislature to pass the Safe Neighborhoods Bill in the fall session, which runs from November 15-17 and November 29 through December 1.

Daley's Illinois Safe Neighborhood Bill, which targets gangs, guns, drugs, juvenile justice reforms and domestic veto session. "Illinois must come together as one state and one people to meet the threat of crime and violence in our communities. This is the most important fight in our state today so I'm launching a statewide campaign to pass the Illinois Safe Neighborhoods Bill," Daley said,

during an event honoring approximately 175 role models who served in a joint Police Department/Board of Education program called "We Care".

Daley said that his administration plans to introduce a range of new measures during the fall session as well, including one which increases penalties for shooting police officers.

The proposal raises the minimum sentence from 10 to 15 years, requires that the sentence be served consecutively, instead of concurrently with other sentences, and requires that they serve the full sentence, without any time off. The bill also calls for the telephone tapping of suspected gang members.

"This sends a message to the criminals and police. To the criminals it says that no crime is more serious than firing a gun at the men and women who put their lives on the line each day for our safety.

To the police, it says that we stand with you 100 percent, and we'll do everything we can do to protect you," Daley said.

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Empowerment Zone

(where the funds for) the Empowerment Zone (are distributed) our area people will say, "I know what is it about."

The South Side Cluster held a planning meeting at Illinois Institute of Technology where specific issues were addressed:

1. Updating the community on the process of the Empowerment Zone; how they will benefit; time frame for implementation; and how it will be governed.

2. True Business Section - a new committee was formed to help develop businesses in the community, and show how they can take advantage of the Empowerment Zone package.

3. Human Services - Social services, and activities available.

Butler was asked why City officials weren't

represented.

"The city's governance body had their first meeting since June, but the City of Chicago boycotted. They were told not to come to the meeting by city officials," she said. "(Since) we have been meeting with them they should have been here."

Last spring numerous organizations throughout the country submitted proposals to the federal government seeking to be designated as an Empowerment Zone.

The Clinton Administration decided which communities would receive the funding. Each community was required to develop a bottom-up process for full community input via community outreach and planning meetings.

From here details of the proposals are worked out for economic and job development.

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History in the Re-Making on 36th & State



An artist's rendering of the proposed design for the Bee building on 36th and State Street. A budget of 2.7 million dollars has been allocated to restore the bldg. to its original architectural.

By Chris Moore

Not until the National Trust in Washington, D.C., expressed an interest in preserving the Bee Building on 36th and State Street did the City of Chicago declare it a landmark structure, according to Harold L. Lucas, Black Metropolis Coordinator of the Mid-South Planning Commission.

The city is now renovating the building with plans to turn the first floor into a branch library. Alicia Mazur from the City of Chicago Landmark Division said "There is a budget of \$ 2.7 million allocated to restore the building retaining the original architectural design." Clean up work has started, along with demolition and reconstruction of interior walls. The project is a joint venture with the city and private firms. The major contract holder is U.B.M., who will hire the subcontractors for designed work detail. The architectural firm, McCluer (expert in historic preservations), will restore the original Terracotta Facade. However, far more significant than the design is the symmetric and practical implications the Bee Building holds as part of the future of African-American economics.

"This is a very important achievement for African-Americans, having our organization (UBM) involved in the re-development of the very bldg. that signifies the Renaissance of African-American growth," stated Chairman Paul King. Agency Director Christine Danson-Perkins, (Inner City Youth Foundation) is the official Affirmative Action Officer for the Bee Building project. Danson-Perkins confidently stated, "we are here to insure 50% subcontractors and 50% employment for

community based businesses and residences also involved.

Community based organization and policy making body", is Mid-South Planning Development. Harold Lucas, figuratively points there involvement in the Bee Building as a portion of a 10 year, 1,000,000,000 dollar project to redevelop the Mid-South area."

Residents in the area along the State Street corridor, are seemingly unaware of the rich history of the building and its importance in their lives.

Lucas further proclaimed; the focus is to restore black bldgs. (Supreme Life Insurance bldg., the Bee bldg. etc.) Creating new structures which in turn will create new economic growth for the Black community. Regarding the Bee Project, Lucas mused over the idea of turning the third floor of the facility into a computer archive where the neighborhood youth could receive advanced training in African-American business history."

MSPDC figures estimate that there will be \$200,000 for community arts, and \$ 400,000 for book selection. The Chicago Library Board is the chartered owner of the library itself. However, residents in the area along the State Street corridor, are seemingly unaware of the rich history of the building and its importance in their lives.

"We need to be informed," commented security guard Arthur Nailor, "I knew nothing about it." Nailor also exclaimed, "We need to know more about the parties involved and what the goal is then we'll decide if it is best for us!" Resident Dorie Jackson stated, "I pass there all the time but I never knew what it was about." "I think it is a good idea, the children in the neighborhood really need something positive to do."

Mid-South received three of the City's Largest Street Resurfacing

The City of Chicago launched the largest street and alley resurfacing program in the city's history. The \$220 million program includes resurfacing 2,000 blocks of residential streets, 1,000 alleys, and 30 miles of main streets, repairing thousands of curbs, gutters, and sidewalks, and rebuilding 25 miles of sewers. Over 40 bridge, viaduct and road improvement projects are also included.

According to the city of Chicago transportation bureau of highways, out of the eighteen streets city wide Mid-South community benefit with three from this years Arterial street resurfacing which are; State Street: 55 to 47th Street (3 ward), Woodlawn Avenue: 61st to 59th Street (20th ward, and 47th Street, Lake park to Lake Shore Drive (4th ward).

Aldermen in the Mid-South area submitted their proposals for street resurfacing about last March. Ald. Toni Preckwinkle proposed eight with the understanding the city would not grant all that she proposed. The other aldermen preferred not to say at that time which street they submitted, waiting for the city to make final selections.

During the beginning of the project Beatrice Maycraft, a Grand Boulevard resident said it is a shame how the city continues to drag its feet on the complaints of the south side com-

munity resident.

"There are streets in my area that have been in need of repair for the last year or two, but nothing ever seems to get done for some reason" said Maycraft.

However, the city feels this year's resurfacing program is unique for two reasons: it is five times the normal pace of resurfacing, and aldermen were given a menu of projects to choose from, so they could tailor the improvements to the needs and desires of their ward. For example, some aldermen have dedicated part of their street allotment to alleys, and vice-versa.

The neighborhood infrastructure projects are a part of the city's "Chicago's Great Neighborhoods Program". The program included community policing, abandoned building demolition, graffiti removal and a \$4 million neighborhood clean-up program, under which city has reportedly said to hire 1,000 additional disadvantaged young people - over and above the normal summer jobs program, which was expected to employ 11,000 young people last summer.

However, residents of Taylor Homes said they received an average of 2 jobs per building for youth during the city youth job program.

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Drug Off at Beethoven Elementary

By Charles Taylor
Staff Writer

Frances Oden sounds like one of these positive people able to find rainbows in the battle weary midst of a desert storm. Oden is principal of Ludwig Van Beethoven Elementary School, 27 W. 47th Street. Beethoven situated with the Robert Taylor Public Housing area; a territory often portrayed as an urban battle zone. The rainbow she found is a multi-spectrum behavior program called Drug Off.

"The goal of Drug Off is to entice young people to avoid gangs and drugs," Oden explained. Her voice is high pitched making her sound like she's... well, chirping. At least chirping about the Drug Off Program. A happy Blue Bird type of sound. Beethoven, her educational nest exterior, is a concrete and glass structure, with an occasional blue backdrop to lend a "60's" tone.

Drug Off rewards positive actions. Its policy attempts to influence a child's perspective of self-worth and provide a personal value system based on doing what is right. "Some kids are involved in gangs at this level" (fourth grade). The four fourth grade classes are used as a rallying point. Each class has a computer which flashes a list of 99 items on the screen. Each item carries a certain amount of points. The list keeps track of activities the children may participate in i.e., church attendance, recreational activity, individual student tardiness, classroom behavior, home work production and absenteeism.

The child is rewarded bi-monthly based on accumulative points. Oden classifies the program as a behavior modification system. Teaching the Robert Taylor area youths the system of immediate reward based on positive behavior. Although Oden is a firm believer in the discipline involved in long term planning and goal setting she understands the need for immediate gratification. "They can stand two months of waiting without losing interest".

Meida Smith, a Beethoven fourth grade teacher agreed as she watched Derrick Lynn, age nine, conduct a Drug Off roll-call. "It's an incentive program, she said. 'It happens right now.'"

Physically the Robert Taylor area looks almost like any other of Chicago's predominately African-American housing projects. Yet, there is something different about this complex. "Grade school kids don't have a chance." Mused Policeman Mike Gniady, a 27, year veteran of the 2nd police district where Beethoven School is located. Police officials couldn't give figures concerning the exact breakdown of criminal or antisocial activities for the area but a spokesperson for the Police Department's



News Affairs Division said a 1993 survey of homicide victims and offenders under the age of eleven was: 27 persons under age eleven were murdered. Gniady cautioned that the Taylor statistics should not be considered the citywide norm. Crime is higher than the here due in part to the low income of the complex.

Oden believes when children begin to branch off from their home influences, around the ages of nine years and up, often gangs and drugs are a blatant attraction, especially in areas such as Robert Taylor. Drug Off's purpose is to entice young people to avoid gangs. Oden's experience with a young

student named "Henry" shows Drug Off's potential. Oden describes "Henry" as a young man in the critical age category with chronic absenteeism. He would not come to school even with the promise of clothing. Since enrolled in Drug Off he has not been absent one time this year.

Bill Auksi, principal of nearby Ferrin School, (the only other Chicago school participating in the program) quoted a study by urbanologist professor Pierre DeVise, currently Professor Emeritus at Roosevelt University. DeVise's study, Auksi said, emphasized "...the greatest concentration of

poverty in the nation is located within the 47th to 51st street, the Robert Taylor area.

Auksi, a father of two young daughters, is just as high on Drug Off potential as is his colleague, Oden. Yet, some of his comments are also similar to Officer Gniady. "There are no jobs here, this is not normal impoverishment," he laments. "I'm not being subjective, he continued, "we're talking extreme poverty".

Citing a recent study undertaken by Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros, Auksi said the Secretary's probe found "Robert Taylor has by far the greatest unemployment rate of any public housing project in the nation at 95.6%."

Laura Dominak, a fourth grade teacher at Farren highlights the possibilities of Drug Off in the development of her students. She notices the system has "minimized the amount of distractions" that often plague kids and replaces it with a new and positive focusing on class behavior and subjects. "we (teachers) use to spend a lot more time correcting negative behavior. Now we spend the time recognizing positive behavior.

At Beethoven, Meida Smith reprimands a student for a low test grade. The child is despondent, other children in the Drug Off sympathize and offer encouragement. When Smith leans forward to offer her support, she says softly to the young man, "you can do it, I believe in you." After offering him the opportunity to take the test again the entire class seemed to light up.

NAACP Election, Another One of Significance

Yohance Lacour, Staff Writer

The 1994 general election is over and due in part to a low African-American voter turnout, the republican party was able to sweep the majority of the political races nationwide and consequently win the congressional control of the United States as well as legislative control of the state of Illinois.

There is still however, an upcoming election that may have a significant bearing on the condition of the African-American community. On Saturday Nov. 19, a new president will be elected to the oldest branch of the NAACP, Chicago's Southside chapter, at the center of which is a controversial campaign.

Candidate Earl B. King, founder and CEO of the No Dope Express Foundation, recently blasted the NAACP for allegedly "changing rules" at the last minute in order to keep his supporters from backing him, bringing immense heat to the race. King recently registered 5,000 new members at the Southside branch to increase his chances of winning, 3,000 of whom were between the ages of 17 and 20. He said he was informed at the national board meeting held Oct. 13, that the membership fee was \$3 for people under 21 and \$10 for adults, but after his massive membership drive received a fax from the NAACP stating that youths had to pay the full \$10 to vote in the branch election.

King, who says he may still take legal action, maintains that the youngsters' voting rights were revoked in an attempt to hinder a campaign that is doing something that for so long the NAACP has not, extending itself to the community. ("By bringing vigor, respect and the responsibility of holding people accountable, I have awakened the sleeping giant and have balanced the scales, meaning I have reached out to the community that they have taken for granted and ignored," said King in reference to the NAACP.

In regards to the members he registered, as well as youths in general, King told the SSJ, "now that I have shown them [NAACP] that there is a constituency of young people who want to change things around for the betterment of their communities, they are beginning to see that enough is enough, and that the killing, the guns and the drugs that are being run through our neighborhoods is all by



Earl King, CEO, No Dope Express

design. Now we will have an opportunity to reverse the plan of action that has been genocidal to our social and economic wellbeing."

"There are two sides of the NAACP, one is centered in the legalities of courtroom procedures and decisions, and one deals with the community and membership. I'm dealing with the membership and getting back to the people in the streets. I'm talking about bringing as many social agencies as possible together, particularly those that our young people look up to, and getting major corporations to grant

them with the funds necessary to initiate on the job training programs, entrepreneurship education programs and so on. Those companies and corporations that refuse to help, we will organize boycotts against and keep our dollars in our community," said King.

King who has received considerable press coverage for his associations with 21st Century Vote, an organization under fire for trying to increase the political awareness of the African-American youth America so desperately fears.

"Ever since the NAACP disengaged itself from the civil rights marches initiated by Martin Luther King Jr., they have continuously shied away from groups and individuals that involve themselves directly with the people whom we are supposed to be the most concerned about, African-American men, women and children," the candidate continued.

King firmly states that he will dedicate himself to the advancement of the black community, "I'm not prejudiced, but I'm going to give 150% to help uplift my people. The NAACP was once at the forefront of groups struggling to fight lynching and Ku Klux Klan terrorism,

but now that we're lynching and terrorizing ourselves, they don't seem to know what to do. I want these gang members to see themselves as the leaders of tomorrow instead of at the barrel of a gun or the end of a pipe trying to blow their brains away with these negative vibes that are being tossed upon us in a genocide situation."

Running against King are the Rev. Anthony Williams, the Rev. Wilfred Reid (both have churches in the Mid-South community) and the current president Herbert Bates.

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Entertainment Complex, 39th Cottage

win-win situation for residents. She said the CCC voted the Family Entertainment Complex down and there is nothing that can be done about it. Preckwinkle added plans to turn the area into park use was in the making over a year and that ICYF plans are not part of the overall plans of CCC and Mid-South Planning and Development Council (MSPDC). The two organizations have major decision power over what development will take place on public owned land in the Kenwood/Oakland and Grand Boulevard communities respectively.

However, Perkins questions the position of the organizations stating, "In light of the recent victory by the Republicans, the Empowerment Zones Fund could be jeopardized, it is time to think in terms of long term security for our community. People need jobs not parks, we need to include the youth in future planning, put them in the right position and expose them to business and development training."

"We have a petition with over 1,000 signatures supporting the Family Entertainment Complex as well as the support of Ms. Dorsey, President, Madden Park LAC and Ms. Finney, President, Ida B. Wells LAC," said Perkins.

Sources from the Mid South Planning and Development Commission, concur that much more support would be necessary to over ride the "connector project". Adding that in their economic development committee, they would reconsider and support ICYF if more community support was garnered for the complex.

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Renaissance Opens

parking space. A lack thereof could create the dynamics for transitional housing.

The ceremony ended with the Mayor presenting the keys to a four bedroom unit to Ms. Myra Dixon, who was scheduled to take residence in the 6107 So. Ellis building. The Mayor then led off on a tour of a model apartment.

Preparing and Planning for the Election of 95

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February 8, 1995 - Last day for aldermanic candidates to withdraw as a candidate.

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the February 28. February 24, - Last day a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be write-in Candidate.

February 24-27, - Last day any registered voter may apply in person for a Absent Voter's.

February 28, 1995- Municipal Primary Election, Aldermanic Election.

March 1-7, -Completed registrations accepted by deputy registrars and at library branch offices.

March 1, - Registrations opens.

March 7, - Last day for deputy registrars and registrars in library branch offices. Last day for voter registration in the office of the Board of Election, Commissioners.

March 15, - Last day for aldermanic candidates to withdraw as a candidate.

March 30, - Last Day any registered voter may apply by mail for an Absent Voter's Ballot April 4.

March 31, - Last Day (by 5:00 p.m.) a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate for the April 4.

March 31, April 1-Dates that may be scheduled for absentee voting in nursing homes.

April 3, -Last day any registered voter may apply in person.

April 4, 1995 - Municipal General Election

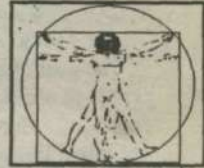
April 5, 1995 - Registration opens in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners and in the library branch offices.

Community Services in Mid South Area

Low Income Energy Assistance Program for people who have their utilities shut off. Come to Evening Star Missionary Baptist Church, 4235 S. Cottage, from 9 to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday. Call 536-9527.

Medical Assistance

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



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Help for drug and alcohol abuse. Hannah & Elkannah, a community-based organization, offer "self-esteem" meetings beginning at 7 p.m. every Thursday. If you need help with a "drug or alcohol" problem stop in at 600 E. 61st. St. or call 241-5400. Help is a phone call away.

Legal Assistance

Operation PUSH opens Community Legal Clinic at its National Headquarters, 930 E. 50th St. From 6 to 8 p.m. every Thursday, is staffed by volunteer attorneys from the Cook County Bar Association. Services are available on a first-come, first serve basis. Appointments are preferred, but not required. Call PUSH at 373-3366.



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Mayor's Office of Employment and Training (MET) offers vocational and on-the-job training. Training programs include accounting/bookkeeping, auto repair and technology, computer programming, medical, chef training, drafting, electrical, office skills, and other trades. Call Client Services Unit at 744-5734.



Free job training and job placement with GED preparation are still available thru May 31. Call Chicago's Dept. of Health at 747-3540.

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

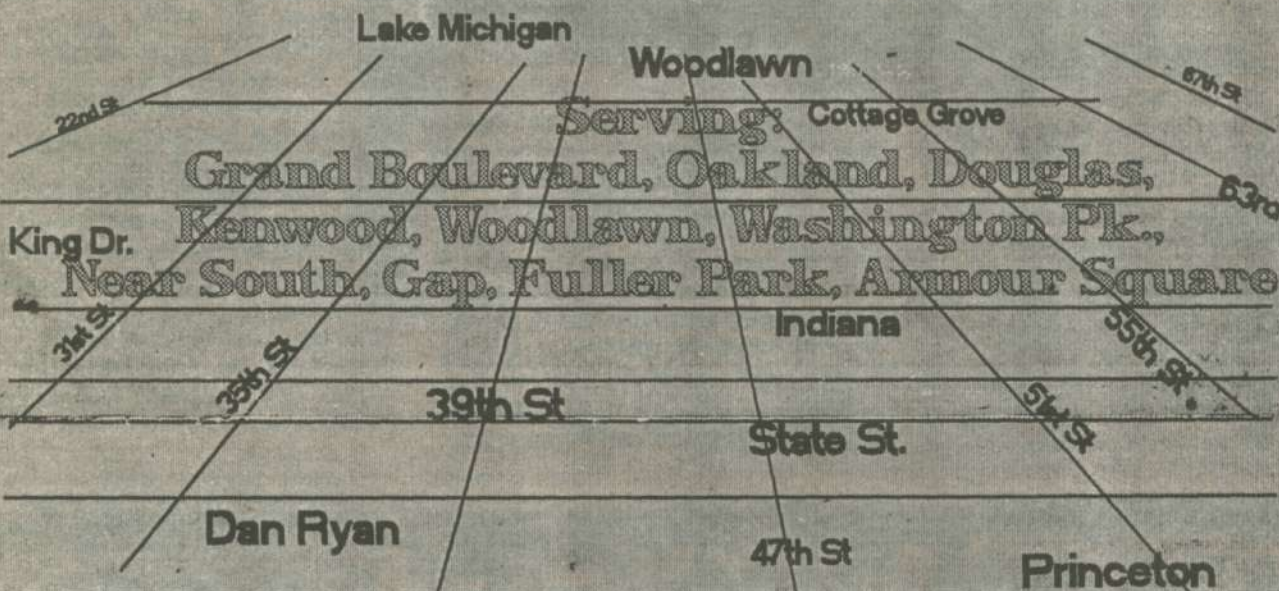
Adult Learning Skills Program. Free classes begin every eight weeks at the King Center, 43rd & Cottage. Enroll in GED, English as a Second Language, adult basic education, reading, writing, and math. Classes every Monday and Thursday 4 to 8 p.m., and Tuesday and Wednesday 4 to 6 p.m. Contact Ms. Adams at 747-2300 evening or Ms. Johnson at 747-2279 days.

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CHA March Empowerment Zone

Ms. Washington she is the Mother of Robert Taylor and when your mother call you come." said Bradley. "It is a good effort, and I think it should continue. It is an education for our youth and purpose to address the issues that face the community."

One of the many issue was chanted was, 'Stop Police Brutality'. Other concerns to marchers stress was jobs, decent housing conditions and stop the sweeps.

At the end of the protest, marches meet at the Robert Taylor Girls and boys Club on 51st and Federal, where they were greeted by the Empowerment Zone Project Resource Team of the Mid-South area. The site was one of four out reach meetings to inform the community of the Empowerment Zone process, how it would effect their lives and improve the conditions of the community.

"This couldn't have been a better ending for such an effort." said Chapple. "I was ask to come to support the march, and we got the message that it needs to be something done about police brutality. They (police) roll on these people like it was sent down from the top to keep the pressure on them. But, the overall point here is that there is light. For the residents and youth heard and understand the Empowerment Zone process. It is a sign for us to organize."

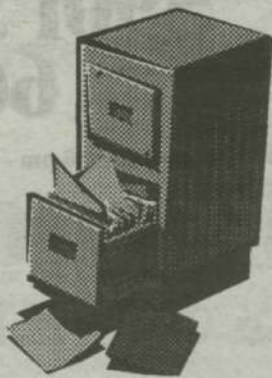
Chappel added that, "Money is needed for the resource team to get the information out to the community. I get information about where you can get money to turn in your old tires from the city, but something as important as the Empowerment Zone, the community should get this on an on-going bases."

"We just beginning" said Washington. "We got to get our people jobs that's the bottom line. People want us out of sight out of mind."

"Black people better wake up, there is a storm in Chicago and we better wake up and take care of the issues or be aware of what's happening." stressed Washington.

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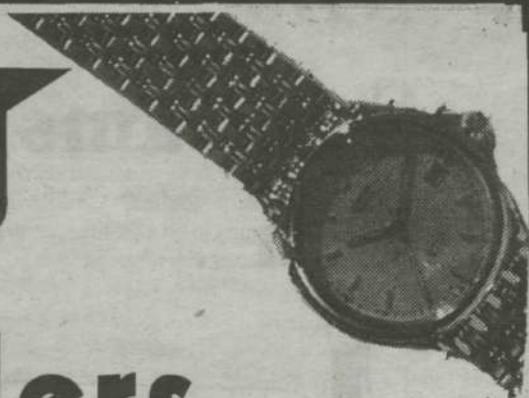
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