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The Changing Housing make-up in in Woodlawn -**Affordable Housing** For who

By Karen Brazil-Brashears, Staff Writer

Woodlawn has ceased burning, and begun to build. Yet, problems continue to exist, some long-time residents fear they will be displaced. Dino McNeal, born and raised in Woodlawn, President and Founder of the Freedom Now Center, noted that, "Woodlawn has been burned out, vandalized and abandoned and the major concern for those who withstood the storm is, will they be replaced."

Senior citizen Ruth Cummings, observed that the new housing cost (\$95,000 to 125,000) is way beyond her means and not at all affordable. Cummings' neighbor, Harlan Hayes complained, "we don't have a say in what goes on." According to Hayes, "Woodlawn began to decline in the 1950's. A giant effort from all concerned is required to save the community." Hayes added, "While African-Americans have enough income to support themselves, we spend our money in the suburbs and other communities where we do not live." Haves and other Woodlawn residents feel that development should include grocery stores, beauty shops, restaurants, clothing stores, and professional businesses owned and operated by African -Americans.

Debra Childs, a Woodlawn homeowner who s a foster parent as well as president of her block club, a member of the People's Caucus and of the Local School Advisory Council for Wadsworth School felt that community groups and institutions based in Woodlawn "get money in the name of Woodlawn" for development of housing, but, do not use it to improve conditions for the poor. Childs accused local agencies of displacing poor peo-

Mattie Butler, the Executive Director of the Woodlawn East Community and Neighbors of Greater Chicagoland(WECAN) believes that Woodlawn should be "developed from the inside." WECAN, a privately funded local community development organization Continue on page 11

Mayoral Candidates make announcements in Mid-South area



SSJ Photo by Hilbert C.Sandifer

Roland Burris Claims Mayoral Victory

April 4, the Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination is also the day Roland Burris has proclaimed as "Victory Day" as he announced his bid for Mayor of Chicago.

"We are assembled here today, to embark upon a crucial mission to recapture the greatness of Chicago and revitalize the spirit of its citizenry.'

"As you know, it was in this very room on November 11, 1982 that Harold Washington announced his candidacy for Mayor. He ran a good race, and he won.""In that same spirit and tradition, I will run as hard, fast, and as successfully as he did."

Burris continued, "Just a short time ago Chicago used to have 54% of the jobs in the metropolitan area. Today, in Daley's Chicago, the total is 36%. Privatization-do you know what that means in a Daley administration? It means giving contracts to private companies to do city work, with no accountability to the tax payers who pay for those contracts."

"The entire economic climate in Chicago is going to change, with priority given to job training in neighborhood centers with a vigorous approach to attracting new business"

"I don't expect the road ahead will be an easy one, but, I am confident that I will arrive at my destination victoriously.'

Long time political activist, Bob Lucas, (KOCO) who is heading the voter registration campaign, said, "The goal is to register 200,000 new voters."

Ald. Robert Shaw (9) Chairman, City Council Black Caucus said, "The Caucus has not made any position on the mayoral race, but we will next week." "Personally, I will vote for Joe Gardner, February 28th and for Roland Burris, April 4th.

Burris has demonstrated the ability to garner votes gaining 492,920 to Jim Ryan's 184,818 in their 1990 race for Attorney General.

(L) Roland Burris surrounded by supporters and campaign committee members announces his candidacy for mayor in Hyde Park. (Below) Mayor Daley pictured with Dr. Leon Finney announces his candidacy in the Woodlawn community.



SSJ Photo by Sheldon McCullouge

Mayor Daley Announces in Woodlawn

Vowing to continue to fight "day-by-day and block-by-block" to improve the quality of life for all Chicagoans, Mayor Richard M. Daley has announced his candidacy for re-

"I begin this campaign with pride in what we've accomplished, and pride in the fact that we've done it together, overcoming the bitter divisions of the past," said Daley.

Many well respected members of the community were in attendance at the Southside YMCA, 63rd and Stony Island, Continue on page 8

The 'One, Two Punch' Question

By Karen Brazil-Brashears Staff Writer

"Scare-tactics" and "an insult to the black community" are the words former Appellate Court Justice R. Eugene Pincham used to describe comments of Tom Leach, spokesman for the Chicago Board of Elections, that voters who sign nominating petitions for Roland Burris, Independent Candidate in the April 4,

1995 General Election will be states the qualifications for primary barred from voting in the February 28, 1995 Primary Election.

show host Lu Palmer stated that have signed the nominating papers Leach was "wrong." Palmer added, "signing the petition for Burris will not bar voters form the polls on February 28".

At issue is paragraph 5/7-43 (c) of the Election Code of Illinois which

Paragraph 5/7-43(c) elections. states that "No person shall be enti-Community activist/radio talk- tled to vote at a primary: Who shall of an independent candidate for nomination are to be voted for at such primary.

> Courts have found this provision constitutional. According to those court decisions paragraph 5/7-43 (c)

prevents voters of an opposition party from controlling the nominations of a party to which he is opposed and thus protects the primary election process.

In effect, the rule says that if a citizen votes in the primary election the same citizen cannot sign the petition.

Lu Palmer correctly states that 5/7-43(c) does not bar voters who sign Burris' petitions from voting in the primary for candidates for Treasurer, City Clerk, or Alderman.

More importantly, Palmer and Judge Pincham noted that voting is a private matter. The voter enters the voter booth alone. No one knows how a vote is cast but the voter.

Realistically, the voter may vote a mayoral candidate as well, despite the provisions of 5/7-43(c). Challenges, in this election could prove impossible because of the sheer number of voters involved. Costs to wage a challenge to voter eligibility before or after the elections would be financial suicide.



Wallace "Gator" Bradley

ward present their wishes of what their alderman needs to do instead of the vice versa.

locked in a genie's lamp by alderman Dorothy Tillman, Wallace 'Gator' Bradley is seeking his second time to run against incumbent alderman Dorothy Tillman, with at least ten other candidates.

Bradley 42, spokesperson for United N' Peace, also youth counsel at the Boys and Girls Club of Chicago, said, "I plan to win,

MID-SOUTH CANDIDATES FORUM \$5 Wallace 'Gator' Bradley, Plans to open the Genie Lamp for the 3rd Ward open the lamp and let the people of the third

Describing the 3rd ward as a gold mine of talent and riches

Bradley stated, "The people of this ward are not pleased with Tillman." He believes he can be a positive force in the community once elected, based on his ability to identify with the issues that directly affect the third ward residents. Mr. Bradley overcame a struggle and turned his life around and has dedicated himself to the upliftment of the African-American community.

Although Bradley is a convicted felon, he says that the law that prevents convicted felons from running for office doesn't pertain to him, because he was given a pardon. He says he received executive clemency "in form of a pardon" in 1990 from former Gov. James R. Thompson.

Bradley recalls that Dorothy Tillman did not support his bid for clemency, "But I don't hold a grudge against her, I hope that when I'm elected she will vote for me one day," he re-

3rd Ward Aldermanic Results February 28, 1991 Dorothy Tillman 3,437 Tyrone T. Kenner 1,837 Leonard T. Barr 369 Wallace "Gator Bradley 375 Samuel Smith wiiams 203 Ronald Sistrunk 174 James E. Williams

Reginald Daneils

Henry Tellis Ir.

Total Votes Cast

"The thing that upsets me about Tillman is that she stopped being a advocate for the people, she seems to have forgotten who

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ishing State Representative Lou Jones a speedy recovery so that she can continue the good legislative work she is known for.

Word is there is more beneath the cover of the failed deal between Will Johnson and Indecorp, perhaps Mark Allen and Drexel Bank can let us in on what Mid-South residents need to do. Someboby is holding back.

Seems Henry Tellis' big brother instincts have taken over his political ambition, Joining Mayor Daley coming to Tilllman's defense, calling "Gator" a convict and accusing the other candidates of ganging up on Tillman. Tellis has decided not to run himself and to support Alderman Tillman in her bid for reelection

Will he protect her from a female as well seems an old foe of Ald Tillman is casting her hat in the ring. Alfreda Green. Last count 13 in the race.

Here's a special project for MSPDC, Calumet Foods on 43rd under the 'L' is looking for a buyer for their grocery store and their property across the street-Hopkins Grocery Store (Black owned) was not given a option to renew their lease at 75th and the Dan Ryan, sounds like a suitable match for Mid-South shoppers, unless of course Del Ray Farms doesn't hear about it first.

Looks like newly elected State Representative, Howard Kenner is admired for more than his respective professional abilities. Betty B., an associate of SSJ should know.

Woodlawn Business Association, Executive Director, Barbara Kimble, has been replaced by Mr. Hall, look forward to a story on him in an upcoming SSJ issue.

A store owner in the Douglas community says the Riverboat gambling will just wipe out his food business, he already has a Lottery line longer than the food line



Community Briefs

In the Newspaper Business



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John Thomas, (left) from the Washington Park community) and president of New Structure Organization has open his newsstand on the corner of 57th and Cottage Grove. Thomas is also the organizer circulating South Street Journal in the Washington community.

Liquor Revocations

The city's ongoing crackdown on illegal and irresponsible liquor establishments resulted in 15 more licence revocations during the months of October and November, 1994. That brings to 359 the number of licenses revoked since the Mayor ordered the crackdown in 1989.

License were revoked for police complaints and licences violations. In the Mid-South area are; Connie's 46 Club, Inc., 4559 S. Halsted, Vinto's 59, 5859 S. Illinois law allows establishments to remain open while their revocations are under appeal.

To comment on an existing or proposed liquor license, citizens should contact the Mayor's License Commission at 320 N. Clark St. Room 519 Chicago 60610 or call 744-8071.

Community groups arrange a guest speaker on liquor license issues by calling the Mayor's Office of Inquiry and

The Youth Consortium of **Greater Grand**

Boulevard 2nd annual Youth Development Conference "it Takes A Village to Raise a Child" was originally scheduled for December 3, 1994 and has been postponed until march of 1995. It has been rescheduled in order for the conference to have time for sufficient planning, fundraising, and the implementation of such an important event. according to James Shirley, Chairman of the Program Committee.

Although the exact date has not been set, the Program Committee is proposing that the conference be held on march 4th, 11th or 18th. The decision will be made by the members of the Consortium at the general meeting on December 21, 1994 at 3:00pm. The meeting will be hosted by the Metropolitan Community Church located at 4100 S. King Drive.

If you have any questions, or like to voice your suggestion, please contact Quintina Hendricks at 538-7116.

Keeping Workplaces Drug-Free

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, almost 70% of all

"drug abusers are employed either full-or part-time" On December 9th, local business and community leaders

met to learn how to tackle substance abuse in the workplace. The seminar is part of a series

sponsored by the Chicago Department of Health and Communities Empowered to Prevent Alcohol and other Drug Abuse (CEPADA).

Many large companies in the Chicago area have instituted

drug-free workplace policies, designed to identify and prevent on the job drug abuse. However, most small companies have yet to IN YOUR WORKPLACE learn about and

> implement drug-free workplace initiatives. Thus, they are at increased risk because drug abusers will seek employment where drug-free workplace policies have not yet been implemented. Small employers are especially urged to take part in these seminar, which is cohosted by the BRASS FOUNDATION and the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce. For more information call David Lilly, of the Brass Foundation at 548-3442, Brass Foundation is located at 4910 S. King Drive.

Dec. Calendar of Events

Fri, 16

Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc. 5th annual Holiday Open House. administrative Offices, 725 S. Wells Street -Suite IA. RSVP by December 9, 554-0600

Centers For New Horizons, Inc. Ahkenaton Community Dev. Corp. and Wells Community

Initiative will hold the 1994 Kwanzaa Celebration from 3 - 5 pm at the DuSable Museum 740 E. 56th Place. Attire: Traditional African. (note: if you do not have African garb, be creative with expressions of blackness/diversity) reception immediately

following program.

Sat., 17 Washington

Park Revitalization Group Kwanzaa Holiday Bazaar at 10am to 4 pm at the Washington Park Field House, 5531 S. King Dr. Interested vendors

The Chicago **Black Artisans** Guild presents a Cultural Market place every Saturday, 9am to 1 pm at the Sutherland Ballroom 4658 S. Drexel. For info call Ms. Varga 373-

South Street Journal Board of **Advisors** meeting at SSJ Office. For info to participant and be a member of call 924-0461.

Operation **PUSH** Christmas Baskets to needed Families 930 E. 50th Street. Families must register to receive. Call 373-3366.

Sat/Sun, 17-18

Kwanzaa Workshop at **DuSable** Museum are call 667-4160. designed to clearly explain the origin, philosophy, and practice of Kwanzaa. The seven principles and actual daily

observances will be presented. Storyteller Shanta will follow with a dollmaking workshop with Pamela Turner. Call 947-0600 to preregister, which is required.

Mon. 19 **New Structure**

Organization weekly meeting begins at 6:30 pm at 5659 S. Indiana Ave. Call J. Thomas at 324Dantrell Davis Memorial Foundation

The Inner City Youth foundation presents In Loving Memory of Dantrell Davis and Other Children In the Inner Cities of America That Have Met with violent and tragic deaths before their time! at Petro's Dianna's Restaurant 1633 N. Halsted 5:30 m to 8-30 pm

Tue., 20 Mid-South

Planning and Development Commission's Committee Meeting at the King Center begins at 6:30 p.m.

TAIFA Black **Awareness** Group holds classes in Black history, leadership, conflict resolution and more every

Monday from 6

to 7:30 p.m. at

Woodlake Community Room, 4514 S. Lake Park. Call Brother Aaron at 548-7500.

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

Freedom Now Center weekly meeting at 6351 S. King Drive. 6:30

Wed. 21

The 35th Street-Gateway Citizens Committee: Monthly community meeting at Hartzell Memorial United Methodist Church, 3330 S. King Drive. Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and are open to all

residents of the

Near south and Grand boulevard areas. For info, call 548-2000 or 924-

Washington Park Advisory Council meeting. at Washington Field House on 55th and King

0014.

WED. 27 Haithcock (2):

Monthly Community meeting of 2dnd ward residents and constituents, held at Hartzell Memorial United Methodist Church, 3330 King Dr. Regular meetings held on the 4th Wednesday of each month, on issues and concerns affecting the 2nd Ward community. For information, call the Alderman's office: 924-0014.

Jan.

The Inauguration of Illinois elected officials will take place in Springfield, Illinois State Representative Howard Kenner will be hosting community persons interesting in attending the event. For Chapter bus information call State Representative Howard Kenner

Next issue: **South Street** Journal, Dec. 14 Deadline for material is December 8,

1994.

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, III. 60653. We reserve the right to refuse and edit material.

South Street Journal

What you do understand about the "One, Two Punch" of Joe Gardner and Roland Burris:"?



Well, my understanding is that both men are together making sure the Afican America community is not divided. And that you vote for Gardner on Feb. 28th. And as a back-up you vote for Burris on April 4th in the general if Gardner do not win in the primary.

May Wilson, Unity House 43rd Vincennes



The one-two punch means to me that if we don't get em with the left hook (Joe Gardner) we will knock em out with the right cross (Roland Burris). John DeVaughn **Armour Square**

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Illinois Senate Pays Tribute to **Cecil Partee**



Pictureed from left after attending a memorial service honoring hte late State Senator Cecil Partee are Illinois Comptroller Dawn Clark Ntsch, Partee's wife, Paris, his grand daughter, Rudy anmderson, Senator Margeaet Smith, Partee's daugher, Cecile, Senate Minority Leader Emi; Hones Jr., and Partee's daughter, Paris. Partee, whose portrait is behind the groupl was the first African American to serve as Illinois Senate Prresident. He passed away last August 14.

The Illinois Senate last week conducted a memorial service in Springfield for Washington Park community politican, the late Cecil A. Partee, who served as head of the Senate from 1971 to 1973 and from 1975 to 1977. Partee passed away on August 16,1994.

The service was attended by Parte's wife, Paris, his daughters, Paris and Cecil, his granddaughter, Rudy Anderson, and numerous friends and colleagues. Also attending were Governor Jim Edgar, Secretary of State George Ryan, Attorney General Roland Burris and former Senate Presidents William C. Harris and Phil Rock.

Cecil Partee was a good legislator and a good friend," said Senate Senator Margaret Smith "He was a pathfinder who encouraged many to enter politics and government."

Partee was elected to the Illinois Senate in 1966, after serving 10 years in the Illinois House. In 1973, he was elected Senate President, becoming the first African American President in the history of that chamber and the first African American in the country to head a legislative body.

When Republicans took control of the Senate in 1973, Partee was elected minority leader. He regained the Senate presidency in 1975, when Democrats again came to power.

In 1976, Partee gave up his Senate seat to wage a valiant, but unsuccessful campaign for Illinois Attorney General. He was the first African American of a major political party in Illinois to be nominated to run for a statewide Constitutional office.

Partee later served as Chicago Commissioner of Human Services, Chicago City Treasurer and Cook County State's Attorney.

Senate minority leader Emil Jones, Jr. sponsored a resolution honoring Partee, which the Senate passed unanimously.

CHA Accepts Check For Derrick Lemon Fund

Graham C. Grady, Chief Operating Officer of the Chicago Housing Authority, recently accepted a \$650 check from the U.S. Postal Service on behalf of the Derrick Lemon Fund, which Grady admin-

Derrick 8, is the brother of Eric Morse, 5, who tragically died after being pushed from a window at the Ida B. Wells development. The fund will pay for long-term counseling and education for Derrick, who witnessed the incident.

"We are very grateful to the U.S. Postal Service for this generous gift to the Derrick Lemon Fund," Continue on page 9



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The KOC) Holds A Kwanza/Christmas Party For Impoverished African-American Families

zation (KOCO) is once again throwing a Kwanza/Christmas celebration for needy families at 3:00 December 18, 1994 at the Kenwood United Church of Christ located on 4608 South Greenwood. This celebration is a very important function in Kenwood Oakland and needs donations of Christmas presents, food, and money. Donating to he Kenwood-Oakland Kwanza/Christmas celebration is a good way for people to show the holiday spirit of giving. In addition, the community youth group Taifa,

The Kenwood Oakland Community Organi- is giving a Kwanza presentation that is a mustsee for all African-American children. The Kwanza presentation is filled with songs, skits, and games for the whole f family. This presentation of Kwanza as a strong effort to teach impoverished youth bout their culture.

There is no entrance fee for the party and the Kenwood-Oakland Community Organization provides each guest with a free dinner and wholesome family entertainment. To register for the party or for more information, call (312) 548-7500.

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On April 28, 1995, the Chicago Historical Society will open an exhibition and initiate a series of educational and public programs that celebrate the history of the Douglas/Grand Boulevard neighborhood, one of the oldest communities in Chicago. Douglas/Grand Boulevard is the first community to be examined as paart of the Chicago Historical Society's Neighborhoods: Keepers of Culture project, a collaborative effort between the Chicago Historical Society and four Chicago neighborhoods: Douglas/Grand Boulevard, Rogers Park/West Ridge, South Lawndale/Lower Westside, and Near West Side/East Garfield Park.

The Project, which includes an oral history and video documentation component, as well as an exhibition and programs, has been underwritten in part by the Joyce Foundation and the Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation with additional support from the Irvin Stern Foundation and Equinox Advertising, Inc. The Chicago Historical Society also acknowledge the Chicago Park District's support of all its activites.

During the past year, memebers of the Douglas/Grand Boulevard community and senior staff from the DuSable Museum of African American history have worked closely with an interdepartmental team of Historical

Chicago Historical Society Project Features Douglas-Grand Boulevard

Society staff. Together they will decide how best to collect, interpret, and present the history of the neighborhoods.

The Chicago Historical Society is seeking materials related to the history of the Douglas/Grand Boulevard neighborhoods to possibly include in this exhibition. Persons having family photographs, letters, personal papers, home movies, clothing related to special occasion, such as a baptismal gown, or any artifacts from the past that you think might be of interest, please call Olivia Mahoney, (312) 642-4600, ext. 330.

The exhibition will remain on display at the Historical Society through October 1, 1995, when it will move to the DuSable Museum of African Americam History. The exhibition includes videos, photographs, manuscripts and other artifacts. Young people from the Elliott Donnelley Youth Center are working with the community Television Network and Chicago Historical Society staff to create the videos for the exhibition. The exhibition tells the history of the Douglas/Grand Boulevard neighborhood, beginning with the early settlers of the 1850's, when Stephen A. Douglas purchased 70 acres of land on 35th street in 1852. Highlights will include the Great Migration, as well as the much celebrated Bronzeville of the 1920's, 30's and 40's.

The exhibition will also profile the work of area residents and organizations that are committed to preserving some of the com-

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munity's historic buildings and are working to revitalize the Douglas/Grand Boulevard neighborhood for future generations.

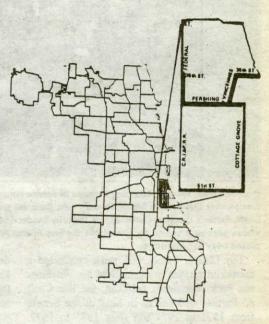
The physical boundaries of the Douglas neighborhoods are 26th Street to the north, Lake Michigan to the east, Pershing oad to the South, and and the Rock Island Railroad Tracks to the west. The physical booundaries of the Grand Boulevard neighborhood are perhing road to the north, Cottage Grove Avenue to the east, 51st Street to the South, and the ROck Island Railroad tracks to the west.

In the 1980's, African Americans began to settle in the Douglas/Grand Boulevard neighborhoods on the South Side of Chicago, an area once part of the territory inhabitated by Native Americans and, since the 1850's, occupied by a succesion of Anglo and European people. In 1904, the Frederick Douglas Center opened to aid African Americans in obtaining jobs.

In 1905 the first Chicago Defender was published, and in 1915 Chicago elected the city's first African American alderman.

Today, as dedicated members of the community work to revitalize the Douglas/Grand Boulevard neighborhoods to create a better futute for its residents, they build upon a rich heritage of accomplishment, a tradition of self-reliance, and a history of political activism to achieve their goals.

In 1989, the Chicago Historical Society revised its mission, affirming its commitment to present Chicago's diverse history to all of its citizens. This commitment to presenting an inclusive history of Chicago through programs, exhibits, and collections is exemplified in the neighborhoods: Keepers of Culture Project.







1994 Winners of **Community Organizing** Award

A grass-roots organizing campaign that culminated in a decision by the City of Chicago to allocate more than \$200 million in new funds for affordable housing over the next four years as this year's winner of the Community Organizing Award.

The Chicago Affordable Housing and Community Jobs Campaign was organized by the Chicago Rehab Network, a coalition of non-profit affordable housing developers. The 1994 Community Organizing Award was sponsored by Weiboldt Foundation, Woods Fund of Chicago, and John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. (L to R) Campaign steering members, award winners: David Hunt, Chicago Rehab Network; Alderman Arenda Troutman (20th); and Toni Preckwinkle (4th).



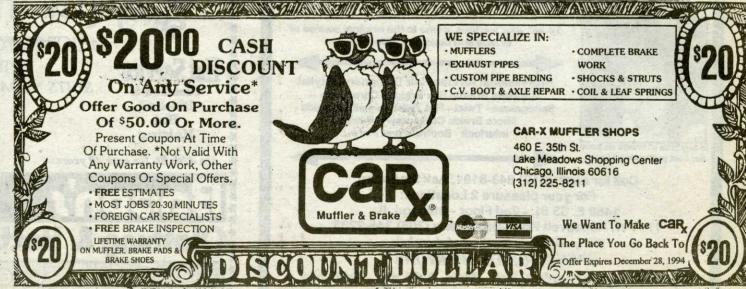
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season when crops are harvested and as an reflection of our deeds in the community, and people come together to sing and dance, enjoy the blessing of living, give thanks for the bountifulness of nature and to re-dedicate themselves to work together in the spirit of African love. This is

what we do now on a limited basis by giving gifts at Christmas to show our love. For Kwanza we are concerned with how to create mass joy for our community and resolutions that will be carried out by the Seven principles of Nguzo Saba, which are;

Umoja___Unity Kujichagulia_Self-Determination Ujima__Collective work and responsibility Ujama_Co-operative Economics Nia_Purpose Kuuba_Creativity Imani_Faith



Kwanza means "First the tradition

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The University of Mid Sout

By Beverly A. Reed SSJ Photo by Hilbert C. Sandifer

t is not hard to locate Silas Parnell. As Division Director of Ada S. McKinley Educational Services Division, he remains steadfast in his location at 2961 So.

Dearborn (Dearborn Homes) refusing to relocate, he urges others to join him instead, in his quest to assist anyone who wants to further their education by attending college. Mr. Parnell is a legend in the financial aid business, during the past 20 years he has assisted over 36,000 young men and women as well as adults

find the right school and secure the money needed to attend. That equals 1,500 people a year more than many universities combined. Mr. Parnell had been committed to helping youth get in college even before joining McKinley. It was through his position in marketing at Coca Cola Bottling Company that he met then Executive at Ada S. McKinley, Ralph Burlingham who recognized Mr. Parnell's gift and invited him to

thereafter becoming director. His unwavering devotion to his students and down to earth approach has gained him respect

and recognition internationally.

join their board, shortly

Characteristically, Mr. Parnell was undaunted as his staff informed him of his appearance on Phil Donahue.

Reed: Where does the money come from? Parnell: Money come from different places, most of the money for financial aid comes from the

institution. For instance, many of the schools, if you go in the right area have plenty of money. Yet there are others like Black Colleges who have very little money. So if a student is a total need student who doesn't want to be burdened with loans the rest of his life, I'd advise him/her to steer clear of them.

Reed: Can you tell when a student is serious? Parnell: Our thing is this, you can't look at anybody and tell whether they're sincere or not. What I do is ask a line of questions, because these kids are street smart they will tell you just what you want to hear. Don't tell me that you want to

become a doctor, but, you haven't taken any physics, chemistry, or gonometry. See, you can't say one minute you are going to be a nurse, then the next minute you tell me you can't stand the sight of blood. Reed: What is the ratio of your clients male to female? Parnell: Females, three to one

Reed: All African-

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community than anybody.

Parnell: We help anybody who walks in the door. Reed: What does the community need to do to bring the level of education up to the normal standards?

Parnell: There are a number of things we need to do. First of all we must have more commitment from the parents, spending more time with their kids and having high expectations for them. Then the state has not lived up to its responsibility in



funding the students, the city has not lived up to its responsibility because it has certainly politicized to such an extent that they are totally ineffective. Then the schools are not safe, I can understand a child not wanting to go the school, due to the gangs, they could get killed.

Reed: Are the universities and colleges. fulfilling their roles in recruiting African-American students?

Parnell: Recruitment is not a problem any one can go to college, anyone who does not have brain dama :an go to college. Now where the universities fall down is in providing the proper programs and having adequate Black faculty and staffing. Lack of funding in primary and secondary school is what gets me. They don't fail in high school, the kids gives up in high school, he failed a long time

Reed: How are you different from a high school counselor?

Parnell: Well they have much more paperwork than I do. We don't emphasize the differences we try to work with them, they are certainly overworked and

Reed: Are you satisfied with the parental involvement of the students you are working

Parnell: No, I've never been satisfied from day one. There is very little parental involvement and many times when parents come they don't listen, or they listen once it has become to late.

Reed: Are the majority of your students from the Mid South?

Parnell: Well, I wouldn't say most of them, but a

large percentage of them do com South, because, we work all of th schools. I have found that little is the many opportunities that exis South area, there are more oppo community believes. Kennedy-Ki Washington, Olive-Harvey, and N Colleges all have some of the bes and staff that money can buy. E community does not turn to the of working with what they have they instead

focus on what they do not have. Reed: Are you

saying there is to much emphasis placed on the big name colleges? Parnell: Yes, I often wonder why people get so caught up with the names of universities, because so many of our successful people, black, white, green or gray, did not come from fancy universities. Burn every lvy League college down and it is not going to change the way things happen in this country. There are thousands of small colleges across the nation that are creating leaders everyday. Thurgood Marshall didn't go to Harvard

prestige of a college with them, Go where you fit, do your thing look back. Reed: Do you feel you are

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Editorial

Mid-South Elected officials and Others: Where are you?

re our Mid-South Elected Officials holding the nails that will be driven into Dr. King's coffin on April 4th? Aldermen and Alderwomen Bloom

(5), Haithcock (2), Preckwinkle (4), Troutman (20) and State Representative Lou Jones, State Senator Margretd mith, Cook County Commissioner Jerry Butler,

State Senator Margret Smith. Where are You? Alderwoman Dorothy Tillman and Congressman Bobby Rush have been the only elected officials in he Mid-South area that have gone on record upporting or endorsing a mayoral candidate. Bob ucas (KOCO), Dino McNeal (FNC) and Wallace Gator Bradley are the only community leaders that ave stepped outside of their respective community rganizations and openly taken a position. It seems hat even the Rev. Dr. Leon Finney and Bishop urthur Brazier have taken a quiet position. (The hicago Black United Communities on 37th street

nd the Task Force for Black Political impowerment do not count on this oint. However, they can do a little nore to develop their political rganizing skills with public housing esidents.)

Not so long ago many of our current lected officials were community aders whose voices could be heard lear across the community. Shouting or rights, roles and rules their voices vere loud and clear in terms of where

they stood and who they stood for or against. Even to the point of following up on it with direct action to enforce those positions.

Suddenly, all is quiet on the Mid-South front, why now? With the Mayoral race well on its way, where is the political leadership in the Mid South community? Why is it that there are no organizations speaking out or speaking up on the subject of the upcoming election. Yes, even the churches are not exempt from their responsibility in these matters. As we are all aware the power of the pulpit is sometimes as involved in the subject of politics as it is in The Word. Yet our esteemed ministers seem to be as quiet as the proverbial church mouse on this issue.

As elected officials, these people have chosen leadership positions and the residents of our community are being misled and deceived when there is a quiet voice on this election.

This is not the time for political posturing and noncommitment. The role of a

politician in his or her community is far more complex and involved than ribbon-cuttings and collecting statistics on rivals. It is not enough to go into to City Council and introduce a few bills or secure affordable housing for ten or twenty families (especially when the rest of the apartments go to outside residents). And it is not enough to have a Black Caucas of the City

Council if it do not act unified on this election.

The community looks to its elected officials to provide insight, and rightly so, based on their active roles in the political forum. It would seem our local politicians, being in a position to interact with other politicians would recognize their legitimate duty to inform their constituency,

their community. What should be par for the course, is turning out to be a waiting game of hide

As we prepare for the upcoming aldermanic elections as well, it would be wise for those currently holding the position to be aware that it is not acceptable to keep the public in the dark about these matters as some sort of attempt to salvage sagging public interest and keeping up front that it is the people and not the position that matters most.

As we begin to enter this election, the leaders of this Mid-South community seem to be united in just one area-indecision.

If there is that much apathy among the decision makers, then who can scream when the voters decide once again to go fishing on election day. There must be a committment to the people that extends beyond self-serving goals. The posture taken by leaders has the ability to sway, influence and more importantly to bring the people to the

South Street Journal has made a committment to print the views of each elected official and community leader pertinent to the Mid-South Community. We are offering an open forum through the printed word for those who are in a position to influence community residents who have voted them into office and/or supports their organization or church.

As well as, beginning the first of a monthly series of meetings with the Advisory Board of South Street Journal. This newspaper intends to take an active role as a medium for both candidate and community resident alike.

South Street Journal has rang for roll call. Let us rise up and meet the challenge as we head into the Election Season "95"



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leaders will say give them jobs, if you will look at the data, educated people have less of the problems that face our community than anybody. They may be underemployed but seldom unemployed.

Educated people are not jailed as quickly even when they commit a crime. They would rather round up five Black guys standing on the corner than to incarcerate one guilty educated White man. We know that our way (education) is better than any

we must have more people money, but how commitment from long are they going to the parents, spending more time use our athletes as an with their kids and six hundred thousand a having high year then two or three years after they get expectations for them.the state has not lived up to they would not be in a its responsibility in educated, they will still funding, the city has not lived up to always lean towards its responsibility because it has certainly politicized least you can understand your condition. tototally

other way around. Because you can give the have? They are not going to have it long. I always example, they make five, through playing ball, they haven't got a dime. So if money was the problem bind. Those who are well survive. They can always find something to do. I will education, I don't care if you are dirt poor, if you're broke and well educated you are still better off, at

> Reed: What gets you angry? Parnell: Well, nothing

really gets me angry, I would call them challenges. We are in a problem orientated business, if people don't have problems it is no point in them coming to us. However, let me hastily add this, we are problem solvers not problem collectors.

Reed: Are you a product of the Mid-South Community?

Parnell: Yes, I was born on Christmas Day and raised up at 537 E. 33rd. Street. I am married and have four children, now, let's get back to the students.

Reed: Go on.

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Letters

The Crime of Being Born Black

Dear Editor;

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succeed

Nor could they kill me during the Inquisition

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Passage

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by Ajamu Nassor

the death penalty instead

Ajamu Nassor was executed December 8, 1994 in the State of Indiana

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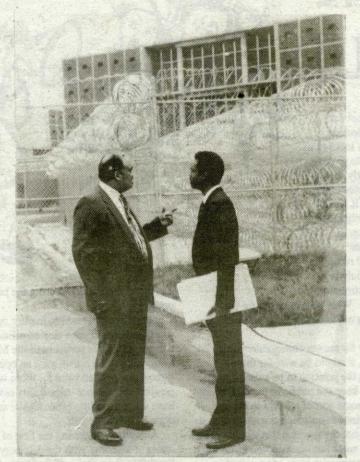
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Mayor Daley Announces in Woodlawn

including Dr. Leon Finney, and Bishop Arthur Brazier, of Apostolic Church of God in

When asked if their presence meant their support was going to Daley, Finney offered no comment. However, Bishop Brazier stated, "I am here because, he is the Mayor, and this is the community I serve. When South Street Journal contacted Daley's campaign headquarters, they confimed that Bishop Brazier was indeed a Daley supporter.

Other leaders that operate in the African-American community include Jorie Luster of Luster Product, 18th and Indiana, and Darryl Grisham, Parker House Sausage, 46th & State have also mentioned by Daley's material as supporters to his re-election campaign.

On the heels of this annoucement a demonstration was organized by Conrad Worrill, National Black United Front to protest the "betrayal of the African-American community" this resulted after Elzie Higginbottom and Dempsey Travis, two prominent businessmen annouced their support of Mayor Daley at a \$250 dollar-a-plate breakfast.

Daley also noted his initiatives to add a thousand more police, community policing; the seizure and destruction of more than 80,000 illegal guns; to combat violence in the schools; to rebuild neighborhoods; promote jobs and growth; and improve city services as part of an ongoing effort to "insure that Chicago continues to be a place where families can live and grow."

Despite accusations that contradict Daley's assertions, including the increase of housing demolition in the Black community by 100%

since 1989. The diminishing number of Blacks employed on Public works jobs in the

city,(50% since 1989). "We can't erase our problems overnight," Daley said, "but we can and we are scoring meaningful victories each day that are making a difference in the lives of people."

The Mayor noted that these new programs have moved forward at a time when he was cutting the city payroll by 1,600 unnecessary positions, (black layoffs) and holding property tax increases to less than five percent over six

Daley said that progress has been made possible by a new spirit of cooperation a and shared purpose, which has produced unanimous and near-unanimous City Council votes for city budgets the past two years.

"I've tried to govern by appealing to our common interests, hopes and dreams--by bringing people together, instead of tearing them apart," said the mayor, citing increased minority representation on the city work force, and his passage of an historic set-aside ordinance to expand the contracts:comments participation of minorities and women in city contracts.

According to one source the transference of once municipal functions to private contractors will substantially diminish the number of contracts that can be set-aside. It has been reported that only five percent of those were actually relegated to Black contractors.

But he also warned that "cities everywhere are fighting for survival," and that "serious urban problems cannot and will not be easily solved."

"The day I'm satisfied is the day I'll know it's time to go-because with all the problems of a big city, there's always more be done.

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Bradley

voted her into office. That is the lesson I have learned from her,

exactly what not to do." Bradley continued, "There needs to be an accountability to the people of the 3rd ward. Bringing the community and elected officials together to address the vacant homes, crime, jobs, the youth problems and the overall development of the 3rd ward residents wishes. The real case is that the people of the 3rd ward are left out of the process.

"I saw our people losing hope in this community, I feel that my life is an example of how a person can succeed, no matter what

their background. There is greatness within us all. "Within four years, I will make things happen," says Bradley.

"By the way, since Daley has been in office the question on everyone's lips is 'Where's Dorothy," he joked.

Bradley believes he will get a lot of support from the people in the community. "They're looking for a positive change," says Bradley. Calling them his support team, Bradley commended, Ethel Washington, Pres. LAC Robert Taylor Homes, Robert J. Dalls, Chairman, Auditing Financial Prince Asiel Ben Israel, International Ambassador, Hebrew Israelite Community, and member of the Ministers Broadcast Alliance.

Bradley concluded, "I have the support, the motivation and the victory".



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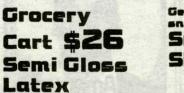
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Irene Espinosa, Project Manager, Mid South Planning Development Commission

After achieving success in the corporate world Ms. Espinosa found that material gain she desired. she made a decision to leave the corporate world and to pursue a dream she began in college of working in a diverse environment and making a difference in the lives of people. Starting with an internship at Dearborn Homes Resident Management Council (a site she chose) Ms. Espinosa took the leap and applied for the position at Mid-South Planning and Development Commission. Meet Irene Espinosa, Project Manager, MSPDC.

What is your vision for MSPDC? Well, it is not my vision, but what I would like to do is create a vehicle that the community can access to provide them with information and direction to already established agencies that provide the resources needed to assist the residents in securing training, jobs and business startup skills. My job is to work with the community based on their own ideas.

How do you view the community? This community is full of ideas and talent. My experience at Dearborn Homes helped to guide me in terms of how I could best use skills. Contrary to media misrepresentation this community has everything it needs to be a success. I am

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Does your heritage help or hinder your relationship with the people of the Mid-South Community? I would have to say it is a help, as a Mexican-American, I have certainly, encountered racism. I believe the struggle is the same. We all have the same hopes and desire for betterment.

What do your friends say about you? Well, I had lunch the other day with some friends that I used to work with in the corporate arena. They said they were glad that I had the courage pursue my dream.

Major Accomplishment? I would have to say leaving the security of a well paying job to do what I felt was right for me.

Any family? My parents struggled while I was growing up but are now beginning to prosper. I am single with no children. I just moved back near my old neighborhood in the (Western) Suburbs.

Any thing you would like to say to the Mid-South residents? Yes, I would like to say to the young people, education is the main focus. Things may get rough but do not let it deter you, There are many opportunities out there, you must be willing to take the risk and reach for the stars.

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Grady said: "One child is dead. Two other are charged with murdering him. It is our deepest hope that the counseling and educating that this fund provides will help Derrick, the fourth youth, overcome this tragedy and lead a happy, very productive life."

Eric Morse died last month after plunging 14 stories from a window at 3833 S. Langley at the Ida B. Wells development: Two boys, ages 10 and 11, were arrested and charged with pushing the 5 year old to his death.

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Representative Jones **Blasts GOP Rule Changes For House Amendments**

State Representative Lou Jones (D-5) blasted the recommendation of the new Illinois House speaker that would prohibit the proposal of amendments to bill on the House floor.

"It is unconscionable that this type of rule would be thrust upon us, thereby effectively depriving the elected

representatives of the people from debating the issues, pro and con, of any legislation that comes before the members on the House, "said Representatives Jones.

Speaker-in-waiting, Lee Daniels, has proposed changing the rules of the house which prohibit members State Rep. Lou Jones from amending bills on the House

floor. Amendments could be made during the introduction of the bill in committee.

The current rules allow any member of the 118 seat House Legislature to introduce "amendments" to bills and to debate the change on the House floor as well as in committee. There are bills, if they remained in their introduced state and were not amended, that would undermine, abridge and diminish the rights of and possibly adversely affect the constituents of this state.

"If Daniels has his way, this unprecedented rule would make all legislators attend every committee hearing to oppose, amend or debate proposed laws," said Representative Jones. "That is a physical impossibility. This rule would change the manner in which bills have been amended since the creation of the Illinois House of Representatives, " said Jones. "It is a total abuse of power by the in-waiting Speaker and it shows his lack of concern for the minority members of the House and each of their 90,000 constituents," concluded Representative Jones.

CUL Leads Fight For Legislation Beneficial to **African Americans**

By Dawn Ewing, SSJ Staff Writer

In light that the African-American community is hurting and fighting for fair legislation funding, on Tuesday December 6, the Chicago Urban League (CUL) hosted a Legislative Agenda Workshop. The purpose to get input from Community Based Organizations (CBO's) on recommendations for new laws and the acknowledgment of their voices in the law-making process.

Dr. Cornelius Collins, Director of Advocacy at CUL in an effort to create a united front, coordinated the event. "This is just the beginning," he says, "the real test will be if we get bills passed that will create laws that will benefit African-Americans."

Armed with tentative schedules of the Illinois House and Senate for the 89th General Assembly (GA), the Hannah Report (an informational newsletter in Springfield), a directory of the Illinois Black Legislative Caucus, a flowchart on Bill Passage, as well as other pertinent information on legislation activities in the GA, and a plan of action the process began.

The area targeted for impact are Education, Economic Development, Public Safety, Health, Housing, and Welfare. The plan of action for lobbying and advocating for CUL supported legislation is:

1. Coordinate conversion of Federation Legislation to actual bills to go to the GA in January 1995.

Identify members of General Assembly (GA) and establish regular meetings with those who will introduce CUL supported legislation.

2. Through January 15, 1995

Utilize data, reports and other information to enlighten

Disseminate Hannah Report and CUL generated newsletter.

3. January 1 thru June 30, 1995

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Establish regular meetings with CBO's interested in and supportive of legislation to be introduced to GA.

Further organize and assist CBO's to monitor GA through briefing on ways and means of getting passage of specific legislation.

Lawyers have been slated to draft recommendations in to legal form. Person wanting to take part by contacting the CUL advocacy department at 285-5800.



Material should be submitted by Thursdays. Send your material to

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December 27, - Last Day to file objections to the nominating petitions of established political party can-

December 28, - Last day for they Board of Election Commissioners to conduct a lottery when two or more petitions are filed simultaneously by candidates of the same political party or by aldermanic candidates.

December 29, - Last day for candidates of established parties.

January 4, 1995 - Last Day to file petitions for the submission of a Local Option Referendum for the April 4, Municipal General.

January 17, - First Day for independent and new political party candidate to file petitions.

January 19, - First Day make application by mail or in

person for an Absent Voter's Ballot. Last Day for civic organizations and proposition proponents and opponents register their names and addresses to be eligible for pollwatchers credentials for the February 28, 1995.

January 23, - Last day to file independent and new political party petitions. Last date to file objections to petitions.

January 24-31, - Completed registrations accepted by deputy registrar and at Library branch offices.

January 28, - Last day for a unregistered citizen temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States for registration and ballot.

January 28-29, - Area registration days

January 30, - Last day to file objections to independent and new political party.

January 31, - Last day for voter registration in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. Last day for deputy registrars in library branch offices to ac-

cept completed registrations prior to the February 28,

February 2, - Last day for independent and new political party candidates to withdraw as a candidate.

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

February 23, - Last day any registered voter may apply by mail for an Absent Voter may apply by mail for an Absent Voter's Ballot for 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 I, - Registrations

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.

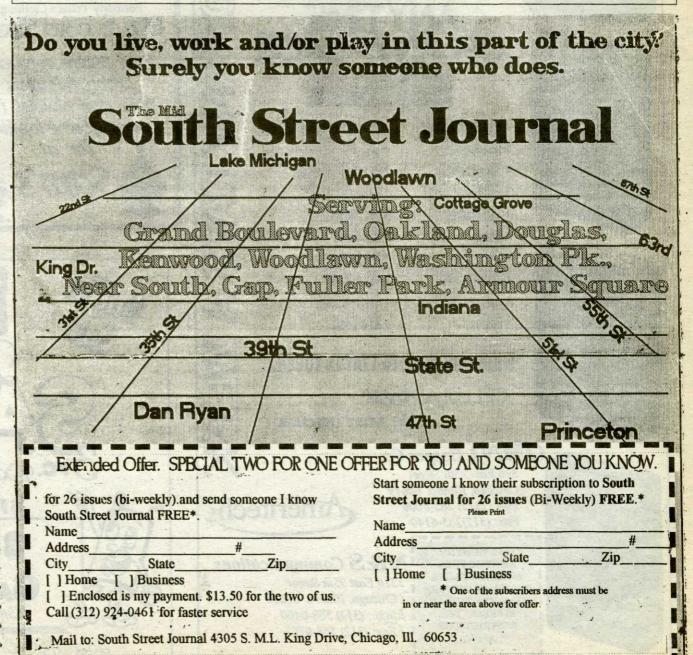
March 31, - Last Day (by 5:00 p.m.) a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate for the April 4.

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

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.



Affordable Housing in Woodlawn

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at \$280. Butler lived in Woodlawn for 32 years. Angry over the death of next door neighbors in a fire started by an arsonist-for-hire prompted But-

involvement in land development. WECAN's complishments shows that Butler not only became angry but

involved. Butler has plans for single-family dwellings at \$70,000 to \$75,000 for Woodlawn residents. While Butler credits Alderman Arenda Troutman for supporting WECAN, Butler faults the Woodlawn Preservation and Investment Corporation for pushing high income housing that will be unobtainable for the economicallystrapped residents of Woodlawn.

The Woodlawn Preservation and Investment Corporation, better known as WPIC is a major player in Woodlawn land development. Bishop Authur Brazier, head of the Apostolic Church God, is the Chairman of the nonprofit

Bishop Brazier shares the vision with Alderman Troutman, of Woodlawn as a multiincome community, each has suggested that while the poor may live in a community they cannot sustain it. Not only is a mixed-income populace desired, it is required.

Alderman Troutman stopped the saturation of Woodlawn with scattered-site public housing for the low-income. To stabilize a community, commercial development is required. Commercial investment is attracted to communities that have a solid economic base from in-

has began or completed three projects all pro- come households. The alderman welcomes viding affordable housing. Monthly rates start outsiders as well as insiders to participate in

developing Woodlawn.

However, maintains that the community must be involved in development decision making. She holds regular monthly meetings to obtain com-

munity input. Notwithstand-Alderman Troutman's asser-Commutions, nity activists McNeal and Charles, as well as residents,

maintain that there is minimal community input in development and that information is not shared with residents.

The face of Woodlawn is changing. Woodlawn watchers will continue to monitor the changes and the players involved.

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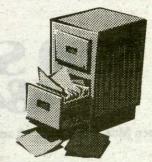
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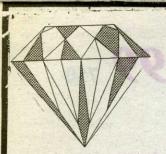
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