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Community Briefs

The Passing of three Mid-South Legend Residents in '94

Dr. Joyner, A Humanitarian Legend, in Mid-South.

Rev. Ed" A Civil Rights Legend on 50th & Drexel

Angry Groups Speak Out at Community Rally

Cecil Partee, A Political Legend in Washington Park

The UnZipped

The CIA Central Advisory Council Presidents had a retreat in Oak Park, Leaders spending money outside of the community against Illinois where guests included Roland Harris and Congressman Bobby Rush. Word is they were pushing Dennis Rodman's daughter, Ms. Green Randolph Behnam for 3rd ward Alderman. Wonder if Mayor Daley knows about this, after he praised Alderman Tollines. Did Vince Lane clear this with the Mayor allowing, CIA tenants to run for public office and allowing tax dollars to go outside of the city? Maybe the Mayor forgot, Tollines went Lane fired.

Our regrets go out to John Devaugh the "Man Volunteer of the Year" on the passing of his father.

People around 43rd and King Drive are missing the Chicken Coop. Minds are wandering if the owners of the building want to own the Chicken Coop business as well, or it happened on 47th Street along the "9", or are they just on vacation.

Sitting on the Rainbow to the Mid-South, Jesse Jackson Jr. is now a member of the South Street Journal Advisory Board, welcome aboard.

Angelo Rone and Cecilia Butler are going to have to flip a coin or flip out over where Empowerment Zone meetings in the Mid-South will be held. Then they need to invite Vernon Jarrett, to bring them up to date. Or send him by to see the talking drum, Lu Palmer who lives in the Zone.

In the Scene newspaper, stated that government agencies are doing some hiring; the City, State of Illinois and Cook County... directly in Mid-South and 3rd ward.

In attendance were mayoral candidate Joe Gardner, state representatives, Monique Davis and Howard Kenner, state senator Alice Palmer, local aldermen and others. Mayor Daley was also invited to attend.

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Calendar of Events

Sun., 1
Happy New Year!

Tue., 3
Mid-South Planning and Development Commission's Meeting at the King Center 4314 S. Cottage Grove begins at 6:30 p.m.

Wed., 4
Empowerment Zone Fund meeting at The Center for Inner City Studies 300 E. Oakwood Blvd. 6:00 p.m. Don't miss it.

Mon. 2
New Structure Organization weekly meeting begins at 6:30 p.m at 5555 S. Indiana Ave. Call J. Parker at 324-9526.

Sat., 7
Support for Sexual Assault Survivors Share your fears and feelings, give and receive support and gain new control over your life 10:30 - 12 noon for Adults 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. for Adolescents Harris YWCA 6200 S. Drexel.

Freedom Now Center weekly meeting at 8351 S. King Drive. 6:30 p.m.

Wed., 11
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 546-2000 or 924-0461.

WED. 25
Ad. Madeline Whitman (3): Monthly Community meeting of 2nd ward residents and constituents, held at Hartzell Memorial United Methodist Church, 3330 S. King Drive.

TUES., 17
Mid-South Planning and Development Commission's Meeting at the King Center 4314 S. Cottage Grove begins at 6:30 p.m.

Tues., 12
Building Collective leadership and Collective Organization Throughout the African world" Part III of Nai A. Shaker's five part series at Kennedy King College 6600 S. Wabash.

Thur., 12
Washington Park Advisory Council meeting.

Sat., 28
South Street Journal Board Meeting at Washington Park Field House on 55th and King Drive.

WED. 25
Meeting of 2nd ward residents and constituents, held at Hartzell Memorial United Methodist Church, 3330 S. King Drive. Regular meetings held on the 4th Wednesday of each month, on issues and concerns affecting the 2nd Ward community. For info call the Alderman's office 924-0014.

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 Street Journal, 4303 S. King Dr., Chicago, 60653.

Roy Whitley
African American Community Development Corp.
3rd & King Drive

"94" was a pretty good year for many organizations, I know we did a lot of work, but that is what brought us to the point we are now. I expect 1995 to be a very good year especially with the Empowerment Zone Fund.

Theresa Pillo
South Street Journal
43rd & King Drive

I think the Mid-South Community has established togetherness in the last year, but there is always room for improvement.

South Street Journal Photo View

How do you think the community fared in 1994 and what do you expect for 1995?

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Block Clubs

The overlooked community organization

Elaine White, a leader of the 60th and Lafayette Block Club, emphasizes the need for residents to become active in block clubs.

By Valerie Adams

SSJ Staff Writer

Some signs welcome you to their block, others don’t, some give elaborate block party invitations. Block clubs and neighborhood associations are alive and well in Mid-South, but are these clubs effective? Has it quiet neighborhood watches. Block community? do something positive in the are alive and well in Mid-South, but clubs and neighborhood associations orate block parties, others organize block, others don’t, some give elaborate…

Kelley, Vice President of the 57th

The overlooked community organization

“The Alderman (4) was down on the block recently to check on problems. “This is progress, because I can’t remember anyone coming down here before,” says Mr. Robinson.

Despite the ups and downs, Mr. Robinson and his wife have chosen to stay on Langley rather than move, and having an active block club is one reason.

“We’ve been able to do for people been,” according to Mr. Kelley. “The neighborhood works. We’ve been able to come together to try to do something positive in the community.”

“These block clubs are what you make of them,” according to Doug Kelley, Vice President of the 57th and Indians Block Club. “We’ve been active only since last April, and we’ve already been able to give a feeling of community, especially to the renters.”

“My block is pretty quiet,” says Elaine White, long time member of the 60th and Lafayette Block Club. “There have been no drive-bys, and no drug selling is allowed.” Ms. White has lived on her block all of her life, as have most of her neighbors. Her block club was started in 1947 by her mother and other neighbors.

“We have accomplished a few things over the years, especially working with the city, says Mr. Robinson. We’ve been able to do for people been,” according to Mr. Kelley. “The neighborhood works. We’ve been able to come together to try to do something positive in the community.”

“Part of the reason more neighbors are not involved is because many people find it hard to compromise which makes it hard to form a group,” Mr. Robinson believes. “Many people are individualistic. Young people don’t belong because they don’t think they need a block club.”

“Other people want to talk about all the problems, he continued, but aren’t willing to spend the time to come to a meeting.”

“I think a lot of people are feeling like we’ve already been able to give a feeling of community, especially to the renters.”

“We got the sidewalks fixed when we were all broken up, got a group together, and received money from the city to fix the fronts of these houses.”

“One unique activity of this block club is to offer advice to landlords on how to protect their property. One landlord removed a tenant’s door, when the rent wasn’t paid. The tenant knew his rights, and complained to the block club. According to Mr. Kelley, the landlord didn’t know that was illegal. The block club advised the landlord of what his rights and responsibilities were under the law.

“In the past, our members were more dedicated than they are now,” according to Ms. White. “We had meetings every month then.”

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Candidate Marshall, seeks reform in 4th

Throughout his career, Brian Marshall has maintained and affiliated with the 4th Ward and the Afrikan-American community. Maintaining a strong preference for emerging businesses and minority owned firms, he served as Director of Marketing and Promotions at the New Regal Theater. His exemplary work with the Safe Foundation led Burrell Public Relations to offer him a position, in which he managed accounts for McDonald's, Coke and Kraft General Foods. His work with McDonald's translated into a national campaign to commemorates the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, “His Light Still Shines: The Life and Message of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.”

Marshall’s civic activities include serving as a board member for the Emmett Till Foundation and the Community Mental Health Council. He is also an active member of the Kenwood Oakland Community Organization, the alumni chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, Council. He is also an active member of the Emmitt Till Foundation and the Community Mental Health “We Care” role model program. Brian Marshall is the parent of 16 year old Natalie and 18 month old Brian II. Marshall also is an ordained deacon at Trinity United Church of Christ.

Daley Endorsements


A move that joined the heated debate of prominent Black businesswoman Elite Huggins-Brown, a developer in the Mid-South area and partial owner of the Plaza on 55th and Dan Ryan, and Dempsey Travis, a real estate developer and historian for Black politics in Chicago, U.S. Senator Carol Mosby-Brum endorsed Mayor Richard Daley for re-election. Saying he is the best man for the job.

Sources from South Street Journal that many Black officials in Mid South and the city as a whole will be supporting the mayor quietly if not open as well.

Personal gain or not wanting to jeopardize their position with the mayor has been sighted as a main factor.

The city council Black Caucus, Chairman Alderman Robert Shaw (9) who said he is voting for Gorden Schartz 2nd Ward, and his organization has not made any endorsement and that one should have been made two weeks ago. Alderman Dorothy Tillman is the Vice Chair of the Black Caucus and Alderman Provens (4), Averda Troutman (20) and Madeline Halt-
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- Andre's Champagne 2/5.00
- Dinner Wines 1/5.39

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Serving the People in 1994, looking towards 95'

Story and photos by Kimberly Arron
Staff Writer
The Mid-South Area from State Street to 69th Street, the Illinois Crescent Area, have over 225 social service agencies, including the churches, programs, schools, government agencies and organizations that are not chartered by the state or listed in the telephone directory.

The sorry truth is that all of them are needed. That's because spiraling social ills hitting this area and still a lack of services. The success of the organizations described here provide proof of how groups do share common goals. Most notably they are working to serve the needs of their community.

Organizations mentioned may not be the best representation of the many in the area, but they all had important purposes in 94 that help illustrate their need in 95.

Belfort House located on 70th and Indiana in the southside neighborhood of Teen Living program, offering residents aged 18-21 temporary places to live for 6 months. Residents are required to seek employment and save 50% of their income. The residents are taught how to cook and manage a household budget in preparation for independent living.

Felicia Wallace was referred to Belfort by a social worker from the Urban League after a dispute with her boyfriend left her homeless. When she arrived, she has landed a job at McDonald's and enrolled in a G.E.D. class.

Wallace admits that she had trouble adjusting to the rules when she first arrived. "I wasn't used to living on a schedule, getting up every morning at 6 a.m., going to bed at 11 p.m., staying at Belfort as long as you can go and come and go. I really hated all the rules, but the fact that it has helped me to get myself together and be more responsible. I plan in 95 to enroll in the CNA program at Kennedy-

Aaron Brown has been homeless for three years. He has bounced from shelter to shelter. He heard about the Belfort House through the grapevine and simply went and knocked on the door to seek shelter. Although Belfort doesn't usually accept walk-ins off the street, they decided to accept Aaron after hearing his story. They assigned him a caseworker and processed him for admission.

A caseworker and processed him for admission. Aaron says that the environment is much nicer at Belfort than all other shelters he's been in. "The staff here treat you with respect, whereas they've given me a boost to better my life. I will be 21 in 95 and I'm tired of being homeless. I plan to finish my G.E.D. enroll in a Tech driving program and most of all obtain a permanent home."

The Keewood Oakland Community Organization (KOCCO), located at 2138 E. 46th, experienced a lot of ups and downs in 94. This summer KOCCO fast stirred drawing hundreds of area residents. The community was less than enthusiastic with the 27th annual KOCO convention. Many young people in the community left with out the resources of the education. The Teen Living Program Search Program after KOCO lost the battle to get the program refunded.

Executive Director Robert Lucas however, committed to the agency's goal of empowering residents of the Kenwood Oakland area.

He is determined in 95 to fight the developers of Parade of Homes as they begin their second phase of construction. Lucas is insisting on a portion of the homes be built for low to moderate income families. He also insists that a fair share of the jobs be given to African Americans. Lucas feels there are African American qualified for all levels of jobs related to the construction, from contractors to sub contractors as well as trades people and laborers.

Center For New Horizons located at 41th and King Drive is dedicated to serving the needs of families and children throughout the Grand Boulevard area. The strongest components of the agency are their child care and education programs. Vice President Doreen Smith says that 95 the agency will work together with 94 current programs. The foster care program for example only places children in relative foster care. The agency would like to expand their services to include non relatives as well and be able to actively recruit and train people interested in becoming foster parents.

The agency also added Saturday morning tutorial sessions for children. In their goals to instill pride and self esteem in children they will also be adding afrocentric software to their computer programs for children.

The Brass Foundation is located inside the Harris YMCA at 42nd and Dan Ryan. The agency offers substance abuse treatment for young people aged 12 to 18 years old and intervention for those not yet involved in drugs or alcohol. They also teaches preventive measures against getting HIV and Aids and other STD's.

Counselor Travis Pullman says in 95 that intervention methods will probably become more aggressive as the numbers continue to rise of black teenagers using drugs and contracting HIV.

Most of the clients at brass foundation are referred through other agencies and Juvenile Court, but parents are also welcome to call for help as well. Pullman encourages parents to call the agency or come in for help of they notice their child is exhibiting unusual and negative behavior.

Chicago Youth Century Family Stabilization Project is geared towards providing resources to women in the Stateway Gardens. The goals of the program are to help women strengthen their families. Director Nelda Todd says that when we build self esteem in women through job training and education, they in

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Serving the People

Centers For New Horizons on King Drive 41st and King Drive

Participants who benefited Mohammed one of the techniques. Participants are first required to be able to participate because KOCO was not in training this past summer. The program allows for up to 12 agencies in the Grand Boulevard area to have two representatives one of which must be at least 18 or older. Participants then train in volleyball, basketball, swimming, and softball. Upon completion of training participants go back to their agencies and form teams to compete in a tournament. The Consortium offers a stipend of $500 to many kids as he can.

Grand Boulevard this summer past year. In 95 and $250 to participants under 18. For each sport session they complete.

Program Director John Hite says participation was low among agencies in the Grand Boulevard this summer past year. In 95 however he expects to have full participation of up to 12 agencies in order to give opportunities to as many kids as he can.

Fifteen year old Kahilia Haines one of the participants who benefited by participating in softball training this past summer represents the KOCO program. "I had a lot of fun this summer learning about softball at the University of Chicago where we trained. It gave me a chance to do something instead of hanging around in the street. The money also helped me buy school clothes for myself and my brothers and sisters. I was looking forward to participating for the rest of the year, but I was told that after the volleyball session ended at the end of October that I would no longer be able to participate because KOCO was not in the Grand Boulevard area." Explained Ms. Haines.

The Woodlawn Career Resource Center is a branch of The Woodlawn Organization, located at 4215 S. Indiana, serves youth aged 12-18 in the Grand Boulevard area. "Explained Ms. Burnside in 95 the Career Resource Center will have a new program in management training. They are looking for 10 people who are willing to commit to a year of training to learn business management. Participants will receive $7.20 an hour to start. In addition $1,000 for each phase of the program they complete. At the end of the program participants will receive a degree in management. To qualify for the program applicant's must show an interest and willingness to do the job and prove they are economically disadvantaged by having a public aid card, food stamps or an unemployment check stub. The secretarial skills training program will also accept applicants for its next session beginning February 21, 1995. Applicant's must meet the same requirements listed for the management program.

MidWest Hip-Hop to hold Community Conference

Kenwood/Oakland-The MidWest Hip-Hop Movement (MWHHM) will be holding a community conference at the Harold Washington Library within the music department on December 31st at 10 am. The conference will be held to symbolize a cooperative stand for peace.

Bill West Jr., Chairman of MWHHM said the granted funds which supports the program are exhausted and the organization is working to create cooperative networking partnerships with various organizations and companies to bring much needed exposure and resource for the benefit of the youth and community.

"This will exemplify some examples of parity, peace and goodwill through this particular interactive program," said West. "It will also serve organizations and companies, cooperative standing with the community against violence, illiteracy, unemployment and poverty.

West explained it their hopes to garden the public attention to secure and marshal resources for the benefit of the youth to save their educational program within the Kenwood-Oakland community, especially during these troubled times. There will be several educational entertainment organizations and companies on hand to render their cooperative support, including our special concerned guest form In a Minute Records.

For more information on the program and MWHHM call 624-5527.
MAN OF THE YEAR

EDDIE READ

Son of a Virginian farmer, Eddie Read believes he learned his most valuable lesson from his parents—Truth is the greatest weapon against injustice. A former bodyguard and chairman of the security team for Lu Palmer, Read at 44 is President of Chicago Black United Communities (CBUC) as well as President of the Black Independent Political Organization (BIPO). Read worked with the National Restaurant Association to secure positions for Black contractors and workers. He has been instrumental in gaining employment for many Black men and women in the construction field. Armed with two by fours, Eddie Read, members of CBUC and community residents have gone to construction sites across the city negotiating, intimidating and demanding a share of the construction pie. The battle cry reverberates throughout the Mid-South, and the city. "If We Don't Work Nobody Works" South Street Journal salutes EDDIE READ

COMMUNITY ORGANIZER OF THE YEAR (FEMALE)

CECILIA BUTLER

Cecilia Butler sits on at least three committees in the Washington Park area. As President of the Washington Park Advisory Council, she was instrumental in securing the multimillion dollar Refectory that graces Washington Park. Ms. Butler has also been involved from the very beginning with the Empowerment Zone Fund, negotiating to have meetings held in Washington Park, attending meetings across the city, as well as being a frequent guest on the WVON talk show circuit. She has been devoted to getting the message out and the Fund approved. In addition, she also serves as President of the South Street Journal Advisory Board. South Street Journal salutes Washington Park’s Superwoman, CECILIA BUTLER

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR (FEMALE)

RUTH CUMMINGS

Ruth Cummings is not the type of person who sits around and complains, she is a fighter for the advancement of African-Americans. Cummings is on the LSC at Wadsworth Elementary School as well as District (6) Representative. She is also on the school board of St. Galenas and serves on their fund-raising committee. As a member of two senior citizen groups, she acts as the liaison between Wadsworth School and Kenneth Campbell Senior Center, orchestrating the interaction between youth and seniors. Cummings is a member of the South Street Journal Advisory Board. South Street Journal salutes the bridge to the Generation Gap, RUTH CUMMINGS

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR (MALE)

JOHN DEVAUGHN

John DeVaughn, has traveled to Washington D.C. as a member of ACORN, is representative for Progressive Community Church with the Mid-South Planning and Development Commission, is on the State-Wide Housing Committee (CHIA), and has worked as a volunteer with Alberta McCain at Dearborn Homes Resident Management Office. DeVaughn also serves on the South Street Journal Advisory Board. South Street Journal salutes a “man with a mission” JOHN DEVAUGHN
94 leadership, the missing link, Residents
A sign for Mid-South in 95

'94 has been a time for Mid-South organizers to—do what? to promote the "residents agenda". It has also been a time for motivating residents to become registered voters and participate in the process of building political power. Still, the most common problem that leadership faces, is not in recruiting voters and political officials, but in not maintaining the very relationships with the people they profess to lead.

How do you determine the needs of the people you say you want to serve? Unless one goes door to door and corner to corner it is extremely difficult to get residents involved, as many organizations already know.

Ms. White, the black club leader on 60th and Lafayette is witnessing the same problem of getting residents involved. Rather it be a clean-up, the Corn Ed power lines or the potential of Conrad Roosevelt to buy up the block for their employees, the Peaches and the People have not turned out to participate.

In the 70's and early 80's Ms. White would have had the help of community organizers like Al Kindle, (4th ward), Leroy Kennedy (IL), Joe Bell (Saw key), Joyce Porter (government worker), Joe Canada (community organizer), Mike Conway (with Marian Stamps) now politicians, Rudy Pope (mayor (and current city manager?), Paul Carter (consultant), Ron Carter (publisher) and Rev. Leot Funnery and Harrell Lacs now community developers instead of organizers, building membership and leadership organization. These are the men and women of the grassroots organizations that hit the streets instead of the desk and the telephone to examine the community.

What happens to change most of them? Rev. Arthur Brazier stated a few years ago he was interested in housing as opposed to community organizing. Al Kindle gave one reason for the difference, stating that a minimum wage check does not pay the bills: organizing for money, not what is right for the people. If the pay check is right, the cause is right, low check - no cause.

Rev. Joe Bell said, "You can not organize the people until the people are ready to be organized." In this case then the organizers that are working for the benefit of the people must start making preparations to become peace makers between the police and those who are not ready for what is to come.

As Mid-South leaders prepare for Clinton's Empowerment Zone fund totaling $100 million, they must also prepare for the $5 billion, from Clinton for jails. Money guarded toward the inner cities, such as Mid-South, is there a growing anger and resentment of community organizers who have lost hope of being part of the process.

When Operation PUSH (had hundreds of African American residents marching in protest of the violence, the main test took place after the residents and reporters and their cameras went home. Who will the man who hung on at 47th and Indiana or Calumet or Vincennes or 63rd and Vermont, 43rd and Vernon, 35th and Calumet even these fine upstanding brothers again?)

How a Principal can be effective without spending more money
Dear Editor,

There are three ideas a principal can use without paying any money and will - I guarantee - improve the entire climate of a school.

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Karen Brehaut-Breathes
SSJ Staff Writer:
Anti-Crime laws that pose serious chal-

lenges to the constitutional rights of mid-
south Smashers and other citizens were enacted by
elected officials at each level of government
in 1994.

Mayor Richard M. Daley led the Chicago
City Council to pass the "C h a p p a r e l - r e l a t e d c o n g r e s s i o n" 

ordinance. It allows policemen who "reasonably believe" you are a "criminal street gang member" to stop and search you with or without a search warrant.

State legislators also made the unauthorized possessi-

on of a spray paint container, liquid paint or

markers containing unstable fluids a crime as well as possession of pagers or beepers on

school property.

Governor Jim Edgar and state legislators also jumped on the anti-crime bandwagon by enacting laws that allow 10 to 13 year old juveniles are dan-
grous; cases the transfer of 15 and 16 year olds to be tried as adults for gang or drug related felonies in-
volving fire arm, creates a statewide organized gang database which compiles data including names, ad-
dresses, arrest and convic-
tion records of gang mem-
bers, and gives the public the access to the
tion to 1994, it targets gang activity and expands the federal death penalty to 30 crimes many of which were subject to prosecution under state law. Other significant features of this anti-crime law that it imposes a mandatory life sen-
tence for persons convicted of three felonies

includes nonviolent crimes involving drugs, gives foster parents who have had a foster

year the right to par-
ticipate in neglect and abuse proceedings and the "Baby Richard" amendment to the Penan-

age Act which limits time a non-custodial father may claim paternity of his child to two years.

Illinois voters directly followed the auto-

crime lead by voting to amend the Illinois

Constitution to abolish the right of an accused a

criminal proceeding "to meet the witnesses cor-

sideration before testing for any other drug.

While the amendment

was passed as a means to protect child vic-

tims of Crime from direct contact with them at trial, it may be used by adults.

eliminates financial aid for higher education for persons incarcerated in federal, state and local penal institutions; and facilitates the development of consensual

search of motor vehicle dealer program which

would allow police who reasonably believe a

vehicle is stolen to conduct a stop and search.

Both the state and federal anti-crime mea-
sures expand the rights of victims when a

convict is released or reviewed for parole or

escape from prison. The federal crime bill

allows victims of violent crimes and sexual

abuse to address the court at sentencing hear-

ings.

Other notable legislation passed by the Illin-

ois legislature includes the "Joseph Wallace" amendment to the Juvenile Court Act which

will seriously affect the lives of Mid-South

residents and the African-American com-

munity.

In 1994, court decisions were made that

will have major impact on Mid-South

Community meetings

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Music Affects Mood at Dunbar

Gianfranco Marealis.

When I say 'Radio Class' the first thing that may come to mind is all they must do is play music, play on the microphone and play with the equipment. But, as one radio student put it, "I take this class seriously because I feel that we learn more about broadcasting than some kids at other schools and in this world you have to know more than the next person." The radio students are learning to broadcast on the air, cue up records, meet deadlines and write scripts in proper radio format. We are also learning that music affects mood. That's why we mix up the songs we play. We've learned that if you play Rap music continually the students become rowdy, but, if you play nice mellow music in between the students seem to remain calm. Still, we try not to rely just on Rap and R&B. We begin every broadcast with a Jazz moment and give thanks to fellow classmates.

We were paid a visit by the Jazz Musician Branford Marsalis. He talked to us about the importance of getting an education, it seems he really motivated us, since the whole class has an "A" average.

That's also because we have the kind of teacher who takes time out to answer our questions & go through things step by step. Everyone really likes Ms. Flemmings and we all get along as well. We have respect for each other but, recognize that everyone has their days. We figure like this, if we have to see each other 3 periods a day for the next two years, we might as well get along.

HANGING OUT WITH SANTA ON 63RD & COTTAGE GROVE

Youth gathered at the Freedom Now Center to enjoy a party with the Jolly Ole Fella and received a treats as well. No one ask who he got there without the deers. ' in i r ii

Youth Page Editor

Music Affects Mood at Dunbar and a visit by Jazz Musician Branford Marsalis.

PUSH Excel Youth Summit Deals With Critical Youth Issues

Hyde Park-Youth will be talking and attempting to come up with solutions to issues that concern them. That is the focus of the upcoming Youth Summit sponsored by PUSH EXCEL. This intense 3 day summit will take place at the National Headquarters of Operation PUSH, 930 East 59th Street. December 29-31, 1994. According to Dr. Mishka Hamilton Bennett, Director of PUSH EXCEL, "There has been rhetoric discussing the problems of youth, the "experts" have diagnosed the youth culture, adolescents and teens have been talked to and at...but the time has come to hear from those who are directly involved and to allow them to their solutions in action. The PUSH EXCEL Summit will allow this take place."

The Summit is designed to deal with topics including male and female rites of passage, leadership, conflict resolutions, drugs, and sexuality among other topics. There will be plenary sessions and small group think tanks. The dialogues will be intergenerational in nature because it is necessary for adults to hear from the youth if they are to able to impact their lives. The loads of the sessions will be both youths and adults.

Teachers, counselors, principals, youth workers and pastors have been asked to nominate and sponsor groups of young people. The goal of PUSH EXCEL is to attract youth with strong leadership qualities in order to generate change and allow them to be a catalyst for change among their peers.

There is $10 registration fee and nominal costs for special youth entertainment. The planning committee working under the leadership of Dr. Mishka Hamilton Bennett, Director of PUSH EXCEL, including7 Wilson, National Executive Director, Lucille Loman, The First Lady, radio personality at JAMZ 106-FM, Elliott Greene and Stacy Tomilson.

TERRIFIC TEEN

The terrific teen for this month is James Riggs H.A. Box. He is a freshman at Paul Robeson High School. Where his favorite class is English James is a member of the Robeson Raiders track team and although the season just started he has already won a track medal. Unlike many boys his age James don't let himself get involved in the gang click he says he just door not have time for it. He spends his time studying for test and warming up for track meets. When asked where do you see yourself in 10 years he said I will out of Chicago making big money. After high school James plans to go to college and be a successful Chemical Engineer.

A Vigil for the Youth

1994 wasn't a good year for youth with the many killings that youth witness in the Mid-South area and the city as a whole. However, above the youth at Ida B. Wells housing development took part in a candle light vigil on 38th and Langley in wake of the death of 5 year old Eric Gregory Morse. More than 300 residents mostly youth took part of the vigil organized by the Wells Tenannt Organization. A Vigil for the Youth was held in the death of 5 year old Eric Gregory Morse. More than 300 residents mostly youth took part of the vigil organized by the Wells Tenannt Organization.

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The "Dump Daley Rally" at the YMCA.
April 4, the Anniversary of Dr. Martin for his bid.
Woodlawn's Commissioner Joe Gardner developed into the base for the mayor's grant from the State of Illinois.
With the assistance of State Rep. announcements in the Woodlawn area "Victory Day" as he announced his bid Rush announced the formation of a city-wide Citizens Committee to explore the potential for his successful bid for Mayor in the 1995 city elections. He later dropped his interest to endorse Woodlawn's Commissioner Joe Gardner for his bid.
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 in Hyde Park vs Mayor Richard Daley made one of his announcements in the Woodlawn area at the YMCA.
Lou Rawls Cultural Center Receives $250,000 Grant. With the assistance of State Rep. Louwana Jones (D-5) the Lou Rawls Cultural Center has received a $250,000 grant from the State of Illinois.

Black Political Firsts, campaigning on 51st and State St. are John Stroger, first to be elected Cook County Board President and Howard Kenner, first elected to the State House of Representatives for the 24th District. Kenner credits a great part of his victory to the Washington community where his office is located at 55th and Indiana.

Renovation of Chicago Bee Building Into New Branch Library
The Mid-South Planning & Development Commission, lead the restoration and adaptive reuse of the landmark Chicago Bee Building at 36th and State St. as a Chicago Public Library Branch.
The building was constructed from in 1931 by African-American entrepreneur Anthony Overton, a manufacturer and banker who started the Chicago Bee Newspaper, which was housed in the building until the 1940's. Overton who was born into slavery, became one of the many success stories of the district African-American business and culture.
With funds designated from government agencies, upon completion, the existing Stateway Gardens Reading and Study Center at 3618 S. State Street, will be relocated to the building that housed the first Black Owned Insurance Agency in the historic building. Del Ray Farms ceased its bid to turn the building into a fruit and vegetable stand.

Battle for Supreme Life
The building that housed the first Black Owned Insurance Agency has been involved in community controversy over the status of the historic building. Del Ray Farms ceased its bid to turn the building into a fruit and vegetable stand.

Woodlawn's WPIC starts Phase One of New Homes Construction
Plainsace Place located at 61st and Greenwood is Phase One of the 28 new home construction lead by the Woodlawn Preservation and Investment Corporation. The price of the homes will be approximately $40,000.
This housing development was conceived by Bishop Arthur Brazier, Chairman of WPIC and Pastor of the Apostolic Church of God located in the Woodlawn community.

Oakland Kenwood New Housing Development
With the Parade of Homes' cost from $200,000, Bob Lucas, Executive Director and KOCO calls for the 60, 60, 60 plan for the housing rehab and new construction in the Kenwood community, calling for mix income housing. KOCO and it's Development Corporation meet oppositions presenting plans for the "New Homes for Chicago Proposal" at the North Kenwood Community Conservation Council meetings where they have the power to confirm what development will take place in the area. The meetings were being held at the Kenicott Field House, 44th Street and Lake Park Ave.
Ernest Griffin made news in 1994 when South Street Journal reported he was flying a confederate flag outside his funeral home at 33rd and King Drive. The Tribune and Defender ran stories subsequently.

The Non-Voter
Lorna Barnes
represented over 600,000 people who did not vote in the March 15th election primary.

The Year of NAACP
had many issues confronting the oldest civil rights organization. Upon moving from 63rd and State St. to 13th and Michigan next door to Earl King, Founder, No Dope Express, he announced his bid for presidency of the NAACP. King's bid was based on over 3,000 signatures, half of which belonged to youth, causing the brass at the NAACP to attempt to void those signatures.

Congratulations went out to Ald. Earnestine Tinsman (20th) on the birth of her first child, Charles Jacob Harris, who weighed in at 8 lbs 4 oz and measured 22" long.

Washington Park Reflector
Washington Park is the fourth largest park in Chicago. When African-Americans moved in the Mid-South area it became the major recreational center of the community. In the past the park was used for such activities as horseback riding, boating, carriage rides, and family sleeping overnight. After a six year struggle in getting funding and picking for affirmative action programs, the Washington Park Advisory Council and Washington Park Community Coalition celebrated in 1994 the opening of the $3.8 million renovation of Washington Park Reflector and Aquatic Center located at 55th and King Drive. Pictured (l to r) is Andrew Roland, Erline Arigo, Gerald Ross, Cecilia Butler and Stanley Porter, of the Council.

Washington Park Advisory Council
welcomes your participation.

Operation PUSH Man the Streets
Black men come out by the hundreds to march in protest of violence in the community, sponsored by Operation PUSH the men pledged to become mentors to underprivileged youth as well.

Mandates Jobs for Public Housing Residents
Discovery of a section of the HUD Act of 1968 that specifies jobs and contracts should benefit residents of public housing and low-income persons and community businesses. A grievance was filed January 1994 with HUD. 

Rev. Dr. Leon Finney Jr., made headlines when his organization set up a bounty for the arrest and conviction of any offender that commits a crime in the Woodlawn Community.

The closing of the Green Line for repairs left hundreds of Mid-South residents angry and stranded. Community leaders rallied to the cause in an attempt to secure jobs from CTA.

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Haithcock Announces 2nd Ward Participants

It is anticipated that during the first two years of the Empowerment Zone Program, Chicago's community development and business centers, family centers for child care and education, 100 or more

Mid-South Leaders Zone

housla together. * Shirley News-

some of the North Kenwood Com-

munity Conservation Council stated that her

organization takes no position on the issue

based on a potential conflict of interest.

Further, she notes that they re-

ceived 99% negative response from resi-

dents in the neighborhood. However, the

Kenwood Oakland Community Organi-

zation has been active in the Empower-

ment Zone meetings.

Cecilia Butler, President, Washington

Park Community Coalition, indicated that

she hoped the money would be used for

social services and jobs. In other words

"any and all is taken to be a sustainable

community."

When it comes to the allo-

cation of the funds, Butler feels "you can't

just ignore the politicians and stated some

worked hand in hand although, she said

"many did not participate as they should."

The community that significant changes

should be seen in about six months, not

the actual results.

"Work is just beginning, there is a lot

to do, I don't have a crystal ball, but

I am hoping that people won't walk away

with this money and 10 to 15 years down

the road, we regret that we got the

money." Cecilia Butler, explained say-

ing, "Let the show begin."

Deborah Charles of the Peoples Caucus

in Woodlawn stressed, "First of all Mayor

Daley should publish the original proposal

papers identifying key areas and key

projects. We want to see the universities provide ser-

vices to youth and schools to help improve

scores. Money should not be just spent on

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Block Clubs
Still her block club maintains the tradition of having a tea party every year in July on a Sunday afternoon. Neighbors also prevented gang recruitment recently and have held block clean-ups. Ms. White says that the neighborhoods seem to get little help from elected officials. Most of the improvements have been made east of State Street. Do these Mid-South residents think block clubs are worth the effort?

"Don't give up. Keep making those telephone calls. You can get what you need. It's worth it."

"It's hard to get people to come out these days," says Ms. White. "Next year has got to be different. I'm going to ask my neighbors, Why can't we meet every six months and pay dues? I like this block. There are fewer houses now, but we won't let anyone take our homes from us."

Mr. Robinson says, "Don't give up. Keep making those telephone calls. You can get what you need. It's worth it."

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