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EMPOWERMENT ZONE

Mid South New Year's Agenda

Mid-South Leaders Putting the Pieces Together on the Zone

Gwen McClinton
SSJ Staff Writer

The buzz words around Mid South are "Empowerment Zone". Community leaders are hypothesizing about whose going to control the money.

There are several factions involved, e.g. the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the City Council, various city representatives and the original 30 member coordinating council that compiled the application.

Mayor Daley plans to appoint a committee to determine how funds are to be spent. This committee is intended to set the stage for long, heated political fights possibly jeopardizing the expediency of the \$100 million for anti-poverty and urban renewal projects.

Opinions center around whether leaders will work together or there be long delays in getting much needed money to some of the communities.

Angelo Rose, Chairperson for the Mid-South Planning and Development Commission said one main concern is the fiscal agent. Many residents would rather see the money come from the State instead of the city.

However, Mayor Daley told *South Street Journal* that "that would not fly. You might as well get rid of the city" if the money is not administered by the city.

Rose said, "The city would eat up at least \$10 million in administration, when



Angelo Rose



Shirely Newsome



Deborah Charles



Cecilia Butler

CHICAGO'S FEDERAL EMPOWERMENT ZONE

WHAT

Empowerment zones are the centerpiece of President Clinton's plan to revitalize blighted urban areas through the creation of public-private partnerships, using tax breaks, loans and direct grants to low-income communities.

WHERE

1. West Side 2. Pilsen and Little Village 3. South Side

HIGHLIGHTS

(During the first 2 years)
6 small business centers.
4 family centers for child care and education.
100 or more units of low-income housing created.
6 industrial sites.

FUNDING

Government

- Federal grants of \$100 million over 1995 and 1996 to the city.
- Federal tax breaks for private participants in the zone over next 10 years.
- City appropriation of \$2 million in 1995 budget.
- State of Illinois commitment of \$50 million over 10 years for Chicago and for other designated federal enterprise communities.

Private sector

- \$1 billion from the Bank of America for credit, investment grants, third-party loan pools.
- \$10 million for building rehabilitation (10 units or less) with First National Bank, LaSalle National Bank, Northern Trust, Harris and Community Investment Corporation.
- \$1 billion in loans and credits from the Local Initiative Support Committee, Lender's Underwriting Committee and the Community Investment Corporation for affordable housing development.

HOW

City Council will appropriate money on recommendations from a community council yet to be named.

ALSO

East St. Louis and Springfield designated federal enterprise communities, where they will get about \$3 million each for one year.

SOURCE: City of Chicago, federal government

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that money could be channelled into the communities where it is supposed to go".

It is too early to predict how communities will actually be impacted by the \$100 million in 1995. But Rose said, "communities should look at strategic plans while avoiding asking questions about how the money will be spent." Somewhat dismal in his response to how the money would be used stating, "that the amount each person would eventually receive doesn't amount to a whole lot anyway."

In part what the \$100 million will be used for, Rose said three pools should be established, 1) governmental pool which consists of the state, city and communi-

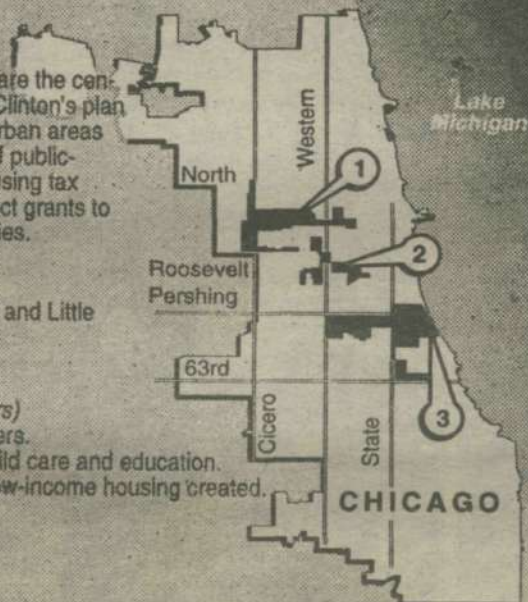
ties, 2) empowerment zone pool, and 3) pools that would be comprised of businesses, institutions and the business community.

Rose spoke to who the main players should be in the Zone allocations saying, "it should consist of the people that brought us to the dance, the City Council has a role, but it is not their entire party." He wants it to be understood that this is not going to be business as usual.

As to how the communities will benefit, Rose says communities need to change their paradigms. When it comes to children, waivers should be established that will let children go to college for free.

Rose continued, "The media should

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Cong. Bobby Rush

Rush Confirms: South Side Gets Zone Funds

Chicago is one of nine national empowerment

zones eligible to receive up to \$100 million in federal monies and that three-fourths of the zone falls in Congressman Bobby Rush's 1st Congressional District.

The announcement means a "virtual economic makeover" for the area, Rush said. "This support and commitment from the federal government, is a major step towards addressing the crime, joblessness, and lack of affordable housing that for too long, has unfortunately plagued this community," he added.

In addition to the \$100 million in grant funding, the designated zones will be eligible for \$2.5 billion in tax benefits, influxes of capital to stimulate small business growth, and up to \$1 billion in housing investment from Fannie Mae.

The designation of the zones in the 1st Congressional District also means that businesses in the zone may qualify for various tax credits and hiring incentives. According to Rush, this will help stimulate the kinds of programs and partnerships that can promote self-sufficiency and economic opportunity for some of Chicago's neediest residents.

Alderman Haithcock Announces 2nd Ward Participants in Zone Program

Alderman Madeline Haithcock(2) announced that portions of the Second Ward will participate in the federal Empowerment Zone Program.

Over the next two years, the 2nd ward, half of which is in the Mid-South community also is expected to attract more than \$2 billion in corporate investment as well as substantial funding from state and city government.

Haithcock said, "This infusion of sorely needed federal and corporate funding will enable the neighborhoods to provide badly needed



Ald. Madeline Haithcock

housing, child care, education, and other community services and will result in the creation of more than 1,500 jobs.

"I am proud of the fact that my office was able to play a role in getting Second Ward communities involved in the Empowerment Zone program," said Haithcock.

According to city and federal sources, the purpose of the Empowerment Zones is to revitalize blighted urban areas through the creation of public-private partnerships, using tax breaks, loans, and direct grants to low-income communities.

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MID-SOUTH CANDIDATES FORUM



Brian Marshall candidate
4th Ward Alderman

Brian Marshall, seeks Reform as 4th Ward Aldermanic Candidate

Brian Marshall announced his candidacy for Aldermen of Chicago's fourth Ward stating, "Four years ago we elected an alderman we thought firmly believed in reform. We were promised change and improvements in the communities of the 4th Ward".

Today, we have an alderman who is less progressive than any of her predecessors, inaccessible to her constituents and has ignored most of the critical quality of life issues facing the

residents of Hyde Park, Kenwood-Oakland and many of the surrounding areas."

Marshall continued, "I intend to be an alderman committed to making the quality of life better for the residents of the 4th Ward. I want to see the Chicago City Council enact real political and economic reforms."

Currently employed the Chicago Transit Authority, he is the chairman of the African-American Employees

School Board Nominating Commission and Board of Education Sub-District Six Council.

Marshall is a native resident of the Hyde Park-North Kenwood area. He attended Koziminski Elementary and Kenwood High School. Mr. Marshall earned his undergraduate degree from Chicago State University and recently completed his graduate course work at Governor's State University in

of the Merchandise Mart. A former member of the Chicago

Public Administration.

Marshall has more than 15 years of professional experience in marketing, public relation and human resources, in both public and private sectors. Throughout his career, Brian Marshall has maintained an affiliation with the 4th Ward and the African-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 Safer Foundation led Burrell Public Relations to offer him a position, in

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The UnZipped

The CHA Central Advisory Council Presidents had a retreat in Oak Park. (Leaders spending money outside of the community again) Illinois where guests included Roland Burris and Congressman Bobby Rush. Word is they were pushing Artens Randolph's daughter, Ms. Gwen Randolph Bohannon for 3rd ward Alderman. Wonder if Mayor Daley knows about this, after he praised Alderman Tillman. Did Vince Lane clear this with the Mayor allowing, CHA tenants to run for public office and allowing tax dollars to go outside of the city? Maybe the Mayor forgot, Tillman wants 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 wondering if the owners of the building want to own the Chicken Coop business as well, as it happened on 47th Street along the "el". or are they just on vacation.

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

Angelo Rose and Cecilia Butler are going to have to flip a coin or slip out over where Empowerment Zone meetings in the Mid-South will be held. Then they need to invite Vernon Jarrett, to bring him 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 is the Provident Hospital on 51st St. with positions.

Organizations in Mid-South should get some proposals to Marshall Field's, they are granting a lot of money to non-profits. Contact is Melissa Connor at 573-5484.



Community Briefs

Angry Groups Speak Out at Community Rally

More than 600 irate members of the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) and Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 880 held a community forum seeking better pay, more available housing and the City of Chicago Department of Transportation to underwrite the cost of the Chicago Transit Authority (Cta) bus passes at Kenney King College.

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.

Lone Ranger sends New Year Greeting

The Legend of the Black Lone Ranger is still going strong in the Mid-South Community. The entertainer and folk hero stopped by the South Street Journal to wish the Mid-South Community residents a Happy New Year.



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



Cecil Partee, A Political Legend in Washington Park

1994 witnessed the passing of Cecil Partee. A Washington Park breed politician. Partee was elected to the Illinois Senate in 1966, after serving ten years in the Illinois House. In 1973, he was elected Senate President, the first African-American to serve in that capacity.



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

On Saturday, July 15, Chicago saluted "Rev. Ed" at memorial services held at Operation PUSH for his relentless pursuit of excellence. Rev. Riddick was deceased on July 12, 1994, he was known as an activist and the pastor of Blackwell Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, located at 39th and Langley in the Oakland community.

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

Dr. Margaret Stewart Joyner, 97, made her transition and claimed her place in Black History. Dr. Joyner worked with Madame C.J. Walker in Cosmotology for many years. She was at the annual Bud Biliken Parade and could be found at the Chicago Defender dispensing wisdom. Dr. Joyner was a member of Cosmopolitan Community Church on 53rd & Wabash, which she and her husband helped to organize more than fifty years ago. Dr. Joyner was renowned for her humanitarian efforts, receiving numerous awards and honors, including a permanent exhibit at Woodson Branch Library.

Jan

Calendar of Events



Sun. 1
Happy New Year!

Mon. 2
New Structure Organization weekly meeting begins at 6:30 pm at 5659 S. Indiana Ave. Call J. Thomas at 324-5256.

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.

Tue., 3
Mid-South Planning and Development Commission's Committee Meeting at the King Center 4314 So. 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. 6:00p.m. Don't miss it.

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. Adolescents Harris YWCA 6200 S. Drexel

955-3100 ext. 36. Patricia Pruitt, counselor This group is for women only and there is no charge.

Washington Park 20th Ward Aldermanic Candidate Forum sponsored by the Peoples Caucus and the Washington Park Community Coalition. 12: 00 p.m.

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 373-3755.

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

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 548-2000 or 924-0014. Inauguration for State Representative, Howard Kenner will be held in Springfield. Interested parties should call 624-1994 for more information

Thur., 12
"Building Collective leadership and Collective

Organization Throughout the African world" Part IV of Batu A. Shakari's five part series at Kennedy King College 6800 So. Wentworth

HITA Presents a Thinking Globally Luncheon Forum: 12:00noon-1:30pm Harris Bank, LaSalle & Monroe (use west elevators) Speaker will be David Fisher on "Kwanza International Business & Diplomat Club" RSVP by the 5th HITA member \$10 non members \$15

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

Wed., 18
Washington Park Advisory Council meeting.

at Washington Park Field House on 55th and King Drive.

WED. 25
Ald. Madeline Haithcock (2): Monthly Community meeting of 2nd 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.

Sat., 28
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of Advisors meeting at SSJ Office. For info on participation and/or become a member call 924-0461.

Next issue: South Street Journal, Jan 12 Deadline for material is January 8, 1995.

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

South Street Journal Photo View

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



"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 being approved.

Roy Whitby
Ahkenaton Community Development Corp.
43rd & King Drive



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

Theresa Pillow
South Street Journal
43rd & King Drive

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 parties, others organize quiet neighborhood watches. Block clubs and neighborhood associations are alive and well in Mid-South, but are these clubs effective? Has it been worth the time and effort for neighbors 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 Indiana 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-by's, 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.

many things we'd like to do". "Mr. Robinson has been a member of his block club since 1981, and president since 1983.

"In the beginning we had 21 or 22 people in the club, most of whom were senior citizens who had lived here a long time. Now many have passed away, and our group is smaller," Mr. Robinson says.

"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".

Still, there have been victories. "We got the sidewalks fixed when they were all broken up, got sod put down, and received money from the city to fix the fronts of these houses."

One project the club wants to work on is to get a larger sewer system for the area.

Crime is a reality on Langley, Mr. Robinson laments, "Working with the Police Department has

Strategy) program yet".

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 here," according to Mr. Kelley "The alderman rarely responds to us. Now people come to the block club for help.

"Recently his block club helped apartment building tenants avoid serious injury. An electrical line was down and no one knew for sure it if was a cable line or a power line. The block club tenants and building owner worked together on a solution. The wire was for cable, it was repaired and no one was hurt.

In another incident, a woman fell into a hole which had been caused by the EL construction. She's getting medical treatment now and the City is paying her back for her medical expenses thanks in part to the assistance she got from her block club.

Neighbors have organized calls to the City to demand that their street be repaired after months of being torn up due to construction.

"When a few tried calling, we got no response even after months," says Mr. Kelley. "When the city got 3 or 4 calls a day from us, it worked."

Other block club activities include a neighborhood watch and a successful effort to get the city to board up abandoned buildings to prevent fire and vandalism. Our neighborhood is threatened by decay and unresponsive officials. Some residents are concerned about what appears to be an organized effort to destroy buildings. It has

been reported to them that when the CAPS program went into effect in other areas, squatters came in to the properties with the deliberate purpose of destroying them.

We're suspicious, says Mr. Kelley. On the surface CAPS is O.K., but what we've heard makes us think twice.

Some also believe that there is a long range plan to take over the South Side, particularly Mid-South neighborhoods. The area is close to downtown and very desirable. "When that's done, then the white yuppies will take over," says Mr. Kelley.

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 this 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

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His exemplary work with the Safer Foundation led Burrell Public Relations to offer him a position, in which he managed accounts for McDonalds, Coke and Kraft General Foods. His work with McDonalds translated into a national campaign to commemorate 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 Emmitt 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, Inc. and a long time volunteer of the Chicago Police Department's "We Care" role model program.

Brian Marshall is the parent of 16 year old Natalie and 18 month old Brian II. Marshall is also an ordained deacon at Trinity United Church of Christ.

Listing of Candidate Filings for Municipal and Mid-South Aldermanic Wards

Mayoral	Municipal Address	# Petition Pages	Aldermanic 3rd Ward	Address	Pages
Richard M. Daley	1477 D South Indiana Ave	4001	Tyrone T. Kenner	4556 S. Michigan	176
Joseph E. Gardner	1554 E. 61st.	704	Dorothy J. Tillman	4321 S. King Dr.	116
Sheila A. Jones	6246 N. Talman	353	Dorothy Jane Oliver	3651 S. Federal	25
Ilene Smith	1618 W. Sherwin Ave.	19	Brian H. Kenner	4556 S. Michigan	46
Philip Morris	148 E. 118th St.	105	Clarence C. Barry	125 E. 45th St.	38
Lawrence C. Redmond	6118 N. Sheridan Rd.	260	Wallace Bradley	441 E. 46th St	97
			Francine Washington	3616 S. State St. #211	52
			Antonio Chappell	4358 S. Wells	12
			Gwendolyn Bohannon	4423 S. Wabash Ave.	80
			Alfreda Green	4432 S. Prairie	16
City Clerk			Aldermanic 4th Ward		
Rickey R. Hendon	3013 W. Walnut	470	Toni Preckwinkle	5135 S. Greenwood	289
T. Ron Jasinski-Herbert	5860 N. Melvina	169	Kwame Raoul	855 E. Drexel Square	59
James J. Laski, Jr.	6029 So. McVicker Ave	1401	Maurice Perkins	4420 S. Berkeley Ave.	83
Anthony Harper	4811 N. Wolcott	353	Brian Marshall	932 E. 46th Street	26
Joseph M. Lyons	5441 W. Giddings	180			
Allen Smith	4850 So. Lake Park Ave.	459	Aldermanic 5th Ward		
Aracely Munoz	3449 So. Western	260	Janet G. Oliver-Hill	6733 S. Clyde	100
			Julian S. Bertrand	7825 S. Drexel	47
City Treasurer			William Delay	1543 E. 67th Street	18
Miriam Santos	1717 N. Bissell St.	684	Barbara Holt	5524 S. Cornell	27
Lawrence S. Bloom	5810 So. Harper	269	Latanya Taylor	5110 S. King Dr.	1
Douglas E. Heitz	6246 N. Talman	353			
Tracy G. Powell	4925 S. Washington Park Ct.	108	Aldermanic 20th Ward		
Arleather Branch	9957 So. Aberdeen	260	Helen Y. Latimore	6150 S. Ingleside	58
			Howard McMillan	6208 S. Park Shore East	37
Aldermanic 2nd Ward			Arenda Troutman	5948 S. King Dr.	174
Madeline L. Haithcock	401 E. 32nd St.	128	Dino McNeal	6824 S. King Dr.	73
Mary Collins	2010 W. Jackson #202	50	Quadir Dawan	1509 E. 65th Street	30
Martha H. Palmer	2851 S. King Drive	43	Orlando G. Sims	6849 S. St. Lawrence	21
Larry Strong	2951 S. King Dr. #1217	37	Sidney G. Shelton	454 E. 66th Street	42
Shirley M. Jones	2921 S. Michigan #508	19	Earl C. Beaver	6253 S. Michigan Ave.	106
Willie Reynolds	3021 S. Michigan #514	43	Steven Lang	5640 S. Wabash Ave.	21
Carlos Perez	724 S. Claremont	20	Q.N. "Cowboy" Dawan	1509 E. 65th St.	5
Howard Ivory	2701 S. Dearborn	26			
Geraldine Laury	2901 S. Michigan	165			

Daley Endorsements



Mayor Richard M. Daley and U.S. Senator Carol Moseley-Braun at a December 20th press conference where Senator Moseley-Braun endorsed Mayor Daley's campaign for reelection.

A move that joined the heated debate of prominent Black businessmen Elzie Higginbottom, a developer in the Mid-South area and part owner of the Plaza on 55th and Dan Ryan, and Dempsey Travis, a real estate developer and historian on Black politics in Chicago, U.S. Senator Carol Moseley-Braun endorsed Mayor Richard Daley for reelection. Saying he is the best man for the job.

Sources inform *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 Gardner on February 28th, said 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 Preckwinkle (4), Arenda Troutman (20) and Madeline Haith-

cock are reportedly have official positions. Sources also indicate that Troutman will most likely be endorsing Daley. Troutman was not available at press time to confirm her position.

To this date only two elected officials in the Mid-South area has officially endorsed mayoral challenger Joseph Gardner. Congressman Bobby Rush (2) and Alderman Dorothy Tillman (3).

The question of Moseley-Braun and other Black leadership supporting Daley as "insulting to their community", David Dunlap of the Woodlawn community said, "I feel that, that is her business. The people will vote their hearts on election day. Those days of following people because they suppose to be leaders are over."

Walter Smith of 45th and Michigan said. "It is a question of leadership to the community over personal gain. No different than Bridgeport supporting the leadership of Daley over Bruam or me supporting my father over your father."

Celebration For Seniors by 2nd Ward Organization.

More than 400 senior citizens from communities throughout the 2nd ward and 1st Congressional District enjoyed an evening of holiday festivities and a Christmas dinner sponsored by Congressman Bobby L. Rush and the 2nd Ward Democratic Organization.

Attending the event was Congressman Bobby Rush,

ceremonies, drawing raffle tickets; Geraldine Laury, Vice President, Second Ward Democratic Organization and candidate for Alderman; and Bob Walowitz, owner, Myses Furs.

A highlight of the Christmas Extravaganza December 22 at Plumbers Hall, 1340 W. Washington Blvd. was the free raffle of 100 fur coats donated by Myses Furs, Chicago.

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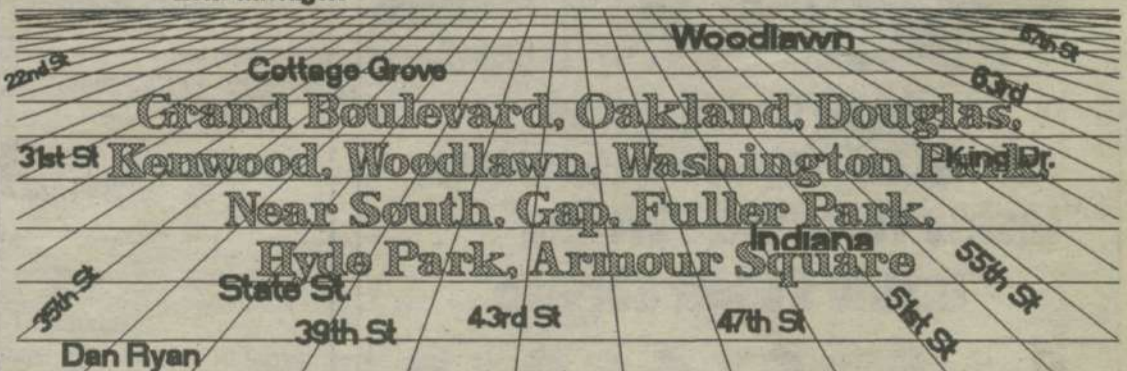
Mayoral Candidate, Commissioner

Joseph E. Gardner



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Serving the People in 1994, looking towards 95'

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The Mid-South area from 18th Street to 69th Street, from the lake to Princeton Ave. (South Street Journal circulation area), there are over 225 social service agencies, not including the churches programs, schools, government agencies and organizations that are not chartered by the state or listed in the telephone directly.



Aaron Brown at Teen living Program

The sorry truth is that all of them are needed. That's because of spiraling social ills hitting this area and still a lack of services.

The successes of the organizations describe 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 37th and Indiana is the southside shelter of Teen Living program, offering residents aged 18-21 temporary shelter for four to six months. Residents are required to seek employment and save 80% 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. While at Belfort, 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 everyday at 6 a.m., going to bed at 11 p.m., eating dinner at 6 p.m. and asking permission to come and go. I really hated all the rules, but I think 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-King, find a decent paying job get a place of my own and get my children back with me."

Aaron Brown has been homeless for three last 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. Aaron says that the environment is much nicer at Belfort than at other shelters he's been in. "The staff here treat you with respect, they have 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 Truck driving program and most of all obtain a permanent home"

The Kenwood Oakland Community Organization (KOCO) located 1238 E. 46th experienced a lot of ups and downs in 94. This summer KOCO fest sizzled drawing hundreds

of area residents. The community was less than enthusiastic however to the 27th annual KOCO convention. Many young people in the community were left with out the resources of the Educational Talent 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 beginning their second phase of construction. Lucas is insisting that a portion of the homes be built for low to moderate income families. He also insist 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 peoples 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 Danette Smith says for 95 the agency will work to it's 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 62th and Drexel. 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, educating them to the dangers of drugs and 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 get more aggressive as the number's 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 parent's 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 and displaying negative behavior.

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

turn are more positive as mothers. The goals for 95 says Todd are to get women more involved in the rearing of their children, improving their education and reducing teenage pregnancy.

The Sports Consortium located at 400 E. 41 St., serves youth aged 12-18 in the Grand Boulevard area by provided them with supervised sports training. The agency believes that in providing young people in chance to train as coaches, they will build self esteem-and in turn excel in their academics as well. 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. Participant's then train in volleyball, basketball, swimming and softball. Upon completion of training participant's go back to their agencies and form teams to compete in a tournament. The Consortium offers a stipend of \$500 to participant's 18 and over and \$250 to participants under 18. For each sports session they complete.

Programs Director John Hike 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.

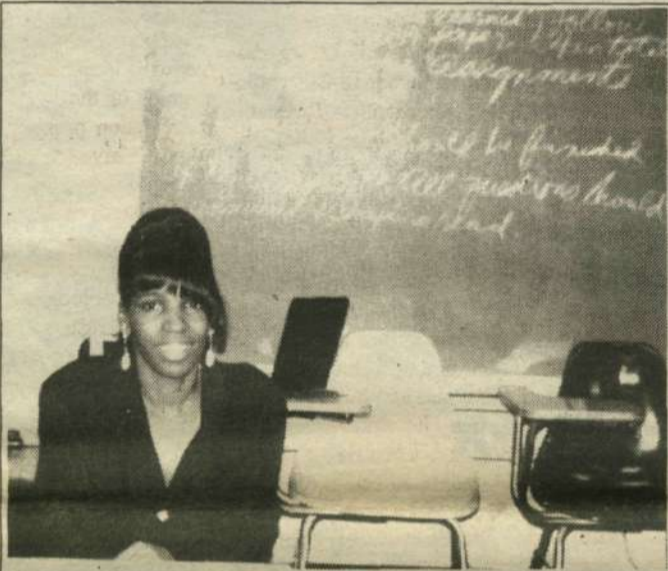
Fifteen year old Kahilia Mohammed one of the participants who benefited by participating in softball training this past summer represented by KOCO. "I had a lot of fun this summer learning about softball at the University of Chicago where we trained. It gave me a chance to do something instead of hanging 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 Mohammed.

The Woodlawn Career Resource Center is a branch of The Woodlawn Organization, located at 6200 S. Harper. The program offers 23 participant's six months training sessions in typing, word processing, lotus, telephone etiquette, resume writing and interview techniques. Participants are first required to be

tested on their reading and math skills class to increase their level of proficiency. After students complete the program they are assisted in finding a job.

Program participants Marilyn Gramm found out about the program on a cable TV advertisement, CAN CALL TV Gramm says the program has helped give her a new direction in life. "I had been a security guard making five dollars an hour. I wanted to do more with my life and make enough to have a decent standard of living. This program has given me a chance to do something positive with my life."

Director Mildred Burnside says the program works hard with employers so participant's can stay in the job market. "We just don't want to stick people in a job to meet a quota, our goal is to get people established in careers."



Mary Graham, Student at The woodlawn Organization, Vocational Training Program

Burnside says 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. Participant's 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 participant's are awarded 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 checkstub.

The secretarial skills training program will also be accepting 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 serval organizations and companies,

cooperative standing with the community against Bill West Jr. violence, illiteracy, unemployment and poverty.

West explained it their hopes to garden the public attention to secure and marshall resources for the benefit of the youth to save their educational program within the Kenwood-Oakland community, especially during these troubled times.

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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 at 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 (MALE)

HAROLD L. LUCAS

Harold L. Lucas, Black Metropolis Coordinator for the Mid-South Planning and Development Commission, has been involved in grassroots community organizing for over 20 years. A product of Ida B. Wells Public Housing Development Harold discovered his penchant for organizing early on, still he seems to have reached the pinnacle of his organizing career in this past year. Utilizing his experience and talent, Lucas has succeeded in securing the Supreme Life Bldg, The Bee Bldg, the 8th Regiment Armory Bldg, as well as the Y.W.C.A. at 36th and Wabash, for renovation and utilization for community residents. For providing a different slant on community organizing and the tremendous work done the "Black Historic Metropolis District", South Street Journal salutes, HAROLD L. LUCAS



WOMAN OF THE YEAR

ETHEL WASHINGTON

Ethel Washington, President of the Local Advisory Council, Robert Taylor Homes, and a 25 year resident, has worked tirelessly to address the needs of the residents she represents. An active voice in the community, her desire is to see that the residents of Robert Taylor Homes are heard. She was a plaintiff in the class action suit filed against CHA to prohibit the sweeps initiated by Vince Lane, Chairman, CHA. Whether it is politics or demonstrations, Washington has an impact on those who encounter her. Organizing a march to protest the frustration felt by residents due to the lack of resources and opportunities. She lead more than 400 young men and women in this peaceful demonstration that culminated at an Empowerment Zone meeting. South Street Journal salutes "a voice in the wilderness" ETHEL WASHINGTON



COMMUNITY ORGANIZER OF THE YEAR (FEMALE)

CECILIA BUTLER

Cecilia Butler sits on at least three committees in the Washinton 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 meeting 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. Gelasius and serves on their fund-raising committee. As a member of two senior citizen groups, she acts as the liason between Wadsworth School and Kenneth Campbell Senior Complex, 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 DeV Vaughn, 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 (CHA), and has worked as a

volunteer with Alberta McCain at Dearborn Homes Resident Management Office. DeV Vaughn also serves on the South Street Journal Advisory Board. South Street Journal salutes a "man with a mission" JOHN DEVAUGHN

Editorial

94 leadership, the missing link, Residents A sign for Mid-South in 95

ROLL CALL Again!

1994 has been a time for Mid-South organizations and leaders to promote the "residents agenda". It has also been a time for motivating residents to become registered voters and join in the process of building political power. Still, the most common problem that leadership faces, is not in securing grants and political offices, but in not maintaining the very relationships with the people they profess to lead.

How do you determine the needs of the people, without the people? 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 block club leader on 60th and Lafayette is witnessing the same problem of getting residents involved. Rather its a block clean-up, the Com Ed power lines or the potential of Conrad Railroad to buy up the block for their suburban employees.

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 (IIT), Joe Bell (low key), Joyce Porter (government worker), Joe Gardner and Dorothy Tillman (with Marian Stamps) now politicians, Rudy Pope (mayor employee), Paul Oliver (consultant), Ron Carter (publisher) and Rev. Leon Finney and Harold Lucas now community developers instead of organizers, building membership, leadership and organization.

These were some of the grassroots organizers that hit

the streets instead of the desk and the telephone to organize the community.

What happen 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 \$30 billion from Clinton for jails. Money geared toward the inner cities, such as Mid-South, where there is a growing anger and alienation among residents, who have lost hope of being part of the process.

When Operation PUSH lead hundreds of African American men to the streets marching in protest of the violence, the main test took place after the news reporters and their cameras went home. Will the men who hang out on 47th and Indiana or Calumet or Vincennes, 53rd and State, 63rd and Vernon, 43rd and Ellis, and 58th and Calumet ever see these fine upstanding brothers again?

These are the men, (non-voters they may be) but men nonetheless that will be at risk and in definite need of organization.

Has the leadership in the Mid-South become commercialized to the point success is based on the number of dollars handed out by the government instead of the involving people in the process. The Bee Building ceremony on 36th and State had more officials celebrating than the residents its supposed to benefit, Renaissance Apartments open house on 61st and Ellis, is another example.

Surely we have not forgotten our most important resource. People. There are those who come to the door willingly, but there are twice as many who need to be guided. Will we continue to use words like passive and political to define our leadership or will 1995 bring in a new focus and direction? Instead of the leaders and organizations pulling for positions to meet their budgets. They must push for membership to represent the leadership, as it *once was* done. When there was a call for a meeting to address support, the numbers were there. People can not be blamed for not participating in the process if they are not organized to be included.

If standing on the corner selling drugs or drinking wine is where the non-registered voters are, then true leadership will be on that corner, registering. There's an



obligation based on our chosen roles and people are the ends and not the means.

There is anger, frustration, confusion, and poverty in the Mid-South community that must be addressed by the leaders of the Mid-South Community. Housing, political position, and education are all important, but the hole that exists in the soul of the people can only be filled by a sense of direct organizing. We cannot afford to dismiss anyone in this community because of what they look or sound like or even how they make their living. Being cut off from their own is more of a travesty than any thing the "man" can bring us.

As we go into this brand new year, the Empowerment Zone Fund offers us an opportunity to bring the community back into the process. I am confident that with the skill our leaders have picked up from knowing both sides of the fence, this should prove to be an effortless endeavor.

Happy New Year!!



Ron Carter, Publisher & Editor

Letters

How a Principal can be effective without spending more money

Dear Editor,

There are three ideas a principal can use that will not cost any money and will -I guarantee- improve the entire climate of a school.

A good start for any effective leader is to know how to say thank you or you did a nice job for the school and I really appreciate what you have done. A simple thank you goes a long way and it doesn't cost a cent. There's a school on the northside of Chicago where the entire staff volunteers before and after school to work with the students because the principal is so supportive and understands that though words cannot pay the rent, a simple thank you does go a long way to building positive self esteem.

As educational leader, a principal should mandate every teacher from the gym teacher to the assistant principal to assist in the school's reading program. If all of the resource people and other out of the classroom teachers worked with a specified group of students--and the teacher gets to specify the group thus empowering them--, the small group individualized attention can only help to improve the abilities of the students.

In one of Chicago's suburban schools, the principal has his own group--and for him, the group is a priority. On occasion, he has even told his superintendent he would have to get back to him because he was working with his group. How important the children must have felt! And this program would not cost a cent. The staff is already in place. They should be utilized.

Also, an effective leader should place the best individual in the position best suited for that person. I realize schools are political institutions--but the principal as leader should be above that within his/her school.

Lastly, an effective principal should strive to make his faculty an extended family. Principals who use a spy network and a valued group of "yes people", only further divides a faculty and formulates mistrust and harsh feelings for one another. The principal approves of tattle telling by listening, this has a negative effect on the climate.. A negative climate will not be able to make reforms, get involved with new programs or ideals, nor is it conducive to the creation of a cooperative atmosphere. A principal approved spy network creates an atmosphere that keeps the functions of the school in confusion instead of cohesion.

The principal should tell the teachers: "Sorry. I do not appreciate nor approve of tattle tells. This type of behavior works against the philosophy of this school--one of cooperation and cohesion." If the principal stands firm on these statements, the school will see a dramatic increase of teachers communicating and working better together.

Michael Brownstein
Teacher in Mid South area

Dear Publisher of the South Street Journal

Dear Editor,

Being an avid reader of the Journal and this being the season to show gratitude. I'd like to say thank you South

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The Impact of the Law in 1994 Targeted at Youth

Karen Brazil-Breashears
SSJ Staff Writer:

Anti-Crime laws that pose serious challenges to the constitutional rights of mid-southsiders 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 "Gang-related congregations" ordinance. It allows policeman who "reasonably believe" you are a "criminal street gang member" loitering "with one or more other persons" to arrest you. These elected officials also made the unauthorized possession of a spray paint container, liquid paint or markers containing insoluble fluid 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 juvenile are dangerous; eases the transfer of 15 and 16 year olds to be tried as adults for gang or drug related felonies involving fire arms; creates a statewide organized gang database which compiles data including names, addresses, arrest and conviction records of gang members; and gives the public access to the names and addresses of juveniles found delinquent based on certain criminal street gang activity.

Not to be outdone by local anti-crime measures, President Bill Clinton successfully pushed Congress to pass the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. It targets gang activity and expands the federal death penalty to 50 crimes many of which were subject to prosecution under state law. Other significant features of this anti-crime lawyer that it imposes a mandatory life sentence for persons convicted of three felonies including nonviolent crimes involving drugs;

eliminates financial aid for higher education through Pell Grants for persons incarcerated in federal, state and local penal institutions; and facilitates the development of consensual search of motor vehicle decal 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 measures expand the rights of victims when a convict is released or reviewed for parole or escapes from prison. The federal crime bill allows victims of violent crimes and sexual abuse to address the court at sentencing hearings.

Other notable legislation passed by the Illinois legislature includes the "Joseph Wallace" amendment to the Juvenile Court Act which



gives foster parents who have had a foster child for more than one year the right to participate in neglect and abuse proceedings and the "Baby Richard" amendment to the Parentage Act which limits time a non-custodial father may claim paternity of his child to two years.

Illinois voters directly followed the anti-crime lead by voting to amend the Illinois Constitution to abolish the right of an accused a criminal proceeding "to meet the witnesses against him or her." While the amendment was presented as a means to protect child victims of Crime from direct contact with their assailants at trial, it may be used by adults.

Court decisions in 94' have major impact on Mid-South

In 1994, court decisions were made that will seriously affect the lives of Mid-South residents and the African-American community.

Of great import to Chicago Housing Authority residents was the April 7, 1994, federal court decision stopping sweep-searches of Chicago Housing Authority apartments. The action was filed by CHA residents, Mark Pratt, Esther Redman, Ethel Washington, and Barbara Moore who successfully asserted their Fourth Amendment Right "to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures."

The sweeps policy was initiated by CHA Chairman Vince Lane in the summer of 1993 to combat violence including random gunfire and to promote safety. During sweeps neither the CHA nor police sought or obtained tenant consent of a search warrant. In many instances, tenants were not at home when the sweeps occurred.

While the effectiveness of sweeps in curbing violence was never determined, the federal district court decision did determine that residency in CHA does not constitute a forfeiture of Four Amendment rights.

Another decision of major implications for the Mid South, the African-American community and the entire city involves the city ward redistricting map supported by Mayor M. Daley and opposed by Alderman Dorothy Tillman and other community stalwarts. The Daley sponsored map insures that the city council will be controlled by whites even though there are more African Americans in Chicago.

The federal appeals court decision which favors the Tillman argument suggests that the map will have to be redrawn so that the African American and Hispanic communities will have their fair share of council seats. Two state court decisions also are noteworthy because of their negative impact. The committee for Educational Rights filed an action alleging that the state violated the constitutional rights of economically disadvantaged children to equal educational benefits and opportunities by failing to eliminate disparate funding of school districts. The state appellate court rejected the claim on the basis that "equal educational benefits and opportunities are not rights guaranteed under the constitution."

The other state court decision that merits mentioning involves a claim for damages filled by a woman who was raped in a CHA stairway. The woman had come to the high-rise to visit her sister, a CHA resident. The elevators were not working so the woman used the stairs. It was there she was raped. She claimed that CHA was liable for her injuries because it negligently hired and supervised Triad Security, the private security agency in charge of security at housing development. Although a jury agreed with the woman and awarded her \$200,000, the State Appellate Court reversed the jury decision and found that Triad was hired to protect CHA property not residents.

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YOUTH PAGE



Chez Finley-
Youth Page Editor

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

In 1994 things were looking grim for the Dunbar Vocational High School Radio Shop students. Due to a couple of break-ins. Now, this is a new year and things are looking better than ever for the radio classes.

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.

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 50th Street December 29-31, 1994.

According to Dr. Maisha 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 be able to impact their lives. The leads 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. Maisha Hamilton-Bennett, Director of PUSH EXCEL, includes Janette C. Wilson, National Executive Director, Lucille Loman, The First Lady, radio personality at JAMZ 106-FM, Elliott Greene and Stacey Tomilson.

Ask Trina



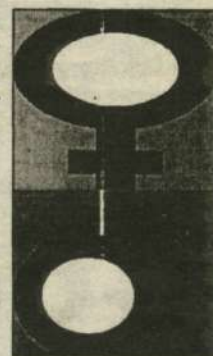
Dear Trina;

Just recently me and my boyfriend came to a decision that we wanted see other people. Well, when I finally decided to see other people a week later my boyfriend said that it was over and I can't understand why.

Mel-Mel

Dear Mel Mel;

From the looks of it, it seems that he either found interest in someone else or he wanted break-up with you from the start and that wasn't a very nice way of doing it. I hope you have better success in the future.



Dear Trina;

Just last night me and my best friend had an fight over this boy and I realized that the boy wasn't worth losing a friend over. How do I get my friend back?

Lashav

Dear Lashav;

Well, if your friend was truly a good friend she would accept your apology and if she don't then she was never a good friend from the start.

Dear Trina;

Me and girlfriend start going together and I told her that I wasn't ready to have sex. After a year of going together she decides that she wants to have sex. what should i do?

Lynell

Dear Lynell;

Well fist of all Lynell, I think that it is very good that you don't want to have sex yet. I think that you should set a good example for these other young brothers in the hood and maybe you need to find somebody better because she is just too fast for you. I think that your girlfriend should be playin' and not layin'.

You have a question or comment for me? Write me: Ask Trina, South Street Journal 4305 So. M.L. King Drive Chicago, Illinois 60653

Brief News in 94



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 Tenant Organization. A Eric Morse scholarship fund has been established. Contributions can be sent to Derrick Morse: Illinois Service Federal Savings 46th and King Drive Chicago, Illinois 60653.

TERRIFIC TEEN

The terrific teen for this month is **James Riggs B.K.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 does 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.

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The Blues Hotel Blues

Blues singer at the Checkerboard Lounge, Joan "Baby" Kessel tried in vain to purchase the abandoned building at the corner of 43rd & King. Kessel was to file suit against 3rd Ward Alderman Dorothy Tillman claiming reverse discrimination. The building is currently awaiting approval of purchase by Development Corporation Services.



The "Dump Daley Rally"

What began at Bethel AMC Church on 44th and Michigan Ave. Mid-South area developed into the base for the mayor's race.

Rush's Mayoral Exploratory Committee Launched

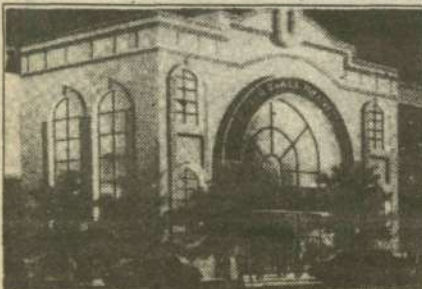
Mid-South U.S. Representative Bobby L. Rush announced the formation of a city-wide Citizens Committee to explore the potential for his successful bid for Mayor in the 1995 city elections. He later drop his interest to endorse Woodlawn's Commissioner Joe Gardner for his bid.

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 as 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. Louvana Jones (D-5) the Lou Rawls Cultural Center has received a \$250,000 grant from the State of Illinois.



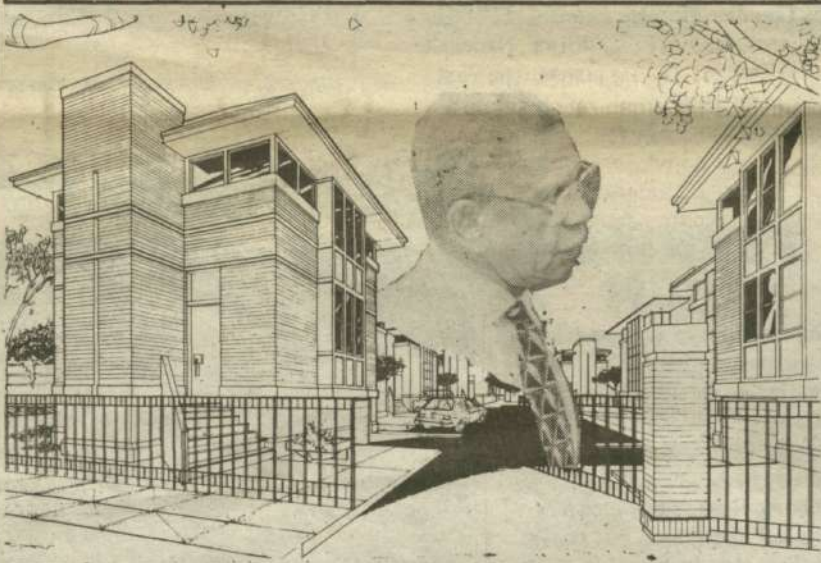
Oakland Kenwood New Housing Development

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 Kennicott Field House, 44th Street and Lake Park Ave.



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 credit a great part of his victory to the Washington community where his office is located at 55th and Indiana.



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

Plaisance 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 \$140,000.

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.



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 Branch Library.

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.

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The Non-Voter Lorna Barnes

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Operation PUSH Man the Streets

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



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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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.

Mandates Jobs for Public Housing Residents



Discovery of a section of the HUD Act of 1968 that stipulates 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.



Congratulations

went out to Aid. Aundra Troutman (20) on the birth of her first child, Charles Jacob Harris, who weighed in at 8lbs 4oz 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 families sleeping overnight. After a six year struggle in getting funding and picketing 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 Arikpo, Gerald Ross, Cecilia Butler and Stanley Porter, of the Council.



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



Legal Assistance

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

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Mid-South Leaders Zone

present a full view of the Empowerment Zone story, not just the figures.

Antonio Chappel, President, Fuller Park Advisory Council and candidate for Alderman (3) commented, "first of all set up each and every individual cluster to see what programs will immediately get underway. The three clusters include the South Side, West side, and Pilsen Village neighborhoods. Chappel agreed with Rose stating the main players should be those named to the Joint Governance Council.

As to how the communities will benefit from the money, Chappel talked about the seven initiatives which include, economic empowerment, housing, cultural diversity, and public safety. Chappel also stated, "I think by the beginning of summer, 1995 we should see new homes popping up, giving work to people that reside in the empowerment zones." He also said the committee plans to talk to Amtrak and Conrail to ask them about hiring people that live in the zone. "Since the issue of tax incentives strive a nerve, let's talk."

"The Empowerment Zone money", said Chappel, "had little help from local politicians in its beginning stages, they did little in the development of the project, but probably want to have a lot to say now."

Chappel spoke of only three alderman that sent representatives to the meetings, these were Alderman Arenda Troutman of the 20th Ward, Alderman Madeline Haithcock, and Shirley Coleman. Chappel feels that the committees must "have their

heads together."

Shirley New-some of the North Kenwood Community Conservation Council stated that her organization takes no position on the issue based on a potential conflict of interest. Further, she notes that they received 99% negative response from residents in the neighborhood. However, the Kenwood Oakland Community Organization has been active in the Empowerment 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 it takes to be a sustainable community". When it comes to the allocation of the funds, Butler feels "you cannot ignore the politicians and stated some worked hand in hand although, she said "many did not participate as they should". She commented that significant changes should be seen in about six months, not the actual results.

"Work is just beginning, there is a lot more 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, concluded saying, "Let the show begin."

Deborah Charles of the Peoples Caucus in Woodlawn stressed, "First of all Mayor Daley should publish the original proposal that went to Washington in major newspapers identifying key areas and key people. She mentioned that Woodlawn will have meetings to discuss the appropriation of the money once it is distributed. According to Charles, she is

"not optimistic that the money is even ready for distribution at the present time.

Charles's biggest concern was that the Aldermen would get the money first and if you are not one of those "handpicked" for the team, then you will not see results as fast as those that are more favored. Also that if the money if routed to Aldermen, it would be a big mistake. She said, "Communities must be more involved, in how the money is slated to be spent. The overseers should not just give more money to those communities on the south side that have already received money over the last 30 years".

Her main concern is the youth in these communities. The money should directly involve youth, they should include programs about AIDS awareness to inform youth. Charles also mentioned that she wants to see the universities provide services to youth and schools to help improve scores. Money should not be just spent on housing. Charles went as far to say that "if the money is not routed appropriately, HUD officials should be notified".

The coming year should prove interesting for all of those jockeying for position and control of the \$100 million. The dialogue seems to be heating up and there looms a battle between the politicians and the community leaders ahead. It makes many community leaders examine whether the initial agenda for the money is the issue at hand, or if the political stronghold will prevail. Will Mid South, a community that many have their eye on, be caught up in the politics as usual or getting about the business of improving the communities, making it a better place for all the residents to live, learn, and prosper.

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Haitcock Announces 2nd Ward Participants

It is anticipated that during the first two years of the Empowerment Zone Program, Chicago communities will gain six small business centers; four family centers for child care and education; 100 or more units of low income housing; and 6 industrial sites.

Areas of the Second Ward that will benefit from the Empowerment Zone

program include the area between 35th and 37th streets as well as the Able Homes, the Rockwell Gardens Complex, the Dearborn Homes, the Harold Icke Complex, Hilliard Homes, and Prairie Courts.

Haitcock said that as Second Ward Alderman, she expects to work closely with both the city council which will appropriate the funds, and with the yet to be named community council, which will make funding recommendations. "Clearly, the opportunities provided by the Empowerment Zone Program will have major economic and social impact on

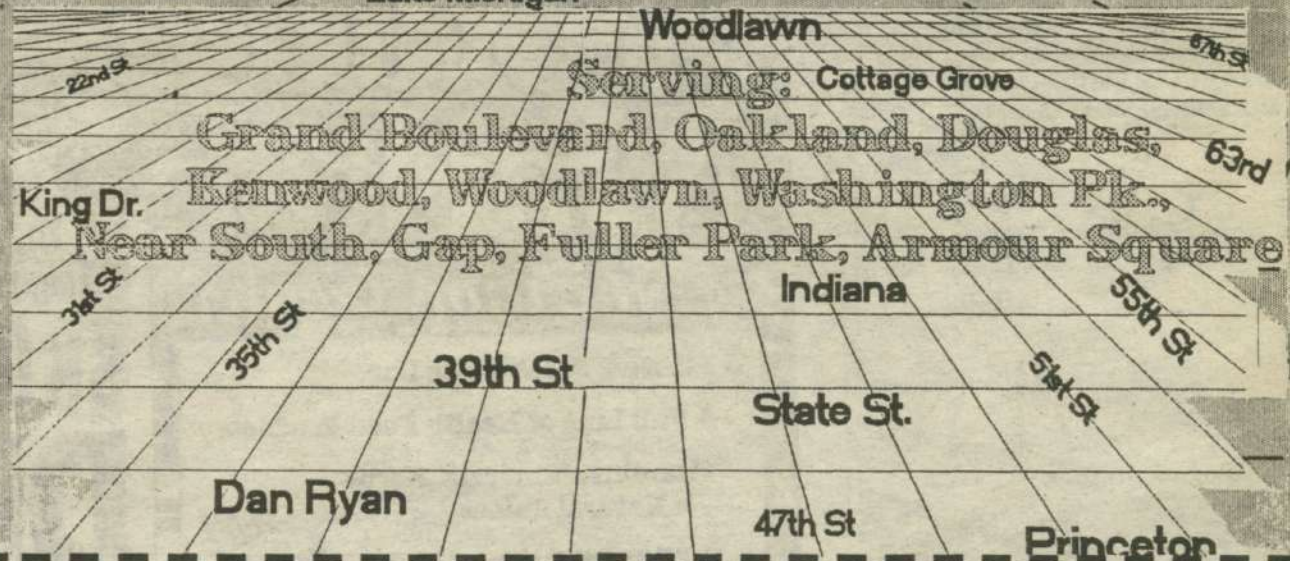
the participating communities. We want to make sure that Second Ward participants receive their fair share of these vital empowerment funds," the Alderman said.

Haitcock also noted that the Empowerment Zone Program was possible only through an unprecedented level of cooperation on all levels of government and with the strong support of the corporate sector. "There is no single individual who can claim responsibility for this program. Instead it is clear example of what we can do for our communities, if we will work together."

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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 seems 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?

"We want to do as much as we can for ourselves," says Mr. Kelley. "When the government does everything it's like the plantation. We must remember that the slavemaster also lived in a big white house on a hill."

"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".

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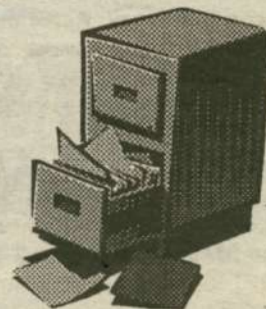
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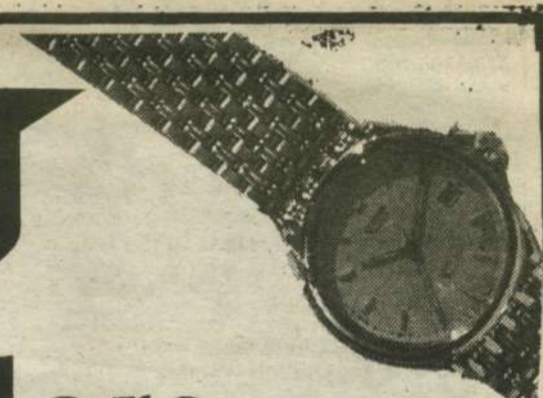
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