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SOS Rally, Mollison School Targeted to Close



Former student, now parent Vivian Nelson attends rally at Mollison school on 44th and King Drive opposing the propose closing on the school by the Chicago Board of Education.

By Michael H. Brownstein

Grand Boulevard - Last month on January 24th the Chicago Board of Education published a list of schools it wants to close because they were too costly to repair. Thirty-five schools were listed. Mollison Elementary, 4415 S. King Dr., was one of them.

Immediately Mollison staff, students, and parents began its SOS project—Save Our

School. Andrea Kerr, the principal, invited parents to the Local School Council meeting held Thursday, February 2nd, over 125 parents and community members attended in a show of support.

"We are a small school," Kerr said, "but we are not underutilized. The speech therapist has to use a closet space for her classes. The school was built for seven hundred students, but we did some structural designs to make the school more compatible with our mission."

"Furthermore, if you compare our school to other schools, you will see we have one of the highest attendance rates in the city and based on our standardized test scores, our students are out performing a great number of schools."

"We will have to protest. We will order a bus and charge a dollar a head to go to the next Board meeting."

Tyrone Kenner, a former third ward alderman who is presently seeking reelection, stood by the full Mollison Local School Council with a sign in a show of support.

Kenner explained that Mollison needed three million dollars for repairs, but most of them are to bring the school up to a state of the art institution. "They are talking about

installing cable for telecommunication. They want the entire school to be handicap accessible."

"We told them we needed a new roof, replacement of windows and rewiring of electricity."

Each Chicago public school was visited by a

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Another Building being Protested for lack of Community workers



Rev. Earl Sardon, Pastor of Holiness Temple Church and President of Crusaders for Justice, who recently protested on 56th and Wabash, was arrested at the above location (53rd and King), demanding that the Black workers be hired on the project

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Congressman Rush kicks off workshop series for community input on Empowerment Zone Process



Panelists respond to questions by business owners and residents at a Empowerment Zone workshop seated [l to r] are Wanda White, Community Workshop for Economic Development, Dorian R. Williams, Chicago Department of Planning and Development, Richard Wilson, Housing Urban Development, and Congressman Bobby Rush

As participation in the Empowerment Zone has been minimal, a tentative meeting has been scheduled, to increase community involvement. A location for the meeting had not been confirmed at press time.

Similarly, Congressman, Bobby L. Rush held a workshop designed to answer questions by businesses and residents alike. In attendance were several dignitaries, politicians and

community activists.

The on-stage panel consisted of Wanda White, executive director, Community Workshop for Economic Development, CWED, Dorian Williams, Department of Planning and Development, Richard Wilson, Empowerment Liaison, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Congressman Rush.

Congressman Rush opened the

meeting with an outline of the Empowerment Zone. He distributed a handout entitled, Empowerment Zones Will Work For You, and a pamphlet entitled Chicago's Empowerment Zone; Questions and Answers. Rush addressed the audience stressing "I am committed to principles that maintain the Empowerment Zone project must be made from "bottom-up" vs. bureaucratic tamper-

ing favoritism has no place in the Empowerment Zone" said Rush "We must hammer out issues creating division amongst out people".

The audience seemed somewhat dismayed by some of the responses of the panelists. Each panelist was introduced and given time to explain his or her role or commitment to the Empowerment Zone Project.

Ultimately, those in attendance wanted to know, what exactly will the Empowerment Zone do for our community? According to the Department of Planning and Development several things; 1) Create jobs by attracting private business investment, 2) Promote sustainable community development by making city streets safer, the air and water cleaner. The Empowerment Zone will also use several incentives to encourage residents and businesses to invest in their community;

- 1) Extension of tax credits to businesses located in the zone,
- 2) availability of flexible social service block grant funds to be used to promote economic self-sufficiency,
- 3) Rehabilitation and public works

and, 4) Community development groups, in partnership with private business committed to work in the zone on behalf of its Empowerment zone project.

Some of the those present to ask questions of the panelist were Ald. Arenda Troutman, (20) Ald. Shirley Coleman (16) Harold Lucas, Cecilia Butler, Dr. Barbara Norman, Ray Mason, Yolonda Gales, Ted Sanders, Mattie Butler, Beverly Reed and Francine Scott,

Congressman Rush inform the audience that he had extended an open invitation to the Mayor and the Aldermen from all the wards in the Empowerment Zone district.

Questions took several avenues, including the inclusion of the Black Historic Metropolis in the proposals for Zone Funds and the development of 43rd Street as a (blues) tourist attraction. Congressman Rush agreed that at least "5 million people come to Chicago as a tourists , however , as soon as they reach 22nd street they turn around and go back to the downtown area or the north side of

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MID-SOUTH CANDIDATES FORUM

Dino McNeal

Running for 20th Ward Ald. for the second time
"The McNeal Plan"
To win by example of leadership

The second time around may be the time for Freedom Now Center, director Dino McNeal, a life long resident of the 20th ward. He was in a run-off with Alderman Arenda Troutman in the 1991 election for 20th ward alderman. Many

said he lost because he did not have enough troops on the streets and Troutman had the political backing of Mayor Daley behind her.

As many community residents looks to him as being the one candidate out of five (list of Candidates on page 23) to give Ald. Troutman the biggest challenge, people still say he do not have the people on the streets in order to win.

"That's not true," said McNeal. "Oh, we have the people on the streets. The information we are getting people do not know Troutman is the present alderman."

Something he needs. Troutman, according to



Dino McNeal

newly elected State Representative Howard Kenner, contributes Troutman with a well organized army in helping him win last November election. However, Kenner has not official endorsed any one in the 20th ward. His focus has been in the 3rd ward where his father, former alderman Tyrone Kenner is running.

If McNeal do not have people on the streets, that could not be proven from the pack house of volunteers attending his Tuesday's night meetings at Freedom Now Center on 63rd and Cottage. In addition McNeal was also responsible for more election judges on the November 8th

election than any of political activists in the Mid-South area. An organization component that all candidates need to ensure and protect their vote.

McNeal started his career in social services at Parkway Community House on 67th and Vernon as a youth and senior citizen program coordinator. After Parkway his next position was at Cook County Jail Programmed Activities for Correctional Education (PACE) Programs, as a counselor and tutor. He inspired many young men to turn their lives around and get on the right track. He attended A. O. Sexton Elementary, Hyde Park Career Academy High School, Chicago State University (B.A. Psychology) and John Marshall Law School (Community Law Project).

Reflecting on his first attempt to become alderman of the 20th ward, McNeal said, "I go back over the time and see the 20th ward now

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The UnZipped

ooks like Indiana Ave may be cut off at 31st to 33rd street if the Illinois College of Optometry have it's way. They are proposing to cut the street off making way for their new 200 dorms for the students. This is also suppose to create 200 -300 construction jobs, Rev. Sardon...Also expect some Big news coming from Illinois Institute of Technology on 31st Street in the near future.

The Republican Party has ask Don Beacham to step down as 2nd ward committeeman due to the misfortune of his daughter's involvement in a criminal case. Talking about a Contract with America, Looks like they are breaking their contract with the voters of the 2nd ward who elected Beacham.

Operation PUSH former Executive Director Jeantte Wilson is now with Joe's Gardner campaign as Field Director. Does this mean she will be able to organized the ministers to march for Joe Gardner? ... Also gone from PUSH after a short stay, is Joe Tillman, the former Washington Park Homes organizer. The "establishment" needs to watch out now, Joe is now a lose cannon, Let's watch out for Joe before he get handcuffed like Eddie Reed of CBUC.

Ziff Sustrunk has change his campaign agenda, he is not working with Ald. Tillman on her bid for re-election, he's working with candidate Barry on his 3rd ward aldermanic campaign.

And What's happening with South Street Journal, Is Ziff Sustrunk coming back to the Unzip? Will Beverly Reed work herself up to Publisher, since she was a writer, ad rep, associate editor and now General manager? And former Ad rep with the Chicago Defender Jeff Davis is now Advertising manager for SSJ. Will SSJ stay community base for Mid-South, or?

TWO is doing some out reach beyond the area of Woodlawn, their new slogan "Tomorrow Window's of Opportunity (TWO)". With TWO expanding it's base, this mean expanding it's account receivables.



Community Briefs

Construction jobs are open at the Bee Building on 36th Street

The Mid-South Planning and Development Commission in collaboration with Provident Hospital and Life Source will sponsor a Blood Drive on Tuesday, February 21 from 10am to 4pm at Provident Hospital 500 E. 51st St., 2nd floor. The Blood Drive will also offer a free mini physical which includes a blood pressure check and a blood iron count.

On average, twenty medical operations, which require blood occurs daily in the Black community. Unfortunately, African-Americans are least likely to donate blood even though need for it is great. Blood is needed by African-Americans to provide a better match to African-American recipients. The need to work together in addressing this need in order to save lives was stress for this blood drive. For More information Contact Mirlene Cadichon (312)924-1330

Black Men to be addressed by the White House

A National strategic action plan to address problems of Black Male Americans is being developed by the White House, according to a Sun-Times article by Gary Wisby.

The plan was brought out by Lee Brown, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. He spoke to the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, in a meeting at the Palmer House. Brown said the plan will address issues such as jobs education, crime and health care. He also said it would enlist the services of existing organizations, community groups, the private sector, as well as, several federal departments, including Education, Labor, and Health and Human Services. He said the meetings will convene next month that will lead to the announcement of a national plan in May. He cited the statistics that led to the decision:

- *For every African-American male with a college degree, 59 are in jail.
- *The homicide rate for black men under 25 is eight times that of the general population.

*Every 46 seconds of the school day, a African-American child drops out.

Brown cited one goal of the plan was to stop glamorizing drugs and violence in music, movies and other forms of entertainment.



Clint C. Kimble Missing

If you have seen this person, please notify the police at 747-8385. It is crucial and vital that we locate gun. He is 21 years old, 6'0" 289lbs. He has a tattoo of a football on his upper left arm.



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Rush Gains Key Whip Slot,



Cong. Bobby Rush

Representative Bobby L. Rush is off to a running start as an emerging leader in the 104th Congress. House Minority Whip David Bonior has selected Rush as one of three newcomers to join the 12-member Democratic deputy whip organiza-

tion. Rush has also been elected President of the 104th Sophomore Democratic Class by his 51 sophomore democratic colleagues.

Rush's appointment as deputy whip means that he will play a leading role in coordinating democratic floor strategy, parliamentary procedure, and party message development designed to counteract the GOP.

Rush's latest leadership coups come on the heels of his appointment to the House Commerce Committee -an exclusive House Committee-and two of its sub-committees.

Calendar of Events



February

Month Long Activities as DuSable High School celebrates their 60th anniversary

Every Wednesday in February alumni speakers are needed.

Thurs. 9,

BLACK WOMEN, SEXUAL POLITICS AND THE REVOLUTION 7:30p.m. (1992, 30 min), focuses on sexual equality in the Black community. Black women speak candidly on issues of sex, class and gender roles in the African-American community.

DuSable offers a series of entertaining and educational children's

programs and hands-on workshops exploring African American history. Most programs are \$2 and are presented at 10:30 a.m. weekdays and 2:00 p.m. Saturdays. On going till Feb. 25th. Call 312/947-0600 for reservations and informations

Sat. 11

"We Walk With Dignity" Prof. DeWitt Williams presents..poetry, drama & music African Marketplace and much more. DuSable Musuem 6:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. special donation: Adults/ \$7.00 Children/Student/ Seniors \$4.00

Sun. 12

Valentines Networking Party at Pioneer Co-op. 5427 S. dorchester ave. Career

networking with presenters from 9 different professions. donation \$13. RSVP 643-8225.

Mon. 13,

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.

Tues. 14

Valentine's Day Citizens for Dino

Wed. 15

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



McNeal for 20th Ward Ald. weekly meeting at 6351 S. King Drive. 6:30 pm. Mid-South Planning and Development Commission's Committee Meeting at the King Center 4314 So. Cottage Grove begins at 6:30 p.m.

Zim Ngqawana Quintet, the South African jazz group who performed for Nelson Mandela's inauguration, perform at the DuSable Museum of African American History, 740 E. 56th Place, at 6:30 p.m. The Quintet draws on influences from South Africa's folk and rural traditions, classical and avantgarde jazz.

Wed. 15

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

Thur., 16 Health Lectures with demonstration and samples of heart smart food Every Thursday 6:00p.m. - 7:30p.m. Harris YWCA "Building Collective leadership and Collective Organization Throughout the African world" Part IV of Batu A. Shakar's five part series at Kennedy King College 6800 So. Wentworth

Mon. 20

Najwa Dance Troupe, and Julia Hare, Ed.D., Leading motivational specialist and a master teacher, speak at Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) on Dr. Hare, a noted psychologist and sociologist will discuss of topics ranging from Black male/female relationships to rites of passage. The dance performance begins at 7:30 p.m. and Dr. Hare's presentation immediately follows, at IIT's Hermann Hall Auditorium, 3241 S. Federal. For information call 567-3075

Sat. 18

Empowerment Zone Governance meeting at DuSable High School, 49th & Wabash, 10 am, All Southside meeting.

Every Sat. Support for Sexual Assault Survivors 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

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Tue., 21

Citizens for Dino McNeal for 20th

Ward Ald. weekly meeting at 6351 S. King Drive. 6:30 pm.

Feb. 22

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 Wed. of each month, on issues and concerns affecting the 2nd Ward community. For information, call the Alderman's office: 924-0014.

Sun., 26

New Age Services, Inc. presents a private reception 6:00 p.m. Ret. General Colin Powell will speak Program 7:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. The Field Museum Lake Shore Drive and Roosevelt Road. Call (312) 829-1087/8

South Street Journal Photo View

What Ward do you live in and who are you going to vote for February 28??



I live in the second ward and I'm not for sure but, I'm leaning more towards the Alderman.

Betty Bowman, 22nd & Michigan



No one. I am not registered to vote. Because I didn't register to vote. Because I just didn't.

LaTonya McNeal 22nd & Michigan

55th Street "El" targeted to become Super Station

Public Hearing Scheduled in Mid-South

Gwen Weathers
SSJ Staff Writer

Steering riders from automobiles to public transportation is the focus of the future for CTA Green-Line communities, moreover, to help accomplish this task two "Super Stations" are on the drawing board.

Residents of the Mid-South community will have their chance to voice their concerns at three public hearings to be held in the Mid-South area. The hearing are scheduled for February 16th, at 7 pm at Washington Park Field House, 55th and King Drive, King Center, 43rd and Cottage Grove, February 21st; and on February 22nd, 6:30 pm at the YMCA on 63rd and Stoney Island.

Ron Tuck, General Manager of the CTA Green Line, said, "The Super Stations will tentatively be located at Pulaski on the west side and 55th St. on the south side. "Although plans could change, he said, "I seriously doubt that they will."

The Super Stations are a transit development that will consist of a three-story building. The top floor of the station will house the Transit Center which is where riders will catch the train. The lower two floors will be leased space. Scheduled to occupy the space are: vendors, a day-care center, police beat representative, and perhaps a restaurant or eatery.

Furthermore, these two stations when implemented involve re-development of the areas surrounding them. In recent years, the communities served by the Green Line have seen declining population, economic impoverishment, and abandoned land. In some areas, as much as 80 percent of the population has declined since the earlier 20th century as stated by

the U.S. Census. And up to 40 percent of the land around Green-Line stations is vacant in other areas. As a result, the sparsity of people and abandoned land have attributed to more dependence upon the automobile. When areas are more populated then they are considered safer.

The Green Line runs from Harlem on the west to Jackson Pk. and 63rd and Ashland on the south. The CTA is investing \$300 million over two years on the Green Line.

"The CTA is doing the Super Stations on its own, there is no, local input or citizen involvement yet," Truck said.

Cecilia Butler, Chairperson of the Washington Park

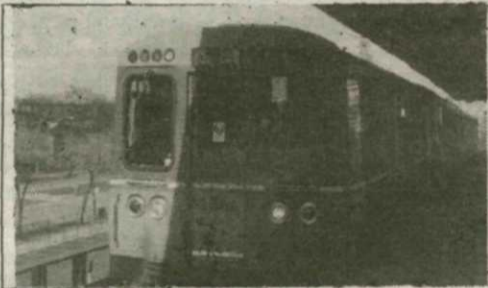
Community Coalition said, "CTA has demonstrated community involvement at the Lake and Pulaski, and we demand the same at the 55th Street Station in Washington Park".

However, to achieve all its goals, CTA created the Green Line Advisory Task Force to work with them on community related transit issues pertinent to the reconstruction of the Green Line. And also, to propose what sort of interim transit services are needed during construction. The task force will make practical and creative recommendations on servicing those needs.

Butler added that the community wants input on the Cognition Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program. A demonstration project to be selected at CTA Green Line communities. It entails the linkages and coordination between community improvement projects to include the marketing of opportunities for residential, commercial and industrial development.

Besides the Task Force, CTA is building

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Mark Your Calendar!!!

MID-SOUTH'S FIRST ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES FORUM



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Saturday, February 11, 1995 * 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Registration/ Continental Breakfast 9:00 a.m.

Special Guest Moderator

Cliff Kelley, WVON/WGCI Radio Personality

All Incumbent Alderperson and Candidates have been invited and are expected to attend!

All candidates in the February 28, 1995 election have been requested to respond to the following questions:

What have you done for your ward in the past four years?

How do you plan to address the important issues in your ward?

How will you keep ward residents informed and involved?

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Black History

In the Mid-South Community

The Dedication OF DR. IRA MACLINN MASON

A Black man of Refined Dedication, Education, and Committed Health Care in the Mid south

Dr. Ira MaClinn Mason was born in Birmingham, Alabama on September 21, 1889. His paternal grandfather, Maclinn Mason, was a Scot. Born in Scotland, he emigrated to Alabama in the United States in the 19th century. A landowner in Scotland, he decided to take advantage of the great opportunities in the United States. He bought land in Alabama and prospered. Masonton, Alabama is named after him and survives to this day.

Maclinn Mason married an African-American woman and fathered two sons, Ulysses, a physician, and James, a pharmacist.

James Mason was Ira Maclinn Mason's father. His mother was a schoolteacher from New York State. His father, James and his physician uncle arranged for young Ira's entrance to Phillips Academy in And over, Massachusetts. Because of difficulties in getting a proper education in post civil war Alabama, it was decided to educate Ira at And over.

Phillips Academy was founded in 1778 by Samuel Phillips, then Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts. It is the oldest incorporated academy in the United States. Ira Mason attended Phillips from 1902 to 1906. President George Bush graduated from there in the class of 1942.

Ira Mason then entered Yale College at New Haven, Connecticut in September, 1906, and graduated in the class of 1910. President George Bush graduated from Yale College in the '40's also.

While at Yale, Ira Mason found a mutual friend in classmate Robert Alfonso Taft (who had graduated from Taft School in Watertown, Connecticut, founded in 1890 by his uncle

Horace), whose grandfather, Alfonso Taft, an austere Vermonter of Scottish descent, emigrated to Cincinnati to practice law. President Grant rewarded his fidelity to the Republican party by naming him Secretary of war and afterward Attorney General. His son, William Howard, became the 27th President of the United States in the years 1909-1913



and the 10th Chief Justice of the Supreme Court 1921-1930. He also served as Professor of Law at Yale(1918) Ira Mason and Robert A. Taft, both of Scottish heritage, no doubt, strengthened their

friendship.

They kept in touch with each other through the years. Whenever Senator Taft came to Chicago, he always looked up his old friend, Ira Mason, both as a patient and as a friend to talk over old times. Often Senator Taft would call Dr. Mason and they would sing school songs over the phone together.

Senator Taft, Republican leader of the United States Senate from 1939 until 1953, was known as Mr. Republican. Dr. Mason was also a staunch lifelong Republican.

After graduating from Yale College in 1910, Ira Mason taught at Talladega College and Tuskegee Institute, both in Alabama, in the years 1910-1911. He also taught at Howard University in Washington, D.C., in 1912. Ira had a very strong and well-balanced education which included the sciences, especially chemistry, as well as the arts such as literature and music.



While at Howard University he published an essay in the Howard University Journal in 1912 entitled "Books As They Relate To Life."

In 1912 Ira enrolled in Chicago Medical School, founded in 1896, and which is still in existence. He graduated in the Class of 1916, specializing in Urology.

Ira then spent two years in France including graduate study at the University

of Montpelier and the Sorbonne.

In the March 1916 issue of the "Erythrocyte" he published a study "The Legacy of France to Medicine" foreshadowing the direction his life was to take in the next few years. Dr. Mason mastered the French language, which he loved, and earned his Ph.D. in languages. He also studied at the University of Madrid in 1919 and mastered Spanish also. He also mastered Portuguese, Italian, German, Greek and Latin.

Dr. Mason then returned to Chicago to intern at Provident Hospital in 1919-1920. We are in the process of renaming Provident as the Dr. Ira Maclinn Mason Hospital. Meanwhile he set up private practice in Chicago at 459 East 35th Street Parkway until 1960 and thereafter nearby at 3508 South Parkway until the late '60s when he retired because of a severe beating he sustained on the street while making house calls.

It must be mentioned here that his two sons, Raymond and Ira Jr., usually accompanied him on his house calls into the night when they were in grammar school to protect him from the dangerous streets. Dr. Mason spent a lifetime in the poor African-American community of Chicago's south side by his own choice. Since he could have practically any practice he desired because of his family background and education, it is particularly inspiring that he remained among and serving the poor all his professional life.

Dr. Mason was always writing, researching, studying and composing. An outstanding pianist, he composed many songs and piano pieces in the classical style of Europe and the African-American Tradition.

He was particularly outstanding as a literary essayist and published frequently for many years in the African-American press, especially in the

newspapers, the *St. Louis American* and the *Chicago Defender*.

Here is a small sampling of some of his essays for the years 1935 and 1936 for the *St. Louis American*.

In 1935:

When Malinda Plays, Peculiar Money, The

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Illinois Institute of Technology



Celebrates Black History Month

Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) celebrates the accomplishments of those African American pioneers who have left their mark on the world.

It is also a time for you, too, to determine how you will achieve as an individual, in your own distinctive way.

At Illinois Institute of Technology we encourage that type of thinking. With innovative curricula such as Early Identification, a five-week summer program for talented minority high school students, IIT is continually seeking to increase the number of minority students qualified for entering the fields of science, engineering and business—scholars and achievers who will shape the future.

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CHA Sweeps still Illegal, as Drugs have strong presence

50 Arrested in CHA Drug Raids, CHA bust nets \$45,000 in drugs

by Karen Brazil-Brashears
SSJ Staff Writer

As these headlines sweep news publications across the city concerning Ida B. Wells and Madden Park, a 1994 court decision was made that will seriously affect the lives of midsouthsiders and the African-American community.

Of great import to Chicago Housing Authority residents was April 7, 1994, federal court decision stopping sweep-searches of Chicago Housing Authority apartments. The action was filed by CHA residents, Mark Pratt, Easter 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, CHA apartments were thoroughly searched, even closets, drawers, refrigerators and personal effects. Before conducting the sweeps neither the CHA nor police sought or obtained tenant consent or 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 Fourth Amendment rights.

Yet officers seized 183 grams of heroin and 16 grams of cocaine according to Graham Grady, chief operating officer for the CHA, along with several hundred dollars retrieved from 3737 So. Ellis Ave. in their recent sting operation. In addition CHA police made 20 arrests at the Robert Taylor Homes, for attempted possession of a controlled substance.

Grady attributed the success of this operation to the previous arrest of Lawrence McCarroll, a high-ranking member of the Black Gangster Disciple Nation, who allegedly controlled heroin sales at 37th and Vincennes Ave.

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Moentitas Club hosts annual Black History Program

Empowering the African-American Family is the focus of the Moenititas Club's Annual African-American History Program on Sunday, February 19, presented at the Church of the Good Shepherd, UCC, at 5700 So. Prairie Ave. at 11:00a.m.

One of Chicago's own champions of Community Activism, Jacqueline Reed will be a featured guest speaker. Founder of Westside Health Authority in 1991, Mrs. Reed presently serves as its Executive Director, coordinating 24 community member organizations in Health Policy Advocacy. A dynamic administrator, innovator and mother, Reed brings her message from a wealth of knowledge and experience. While earning a BA from the Univ. of Chicago School of Social Service Administration she plunged into the midst of Westside Church and community health life. Nurturing a family of four children together with her husband, she exemplifies Family Empowerment even while engaged in Executive responsibilities with organizations such as the Westside Wholistic Family Center, and Bethel New Life.

The host Moentitas is a women's church Club whose name signifies Christian service through giving of money-energy-time-and talents. The club celebrates its 30th anniversary and over twenty-five years of Black History Programming, in 1995.

Rev. Dr. David E. Chambers is pastor of Good Shepherd, Mrs. Marjorie Adkins, is President of the host club, and Mrs. Elizabeth Butler chair of the African-Americans History Program.

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CHA Residents submits Contract to Elected officials

Chicago Housing Developments presidents organized by the Central Advisory Council (CAC) were present to present contracts to elected officials and candidates.

The contract signing came at the CAC meeting held in the group's headquarters, 243 E. 32nd St. Representing the council were its President, Artensa Randolph, who is also Local Advisory Council president of Washington Park Homes; Helen Finner, LAC president of Ida B. Wells; Beverly Dorsey, LAC president of Madden Park Homes on February 3rd.

"The alderman or who ever win the seat (February 28th) will maintain the maintenance of the community, addressing the stores selling bad meat, selling liquor to minors, the rats and all other ills that hampers the environment of public housing residents," said Beverly Dorsey.

She also stress the need for residents to get city jobs among the list on the contract.

At press time *South Street Journal* confirmed only two elected officials from the Mid-South area signed the contract. There were Alderman Madeline Haithcock (2) and Toni Preckwinkle (4). Also reportedly present was aldermanic candidates Wallace "Gator" Bradley (3rd Ward) and Geraldine Laury (2nd Ward).

Haithcock signing the contact said

that this contract formalize her concern that CHA residents concerns are a priority on her agenda and has been working in the interest of residents of CHA.

Dorsey said the contract asks that the elected officials who represent the development in their ward target the CHA neighborhoods for a number of economic, social and environmental improvements.

Several of the contract's terms already have been accomplished," Ald. Preckwinkle said, and the others have her full support. Already accomplished, Preckwinkle said for example, are the provisions that the alderman interact with the police department to improve the quality and quantity of police service to the community, and that aldermen attend CHA tenant's meetings. Preckwinkle added that she does already.

Dorsey whose Madden Park development is located in the 4th ward, stressed to *South Street Journal* that, "CHA residents has been isolated from the rest of the city when it comes to city services." She continued to say, "We want the alderman who ever win the seat to agree to maintain the conditions of our community by signing this contract."

Eight or nine elected officials and/or candidates signed the contract. Representing issues from each ward where the development is located.

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Rev. Sardon arrested in fight for construction jobs



Rev. Earl Sardon, President of Crusaders for Justice

Protesting can be contagious. One no sooner for Justice ends than another begins. The Crusaders for Justice located in the Washington Park community, lead by Rev. Earl Sardon has taken up the struggle for equal representation on construction sites in the Mid-South community. Rev. Sardon recently led seven members on a early morning demonstration at 5608 So. Wabash, securing jobs community residents.

On Wednesday, February 8, the Crusaders for Justice gathered at an apartment building under renovation on 53rd and King Drive. Shortly after arriving at the site, Rev. Sardon and another member of COJ were arrested and taken to the 51st and Wentworth police station, charged with disorderly conduct. Rev. Sardon was released on a waived I-Bond. The desk seargent also informed *South Street Journal*, that Rev. Sardon had been arrested several times last year for the same charge. Rev. Sardon denied the seargent claims.

The African American Contractors Association joined the COJ in the demonstration. Omar Shareef, president, AACA said, "We are in conjunction with the Crusader For Justice who are heading up their protest against Keeley Construction Company, Inc., (5000 W. Roosevelt Road). We also support them in their fight against other construction

companies not utilizing minority contractors or community residents in renovation and development.

Barry Wold, project manager at the site said he would work with the groups. The building at 53rd and King Drive is receiving funds from Illinois Department of Housing. Mr. Wold said that there were four Blacks in positions on this site. The group of 14 men positioned themselves to block the entrance to the site. This protest took place on the following day

demanding that the subcontractors be Black, not just a minority.

Wold said he thought they had a agreement and was not sure if he could meet their second demand.

There are roughly 23 construction sites in the area and that the groups will be targeting including these in the Mid-South Community: 14th & Wabash, Townhomes; 22nd & Wabash, (Shopping Center); 22nd & Indiana, Lakeside Bank; 14th & Michigan, Old St. Lukes Hosp.; 14th & Indiana, townhomes; 3000 Calumet/Giles [W.E. O'Neil], 55th-63rd King Dr., Cottage

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Housing Development in Woodlawn

Plaisance Place sets stage for economic integration in Woodlawn

Plaisance Place, located at 61st and Greenwood in Woodlawn, represents the first market rate homes built in this community in over 40 years. It begins at 61st Street across from the University of Chicago Law School. But, it is also, only a block from debris laden lots that have been vacant for decades.

The miracle is that Plaisance Place I's eight single family homes were sold, built and occupied during 1994 and Plaisance Place II's eight additional homes are under construction with five already sold. These three bedroom, Prairie Style homes are priced at \$149,000.

This imminent rebirth of Woodlawn is especially exciting for those who remember when it was a vibrant community with a strong social fabric. High on Dr. Brazier's priority list is the re-creation of a viable commercial element along 63rd Street.

Mayor Daley has shown his support for these activities by being present at the Plaisance Place groundbreaking, the opening of its model, and the occupancy of the first home. Valerie Jarrett, the City's Commissioner of Planning, has been equally supportive and continues to be involved in the acquisition and



The Plaisance Place located on 61st and Greenwood, is the first new construction in the Woodlawn community setting the stage for more new construction to follow attracting more middle income families.

This incredible breakthrough of development across 61st Street has been a dream of Arthur Brazier, Pastor of the First Apostolic Church of God, for many years. Dr., Brazier and the University of Chicago are the institutional forces behind the Woodlawn Preservation and Investment Corporation (WPIC), a not-for-profit community group. WPIC formed a joint venture for market rate, residential development with the Thrush Companies. Plaisance Place is their first development. However, plans are being formulated for broadened activities in 1995 based on the success of the first two phases of Plaisance Place.

A three story, three bedroom and two bath townhome model is being introduced for \$128,000. It was conceived for the single, professional parent where security is a high priority. The garages can be entered directly from 61st Street and are integrated into the home. Each townhome has its own backyard and second level deck.

planning activities. The objective is filling the empty lots with affordable housing at different price points to create economic diversity - not Lincoln Park style gentrification.

Who are the Plaisance Place buyers? They are committed urban residents who recognize the value of the location, transportation, the University Midway, churches, Lake Michigan, the Museum of Science and Industry. They are a mini-United Nations with a variety of ethnicities. A district commander of the Chicago Place Department. An associate professor at the University of Chicago. A nurse. An architect. A state employee. An international investment counselor.

George Thrush, head of Thrush Companies, says, "That is what it is all about. The quality of urban living is based on multi-cultural and economically diverse relationships. Diversity gives us strength." Thrush Companies also provided the construction for the Parade of Homes in the Kenwood Oakland community.

Homeless veterans benefit from housing grant to renovate abandoned property in Woodlawn

A \$721,735 grant awarded to the Chicago Vietnam Veterans Family Assistance Program to rehabilitate housing which will be used for homeless veterans. It is the second highest of 31 grants being awarded nationwide under VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program.

Two six-unit buildings at 63rd and Greenwood have been provided for renovation through the Chicago Abandoned Property Program. Applications for other sites are pending.

Ald. Troutman (20) stated, "It is an honor to be the community chosen to provide housing for these courageous people who have served our country well and deserved to have a place to call home."

While accepting the grant at VA West side Medical center, Joann Williams, Executive Director of the Veterans Family Assistance Program, said,

"The transitional housing program would provide veterans with long-term benefits." "We're not just finding veterans a place to sleep," Williams continued, "These sites were selected because they are near the Veterans Resource Center and other social service agencies that can assist the veterans and help them get back on their feet."

"This is the first time in Chicago that a veterans organization has become involved in developing housing," she continued. "It is also unique in that the vast majority of the rehab work will be done by military veterans."

The grant was presented by Dr. Prakash Desai, Chief of staff at VA West Side Medical Center. Dave Doig, Dept. of Housing was also present.

"Once again, the VA is demonstrating its commitment to homeless

veterans," he said. "Community will enable us to provide more homeless veterans with the assistance they need."

West Side VA currently assists over 500 homeless veterans per year. Besides providing them with medical, emotional, hygiene and social work services, the center has established two unique homeless programs over the past year.

The Supportive Housing Program is an outreach initiative that provides mental health services and housing to veterans who are not currently in the VA system. The Intensive Psychiatric Community Care Program combines VA and local resources to provide "home care" that helps reduce hospitalization for long term psychiatric patients.



Joann Williams, Family Veterans Assistance Program, is joined Ald. Troutman (20), as she accepts the award check from Dr. Prakash Desai, Westside Medical Center, and Dave Doig, Department. of Housing

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55th Street "El" Super Station

coalition between themselves, communities along the line, their neighborhood representatives and private industry.

The Chicago Urban League is an agency selected as the Affirmative Action and Job Referral Services Consultant for the Green Line rehabilitation project. Ms. Archie of the Urban League said, "We are handling the referral of applicants and contractors for the Green Line."

Federal Funds are involved in the project, therefore, a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program promotes the inclusion of minority and women owned companies in its overall contracting plans.

The minimum Equal Employment Opportunity requirements of 19.6 percent minority and 6.9 percent female participation must be met by private contractors. And new employment goals set by the DBE program specifically for the Green-Line project require 30 percent participation for minorities, and 17 percent for women.

The Rev. Leonard DeVille, pastor of Alpha Temple Church and vice-chairman of the Task Force, said, "We are looking to re-establish the community along CTA lines."

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"Our final goal is to make living in the community more efficient and more conducive to use CTA," Tuck said. He also says that the CTA has no involvement in the economic development around the station but instead works as a liaison. "It is up to the community to dictate what

they want in the areas around our stations," he said.

The reconstruction project celebrated its one-year anniversary on Jan. 9.

"The project is going relatively smooth and we have not experienced any difficulties or problems," Tuck said. Only one year remains to complete the Green-Line construction.

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Historical Landmarks in the Community

Margaret Burroughs Home 3806 S. Michigan Avenue

In 1961 Dr. Margaret Burroughs founded the DuSable Museum, originally called the Ebony Museum of Negro History, in three small rooms of this South Side home (Below). Built in 1903 by contractor John Griffith, this mansion was converted in the late 1930s to the Quincy Club, a private club operated by the Joint Council of Dining Car Waiters. Across the street from the South Side Community Arts Center, the Quincy Club served as a social center, providing accommodations for African American railroad workers who were excluded from most Chicago hotels. Writer, artist, educator, museologist, organizer and social activist, Margaret Taylor Burroughs is one of the city's most formidable cultural leaders to emerge in the post-World War II era. For several decades Burroughs taught art in elementary, secondary and college



levels. Her most important tenure was at DuSable High School. Dr. Burroughs was also among the founders of the South Side Community Arts Center, the Lake Meadows Art Fair, the Chatham Art Fair, and the National Conference of Artists. A distinguished artist in her own right, also, she is the author of several books and winner of many citations for her poetry. Dr. Burroughs is perhaps best known for her poem "What Shall I Tell My Children Who Are Black?"



Southside Community Arts Center 3831 S. Michigan Avenue

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

With the center 50 year old history and tradition. Great artists and community leaders have been part of this tradition and history. People like, Gwendolyn Brooks, Earl Dickerson, Gordan Parks, Moten Barnett, Richard Hunt, Margaret Burroughs and the list goes on and on.



Victory Sculpture 35th Street and King Drive

Celebrating the achievements of the Eighth Illinois Regiment, this sculpture comprises three panels portraying a Black soldier, a woman symbolizing African American motherhood, and the familiar patriotic symbol of "Columbia" holding a tablet recording the locations of the regiment's noted battles. In 1936, a uniformed African American "doughboy" (World War I soldier) was added at the top of the monument, which by then had emerged as the site for annual Memorial Day ceremonies sponsored by veterans of the regiment.

Black Metropolis Trail

The National Park Service placed the "Black Metropolis Trail." on the National Register of Historical Places. These sites are in the vicinity of South State Street and 35th Street, the hub of a thriving pre-World War II community known for its business activities, political activism and cultural production.

Capt. Ernest A. Griffin Place

3232 S. M.L. King Jr. Driv. located on the western edge of the site of Camp Douglas. Located on the farmlands of Senator Stephen A. Douglas (of "Lincoln-Douglas debates" fame), this military base served first as a Union Army induction center, and later as a prison for Confederate soldiers. Griffin's grandfather, Private Charles H. Griffin, enlisted in Chicago in 1864 and served with distinction in the U.S. Colored Infantry unit known as the "Fighting 29th." His grandson, Ernest, was born in the same general area, on the site of the old Camp Douglas. A display of army insignia, battle flags and weapons used by both sides in the Civil War is located in the parking lot of the funeral home. Additional mementos and photographs are exhibited in the building. About a mile away is the grave of Senator Douglas, along with a monument.

Daniel Hale Williams Home, 445 E. 42nd Street. Dr. Daniel Hale Williams (1856-1931), one of the outstanding surgeons of his era, is best known as the driving force behind the founding of Provident Hospital and his pioneering work as a heart surgeon. Williams was the first physician to perform successful surgery on the human heart. His distinguished career includes service on the Illinois State Board of Health, surgeon-in-chief at Freedmen's Hospital in Washington, D.C., teaching at Chicago Medical College and successful advocacy on behalf of such institutions as Meharry Medical College in Nashville and Howard University. This site was his home from 1905 until 1929; it was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1975.



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Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church

2401 So. Wabash Avenue. Organized in 1847, Quinn Chapel is the oldest Black church in Chicago. Named after Bishop William Paul Quinn, who played a major role in the westward expansion of African Methodist, the congregation was prominent in both abolitionist and underground railroad activities of its members and its role in the founding of such institutions as Provident Hospital and the Wabash Avenue YMCA. The current Romanesque-style brick building was erected in 1892. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Olivet Baptist Church, 401 East 31st Street

Organized April 6, 1850, Olivet was the parent church for many other Baptist churches in Chicago. During the 1850s, its pastor and many parishioners were members of the Vigilance Committee, organized to protest the Fugitive Slave Law and assist runaway slaves. By the 1920s, under the leadership of L.K. Williams, it had become one of the most prominent Black churches in the nation. Its pastor from the 1950s through the 1980s, Joseph H. Jackson, served for 29 years as president of the National Baptist Convention USA, the largest Black denominational group in the U.S.

Oscar Stanton DePriest Home, 4536-4538 S. M.L. King Drive.

Oscar DePriest (1871-1951) was the first African American to serve in the Chicago City Council, and the first African American elected to the United States Congress from a district north of the Mason-Dixon Line. Like many of his constituents, DePriest was born in the South (Florence, Alabama). As a member of the House of Representatives from 1929-1934, DePriest provided African Americans with their only voice in the Congress, and he fought for civil rights legislation and adequate funding for Howard University and other African American educational institutions. His former home was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1965.

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history comes to life on stage when the award-winning Chicago Theatre Company (CTC), 500 E. 67th Street, presents a special Black History Month production of Carlyle Brown's Award-winning play, "The Little Tommy Parker Celebrated Colored Minstrel Show." The show opened January 27, show times are 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, with matinee performances at 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$15; \$12 for students and seniors. Group rates are available. A provocative and entertaining look at the lives of a minstrel troupe traveling through

Missouri by rail in 1895, "Little Tommy Parker" presents a fascinating behind-the-scenes glimpse into the trails, tribulations, and comedic delight of minstrels at the turn of the century.

Directed by Douglas Alan-Mann, artistic director of CTC, the cast includes Paul Mabon (Percy), David Barr (Henry), Ron O.J. Parson (Solomon), Adrian Bryd (Tambo), Willie B. Goodson (Doc), and DE Alan Mann (Archie). Barr, Bryd, and Goodson shared a Joseph Jefferson Award for ensemble work in last season's CTC production of "Pill Hill."

Special dance sequences of the Cakewalk and other pieces will be choreographed by Ernest "Brownie" Brown, one half of the famous 1950's tap dancing duo "Cook & Brown," and critically acclaimed Hooper, Reginald ("Reggie the Hooper") McLaughlin. "All young people who are thinking about being performers should see this show," said Douglas Alan Mann. "This play tells about what black performers had to endure during the earliest days of American Theater. Although they had to perform in blackface, there were human beings behind the mask. There wouldn't have been a Denzel Washing-

guys."

This production is supported by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency, and the Department of Cultural Affairs.

The Chicago Theatre Company (CTC) is the only professional African-American Equity theater on the south side of Chicago Theaters and produces in accordance with Actors' Equity Association Chicago area Theaters contract.

For reservations and information, call 312-493-5360.

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"Passing the Baton", Black History in Art



The South Side community Art Center (pictured page 10). Kicked off their Black History Month with an exhibition by local artist/educator Garrett Whyte and his students entitled, "Passing The Baton." Pictured from left to right displaying their art as well are Sherman Beck, John Towns, Gerald Sanders, Director of the Center and Robert Glover.

The South Side Community Art Center, located at 3831 S. Michigan Ave., Kicked-Off of Black History Month with an exhibition by local artist/educator Garrett Whyte and his students entitled, "Passing The Baton".

The exhibit also includes the work of John Towns, Maurice Wilson, Patricia Bohannon, Kush Bey Sherman Beck, Robert Glover and Gerald Sanders.

Mr. Whyte studied at Hampton University and earned an art degree from North Carolina A&T College. After moving to Chicago, he

continued his studies at the The Art Institute. Worked as an illustrator and cartoonist for the Chicago Defender. In 1953 he became the art teacher at Dunbar High School. As one of Chicago's most award winning artist. He moved on to Kennedy-King College where he taught until his retirement a decade later.

The exhibition will run through March 5th. The Center is open Wednesday - Friday from noon to 5 pm, Saturday from 9 am and Sunday from 1pm - 5 pm.

2nd Ward Candidate Laury Demands Development plan for South Loop

The needs and concerns of current residents and businesses in the South Loop must be included in decisions affecting the development of the area. Geraldine Laury, candidate for 2nd Ward alderman said Saturday at a South Loop Community forum.

Laury, a public school teacher for 27 years and sister of Congressman Bobby Rush (Ill.), told area residents and members of the Chicago Affordable Housing Coalition, (CAHC), and Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, (CCH), that the South Loop must maintain the diversity that currently exists.

"One way to guarantee that diversity remains is to make sure the alderman is held accountable for decisions affecting new developments," Laury said.

Laury noted that most of the current development in the South Loop has not preserved nor increased the availability of affordable housing in the area.

Many of the developers have promised that affordable housing will be included in their plans, Laury said. "However I believe that the people who live and own businesses in the South Loop must have their own development plans."

Laury added that she so strongly believed in the concept of including the community in development plans that she placed a referendum on the February 28th Primary ballot that addresses the issue.

Laury led the initiative that placed the referendum on the ballot that asks voters: "Shall the alderman initiate a process by which residents have input into all neighborhood development issues."

Brenda Armour, a South Loop resident and Loan Representative for NBD Bank, who attended the forum, said she wishes the current alderman would show some interest in the development of the South Loop.

"This is the most important issue facing people who live in the area and we haven't anything from her," Armour said.

"I like the development, but too much of anything is no good," Armour said. "There doesn't seem to be any affordable housing being developed."

Many of the residents expressed their concern that Single Room Occupancy (SRO) building might be squeezed out as development continues.

Laury said that existing SRO buildings should be maintained and upgraded "so that we truly have decent affordable housing for everyone in the community as part of a diverse housing mix."

"For far too many people who are the working poor, SRO's are the last step before homelessness," Laury said.

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For twenty-five years, the Resource Center has worked on the South Side promoting jobs and community-building through recycling and care for the environment. Turn-A-Lot-Around, a new program of the Center, works with neighborhood residents to clean-up vacant lots and put them to productive use--anyone who wants to reclaim organizations, churches, schools, homeowners and renters--anyone who wants to reclaim vacant lots that have been surrendered to violence and neglect.

Together, we can turn a lot around.

In addition to these volunteer activities, the Resource Center also provides a range of services at highly competitive rates. Recycling, artistic board-up (a process in which we paint the boards in attractive ways), and the gutting of structures to be rehabbed-- these are a few of the services we offer.

For more information, call Jamie Kalven at 821-1351

Perspective

An open letter to Mayor Daley, Secretary Cisneros, & President Clinton: EMPOWERMENT ZONE



Sokoni Karanja President, Centers for New Horizons, Inc

The Empowerment Zone is perhaps the last chance in our lifetime to show the American taxpayer that

federal funds can help revitalize our nation's most devastated communities. And that a federal investment in these communities will produce benefits that exceed costs to taxpayers, producing more tax-paying citizens, reducing welfare and crime control expenditures, and preparing people for the jobs of tomorrow.

Yet the early rumblings in the wake of the announcement that Chicago had been awarded Empowerment Zone status suggest that we are about to witness a fevered grab for federal grants that will become available quickly. If we do this, the money will also get spent quickly...and urban blight will remain. As a veteran of the War on Poverty, I implore government and community leaders to step back and re-consider our past successes and failures as we develop Empowerment Zone spending guidelines. What are those lessons?

1) Federal grants with clear goals and outcomes--like head Start-- are extremely effective in rebuilding low-income communities. Federal grants with too-lofty goals and poorly defined outcomes are not. Grants can either be

clearly directed to building the human and physical infrastructure needed to sustain communities. . . or they can be tools of government largesse that further political careers but sap the spirit of low-income communities.

2) The federal government alone cannot win the war on urban poverty. The huge sum of \$100 million divides out just \$500 per person in the zone--hardly enough to pay for higher education, skilled job training, or affordable housing. Federal funds must thus be used to leverage private sector investments and partnerships with state and local governments.

Since the War on Poverty days, we have become aware of many creative and accountable ways to invest government funds that can effectively solve, rather than "throw money at" urban problems. Many of them are outlined in Mr. Clinton's campaign "Bible", Reinventing Government. A reinvented governments catalytic, enterprising, competitive, efficient, market-driven, accountable, and results-oriented. I urge us to develop some precepts for Chicago's Empowerment Zone that would reflect these qualities.

More specifically, I ask us to:

*develop accountability systems for Empowerment Zone funds that involve employers and community leaders, and that set measurable goals in the communities for job creation, housing, development, and employment training;

*make cautioned use of the grant mechanism, and set clearly defined goals and outcomes for grants expenditures in terms of the numbers of jobs created and numbers of people trained to take

those and other jobs;

*reserve as much Empowerment Zone funding as possible--at least half of it--to create investment pools in each of the three community clusters, with the size of the pool in each cluster based on its population;

*request each community cluster to develop loan and investment policies that will yield a self-sustaining fund pool beyond the life of Empowerment Zone assistance;

*enable each of these three groups to retain a professional investment firm to manage the investment pool fund;

*request each of these three groups to retain a professional investment firm to manage the investment pool fund;

*assure each community cluster to account to the public for all costs and benefits incurred through the loans or investments it makes;

*stimulate competition among the

three clusters by creating financial rewards for good results;

*encourage both grants and investment pool funds to leverage other dollars--from state and local government and form the private sector.

Low income communities will not be revitalized by the government alone. They can be revitalized by directing investments to re-build their infrastructures and their institutions--the roads and sewers, the hospitals and local media. And they can be revitalized by getting the chance to participate in the American enterprise system--creating jobs, training people for jobs, buying a home. I ask each of you to forego the political advantages of dispensing pork through the EZ, and make this instead a singular opportunity to show that government can indeed be a positive force in the life of our nation's cities.



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DR. IRA MACLINN MASON

Desert, November, In 1936:

Escape by Air, Armies of Nature, City of the Sun, Flight From a Graveyard, The Courts Attempt to Show.

Dr. Mason was physician to the Chicago Public Schools and also United States Public Health Officer in the City of Chicago from approximately 1926 to 1934 during the administrations of President Calvin Coolidge and Herbert C. Hoover.

Dr. Mason, a master of the French language, met and married a French-speaking Haitian-American nurse, Claire Doublette, on February 14, 1949. They had four children in the 1950's twins who died soon after birth and two sons, Raymond and Ira Jr. Dr. Mason was in his sixties when he had his children.

Dr. Mason has a list of patients of every race and many nationalities spanning the globe. He also treated many patients who spoke only Spanish and Portuguese.

Dr. Mason was held in such high esteem by his peers that the nationally famous dermatologist, Dr. Theodore Lawless, handed his patients to him when he went on vacation.

As mentioned above, Senator Robert A. Taft, an old friend, used to call on Dr. Mason frequently, both on the phone and personally, whenever he was in Chicago. Senator Taft asked for Dr. Mason's help in his run for the presidential nomination of the Republican Party in both 1948 and 1952. Dr. Mason helped both times. This was especially true in 1952 when Senator Taft was running against Dwight D. Eisenhower. The Republican

Convention was in Chicago that year, so Senator Taft saw Dr. Mason in person and consulted him for his medical problems also. His loss to Dwight D. Eisenhower was particularly hard on both of them. Senator Taft died the next year in 1953 and Dr. Mason took the loss of his dear friend very hard. It is not hard to imagine that if Senator Taft won the Republican nomination and subsequent election, that the role of African-Americans in the Republican Party would be substantially larger than it is today because of Dr. Mason's influence.

The loss of his friend, Senator Taft, was a great blow. The subsequent severe beating he received on the street while making house calls in 1966 virtually ended Dr. Mason's medical career. Dr. Mason died on September 28, 1972 and is buried at St. Mary's Cemetery in Evergreen Park, Illinois.

It is interesting to note that film director, Spike Lee, has been researching the Mason family for the past few years since his family and his family and the Masons are related by marriage.

The Mason family of Alabama is one of the most outstanding African-American families in our country's history. The town of Masonton is named after them. Because of Dr. Ira M. Mason's extraordinary life and the interest of Spike Lee and others, the Mason family will become known as one of the outstanding success stories of any American family.

Now that Dr. Ira M. Mason's life is beginning to be researched, he will subsequently take his place as one of the most outstanding individual lives in American history.



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Editorial

Preparing for the Vote and our Endorsement

ents are beginning to take control over what d officials have in the community prior to elec- tion by CHA residents to contract with candi- ds prior to the election is a case in point. No empty campaign promises, they are taking vote. is taking place in the 2nd Ward, where Stanley 0% of the voter signatures and had a referen- ballot that asks: Should the alderman of the 2nd cess to give citizens of the 2nd Ward input into rhood development proposed for the second es not even live in the second ward. he times. Campaigning on the favortism of nning for other offices, making grandiose d becoming visible only during election time are no longer be accepted by the community. The bility put in place by CHA residents is one that service initiated by Elected Official. n South Street Journal has been the "People outh" residents. Our distribution area serves small part of the 5th) and the 20th ward. We t of the aldermen in the area and there are two ront and have worked with us consistently as ndidates, in doing so we have grown to know r general positions and their ork with the community. Natu- s have developed a more open rela- would not be fair to point out the are not true representatives of the their ward at this time. Whether pt been decided. nal's Advisory Board met on the ecided to compose a list of ques- ates/incumbents to respond to. The ed on the needs of the community publish any replies in the next edi-

tion of the paper. Following this editorial will be the list of questions. Our decision to make endorsements will be based on the response of this editorial and the response from the letter.

Once again, we are putting the power in the hands of the people where it belongs. Our contribution is to assist the decision making process by providing information.

Endorsement Questions

South Street Journal's Advisory Board has compiled this list of questions that has been hand delivered to the candidates of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 20th wards as well as the Incumbents of the same wards to answer and return to South Street Journal for consideration of endorsements and publication.

South Street Journal has held an open invitation to all candidates and incumbent to provide their platform to our readers, we have published all responses to our request.

1. What was your role in the planning process of the Empowerment Zone?

What is your position of the Fiscal Responsibility of the Empowerment Zone, should it be controlled by the community groups involved in the program or should it be in the control of the elected officials as it stands now? Why?

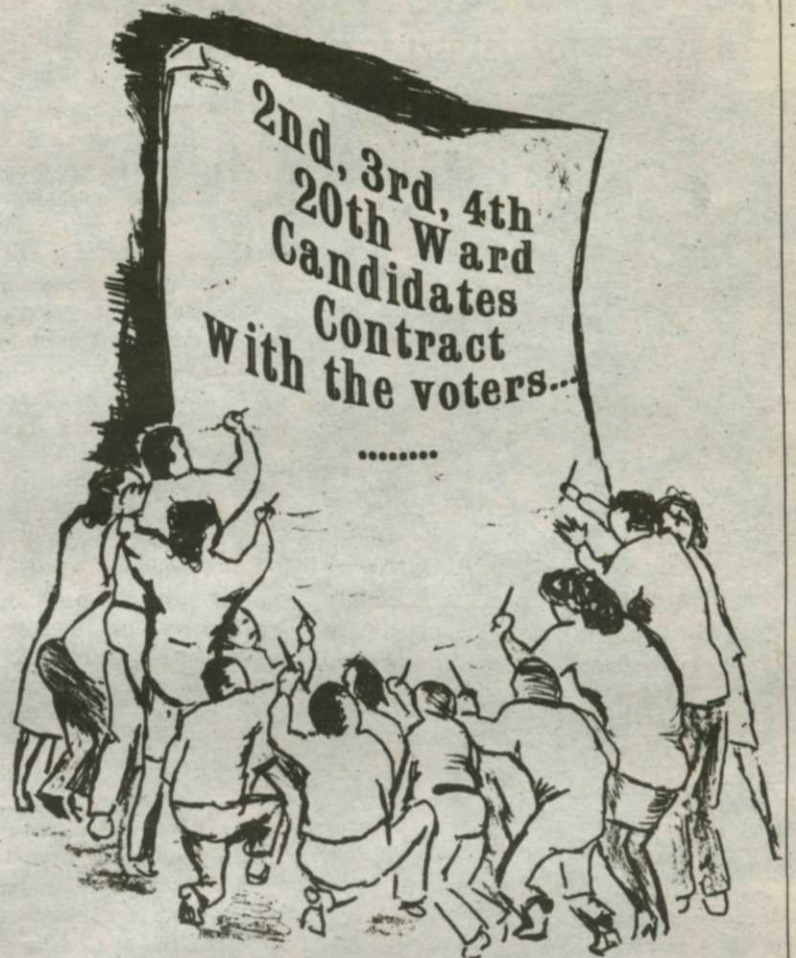
2. What will be your position on City-Owned property acquisition. What should the process be on releasing the land, i.e., vacant lots, buildings etc.?

3. The Chicago Crime Commission has identified gangs as public enemy #1, what is your position?

4. Mid-South contains some of the best schools in the city and the worst, in addition there are at least 125 youth organizations and over 300 churches. Yet the area has some of the most troubled youth in the



Ron Carter Publisher & Editor



state. What is the missing link?

5. What do you plan to accomplish in the first two years of your (re)election? Give an accountable figure pertaining to jobs, existing and new business and economic development.

We welcome all replies to our editorials

Letters

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RAY DAVIS Resident 3rd Ward

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ocate owner. To aid the E (Homeless On The Move for

Equality) which is located at 1325 So. Michigan ave.

Possible overseers: Black Contractors United 1603 So. Michigan Ave.

For Board-Ups: The Muhammed Ali Community & Economic Development Corporation; 205 No. Michigan Ave.

For Demolition: Wrecking crews could be used after the bidding of wrecking companies.

For Finances: Some of the monies from the Empowerment Zone could be utilized. The benefits would be better looking and safer neighborhoods, with these would come the opportunity for more business, meaning more jobs and less homelessness, therefore, less joblessness. Also, a reduction in welfare recipients is a plus for the state's budget.

Special considerations could be given to abandoned buildings which are connected to occupied building, because these buildings are potential fire hazards and pose a life-threatening problem to the people in the buildings attached to them.

Donald Smith 37th & Cottage



People Need People Not Gangs and Drugs

Dear Editor,

We are no longer living in the late 50's or early 60's but, yet still I hear, she's just like you & the the splitting image, (ain't nothing change). Gangs back then were social clubs, ferternity's (etc.) (so I heard).

Drugs were not as strong in fact they were part of wave, wood stock, like the common cold remember flower power.

It was cool to be a hippie!

I would imagine heroin and or opium, coke addicts were hardly even heard about in the paper or brought up in the public, like it is in the opening now. (People need People;) (because there are a lot of mixed feelings involved in dealing with society in general and the problems we face in our everyday community, such as no shirt, no shoes, no service, no jobs, no help wanted, racism, prejudice a lot of mixed emotions in the air, etc. (not gangs and drugs) (point blank, gangs are a mob of none thinking none feeling uneducated individuals) (Drugs are dangerous if not used properly or not prescribed by a doctor and may cause brain damage. So this is very simple.

I would say that we have complicated our thinking and need to adjust to the new way of living. (Nothing constant but change). I don't believe once a fool always a fool. (Quotes) back to the old principle? Treat people how you want to be treated. If people need people not gangs and drugs is the subject then what's the predicate? I ask you positive productive citizens my favorite questions, (what can we do to change one small problem?

How about before you chastise your child, "first", make him or her define these ten words and go take two books from the library and give two book reports on them.

- 1) motivation 2) inspiration

- 3) self-esteem 4) morals 5) dignity 6) culture 7) inadequate 8) insecure 9) leadership 10) black

Until the next issue or P.N.P.N.G.A.D. Just think about this.

Clifford Monegan 48th & State Street



The Subscriber Writes as well as Read

Dear Editor,

If you would ask me I will say that the South Street Journal is the best newspaper on the south side of Chicago and I will say it keeps getting better and better each time I read it. Thank you for letting me be a part of it, of course my part is easy, I only read it. To you and your staff keep up the good work.

Your friend.

God Bless, Katherine Wallace Former president, Taylor Resident United For Harmony and Subscriber

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Tyrone Kenner combining political savvy with community commitment to regain 3rd Ward Aldermanic seat



Former Alderman Tyrone Kenner seeks to regain 3rd Ward

by Beverly A. Reed
Staff Writer

Tyrone Kenner, at the urging of his supporters who express discontent at the lack of accessibility and accountability in the current administration is running for 3rd Ward Alderman for the second time. Kenner who previously held the office of 3rd Ward Alderman for three terms, feels that the

public's safety, employment and public transportation must be the priority for the third ward to become successful.

Calling attention to the issues hindering residents from moving freely in the community, ie., gangs, unemployed itinerants, the police department etc., Kenner stressed the need to deal with the issues that are plaguing the community. Conceding that while some of the social ills that plague the community were thrust upon it, a lot is our own (the community) fault.

To reinforce his statement, he compared the lack of financial wherewithal in the 3rd Ward to finance the heavy concentration of illegal substances that pervade the area.

Kenner also stressed the need to reopen the transfer points at 35th, 43rd, 47th and 40th and Indiana on the Greenline to prevent the annihilation of the businesses that align these transfer points.

When asked about his position on the Empowerment Zone Funds, Kenner, a former director and commissioner of Human Services replied, "I know how these things work, these funds must come as a result of the "Bottoms Up" process without downtown dictation."

Kenner pointed to an employment project he designed and implemented without funding as an example of community cooperation and self sufficiency. A training center was set up and staffed with professional and community volunteers who trained and assisted residents in obtaining employment.

Kenner talked about working with the Park District to create an Entertainment Complex that would be well equipped and free so that all residents could use all the facilities at all times.

South Street Journal asked Kenner a series of questions,

What would make you a good Alderman?

The people would make me good, apparently I served them well. I remember a family we worked with from employment, home making, illness on down to school truancy. I still see members of that family and that have not forgotten the concern I showed them.

What do you think about your opponents?

I am not running against any candidate, I am running for the safety and empowerment of the third ward. If my program is the best then I won't beat them-the people will. However, as a teacher of political education at Operation Push, I am well versed in the various methods candidates use to avoid dealing with the issues pertinent to their own campaign and based on what the community is saying to me they are aware also.

What are your views on the CHA sweeps?

I am very ambivalent about them. I find residents who love them and residents who hate the sweeps. Yet even those who love them have questions

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about hate way they are carried out. I do know that the people who live in CHA don't want drugs in their homes any more than those who don't live there.

Vince Lane?

Vince Lane has done some good things to

date, he's the best one they've had so far, nobody's perfect.

Should the highrises be torn down?

I think we must do more to preserve and secure what we have. It is not the buildings posing a threat, it is the inhabitants. There is no economic integration, no role models, nothing to identify with other than indigenous leaders.

How do you view the Substance Abuse problem?

We have to have educational and treatment there is no family that has not been touched by drugs. These are our children, we cannot turn them over to the police, they are about imprisonment not treatment. As a widower with two boys and four girls, I know the value of family.

What is your opinion on the Mayoral Race?

My focus right now is on the Aldermanic Race, and ensuring that the people of the third ward have the best representation possible in city hall.

What would be a perfect third ward?

A third ward that goes back to the values of hard work, sincerity in education, security and religion that would bring about a sense of family for the whole ward.

2nd Ward Voters Seek Input on Neighborhood Developments on February 28th Ballot

Second Ward-On the February 28th ballot the 2nd ward will have a "Public Policy Question" referendum which asks "Should the Alderman of the 2nd Ward initiate a process to give the citizens of the 2nd ward input into any and all neighborhood developments proposed for the 2nd ward?"

The referendum was initiated by Stanley Watkins address listed at 10967 S. Church St. (19th ward).

According to Bill Gonerka, supervisor of ballots, Board of Elections Commission, "Any person who is registered must received 10% of the voters signature in the ward area." Said Gonerka, "its not hard to file or follow through on referendums, any voter can file a petition." The procedure is almost identical to getting a candidate on a voter ballot. South Street Journal contacted Alderman Madeline Haithcock's (2) office for comment, James Hill said "the alderman was not part of instituting the referendum, but do support it."

"It is nothing new for the alderman (Haithcock) seeking input from the citizens," said Hill. "She has done this on many major projects in the 2nd ward." Hill pointed to the Alco and Supreme building on 35th and King Drive where community input determined the direction of the buildings future.

South Street Journal made attempts to contact Stanley Watkins, however telephone calls were not returned.

A similar question is being asked in the 1st ward concerning the Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation bid to build Cooperative (Co-op) housing in the area (Cabrini Green location).

Community groups and organizations seeking to effect similar referendums in their respective communities should contact the Board of Elections for more details.

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SSJ /Community Organizations Host Candidates Forum

On February 11, Mid-South will host its first Aldermanic Candidates Forum for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wards. The forum is being sponsored by Mid-South Planning and Development Commission, Kenwood/Oakland Community Organization, Center for Inner City Studies, Oakwood Boulevard Improvement Association, and the Vincennes Improvement Organization.

Pat Dowell-Cerasoli, executive director, MSPDC, commented on the forum saying, "The reason we are with other organizations is that we want the people to be aware of the job responsibilities that these offices carry."

"Consequently, Candidates can then be held accountable for their promises and actions taken throughout the community" Dowell concluded with the hopes that such information and follow through will help stir better voter-education, as well as, stronger voter turn-out.

The forum will be separated into four sessions, one for each ward, and a separate Empowerment zone session. Candidates will speak according to the order in which they register. Within each session, the candidates will be asked the following:

1. To give a 2 minute opening statement

2. Incumbents: What have you done for your constituents in your four year term?

Challengers: What have you done that qualifies you for the office

Chicago Urban League hosts 3rd Ward Forum

Alderman Tillman, Former Alderman Kenner, Wallace "Gator" Bradley and Clarence Barry Saturday, February 11, at the Chicago Urban League, 4510 So. Michigan - 10:00a.m. until 12:30p.m.

Ward Remap to have impact on Mid South

by Karen Brazil-Brashears
SSJ Staff Writer

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

of alderman?
3. What are the most important issues facing the community and how do you plan to address them?
4. How will you keep constituents informed of your activities and actively seek their feedback?
Give a two minute closing statement.

To respond to questions from members of the audience within a 15 minute interval.

*Within the Empowerment Zone session, all candidates will be asked the following question and allowed a 2 minute response:

What is your position on community control of the decision making process for implementing the empowerment zone?

The event will be held from 10:00a.m. to 2:50p.m.

IVI-IPO endorses Preckwinkle Re-election Bid in 4th ward

The Independent Voters of Illinois-Independent Precinct Organization has endorsed Fourth Ward Ald. Toni Preckwinkle for re-election.

Also endorsement list includes, Sen. Carol Mosley Braun, Cook County Commissioner Jerry "Ice Man" Butler, State Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie, State Rep. Louvanna "Lou Jones, State Sen. Alice Palmer, and County Board President John H. Stroger.

Preckwinkle also announced her campaign co-chairs: Betty B. Booker, Bishop Arthur M. Brazier, Hon. Robert Mann, Virginia Miller, Howard Newsome, Robert Picken, A. Abbott Rosen, Hon. Eugene Sawyer and Mary Frances Veeck.

Preckwinkle also has received the endorsement of the Independent Voters of Illinois-Independent precinct organization. Preckwinkle won the IVI-IPO's "Best Alderman" award for the second time in a row. The award is given to alderman who voted most frequently for progressive positions favored by the 50-year old organization.



Alderman Toni Preckwinkle 4th Ward

Preckwinkle elected to office four years ago, is being challenged by Kwame Raoul, Brian Marshall and Maurice Perkins. All were part of WVON's candidate forum, Where Perkins, founder and director of Inner City Youth Foundation accused Preckwinkle of not

siding with her male opponents in being in support of community control of the Empowerment Zone Funding. Preckwinkle stated she would need to look at the final proposal from Washington D.C. before making any decision.

Preckwinkle has supported the construction of the Parade of Homes, the first market rate single family home development in North Kenwood in more than 40 years.

"The biggest promise Ald. Preckwinkle has kept was her vow to bring commitment, service and action to the alderman's office," said Co-Chair Betty Booker, a long-time Fourth Ward resident. "She has been very effective in the City Council as can be seen from her co-sponsorship of the Chicago Affordable Housing and Jobs Ordinance, which resulted in a 50% increase in city spending on low-and moderate-income housing," Booker said.

March To Protest Black Ministers Endorsement of Daley

Mark Allen, founder Black Leadership Development Institute, is calling for a march to protest the endorsement of Mayor Richard Daley by leading Black Ministers, including Rev. Clay Evans, Fellowship Baptist

Church, whose church is attended by mayoral candidate, Joe Gardner.

Allen cited the need for people to come together to protest the betrayal of some leaders. The march is scheduled to kick off at CBUC Headquarters, 330 E. 37th Street,

Saturday, February 11 at 2:00p.m.

Allen, community activist and organizer, expressed his dismay at the lack of commitment in the African-American Community and is calling for a show of support and unity in this Saturday's march.

Rev. Evans remarked outside City Hall, "I am glad I live in America, where a person has a choice."



Mark Allen, calls for accountability in lieu of lack of support for Gardner

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Name:

Elijah Burris

Business: Burris & Sons Heating/ Cooling
Business specialty: Heating/Cooling, Service, Sales & Installations

Title: Sole Proprietor

How long in position: 22 years

College: Allied Institute Of Technology

High School: DuSable H.S Graduate

How did you get interested in this field?

As a child, I saw the need to service and assist African Americans and others as economically as possible. I desired to render the best possible service at the most reasonable prices.

Who inspired you to succeed in this profession and how?

My Mom! Having parents who invested in real estate and needed competent heating & cooling service-people to maintain their investment, I aspired to aid others in their endeavors, But not at the prices my parents paid!

What is your birth date? November 9, 1937

Birth Place: Southside Chicago

Married? Yes, with three children

Personal Hero: Morgan Garrett

Why? He saved lives as I hope I will be remembered as doing.

If you weren't in this business, what business would it be? No Idea

What do you feel about this neighborhood and /or the people? This neighborhood, as with others, gives back what you deliver. It has been a pleasure to fulfill my dreams with such a diversified group of people. I enjoy my work and the people I work with!

Give some important history of your company: Burris & Sons was originally started 22 years ago by Elijah Burris. Through dedication and hard work, Burris & Sons is now a successful establishment, a community landmark and a household name employing others as a result of it's success!

What are your company's special features and/or benefits to the community? We attempt to give you the best service for your money! we work twenty-four hours a day to handle emergency situations and we carry loads of parts so that we can repair after store hours

What advice would you give to entrepreneurs just starting? Never give up on your dream!! Dreams require hard work and long hours for realization!

What are your company's goals? To continue to service those who require my service & expertise and to share my experience and success with others!

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Gappie Community Achievement Ceremonies

'Alco Facility Restored With An Additional Community Mall In March of 95'

The Gappie Development Corporation, a community based economic investment organization in its effort to purchase the Alco Drug Store on 35th in King Drive celebrates it's inception by recognizing those who have accomplished outstanding achievements in their community. several students in the Douglas Community grade schools will also be receiving awards as winners of the Essay Contest "MY DREAM IS TO BE".

On Saturday, February 25, 1995 an Awards Ceremony and dinner will be held at the Ramada Congress Hotel, 520 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago Illinois, Ceremonies will begin at 8:00PM.

The Gappie Development Corporation honors: T.V. Reporter Russ Ewing, Committeeman Donald Beachem, Judge Earl Strayhorn, State Representative Lovana "Lou" Jones, Senator Margaret Smith, Executive Director of the Illinois Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation, Leroy Whiting, Associate Vice President of Community Relations, Illinois Institute of Technology, Leroy Kennedy, and many others.

The Gappie Development Corporation is composed of members of the Douglas community who joined together early in 1994 with the purpose of "Reinvesting in their community". Towards that end, each member contributed funds to raise the start-up capital for the corporation.

As one of their initial projects, the group chose to address the problem that the closing of ALCO Drug Store would pose to the Douglas Community in terms of tax base, jobs, and services. Gappie decided to purchase and renovate the facility. To date, Gappie has deposited more than \$80,000 in earnest money to the seller. The Board of Directors of Gappie plans to begin renovation of the ALCO facility into a community mall in March of 1995. First on the agenda is a family sit-down restaurant, a Radio Shack, a Kinko, a fresh Bakery, a Flower Shop, and a Jazz Salad bar.

For more information on the event and restoration contact: Esther M.M. Barnett, President phone: 312-842-0941.

Senator Smith Upset At Attempt To Name I-57 In place of Justice thurgood Marshall

State Senator Margaret Smith told reporters she is disappointed by Republican efforts to name the Illinois portion of I-57 after former President Ronald Reagan.

"For two years, I have worked to name I-57 after the late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall but the Republican Senate has blocked my efforts", Smith said. "Now, with Republicans controlling both the Senate and the House, they have chosen to name I-57 after a Republican, former President Reagan."

Smith said Marshall deserves to have I-57 named after him because Marshall. When he worked as an attorney for the NAACP, often

traveled from Chicago to downstate to help in desegregation cases.

"I truly believe that Marshall's efforts on behalf of desegregating schools downstate and his historic role as a Justice on the United States Supreme Court warrant naming I-57 after him. "Smith said. "For Republicans to not only deny naming I-57 after Marshall but to then try to name it after President Reagan sounds a bit like pay back to the Democrats."

"If the Republicans were truly serious about honoring great Americans, they would vote to name I-57 after Thurgood Marshall and name the East-West Tollway. Which goes past President Reagan's childhood home of Dixon, Illinois, after Ronald Reagan."

"I urge the Republicans in the Illinois Senate to compromise on this issue and honor not one, but two great Americans, both of whom served the nation and both of whom should be so recognized. "Smith said.

Taxpayers are reminded Fast Tax Refunds are loans with Interest Cost

As April approaches, more people will begin filing out income tax returns. For those who are expecting IRS refunds, the prospect of a fast refund may seem too good to pass up.

In reality what you may be agreeing to is a high-interest short-term loan that may cost you more than you expected.

The Department of Consumer Services is reminding taxpayers that a fast refund that promises you money in two or three days is simply a loan of the money you are expecting from the IRS. Many times the loans come with high interest rates and other associated costs.

Under the law, tax preparers must inform their clients that quick refunds are really loans and the cost of the loans. Before agreeing to a quick refund, ask your tax preparer for a detailed list of all the charges associated with the loan and read the loan contract thoroughly before signing.

Additionally, if the loan contract was negotiated in a language other than English, the client must be given a copy of the contract in that language.

Depending on the size, the interest rate and the terms of the loan, charges could add up to hundreds of dollars, said Consumer Services Commissioner Caroline Orzac Shoenberger.

Shoenberger also reminded taxpayers that when filing returns electronically, IRS refunds usually arrive within approximately three to four weeks for your refund to arrive.

"Consumers should carefully consider if receiving the money now is worth the cost of what may turn out to be a high-interest short-term loan," Shoenberger stressed.

Anyone with a complaint about a tax preparer offering fast refunds should contact the Department of Consumer Services at 744-9400.

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State Senator Margaret Smith



Parents and community residents pose proudly at the graduation exercise for the Parent Patrol workshop at Carter G. Woodson Elementary School

Woodson presents Parents as Peacemakers in ceremony for students and community

An eight week training course workshop sponsored by World Crisis Intervention Network and Parents, Educators, and Ambassadors Collaborating for Empowerment, (PEACE), A Drug Intervention Program funded by a grant from the Illinois State Board of Education culminated in a graduation for twenty two parents at Carter G. Woodson Elementary, 44th & Evans.

The participant's names were submitted by teachers who worked with parent volunteers. Meeting on Thursdays the parents, residents and staff met with trained facilitators to develop negotiation skills for preventive intervention amongst the students.

The goals and objectives of the workshop were to provide self-esteem, discipline and provide coping skills for the students. Increase community involvement, train teachers and parents in team building, develop techniques in resolving conflicts and to form partnerships with communities for safe, drug-free school environments.

"Dorothy Holt, coordinator for the project and a substance abuse counselor at Woodson

said, "I think its great, we've tailor made the project to meet the needs of the school and the community." Holt continued, "It is in the power of the school to help to reduce the crime in our communities."

John F. Hawkins, principal at Carter G. Woodson, remarked, "The training, the crisis center itself is positive, with the program in place it can only help to ensure the safety of our staff, our children, our community."

The graduation for the Parent Patrol Ambassadors was held in the auditorium. The presentation was made to the eighth grade students in order to familiarize the children with the Patrol and to establish a interactive relationship between the two.

Chairperson, Juanita Blair, pleased with the outcome of the program said, "It's all about the children." Robin LeFlore, secretary of the Patrol, agreed saying, "I know it's going to work." "When I asked my daughter, what will it take for you to get your education and she replied, 'Mama, I just want to feel safe when I go to school, then I could really get my education.' "That was when I joined the Parent Patrol."

"MARCH FOR LIFE"

The Freedom Now Center is sponsoring a "March for Life" and a prayer candlelight vigil in honor of those who have been victimized by violent crime in the Woodlawn community. The 'March for Life' will be held Sunday February 12, 4:30 pm to 5:00pm at the Freedom Now Center.

Speeches from community activists and leaders will start at 5:30 pm and conclude with a prayer observance. The march will ordinate for the FNC and conclude with a prayer observance. Marchers will progress to 71st and Cottage Grove to the Oakwoods Cemetery.

Each marcher will stand side by side to form a single line from 71st and cottage Grove to 67th and Cottage Grove Ave.

Tyrone Johnson, an organizer for the event said, "We are appealing to all churches, organizations, and concerned citizens to actively participate in this movement. The organizers of the event are asking participants to bring their candles and flash lights."

For information contact Paula Jones for further details at the Freedom Now Center, 6351 S. Cottage Grove. 955-3033.

Rush Gains Key Whip Slot,

Representative Bobby L. Rush is off to a running start as an emerging leader in the 104th Congress. House Minority Whip David Bonier has selected Rush as one of three newcomers to join the 12-member Democratic deputy whip organization. Rush has also been elected President of the 104th Sophomore Democratic Class by his 51 sophomore democratic colleagues.

Rush's appointment as deputy whip means that he will play a leading role in coordinating democratic floor strategy, parliamentary procedure, and party message development designed to counteract the GOP.

Rush's latest leadership coups come on the heels of his appointment to the House Commerce Committee—an exclusive House Committee—and two of its subcommittees.

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BODY BUILDER'S CONTEST

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Earnest Leonard, getting ready for the first Amateur Body Builders' contest

This contest was started by Mr. Leonard in an effort to showcase local talent and create positive role models for youth, he realizes that body building isn't the total answer to the problems facing the communities, Mr. Leonard hopes that by focusing on something that is positive for the ego and self esteem, the need for identity through gangs is lessened.

Also the emphasis on physical fitness is a positive release for stress and tension without the use of drugs. He also hopes that by creating a healthier physical and mental environment, more business will be interested in moving back into the area, creating jobs and economic growth in the communities.

Mr. Leonard and Jerome Kersey have attracted local body building champion's and competitors such as Greg Houseton, Liz Jones, Joe

Hendricks, Ted Matthews, Sharon Knight and Mike Curry to serve as coordinators and organizers for this event. Also working to put this event together are local businessman Sam Chatham, Richard Smith, photographer Raymond Jackson, cameraman Tommie Adams, and writer for this show Edie Crowe. "This pool of talent is aiming to help promote positive role models in our communities." said Kersey.

Leonard said, "All involved are looking for a large audience to support this contest. The support of the community is a must to keep this kind of positive event available."

For more information you may call pager # (312) 839-6272.

Valentine's Day



Shall We Dance?

by Beverly A. Reed

There is a silent stream that flows through the back of my mind it is you in a liquid rush of memory that keeps me forever aware when I lay myself down to sleep my dreams are yours your fluid moves pour over my fears I shout my love for you upon awakening I wasn't sure if I could live beyond love's grasp so I sought you out my stream, my dream to convince real life love can last so here I stand before you unmasked no secret games to play just a woman in love with a mirage or shall we dance

*taken from the book 'welcome to beworld' for more information on Ms. Reed's work contact SSJ

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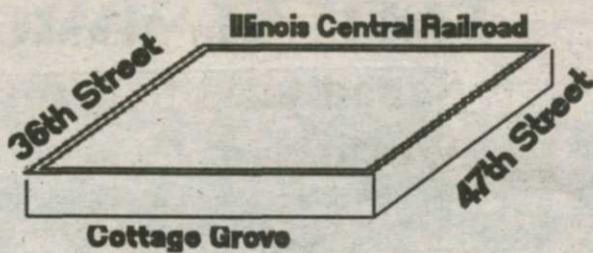
"It's gratifying to see that Woodlawn community groups like Covenant [Development Corporation] aren't forgetting about housing for lower income people," Alderman Arenda Troutman 20th Ward

"We're looking forward to developing a vital and diverse community." Alderman Toni Preckwinkle 4th Ward

"The redevelopment and revitalization of North Kenwood-Oakland is finally a reality. It's been a long time coming, but we can see success." Shirley J. Newsome North Kenwood-Oakland, CCC

"You can see even feel the new spirit of hope that's revitalizing Woodlawn." Stella Jackson Resident

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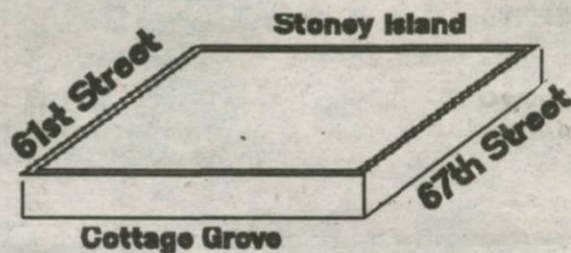
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YOUTH PAGE

CHEZ EDITORIAL

By Chez Finley

It's that special day again when you feel that special someone you loves them. It's Valentine's Day. A day of giving and receiving, it's a day when you just look over the worse and look for the better. It is a day that is made for and deserved by you. It's a time when love is in the air and you don't have a care in the world. It's when couples show each other how much they care about each other, but, unfortunately for the people who don't have anyone to spend the day with it can also be a lonely day, but, cheer up, you better believe cupid is on his way.

Everyone has their special day planned, here's mine. In the morning I want to be greeted with some flowers and when I come home, I want the biggest Teddy Bear I've ever seen in my life, sitting on my front porch with a giant card saying nothing but "I Love You" well, a girl CAN dream can't she??

Mixed Emotions

My emotions are mixed
 I tell you no lie
 I work very hard
 I tell you I try
 No matter what I do, no matter what I say
 Things just don't seem to ever go my way
 I get so upset and treat my family really mean
 They make me so mad I just want to scream
 My emotions are mixed
 I tell you no lie
 I work very hard
 I tell you I try

By: Adrain Long
 Hyde Park Academy
 Age: 14

Today is that special day,
 For me to come and say,
 Those three special words,
 That maybe you've heard,
 The words are unique,
 They've come from within,
 I love you my sweet valentine,
 And I'll say it again and again.

Monique Sallie / Dunbar Vocational

Girl's Basketball Comes to the Harris YWCA

The Harris YWCA invites interested girls between the ages of 13-18 to come and be a part of our hoop dreams. Instructional girl's basketball will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15

p.m.-4:15 p.m. by Ms. Bolivia Thompson, a former professional basketball player in Europe. Ms. Thompson currently teaches at Chicago's Academy of Our Lady High School. For only \$1.00 per visit, girls can learn the importance of teamwork and the fundamental skills of basketball. Beginners to experienced players are welcomed so come on out and play at the Harris YWCA.

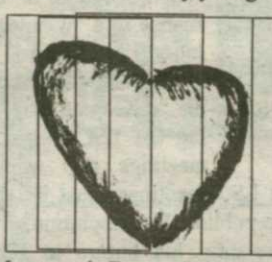
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Ask Trina



Dear Trina,
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hope. And me, I'm all right. I'm just reading the paper and looking at a football game. The reason I write to you is to create a respective friendship and get to know you personally because I look between these walls of depression and unhappiness and it can really get to a man when he has known the type of communication coming from the world.

My name is Benny Colmar and I have brown eyes with lovely dark skin and I'm 5'6 in height and I weigh about 130 lbs and I love looking at football and basketball, Sorry, I almost forgot to mention my age, well, I'm 19 years old.

Trina you are a very intelligent woman, and what I exactly mean by that, is how you give advice to the writer's problems. I've been reading your ad in the paper for three months and every time I did I wished truly that I knew you.

I wanted to write you many times but I find it very hard for me to hold a conversation with someone I don't know. I don't know what made me write you now. I guess I have nothing left to lose. I've been incarcerated for fifteen months now and I have ten more to go and hopefully I'll spend them getting to know you, and if you already have a companion in life, can you at least consider a respective friendship with me and in the future you can introduce me to someone of your approval.

By the way I live on 45th St. right off of King Drive so it won't be hard for us to meet each other.

SIGNED,
 BENNY COLEMAR
 P.S. WRITE BACK SOON



Dear Benny;
 First of all I would like to thank you for finding the time to read ask Trina. Well let me start off by telling you a little bit about my self, I work very hard to stay: I'm light skinned as you can see by looking at the picture, I am 5.1 and I am 110 in weight. When you first read the Ask Trina how old did you think I was? Well I'm only 14 and I am in 9th grade. I make A's and B's and I'm on the honor roll, and I attend Robeson High School.

Thank you for finding the courage to write to me, because I am truly honored and delighted that someone out there believes in me enough to write me a letter. As you said earlier in the letter you like watching football and basketball well me too. This letter doesn't mean that I truning you down because of age, but we can have a respectful friendship only if it's alright with you.

Dear Trina
 I have been going out with my boyfriend for about a year. This will be

The Lincoln Centre's Dance Squad seeks help for Disney World trip

The Abraham Lincoln Centre Dance Squad consists of 33 girls and 10 boys between the ages of 6-16 years, in the surrounding Chicago Housing Authority Developments which consist of Ida B. Wells, Darrow Homes, Madden Park Homes and Wells Extentions. The children attend, Einstein, Donaghue, Doolittle East, West, as well as, Dunbar, and Phillips High School. The children participate in talent shows, parades and many Mayor's Office of Special Events festivals. They also provide entertainment for the sick and elderly during the holidays, going to hospitals and nursing homes to perform. They have also organized their own variety show in which they plan to perform for the entire community. One requirement of the dance squad is that they must keep good grades. The dancers have expressed their desire to go to DisneyWorld.

This can be accomplished with the help of outside supporters. They have set up bank accounts and have raised money by candy sales, dinner sales and sock hops. However, this will not pay for all expenses to DisneyWorld. We hope that some organization or individual would be willing to help make their dream come true. We would very much like any support or assistance you can give to make this trip possible. If there are any questions, please feel free to call 624 - 1440 before 5:00 p.m. or 373 - 6600, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Date of Departure: The week of April 17 - 21, 1995



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CITY, BULLS and Parks Team Up for New Midnight Basketball League
 The Chicago Park District and the Chicago Bulls will officially take to the courts with a new Midnight Basketball league beginning in February, consisting of a total of 88 teams
 "This is more than a program. It is a working community partnership we are pleased to support" said Bob Love, Bulls Director of Community Relations.
 The Chicago Bulls\Chicago Park District Midnight Basketball League will. Each team will be made up of ten players ranging from 17 to 26 years old. They will be engaged throughout the week playing games every Tuesday and Thursday, and practicing on Mondays and Wednesdays. Games begin at 10 p.m. and go until 2 in the morning. Practice times will vary at each park.
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Wadsworth School Council members at Odds with Principal

Charles Taylor
SSJ Staff Writer

"He's incompetent," exclaimed Deborah Charles, a parental member of the Wadsworth Elementary School's Local School Council. Charles is pointedly blunt in her opinion of Wadsworth's school principal, Milton S. Albritton. "We were locked out of the building," Charles explained, because of a planned joint parent and LSC protest against Albritton's "performance" at the 6420 S. University elementary school. On January 12th, 1995 Charles said 12-people were kept from attending an LSC meeting and were forced to "wait outside."



Deborah Charles, member Wadsworth Local School Council

chose to keep him on. A move which she sees as a "slap in the face" of the legal authority of all LSC's.

In 1992, because of pressure by LSC members, Charles claims a Board action resulted in the issuance of a "warning resolution" to Albritton stemming from, what she calls, his "misconduct" in violating the LSC's legal "open meetings act" stipulating

all LSC meetings must be open to the public. The resolution, she said also cites his failure to submit a school improvement plan for the schools LSC membership to approve. LSC bylaws requires school principals to submit a planned agenda of school goals to LSC members. Also contained within the resolution, she said, was the Board's requirement that Albritton "formulate a task force to improve math scores." Transcripts of Wadsworth 1994 'School Report Card' contained no references to the schools scoring and ranking. Although one source within Wadsworth quoted figures, Board authorities could not confirm there accuracy.

Charles claims \$150,000 in school equipment ranging from commuters to type writers is also missing and that she speculates that the total losses may exceed \$350,000. Chapter-1 moneys, government approved funds geared towards LSC approved goals, have been spent disproportionately on staff rather than student centered programs, she said. "The school closes at 3 P.M. exactly" Charles said, which leaves no time for extracurricular activities.

Albritton elected not to respond for the record preferring to avoid having a "fight in the press" and chose to "stand on his record" which, he said, is open to the public and speaks for itself. He did, however, respond to the lock-out charge and countered that "they were allowed to come in."

Charles said Albritton's contract renegotiations, as outlined by the warning resolution, also calls for him to submit an accurate inventory of suspected thefts, the creation of a task-force to evaluate the schools math program and recommend any needed improvements to a community/LSC committee and a plan to involve the parents of the students in development programs.

Governor and Mayor was recieved by the principal, Mr. Charles E. Mingo.

Mr. Mingo stated, "DuSable has changed tremendously over the years, and our spirit and unity stands supreme in every school and community effort. We ask all of Chicago to join us on this important day in our history."

Other events commemorating DuSable's anniversary include a speaker's forum, taking place Wednesday, February 8 and Wednesday, February 22. In which Ron Carter, publisher of South Street Journal will be a guest speaker.

Winifred E. Lowery, of DuSable High School said, "This program designed to bring to our students members of the business and professional community who will share their various careers, professional preparation, job opportunities and rewards/benfits that can be expected." Lowery continued to say, "It is hoped that such dialogue will lead to informed choices of careers by our students."

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DuSable High 60th Anniversary

On February 3, 1995, DuSable High School celebrated the 60th Anniversary of its opening. Members of the first four years was honored at a schoolwide assembly in the Captain Walter Dyett Auditorium. A full circle of academic excellence was symbolized as the honored classes of 35-39 are escorted into the auditorium by members of the June 1995 graduating class.

A short memorial honoring former students who are deceased, including the late Mayor Harold Washington, also took place during the program. DuSable's award winning school band under the direction of Timothy Galloway, a 1964 graduate, will play selections reminiscent of DuSable's great jazz tradition. The combined

concert choirs, directed by Mr. A. Griffin will sing.

An exciting program has been planned that includes remarks from the honored classes, recognition of Hall of Farmers, school and class tours, as well as other opportunities for alumni to reminisce and to bring new ideas and opportunity for our 1,500 current students.

Rev. Darryl Jackson, pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, on 48th and King Drive delivered the keynote address, "DuSable: Past Present and Future-60 years of Community Service."

Many alumni have returned to join staff in work on the various planning and steering committees.

In addition, proclamations from the

Dept. Of Education Tells Rush School Funds Are On The Way

Washington, D.C.—Chicago Public Schools have received a \$3 million grant award from the U.S. Department of Education to fight drugs and violence in city schools, Congressman Bobby L. Rush (D-IL) learned this week.

The funding was made available under the Drug Free Schools & Community-Safe Schools Act, legislation supported by Rush and passed by the 103rd Congress. All elementary and secondary schools in Chicago are now available to apply for a portion of the grant monies. The grant monies can be used for a variety of anti-drug and violence measures including prevention classes and added school security.

Rush, who has long advocated for conflict resolution and other anti-drug and violence

programs in city schools, vigorously championed the Safe Schools Act.

"I am elated that Chicago's children will now benefit from our hard work in Congress to pass legislation that supports these kinds of programs," Rush said. "If we want to address our beaconing crime epidemic and

joblessness in our city, then we must begin educating our youth at an early age providing them with the skills and support they need to embrace positive lifestyles. This grant is a step in this direction."

During the 103rd Congress, Rush introduced conflict resolution legislation that embodied much of the concepts behind the Safe Schools Act. Rush also founded the Congressional Working Group on Children and Violence to further research efforts geared toward children as both perpetrators and victims of violence.

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"We want to supply resources of continued education and future employment to the community." Said Shapell Smith, Park Supervisor at Fuller Park and a twenty 25 year employee with the park district.

Attendees will meet representatives from colleges and universities and learn how to apply and how to receive catalogues an college information packets."

Shapell said as the attendees meet employers and receive applications and information, they will also be help with interviews, writing resumes and filling out applications.

There will be over 24 employers and colleges present at the fair.

Some companies to be present are



Shapell Smith, Park Supervisor at Fuller Park Field House on 45th and Shield is the coordinator for the College and Job Fair.

McDonald's, GMC Trucks Morortia, Ameri Tech. White Castle and Federal Express.

Among the colleges and universities scheduled to be represented are DuPaul, Loyola, Xayier, Menduly, Roosevelt and Colombia College and the City Colleges of Chicago.

For information call Ms. Smith at 747-6144 or Minnie Willis at 376-5242.

Moentitas Club hosts annual Black History Program

Empowering the African-American Family is the focus of the Moentitas Club's Annual African-American History Program on Sunday, February 19, presented at the Church of the Good Shepherd, UCC, at 5700 So. Prairie Ave. at 11:00a.m.

One of Chicago's own champions of Community Activism, Jacqueline Reed will be a featured guest speaker, Founder of Westside Health Authority in 1991, Mrs. Reed presently serves as its Executive Director, coordinating 24 community member organizations in Health Policy Advocacy. A dynamic administrator, innovator and mother, Reed brings her message from a wealth of knowledge and experience. While

earning a BA from the Univ. of Chicago School of Social Service Administration she plunged into the midst of Westside Church and community health life. Nurturing a family of four children together with her husband, she exemplifies Family Empowerment even while engaged in Executive responsibilities with organizations such as the Westside Wholistic Family Center, and Bethel New Life.

The host Moentitas is a women's church Club whose name signifies Christian service through giving of money-energy-time-and talents. The club celebrates its 30th anniversary and over twenty-five years of Black History Programming, in 1995.

Rev. Dr. David E. Chambers is pastor of Good Shepherd, Mrs. Marjorie Adkins, is President of the Host Club, and Mrs. Elizabeth Butler chair of the African-Americans History Program.

Ada S. McKinley receives Year End Grants totaling \$183,150

On hand to present Silas Purnell, Educational Services, Ada S. McKinley with a \$5,000 social action grant are Marshall Field, president, Daniel J. Skoda. Representing Fields' Water Tower and State Street Stores are Kevin Dudley and Edith McCloskey



Ada S. McKinley Community Services has received 1994 year-end grants from six Chicago area foundations and companies in support of the Chicago social service agency's human services program.

A three-year, \$129,150 grant from the W. P. and H.B. White Foundation provides full funding for a reading specialist from McKinley's Educational Services

6th, 7th and 8th grade high school preparatory counseling and tutoring program.

A \$10,000 challenge matching grant from Polk Bros. Foundation, also for the McKinley Educational Services program, in addition to a previous \$15,000 Polk Foundation grant.

A \$5,000 Chicago area social action grant from Marshall Field's 1994 community giving program,

for McKinley's 6th, 7th and 8th grade program.

A \$5,000 grant from the Gaylord Donnelley 1983 Gift Trust at Northern Trust Co. for Agency operating expenditures.

A \$4,000 grant from the Albert Pick, Jr. Fund for the 6th, 7th and 8th grade program.

A \$5,000 unrestricted grant from the Otto L. and Hazel T. Rhoades.

Community Services in Mid South Area

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

Medical Assistance

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

Free Medical Help For Medicare Recipients. Healty Moms/Healthy Kids, a program for babies, kids, and pregnant women in the Chicago area, is a special Medicaid program that helps you get regular medical care. You choose a regular doctor for each of your children and for yourself if you are pregnant. If you do not have a regular doctor, HM/HK will help you sign up with a doctor. The program is operated by the Illinois Dept. of Public Aid in conjunction with the Illinois Dept. of Public Health, Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, and other sister agencies. For info call Michael Elliot, outreach worker, at 268-7600 at the Komed Health Center, 501 E. 43rd St.

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.

Free legal services for low income persons. Advice and representation by experienced lawyers. Landlord/tenant, consumer, unemployment compensation and family law. An attorney will provide assistance to you every Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at the Centers For New Horizons, 4150 S. King Dr. Call the Cook County Bar Association Community Law Project, Inc. at 630-9363.

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Job training and Placement

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Free Job Training Class. Must live in the Grand Boulevard area. Be at least 18 years old and able to read at 9th grade level. Center For Inner Studies 700 East Oakwood Boulevard. Call for more details 873-2300.

G.E.D., college, and job training programs. If you are between 16 to 30 and receiving AFDC you qualify to participate in KOCO's free G.E.D., college enrollment, or employment training program. Call 548-7500, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Food Service

Citizen to elect Maurice Perkins Alderman of the 4th ward presents a free senior and youth breakfast every Saturday 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at the Sutherland Hotel 4659 South Drexel. For more information call: 312/548/0672.

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Mollison School

team of experts to evaluate the needs of each school. Over half of the schools were in fair to good condition.

"They claim it will cost more than seventy dollars per square foot to fix our school," Kenner continued. "We are a small school. If you study the list, a number of the schools are also small."

Ray Hancock, the building engineer for Mollison, explained to the enthusiastic crowd how monies are distributed to the different schools. "The school board receives so much money from the state," Hancock explained. "Then it's split up between all of the schools."

My supervisor decides how much each school in District 6 receives for supplies, repairs and equipment. Obviously the bigger the school—the more square feet—receives more money.

"Mollison does need a new roof, window replacement, exterior doors, and tuckpointing."

Third ward Alderman Dorothy Tillman, entered after the meeting had begun to a smattering of applause. "I, too, am a mother. My children attended Mollison. Why do they want to close this school?" she began.

"We all know government is trying to close down public schools. There is a master plan to bring in a voucher system. All they want to

talk about is how bad the public school are." Tillman continued to say. "My oldest daughter is now in medical school. She is proof public schools do work. They want to say public schools don't work. We know they work. We have to band together as public school parents. Over my dead body will Mollison close."

Mary Richard agreed. "None of my children go to this school, but I and everyone else here is for all of the children," she said.

Immediately other hands went up. "You don't have to be a parent to be concerned about our children," stated Gayle Fowlkes.

Tillman continued, "We have to fight for Mollison, parents know how to fight. We fought before. There is money. What we have to tell Daley—who keeps telling everyone he is the educational mayor—to release the money."

"We have to fight not just to keep Mollison open, but to repair it. I'm here with you. I am going to introduce a resolution to keep this school open." Tillman explained that the planning commission has money put aside to repair schools, but a call to the planning commission and the mayor's office by the South Street Journal for verification was not returned.

The SOS project decided to meet again at a local church at a future date and organize a bus load of parents and community members to go to the next Board meeting. Petition were distributed to everyone by Janice Murph, the Mollison LSC president.

Students at Mollison have also been active in the SOS project. They have distributed petitions throughout the school and they do not plan to quit until they have a signature from every student in the school.

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Dino McNeal

and how more it's important that I win this election."

"People are not blind. Any one can see the need for effective leadership. Take 63rd and King Drive, there is property standing there just waiting for someone to get hurt. Then that property is secured or demolished" said McNeal. "As alderman, priority is seeing results. Not blaming the lack of results on city hall red tape. The can get that property secured the same way it can give property away for a dollar."

"We will win this election because people can see. They have more insight of the political process and we have gotten the message out displaying a superlative knowledge of the major and minor issues confronting our ward." said McNeal.

Known as a profound and prolific speaker McNeal has been involved in the NAACP (Southside Branch) for over 10 years. He co-chaired the political Education committee and served as Legal Advocate for four years. Currently he is on the Executive Board. In addition his wife (Barbara Coggins-McNeal) is the NAACP (Act-So) Program National Director. McNeal said his experience working with the NAACP inspired him to found and establish the Freedom Now Center (FNC), which is a full time community Social Service Center. The areas the FNC focuses on are employment, housing and legal services. In addition the center provides technical assistance and organizational support to agencies groups and organizations throughout our community.

"After the last election, I still had to show by example that I am eminently qualified to serve as our political leader of the ward. I firmly embraces that concept that if one is to lead it must be by example and not just talk."

Activity involved in his campaign his wife Barbara McNeal, who serves as co-chair of Women for McNeal. Which community residents say she runs the campaign and is the woman behind the man as Hilary is to President Clinton.

"I am a community activities. Yes, says Bar-

bara, "But, Dino is a community activist and leader with an outstanding track record of commitment and service to our communities in the 20th ward. I would support him regardless of our commitment to each other."

McNeal attributes his political acumen to one thing "doing your homework." McNeal is campaigning on the theme of separating fact from fiction. He calls his positions "The McNeal Plan", a five-point initiative;

He addresses housing by assisting current property owners in taking advantage of federal, state, county, city programs and services designed to maintain and stabilize property and helping renters acquire property. Renters interested, will be targeted as home owners.

Economic Development-provide technical support and planning assistance to area businesses in the ward, with special support provided for industries that exist in the ward. "The local industrial retention initiative concept will be used as well, emphasizing the importance of using local area residents as employees land receiving special tax breaks as a result." said McNeal.

"Education will receive full support from the aldermanic office. One Staff members will serve as school liaison to coordinate academic activities between the schools and the community, supporting the area schools, Local School Councils, Parent-Teacher Associations, and education-based organizations.

On crime McNeal says the major emphasis will focus on providing our youth with alternatives to hanging out on the street corners, which place them in harm's way. "I will work with area businesses and organizations to establish support for youth to motivate them to live a crime-free life."

As the aldermanic election nears, the test of McNeal and the other candidates will be their organization to get their supporters to the voting poll. McNeal disputes the rumors that he do not have people on the streets. He said his example of leadership, the issues and the people on the streets will get him elected. In this case if done by all candidates this years election will have a greater voter turn-out than the past elections.

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Empowerment Zone Workshop in Mid-South

Chicago," Community activist, Cecelia Butler, expressed concern businesses in the Washington Park area that fall outside the EZ district and their incentives to remain in the neighborhood. She also asked, "What can you, (the panel) do to ensure that the bottom up remains?"

A few of the panelist commented on the governance issue. Congressman Rush voiced his opinion that he was not sure of the governance issue and that there were no formal agreements made to date. He did however assure Ms. Butler and others in the audience that he would monitor this issue on a day to day basis and make sure communities have input. He maintained that there "will be a fight over the \$100 million, but we will not fight amongst ourselves."

Wanda White, CWED, was direct in her address of the issues and stressed the need for human services in addition to providing jobs for community residents.

Dr. Barbara Norman, Fuller Park, spoke eloquently to the panel concerning the foundation and wording of the Empowerment Zone package that left some of the panelist unwilling to respond to her questions.

Although the turnout was not overwhelming, those in attendance were prepared and responsive. Congressman Rush ended the workshop with the assurance of his full participation and availability in the struggle to maintain community control in the struggle with the city. Asking the residents to respect the power aldermen hold in their community, he stressed the need to prevent the EZ Fund from becoming a City Council issue.

At press time the next Empowerment Zone meeting was scheduled for Feb. 18 at DuSable High School for more information call the South Side Cluster Hotline at 924-9841.

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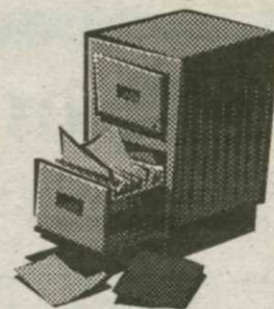
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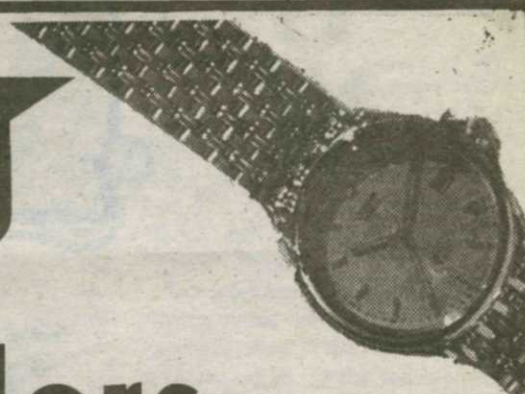
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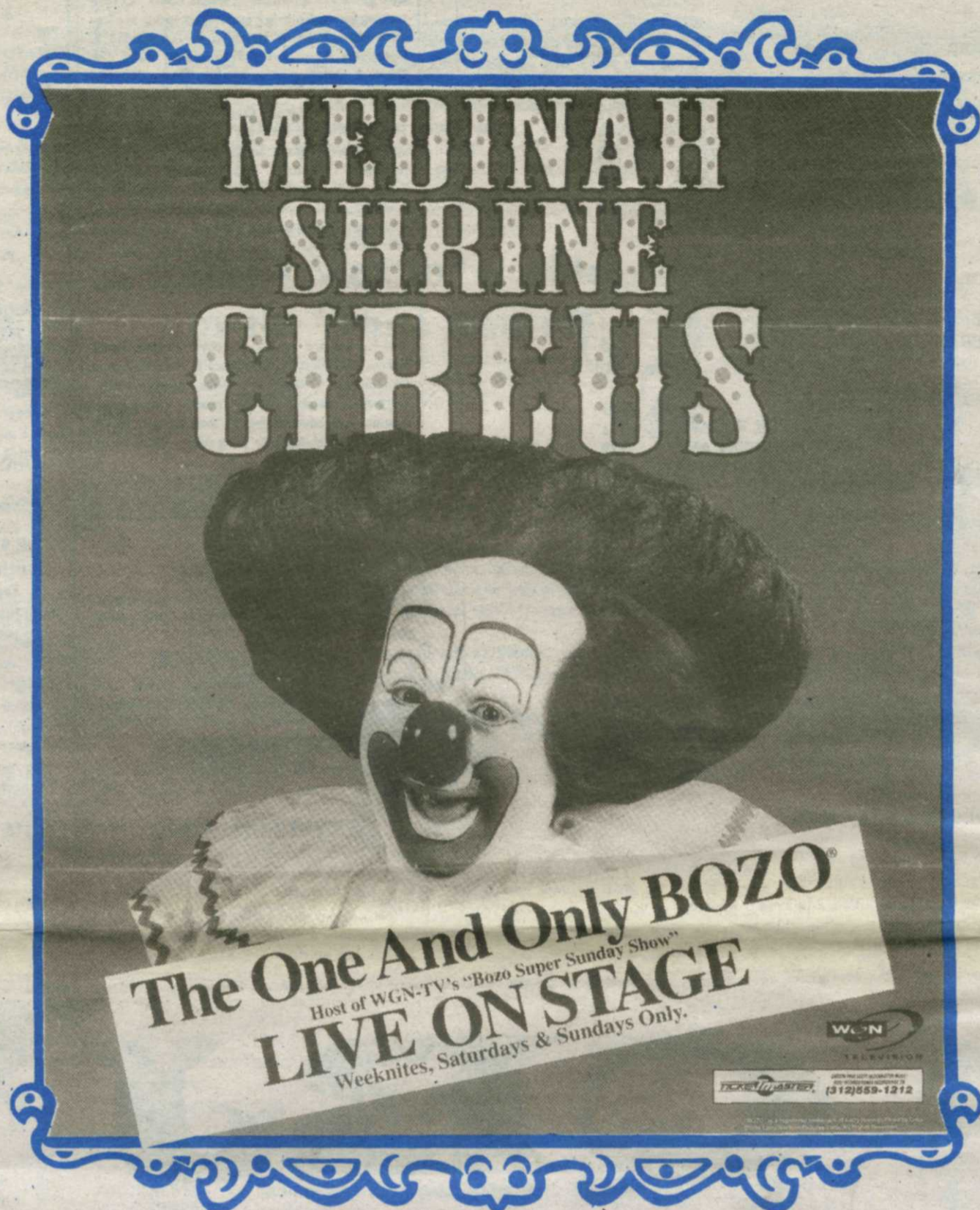
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